

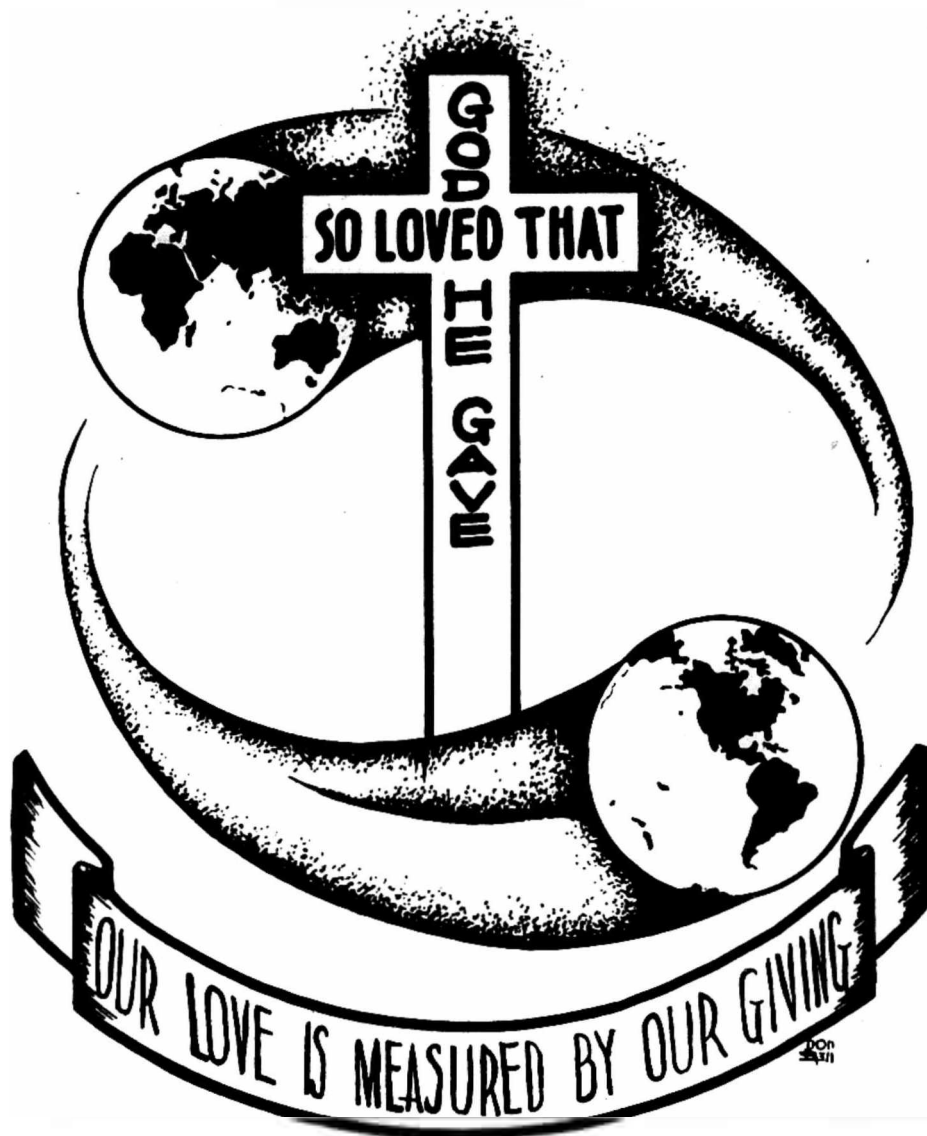
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Editorial

"In ALL JUDEA"

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

THE first chapter of the *Acts of the Apostles* recounts the story of the Lord's ascension and records His last message: "Ye shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth". In these last words to His disciples is found what Christians of our day are accustomed to call the pattern for the conduct of the missionary enterprise: Jerusalem, city or district missions; Judea, state missions; Samaria, home missions; the uttermost part, foreign missions. It must be realized however that Jesus did not say: "First in Jerusalem, then in Judea, after that in Samaria and finally to the far-away places". He did say: "Both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and unto the uttermost part". To witness for Him was of primary importance while places were equally important. By precept and example throughout His ministry this universal and comprehensive interpretation of His mission on earth had been recognized. He had shown compassion toward all men of all races. Salvation through Him was available for all peoples.

In the Cooperative Program is found the southern Baptist interpretation of this world-wide obligation. Its percentages of distribution indicate the response to various divisions of this world-need. Special seasons are devoted to emphasis upon various phases of the comprehensive mission program. In the months of September and October this emphasis is *state missions*. Through study, prayer and special gifts southern Baptists seek to be His witnesses "in all Judea". State Woman's Missionary Union organizations plan carefully that they may stimulate the missionary spirit and the grace of giving among the women and the young people of the churches. A state season of prayer is observed with love-offerings for state missions, which serve the cause of state missions as abundantly as do the Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions.

An increasing number of societies and auxiliaries observing the special seasons of prayer is cause for deep gratitude. The blessed fruits of prayer are evident while increased offerings are the outpouring of the love engendered by study and prayer. The best contributions that you and your W.M.S. can make to your Judea just now is careful planning for a worthy observance of the Season of Prayer for State Missions by your society and each of its organizations for young people. There are many reasons why there are now very pressing obligations and opportunities to witness for Him in your Judea. Well planned study will reveal these obligations and opportunities. This study will move to fervent prayer. The outgrowth in the offering will enable your State Mission Board to meet the needs, providing workers to witness where you cannot go. Thus it is that we are "laborers together with God". By His divine alchemy our silver and gold are transmuted into saved souls and redeemed lives. Your best effort for worthy observance of the Season of Prayer for State Missions will be richly rewarded. Plan wisely for similar observance by each auxiliary. Help your state W.M.U. to attain a high goal in number of organizations following the state plan for study, prayer and gifts. The voice of Jesus speaks to each of us: "Ye shall be My witnesses in all Judea". Loving discipleship answers, "I will!"

Evangelistic Crusade

CHOOSE a COMPANION in SOUL-WINNING

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

ARE you timid about trying to win souls? Then choose another consecrated Christian as a team-mate in soul-winning visitation. Jesus understood the timidity of Christians about soul-winning, so He sent His disciples out two and two.

Why Go Two and Two?—We cannot improve upon the method of Christ. He sent out the twelve apostles two and two (Mark 6:7). These were the preachers. Later He sent out seventy others, undoubtedly laymen and laywomen, in teams of two for soul-winning (Luke 10:1-17).

Two consecrated soul-winners visiting a lost person together are most effective. Team-mates share the responsibility, inspire confidence each in the other, supplement each other's appeal and make a stronger impression on the lost. Two are far more difficult to deny than one.

Soul-winning visitation in teams of two is victorious and thrilling. "The seventy returned with joy, saying: Lord, even the devils are subject to us in Thy name" (Luke 10:17). Often I see teams returning from soul-winning with equally as much joy over their victories as did the seventy whom Jesus sent. They average better than one victory for every three homes where interviews are held.

Gaining a Soul-Winning Interview—Team-mates should pray before entering a home. At the door say: "We are friendly visitors from the Baptist church. May we come in?" Never sit down until the lost person is in the room. Maneuver to sit next to him. Within three minutes after entering the room, introduce the conversation about Christ as Savior. If the radio is sounding, quietly ask to have it cut off. If there is a talkative person present, let one visitor try to keep him quiet.

Beginning the Conversation—Begin the conversation simply, naturally, happily. Base it on three assumptions. *First*, assume that the lost person has been at sometime a professing Christian and church-member. If he has not, let him talk, telling his background. *Second*, if he never professed Christ, assume that he had a Christian home and praying parents. Get him to say "Yes" as often as possible, until he finally says "Yes" for Jesus. *Third*, if he has had no religious background, assume that he believes in God and wants Christ as his Savior.

Carefully notice his attitude. Let him talk, always directing his conversation back to Christ when he digresses.

Presenting Christ—Christ is your talking point. Lead the lost man to Christ before leading him into the church. Christ has a better reputation with lost people than your church has.

Most excuses are flimsy and do not have to be answered. Ignore them by saying: "In spite of that, you still want to be like Christ and to be saved by Him, don't you?" Aim at getting a decision. Ask for a decision. Press for a decision. Lead the lost person to face Jesus Christ, to repent and to believe on Him.

HIS WITNESSES

R. Paul Caudill, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga.

IF I were called upon to characterize the membership of the Woman's Missionary Society, I would use only four words. I would say, "These are His witnesses!"

This is what the Woman's Missionary Society means to me as a pastor. It means that among this group of women are to be found the most positive witnesses for Christ within the church. Here are the leading soul-winners. I say this for a number of reasons.

First, they support the preaching service with a loyalty that is without peer. Any one who stands by the preaching service is a soul-winner, directly or indirectly; for the preaching service is the most powerful perennial soul-winning agency of the church. If the members of the Woman's Missionary Society were to withdraw from the average preaching service, the pews would have as many gaps in them as a cross-cut saw. The pattern would look like Woodrow Wilson's "Fourteen Points" minus all its words of Latin derivation. W.M.S. members not only support the service with their own presence, but they are also careful to see that others come—others who need the Gospel and who have never known the joys of true salvation.

Second, they stand solidly behind the church program of religious education. They work in the Sunday School. On the table before me as I write is the directory of our Sunday School, alongside the directory of the Woman's Missionary Society. It is difficult to see where the one ends and the other begins. Among the most loyal workers of the Sunday School are some of the most loyal workers of the Woman's Missionary Society. The two are inseparable companions. Little wonder that the Sunday School has become, next to the preaching service, the most effective soul-winning agency of the church. These teachers, many of them members of the Woman's Missionary Society, not only deal with the unsaved themselves, but they also bring them to the pastor for personal interviews and often permit him to reap where they have sown. It has not been ten days since just such an experience was mine. This Sunday School-Woman's Missionary Society worker brought a little girl to me and sat right down by my side and prayed and wept as I presented Christ and reaped where she had sown.

Third, the Woman's Missionary Society makes definite provision for the fine art of soul-winning in its own curriculum of activities. One cannot think of the hospitals, of the sick and shut-ins, of the orphanages and asylums, of the unreached multitudes without seeing them touched by the gentle hands of the Woman's Missionary Society through tracts, portions of Scripture and word of mouth.

Fourth, they hold up my hands in all of my efforts to lead the church out into a constructive program of soul-winning. Somehow there is a sort of calm assurance that they are with me at all times in my quest for the lost. I am ever reminded of their sympathy and of their prayerful interest. What would our revival meetings achieve without their help? What would our special missionary gatherings be without their presence? In all the varied activities of my church as we seek to preach Christ, I cannot help but think of them—these members of our Woman's Missionary Society. They are His witnesses.



Stewardship Suggestions

Mrs. Carter Wright, Southwide Stewardship Chairman

For the GLORY of GOD

WHEN again our attention was called to the vital truth of tithing in our *Royal Service* program for February, I must confess that for a moment I was indifferent. What was there on that subject new for me? Then I remembered that God's will is only imperfectly known by any one. So, surely I did need to think again through this teaching and trust God to give me a fuller revelation of His will in the matter of earthly possessions. As I gave myself over to the subject, these are some of the thoughts that became very real to me.

While as a body southern Baptists have often had their attention called to the tithe and though Woman's Missionary Union has put much emphasis on the subject, yet how well have we learned our lesson? If we should judge by appearances, I am afraid, not so well. Many, though not many when compared to the whole membership, do recognize that one-tenth of our wealth belongs to God, and they are rendering that to Him. Have we given enough thought to the other nine-tenths? To whom does that belong? In answering to whom the nine-tenths belongs, we as His servants must say, to Him also. Everything we have is truly His. Then, has He given any direction as to how we should use the nine-tenths? Yes, surely He has—all shall be for His glory! As I sought to prove this principle, one verse in particular came to my mind: "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31).

Where then is our liberty? It is in the matter of seeking to know what is to His glory—the promotion of only such things as those on which His bless-

ing can fall. When we thus turn the searchlight of His will upon our wealth, it becomes very precious to us as one of His mighty forces in the earth. Yes, every coin can bear His blessing, can express His will, can advance the right, can hinder the wrong, can carry joy, liberty and victory into a world crushed by evil, misled by the deceptive forces of Satan. How thrilling then to hold in our possession these shining tokens of His trust in our living obedience to Him as He says: "Take, occupy till I come!"

How faithful have we been? How many coins have we placed on the proper side of the balance-sheet? For whose glory have they served? These questions bring conviction for our sins, bring us to confession and shame. Lord, may they lead us to repentance. May they teach us that, while we have helped with the one-tenth, we have shamefully hindered with the nine-tenths. May we know that the force of the power of our wealth should not be divided. It is only rightly used when wholly used to Thy glory.

Shall we then, as a group of His dear children, prove to Him and to the world about us that from this day forth our wealth is consecrated to Him? There will be satisfaction when we rightly divide this tangible power against the forces of the enemy, whose greed no amount of self-indulgence can satisfy.

Many years ago when the Westminster articles of faith were compiled, this striking statement was included: "Man's chief end is to glorify God, that he may enjoy Him forever". Yes, of a truth, our joy in Heaven will be increased or diminished according to the way we have

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MEASURING the DEPTH of CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

Mrs. Annie Wright Usery, Roanoke, Ala.

BY the side of a sunlit ocean an old philosopher sat and watched the children at play. Out of the wet sand they were making palaces, forts and bridges. They laughed much, quarreled bitterly, as children will, and sometimes ruthlessly destroyed each other's castle. In mid-afternoon they left—after proudly surveying their handiwork. The old man dozed. When he awoke at twilight, lo! the tide had risen and the city which the children had made had vanished completely. Tomorrow they would build again.

Being a philosopher, he was honor-bound to read a meaning into what he had seen. So thus he mused: "Men are but simple children who build foolish and fragile dream-houses beside an ocean of time. Stupidly they quarrel, destroy the beauty that another has created". He thought ruefully of homes, schools and lovely old cathedrals, bombed and devastated.

Cynically he mused: "But all that man builds, though untouched by war must yet be destroyed by time! Men themselves or the flood of the years constantly destroying all that men have built and dreamed!" The old sage grew sad and bitter.

Today in the light of history and philosophic reflection, we view a civilization laboriously built, now crumbling and about to be destroyed by war and time. How foolish and childlike to dream that we could ever build for ourselves, out of the earth, fortresses of security, palaces of contentment or monuments of lasting beauty. Puny, stupid, little men! Suddenly most of the world has grown frightened and heartsick.

But a few have turned their eyes confidently to a city set far back from the sea of time—the city eternal whose builder is God. Through the ages the saints, with steadfast faith, have deemed unimportant the perishable glories of

earth for the hope of an everlasting home. Therefore Moses forsook the splendor of Pharaoh's palace. Therefore Nehemiah left the magnificent court of the Persian Artaxerxes. Daniel, though himself a ruler in Babylon, foresaw the inevitable fall of the kingdoms of Nebuchadnezzar and Darius and prayed in sackcloth and ashes, looking toward Jerusalem. The apostle Paul was not unmindful of the beauty of ancient Athens; on the Areopagus he quoted the Grecian poets but steadfastly looked above the exquisite temples of marble to the Lord of Heaven and earth, dwelling in temples not made with hands. Even from Caesar's household came those who preferred the Christian life to the luxury of the world. And so, swallowed up in the ocean of time, buried in the sand, lie the glories of Egypt, Persia and Babylon, the beauty of Greece and the majesty of Rome; but Moses, Daniel and the innumerable multitude of the blessed live forever in God's eternal city.

It is a city of lovely immortalities. It is the city beautiful, which John calls "a bride adorned". It is the city of the Most High God. What though this weary old world should crumble beneath our very feet, Christ has said to His own: "In My Father's house are many mansions; I go to prepare a place for you".

Herein lie the constraining motives for furthering the Gospel through Christian stewardship. Let us thoughtfully consider these. If as Christian women we look with steadfast certainty to a beautiful eternity with God, then the ephemeral pomp and pride of life, with its sorrows which will pass and its pleasures which must fade, cannot fill our thoughts and days. For God's shining promises, brought to us by Christ on Calvary, our hearts will overflow with gratitude, our lives will overflow with love. The love of God constrains us to Christian stewardship. How

glorious the privilege to bring gifts of money and self to the King Eternal!

The love of our children constrains us. What a tottering and sin-sick world they perhaps must live in. We must not allow the Light of the World to grow dim. We must preserve for them too an unshakable faith that will lift their eyes from a crumbling earth to a city celestial. That faith is best preserved for them by fostering every agency for good which may guide and instruct them in Christian living—churches, Christian schools, an educated ministry, B.T.U., S. S. and W. M.U. organizations.

The love of humanity constrains us. Famine stalks in the wake of war. Hungry, miserable faces stare in the pictures our news-reporters send from many nations. Our eyes grow misty. But death will assuage that kind of hunger. More piteous are the cries of need from hungry souls: "Give us the Bread of Life or we perish eternally!" The Christian hope of a beautiful hereafter grows more precious in times of tribulation. In war-torn China thousands, heartsick and suffering, have found peace and comfort in the Gospel message taken to them by Christian missionaries. Touched by the dire need of our brothers and sisters in many lands, our prayers and gifts are joyfully offered for the furtherance of the Gospel.

If the love of God, the love of our children and the love of humanity do not urge us to Christian stewardship, there is yet another motive. It is the command of God that we witness for Him, preaching the Gospel to every nation. If we believe that high and lifted up sits the Ruler of the Universe, King of kings and Lord of lords—omniscient and omnipotent—and that some day we must go into His presence, dare we disobey the divine commission? It is not ours to question the success of Baptist work in many lands. Our foreign mission enterprises must continue in obedience to the King's command. There is almost as much in the Bible

about the fear of God as the love of God. We speak the ineffable name with bowed head and approach His throne with awe! Fear constrains us to obey His great command.

Not only is the command explicit, but Christ by precept and example taught the method by which it is to be carried out—prayer, deeds of mercy, talks with the unconverted, gifts into the treasury of the Lord. On these ideals, Woman's Missionary Union is built. These ideals call for the consecration of self and substance. They measure the depth of our Christian experience.

Children of God, at play by the gray and melancholy ocean of time, listen—and you may hear the moaning waters and the tide incoming, the hollow blast of the wind and the waves breaking closer! Be not afraid; you go to the City Celestial where there is no sea. Then quickly arise! Brush from your hands the sand of the futile dream-houses you have made; those hands must bear gifts for the King Eternal!



STEWARDSHIP

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used the nine-tenths, as truly as to what disposition we have made of the one-tenth which is holy to the Lord, for all is His: one-tenth for the furtherance of the Gospel, nine-tenths with which we express our loyalty in gifts of love—offerings of obedience—meeting every opportunity to invest in everlasting values that fade not away, while we are "diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord".—Mrs. W. T. Berry, Member W.M.U. Executive Committee, Birmingham, Ala.

Personal Service

Southwide Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. Eureka Whiteker, Ky.

B.W.C. PERSONAL SERVICE

"Well reported of for good works"—1 Tim. 5:10

WHEN Paul and his fellow-missionaries were led by the Spirit of God to the city of Philippi they found a group of women at a prayer-meeting. In this group was Lydia, "whose heart the Lord opened"; as a result of Paul's preaching she was saved and others with her. These others were spoken of as "her household". It is thought that they might have been connected with her in business, for Lydia was a business woman, a dealer in purple. Immediately upon her conversion she began to realize her stewardship. She had received and she wanted to give. Her first service was the opening of her home to the missionaries. She wanted to share with them what she had and to have a share in their service of winning the lost. Lydia was a member of the church at Philippi which began with Paul's ministry; Paul, writing to this church many years later, spoke of "the women who labored with me in the Gospel". That business woman "whose heart the Lord opened" was among the number who "first gave themselves to the Lord" and then gave liberally of their possessions for the promotion of the Gospel; she was the forerunner of many business women who were to "follow in her train". Today that number has been multiplied by the thousands.

We can do many things for these women through the organization and fostering of Business Women's Circles. They have the obligation of the great commission resting upon them; they are included in the command to "go". Through Bible study, mission study and united prayer they can get the information and inspiration which will lead to more complete personal consecration. In addition to learning of the stewardship of possessions, they will learn that stewardship also means the giving of self, personalities, time and talents in personal witnessing for Christ.

The greatest opportunities which business women have of witnessing for Christ come to them in their places of business. They have the privilege of winning many who might not be reached by any one else. Opportunities for service should suggest themselves growing out of the nature of their work, the places where they work and the people with whom they come in contact day by day. There are those who work in offices and stores who constantly mingle with Jews; probably their opportunities of showing themselves as "friends of Israel" are greater than that of any one else. Through tactful approach invitations could be given to Jewish friends to attend circle-meetings or the services of the church. Christian literature could be used to help them to a better understanding of true Christianity. Business women are trained in the art of tactful approach and, with God-given wisdom, they should be able to be greatly used in this phase of service.

The distribution of Christian literature is a form of service which business women should adopt because of their special opportunities. They can direct the placing of literature in department-store rest-rooms, hotel-lobbies, railroad and bus-stations and other suitable places. Christian schoolteachers should realize their opportunity as they help to direct the reading of their pupils. Nurses can use leaflets and tracts as they minister to the sick.

Women who work in shops or factories might find an opportunity of witnessing through fostering noonday services. Other forms of service which should appeal to business women are: fostering girls' and boys' clubs, teaching classes of foreigners and helping them to know the real meaning of Christian citizenship, helping in jail services with girls and young women and then serving in the capacity of Christian "Big Sisters" after they are released. A Business Woman's Circle could find great joy in adopting a needy family. The provision of material needs could be used as a means of spiritual ministry.

These suggestions are but a few of the many activities which might be used by business women. Each circle must adapt its service to its own community, always bearing in mind that the ultimate aim is to win the lost to Jesus Christ.—Mrs. A. J. Seale, Okla.

Book Reviews

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

AUTHOR of LIBERTY: Robert W. Searle, Friendship Press, New York, 1941; Pages 147; Price, Cloth \$1, Paper 60c

WHEN Jesus called His first disciples He said to them: "Come, follow Me". And straightway, as Mark puts it, He led them into a twofold ministry of worship in the synagogue and of healing and help for those in need both in the synagogue and out. It is with the second half of this twofold ministry that this book deals—and deals in a singularly simple, concrete, moving way.

It is the author's feeling, shared by thoughtful persons everywhere, "that the peril of world revolution has arisen out of the despairing hearts of those who could see no hope in democracy". Some of the problems of these hopeless ones he reveals in a moving series of brief stories which are like snapshots not of their outward conditions but of their hearts. Following each story he

gives a series of searching practical problems for discussion and research in one's own community. These should easily show the way for any society or any individual, who is moved to put into practice her Christian concern for the need at her door, to take hold in her own community.

The author is not unbiased—those who deal with human woe seldom are. But one need not agree with every word he says in order to face the situation he so vividly portrays.

The study is particularly timely in a year when Woman's Missionary Union is stressing W.M.U. fundamentals with more than the usual emphasis, perhaps, on our responsibility as Christian citizens in this day when democracy is at stake. (See also following suggestions for teaching book.)

Any books reviewed in this magazine may be ordered from State Baptist Bookstore. The price of each book is quoted with its review.

Studying the Book

"AUTHOR of LIBERTY"

Mrs. Wm. McMurry of Tenn. offers the following ideas:

In General to the Teacher—

The chapters in this book, though numerous, may be grouped under five headings. In an attempt to balance fairly equally the material between sessions two and three, rather arbitrary choices had to be made in deciding where certain stories should be placed. In the five stories each under *Social Problems* and *Industry and Jobs* you will readily see that some of them are interchangeable. For example: chapter 16, which deals with the migrants, has both an economic and social significance. In order that the study may accomplish what the author intends, namely that groups of Christians who love democracy will get busy to apply Christianity to the ills in their own towns and communities rather than theorize about Christ's teachings, select the problem or problems which are applicable to your situation. This method will eliminate useless speculation about a far-removed evil.

Do not fail to use the splendid thought-provoking questions and statements at the end of each chapter. Many chapters carry the names of agencies from which additional material can be obtained. Make use of these for special assignments.

Stimulating sentences printed or written in large letters on streamers or poster-board to be changed with each session will aid definitely in impressing certain truths on the minds of the class-members. For example: "Democracy is a child of religion"; "The ideal of democracy is brotherhood"; "Freedom means responsibility"; "The peril of world revolution has arisen out of the despairing hearts of those who could see no hope in democracy"; "God is the author of liberty". For atmosphere at each session use the national colors in various forms and arrangements with a printed sentence.

SESSION I. Theme: Citizenship, Chapters 1, 2 and 3

Methods: Lecture. What is a democracy? The origin of the democratic form of government etc. Chapter 1

Special Assignment: 1. The Declaration of Independence. Give special attention to the Preamble and the outstanding charges against English tyranny.

2. Chapter 3, a story of the violation of liberty in municipal government

Discuss: Voting as a patriotic and Christian duty

SESSION II. Theme: Social Problems Which Challenge the Churches, Chapters 4, 6, 9, 14, 16

Methods: Open the session with the reading of the Scriptures quoted on pp. 141-143. Present the problem or problems. Ask for the text-story which illustrates the problem. Discuss aspects which the story reveals. Call for a report on your community's status of the problem. Discuss what your group can do about it.

SESSION III. Theme: Industry and Jobs, Chapters 8, 10, 12, 13, 15

Methods: Repeat reading of Scriptures used in Session II. Lecture. State general conditions in our country as to labor, defense projects and unemployment. See text, current news-magazines and newspapers. Present the problem. Ask for the story in the text. Call for your community's status of the problem. Discuss the findings and what your church can do to meet the situation.

SESSION IV. Theme: Racial Relations, Chapters 5, 7, 11. Major on the race which predominates in your community.

Methods: Lecture. Give a summary of the treatment of the Indians by the white man, anti-Semitism in the United States, Negroes' handicaps.

Special Assignment:

1. Southern Baptists' efforts to win the Indian. See 1941 report of the Home Mission Board. Mark a map of the home mission territory with American flag-stickers to indicate Indian mission fields.
2. What are southern Baptists doing for the Jews? See 1941 report of the Home Mission Board. Work out a poster-idea using pictures of Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, Jewish refugees and statistics.
3. Southern Baptists and the Negro. See current report and *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, June, 1941.

Discuss:

1. What can I do in my community to match the missionary's Christian conduct which led to the conversion of Louisa Wolf?
2. What can Christians do to prevent the spread of anti-Semitism and anti-Americanism?
3. Can Christians practice or tolerate racial discrimination and remain Christian? What does the New Testament teach concerning racial differences?

SESSION V. Theme: What shall we do? Chapter 17

Methods: Hand out to each member little folders cut to represent a flag. Reproduces the colors of Christian flag on the front and of the United States flag on the back. Within write the pledges to the two flags.

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Training School

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BEGINNING a NEW CHAPTER

Dear Friends of the Training School:

On this beautiful July evening from the arcade of the new building I am constrained to write you a letter. There are times when one likes to chat with friends. For one thing I would like to share with you the cool breeze that sweeps in across the arcade, the beautiful covered passage-way that leads from the main building to the power-plant. Then I am sure you would enjoy with me the lovely trees, the grass that has carpeted beautifully the area near the building even though it got a very late start, the evening song of the birds, the chirping of the crickets, the lovely glow of the western sky, the beauty that is and the promise of all that is to be.

Moving was a new experience to me. I like new experiences; but, even so, I would not want to repeat some of them! Moving an ordinary household is one thing and moving an institution is quite another. Packing began immediately after the close of School and went steadily forward until June 10, when the actual moving began. Not just to prove we were not superstitious but because it worked out that way we transferred our personal things and took up residence in the new building on Friday, the thirteenth! The last article was removed from the old building at 334 East Broadway on June 17th and, in closing the door, we put a period to a phase of our life that already seems far removed from us in time and space. Oh, no, we cannot forget it! All that this School has accomplished is an outgrowth of the faith, hope, love and work of thirty-four years on the busy and beloved corner at Preston and Broadway.

It is not necessary to tell you how busy we have been. You who have moved can multiply your work many times and get some idea of what it means to get our School settled in a large building. The days do not have enough hours, the weeks enough days to enable us to do all the things that clamor for attention. But somehow we know they will all get done.

Many of you, I am sure, already know that the first big event to take place in the new building is the *Home-coming* for Training School alumnae, September 9-12. Preliminary news of this great occasion has already been sent out to every member of the Alumnae Association whose present address is on our files. Plans are going forward for an interesting program. Classes will meet again with beloved professors, chapel-services will be held, interested groups can gather for discussion, housework will be assigned, opportunities will be afforded for class reunions, old time favorites will be on the menu, a dinner-party and a reception may even lend spice to the days together. Cards will be mailed to alumnae on which they are to make their reservations. These must be in by September 1st so that adequate preparation can be made. Remind some "old girl", please!

Yours in His service

CARRIE U. LITTLEJOHN

Family Altar

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

Note: The references in italics are furnished by the "Committee on Improved Uniform Lessons of the International Sunday School Lessons". The references in heavy type are in keeping with the month's missionary topic and with the denomination's emphasis on soul-winning in 1941.

TOPIC: An Urgent Gospel Summons States . . . "to Enlarge . . . Lengthen . . . Strengthen"

God's Day

1st Day—Gen. 2:1-3; Rev. 1:9-20
2nd Day—Ex. 16:2-5, 23-30; Rev. 2:1-7
3rd Day—Ex. 20:8-11; Rev. 2:9-17
4th Day—Lev. 19:1-3; Rev. 2:18, 19
5th Day—Deut. 5:12-15; Rev. 3:1-6
6th Day—Mark 6:2; Rev. 3:7-13
7th Day—Mark 16:1-8; Rev. 3:14-22

God's House

8th Day—Ex. 25:1-9; Rev. 4:1-11
9th Day—Ex. 33:7-15; Isa. 6:1-6
10th Day—Ex. 39:32-43; Jer. 1:13-19
11th Day—Num. 1:48-54; Jer. 17:5-8
12th Day—1 Kings 8:1-32; Isa. 40:27-31
13th Day—1 Kings 8:33-66; Psa. 27:1-3
14th Day—Luke 24:53; Deut. 33:25-27

God's Children

15th Day—Isa. 64:8; Rev. 12:7-12
16th Day—1 John 5:1-5; Rev. 15:2-4
17th Day—Matt. 18:14; 1 John 5:1-5
18th Day—Luke 14:27; Phil. 4:10-13
19th Day—Luke 19:10; Rom. 7:22-8:2
20th Day—Jan. 1:17-22; Eph. 6:10-16
21st Day—II Thess. 2:15-17; Matt. 4:1-11

God's Son

22nd Day—Matt. 3:17; Rev. 21:1-7
23rd Day—John 1:18-28; Isa. 2:1-4
24th Day—John 1:29-39; Rev. 21:9-21
25th Day—John 2:13-25; Rev. 21:1-8
26th Day—John 14:1-11; Rev. 21:22-29
27th Day—John 14:12-24; Rev. 22:1-5
28th Day—John 14:25-31; Matt. 25:31-46
29th Day—John 15:1-17; Gen. 1:26-28
30th Day—John 17:1-10; Ex. 34:4-7

"Pray Ye"

Giving thanks that "the Lord God omnipotent reigneth".

Praise God that "He will not fail nor be discouraged till He has set justice in the earth".

Give thanks that "it is a joy to the righteous to do justice".

Pray for states observing their season of prayer for state missions: (1) that the programs will be impressively presented; (2) that the offerings will exceed the goals in the churches and the states; (3) that each W.M.U. leader will be "steadfast . . . always abounding in the work of the Lord".



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Calendar of Prayer September, 1941

Prepared by Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

THE gifts that to our breasts we fold
Are brightened by our losses.
The sweetest joys a heart can hold
Grow up between its crosses.

And on life's pathway many a mile
Is made more glad and cheery
Because, for just a little while,
The way seemed dark and dreary.

—Nixon Waterman

1—MONDAY

God's blessings on all who labor
The labor of the righteous tendeth to life.—Prov. 10:10

2—TUESDAY

†Miss Ruth Gordin, educational-evangelistic work, Rev. and Mrs. N. Garcia, evangelistic work, Havana, Cuba
Whatever He saith unto you, do it.—John 2:3

3—WEDNESDAY

Dr. and †Mrs. R. F. Ricketson, educational work, Shanghai, Misses ††Pearl Johnson and †Pearl Todd, educational-evangelistic work, Cheloo, China
I, thy Lord, have called thee in righteousness and will hold thy hand and keep thee.—Isa. 42:6

4—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. F. Becerra Jr., Weslaco, Tex., evangelistic work among Mexicans
We trust in the living God.—1 Tim. 4:10

5—FRIDAY

Rev. and †Mrs. A. J. Terry, educational-evangelistic work, ††Miss Edith West, evangelistic work, Victoria, Brazil
The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.—John 1:17

6—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. S. E. McAdory, Union, Miss. Rev. and †Mrs. A. Worthington, Pawnee, Okla., evangelistic work among Indians
Unto everyone of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.—Eph. 4:7

7—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Pruitt, Mrs. S. J. Townsend, emeritus missionaries from China
The Lord hath chosen you to stand before Him, to serve Him.—II Chron. 29:11

8—MONDAY

Dr. and †Mrs. R. E. Beddoe, Dr. W. L. Wallace, medical-evangelistic work, Wuchow, China
Mercy unto you and peace and love be multiplied.—Jude 2

9—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. O. Hill, evangelistic work among Spanish-Americans, Alamogordo, N. M.
Behold the Kingdom of God is within you.—Luke 17:21

10—WEDNESDAY

Woman's Missionary Union of North China
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.—Psa. 90:12

11—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Cooper, evangelistic work, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Show us Thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us Thy salvation.—Psa. 85:7

12—FRIDAY

Rev. and †Mrs. J. J. Cowsett, evangelistic work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, also Heleo and Esther Cowsett, Margaret Fund students
Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.—Matt. 5:3

Calendar of Prayer for September

13—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. Parker and Miss
Bonnie Jean Ray, evangelistic work,
Pingtu, China
Keep yourselves in the love of God.
—Jude 21

14—SUNDAY

That the Holy Spirit may guide students
entering colleges and universities
Fear God and give glory to Him.
—Rev. 14.7

15—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Fleytes, Madruga,
Rev. and Mrs. E. Pina, Colon, Cuba,
evangelistic work
Truly the light is sweet—Eccl 11:7

16—TUESDAY

Rev. C. F. Stapp, Campina Grande,
Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Sherwood, Campo
Grande, Brazil, evangelistic work
Because ye are sons, God hath sent forth
the Spirit of His Son into your hearts
—Gal 4:6

17—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. B. Contreras, Waelder,
Tex., evangelistic work among Mexicans
Let your speech be always with grace
—Col. 4:6

18—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Rankin, Miss
Annie Sandlin, evangelistic work, Shiao-
chow, China
Trust in Him at all times—Psa 62:8

19—FRIDAY

Woman's Missionary Union of Italy
Glory be to His Holy Name
—I Chron. 16:10

20—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Liffleton, Mrs. Rev.
C. W. Knight, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, educa-
tional-evangelistic work
When Thy judgments are in the earth
then the inhabitants will learn righteous-
ness—Isa. 26:9

21—SUNDAY

A debtless denomination by 1945
Owe no man anything, but to love one
another.—Rom. 13:8

22—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. V. Koon, Honolulu,
T. H., evangelistic work
The Lord will hear when I call.
—Psa. 4:3

23—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. T. Lewis, Uvalde, Tex.,
and Mrs. S. Lipares, Rosebud, Tex., evan-
gelistic work among Mexicans
He is the living God and steadfast for-
ever—Dan. 6:26

24—WEDNESDAY

Misses Lora Clement and Leonora Scarlett,
evangelistic work, Koonmoon, China
And who is he that will harm you, if you
be followers of that which is good?
—1 Pet. 3:13

25—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Martin, Hindman,
Ky., evangelistic work among mountain
people
I believe that Thou art the Christ, the
Son of God—John 11:27

26—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Christie, Rev. and
Mrs. W. E. Allen, educational-evangelis-
tic work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Many of them that heard the Word be-
lieved—Acts 4:4

27—SATURDAY

Misses Edyth Boyd, Florence Miller,
Miss Lila Watson, educational-evangelis-
tic work, Shanghai, China
Behold the eye of the Lord is upon them
that fear Him—Psa. 33:18

28—SUNDAY

Faithful preparation for the state mission
seasons of prayer
There is none other Name under Heaven
given among men whereby we must be
saved—Acts 4:12

29—MONDAY

Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Yocum, medical-
evangelistic work, Miss Pearl Caldwell,
evangelistic work, Pingtu, China
Now is come salvation and strength and
the Kingdom of our God, and the power
of His Christ—Rev. 12:10

30—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Ferrer, San Jose,
Rev. and Mrs. B. Molina, Potrerillo,
Cuba, evangelistic work
Let love of the brethren continue.
Heb 13:1

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Bible Study

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SOME PSALMS for TODAY

PSALM 65—Earth's Joy

H ELEN KELLER had a visit one day from a friend who had just walked through the woods. "What did you see?" asked Helen. "Oh, nothing special!" *Nothing special!* Miss Keller, thinking of what she might see in the woods, wrote a remarkable article entitled, "Three Days to See". What would she choose to see if for three days she could have her sight and then go back to blindness? The dear familiar things at home and that walk in the woods ("And I would pray for a beautiful sunset"); then the wonder of artificial light; next the history of the world in one day, through the museums of New York City; then the world today, watching people from a street-corner ("If they smiled, I'd be happy with them; if they looked sad, I'd feel sad too"); visiting factories, churches, schools, playgrounds and parks! A wonderful mind this shows. But three things she could not imagine clearly enough to desire—the starry sky, the mountains, the sea.

The author of our psalm too sees the world and mankind, and praises God for His dealings with both. He begins with worship and sets us an example of silence while waiting for the service to begin. Here is a bit of admonition written for a church bulletin:

"Keep silence, friend, for some have come
To cast their care on God today;
And some to praise from thankful hearts,
And some, 'Thy Kingdom come' to pray.
Keep silence; let Him speak anew
To every heart—perhaps to you!"

Our worshiper has brought his sacrifice, and now he offers prayer, rejoicing in the privilege, open to all men. "There can be no real prayer without first a certainty that every prayer is answered" (*Woodcock*). He seeks forgiveness, assured of this blessing too. Again his thoughts sweep round the world, not forgetting the sailors upon the sea, and the storms they endure (alas, there is a "tumult of the peoples" also); remembering too the farmers, who rejoice to see the year crowned with God's goodness. Clement, of the second century, wrote: "Praising we plow, and singing we sail".

Then—look east, look west!—"Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice". Yet we do not walk to the window to see a sunrise nor run out to find a rainbow! The poet comes back to the beauty and abundance of field and river and hills "girded with joy"; of pastures "clothed with flocks"; of valleys "covered over with grain"; "they shout for joy, they also sing". Surely not alone at the creation, but every day God sees everything that He has made, and behold it is very good.

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Circle⁺Program



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EXPLANATORY NOTE: It is the definite purpose of this department to suggest stimulating material for the circle programs and to increase the circulation of *The Commission** as published by the S.B.C. Foreign Mission Board and of *Southern Baptist Home Missionst* as published by the S.B.C. Home Mission Board. Each circle is therefore again urged to make available for its program participants these two monthly magazines as referred to in the following outline. (See also page 39 of 1941 W.M.U. Year Book and page 19 of this magazine.)

CIRCLE PROGRAM TOPIC:

Christ's Compassion Fails Not for
Chinese in America

Devotional Theme: The Sinful Woman—*Luke 7:36-50*

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

"Overcoming Handicaps" (See article by Rev. Rex Ray in September issue of *The Commission**.)

"When One Drinks Water" (See article by Rev. Shau Yan Lee in September issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missionst*.)

"Chinese Baptist Youth" (See article by Mr. J. W. Marshall in September issue of *The Commission**.)

"What Is a Christian? Asks Mary Woo" (See article by Rev. Lawrence Stanley in September issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missionst*.)

*Subscribe at 50c a year from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

†Subscribe at 25c a year from Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Business Women's Circles⁺

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AMONG the first early plans the Program Chairman should execute is the ordering of a sufficient supply of free leaflets on the Cooperative Program, the Every Member Canvass and possibly others on stewardship, from her state W.M.U. headquarters (address on page 2) for distribution to all W.M.S. members. Likewise there should be ordered from the same source two of the posters showing the division of the southwide Cooperative Program dollar, also one showing the seven causes included in same. The division of your church's dollar should also be known and should be secured from the church treasurer. Display as many pictures as available of institutions benefited by the Cooperative Program and also secretaries of the various boards etc. Follow the program outline as given on page 21, with possibly the following suggestions concerning presentation of the material supplied on pages 21-30:

Cooperation: The Program Chairman will find this a very fitting introduction that she may give herself.

The Cooperating Dollar: As a substitute for the plan suggested, have one of the posters showing the division of the southwide Cooperative Program dollar tacked on the wall slightly higher and back of a table on which are seven unlighted candles (use graduated sizes in order to give candelabra effect, a tall one in the middle and shorter ones on each side), these to represent the seven causes in the Cooperative Program. Run ribbon streamer from each division of poster to base of candle to be lighted as that particular cause is presented. Cut out one poster showing division of southwide Cooperative Program dollar and paste on cardboard to be held by the one representing the Cooperative Program dollar, who will also have a lighted candle and will light the others as she presents each of the seven causes.

A Fair Cooperation: Be sure to supply this speaker with information concerning your state's and your church's divisions of Cooperative Program dollar, so she can present definite facts rather than general information. Comparative figures placed on a blackboard will make them more impressive.

Every Southern Baptist Cooperating: This lends itself beautifully to dramatization by two members. Let the setting be the home of a church-member who is being visited by a church-solicitor during the Every Member Canvass.

Enlarge, Lengthen, Strengthen: A forceful speaker should present this challenge, thereby urging 100% loyalty in support of the Cooperative Program.

The Gift of Self: The Program Chairman will find this a fitting climax.

Program Plans

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I. Program Suggestions: Since the topic for the month is to enlarge, lengthen and strengthen the work of southern Baptists in the states, the program scene may be that of a medical clinic. The physicians and visiting laymen are investigating the anemic condition so prevalent in some of our Kingdom work and are discussing a remedy which will enable Christians to build up the work and answer the Lord's call "to enlarge . . . lengthen . . . strengthen". The scene may be simply constructed, having the participants grouped informally around a table and having charts, pictures and posters to lend a medical atmosphere. The physician in charge opens the discussion by stating the purpose and necessity of holding such a clinic, using "Enlarge, Lengthen, Strengthen" as his theme. The great needs should be stressed, but a note of thanksgiving should be included for what has already been accomplished through the Cooperative Program. In concluding, the first speaker may open the way for the second by asking: "In the face of such a challenge to enlarge, what is the best remedy for anemia in Kingdom work?" The second physician responds by presenting the best prescription, that of "Cooperation". He explains the plan of the Cooperative Program and its ability to step up the work in the church, state and entire southland. Wishing to prove that this proposed prescription of cooperation can do the work, he introduces the third physician to tell of a trial case, "The Cooperating Dollar". Then the presiding physician may state that, as is often the case, the patients do not take the doctor's orders and the proposed remedy is not effective. The fourth physician agrees and tells how "Fair Cooperation" is absolutely necessary in order to make the Cooperative Program effective throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. The visiting layman then asks how it is possible to administer the cooperation prescription so all will take part. The Every Member Canvasser is presented then, as the fifth doctor tells of "Every Southern Baptist Cooperating". The sixth speaker or the presiding physician may conclude the clinic with "The Gift of Self", showing that the real source of weakness in our work is the individual heart-condition. Cooperation with God is necessary before we can cooperate with each other. (Pages 27-30)

II. Poster and Invitation Suggestions: Individual invitations may be easily made on small cards (visiting cards may be bought at ten-cent stores), resembling prescription blanks, with the wording: "Free! Prescription for a larger, longer and stronger outreach to a stricken world. W.M.S. Meeting, (Date), (Place), (Time)". Also doctor's small satchels may be cut from construction-paper with the above wording or the following: "Hear experts discuss cure for anemia in Kingdom work. Free clinic at W.M.S. meeting, (Date), (Place), (Time)". An announcement-poster could carry an interesting arrangement of the following: "Vitamins C cooperative Giving, P-ayerful Working, S-elfless Living are necessary to enlarge, lengthen and strengthen our work: (make the colors and lettering such that the C, P and S will be seen as names of the vitamins.) Attend the clinic at W.M.S. meeting, (Date), (Place), (Time)". (Pictures may be found to illustrate each of the three vitamins, or a talented member may make sketches.)

Program Material

Mrs. C. D. Creamer, Tennessee

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

TOPIC for MONTH: An Urgent Gospel Summons States . . . "to Enlarge . . . Lengthen . . . Strengthen"

Hymn—Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Bible Study—Psalm 65—Earth's Joy (Page 17)

Prayer thanking God for all His blessings

Hymn—Praise Him, Praise Him

Cooperation

—The Cooperating Dollar

Prayer thanking God for all accomplished by Cooperative Program dollars

A Fair Cooperation

—Hymn—Trust Me, Try Me, Prove Me

Every Southern Baptist Cooperating

Enlarge, Lengthen, Strengthen

—The Gift of Self

Hymn—Take My Life and Let It Be

Prayer that we may, by the consecration of ourselves and all that we have, hasten the spread of the Gospel throughout the world

COOPERATION

COOPERATE is to operate together. In cooperation there is strength, power and success. To be cooperative is a great civilizing and achieving force in human character. It is this word, denoting power and success, that southern Baptists use in naming the financial plan for the support of their work. The Cooperative Program it is called, which means that it is the program by which southern Baptists operate together for the promotion of all the causes of the Southern Baptist Convention. These causes are seven in number, namely: Orphanages, Old Ministers' Relief and Annuity, Christian Education, Hospitals, State Missions, Home Missions and Foreign Missions.

It was for the purpose of operating together in the promotion of Kingdom work that the Southern Baptist Convention was organized almost one hundred years ago. Great has been the work and mighty the achievements because of the spirit of cooperation in this Convention. However, it was only a few years ago that the Convention reached its highest point in cooperation by adopting the plan of all southern Baptists and all southern Baptist institutions and missionary causes cooperating in one great denominational program. Before that, while every member of every church was supposed to give to every phase of work, the causes were presented separately, with so many distinct appeals that it was almost impossible for one individual to respond to them all.

In the Seventy-Five Million Campaign, for the first time all of the causes were combined with one appeal for gifts to be divided among all so that one person could, even with a small gift, have a part in all southern Baptist work. At the end of the five-year period of that campaign all agreed that it would never do to

go back to the old method of having every cause make a separate appeal to the people. So the Cooperative Program was adopted as a plan whereby southern Baptists could work together for the promotion of all Kingdom causes. The years have proved the economic and spiritual value of this plan and no one would go back to the old haphazard method of collecting funds.

The Cooperative Program helps us to see the whole task. There is a temptation with all of us "to see out of proportion and to stress unduly the particular phase of work in which we are interested". Some people become so interested in foreign missions that they fail to see the need of missions in the homeland. A college president may become so occupied with Christian education that he has a deaf ear to the Macedonian call of missions. To others the appeal of the orphan child seems more important than all other calls. But the Cooperative Program helps us to see all causes as one great task needing our interest and support. We see that the mission of all is missions and that by supporting all we are obeying the Great Commission. Moreover, those who know the proportionate needs of all causes better than any one individual can possibly know them decide for us a division of our funds by which all causes have a fair share.

The Cooperative Program helps us to work together and so to gain for our causes that high degree of strength and success which comes from cooperation. Dr. J. E. Dillard, director of promotion for the Southern Baptist Convention, says: "Our independence has been our glory and if abused will be our shame. The doctrine of cooperation is as Scriptural as the doctrine of baptism. Baptists go forward when they go together". Through the Cooperative Program all causes work together, all southern Baptists work together and as "laborers together with God" go forward in a great united effort for the spread of His Kingdom.



We often make the mistake of saying that we give to the Cooperative Program. We must remember that the Cooperative Program is not an end in itself but the means to an end, not a cause to be supported but the means of supporting all southern Baptist causes. We do not give to the program but *through* the program to the work of all our agencies. "It is based upon the assumption that every agency will give it full length cooperation; that every pastor will present it intelligently and sympathetically to his people; and that all our people will cooperate in all our work when they understand our work and our plan". Dr. Dillard says: "Our Cooperative Program is the best financial plan we have been able to devise. It is comprehensive: all our work is in it. It is fair: it provides for each agency in proportion to its relative needs. It is economical: it does away with the necessity of having many paid agents to represent our causes. It is sane: it enables the pastor to work out his own church program without interference from denominational representatives. It is glorious: it enables every contributor and every church to have a part in all the organized work of the denomination. It will succeed if given a fair chance".

The COOPERATING DOLLAR

(This is a monologue to be given by a woman holding in her hand a dollar bill and speaking as if the dollar were relating its own experiences. A further demonstration may be achieved by having women carrying placards, on which are printed the names of the seven causes of the Cooperative Program, enter as the work of these causes is described, forming a semicircle back of the woman holding the dollar.)

I AM a dollar given by a southern Baptist woman to the Cooperative Program. I am just one dollar but I travel thousands of miles, I touch the lives of millions of people and my influence will last for all time and all eternity. I feed the hungry, I heal the sick, I educate the young, I minister to the aged and I preach the Gospel to thousands of people of many races in many places. Yes, I am just one dollar, about the price of a good beefsteak or a pair of hose or a box of face-powder. So you are doubtless wondering why it is that I am able to accomplish so much. Let me explain that the secret of my success lies in the fact that I am a cooperating dollar, consecrated to the service of God. I am one of the millions of dollars that go together to make the Cooperative Program of southern Baptists whereby they support their benevolent and missionary causes. I work not in my own strength nor yet in the strength of my donor but with the power of Almighty God to accomplish His purpose in the world. Though I am material I become a spiritual power because I am dedicated to spiritual service. Let me tell you just how all this is done.

Some Baptist woman—it may have been you—dropped me in the collection basket of her own church, giving me for the Cooperative Program according to the financial plan of her church. The treasurer of the church sent me promptly to the executive secretary of the state. There I was divided according to the state plan—part of me being kept for Baptist causes within the state and part sent to Baptist causes outside the state. In some states more than half the Cooperative Program money is kept in the state. But I am glad to say that I was in a state that divides on the fifty-fifty basis.

The half of me that was kept in the state was further divided, making it possible for me to accomplish wonderful things within the state. I helped to take care of the children in the state Baptist orphanage. What a joy it was to know that I had a part in giving food, clothing, shelter and Christian training to a large group of little homeless children! At first I almost wished that I could be

used wholly for this cause but when I saw the needs and opportunities of other causes I was glad to be divided.

Yes, I was glad to help in the treatment of the patients in the Baptist hospital in my state. I am told that there are twenty Baptist hospitals in the states of the south and that last year these gave treatment to over a hundred thousand patients. Because of cooperative dollars like me, many of these received free treatment.

Then I supported the Baptist schools of my state and am told that in the sixty-seven schools of all southern Baptist states about twenty-seven thousand students were enrolled last year. I like to think about the Christian influence of this great host of young people as they go out into the world's work trained in Christian truth and prepared for Christian service.

I rejoice also because I helped support the great cause of state missions. That means that I promoted the Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood work in the state and was used to help small churches and to support missionary pastors and others who are working to win the lost within the state. This work in the state is especially important for it lies at the foundation of all southern Baptist work. As the churches in the state are organized and strengthened, with their members trained for service, the gifts to all denominational causes are increased and so is all the work enlarged and strengthened.

But I must tell you of the wonderful work done by the fifty per cent of me that goes to southwide causes. A small part of this also helps to heal the sick for there is one hospital in the south belonging to the Southern Baptist Convention. This is the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans where last year over 15,000 patients were treated.

A part of my southwide fund went also to Christian education, for the support of theological seminaries and training schools. These are: the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Woman's Missionary Union Training School at Louisville, Kentucky; the Southwestern Theological Seminary and Training School at Fort Worth, Texas; Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans; and the American Baptist Theological Seminary for Negroes at Nashville, Tennessee. In the support of these schools I have helped to train those who will go as preachers, missionaries and special workers to serve in many places of Kingdom promotion.

Again, a part of my southwide fund went to the work of the Relief and Annuity Board. In this I had the joyous privilege of sharing in southern Baptists' beneficent plan for the support of its aged ministers.

Then, twenty-three and one-third per cent of my southwide fund went to the great cause of home missions. I wish you could know of the many places to which I went in this work of winning the homeland for Christ—to Mexicans down on the Texas border; to the French in the beautiful Evangeline country of Louisiana; to other foreign groups in congested city quarters; to the Indians of both the civilized and blanket tribes; to Negroes to train them to reach their own people; to deaf mutes to give them the Gospel in a language they can understand; to Jews all over the southland as they are visited by home missionaries; to migrant camps, rehabilitation settlements, rescue missions and army camps—to the many places where southern Baptists through home missions are working to win to Christ the twenty-four million lost people in the south.

Fifty per cent of the part of me allotted to southwide objects goes to foreign missions. That means that I travel to fifteen different lands. I work in hospitals, in schools, in publishing plants, in churches, where—through healing, teach-

ing, through the printed Word and the preaching of the Gospel—I help to win thousands of these of many lands to Christ.

Surely I'm the most fortunate dollar in the world to be able to travel to so many places, to share in so much good work and to bless so many lives. Of course the credit of all I do goes to the one who made me a Cooperative Program dollar. She could have spent me for a dress, a good dinner, a piece of jewelry, a joy-ride or a thousand other things. Spent in such a way I would have lasted for only a short time. But by making me a Cooperative Program dollar, my donor had a part in the greatest work in all the world and through me her influence will last forever.

There are many Baptist dollars that want to be Cooperative Program dollars because they know that that is their rightful mission. But their owners have not acknowledged their stewardship responsibility to God and have not caught the vision of how through the gift of even one dollar they can have a part in God's work around the world. I wish that many more dollars could become Cooperative Program dollars, that they and their donors might share with me and my donor the joy of world-wide service.

A FAIR COOPERATION

FOR the maximum success of the Cooperative Program there must be an equitable division of funds all down the line. Fair cooperation is a necessary part of the Cooperative Program.

The individual must give fair cooperation by making an equitable division of his funds between himself and the Lord. God's Word leaves no doubt as to how this equitable division is to be made. The tithe belongs to the Lord and is to be brought into His storehouse. The writer of this program believes that no Christian is fair to the Lord and to His work unless one-tenth of his income goes into the treasury of the church to be divided between the local expenses of the church and the Cooperative Program according to the financial plan of the church. Southern Baptists gave last year only \$7.91 per member to the Lord's work. Of this only \$1.33 per member went to the causes of the Cooperative Program. The tithe of southern Baptists would be at least \$30 a year per member, so we see that thousands of individuals have not yet learned to give fair cooperation in this matter of giving.

The churches must give fair cooperation. One trouble with the Cooperative Program is that churches do not make an equitable division of their funds between local expenses and the Cooperative Program. Some churches use the single budget plan and designate a very small per cent for the Cooperative Program. Some churches take care of all local expenses; then, if anything is left, give it to the Cooperative Program. There are churches in the Southern Baptist Convention that spend more on their music than they give to all missionary and benevolent causes. There are churches which employ a large number of workers for their local situation and yet give hardly enough to the Cooperative Program to support one foreign missionary. Is this fair cooperation? We think not! Such an unequal division of funds develops a spirit of church-selfishness and church-pride which cannot promote spiritual growth.

The goal of every church should be a fifty-fifty division of funds: fifty cents of every dollar spent on the local work of the church and fifty cents given to the Lord's work beyond the church territory. Of course there are situations when a church cannot send so large a proportion of its income away but all churches should have this equal division of funds as their goal and should not be satisfied until they are giving as much to others as they spend on themselves.

The states must give fair cooperation. The money given by individuals goes to the church and that part which the church gives to the Cooperative Program goes to the state executive secretary where it is divided between state and southwide causes according to the plan of the state. Again an equitable division of funds should be made. Some states divide Cooperative Program money between state and southwide causes on the fifty-fifty basis. Other states feel that owing to peculiar conditions and pressing state needs they cannot observe that ratio. Certainly the ideal division is fifty per cent for state objects and fifty per cent for southwide objects and we believe that every state should try to reach this goal as soon as possible.

It must be remembered that an equitable division in the state becomes easier when an equitable division in churches brings more money into the Cooperative Program; and that the church's Cooperative Program offerings become larger when individuals make an equitable division of their funds between themselves and God. So the matter of equitable divisions goes back to the individual and his tithe. If every southern Baptist paid tithes and equitable divisions of Cooperative Program money were made in the church and in the state all southern Baptist missionary causes would be adequately supported, the Gospel would speed to save a world of lost people and God's Name would be glorified.

EVERY SOUTHERN BAPTIST COOPERATING

THE great need of southern Baptist work today is that every member of every church should participate in the support of the Cooperative Program. In the fact that we are only about one-third enlisted lies the great weakness of our denomination. We have evangelized faster than we have utilized. We have won to church-membership more efficiently than we have won to service. If all southern Baptists were enlisted as about one-third of them are how great would be the increase in all denominational work!

A method of trying to enlist all members in giving is the Every Member Canvass. In churches using this plan, once a year an effort is made to get every member to sign a card indicating that he or she will give each week during the year to local church expenses and to the Cooperative Program. Some churches use the double budget plan, whereby each member has the privilege of dividing his or her own gifts, saying just how much should go to church expenses and how much to the Cooperative Program. Other churches use the single budget plan, all money going into one budget and divided between church-expense and the Cooperative Program according to a proportion agreed upon by the church. The dangers to missions in the single budget are that the percentage given to the Cooperative Program be too small and that if collections are smaller than the planned budget or if special local need arises some of the Cooperative Program money be diverted from its purpose and spent for local work. Whatever the plan used, care should be taken that the Cooperative Program gets a fair deal.

Preparation—For the successful Every Member Canvass there must be adequate preparation. The plan must be explained to the congregation from time to time that all may understand it. The people should be informed as to how their money is to be spent. They should know the church's financial plan, how the local expense money is spent and what causes are supported by the Cooperative Program. Each of the seven causes of the program should be presented in an appealing way. Stewardship and tithing should be taught through programs, study classes and from the pulpit. Many members in every church do not attend the services but these should not be left out of the preparation for the Every Member Canvass. They should be visited, not just once to ask for the signing of a pledge but repeatedly to form friendly contacts and to inform about

the support of the Lord's work. Often such visiting not only wins extra giving but increases church-attendance. Of course much prayer must enter into this preparation because the Every Member Canvass is a spiritual service and must have the guidance of the Holy Spirit if it is a real success.

Completion—An Every Member Canvass is not a complete success unless every member is reached. "Every Member Making a Pledge" should be the goal of the canvass in every church. Even the children who are members of the church should be expected to make a pledge. A father makes a mistake when he signs a pledge for the whole family. Such a policy will never develop the grace of giving in our young people. Another mistake is sometimes made in leaving out people who are considered too poor to give. Once a poor widow, who was left out of the Every Member Canvass of her church, approached the committee asking for a pledge-card. When told that she was not expected to make a gift because of her poverty she exclaimed, "Would you rob me of the joy of having a part in my Lord's work?" Surely no man, woman or child should be robbed of this, one of the greatest Christian joys.



Tithing—The Every Member Canvass furnishes a splendid opportunity for winning tithers. It should be the aim that every church-member not only make a pledge but promise to pay to the Lord's work as much as one-tenth of his or her income. Each one should be made to feel that he cannot meet his financial obligation to God with less than a tithe. Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store as he may prosper". Malachi said, "Bring ye the whole tithe into the storehouse". The writer of this program believes that the whole tithe brought to the storehouse on the first day of the week by every church member is the Lord's plan for the financing of His Kingdom and that the nearer a church comes to reaching this ideal the more blessed and far-reaching will be the influence of that church.



W.M.U. Participation—How can we, as members of Woman's Missionary Union, help with the Every Member Canvass? Certainly we can help with the work of preparation. Through our programs and through mission study we can teach stewardship. We can plan a campaign of visitation with the purpose of preparing especially the women and the young people for the canvass. We can remember this important church-effort in our daily prayers. Then of course every member of the W.M.U. who is a church-member is expected to make a pledge and the writer of this program feels that that pledge should be as much as the tithe.

The Every Member Canvass furnishes splendid opportunity for the church to become "outstanding" according to the W.M.U. interpretation of an "outstanding church". This means that a gift for missions must be obtained from every resident woman member of the church. If every resident woman could be induced to pledge and pay to the Cooperative Program of course this goal would be reached. The W.M.U. should try in the Every Member Canvass to get a pledge from every woman member of the church. If this is not accomplished, the names of women not pledging should be obtained after the canvass is over and a systematic effort should be made to solicit from each at least one gift for missions during the year. Such an effort, repeated year after year, will doubtless win most of the women as regular contributors to the Cooperative Program.

ENLARGE, LENGTHEN, STRENGTHEN

"**E**NLARGE the place of thy tent . . . lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes". In this verse we find three words which may be used to describe the needs of southern Baptist work today. First we need to *enlarge*. In every field of activity there is need for enlargement. Where is the church that does not need a new building or a new organ, more room or more equipment—something which will enlarge and make more effective its work? Certainly every cause of the Cooperative Program needs enlargement. Our schools are crying for more buildings and larger endowment. Our hospitals need more room for more patients and funds for more free work. Every orphanage could care for more children if it had more money for more buildings and more maintenance. More funds in the hands of the Relief and Annuity Board would mean better support of our aged ministers. While world conditions have closed missionary doors for us in some foreign lands, in others the doors of opportunity are wide open and enlargement greatly needed. Not only is there need to enlarge the work of all of our stations in Nigeria but we are told that "the work in Nigeria has overflowed into the neighboring colonies and, to take care of this natural expansion, we should dispatch at the earliest possible moment 20 or 30 persons". The Latin American countries also present a great challenge to southern Baptists; scores of new missionaries are needed to meet the opportunity. And on every state and home mission field is such need for enlargement that we feel that we are barely touching our opportunities. More missionaries, more buildings, more literature, more stations opened are some of the urgent needs demanding enlargement.

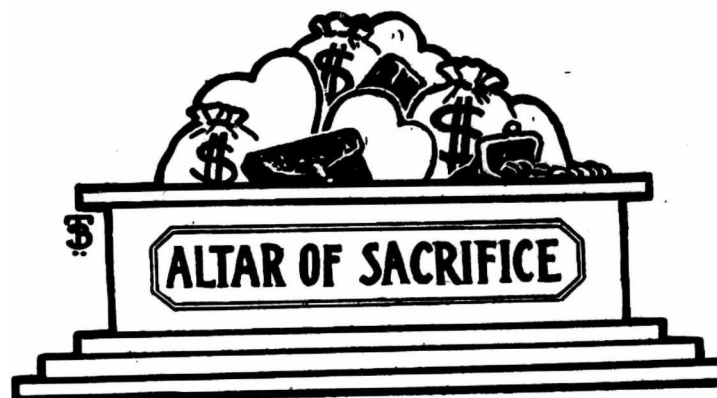
Because of this need for enlargement we must lengthen and strengthen our work by more generous support of the Cooperative Program. The more we give to our causes through the Cooperative Program the stronger will be our work, the longer will be its reach and the larger will be its influence.

Last year southern Baptists gave to all missionary causes through the Cooperative Program and special offerings \$6,787,626. How pitifully small is that sum in the face of the world's dire need of the Gospel! By a more generous sup-

port of the Cooperative Program we can enlarge every department of our work. Then what a disgrace it is that we do not do it!

Never has there been more urgent need for speeding the Gospel to a lost world. Therefore, oh southern Baptists,

*Enlarge the tents of thy spiritual habitation,
Lengthen the cords of thy zealous evangelization,
Strengthen the stakes of thy denominational cooperation!*



The GIFT of SELF

"**F**IRST they gave their own selves to the Lord". The gift of self is the basis of stewardship. If southern Baptists would follow the example of the Macedonian Christians and first give their own selves to the Lord there would be no trouble about enlarged gifts to the Cooperative Program.

We have only to examine our own hearts to realize how few of us have given ourselves wholly, unselfishly to the Lord. We give to Him only our spare time, our spare cash, our spare talents, our divided loyalties.

*"We live for ourselves, we think for ourselves,
For ourselves and for none beside;
Just as if Jesus had never lived,
As if He had never died".*

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift". Because of this unspeakable gift of God in Christ Jesus we ought to give ourselves, with all that we are and all that we have, to His service. With the gift of self on the altar, gifts of substance will pour into the Cooperative Program in large measure.

*Missions waits on the Cooperative Program,
The Cooperative Program waits on stewardship,
Stewardship waits on personal consecration,
Personal consecration waits on me.*

"Stir me, oh, stir me Lord, I care not how
But stir my heart in passion for the world.
Stir me to give, to go—but most to pray;
Stir, till the blood-red Banner be unfurled
O'er lands that still in deepest darkness lie,
O'er lands where no Cross is lifted high.

"Stir me, oh! stir me, Lord; Thy heart was stirred
By love's intensest fires, till Thou didst give
Thine only Son, Thy best loved One,
Even to the dreadful Cross that I might live.
Stir me to give myself so back to Thee
That Thou can'st give Thyself again through me!"

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. What is the Cooperative Program?
2. Mention the seven causes of the Cooperative Program.
3. Discuss the value of the Cooperative Program.
4. Tell how Cooperative Program money is spent.
5. Discuss the importance of equitable division of funds by the individuals, the churches and the states.
6. Discuss the importance of the Every Member Canvass as an enlistment agency.
7. What preparation should be made for the Every Member Canvass?
8. Discuss the importance of completing the Every Member Canvass.
9. Discuss the Every Member Canvass as an opportunity for winning new tithers.
10. How may the W.M.U. aid in the Every Member Canvass?
11. Tell of the importance of enlarging our denominational work.
12. Discuss the importance of first giving ourselves to the Lord.



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
The Commission	—Southern Baptist Home Missions
State Denominational Papers	
The Quarterly Review	Dr. E. P. Alldredge
Last Financial Report of Southern Baptist Executive Committee	
We Southern Baptists	Dr. J. E. Dillard
Bible Stewardship	Dr. J. E. Dillard

Our Young People

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

READY for FALL ACTIVITIES

WITH all the fine inspiration from camps and assemblies filling our hearts and with the promise of cool, crisp days ahead, one should plan vigorously for the many autumn activities. As September brings our young people back from vacation, it brings a sense of "starting anew" and gives an urge to increase the efficiency of our program. W.M.U. young people's directors (third vice-presidents) and counselors should take advantage of such a spirit and inject new ideas and plans into the opportunities which the fall months offer. The following should be concluded in your fall program.

1. *Counselors' Correspondence Course.* New stress should be placed on the study of the correspondence course by every counselor and young people's director. The opportunity should be given each one who may become a counselor in 1942 to begin her work with a full knowledge of her particular organization. Every local young people's director should lead the counselors to take the course and have the W.M.S. secure it from 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham, Alabama. Associational or city-wide classes may be planned as an exceptionally fine project. See page 73 in the 1941 W.M.U. Year Book.

2. *State Mission Season of Prayer* is always in the thinking of wide-awake counselors in connection with fall. During the summer the young people have been reminded of and prepared for its observance, but now is the time to make plans for the program which has been sent you from the state office. Much prayer and thought and study

should be made so that your State Mission Season of Prayer will be observed in an acceptable way.

3. *Y.W.A. Councils* are always helpful features. It is worthwhile to bring together groups of girls from an association, division or even from all over the whole state for study and fellowship. Such gatherings help Y.W.A.'s enter into the work with zeal. Each Y.W.A. counselor should urge her young women to attend when such opportunities are offered. See leaflet free from state W.M.U. headquarters, "Together in Y.W.A."

4. *R. A. Focus Week* should receive attention because it is not too early to make plans with your boys for a real observance during the week of November 9-14. The young people's director should help the counselor to plan activities which will make the whole church aware of your Royal Ambassador Chapter and will create an interest in the organization among unenlisted boys. Watch *World Comrades* for suggested plans and work out your own program according to your needs.

5. *A Church Night of Stewardship* planned for early fall will culminate the whole stewardship teaching program of the year. It is also a fine program to have for a Sunday evening prior to the Every Member Canvass in your church. The stewardship chairman of the W.M.S. working with the young people's director and counselors should plan the program, using the stewardship material which the young people have studied during the year. The free leaflet, "Plans for Education of Our Young People concerning Stewardship" (Concluded on Page 33)

College Y.W.A.

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

BACK to COLLEGE

SEPTEMBER again and college campuses humming with activity! This means a great exodus of young people from the home church to the church in the college community. How important it is that both churches be conscious of their young women!

Dr. George W. McDaniel once said, "To influence for the Kingdom in the most critical period of life is an important and difficult denominational duty". Miss Juliette Mather urges us to "weave a bridge of missionary fostering that will reach from home church to college church, from home Y.W.A. to Ann Haseltine Y.W.A., so invitingly that not one young woman shall be lost from W.M.U. missionary education in the change".

Without an organization that is specifically missionary students become blinded to or acquire warped conceptions of world-needs and Christ's commission. They find themselves being rushed by this group and that, with heavy demands upon time and strength; and, being away from the steadying influences of home, many discover it easy to forget Christian loyalties.

Immediate and personal contact with individual students upon their arrival at college makes a lasting impression and helps to insure a continuation of church activities and Kingdom interests. Something planned for the first few days—when there is an "aching void", when one's friends at home are sorely missed and new friendships have not yet been formed—will have greater value than more strenuous effort later. Flowers sent to accompany the welcome-card in each room, a drive with several girls from the local Y.W.A. or returning col-

lege Y.W.A.'s, an invitation to Sunday dinner with other young people, a tea given by the W.M.S., "fireside chats"—in these and other ways the W.M.S. can foster the College Y.W.A.

College young people need a sense of security. One young woman thanking the W.M.S. in her college town for courtesies said: "We college people try to act terribly sophisticated and independent, but it is so good to feel sheltered and loved". Girls away from home miss having parents to run to for advice, miss having an ice-box to "raid" when they are hungry after studying, miss the little touches which dormitory life cannot provide, but which some loving, understanding "college mother" can. What girl would not welcome an invitation to bring along several of her friends for a waffle-supper at the home of a bright, cheery W.M.S. member? What Christian woman would not rejoice in the opportunity afforded by such an occasion to discuss subjects of vital interest to students, such as missions, world-problems, personal problems?

There is much also that the home W.M.S. can do to insure immediate and willing transfer of church loyalties to the college community. The pastor or the W.M.S. president will want to send the names of all college students to the pastor in the college church. Perhaps in September before the students leave, the W.M.S. will have a special service emphasizing keen interest in their going and commending to them the church in the college community. Many churches or missionary societies give farewell parties or picnics honoring those leaving for school.

It is a fine thing to keep in touch

with students by writing cards or letters expressing interest in them and encouraging them to be good representatives of their church while they are away. Some mail the weekly church bulletin to each student away from home. With the home church and the college church working together, it will be easy to maintain a warm, friendly contact during the college years that will be the means of helping students find their places of missionary service after graduation.—Mrs. J. Raymond Nelson, District of Columbia

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE (Concluded from Page 31)

of Possessions", contains a suggested outline for the service. Be sure you have all the free stewardship material to use. It is distributed through your state office.

Pray, plan and prepare that the coming months may be used wisely and well to train our young people to work and witness for Christ.—Miss Elsie Renfro, Young People's Secretary for Florida W.M.U.

BIBLE STUDY (Concluded from Page 17)

And He is "the confidence of all the ends of the earth, the God of our salvation" (v. 5). For even in this hymn of joy there is a note of fear. Whatever "terrible things" may still be coming upon the world, we can pray that His righteousness will prevail.

For STUDYING the BOOK (Concluded from Page 12)

Lecture, Pages 127-134. On the blackboard write this sentence: What does life today demand of us? Seek expressions from the class. List the members' suggestions. A group of Christian women could hardly miss the major points presented by the author in the concluding pages.

Call for the salute to the flags, to be led by two members, one dressed in red and the other in white, carrying the United States and Christian flags. Follow this ceremony with the singing of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee".

(See also book review on page 11.)

W.M.U. BIBLE STUDY TOPICS for 1942

Lessons from Providence

- January—The Training of Moses—*Ex. 2:10; Acts 7:22*
- February—Joseph and His Brethren—*Gen. 37:28; 41:38-41; Acts 7:9, 10*
- March—Two Visions—*Acts 10:1-20*
- April—In Training for the King—*Don. 1:8-20*
- May—Queen Esther—*Book of Esther*
- June—Beauty for Ashes—*Book of Ruth*
- July—Providence Misunderstood—*Gen. 42:36*
- August—The Second Temple—*Ezra 6:1-16*
- September—The Covenant at Sinai—*Ex. 24:1-11*
- October—Into Jail and Out—*Acts 16:16-40*
- November—The Wall of Jerusalem—*Neh. 2:1-5, 11-20*
- December—The World into Which Jesus Came—*Luke 2:1-21*

Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

Dr. Rushbrooke, president of the Baptist World Alliance, pleads that we shall not permit the pressure of war-time thoughts to crowd from our minds our fellow Baptists the world around and that we resist the temptation to give way to hatred and revenge. Says he, "All who believe in Christ are one". Not even war can set aside that divine fact.



From recent statistics we learn there is a total Baptist membership in Europe of 657,337; in Asia, 572,030; in Africa, 157,634; in North America, 11,160,564; in Central America and the West Indies, 76,124; in South America, 67,345; in Australia and New Zealand, 40,774. This gives a total of 12,731,808 people in the world who are called Baptists.



Baptists of the Northern Convention for the fiscal year recently closed had three financial objectives—the Unified Budget with a goal of \$2,500,000; the 70th Anniversary Campaign of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society for \$70,000; and the World Relief Appeal—all of which were achieved. According to Dr. Earl F. Adams this was the first time in the Convention's history that the full amount of the Unified Budget had been raised.



The Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, in what is known as a Forward Movement to raise \$5,000,000 to promote evangelism and provide churches in every needy district, has oversubscribed that amount by \$45,000. — According to a London paper an English mission board is now providing the salary of a German missionary in east Africa, of a French missionary in Madagascar and a Finnish missionary in India, while a German mission in Toyoland is supported by a Scotch board and directed by an American missionary.



In a four months' campaign the Episcopalians of America have raised more than their goal of \$300,000 for the Church of England missionary work, a large part having already been sent to England.



Lord Halifax, the present British ambassador to the United States, is quoted as having said: "The support of foreign missionary work in time of war is an essential part of the church's witness. I should much regret if the responsibility which Christian people rightly feel toward the special needs and charities that press upon us in war-time should lead them to desert this permanent and universal Christian obligation".



As this is being written the International Congress on Christian Education is due to be in session, July 16-20, in Mexico City. It is felt that this will be a jubilee year for the evangelical churches of Mexico notwithstanding the fact that evangelical Christians are wondering what will be the outcome of having for the first time in the revolutionary period an avowed Roman Catholic in the presidential chair. Certainly never before in their history of almost three quarters of a century will there have been seen on Mexican soil such outstanding personalities of international evangelical Christianity as those who were expected to gather for this assembly.



Enlarge . . . lengthen . . . strengthen—Twelve new languages, in which the Scriptures had not previously been published, were added to the list last year, bringing the total number of languages in which some part of the Bible has been translated to 1,057. — The Zuni Indians in New Mexico received the Scriptures in their own tongue. — Large numbers of Bibles in German have been sent by the American Bible Society for use by German prisoners held in Canada. — The sale of Bibles in Germany has risen from 830,000 copies in 1930 to 1,500,000 in 1940. — The American Bible Society upon request recently shipped 4000 English New Testaments to a camp for British prisoners in Germany. — The Gideons are planning to give 4,000,000 New Testaments and Psalms to the United States military and naval forces. — There were 546 Daily Vacation Bible Schools in the Philippine Islands last year with 21,580 pupils.

So shall My Word be that goeth forth. . . . It shall not return unto Me void. . . . It shall accomplish that which I please. . . . It shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.—Isaiah 55:11

W.M.U. MISSIONARY PROGRAM TOPICS for 1942

THY WILL BE DONE on EARTH

That "Thy will be done on earth . . . Think on these things".

(*Largeness of Christian Ethics*)

January—Think on these things: "Whatsoever things are *true*".

Jesus is the way, the *truth* and the life (Jno. 14:6). Our relation to this truth; our obligation to share this truth to correct us, this grace to refine us, this love to uplift us. Illustrations from mission fields. (Include responsibility of women to relate this truth to young people.)

February—Think on these things: "Whatsoever things are *honest*".

To think honestly, be honest, need to be honest with the Lord's money. Elements of good stewardship. Individual honesty, denominational honesty. Pay debts—Hundred Thousand Club and other debt-paying plans. (Include young people and responsibility of women to train them in stewardship.)

March—Think on these things: "Whatsoever things are *just*".

Justice toward minority races in America—understanding backgrounds, appreciation of cultures. Recognition of contributions. Exhibiting spirit of love, overcoming and helping to break down our prejudices and their prejudices. Think justly, act justly.

April—Think on these things: "Whatsoever things are *pure*".

Moral standards: Magnify Christ in our lives by the thoughts of our hearts, by the words of our lips, by the works of our hands. Total abstinence. The right kind of good times (camps, house-parties). Clean literature. Social responsibility to young people

May—Think on these things: "Whatsoever things are *lovely*".

Importance of missionary training of youth. Cite examples of missionary impressions made in young people's organizations. Grace McBride Y.W.A. Lovely youth. Lovely that Christ uses youth. Letters from young people on foreign fields in missionary organizations

June—Think on these things: "Whatsoever things are of *good report*".

Report of Christian graces. Appreciation of Christian development in the life of women. Illustrations from Africa or orient. Margaret Fund

July—Think on these things: Whatsoever things are of *virtue*.

Obedience. Fidelity to His commands. Evidence of the continuity of His purpose of grace which embraces all the things He does for man as shown by examples from Latin America

August—Think on these things: Whatsoever things are of *praise*.

W.M.U. Training School. How through the new building more students can go out to talk of His marvelous works, make known among the peoples His doings, thus praising Him

September—Think on these things: Whatsoever things *learned in His Word*.

Prayer. Faith. Power of His Spirit. Need of winning those about us. Cities, rural sections

October—Think on these things: Whatsoever things *heard through His disciples*.

Courage. Perseverence. Christian heroism illustrated on mission fields

November—Think on these things: Whatsoever things *seen in His work*.

The potentialities and achievements through the Cooperative Program

December—These things *do*. What can we do?

Prize every fragment of human worth, claiming it for God. Make God's will supreme in our own lives. Help others God's will to know, God's will to do, God's will to love

