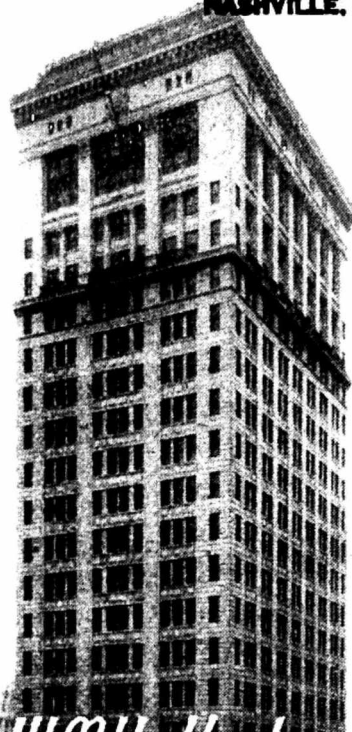


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Editorial

"FELLOWSHIP in FURTHERANCE of the GOSPEL"

Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, President W.M.U.

THIS issue of ROYAL SERVICE brings you the tentative program for the Fifty-third Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union to be held in Birmingham, Alabama, May 12-14. While it is obvious that it cannot give complete assurance as to all participants it does afford an interesting preview of the treasures in inspiration and helpfulness which will be yours to share as delegate or visitor to that important meeting. (See pages 1, 5-9, 19, 36.) Twenty years ago W.M.U. moved to Birmingham after decision in annual meeting that this centrally located city was better suited for its headquarters. In 1931 the annual meeting was held in Birmingham and now again in 1941 the loved headquarters city extends its gracious hospitality to our annual meeting. The commodious city auditorium will be the meeting place, with ample accommodations for a very large audience.

The theme for the program, "*Fellowship in Furtherance of the Gospel*", seems to serve in a peculiar way to emphasize the life and work of W.M.U. The interdependence of individual members, of societies and their auxiliary organizations for young people and of states in the united promotion of plans is undoubtedly fellowship of a rare sort. Since the furtherance of the Gospel is the main business of the Christian and is the avowed sole purpose of our missionary organization, consideration of fellowship in that loved service will undoubtedly be a source of inspiration and an incentive to deeper devotion. The theme further suggests the perpetual watchword of W.M.U.—"Laborers together with God"—for it is in that high fellowship and through it that all our work is accomplished. Another fellowship, one which really makes our missionary organization unique, is evidenced by the auxiliary relationship to the Southern Baptist Convention. Working to promote all its plans, contributing to mission causes through its boards and striving valiantly to make a very reality the slogan—"A Debtless Denomination by 1945"—the fellowship with the S.B.C. is vital in the life of W.M.U.

The growth of our work in this "fellowship in furtherance of the Gospel" has been gratifying. You will be eager to hear reports of this growth. The completion of the new "House Beautiful" of W.M.U. Training School is a marvelous story of fellowship in providing for the training of young women for more effective service as missionaries and Christian workers. Plans for its dedication will be revealed as one feature of the annual meeting.

Presentation of women S.B.C. missionaries, always the central interest in any W.M.U. annual meeting, will be interestingly different this year. They who "know the fellowship of His suffering" will quicken our hearts to conquering faith. These missionary messengers will be featured in the Tuesday evening session.

That your own sense of "fellowship in furtherance of the Gospel" may be deepened and enriched we urge upon you attendance upon this significant meeting of W.M.U. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good!"

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Fifty-third Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union

Birmingham, Alabama, May 12-14

COMMITTEE MEETINGS, MAY 12

Tutwiler Hotel

Monday, 9 A.M. Joint Session of W.M.U. Executive Committee and State W.M.U. Executive and Young People's Secretaries

Monday, 11 A.M. Executive Committee

Monday, 2 P.M. Southwide Committees: Margaret Fund, Mission Study, Personal Service, Stewardship, Missionary Education of Young People, State W.M.U. Executive Secretaries

REGULAR SESSIONS of ANNUAL MEETING

Municipal Auditorium

Theme: "*Fellowship in Furtherance of the Gospel*"

Monday Evening, May 12—7:30 o'clock

We reaffirm our responsibility as Christian citizens in declaring ourselves to stand for: The Family Altar, Total Abstinence, Christian Observance of Sunday, High Standards of Speech, Dress and Conduct in OUR HOMES.

Hymn: "Onward through the Ages"

Devotional: "Fellowship in Furtherance of the Gospel"

Being Christian at Home—By a Pastor's Wife

Organization, Appointment of Committees, Election of Nominating Committee

Fellowship in Hospitality

Greetings and Presentation of Hostess Committee—Mrs. Harwell G. Davis,

Chairman of W.M.U. Committee on Arrangements, Birmingham

Furthering the Gospel through the Margaret Fund—Mrs. H. M. Rhodes, Chairman
Special Music

Address

—Mrs. J. M. Dawson, Texas

Closing Meditation (with Tableaux)

—W.M.U. Training School Chorus

Musical Benediction

Tuesday Morning, 9:30 o'Clock

We reaffirm our responsibility as Christian citizens in declaring ourselves to stand for: Law Observance, Improved Industrial Conditions, Child Welfare, Public Health in OUR COMMUNITIES.

Hymn: "Onward through the Ages"

Reading of Minutes —Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler

Devotional: "Fellowship in Furtherance of the Gospel"
The Church and the Community—By a Pastor's Wife

W.M.U. Fellowship
For the Furtherance of the Gospel —Miss Kathleen Mallory
Today and Tomorrow —Miss Juliette Mather
Literature Helping —Miss Ethel Winfield

Special Music

Address: "Our Responsibility as Christian Citizens"

Fellowship Everlasting —Memorial Service

Closing Meditation

Musical Benediction —Training School Chorus

Tuesday Afternoon, 2:30 o'Clock

We reaffirm our responsibility as Christian citizens in declaring ourselves to stand for: Patriotism, Prohibition, Interracial Justice, Christian Americanization, Universal Education in OUR NATION.

Hymn: "Onward through the Ages"

Reading of Minutes —Mrs. Tyler

Devotional: "Fellowship in Furtherance of the Gospel"
"Righteousness Exalteth a Nation"—By a Pastor's Wife

Reports of Advisory Boards of
Southwestern Training School —Mrs. B. A. Copass, *Texas*
Baptist Bible Institute —Mrs. T. B. Sellers, *Louisiana*

Furthering the Gospel through
Gifts: Report of Treasurer —Mrs. W. J. Cox
Mission Study —Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, *Chairman*
Personal Service —Mrs. Eureka Whiteker, *Chairman*
Stewardship —Mrs. Carter Wright, *Chairman*

"Fellowship in Furtherance of the Gospel" through
Interracial Cooperation —Alabama Presidents of
Negro Baptist Women's Organizations

Fellowship through March Week of Prayer and Annie Armstrong Offering
—Miss Mary Northington, *Chairman*

Address

Closing Meditation

Musical Benediction —Training School Chorus

Tuesday Evening, 7:30 o'Clock

Hymn: "Forward through the Ages"

Reading of Minutes —Mrs. Tyler

Devotional: "Fellowship in Furtherance of the Gospel"
"Go ye therefore!"—By a Pastor's Wife

Fellowship in Missions in the Homeland and around the World

Presentation of S.B.C. Home and Foreign Women Missionaries
—Miss Blanche Sydnor White, *Virginia*

Closing Meditation (*with Tableaux*)

Musical Benediction —Training School Chorus

Wednesday Morning, 9:30 o'Clock

We reaffirm our responsibility as Christian citizens in declaring ourselves to stand for: International and Interracial Justice and World Peace in OUR WORLD.

Hymn: "Forward through the Ages"

Reading of Minutes —Mrs. Tyler

Devotional: "Fellowship in Furtherance of the Gospel"
"We reaffirm our responsibility!"—By a Pastor's Wife

Report of Board of Managers of W.M.U.

Presenting Plan of Work for 1942

Furthering the Gospel through the W.M.U. Training School
—Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, *Principal*

President's Message—Mrs. F. W. Armstrong

Fellowship for a Debtless Denomination by 1945 —Mrs. Carter Wright

Reports of Committees

Fellowship through December Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
—Mrs. J. Clyde Turner, *Chairman*

Address —Dr. Charles E. Maddy

Closing Meditation

Musical Benediction —Training School Chorus

Evangelist⁺ Crusade

"GO HOME—and TELL"

Roland Q. Leavell, Supt. of Evangelism, Home Mission Board

THE world is at its worst; Christians should be at their best. If we approximate our best, we must evangelize the modern home. When Jesus cleansed the Gadarene demoniac He said: "Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee!" Those Gadarene people valued pigs above the people in their home. They needed the Gospel. So do people in homes today. Home life is degenerating into worldliness, gambling and cocktail parties.

JESUS in the HOME

Jesus used the home as a strategic base for evangelism. He sent the Gadarene demoniac home to witness. He used the homes of Zacchaeus, Simon Peter, Jairus, the widow of Nain, Simon the Pharisee and the dear friends at Bethany as bases for evangelism and blessings.

We too must use the evangelistic opportunity of the home. Home is the foundational institution of a Christian society. The church can win very few to Christ who come from unsympathetic and ungodly homes.

VISITATION in the HOMES

Let Christians go, two by two, into homes for definite soul-winning purposes. It was into homes specifically that Jesus sent the seventy. He gave detailed instruction about how to enter a home, about conduct in a home and about the message for the home. The seventy returned, thrilled with success. Members of Women's Missionary Societies are particularly qualified to do this.

Let soul-winning teams enter homes and immediately introduce their purpose for visiting. No need to chat about weather, war or wearing apparel. In ten minutes the team should be at the very heart of the question about accepting Christ or transferring church membership or leading the children to the Lord. Let the visit be definite. Go for a decision, ask for a decision and expect a decision. Such answers as "I'll think it over" or "I'll come to church more regularly" are but efforts to side-step the whole issue.

The CHRISTIAN HOME APPEAL

No appeal to parents is more gripping than the appeal for a Christian home. Most parents, even though worldly or ungodly, want their children to be Christians.

Often parents can be won to Christ after their children have been converted. Try to lead the children to Christ first, then appeal to the parents.

A PROGRAM for HOME RELIGION

The W.M.S. in any church could promote a month of family religion. Print cards, one for each family, indicating five items for consideration and agreement to follow. They should be signed by both parents:

- (1) Blank lines for the names of the unsaved in the family, for whom parents will pray
- (2) Maintaining daily family worship
- (3) Ask the pastor to dedicate the new home.
- (4) Make the preaching service a preferred item in the time budget.
- (5) Promise to keep alcoholic drinks, gambling and harmful amusements out of the home.

Now abideth home, church, school and government, but the most fundamental of these is home. Let us make home life really Christian.

Bible⁺ Study

Ella Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

SOME PSALMS for TODAY

Psalm 81—"Honey Out of the Rock"

MILTON says he purposes in *Paradise Lost* to "assert eternal Providence and justify the ways of God to man". Our friend Asaph has the same idea, but he chooses a joyful feast-day to remind Israel of God's bountiful goodness. It sounds, does it not, like a *Young People's Conference*, with lots of singing—and an orchestra added? Half a dozen instruments are here, if we count the "Gittith", which was either a musical instrument or a melody borrowed from the Philistine town of Gath. The new moon was always welcomed with trumpets blown by the priests, and the full moon shone on the Passover, "a feast of joy, the Old Testament Christmas" (Delitzsch). The people of Israel are called by the name of Jacob or Joseph. Compare Ps. 114:1: "When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language". The deliverance from the bondage of Egypt is a favorite starting-point in Jewish exhortations. Even the Ten Commandments begin with that reminder (Ex. 20:1). Verse 6 calls up pictures of the Israelites toiling at brickmaking. They were delivered at the Red Sea, heard God's voice in the thunders of Sinai and were tested time and again in the desert, especially in the need of water and the giving of it through Moses. Even at the end of the long wandering, at Meribah, they clamored for fruits—figs, grapes, pomegranates—and thirsted for water. This time Moses himself failed in the test (Num. 20:6-12), speaking angrily and proudly to the people. Smiting the rock expressed his indignation, but God had given a new command: "Speak to the rock". That required self-control and a new faith. The water came, but Moses had dishonored God and was sentenced to lose his life's crown of joy.

The next paragraph shows God's grief of heart at Israel's failure. The fundamental commandment—to worship Jehovah alone, no strange gods, no idols—had been broken from the day of the golden calf down the ages. Oh Israel, if thou wouldst hearken! . . . They hearkened not. . . . Oh, that My people would hearken!" So a parent must sometimes plead with a wayward child, reminding of past opportunities ("Have it your own way" may be the worst punishment), offering a new chance and a new hope. Difficulties shall yet be overcome and power given to endure.

"The finest of the wheat, and honey out of the rock" are phrases taken from Deut. 32, where the long watch-care over Israel is described. A southern paper recently had a picture of a cliff 100 feet high with an opening half-way up where for countless years the bees had stored honey till it fairly ran down the face of the rock and the bees stood up and licked it. Compare John the Baptist's "locusts and wild honey". Even the "oil out of the flinty rock" in Deuteronomy might well have been an olive-tree growing from invisible earth in a crevice, as I myself have just seen petunias blooming in a stretch of concrete leading to a friend's garage! The olive-tree loves a rocky soil. God can give "furtherance in hindrances, fertility in barrenness" (A. McLaren).

*The Talmud has an extraordinary legend that the angel, Gabriel, taught Joseph the 70 languages of the world while he was in prison.

Family Altar

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

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TOPIC: An Urgent Gospel—to Direct Youth

"My son, be wise".

1st Day—Prov. 27:1-11; *Eph. 2:11-22*
2nd Day—Prov. 10:1-12; *Jonah 3:1-4*
3rd Day—Prov. 13:1-7; *Jonah 3:5-10*
4th Day—1 Chron. 29:16-19; *Isa. 60:1-9*
5th Day—1 Chron. 22:6-13; *Deut. 6:4-9*
6th Day—1 Kings 2:1-4; *Jer. 35:1-11*
7th Day—1 Tim. 4:9-16; *Jer. 35:12-19*

"Train up a child".

8th Day—Prov. 22:6; *Num. 6:1-8*
9th Day—Col. 3:20, 21; *1 Cor. 8:4-13*
10th Day—Ex. 13:3-9; *Hab. 2:15-20*
11th Day—Deut. 4:1-10; *Psa. 78:1-7*
12th Day—Deut. 6:1-17; *Acts 9:1-8*
13th Day—Eph. 6:1-9; *Acts 9:9-16*
14th Day—Eph. 6:10-20; *Acts 22:1-13*

"Children"

15th Day—Gen. 15:1-7; *Phil. 3:1-14*
16th Day—Gen. 21:1-3; *Gal. 1:11-17*
17th Day—Gen. 22:1-18; *1 Tim. 1:12-17*
18th Day—Gen. 18:1-9; *Eph. 2:1-10*
19th Day—Psa. 127:1-5; *Acts 11:5-10*
20th Day—Psa. 118:1-8; *Acts 11:11-18*
21st Day—Psa. 128:1-6; *Isa. 61:1-9*

"Of Such Children"

22nd Day—Mark 9:36, 37; *Rom. 2:1-11*
23rd Day—Mark 10:13-16; *1 Thess. 1:1-10*
24th Day—Mark 16:15, 16; *Rom. 10:11-21*
25th Day—Luke 2:40-52; *Psa. 72:12-19*
26th Day—1 John 2:12-17, 28, 29; *Acts 11:19-26*
27th Day—Eccl. 12:1-14; *Acts 11:27-30*
28th Day—Acts 15:1-11; *Matt. 10:1, 5-11*
29th Day—Rom. 8:14-21; *Phil. 1:12-17*
30th Day—1 Tim. 3:15-17; *1 Cor. 2:1-5*
31st Day—1 Pet. 2:1-5; *Eph. 4:11-16*

"Pray Ye"

In thanksgiving for the goodness of God
In eager yearning for the salvation of lost souls
In petition for the indifferent and unenlisted
In sympathy for the sick and sorrowing
In intercession for war-torn countries
For missionaries and Christians in every land
For annual meetings of Woman's Missionary Union and of Southern Baptist Convention; remember the Birmingham pastors and committees; pray for the greatest of missionary results because of these annual gatherings. (See pages 1, 4-9, 19, 36.)

"Pray without ceasing" for Baptist Evangelistic Crusade and for a debtless denomination by 1946.

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Calendar of Prayer May, 1941

Prepared by Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

SEEK not star for beauty. Let it glow
In dew-wet grasses all about thy feet;
In birds, in sunshine, childish faces sweet,
In stars and mountain summits topped with snows.
In wonder-workings, or some bush aflame,
Men look for God and fancy Him concealed;
But in earth's common things He stands revealed—
While grass and flowers and stars spell out His Name.
—*Mildred J. Savage*

1--THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Gallimore, educational workers, Misses "Floy Hawkins and Ruth Pettigrew, evangelistic workers, Walchow, China, also Robert S. and Richard H. Gallimore, Margaret Fund students. Be not afraid but speak and hold not thy peace: for I am with thee.—Acts 18:9, 10

2--FRIDAY

W.M.U. of Hungary and Jugoslavia
The Lord be with you all.—1 Thess. 3:16

3--SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. G. White, evangelistic-educational workers, Bahia, ex-Mrs. E. G. Wilcox, evangelistic worker, Recife, Brazil, also John and Nell White, and Lorene Wilcox, Margaret Fund students. This work goeth fast on and prospereth in their hands.—Ezra 5:8

4--SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. J. McF. Gaston, Dr. W. D. Bontick, emeritus missionaries from China.
Upro them that wait for Him: shall He appear the second time.—Heb. 9:28

5--MONDAY

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Pool, educational workers, Miss Ruth Kersey, medical worker, Ogbomoso, Nigeria.
A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.—Luke 12:15

6--TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Kelley, Alice, Rev. and Mrs. R. Garcia, Victoria, Texas, evangelistic workers among Mexicans.
Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.—Luke 11:28

7--WEDNESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Lawton, evangelistic-educational workers, ex-Mrs. Jeannette Beall, ex-Mrs. Elizabeth Gray, medical workers, Lanchowin, China.
He sent them to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.—Luke 9:1

8--THURSDAY

Dr. and Mrs. N. M. Carter, Selma, Ala., Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Strasser, Marshall, Tex., educational workers to their own Negro race.
The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble.—Nahum 1:7

9--FRIDAY

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ray, Hiroshima, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Mills, Nagasaki, Japan, evangelistic workers.
The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few.—Luke 10:2

10--SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. Atencio, Rev. J. Madrid, evangelistic workers among Spanish, Albuquerque, N. M.
Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit.—Col. 2:8

11--SUNDAY

That the ministry in hospitals may magnify Christ.
The Son of Man is not come to destroy men's lives but to save them.—Luke 9:56

12--MONDAY

Annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, S.B.C., Birmingham, Ala., May 12-14.
The desire of our soul is to Thy Name and to the remembrance of Thee.—Isa. 26:8

13--TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Moye, San Antonio, Rev. and Mrs. D. Espurvos, Eagle Lake, Tex., evangelistic workers among Mexicans.
Thou, O Lord, art a shield for me, my glory and the lifter up of my head.—Psa. 113

14--WEDNESDAY

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, all secretaries and state board members working with him; also all phases of work promoted by Sunday School Board.
We are created in Christ Jesus for good works.—Eph. 2:10

Calendar of Prayer for May, 1941

15—THURSDAY

Rev. and *Mrs. R. L. Hanson, *Mrs. Hattie Stallings, evangelistic-educational workers, xxMrs. Ruth Ford, medical worker, Kweilin, China
Surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God.—Ezrl. 8:12

16—FRIDAY

xxRev. and Mrs. M. C. Brittain, educational workers, Soochow, Rev. and xxMrs. W. B. Johnson, Kunshan, China, evangelistic workers
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.—John 14:27

17—SATURDAY

Mrs. Evie Barnett, evangelistic worker among Italians, Tampa, Fla.; also tMiss Fannie Taylor, first Home Board missionary sent to Tampa (1912-1940), now living in McAllen, Tex.
My foot hath held His steps. His way have I kept and not declined.—Job 23:11

18—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Deter, Brazil, Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Elder, Argentina, emeritus missionaries
He that respect receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal.—John 4:38

19—MONDAY

Evangelistic workers: Miss Pauline Cammack, among Indians, Santa Fe, N. M.; tMiss Helen Lambert, among many nationalities, East St. Louis, Ill.; tMiss Margaret Juerg, among Chinese, Phoenix, Ariz.
Many nations shall join themselves to Jehovah.—Zech. 2:11

20—TUESDAY

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Hayes, medical workers, Canton, Rev. and xxMrs. H. H. Snuggs, evangelistic-educational workers, University of Shanghai, China
None of them that trust in the Lord shall be desolate.—Psa. 14:22

21—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Powell, evangelistic workers, Miss Amanda Tinkle, medical worker, Saki, Nigeria, also Mary Hester Powell, Margaret Fund student
A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.—Prov. 22:1

22—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. Rios, Sweetwater, Rev. A. Caberto, Bustrop, Mrs. Arab Swindle, Pharr, Tex., workers among Mexicans
He that hath My commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me.—John 14:21

23—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Watson, *Miss Blanche Simpson, *Miss Bernice Neel, educational workers, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Thy right hand, O Lord, has become glorious in power.—Ex. 15:6

24—SATURDAY

Rev. and xxMrs. H. Hall, Miss Mary Demarai, evangelistic workers, xxMrs. Claraibel Jaddu, educational worker, Yangchow, China
In Thy Name we go against this multitude.—II Chron. 14:11

25—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Michaels, Mrs. G. L. Phelps, Mrs. A. O. Wilson, emeritus missionaries of the Home Mission Board
That we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all Godliness and honesty.—I Tim. 2:2

26—MONDAY

Rev. and tMrs. M. Aguilard, Badilla, Rev. and tMrs. L. C. Smith, Pineville, La., evangelistic workers among French; also Paul Aguilard, Margaret Fund student
Pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you.—Matt. 5:44

27—TUESDAY

xxRev. and tMrs. C. A. Leonard, Miss Reba Stewart, evangelistic workers, Harbin, Manchuria
Whoever will lose his life for My sake, the same shall save it.—Luke 9:24

28—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. L. Di Pietro, Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Aurelia Beaz, Tampa, Fla., evangelistic workers among Italians
Lift up a standard for the people.—Isa. 61:10

29—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. D. F. Stamps, educational workers, Miss Edna Earl Teal, medical worker, Yangchow, China
I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted.—Psa. 140:12

30—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. Broers, Sancti Spiritus, Rev. and Mrs. F. Santana, San Juan y Martinez, Cuba, evangelistic workers; also Moises and Josefina Santana and Esther Cardenas, Margaret Fund students
Now is Christ risen from the dead.—I Cor. 15:20

31—SATURDAY

xxDr. and Mrs. J. H. Humphrey, xxMrs. Thelma Williams, medical workers, Chengchow, China
They departed and went through the towns preaching the Gospel and healing everywhere.—Luke 9:6

tAttended W.M.U. Training School
*Attended Southwestern Training School
tAttended Baptist Bible Institute
tFormer Margaret Fund Student
xxOn Furlough

Circle Program

EXPLANATORY NOTE: Well

into its second quarter, *this new department* of the magazine now seeks afresh to commend itself because of its threefold purpose: (1) to furnish *distinctive material for the circle's program*; (2) to encourage the society to present at its regular monthly missionary meeting the program material as supplied each month in this magazine in line with the month's missionary topic (pages 21-30); (3) to increase greatly the circulation and use of the periodicals of S.B.C. Foreign and Home Mission Boards — *The Commission** and *Southern Baptist Home Missionst*. Each circle is urged to make available for its program participants these two monthly magazines as referred to in the following program outline. (See also page 39 of 1941 W.M.U. Year Book.)



CIRCLE PROGRAM TOPIC: YOUNG PEOPLE

"The Hope of the Future"

Devotional: Lois and Eunice—II Tim. 1:5

(See also May issue of *The Commission** for devotional thoughts.)

"Our Hopes Are in These Young People" (See article by Rev. J. L. Moyer in May issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missionst*.)

"I Am the Way" (See article by Mr. E. P. Buxton in May issue of *The Commission**.)

"Investing in the Future" (See article by Rev. J. Oscar Lee in May issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missionst*.)

"Missions and Prayer" (See article by Dr. W. T. Conner in May issue of *The Commission**.)

Two Other Good Stories—(Have circle's program committee select with great care a good story in May issue of *The Commission** and a good story in May issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missionst*. Assign these stories to well qualified members; ask all other participants on program not to use those two stories.)

*Subscribe at 50c a year from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.
tSubscribe at 25c a year from Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Business Women's Circles

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THE program material this month may easily be presented in either of two ways: "To Direct Youth through Enlistment" or "A Youth-Direction Forum". The first is so outlined to be used for individual participation, the second for group participation.

I. To Direct Youth through Enlistment

Preparation: Announce the meeting with a large poster constructed by placing on the left of a large sheet of white poster-board the Christian flag. Across the remainder of the poster in large letters place the words: "The Kingdom of God Needs American Youth". Beneath that, in smaller letters, place the words: "Enlist Them Now". At the bottom of the poster, on the left, near the staff of the Christian flag write: "For Further Information Come to B.W.C." (date), (time), (place). At the bottom of the poster, on the right, place R.A., G.A. and Y.W.A. emblems. For invitations use postal cards. In the upper left corner place Christian flag stickers (State Baptist Bookstore, 100 for 15c.) Across the card in capital letters write: "Defend American Youth. It's Everybody's Job". In smaller letters write: "Learn at B.W.C. What You Can Do" (date), (time), (place). Atmosphere may be created by decorating the place of meeting with the Christian flag and R.A., G.A., Y.W.A. and W.M.S. pennants or emblems.

Procedure: Make introductory remarks concerning the appropriateness of the enlistment of youth in the Kingdom of God in this day of military enlistment.

Hymn—"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Bible Study—Psalm 81: "Honey Out of the Rock" (Page 11)

Prayer thanking God for His eternal willingness to supply our every need

Talk—"The Need for Direction" (See "Youth and the Urgent Gospel" and "The Way of the Young", pages 21-23.)

Prayer for guidance and whole-hearted commitment to the task of directing young people

R.A. Hymn—"The King's Business"

Talk—"Direction through Enlistment" (Summarize "Along Missionary Paths", page 23; or invite an R.A., a G.A. and a Y.W.A. member to the meeting, having each tell in two or three minutes what their respective organizations mean to them.)

G.A. Hymn—"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

Talk—"Direction through Indirection" (Use material, "Helps along the Way", page 25.)

Talk—"The Direction of a Trust" (Use section, "A Sacred Trust", page 28.)

Y.W.A. Hymn—"O Zion Haste"

Prayer for blessing upon the junior organizations of W.M.U.

II. A Youth-Direction Forum

Preparation: To announce the meeting prepare a large poster. In the upper left corner of a large sheet of white poster-board sketch a compass or the four points of the compass (north, east, south, west) similar to a weather-vane. In huge letters print across the top of the remainder of the poster, "Whither Youth?" Beneath this place the words: "Join the Discussion at the Youth-Direction Forum Conducted by B.W.C." (date), (time), (place). Invitations may be issued on postal cards using the same form as the announcement. It would be well to place in the hands of each member a copy of the program to insure more completely the participation of all in the discussions. Set time-limit for discussions.

Procedure: Seat circle around a table if possible. Otherwise make the seating arrangement as informal and conducive to discussion as possible.

Hymn—"He Leadeth Me"

Devotional—Proverbs 20:29a (Use material, "Youth and the Urgent Gospel", page 21.)

→ **Prayer** for wisdom and courage in the task of leading young people to a richer life in the Kingdom

Panel Discussion—"Necessity for Directing Youth" (Use section, "The Way of the Young", page 22.)

Panel Discussion—"Paths of Direction"

(1) Main Paths (See "Along Missionary Paths", page 23.)

(2) By-paths (See "Helps along the Way", page 25.)

Panel Discussion—"Through Paths of Service" (Use section, "A Sacred Trust", page 28.)

Prayer for God's blessing on all efforts, organized and unorganized, for youth

BWC

It's clever! Who thought of it? A business woman in Illinois! A guard consisting of the letters BWC, with chain and safety catch, to be worn with W.M.U. pin! Business Women's Circles are becoming increasingly important in W.M.U. This guard, with the Union pin, gives them distinction and also links them with other women who wear the loved emblem of the Union.

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REALIZING and UTILIZING BAPTIST BUSINESS WOMEN

(See also pages 16-17 for B.W.C. program and pin guard.)

IN 1911 Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, in speaking words of welcome to the women of many lands assembled in Philadelphia for the Baptist World Alliance, said: "Friends, I confess that we have not realized you. While we have been busy with other things, we have but feebly stretched out our hands to be grasped by you, our sisters in the countries of Europe, New Zealand and Australia". To these representatives of Business Women's Circles here today I would say that southern Baptist women have not realized you, the host that you represent or your mighty potentialities for service as you join hands with us in extending the Kingdom.

That business women are a host is proved by actual figures from Dr. E. P. Alldredge, should our own eyes be so holden that we cannot see. Approximately 2,700,000 women in southern Baptist territory are gainfully employed. It is estimated that one-ninth of these are Baptists, which makes a mighty force of 300,000 Baptist business women. In these changing days, this group is growing; the military program into which our nation has been thrust will probably further augment this number.

That our home women have not realized the number and possibilities of business women is shown by the relatively few Business Women's Circles in southern Baptist churches. Over and over again, when I have urged the organization of such a circle, I have been assured that there were not enough in that particular section for a Business Women's Circle. I always answer, "Consult your church roll". The result amazes.

"In the truest sense", Miss Heck once said, "the field of the Union is in the hearts of southern Baptist women and children. This field must supply the seed that shall give the Bread of Life to hungering multitudes in our own and other lands". On the task of the enlistment of these business women Women's Missionary Societies must focus every effort; once they have realized them, they must utilize their rich gifts for extending the Kingdom through the organization of Woman's Missionary Union.

If there could be written into our Standard of Excellence the requirement that every society having as many as twelve or fifteen business women on the church roll must organize a Business Women's Circle to be A-1, the scales would begin to drop from the eyes of our home women and they would come to see how rich are the unused resources about them. Experience has shown that it is almost without exception the home women with vision who have projected Business Women's Circles, who form a most important part of our field, the home women who through the art of continuance have made the business women themselves realize their missionary possibilities. They must be brought to realize the large group working side by side with them, with whom they may have rich fellowship. Often they are very lonely. They must be brought to realize the scope and purpose and plans of Woman's Missionary Union. They must be brought to realize that there is a lost world. The business women have not had our opportunities of program and mission study or of attendance on conventions. Business women must also be brought to realize their place in God's plan as they catch step with the home women in consecrating substance and self and service to Him.

How is this to be done? Methods vary, but the heart and mind of the home woman who is the duly appointed sponsor will work out ways and means, whether by providing attractive homes for the meetings, or by planning a supper meeting served at the church by other circles of the W.M.S. taking turn.

Let me suggest that punctuality in opening and closing is always appreciated by women trained to work on schedule; that programs of the highest order are necessary; and that frequent visits from the general officers are valuable in expressing their interest and in keeping the circle in line with W.M.U. plans. The result of earnest effort is generally a circle that will soon lead all the others, a circle whose offerings will often exceed that of the entire society.

You remember in that beautiful biography of Miss Heck as written by Mrs. W. C. James she tells of that great leader walking in the park one day and that, for a change, she went to a different side of a fountain she had come to love. She saw, then, the rainbows sparkling in the sun as the sprays crossed and re-crossed. Miss Heck asked a woman near her: "Do you see the rainbow?" The woman looked at her coldly and passed on. Some children came by. Surely they would see—but they were not on the rainbow side!

In the potentialities of our southern Baptist business women, there is a rainbow. I pray God that we may see it—that the present year may mark the era of W.M.U. work in which our business women were realized and utilized. So may we as an organization, set for the extension of the Kingdom of our Lord and Master, enlarge the place of our habitation, lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes!—Mrs. D. A. Howard, Gaffney, S. C., in *Speaking at 1940 W.M.U. Annual Meeting in Baltimore*



DATA as to MANY GATHERINGS

IN the well located Tutwiler Hotel there will be held on Monday, May 12, the following annual meetings of southwide W.M.U. committees, and we sincerely hope that each state will be duly represented at each meeting:

9 A. M.—Joint Session of W.M.U. Executive Committee and of State W.M.U. Executive and Young People's Secretaries

2 P. M.—Margaret Fund, Personal Service, Stewardship, Mission Study, Missionary Education of Young People, State W.M.U. Executive Secretaries.

That Monday night the opening W.M.U. session will be held at the Municipal Auditorium, where will be held also the three W.M.U. sessions on Tuesday and the final session on Wednesday morning, the 14th. W.M.U. registration for delegates and visitors will be conducted as follows, all such registration to take place in the Municipal Auditorium:

Monday, May 12—from 8:30 A. M. to 10 P. M.

Tuesday, May 13—from 8:30 A. M. to 2:30 P. M.

No W.M.U. Registration after 2:30 P. M., Tuesday, the 13th

Each state is entitled to fifty delegates, including W.M.U. vice-president. Of course the number of visitors is unlimited. Please endeavor to have a full delegation and a vast number of visitors at each session, commencing Monday night, May 12.

W.M.U. TRAINING SCHOOL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION will meet for dinner at 5:30 P. M. on Thursday, May 15, while southern Baptists are assembled in Birmingham. Tickets for the dinner are to be purchased at the Municipal Auditorium May 12-14.

Program Plans

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Invitations: Use postal cards bearing the following sentences: "We Must Train Youth for Kingdom Service! For Discussion Come to W.M.S." (*date*), (*time*), (*place*). If more elaborate invitations are desired, they may be attractively written on white paper with red and blue ink, suggestive of the many signs and placards which urge training for national defense.

Poster Suggestions: On a large piece of white cardboard print in bold letters of blue outlined with red:

A Call for Youth! An Urgent Gospel Needs the Strength of Youth!
Young People Must Be Prepared for Kingdom Service! How?

For a more elaborate poster, the following plan may be worked out: At the top of a large piece of cardboard print the words, "Directing Youth along the Way of Life"; below that, draw or paste the picture of a young person (boy or girl or both) starting up a pathway marked "Christian Service"; along the path, place sign-boards representing helps to guide youth along the way—Sunbeam Band, G.A., R.A., Y.W.A., Christian Schools, Assemblies, Camps, Home Parties. Colors for such a poster may be used as desired. The poster may be used for publicity and then may be put in a conspicuous place during the meeting, thus helping to "set the stage" for the program.

Program Suggestions: First of all, the leader herself must realize and feel deeply the need of winning and training youth for Kingdom service. Unless all those who take part on the program are thoroughly convinced of the truth which they are trying to portray, little will be accomplished in trying to convince others.

Strive to get the women to recognize their grave responsibility as well as their great opportunity in the training of young people. Try to show them through the program discussion how they, with other Christians, may aid in guiding youth along the path of life.

A very timely illustration may be used featuring present-day extensive preparations for national defense and the wide-spread call for young people to serve their country. In comparison to that call, how much more important is the call of God to youth for Christian service! How much greater is the need for preparation of youth for life! Young people must be won to Christ and guided in Christian living. World conditions and an urgent Gospel demand the strength of youth.

PROGRAM OUTLINE: Topic—To Direct Youth

Hymn—"Jesus Saves"

Devotional—Psalm 81: "Honey Out of the Rock" (Page 11)

Prayer thanking God for His good gifts which satisfy our hungry souls

Introduction—The Starting Point (by Program Chairman, Using "Youth and the Urgent Gospel", Page 21)

Discussion—"The Way of the Young" (Page 22)

Hymn—"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Discussion—"Helps along the Way" (Page 25)

Hymn—"O Zion Haste"

As the closing part of the program, it will be interesting and helpful to have a present or former Margaret Fund student talk, explaining the Margaret Fund and giving personal testimony of the service rendered. As an alternative to this, letters from Margaret Fund students or from missionaries whose children are or have been such students may be read. If neither of these suggestions is practical, let a member of the society discuss the Margaret Fund and its value in helping to train and guide youth, giving examples of various students. Try to make the discussion as interesting and vital as possible. (Use "A Sacred Trust", Page 28.)

Prayer that God will give to Christians a renewed realization of the responsibility and privilege of training youth for Kingdom service

Program Material

Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: An Urgent Gospel—the World's Dire Need

TOPIC for MONTH: An Urgent Gospel—to Direct Youth

Hymn—Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Bible Study—Psalm 81—"Honey Out of the Rock" (Page 11)

Prayer of thanksgiving for the good gifts of God which satisfy our hungry souls

Hymn for Year—Jesus Saves

Youth and the Urgent Gospel

—The Way of the Young

Prayer that we do our utmost to lead young people away from the paths of danger

Royal Ambassador Hymn—The King's Business

Along Missionary Paths

—Helps along the Way

Girls' Auxiliary Hymn—We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

A Sacred Trust

Young Woman's Auxiliary Hymn—O Zion Haste

Prayer for God's blessings on all southern Baptist work for young people

YOUTH and the URGENT GOSPEL

"The glory of young men is their strength".

WHAT a thrilling, what a serious, what a portentous day was October 16 of last year when the young men of our land were drafted for military service! We watched as those of our own respective communities went to register and in our imaginations we saw them all over the nation, going by the millions to places of registration—city boys, country boys, small town boys, sons of farmers, sons of bankers, sons of business men, sons of professional men, sons of industrial workers, rich and poor and middle class, red and yellow, black and white—Americans all, answering their nation's call to prepare for defense. Varied emotions surged in our breasts as we watched them and thought of the significance of the event. We thrilled and admired; we hoped and feared; we rejoiced and sorrowed; we exulted and trembled; we loved and prayed! We thought of that verse from the Psalms—"The glory of young men is their strength"—and realized that in these young men lay the glory and the strength of our nation. We greatly regretted to see the strength of our young manhood called out in the first draft for compulsory military service in times of peace in all the history of our country. Only a critical situation, only dire need would have brought our democratic, liberty-loving, peace-desiring nation to such a drastic action. The responsibilities of an urgent need fell upon the shoulders of our youth because they were young. Because they were strong, they were called to serve.

Not only our country but the Kingdom of God calls for youth. In this day when the world's dire need demands an urgent Gospel much responsibility falls upon the shoulders of our young people. We who are older must realize the importance of preparing a generation for Kingdom service. The urgent Gospel needs the strength and glory of our young people. We cannot draft them, for this

service must be voluntarily given; but we can woo them and win them and train them for the most glorious conquest that ever challenged the strength of youth. There is no task for us more urgent and more important than this.

First, it is urgent that we win our young people to Christ. It is said that there are 15,000,000 young people in our country who never go to Sunday school and are receiving absolutely no religious instruction. The need to reach these is urgent because experience proves that most people who become Christians do so while they are young and that the longer one lives in sin the more difficult conversion becomes. Moreover, it is urgent to win the youth to Christ that not only his soul but his life may be saved. God needs the lives of the young people saved for His service and consecrated to His work.

This brings us to the urgency of training our young people for Christian service. Just as a situation of great need has impelled our country to train its youth for military service, so does the world's need of the Gospel impel us to train our young people for missionary service. God needs every young life. We must impress our young people with the urgency of giving with all possible speed the Gospel to the lost. We must prepare them for the most efficient work in speeding the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

There is an urgency in our work with young people which we cannot escape. What we do for them we must do *now* because youth lingers for only a few years. All too soon the time when they can most easily be led to Christ will be gone. All too soon the years when their training is most effective will be gone. Time moves rapidly—so must we! Sin works rapidly—so must we! An urgent need of the Gospel requires that we be urgent in winning the glory and strength of our youth for Christ and His service.

The WAY of the YOUNG

"He will direct thy paths".

A STUDY of the way which the young travel both alarms and encourages us. It certainly challenges us with our responsibility to direct their paths and to lead their youthful feet to tread the ways of truth and righteousness.

A Doing Way—*Young people are doers.* Youth is a time of activity. The little child is never still; the junior is eager to be doing something all the time; the adolescent is beginning to work with a purpose and the young men and young women are entering the busy world of affairs, bending their energies to achieve worthwhile tasks. A recent issue of the *Reader's Digest* gave an interesting article on how children over the country had made for themselves remunerative jobs. It told of an eleven-year-old girl opening up a doll dressmaking shop; of two brothers, eleven and twelve years of age, teaching their dog to find golf-balls which they sold; and of another boy renting his bicycle to fat ladies and teaching them to ride as a weight-reducing project. So are these youngsters traveling the "doing way".

Much of the world's work has been and is being done by young people. Victor Hugo began writing poetry at the age of fifteen. Michelangelo was painting pictures at seventeen. Charles Spurgeon was pastor of a church at eighteen. George Washington was major in the Continental Army at nineteen. By the time he was twenty-three Browning had written some of his greatest poems.

A Dreaming Way—*Youth is dreaming time.* "The thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts". Young people dream dreams and see visions; and what they do in life depends largely upon those dreams and visions. With their dreams they are forming ideals which they may realize. With their visions they are building air-castles which they may bring down to earth. When George Washington was

twelve years old he wrote the following to a boy friend: "I shall marry a beautiful woman. I shall be one of the wealthiest men in the land. I shall lead the army of my colony. I shall rule the nation I help create". Jane Addams was seven years of age when she said to her father: "When I grow up I am going to have a big house, not with green trees and grass about it like ours but right in among the crowded little homes of poor people and be neighbors with them". These are but two out of millions who have dreamed in their youth what they became in their later life.

A Daring Way—*The path which the young travel is a daring way.* They love the adventurous, they rejoice in the difficult, they desire the heroic, they have not learned to fear. They venture on paths which older people would never travel. They dare to attempt the impossible. The great battles of the world have been fought by daring young people. The great discoveries of the world have been made by adventurous youth. Young people like Daniel have dared to stand for the right when all others were wrong. Young people like David have dared to fight giants before whom more experienced people quaked. Young people like Esther have dared to risk their lives for a great cause. Because of this daring spirit of the young the missionary cause depends on each coming generation for the new courage and the new spirit of sacrifice necessary to keep the work progressing.

A Dangerous Way—*The path which the young travel is a very dangerous way.* There are a thousand pitfalls into which young people may stumble. There are a thousand by-paths leading to destruction. The fact that the young are doers often leads them to do the wrong. The fact that they are darers leads them into what seems to be a brave and venturesome way, the end of which is ruin. Roadhouses, cocktail parties, dancing, card-playing, drinking, petting and a thousand other alluring pleasures lead young people into the paths of sin. Much more than half the crimes of our nation are committed by people under thirty years of age. "The largest group of criminals in the United States averages only twenty-three years of age; the next largest nineteen; the next largest group, eighteen years of age. There are about one and one-half million bar-maids in our country, many of them fresh young girls in their middle teens. It is estimated that there are three times as many young women working in taverns and bars as there are women students in the universities, colleges and teachers' normal schools in the country. These facts help us to realize how dangerous is the way of the young and how important it is that we should lead them to acknowledge God in all their ways that He may direct their paths.

Along MISSIONARY PATHS

"I have taught thee in the way of wisdom".

THROUGH its system of graded organizations, Woman's Missionary Union is leading thousands of young people to walk in missionary paths. We have our Sunbeam Bands for children from four to nine years of age, our Girls' Auxiliaries for girls from nine to sixteen, our Royal Ambassador Chapters for boys from nine to seventeen and our Young Woman's Auxiliaries for young women from sixteen to twenty-five. Utilizing the doing, dreaming and daring inclination of youth, the activities of each organization are leading our young people away from paths of danger into the way of right living and heroic serving.

High Ideals—*People never rise above their ideals.* Therefore it is most important that young people have high ideals to live by and to strive for. Our W.M.U. organizations help their members to place the right values on the purposes of life and lead them to live their ambitions according to Christian ideals of stewardship, service and sacrifice. They learn to be clean, considerate and unselfish in personal relationships. They learn to be clean, considerate and unselfish in personal relationships. They learn to be clean, considerate and unselfish in personal relationships.

drinking, petting, card-playing, desecration of the Sabbath—anything that shadows the purity and beauty of Christian character—will find no place in the life of the Y.W.A. girl whose ideal is to shine as the stars forever and ever, of the G.A. girl who aims toward star ideals or of the R.A. boy who wants to conduct himself as befitting an envoy of the King. Sunbeams learn, even in their baby days, that shining for Jesus means doing the things that are right.

The writer of these programs once spent a morning on a railroad coach having a "snack counter" in the center. From her seat she could watch those who came to eat. She was hurt to see women smoking their cigarettes and otherwise deporting themselves far below Christian ideals of womanly conduct. By and by groups of girls, apparently all of one party, came to the counter for their breakfast. These girls were different—they looked different and acted differently. Not a one smoked, not a coarse word was spoken. They were modest, gentle and lovely. She who looked on and admired and wondered was not surprised to find that this was the Missouri delegation on their way home from the Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest. Training in W.M.U. organizations makes girls and boys like that for it gives them Christian ideals as a guide for their character and conduct.

Character-Building—Missionary education as offered to W.M.U. organizations is the best possible influence in character-building. As young people know of missionary need and glow with missionary love and go in missionary service they grow in Christian graces. Nothing is more resultant in the development of strong Christian character than the study of heroic missionary ventures of faith. As our young people know of missionary heroes and heroines they desire to emulate their faith and courage. What could be more inspiring to a young girl than to read of Henrietta Hall Shuck, who before she was eighteen years of age left family, friends and her Virginia home to go to China, that dark heathen land to which no other American woman had ever gone to tell the story of Jesus! What girl would not thrill over the story of Ann Judson's struggle to have her husband released from the prison of Ava! What boy would not love to know of Livingstone who was afraid neither of the wild beasts nor of the heathen savages in Africa's forest and jungle; of Judson hiding the translation of the Bible in his pillow or of John G. Paton digging a well to bring water from the ground to the amazement of the natives who didn't believe that the white man could do it.

The heroism of our workers on the fields today furnishes examples to thrill and inspire our young people. There is the story of Dr. William Wallace who finished an operation on a Chinese patient during an air-raid, his usual skill of brain and hand unaffected by the Japanese bombs falling all around. There is Earl Hester Trutza, who has more than once been thrown into jail by the persecuting Rumanian government. There are Rev. and Mrs. John A. Moore who are giving up the money for their language-study in order to keep the school for leaders going in Yugoslavia. There is Kate Ellen Gruver who when she had an opportunity to leave war-stricken Palestine affirmed her determination to stay "despite threat of danger, refusing government aid and asking only the chance to continue the Christian work to which she had given her life". These and a thousand other examples of missionary heroism should be told over and over to our boys and girls that their own characters may be built along heroic lines and that when the present missionaries fall out of their ranks there may be others ready to take their places just as strong and just as courageous as any missionary heroes who have ever lived. In the present generation of young people we have the making of many heroes and heroines. We must not fail to make them.

World-Citizenship—Through missionary training of our young people we are helping them to become world-citizens. As they study about people to whom we send state, home and foreign missionaries they learn of their lands, their

homes, their customs, their religions and their need of Christ. They find that, while in some ways people in different lands are unlike, in the essential things all are alike and so is established a feeling of good comradeship which links their lives with the boys and girls of the whole world. As they have practice in missionary praying their hearts are enlarged to take the whole world into their prayer interests and desires. Through training in stewardship they learn to feel that with their tithes and offerings they have a part in giving the Gospel to those of many nations. Then through their personal service activities they form the character-building habit of giving themselves in loving service to those around them. All barriers of race, color and class are broken down and our young people become world-citizens, taking the whole world into their thinking, their praying, their giving, their serving and their loving. Only such citizens can produce a feeling of good fellowship and brotherly love that should exist among the nations of the world. Only such citizens can solve the racial problems in our own land. Only such citizens will go into all the world to preach the Gospel to every creature.

How glad we are that we have 359,148 young people enrolled in 27,892 organizations. But what of the thousands of southern Baptist churches without any of these organizations? What of the thousands of young people not in any of these organizations? The task is challenging. We must do our utmost to organize more of these organizations and to enlist more members that our young people may be led in the missionary paths which will give them high ideals, which will build strong Christian character and which will make them world-citizens and world-Christians.

HELPS along the WAY

"Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy Word!"

OUR denomination offers to our young people many helps along the way to lead them into paths of right living and to prepare them for the maximum in Christian service.

Christian Schools

We have our Baptist schools where students may receive the best kind of literary education along with the culture of Christian graces and training for Christian service. Southern Baptists offer to our young people 12 academies, 23 junior colleges and 27 senior colleges, besides our five seminaries and training schools devoted wholly to training of those desiring to do special Christian work. Not long ago the writer of these programs spent a week in Southwest Baptist College at Bolivar, Missouri, one of our Baptist junior colleges. She was struck with the Christian atmosphere that prevailed. Not a boy or a girl was seen smoking a cigarette on the campus. Not once did she hear the name of the Lord taken in vain. She saw no boy or girl do anything unbecoming to a Christian. There was happy social life, there were clean athletics, there was beautiful music, there were splendid courses along all educational lines. And with these things necessary to make a good school there were Sunday school classes, Training Unions, a Young Woman's Auxiliary, a noonday prayer-meeting, all under the direction of an efficient Baptist Student Union. Talk of Bible readings, mission study classes, prayer-mates and other like subjects was a natural part of the conversation in the dormitories and on the campus, showing that the religious activities were a vital part of the school life. Such schools are great aids in leading young people to walk in the right paths.

Assemblies, Camps and House-Parties

Summer assemblies, camps and house-parties are helping greatly in the Christian training of our young people. These are gaining in popularity and growing

in attendance each summer. Uncounted thousands of young people attend meetings of this type in the different states. They love the fun and the fellowship and are being wonderfully influenced by the spiritual power of these meetings. In many of our states assemblies are conducted for the whole church family. These are greatly beneficial as the children, young people and older ones too come together for a period of recreation, education and inspiration. Some of these assemblies have grown so large that they are like little cities. The largest of all is at Falls Creek, Oklahoma, where the registration each summer runs well up into the thousands.

The young people's leaders of Woman's Missionary Union in the several states promote in all of our states camps and house-parties for G.A., R.A. and Y.W.A. Incomplete reports for 1940 record 234 camps with an attendance of 23,930. How wonderful that this many young people had the privilege of hearing missionaries, studying missionary books and living in a wholesome spiritual atmosphere while they were enjoying a happy vacation together!

Of course the assembly that crowns the year is at Ridgecrest. There through the weeks of mid-summer the Baptists of the south come together for conferences on different phases of denominational work. By far the largest attended of all of these conferences are the three planned especially for young people: the Baptist Student Union Conference to which come a host of students from the colleges; the Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp to which many hundreds of girls go each summer for ten days of "friendship, fellowship and frolic with His Spirit over all"; and the Baptist Training Union Conference to which so many young people go that the facilities of all Ridgecrest are taxed to take care of them. Of course Woman's Missionary Union is especially interested in the Y.W.A. Camp and is proud of the fact that there is not a conference of the whole summer that offers a better program or a more spiritual atmosphere or is more far-reaching in its Christian influence than this planned by our southwide young people's secretary, Miss Juliette Mather, for the girls of the Y.W.A. fortunate enough to attend this camp. Let us think of some definite helps that come to young people through assemblies, camps and house-parties.

First, they are helped in choosing *the right kind of amusements*. All young people desire to have a good time and often it is the quest for a good time that leads them into the ways of sin. In our assemblies and camps they learn to have the best kind of a good time. Any one who does not believe that young Christians can have good, wholesome recreation without doing any questionable things should attend the annual circus at the Siloam Springs (Arkansas) Assembly or take a moonlight ride on the bay with the young people at Palacios, Texas, or participate in the election and crowning of the Indian Princess and Chieftain at Falls Creek, Oklahoma, or join in the "stunts" at Deland, Florida, or swim, play and sing with our boys and girls at any of our Y.W.A., G.A. and R.A. house-parties. Such clean and wholesome fun will help young people decide that they can have a good time without dancing, card-playing and cocktails.

Then young people are led to choose *the right kind of literature*. It is chiefly the young who are reading the salacious magazines found on the news-stands and the cheap novels so injurious to their thinking and their morals. The study courses offered at the camps enlist their interests in a better type of literature. The boys learn that David Livingstone is even more interesting than "Diamond Dick" and the girls find Ann Judson as romantic as the favorite heroines of their novel reading. Usually there is at an assembly a Baptist Bookstore where the best in fiction, poetry, travel etc. as well as religious books are displayed to interest young people in choosing good literature. Moreover what they hear from leaders and speakers lifts their ideals and gives them a distaste for anything

trashy. A girl who has heard Mrs. Cox's vesper talks by the lake at Ridgecrest will hardly choose for her reading something sordid and ugly. A young man who has heard Dr. R. G. Lee in a series of inspirational addresses at an assembly will when he goes to buy a book choose something lofty in thought and beautifully written.

Certainly assemblies and camps help young people choose *the right kind of friends*. Every boy and girl has the desire to have friends. A good friend lifts up, helps and blesses; a bad friend drags down, injures and ruins the life. When young people become acquainted in study classes, at devotional services or in participation in the clean recreational activities of our camps the friendships made are likely to be wholesome and beneficial. It is helpful for young people of different localities and types to meet each other for thereby their sympathetic interests and understandings are broadened. The city boy needs to know the country boy. The banker's daughter may be helped by a friendship with the merchant's daughter. The girl from the big first church of the city will be blessed by contacts with the girl from the little Italian mission or from the church at the country cross-roads. Often friendships formed at camps become lasting and greatly enrich the lives of the two young people concerned. Summer assemblies have been called "courting agencies". That's all right, too! While the assemblies do not exist for that purpose no harm is done by bringing Baptist young people together to love, marry and establish Baptist homes. Such marriages are not likely to find their way into the divorce court.

In these camps and assemblies young people are often guided in choosing their *life-work*. Usually there is a consecration service when opportunity is given for young people to dedicate their lives to Christian work. In such hours many young people hear and answer the call of the Lord to become preachers and missionaries. At Falls Creek, Oklahoma, Rosalee Mills Appleby gave herself to the Lord's work which meant a life spent in Brazil. But it is not always the decision for special service that is made. In these services young people are made to feel that they may consecrate their lives to the Lord in any work that they may choose. Thus many who do not feel called to special service—as they decide to become doctors, lawyers, merchants, farmers, teachers, stenographers etc.—consecrate their lives to the Lord, pledging themselves as good stewards to use their calling as a means for the spread of His Kingdom.

This is May. Camp time will soon be here. Even now every youngster is dreaming of an outing somewhere—by the sea, in the mountains, in the country—where he can swim, hike, play and have a good time. Let's see to it that every one who possibly can goes to one of our Baptist assemblies, camps or house-parties. Those of us who are mothers can send our own children. It is worth any sacrifice. Money so spent brings the maximum benefit to the child. Most of our camps are so economically managed that it costs very little more to send a child to camp than it does to keep him at home. One father of a big, strapping R.A. boy when told what a three-day camp would cost exclaimed: "My! I wish they would teach me to feed boys on as little money as that!" Those of us who have no children of our own can send some boy or girl who could not go otherwise.

*To protect our young people from the evils of the day,
To give them clean, wholesome recreation,
To prepare them for maximum Christian service,
To help spread the Gospel to a dying world—
Let us send our young people to a Baptist summer camp!*

A SACRED TRUST

"Guard that which is committed to thy trust".

WE cannot think of youth without turning our attention to a very choice group of young people who hold the special interest of all our W.M.U. hearts because they belong to us in a special way. They are the children of S.B.C. home and foreign missionaries for whom we are helping to provide a college education through our Margaret Fund. The permanent watchword of the Margaret Fund is: "Guard that which is committed to thy trust"—II. Cor. 3:4. Surely it is a privilege to guard, not only with financial support but also with our loving interest and prayers those who have been committed to us by their parents and by the Master for the period of their college education. The watchword chosen for this year is: "Wisdom is better than weapons of war"—Eccl. 9:18. How we wish that all the young people in the world could be trained in the fear of the Lord which is the beginning of wisdom, rather than in the weapons of war!

Mrs. H. M. Rhodes, our Margaret Fund chairman, writes that we have under the Margaret Fund this year 90 students; this brings the total number to date 398. Mrs. Rhodes tells us that many of our Margaret Fund students are receiving high honors in their colleges.

"Robert Bratcher, who won the Elizabeth C. Lowndes Scholarship Award last year, continues to receive honors and has been elected to 'Who's Who' of American colleges and universities. Charlotte Green of Africa was elected president of the freshman class of Meredith. The other Margaret Fund girls at Meredith—Mary Hester Powell, Virginia Ayers, Page Rankin and Annabel Calheiro—are being recognized in places of honor and responsibility. Mary Hester Powell is president this year of the Y.W.A.". Mrs. Rhodes gives us the following expressions of gratitude from Margaret Fund students:

A senior, Pauline Medling, writes that she regrets to see her college days come to a close and says: "I know that I can never thank every one who has done so much for me but I wish that I could express it in some way. All that I know to do is to try to do more and more work for God and try some day to help some one else".

A Mexican student says: "I can never write without thanking you for the wonderful things Woman's Missionary Union has done for me. Some day I shall attempt to pay back for some of these services. Whenever the W.M.U. meets will you please in my behalf thank them for all they have done for me. I hope I am not putting you into any trouble. May the Lord bless you and the W.M.U. together with your work".

A theological student who is taking a very heavy course and who is not really well writes: "I have had the opportunity since arriving here for school to speak in many meetings of W.M.U. and I have enjoyed it thoroughly. The women of the south are so gracious and loving and we aren't worth the half of what they do for us but I'll do my best to live up to their expectations and in some way repay the great debt I owe them".

We have reason to be very proud of the record of former Margaret Fund students in their life's work. Some have made most efficient missionaries on foreign fields. Others have found places of special service in this country. Still others are rendering consecrated Christian service while pursuing their various callings in life.

Dr. Emmett Ayers, who was the very first beneficiary of the Margaret Fund, has rendered most notable service as a medical missionary in China. Though in

the midst of the war zone where the Japanese fighting was fiercest and in constant danger from air-raids he remained at his place of duty, ministering to the suffering Chinese until his furlough time was due. Though kept away from his work by conditions at present, his heart is in China. It is interesting to know that he has two children in college, the first "grandchildren" of the Margaret Fund.

A number of our students, among them Carter Morgan and Harris Anderson, are waiting appointment to foreign mission service. Archibald McMillan has branched out into Christian journalism and is now managing editor of *The Commission*. Dr. Edward Everett Gill is a useful pastor in New Orleans. Judson and Stephen Jackson are pastors in Georgia while their sister, Elizabeth Jackson Johnson, serves as a missionary in Brazil, the country for which their parents gave their lives. Edwin and Helen Dozier both followed the footsteps of their missionary parents by giving themselves to missionary work in Japan. Four of the Bagby Margaret Fund students carry on the work of their missionary parents in Brazil. We could go on and on telling of the fruits in the lives of the beneficiaries of our Margaret Fund. Though the fund has always been available for the sons and daughters of S.B.C. Home Board missionaries residing outside of the United States, it is only for the last few years that it has been similarly helpful also for the sons and daughters of all regularly appointed S.B.C. Home Board missionaries in the homeland and in Cuba and Panama. Nevertheless "in this short time the benefits have been felt on a dozen home mission fields as these fine college trained young people have worked with their mothers and fathers on their fields" (*Una Roberts Lawrence*). Miss Gloria Ruiz, one of these home missionary Margaret Fund students (1935-36), is rendering excellent service in the Baptist Anglo-Mexican Institute at El Paso.

A Margaret Fund student writing to Mrs. Rhodes expressed as her New Year's wish: "That the year may lead you through paths of service to heights of joy". We feel that there is no path of service which leads to greater heights of joy than does the Margaret Fund. May we faithfully guard that which is committed to our trust not only in these Margaret Fund students but in all of our young people who are our most valuable possessions.

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the relationship between youth and the urgent Gospel.
2. Discuss the importance of training young people for Christian service.
3. Discuss young people as doers, dreamers and daters.
4. Mention some of the dangers in the path of youth.
5. How does missionary training aid in the forming of high ideals?
6. How does missionary training aid in character-building?
7. How does missionary training make young people world-citizens?
8. Tell something of the influence of Christian schools on young life.
9. Discuss the benefits of assemblies, camps and house-parties to our young people.
10. Tell of the Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp at Ridgecrest.
11. Discuss how our society and church may help young people to go to a Baptist camp this summer.
12. Discuss the influence of the Margaret Fund.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

The following list of reference material is the chief source used in the preparation of foregoing program, and credit is hereby given for facts and suggestions derived therefrom as well as for matter quoted in whole or in part. Further interesting material and help may be found in this listed material and in leaflets suggested in this number which may be obtained for a few cents from W.M.U. Literature Department, 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. See list of leaflets on page 3.

The Window of Y.W.A.	—World Comrades
Southern Baptist Home Missions	—The Commission
State Denominational Papers	
Minutes of Southern Baptist Convention and Woman's Missionary Union	
The Way of Missionary Education.....	Juliette Mather
Telling You How.....	Juliette Mather

MISTAKES through MISINFORMATION

CONFUSION was caused because at least four articles were not available as called for on the circle program as outlined in the March issue of this magazine. Sincere apologies are herewith offered, with the promise that definite efforts are being made to avoid similar mistakes any other month. The editors of *The Commission* and of *Southern Baptist Home Missions* have been asked to publish in their respective magazines for a given month the articles whose titles are furnished in advance to this magazine. The circles are now cordially urged to follow the program as set forth on page 15 of this issue.

"Thy Father's House! Thine Own Bright House!"

INTO that Heavenly Home the mother of Mrs. W. J. Cox entered on March 6. She had not been well for several years but, even so, the passing from the earthly tabernacle came rather suddenly. To Mrs. Cox and the members of her home circle there goes forth the tenderest sympathy of Woman's Missionary Union.

Into the Father's House there has also entered (March 24) the devotedly Christian spirit of Mrs. Oscar G. Levy of Baltimore. Trained in W.M.U. methods by Miss Annie Armstrong, she served untiringly in her church and city and state. For several years she was president of Maryland Woman's Missionary Union, at the same time being its Y.W.A. and G.A. leader even as she was for many other years. Mrs. Levy is gratefully remembered also as a member of the southern W.M.U. Executive Committee (1916-21). In expressing sincerest sympathy to Mr. Levy and other bereaved relatives, it is comforting to realize that she was "full of good works" which will "follow" in the lives of well-nigh countless young women whom she influenced for Christ.

Young Women's Auxiliary

Miss Juliette Mather, W.M.U. Young People's Secretary

WHY I BELIEVE in RIDGECREST Y.W.A. CAMP

NO ONE ever tires of hearing people talk about Y. W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest but last year I decided to get in on the talking side myself and I am so convinced of its value I shall go again or send some younger woman every year now. God gave His children all this beautiful land in which we live to enjoy and appreciate. No more ideal place can be found than Ridgecrest, North Carolina. I wish that I could speak to every mother and tell her that it is one place where she can send her daughter and not be afraid. Then I wish I could speak to every girl and tell her that she can find a grand outlet for excess energy in all sorts of games, hikes and hobbies. If she hasn't a hobby she can easily find a worth-while one.

Most important at Y.W.A. Camp is the real sense of nearness to God. There is a renewing of one's heart, mind and soul. Your daughter will come away with a new meaning to life and will never be the same again or want to. Our Heavenly Father knows that we need a firm grip upon our faith these days; at Y.W.A. Camp, young women can be like Mary and sit at Jesus' feet and learn of Him. If you have to sacrifice to send a representative of your Y. W.A. your blessing will be double. My own life has changed very much since I went to Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp. I wrote my mother while I was

still there that I would never be the same again. Can your daughter afford to miss anything so wonderful as that? I hope that every woman who has a Y. W.A. daughter and reads this will talk with her husband and see if something cannot be done about sending the daughter. As I write I can almost see just such a home. If I could but know your names I would pray definitely by name that God will help you find a way for your daughter to go if in accordance with His will. If I had a daughter, Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp would be just as much a part of her education as high school and college.

Similarly every W.M.U. young people's director and every Y.W.A. counselor should try to see that some representative young woman goes from her Y.W.A. to take back to all the others the intangible realities of the ten glorious Y.W.A. Camp days at Ridgecrest, June 24 to July 4. Our spiritual education has been neglected entirely too long and too often. Send young women to Y.W.A. Camp to see and talk to the wonderful leaders who are brought there. We have heard of them often and in many cases read their books but it's a thrill to hear them speak and to talk to them personally. Send your young women to join in this big, happy Y.W.A. Camp family.—Mrs. Dorothy Austin, Alexandria, Virginia

Write your state W.M.U. young people's leader for reservation. Rates at the hotel are \$2 a day; limited space at \$1.50, \$1.75. Enrollment fee for Y.W.A. Camp \$1. Registration at Southern Baptist Assembly grounds \$1

College Y.W.A.

Miss Juliette Mather, W.M.U. Young People's Secretary

SUMMER SERVICE for COLLEGE Y.W.A.'s.

Miss Edwina Robinson, Mississippi Young People's Leader

THE very word "summer" has peculiar interest for a college girl. It is with expectation and anticipation that she waits for it—standing on tiptoe trying to hasten it! We want to write service into this word "summer" for the college girl. Mother of this college girl, won't you help her to place service in this summer? These plans may help you as you present service to her.

See! Yes, look around and see in her own church and community opportunities for her—needs she can meet. How about children who do not attend Sunday school? Vacation Bible School in her own church, some rural church or a Negro church? Is there a need for a Sunbeam Band, Girls' Auxiliary, Royal Ambassador Chapter or Young Woman's Auxiliary in your church or a near by church? Help her see needs and opportunities.

Employ time and energy in helping to meet these needs. How about enlisting other college girls and local Y.W.A.'s to help? Talk with your pastor, W.M.S. president, Y.W.A. counselor about how you can meet the challenge of using these splendid young women in missionary education.

Read! Yes, help her to read and study some good mission study books. There is one available on practically every country and group with which southern Baptists work. Secure a mission study catalog from your Baptist Bookstore. Be an informed person concerning Kingdom affairs.

Volunteer. Encourage her to go in humility and earnestness to your pastor, church officers and leaders and also to your associational officers, offering time and talent for a real service.

Interest others in helping. Show her that she can interest those who are not interested and who need to know, to love and to do.

Call to her mind His command and promise: "Go—and lo I am with you". Everything won't be easy and in some places they may not even want the College Y.W.A.'s to teach the mission study class, organize and foster the Sunbeam Band or have a Vacation Bible School. Probably those are the places that need them most! Encourage them to use Christian charm and tact.

Establish—yes, help to make permanent the work she does. Find some young woman in your church who will work with her and will carry on after the college girl goes back to college. Last summer the president of one of the Ann Hasseltine College Y.W.A.'s of Mississippi saw the need for missionary education for the little folk of her own church. She met this need by organizing and leading a Sunbeam Band. As her helper she found one of the young women in that rural church who "loved the children and the work but didn't know how to lead a Sunbeam Band". Quietly but faithfully they worked together, the college girl studying, leading and helping her to "know how to lead when Edna goes back to college". Today a faithful leader, trained and given confidence by a College Y.W.A. president, carries on in leading Sunbeams to be "light" for Him.

Summer Service—Yes, the words go together for the Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A. who has an interested, loving mother or counselor who leads her to write SERVICE with capital letters into her vacation plans.

Margaret Fund

Chairman: Mrs. H. M. Rhodes, Tennessee

No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.—*Ps. 84:11*

WITH great interest and loving anticipation do southern Baptist women look toward Birmingham and the annual meeting to be held in our headquarters city in May. Among the many blessings of inspiration and information that will be ours during these days of privilege are the messages from our missionaries who are so dear to our hearts. Even so are their children who have been committed to our care and interest through Margaret Fund during their years of college study. We are ever interested and inspired by the messages of appreciation for Margaret Fund from the missionaries and their children. This part of the annual meeting program is loved and always anticipated with pleasure.

On Monday afternoon, May 12, at 2 o'clock, at the Tutwiler Hotel, the Southwide Margaret Fund Committee (consisting of nineteen state chairmen and four southwide officers) will meet for the discussion of plans concerning the Margaret Fund. Since this is the only time during the year that we are privileged to come together we urge as nearly as possible a complete attendance by the state Margaret Fund chairmen but, if any chairman cannot come, her state W.M.U. executive secretary or vice-president should substitute. This meeting is most important.

On Thursday noon, May 15, the usual Margaret Fund luncheon will be held, the plans to be announced at the committee meeting. It is always a delightful experience when state chairmen come together for closer contact with each other, as also for the pleasant opportunity of knowing better some of our missionaries as well as former and present students.

The state chairmen are requested to send by April 20 to the southwide chairman the reports of the year. It is helpful to have any news concerning the students or their parents, so any such information will be gratefully received by your state chairman or this chairman. Interesting information concerning former students and their present activities will be most helpful in compiling data for our Margaret Fund alumni records.

Any new applicants as well as present students should have had their applications in by April 1. If this has not been done it should be sent to this chairman immediately (*Mrs. H. M. Rhodes, 269 Kenilworth Place, Memphis, Tennessee*).

Students will see if at all possible that this chairman receives their summer addresses, as also the dates of their birthdays. College grades should be sent this chairman as soon as received.

Southern Baptist women find great joy in this service of love to missionary sons and daughters as an aid in their "seeking after knowledge". May each one who has a part in this, both as a recipient of God's loving care as well as those who help make it possible, be led to greater interest, love and sacrifice that the Bread of Life may be given to the hungry, waiting multitudes of the earth.

The Lord has greatly blessed all the activities connected with the Margaret Fund and each student seems to realize and appreciate the fact that the opportunity thus given him or her is a sacred and precious trust to be used wisely and for the Lord—that He is the giver of all good and perfect gifts and that "no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly".—*Mrs. H. M. Rhodes*

Training School

Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, Principal, 334 East Broadway, Louisville, Ky.

ECHOES

THE annual meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Training School February 25-27. From every standpoint it was a constructive meeting. After a brief opening session on Tuesday morning, February 25, the Board adjourned until Tuesday evening in order to give the afternoon to seeing the new building on Lexington Road. As we looked at the imposing Georgian structure, it was hard to believe that less than a year ago the ground was broken by this same group at their 1940 meeting. We stood in the half-finished chapel and sensed the atmosphere of this place of worship; we looked down the long main corridor and exclaimed over the beauty of its arches; we rejoiced over the light, airy reading room of the library; we stood by the tall arched windows in the dining room and imagined what the terrace will look like when it is carpeted with green; we paused constantly to look out the windows, every one of which commands a magnificent view. We anticipated the day in May when the architects promise us the completed building. We wondered what "moving day" will be like in an institution the size of ours! Following the intriguing tour of the building the out-of-town visitors, wives of Seminary professors and the School's resident faculty and staff were invited to the home of President Sampey of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary as the guests of gracious Mrs. Sampey and the other local members of the Board.

One of the interesting plans developed at the Board meeting was the progressive dedication of the building. The first phase of this dedication will be in the hands of the Alumnae Association when the "homecoming" takes place during the second week in September. A week later at the formal opening of School the faculty and student body will carry the dedication a step further. On Founders' Day, October 2, the real dedication will take place when Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, president of Woman's Missionary Union and the moving spirit in this whole building enterprise, will deliver the address. The dedication will be concluded by the trustees at their annual meeting in February, 1942.

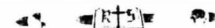
It was gratifying to learn from the treasurer's report to the Board that the Maud R. McLure Memorial had passed the one hundred thousand goal, the total being \$100,839.07 on February 15. At the Board meeting much consideration was given to necessary furnishings and equipment. It was noted that the new building was larger than the School's present building, which fact naturally calls for added furnishings. It was also remembered that, after twenty-four years in the present building, much equipment will need to be replaced. The Executive Committee of the Board was authorized to study the whole problem very carefully in order to keep the expenditures for equipment and furnishings within \$19,000. It is the hope of the Board that the friends of the School will gladly go the "second mile" by contributing units of \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100 for furnishings so that we may finish our dedication next February with not only our building free of debt but also the necessary furnishings and equipment installed and paid for—

Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn

Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

"Incredible," says the general secretary of the International Council of Religious Education, "is an appalling fact that in America (land of churches) 15,000,000 of our people are growing up without any religious training whatsoever." Discussing the significance of this fact he reminds us that government, business and social relationships are tremendously influenced in the next generation by these young people.



Mr. Murray Butler, pleading for religious education in America's educational institutions. Education is the joint product of the church and the school. Because the two are increasingly neglecting their responsibility, religious education of the young



is a real problem. Mr. Butler carried an article in the *Magazine of Education*. As the director, professor of Education in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, which is drawing the attention and serious consideration of all parents and responsible religious leaders. Mr. Butler says, "Religion must take place in popular education of the young. The school from the primary school to the university will organize America's education is to be found he thinks it must within the principle of entire freedom of religion and independent autonomy of church and state, that there be no compulsion and all religions be recognized on a common



The *Zealand Christian* has reported by the *Weekend Examiner* says "Fifty or one hundred years ago the preacher could take for granted the belief of his hearers in the true nature and destiny of man, the provision of God, sin and the need of divine grace. Can he assume such a background today? Only not in the cases of many educated people in our church-homes or in the church going masses. It is folly to ignore this."



the first time in the history of the New York City school system, elementary school children were "released" for one hour on the Wednesday in February to receive religious

instruction in churches or synagogues near the schools. By agreement all the centers for this spring term were "experimental" and were located that one was in each of the five boroughs of the city.



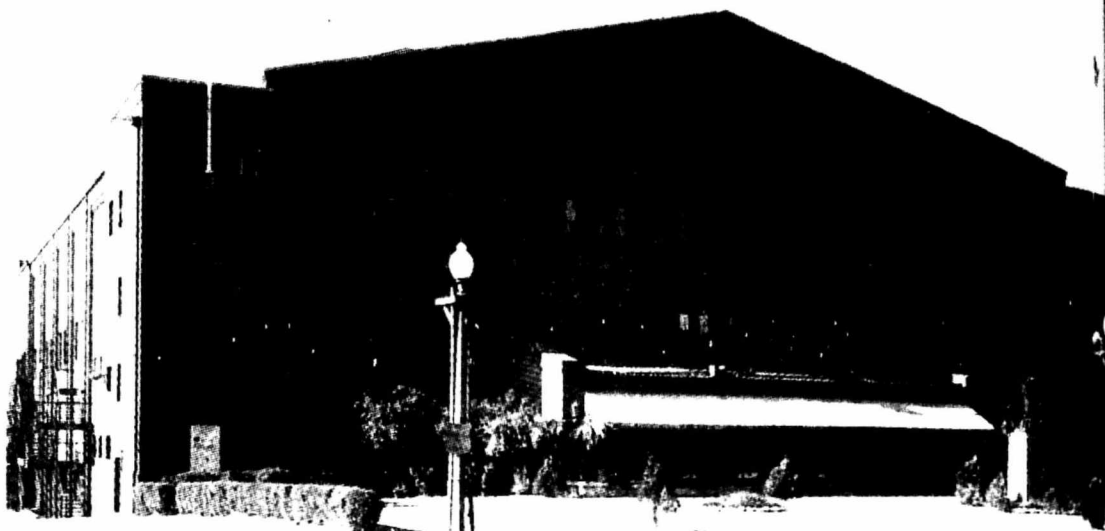
A Latin American Youth Conference was recently held in Lima, Peru, the aims of which were to promote the spiritual life of youth, spread the Christian message, appreciate evangelism, give time and education, face frankly the situation of the Indian in Latin America and promote friendship with English-speaking America. In this pioneer attempt 15 countries were represented.



A good evidence that religion is still alive in Soviet Russia note the following. "The last number of the *Anti-religious Magazine* contains a leading article on the anti-religious task of the school. It begins by observing that religious prejudices and pious superstitions continue to have an infectious influence in U.S.S.R. and that the younger generation is especially susceptible to the influence of the clergy."



The Royal Ambassador Chapter in the Calvary Baptist Church in Providence, Rhode Island, is named for Sir Wilfred T. Grenfell, the great missionary to the deep-sea fishermen of Labrador, who died recently. In reply to a letter notifying him that he had been elected an honorary member of the Chapter he said: "I take it as a very great honor that you have elected me an honorary member of your Chapter. Ambassadors are exactly what Christ wants. He does not want learned scholars who know everything but He does want unselfish heroes who will risk everything. He does not expect any of us to know very much but He wants us to be willing to learn very much and that we can only do in the school of experience. . . . I hope your ambassadors are going to be men, dare to live for others, dare not to talk about Christ but to follow Him". The hope expressed by Dr. Grenfell is just the hope Woman's Missionary Union has not only for the boys of our churches but for the girls also and is seeking through the W.M.U. young people's organizations to realize that hope for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom and the welfare of our nation and all humanity.



Municipal Auditorium, Birmingham, Ala.

HERE, during the week ushered in by Mother's Day, there will be held the annual meetings of the Woman's Missionary Union and of the Southern Baptist Convention. The WMU program will commence at 7:00 on Monday evening, May 12. The last WMU session will be held Wednesday morning, May 14. Eagerly is it hoped that each state will have the largest possible delegation and that there will also be a host of visitors. The auditorium seats 6000. (See pages 1, 49, 19)

