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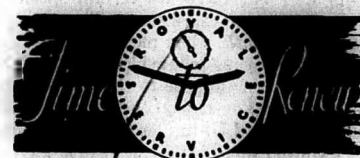
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Editorial

ENLISTMENT AIDS

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

LOVE of country is a compelling emotion. It engenders marked devotion in the hearts of freedom-loving people in a land where human rights are held sacred. It is an enduring undercurrent in such hearts; yet there are certain commemorative days when patriotism wells up in the human soul and seeks expression of its loyal devotion. Such occasions serve to deepen love of country and quicken in other hearts an appreciation of the enduring things which are the foundation of this holy emotion.

Even so in every day of every month members of Woman's Missionary Union seek to impart to others the love of Christian missions which is the very wellspring of its life; but there are certain specific seasons when the sharing spirit finds more pronounced expression. The month of *October* has long been designated as *enlistment month*, when members seek diligently to draw other women and young people into joyous fellowship as *laborers together with God* in His missionary enterprise. Your purpose to thus enlist others in interest and service is sincere and earnest. Do you make constant and intelligent use of the many aids to this good end which W.M.U. has so carefully planned and so skillfully executed?

Magazines! Do you realize that *Royal Service* is believed to have the largest paid-up subscription list of any missionary publication by women in the world? Do you take advantage of its wealth of information and inspiration? How often do you turn its pages one by one to discover the wide scope of its printed matter? Do you carefully read each page, allowing it to broaden your interests and deepen your spirit? Do you then share its rich treasures with another whom you wish to enlist until she too becomes a subscriber and diligent reader? Similarly *World Comrades* will appeal to and win boys and girls, while *The Window of Y.W.A.* will open to young women wide vistas of world-vision. *The Commission* and *Southern Baptist Home Missions* help you to be an up-to-the-minute southern Baptist. Just so they will help others. Study how to use these splendid missionary magazines as an aid in enlistment.

Programs! Your society in its monthly meetings, your circle in its more frequent meetings each holds the key to enlistment in the matter and form of its respective programs. There is no more potent influence to quicken zeal in an indifferent person than an interesting program attractively presented. There is no lack of interesting material and the magazines suggest arresting methods for its presentation. Whether for women or young people there is no legitimate excuse for dead, drab programs. How much does it really mean to you to win that indifferent person? Your society and circle programs, your methods of presenting the Weeks of Prayer programs are a most vital aid to enlistment if they are consistently well done.

Literature! Have you made the effort to discover the free literature that may be secured from your state W.M.U. headquarters? Do you know about the wealth of priced literature on every phase of the comprehensive W.M.U. program that is available from 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham, Alabama?

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Margaret Fund

ELIZABETH LOWNDES SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

A GAIN this highly prized scholarship has been won by a young man who spent his boyhood in Rio de Janeiro, his parents being S.B.C. missionaries to Brazil. He is John W. Shepard Jr., whose parents are Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Shepard of New Orleans. As Miss Rena Groover, Mrs. Shepard was one of the "Big Four" who studied at the Training School in Louisville before it became the property of Woman's Missionary Union. Dr. and Mrs. Shepard did educational-evangelistic work in Rio de Janeiro for over twenty years. Dr. Shepard now teaching at Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans.

John will be a senior this scholastic year at Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss. At this well-known Baptist college he led the junior class last year with a 2.81 average in 96 hours—a special distinction indeed. He made grade A in 78 hours, B in 18. Also last year he was associate editor of the college newspaper, was secretary of the International Relations Club, was vice-president of the Philocean Literary Society and was president of the Nelson B.T.U. For the past three years he has been a member of the College Glee Club; for two years he has been on the B.S.U. Council of the college; he is also a member of the school's tennis team and of its debating team.

Concerning this exceptionally popular, decidedly versatile and remarkably studious young Christian, it is pleasing to quote from the Mississippi Margaret Fund chairman, Mrs. D. M. Nelson of Clinton:

"This year John will serve as student-fellow in English, although his major is social science. He will edit the college annual; will serve as president both of the International Relations Club and of the literary society from which the debating teams are chosen. He will also serve as associate superintendent of Sunday school. After graduate study in the field of Pan-American relations, he plans to enter the consular service. With his knowledge of the language of Brazil, his background, his education and his real concern to be of service in this field I be-

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Evangelist⁺ Crusade

A SOUL-WINNING HOME

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

THE Christian home is the most effective soul-winning institution that we have today. Let us consider certain homes.

The Soong Home—Have you not been profoundly impressed with what the Christian home of Charlie Soong and his remarkable Christian wife have done for China and the world? The oldest daughter, Eling, became the wife of Dr. Kung, an influential Christian educator, financier and government cabinet-member. Chingling became the wife of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, first president of the Chinese republic. Mayling is the wife of Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek, the most influential woman in the orient today. Their brother, T. V. Soong, is a Christian statesman and financier of international influence. Thank God that a New York sea-captain and a North Carolina preacher led Charlie Soong to Christ and that the Soongs established a Christian home!

The Macdonald Home—Have you heard of the Macdonald home in England? The father was an humble Methodist preacher, the mother a devout Christian woman. Five daughters were reared around the family altar and in the family pew. One married the famous artist, Sir Edward Burne-Jones, and became Lady Burne-Jones. Another married Sir Edward Poynter, president of the Royal Academy, and became the mother of the Canadian steel magnate. A third married Alfred Baldwin, chairman of the Great Western Railway of England and member of Parliament, and became the mother of Stanley Baldwin who was twice prime minister of England. A fourth married J. L. Kipling and became mother of the poet, Rudyard Kipling. Thank God for that Christian home!

Great Southern Baptist Homes—Almost every southern state has had great Baptist homes like the Jenkins and Buckners of Texas, the Lowreys of Mississippi, the Callaways of Georgia and the Broaduses of Virginia. Our future is not dark as long as babies are born in Christian homes. That automobile firm was wrong when they advertised their car as "The greatest things on wheels". A baby buggy is the greatest thing on wheels, if it is rolled by a Christian mother and a Godly father.

In 1809 the world was breathlessly waiting news about Napoleon who was conquering Europe as Hitler is today. The world seemed doomed. People were in despair. But Felix Mendelssohn, Alfred Tennyson, William E. Gladstone, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Charles Darwin and Abraham Lincoln, all were born that year. The world is not doomed today, Hitler notwithstanding, if the 2,350,000 babies born in the United States in 1940 will be reared in Christian homes!

Soul-Winners at Home—The Christian home is our greatest soul-winning institution. Mothers are our most potential soul-winners. For many years in revival meetings I have asked congregations to show by hand who led them to Christ—whether school teacher, deacon, pastor, friend, visiting evangelist, Sunday school teacher, grandparent, sister, brother, father or mother. With no exception the mothers have received the largest number of votes. In all cases the immediate family has constituted the large majority.

Stewardship⁺ Suggestions

Seethwide Stewardship Chairman, W.M.U. Promoter for a Debtless Denomination:
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GARMENT-GIVERS

A very great multitude spread their garments in the way (*Mat. 21:8a*).

SHE was one of those speakers who has the rare ability of portraying a scene so vividly that it becomes an actual moving picture before the minds' eyes of their hearers. To her class of young girls this Sunday school teacher was depicting the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. They saw the mixed multitudes, the waving palm-branches, the matchlessly beautiful face of the Christ whose breaking heart gave no sign save the sad, far-away look in His eyes. Now she was calling their attention to "the very great multitude" of men and women along the line of march who were taking off their garments and spreading them in the way—a thing often done in that day to honor some onridding conqueror-king. Here the enthusiasm of one of her rapt listeners broke bounds—"Oh, I wish I had been there; I would have been so glad to have spread my best cloak in His way!"

Lovingly did the teacher look into the eyes of this youthful enthusiast. Then she said ever so gently: "Beth, that is exactly what I used to say but I have come to doubt my sincerity. I have had so many opportunities to do that very thing and so very few times have I done so".

Of course there was a puzzled look on every face and she went on to explain. "Of course, we can never put our garments down in the dust or mud for Christ to ride over; but there is a very much better way in which we can give our garments to prepare the way for the King. Let me give you this illustration:

"This story came from one of our mission schools on the foreign field. The missionary teacher was on her knees, pleading with God to send her twenty-five dollars so that she would not have to turn away the girl who had come that morning begging to be taken in. Now six weeks before this prayer was uttered God was preparing the answer. Over here at home a young woman had already selected for the fall a new suit, the price of which was twenty-five dollars. But there came into her heart a sudden but strong impulse to do without that new suit and send the money to that friend of hers teaching in that far-away mission school. And so it happened that even as the missionary arose from her knees there was a knock on her door. The mail from home was handed her and the first letter she opened contained the check for twenty-five dollars. That new girl was won to Christ that year and in turn became a great soul-winner".

Then the teacher's face grew pensive and she added: "So many times there has come into my heart the impulse to do without the new dress or the new coat in order to give to some Kingdom cause for which an earnest plea was being made. But sorrowfully I must admit that my selfish self usually out-argued the love-impulse in my heart. So I bought the new garment, wore it a season or two and then—well, sooner or later they all went to earth's rubbish heap. But I could have exchanged some of them for treasures that wax not old, eternal in the Heavens. We must choose whether or not we will spread some of our garments in His way or keep them all for ourselves".

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Mission Study

Southwide Chairman: Mrs. Una R. Lawrence, Mo.

IS A MILLION TOO MUCH?

WELL, if it were an appropriation for a battle-ship or a munitions-plant or an army-camp, it would be just a beginning! Or if it were the casualty report from a great battle-front in Europe or Asia, it would be read by most of us with little more than a flicker of interest, so accustomed have we become to the thought of death and destruction in terms of millions.

But I am talking about a million women—and that is a lot of women! More than that, they are studying—which makes the figure even more impressive. And most impressive of all, they are studying missions! A million southern Baptist women studying missions, definitely, vitally, intensively by the year 1945! Is that a wild dream?

It would mean enlistment of women and young people in definite mission study such as we have never known before. It would mean the mighty spiritual powers of Christian hearts and consecrated lives mobilizing in city and country, in great thronging churches and little lively ones—Women's Missionary Societies and R.A. Chapters, Auxiliary girls and little Sunbeams, saying with irresistible force:

"We will support the missionary enterprise with our prayers, our money, our lives—and our intelligence. We will prepare to make the world over one glad day, after the way Jesus gave—with love the conquering force, the Golden Rule our method, the Sermon on the Mount our pattern of life. We believe the Kingdom of God is the solution of all the problems for all the peoples of the world and that the story of the atonement through Jesus Christ is the rightful heritage of every soul in even the remotest uttermost part".

Southern Woman's Missionary Union has said, "A million dollars paid by the W.M.U. on the debts of southern Baptists by 1945", and—having vowed this vow—they will pay it! Southern Baptist women, *if they know*, will pray and give and go for the Lord Jesus Christ from their very doors to that "uttermost part". But neither the *praying* nor the *giving* nor the *going* will be done by women who know nothing and care nothing about missions! How can we reach them with the vital information of *where* and *how* and *who* needs this Gospel? How can we stir them as the missionaries are stirred?

Mission study is the answer, for in the study of our books the missionaries speak to our minds and hearts, telling us of frightful needs and glorious opportunities on every mission field. But just a few women and young people cannot move the world as it *must be moved*. A million women—well, that would be a beginning—don't you think? At the meeting of your Mission Study Committee in your society this month, will you lay plans to reach every woman, every boy and girl with definite, vital, intensive study of missions—*now, this year*—and thus join the army of a million women marching toward that Centennial Year of 1945? —Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence



For INTERNATIONAL and INTERRACIAL JUSTICE and for
WORLD-PEACE

MAy we begin with two great statements from the Apostle Paul?—"But now in Christ Jesus ye that once were far off are made nigh in the blood of Christ. For He is our peace, who made both one and brake down the middle wall of partition" (Eph. 2:13-14) . . . "Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, bondman, freeman; but Christ is all and in all" (Col. 3:11).

We have reaffirmed our responsibility for making our homes, our communities and our nation, Christian. Also we would reaffirm our responsibility as Christian citizens to stand for international and interracial justice and for world peace.

We would be less than Christian if we stopped short of this affirmation. In Christ's interpretation of the meaning of neighbor He brought together two men who traditionally had no dealings with one another and made the good neighbor step over all the barriers of national and racial prejudice in order that he might minister to his suffering enemy. We who have caught the spirit of Christ must also step over all national and racial barriers in order that we may prove ourselves neighbors according to the interpretation of Jesus.

Surely our world today is in desperate need of this reaffirmation. Racial and national prejudice has gone mad. Aryan and Nordic supremacy is being asserted in blood-purges and ruthless invasions. Our world needs that all of us should reaffirm our obligation of neighborliness. However obscure we may be, we can lend the weight of our influence.

Many illustrations come out of this present world-war. One story which illustrates perfectly the part that each one of us must play in the bringing in of the Kingdom came to me through a letter which was written by a young English lad. He was too small to be allowed to have a part in the fire-fighting brigade, but because of his deep interest and concern he was allowed to bring small buckets of sand to be handed to the fire-fighters who in turn put the sand upon the burning buildings. In writing his report concerning one of the great fires which had been caused by incendiary bombs, he said: "The fire-brigade fought bravely all night and succeeded in putting out the fire. The building was saved because each man did his duty—including me!"

Whatever our attitude as Christians toward this present world-war, we must realize that war is not the ultimate goal. Beyond its fury there must be built a friendly world. The only hope for such a world is the creation of a different spirit; namely, the spirit of Christ. "If any man have not the spirit of Christ we are none of His". But if men have the spirit of Christ they will transcend all barriers in His name.

In the first world-war an English boy in the trenches heard a wounded German moaning out in "No Man's Land". He crawled out of the trench and took the wounded boy back. He gave him water to quench his feverish thirst and ministered to his wounds. When the German boy had somewhat revived, he said to this English lad: "You are fighting because you love the Motherland and I am fighting because I love the Fatherland. But you ministered to me because you love the Brotherland".

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Society Methods

I HAVE been asked to give a testimony as to the value of the A-1 Full Graded W.M.U. to the life of the church. For a number of years I have had the privilege of being the pastor of A-1 Unions most of the time. I have that honor now. I am glad to give my testimony, doing so under two statements.

First: A-1 Full Graded W.M.U.'s increase the financial and spiritual efficiency of the churches because they increase the Biblical and general spiritual intelligence of the churches. For a democracy, intelligence is absolutely necessary. Our Baptist churches being "little democracies" require that their membership should know in a large way great facts about the Kingdom. One thing that our membership should know is the Word of God in its literal text.

A-1 W.M.U.'s require Bible study. All of our activities must find their genesis in the teaching of the Word of God. All of the bases upon which we build our denominational and church life must be intelligently taught from the Word of God. Systematic study of the Word as a devotional reading and as a source-book for our activities is majored in an A-1 W.M.U. The attainment of the A-1 rank and the maintaining of it contribute definitely to this Bible intelligence.

The church will inevitably feel the effects of this larger intelligence. The pastor will have his effectiveness increased because he will have an increasingly intelligent group of people to whom to preach. He will find that his personal ministry will be enlarged thereby.

Second: A-1 Full Graded W.M.U.'s present outlets for the energies of many people in the churches which would not be reached through any other channels. The standardizing of the Union creates places of activity which could not be had without the organizations auxiliary to the W.M.S. Each of these auxiliaries requires a number of people who must carry responsibilities in them. Here is a young mother whose child should be in the G.A. She will be challenged either to accept the office of counselor or at least to be a helper in that organization. She may feel a hesitancy about some other work in the church but she knows that she can work with children because she has one of her own. My testimony is that time and again I have seen a young father or a young mother who was on the brink of "cutting with the church" and giving their talents to worldly amusements or to something worse, but I have also seen them take a place in working with the R.A.'s or G.A.'s and forget the world and its distracting calls. They get busy with the bigger things and lose interest in the lesser.

Also those who are energetically and humbly doing the work of the vast demands of the A-1 Union will be kept so busy that they will not find an opportunity at faultfinding and criticizing, even of the pastor. Busy people having tasks that challenge their best are always happy. They forget the dwarfing and menacing silliness of the lower life.

I am insisting that the A-1 W.M.U. is best for the church.—Dr. H. C. Bass, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Bessemer, Ala.

For Studying the Book

"The SEED and the SOIL"

Mrs. Wm. McMurry offers the following ideas:

In General to the Teacher—

This is not a text-book in the generally accepted meaning, yet every chapter has student-teacher possibilities. It defies an orderly outline but abounds in the discussion of problems and material for special assignments.

Study the Preface for a statement of the author's point of view. Print on a streamer a sentence which summarizes this viewpoint. A few facts about the author will, no doubt, be of interest to your class.

Session I. Part One.

Methods: Set forth the problem which is presented from many angles in story-form: namely, *What can this generation do about the confused, disillusioned, divisive, chaotic world which it has inherited?* In order to make the problem live before the eyes and in the minds of your class, select stories which will give a composite picture of the times. Present them by dramatization, monologue, dialogue, story-telling and lecture. A review of the first chapter of *The Trail of Seed* (book studied last spring in preparation for March Week of Prayer) will help you in coming to grips with the post-war period which has now become something else.

Session II. Chapter 1, Part II

Problem: How did the world get into its present plight?

Methods: Lecture. Beginning with the family unit, give the simplified account of the development of modern society to the break-up of the Roman Empire. Any good text-book on sociology will provide additional material. Out of this background emerge three ills according to the author's analysis.

Special Assignments:

1. Nationalism. Assign to an alert, world-minded member who will make a fair case for nationalism which has its good as well as its bad side. See *The Clash of World Forces* by Basil Matthews.

2. Economic imperialism. Look up in a modern European history and a history of the United States the colonial or expansion-policy of European countries and of our own.

3. Disregard of the individual. Show how both nationalism and colonial expansion have made in the first instance the individual subservient to the state and, in the second place, a victim of exploitation.

Discuss: Are extreme nationalism and im-

perialism consistent with the teachings of Christ? Lead the class to see that these evils have led to war.

Session III. Chapter 2, Part II

Problem: What is the cure for the world?

Methods: Lecture. Get over to the class the point in Division 1, Chapter 2: namely, that individuals of different nationalities can get along but that nations cannot or do not. Three systems say they have the answer.

Special Assignments

1. Communism. 2. Fascism. 3. Capitalist-imperialism (democracy limited). See Chapter 3 *The Clash of World Forces* and *The Choice before Us* by E. Stanley Jones.

Conclude the session with this thought: The individual is of supreme importance to Christ. Any political system which ignores, debases or exploits the individual is un-Christian. Is there salvation for the world in these systems?

Session IV. Chapter 3, Part II

Aim: To show efforts at world-unity

Methods: Lecture. Introduction, Division 1, Chapter 3. Clinch this thought: There can be no world-unity until nations have a concern for problems which transcend the nation.

Special Assignments:

Go through the chapter and list projects of an international character. Assign to qualified members those which are likely to prove the most beneficial to your class. You will undoubtedly list the League of Nations, international peace-movements and the missionary program of Christendom.

Discuss: 1. Is a United States of Europe possible?

2. Is a world-order modeled after the United States of America practical?

3. Why have existing international relations failed to bring about a new world-order?

4. What influence has Christianity had on these efforts at world-unity?

Session V. Chapters 4, 5, 6, Part II

Aim: To show that the Christ of Christianity offers the only solution.

Methods: Lecture. Glean from the book every emphasis on love as a basis for world-unity. Show that the brotherhood of man is rooted in love of God. Without Christ love is purely theoretical. (Concluded on Page 22)

Book Reviews

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

The SEED and the SOIL: Richard Terrill Baker, 1941; Friendship Press, New York; Pages 180; Price, Cloth \$1, Paper 60c

NOT every one will like this book. It is simply written, interesting and readable; but it is psychological rather than immediately practical, abstract rather than concrete. To the literal, unimaginative mind it may be confusing; but to persons with an interest in ideas or of a somewhat philosophical turn, it will be definitely stimulating and helpful.

The author is an assistant secretary in the editorial department of the "Methodist Board of Missions and Church Expansion". This is his first book. He attended the "World Conference for Christian Youth" at Amsterdam in 1930 and did some traveling in Europe at that time. His message is for Christian young people and older persons who face the future when this war is done and wonder what they can do to make a better world.

He uses the story-form. His leading character, Gens, is a youth born in the heyday of optimism and prosperity following World War I. Through Gens' experiences and reactions he pictures, in part one, the confusion and frustrations of this post-war generation when a stable world crumbled at its feet. In part two he follows Gens as he seeks a workable solution for the world's troubles—traveling in Europe, attending the "Conference of Christian Youth", talking with a boyhood friend back on a farm in Iowa and examining the solutions which have failed. At last Gens has a "blue-print" for life after this war which he feels will work. Perhaps it will, perhaps not, but the quest is stimulating. As a study it should be provocative of lively discussion. (See also page 11 of this magazine.)

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

EDITORIAL (Concluded from Page 4)

Whether it be mission study, personal service, stewardship, missionary education of young people, the Margaret Fund, the W.M.U. Training School or any one of countless things, there is some free literature that will help you to enlist women and young people in missions. Do you study to know about it, do you plan wisely to use it?

Patriotism is worthy of cultivation. The government devotes men and money to its development in citizens of diverse bloods and interests. Love of Christian missions is the heritage of every child of God; but women and young people must know before they can give intelligent expression to their love of missions. That they may know, W.M.U. constantly devotes her energies to missionary magazines, programs and literature. They are yours to use that you may win others in the month of October and throughout all the days of all the year.



Trainin School

Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, Principal, 2801 Lexington Road, Louisville, Ky.

NEWS from the TRAINING SCHOOL

At the end of two months (August 11th) in our new home, we find ourselves very much "at home". With the exception of the necessary adjustments that must be made, the work on the building itself is completed. The terrace is now under way, and we hope it will be finished before the School opens. It is an integral part of the original plans and will add definitely to the beauty and practical use of the north side of the building.

Delay in getting the work completed on schedule in the spring made it impossible to seed the campus when it should have been done. In spite of that and the dry early summer, however, the grass has grown nicely and the grounds begin to have a cared-for look.

In addition to the natural beauty and homelikeness of the building many things brought over from the downtown-location contribute to our feeling at home. The portraits of four of our founders—Mrs. McLure, Mrs. Eager, Mrs. Woody and Miss Broadus—seem to belong in the lobby and living rooms; the one of the other founder, Miss Heck, at the entrance to the chapel continues as a memorial to her. The pews, speaker's desk and platform-chairs fit into the chapel perfectly from any point of view. The wall-seats from the old sun-parlors and the bookcases from the Bush Library add inviting touches to many parts of our new home. The carved-in-wood W.M.U. initials from over the doorway in the lobby has been fittingly framed to hang above the memorial fireplace in the reception room.

The disturbed conditions of the times will probably keep down our enrolment this year. Already some prospective students have withdrawn their applications because of added responsibility at home with brothers in the army or because they are uncertain about how to plan for the future.

The unique dedication services planned for the new building will be of interest to all W.M.U. friends. Previous mention has been made of the dedicatory services during the September 9-12 Home-coming of the School's alumnae and at the opening chapel hour of the School on September 16. The real dedication will occur on October 2nd with Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, president of Woman's Missionary Union, as speaker. She has been the moving spirit in this whole building project; and we rejoice that she can, on this outstanding day, participate in the glorious fulfillment of her tireless service. The concluding service in the dedication will be held by the trustees during their annual meeting in February, 1942.

In the nature of things we know that comparatively few of the many faithful friends who had a part in the erection of the new building can be with us on these significant occasions, but we count on your prayerful interest. When we dedicate this wonderful building and campus to a continuation of the service started in 1907, we shall remember that it was the loyal, cooperative spirit of W.M.U. members that made it possible. "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also" will assure us of your continued loving interest and support. Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn

College Y.W.A.

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

SEEING the WORLD through BOOKS

NEWSPAPERS, radio and commentators all seek to keep every one informed factually about world-affairs; but young people need the background of mission history and the attitude of international Christian love in order to really understand the news and picture the lives of people in different sections of the world. In colleges and hospitals mission study should be more appealing than ever this fall. The new foreign mission series of books brings survey of our work beginning with the daring pioneers who opened each field, down to the present heroic efforts continuing in courageous faith. *Frontiers for Christian Youth* by Binkley will be popular for fall mission study classes, presenting chapter by chapter southern Baptist activities in China, Japan, Europe, South America and Africa. This is by no means the "one and only" mission study book available; see *The World in Books* (free catalogue of mission books from your State Baptist Bookstore) or lists of mission study books recommended by your state W. M. U. young people's leader, for other suggestions of equal merit.

The counselor of the Grace McBride or Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A. should arrange with hospital superintendent or college dean for the most auspicious time for this study, selecting a week as free as possible from extra social or curricular activities. Why not plan for at least two mission study weeks, one in the fall or winter and one in the spring term? Give enthusiastic publicity to the study several weeks in advance so

that young women will look forward zealously guarding the periods for the classes.

Select your teacher with prayer and care. Your state W.M.U. young people's secretary may be able to help you have a missionary or a denominational leader or may be able to come herself as teacher if you write her early enough about your plans. Mission study should be on an intellectual level with regular class-work in college or hospital—presented attractively but meaningfully with curios, costumes, discussions, maps and all such paraphernalia that will help visualize conditions and impress mission accomplishments and needs on the young women attending it. It can also be a very happy experience with a bit of social life before or after as groups stand discussing this or that new bit of knowledge or leading question. The fostering W.M.S. can provide a cup of tea and wafers for each one present or the Y.W.A.'s. can pop corn—some touch of friendliness that will add joy to the study beyond that of enlarged Christian zeal. Remember that mission study is not merely to "take a book"; it should be a life-changing business. Seeing the world through mission study books should increase mission interest. Some will hear a call to service of life, others to service in giving, all to service in prayer. A weary world waits for young people to look at it with such keen Christian insight that they will become channels through which God can work out His Kingdom purpose without more delay.—Miss Juliette Mather

Our Young People

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

The ANNUAL CHURCH STEWARDSHIP NIGHT

AT the close of rural school we used always to have what we termed an "Exhibition". It was a sort of display or exhibition of what we had learned during the past year.

The annual Church Stewardship Night is to carry out somewhat the same idea—that is, it is to demonstrate what the auxiliaries of Woman's Missionary Union have done or have learned during the past year concerning stewardship. Then it has the further purpose of turning the minds and hearts of all the church members to renewed interest in their duty as stewards of possessions.

Many cooperative pastors will give a Sunday night service to this worthy program. Others will be glad to have this offered to their churches at a Wednesday night service, giving in either case ample publicity to the occasion. It is advisable that the night be observed in the last quarter of the year so that the year's attainments may be demonstrated and also that the enthusiasm engendered may be felt in the *Every Member Canvass* and other financial plans of the church for the new year.

Church Stewardship Night should touch every financial phase of the church life—both the giving and the learning about giving. Sunbeams, Junior Royal Ambassadors and Girls' Auxiliary members will gladly display their knowledge of what the Bible says about stewardship of possessions, knowledge gained by following the instructions in the free leaflets prepared by the W.M.U. for their study.

Intermediate Royal Ambassadors and Girls' Auxiliary members will demon-

strate articles written, short talks made, scrap-books and posters worked out through their use of the score or more free denominational stewardship tracts. Y.W.A.'s. will be eager to bring as a concluding number an impressive stewardship play, such as: "A Tale of Two Tithes"; or they may ask the young men of the church to join them in preparing the excellent new stewardship play, "When the Owner Cometh". "Two Masters" or "Her Lengthened Shadow" (*Lottie Moon*) present convincing lessons on the stewardship of life—the latter being especially fine to lead to an appreciation of the missionary who, by giving her all—her life—inspired the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

Adults will also have a part in this church program. The W.M.S. stewardship chairman may tell of the gifts in the Seasons of Prayer, total tithes, number of resident women church members giving to missions etc. Then some one of the women will discuss the part of the W.M.U.—local, state and south-wide—in Hundred Thousand Club or other debt-paying plans.

Deacons, financial chairman and pastor will rejoice to make clear on this night outstanding facts about the financial program of the church for the ongoing of the Kingdom. The percentage to Cooperative Program, total membership in the Hundred Thousand Club or other debt-paying plans will all have clear explanation that all the church members may rejoice in obligations worthily met and be determined to greater endeavor where their stewardship fails to honor the King.

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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 Answers South America's Question, "How Long Must We Wait?"

Missionary Preachers

1st Day—Acts 4:1-11; *Psa. 103:1-8*
2nd Day—Acts 4:13-21; *Isa. 40:27-31*
3rd Day—Acts 5:25-33; *Matt. 6:25-34*
4th Day—Acts 17:2-9; *John 4:19-26*
5th Day—Acts 17:10-17; *Matt. 6:5-15*
6th Day—Acts 17:18-29; *Luke 19:1-10*
7th Day—Acts 17:31-34; *Matt. 20:20-28*

Missionary Women

8th Day—*Psa. 68:11 (R.V.); Rom. 3:19-26*
9th Day—II Kings 4:8-11; *Rom. 8:31-39*
10th Day—Mark 12:41-44; *II Cor. 5:11-19*
11th Day—Acts 9:36-41; *Phil. 2:5-11*
12th Day—Acts 16:12-15; *I Tim. 1:12-17*
13th Day—Acts 18:24-28; *John 3:1-9*
14th Day—*Phil. 4:3-7; Acts 2:1-13*

Missionary Gospel

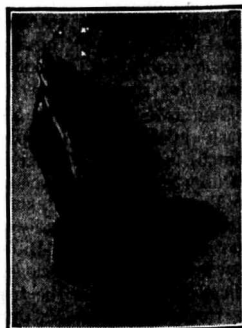
15th Day—*Matt. 24:14; Rom. 8:26-30*
16th Day—*Luke 16:15, 17; John 14:8-18*
17th Day—*Luke 17:20-30; I Cor. 2:6-13*
18th Day—*I Cor. 9:13-27; I Thess. 4:1-8*
19th Day—*I Cor. 15:1-10; Rom. 14:13-18*
20th Day—*Rom. 10:12-25; Deut. 5:28-33; 11:26-28*
21st Day—*Rom. 16:24-27; Isa. 28:1-6*

Missionary Savior

22nd Day—*John 1:40-51; Heb. 2:9-17*
23rd Day—*John 2:1-12; Dan. 5:22-28*
24th Day—*John 3:22-35; Rom. 13:5-14*
25th Day—*John 4:31-42; Phil. 3:17-21*
26th Day—*John 4:43-54; I Thess. 5:1-8*
27th Day—*John 18:35-40; Rom. 14:13-23*
28th Day—*Rom. 15:25-29; Gal. 6:6-10*
29th Day—*II Cor. 9:10-15; I John 1:5-10*
30th Day—*Eph. 1:6-12; Isa. 1:16-20*
31st Day—*Eph. 1:13-23; Psa. 32:1-7*

"Pray Ye"

Giving thanks that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son"—*John 3:16*
Praise God that "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father"—*James 1:17*
Pray that every Christian will realize and rejoice that "it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful"—*I Cor. 4:2*
Give thanks for such Scriptures as: "Thou shalt not covet", *Ex. 20:17*; "Put to death . . . covetousness which is idolatry", *Col. 3:5*; "The tenth shall be holy unto Jehovah", *Lev. 27:32*; "Freely ye received, freely give", *Matt. 10:8*.



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Calendar of Prayer October, 1941

Prepared by Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

THERE is no path in this desert-waste,
For the winds have swept the shifting sands;
The trail is blazed where the storms have raged;
And a stranger I, in these forbidding lands—

But I journey on with a lightsome tread;
And I do not falter nor turn aside,
For I see His figure, just ahead—
He knows the way I take—my Guide.
—Robert J. Burdette

1—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Hipps, "Miss Juanita Byrd, educational-evangelistic work, Shanghai, China; also R. Owen Hipps, Margaret Fund student
God hath not given us the spirit of fear.
—II Tim. 1:7

2—THURSDAY

Founders' Day, Woman's Missionary Union Training School, Louisville, Ky.
We would see Jesus—*John 12:21*

3—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. I. O. Vetch, Red Bank, Canal Zone, evangelistic work among West Indians
Righteous art Thou, O Lord, when I plead with Thee.—*Jer. 12:1*

4—SATURDAY

*Miss Mary Lou Deen, educational-evangelistic work, Mexican Baptist Seminary (Foreign), El Paso, Tex.; Rev. O. W. Reid, evangelistic work, Guadalajara, Mexico
Then men began to call upon the Name of the Lord.—*Gen. 4:26*

5—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Newton, emeritus missionaries from China
Lord, Thou wilt ordain peace for us.
—*Isa. 26:12*

6—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. Vasquez, Pinar del Rio, Rav. D. Hernandez, Guinco, Cuba, evangelistic work
Blessed is he that considereth the poor.
—*Psa. 41:1*

7—TUESDAY

Woman's Missionary Union of Japan
Where prayer was wont to be made
—*Acts 16:13*

8—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Galloway, evangelistic work, Macao, and Miss Jennie L. Green, educational-evangelistic work, Wuchow, China
The mouth of the righteous talketh of wisdom.—*Psa. 51:30*

9—THURSDAY

Evangelistic work among the Negroes in New Mexico
Thou art the God that doeth wonders.
—*Psa. 77:14*

10—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. P. D. Sullivan, evangelistic work, Curitiba, Miss Minnie Landrum, educational-evangelistic work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead.—*Rom. 6:13*

11—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Culpepper, evangelistic work, Miss Doris Knight, educational-evangelistic work, Laichow, China; also Charles Culpepper, Margaret Fund student
The Lord be with you all!
—*II Thess. 3:16*

12—SUNDAY

That the proclamation of God's Word may be made in all the world
Pray . . . that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified.
—*II Thess. 3:1*

13—MONDAY

Woman's Missionary Union of North Brazil
Let us go speedily to entreat favor of Jehovah.—*Zech. 8:1*

14—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. Ramirez, Salinas, Rev. D. Trevino, Brownwood, Tex., evangelistic work among Mexicans
The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patient waiting for Christ.—*II Thess. 3:5*

Calendar of Prayer for October

15—WEDNESDAY

xxRev. and Mrs. J. L. Riffey, Rio de Janeiro, Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Stover, Recife, Brazil, evangelistic work
In all things show thyself a pattern of good works.—Titus 2:7

16—THURSDAY

Mimes xxBlanche Bradley, xxFlorence Joann, medical-evangelistic work, Ploiești, China
O Lord, Thou art our God, let not man prevail against Thee.—II Chron. 14:11

17—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Corugedo, Matanzas, Rev. and Mrs. N. J. Rodriguez, Remedios, Cuba, evangelistic work; also Paul Rodriguez, Margaret Fund student
Go thou and preach the Kingdom of God.
—Luke 9:60

18—SATURDAY

xxRev. and Mrs. W. W. Adams, Daiwo, xxMr. S. E. Stephens, Tsingtao, 1*Miss Lois Glass, Lichowfu, China, evangelistic work
Great is the holy one of Israel in the midst of thee.—Isa. 12:6

19—SUNDAY

That the Holy Spirit shall lead Women's Missionary Union in giving one million dollars by 1945 to the debt-paying campaign of Southern Baptist Convention
Bring sacrifices and offerings into the house of the Lord.—II Chron. 29:31

20—MONDAY

Annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of New Mexico, Tucuman, October 20-21
Worship Him that made Heaven and earth and the sea and the fountains of waters.
—Rev. 14:7

21—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Tipton, xxMrs. R. E. Chambers, educational-evangelistic work, Shanghai, China; also Christine, Richard and Harris Chambers, Margaret Fund students
When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory.—Col. 3:4

22—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. Eltcher, Stillwell, Rev. and Mrs. T. Wamego, Ponca City, Okla., evangelistic work among Indians
He went redemption unto His people.
—Ps. 111:9

23—THURSDAY

Woman's Missionary Union of Mexico
Walk as children of light.—Eph. 5:8

24—FRIDAY

Dr. and 1*Mrs. B. J. Canther, Kwelin, Free China, evangelistic work
The Gospel must first be preached among all nations.—Mark 13:10

25—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. F. J. Rodriguez, Calabazas, Rev. A. Pimelo, Candelaria, Cuba, evangelistic work
If any man be to Christ Jesus, he is a new creature.—II Cor. 5:17

26—SUNDAY

That the State Mission Societies of Prayer may result in deepened spirituality and larger offerings
The Lord is a God of knowledge and by Him are actions weighed.—I Sam. 2:3

27—MONDAY

Annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Arizona, Glendale, October 27-28
If it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it.
—Acts 5:39

28—TUESDAY

xxDr. and Mrs. B. L. Nichols, educational-evangelistic work, Kailash, xxRev. and Mrs. G. W. Strother, evangelistic work, Pochow, China
His children shall have a place of refuge.
—Prov. 14:26

29—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Berry, educational-evangelistic work, Bello Horizonte, Brazil; also Edward Berry, Margaret Fund student
The bread of God is He which cometh down from Heaven and giveth life unto the world.—John 6:35

30—THURSDAY

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Sharpe, educational-evangelistic work among their own Negro race, Leland College, Baker, La.
Put on the whole armor of God.
—Eph. 6:11

31—FRIDAY

Educational-evangelistic work in Shanghai, China
Only be strong and very courageous.
—Josh. 1:7

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*Attended Southwestern Training School

1*Attended Baptist Bible Institute

1*Former Margaret Fund Student

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Bible Study

Elle Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

SOME PSALMS for TODAY

Psalm 37:1-11, 23, 24—"Fret not thyself".

FRANQUILLITY is a rare word in the Bible but the idea runs through it like a shining thread of gold. It is something not to be won without effort. This psalm is like an air-plane view of life. Psalm 49 and Psalm 73 are similar but less striking because, while they give a cynic's view of the prosperity of the wicked by the thought of their latter end, the security of the righteous is not so vividly seen. Here are two paths of life—the high way and the low—and a guide who knows, yea, a father who loves is pointing out the differences. What an array of urgent admonitions! A few are in deep tones of warning—"fret not, envy not, cease from anger, depart from evil", and twice again "fret not thyself". But most are thrilling notes of exultation and tender words of promise. It is like Pilgrim's Progress, it is like the Book of Proverbs, it is like the Ten Commandments, it is like the Beatitudes. It is what all commencement speakers wish they had succeeded better in saying!

Look at some of these reassuring commands. Verse 3 is the harmony of faith and works, of God blessing man's efforts. Surely we may choose the marginal reading: "Verily thou shalt be fed", which is like the A.V. Verse 4 goes deeper, to those secret wishes poured out only to God. What joy when they are granted! Ah, but what joy even before if the soul "delights itself in God". Verse 5 is action—uncertainty, then decision and forward we go under God's leadership. This was Livingstone's verse, facing the unknown in Africa. Verse 7 shows action denied, hope deferred, everything going wrong; the cure is "the patience of hope", a quiet heart and no fretting. "In God's government, time as well as trust is a factor. He will not be hurried by our peevish impetuosity. . . . Better to do good than to worry over other people's doing evil" (Scroggie). In other words, when there is really nothing we can do, "righteous anger" is dangerous: it deteriorates into envy (v. 1) or injustice (Matt. 7:1) or hate.

Verse 11 is one that Jesus used, transposing it into a beatitude, contrary to our usual idea of meekness. "The abundance of peace" suggests the relief of seeing things come out right; the peace of mind at not having hindered by anger or impatience; friendship undisturbed; and delight in God's goodness. Riches indeed—expressed to an Israelite by inheriting the Promised Land—Abraham, Moses, the judges, the heartsick captives in Babylon, and now Jesus says the meek are to "have full citizenship in the Messianic Kingdom" (John 13)—J. A. B. Notice that He also says (Mt. 11:29) that meekness has to be learned.

The whole psalm is beautiful but skip to v. 23. This suggests a lovely thought, plainly uttered in Ps. 147:11: "Jehovah taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope in His lovingkindness". The next verse shows a child not yet walking securely alone but his hand held in his father's hand. No wonder the psalmist breaks into joyous testimony in v. 25.

Circle⁺Program



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 Missionist*† 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.)

CIRCLE PROGRAM TOPIC

Looking unto the Hills—Mountain People

Devotional Theme: Priscilla—Acts 18:1-3, 24-26
(See also October issue of *The Commission** for devotional thoughts.)

"Life in a Trailer" See "story in pictures" in October issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missionist*.)

"A Missionary Ministry in the Mountains" (See article by Rev. L. W. Martin in October issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missionist*.)

Zeal for Foreign Missions (Let this take the form of a discussion, facts for arguments being culled and memorized from October issue of *The Commission** from such articles as those by Mrs. McDaniel, Mrs. McWilliams and Missionary Askew.)

Appealing Stories (Have two selected and told from memory from October issue of *The Commission**, an effort being made to avoid having these two stories used in the discussion.)

Zeal for Home Missions (Let this take the form of a discussion, facts for arguments being culled and memorized from October issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missionist*†, care being taken to avoid using the data referred to in two opening talks on mountain work.)

*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

Prepared by Miss Polly Love, Mississippi
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At a time like this how vital is this program on South America, how important it is that we stress the ties of government and common interests that bind together the two Americas, pointing out plainly the urgent need for that strongest tie that can bind any nations—the tie of Christianity! This makes very practical the plan of conducting our circle for this program as a Woman's Good-will (or Pan-American) Conference, meeting to discuss plans for making stronger, surer ties between our land and neighbor-America. Each member present should be named as a "delegate" from either North or South America. (See program material on pages 23-32.)

The leader or chairman of this conference will introduce the primary purpose of the program, using the material in "South America Waits for the Word". This is followed by a report by a delegate from South America on "The Word in South America", pointing out just what it means to them to receive the Word. The conference-chairman will then bring up for discussion various ways in which the Word has been and may be best spread in South America, mentioning first publications: using the information in "Publishing the Word in South America" a delegate from Brazil gives a summary of publication work in Brazil, an Argentine delegate speaks of publications in her country, a delegate from Chile of the work there. The chairman next brings up for discussion educational work, introducing the material in "Students Carrying the Word", the three

South American delegates again giving the information about their own countries as found in that discussion. Finally the chairman mentions "Evangelists Bearing the Word" and the three delegates speak for their countries. A representative from Uruguay will be needed here or that part may be taken by Argentina. (Instead of dividing by countries the material in these last three parts, the discussions—on "Publishing the Word in South America", "Students Carrying the Word", "Evangelists Bearing the Word"—may be given as a whole by three South American delegates.)

As a closing discussion one of these three or preferably another member representing South America might give the plea to help strengthen this vital tie, using "Send the Word". The meeting could be opened for general discussion by all members using the questions at the end of the program and the circle may want to make a formal resolution or pledge of a redoubled effort to send the Word.

Announcement Poster: Outline map of United States and South America with small flags of the United States and the South American countries bordering the poster. Print the announcement: Business Women's Pan-American Good-Will Conference. Place....Date....

Invitations: Small official looking registration-tags with the member's name and the time and place, bearing the words: "Representative of the Gospel". Members will wear these to the meeting, the ones on program having proper identification on their tags.

Program Plans

Prepared by Miss Elizabeth Anne Campbell, Va.
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Announcement—To call attention to the October program attach to cardboard letters cut from newspapers: "What are you doing to further our 'Good Neighbor Policy?'" Give date, place and time of W.M.S. meeting.

Preparation and Presentation

The person to whom is assigned the material, "The Word and World-Missions" (page 19), may display a poster cut Bible-shaped from cardboard and bearing the striking figures given in material. The figures may be printed in red.

In connection with the discussion, "South America Waits for the Word" (page 25), the continents of North and South America cut from cardboard may be joined together by seven ribbons to be marked and displayed as *ties of nearness, history, government, trade, common interest, common safety, common destiny*. The material, "The Word in South America" (page 26), may be presented along with the following poster-suggestion: cut from cardboard a building on which windows and doors are drawn; over the main entrance write the words, "Carroll Publishing House"; slit this door on three sides to allow

tiny books made of paper and labeled—*The Bible, Journal Baptista, W.M.U. Literature, Religious Tracts*—to be drawn through the door as the discussion is given.

Cut from cardboard the familiar shape of South America and write on it the words from II Timothy 2:15. Display this poster during the discussion, "Students Carrying the Word" (page 28).

The same map-like shape of South America may be used also to illustrate the talk on "Evangelists Bearing the Word" (page 29). On the map now glue actual seeds falling from a painted seed-bag labeled "Sowing the Seed in South America".

Draw on a sheet of cardboard closed doors; label these *Japan, Jugo-Slavia, Russia, Italy*. Draw a fifth door wide open and labeled *South America*; below it write: "This door is open; send the Word!"

A prayer for God's blessing on South America should be assigned in advance and should be the most meaningful part of the program. This may be offered after the repeating of the watchword (*Psalms 67:2*) and the singing of the hymn, "Jesus Saves".

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE (Concluded from Page 15)

Though primarily a program to inform, this annual Church Stewardship Night—planned by the pastor, W.M.S. president, stewardship chairman, young

people's director and counselors—is also a program of inspiration to more acceptable stewardship for a promised new year.—*Mrs. Susan Adams Carden, Okla. W.M.U. Young People's Secretary*

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Special Assignments:

1. A comparison of religions and Christianity. Chapter 4
2. Christ Crosses Lines
Racial, geographic, color

(See also following book review, page 12.)

Program Material

Mrs. C. D. Cressman, Tennessee

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

TOPIC for MONTH: An Urgent Gospel Answers South America's Question, "How Long Must We Wait?"

Hymn—How Firm a Foundation

Bible Study—*Psalms 37:1-11, 23, 24*—"Fret not thyself". (Page 19)

Prayer thanking God for His Word in which we can find solution to all our problems

Hymn—Wonderful Words of Life

The Word and World-Missions

—South America Waits for the Word

The Word in South America

—Hymn—I Love to Tell the Story

Publishing the Word in South America

Students Carrying the Word

—Evangelists Bearing the Word

Send the Word

Watchword for Year—That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations—*Psalms 67:2*

Hymn for Year—Jesus Saves

Prayer for God's blessings on every agency for giving the Word to South America

The WORD and WORLD-MISSIONS

THE Word and world-wide missions are inseparable. It is the mission of missions to give the Word of God to the whole wide world. Wherever the Bible is read, taught or preached it has power to convict of sin and to win to salvation. The Bible is the tool of the missionary, "the sword of the Spirit", the instrument used in the spread of the Gospel. Therefore Bible translation and distribution are essential in the work of world-evangelism. Permanent Christianity cannot be developed in any land until the Bible has been translated into the vernacular of the people, that they may read and understand and interpret its words for themselves.

One thing that proves the universality of the Bible is the fact that it can be translated into all languages without losing any of its beauty of expres-

sion or any of its power to reach the hearts of the people. Other great classics, when translated, lose much of their literary value, but not so with the Bible. It seems to fit all languages. We are all like the old Welsh woman who when told that Jesus was not a Welshman, as she had believed, said: "Well, He speaks Welsh to me". Through Bible translation God speaks to each heart in a familiar, understandable language.

Bible translation has been a thrilling part of missionary work in every land. At the beginning of the modern missionary movement, a little more than a hundred years ago, the Bible had been translated into only twenty-eight languages. But today the Word of God can be read in over 1000 languages and dialects. "The extent to which this work of Bible translation and publication has been carried is indicated by the statement that, with perhaps some mi-

nor exceptions, there is not a race, even in Africa or the Pacific islands, that has not the whole Bible or at least some portion of it in language that it can understand, while some versions, notably the Arabic and Chinese, reach almost untold millions". We marvel at the miracle of Pentecost when thousands of those representing many nations heard the Gospel, "every man in his own language". We must marvel today at the miracle of translation which makes it possible for not just thousands but millions to hear the Gospel, every man in his own language.

It is significant that William Carey, the first modern foreign missionary, was a great linguist. He gave more than twenty years of his life as a missionary to 36 translations of the Bible, editing 8 others. Adoniram Judson spent twenty-one years in translating the Bible into the Burmese language. Before Robert Morrison could translate the Bible into Chinese he had to make a Chinese dictionary. This work occupied 16 years and was printed at the cost of \$60,000. His translation of the Scriptures put them into the language of one-fourth of the human race. "August Gutstaff translated the Bible into the Japanese language while marooned on the lonely isle of Siam". The first Bible printed in America was in the language of an Indian tribe. The missionary, John Eliot, made this translation. He had to write an Indian grammar to make this translation understandable.

Writing of Bible translations in *Missions Our Mission*, Dr. M. E. Dodd says: "Think of the unremitting toil, the sacrificial service, the persecutions endured by the translators, in order to give the Bible to the people in their own language. All for what? That men might know God as revealed in the Bible. No other book creates such a desire upon the part of man. No other book has been translated into so many languages. No other book is so well adapted to translations".

Not only the translation but also the distribution of the Word has been an important part of missionary endeavor. Bible societies have been organized, printing plants erected, colporters employed and every available means used to get the Word of God into the hands of the people of the world. As a result the Bible is, year after year, the "best seller" among books. The American Bible Society alone sends forth 35,000,000 copies a year. It is interesting to know that before the Japanese invasion of China "more volumes of Gospels were published in Shanghai than in any other city in the world and over the counters of the Bible societies there the greatest number of foreign language and Chinese dialect versions were sold". Over 60 different foreign language versions were handled besides those in 34 different dialects of Chinese.

In this day of dire need of the Gospel, Bible distribution is still a most important part of our missionary work. Totalitarian governments are trying to take the Word of God away from people. Critics are trying to discredit its truth. Powers of evil are trying to destroy its influence. All of these things have been attempted before but the Bible is still the greatest book in the world and the greatest power for good in the lives of earth's people. Not pen-knife nor sword, not fire nor storm, not criticism nor ridicule, not decree nor law, not dictator nor governmental power can destroy God's Holy Word. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Word shall not pass away", was Jesus' promise concerning His truth.

We who know the value and power of the Bible must in this time of urgent need be zealous in giving the whole Word to the whole world. Let us print it and preach it, tell it and teach it that people may hear and read it, understand and heed it, believe and accept it for the eternal salvation of their souls. This is the only hope for the world.

SOUTH AMERICA WAITS for the WORD

TO the south of us is a great continent most of whose people have not the Word of God.

The reason for this is that the South American countries are dominated by the Roman Catholic Church, a basic principle of which is to keep the people ignorant of the Bible. "A missionary says: 'Roman Catholicism and the Bible do not dwell in the same home. The attitude of the Roman Catholic Church to the Bible is a hostile one. It has not only never tried to give the Bible to the people but has forbidden them to read it. Roman Catholicism fears nothing as it does the open Bible'. 'The entrance of Thy Word giveth light'. The Roman Catholic Church does not want the people to have this light and therefore they oppose with all their might the dissemination of the Scriptures in the language of the people.

It is this ignorance of the Bible that makes the people of South America immoral, superstitious and undeveloped. It is this that constitutes the great difference between the two Americas. North America has the open Bible—South America has it not. North America has the light of Gospel truth—South America is in darkness. North America has the sword of the Spirit—South America has no weapon with which to fight sin.

The great strong Christian country to the north is the logical agency to send to South American lands the Bible. There are strong ties uniting the United States with the South American republics and these are today stronger and closer than ever before. Always there has been the *tie of nearness*, because we are all in one hemisphere and nearer to each other than to the other nations of the world; *the tie of history*, because the two continents were discovered and settled by European colonization about the same time; *the tie of government*, because the South American nations have adopted our form of

government, almost all of them being democratic republics; and *the tie of trade*, as exchange of commodities has enriched the countries on both sides of the equator.

But there are ties closer than any of these—the *ties of common interests, common safety and common destiny* drawing the Americas closer together each passing year. The Pan-American Union, now fifty-one years old, the Lima Declaration of 1938 and the exchange of "good-will visits" have produced a greater unity and strengthened the bond of friendliness between the United States and her 20 neighbor-nations in South America. The European war has brought about still closer cooperation between the Americas as the nations on both sides of the equator have united in an effort to keep the war out of the western hemisphere. In the address delivered by President Roosevelt on last Pan-American Day we find this pledge of inter-American friendship:

"We acclaim today the symbol of fifty years of the American way. We are determined to continue on that way in friendship. We are determined that our mutual relations be built upon honor and good faith. We are determined to live in peace and to make that peace secure. We are determined to follow the path of free peoples to a civilization worthy of free men".

We who are Christians know that the strongest tie that can bind nations together is the *tie of Christianity* and that that can come only as the Word of God becomes the guiding force in the lives of the people of all nations. The principles of peace and good-will, upon which the Pan-American Union is based, are Christian principles and the more Christian become the American nations on both sides of the equator the stronger will become that union.

The South American nations wait for the Word of God. That Word will bring salvation and abundant living to their peoples. We of the United States have the Word. It is our glorious heritage from our Christian fathers who

settled this country. It has made our nation great. It has given us all the good things we enjoy. We must share this source of all blessings with our South American neighbors. We must give to them the Bible, which will produce peace and prosperity and a permanent union of love and good-will between the Americas.

South America awaits the Word. We must speed to her nations with the Bible which is God's Word for the Americas and for the whole world.

The WORD in SOUTH AMERICA

THE story of the distribution of the Word in South America is one of the most thrilling in missionary history. This work has been done largely by colporters who have journeyed through every country of Latin America in their heroic effort to circulate the Word of God. "No heroes of the cross have been more loyal to Jesus than they; on foot, on muleback, in automobiles and trains, they have crossed plains, climbed mountains and penetrated into forests with the Word of God". These Bible agents often suffer persecution and even death at the hands of those who were determined to prevent the distribution of the Bible.

Thrilling is the story of Francisco Penzotti, an Italian who went to Uruguay where he was converted in a Methodist revival and then became a colporter in Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Peru and other South American countries. He suffered many hardships, privations and persecutions. There were no trains at that time, so he had to travel miles and miles on muleback and over desert plains and bleak mountains. But more trying than the vicissitudes of travel was the opposition of the fanatical priests. Once in Peru he was confined in prison for eight months. But in spite of privation and persecution he went on with his work as colporter for many years and perhaps distributed more Bibles through South America than any other one man.

In no part of the world has there been greater evidence of the power of the

Word of God than in South America. Many are the stories that come to us telling of how a Bible in the hands of people even without the help of a preacher or any one to explain it has brought conviction and conversion in the hearts of its readers and has prepared the way for the organization of churches.

We know the story of the floating Bible that was washed to a Japanese shore. There is another story just as good of a Bible washed by the sea to a Chilean shore. A passenger on a ship sailing near the coast of Chile was on the deck reading this Bible when a priest passed, snatched the book from his hand and threw it into the sea. "The waves carried it to the shore. Afterwards a man while walking on the shore found a book buried in the sand. He dug it up and placed it on the shore to dry. After it dried he shook out the sand and found that it was a Bible. He began to read it and tell his neighbors about it. Week after week many of the neighbors gathered to hear him read that marvelous book. When the first missionaries arrived they found that man and a group of people thoroughly prepared to receive the Gospel message. They were baptized and a church was organized".

One day a man was walking in the woods of north Brazil when he noticed on the ground the torn leaves of a book. Led by curiosity he picked up the pieces of paper and began to read. Soon he realized that they were parts of the Bible, the hated book of the protestants. Now this man had been most fanatical in his hatred of all protestants and had been a leader in violent persecution of Christians. He had instigated a mob which had burned a church and had driven Christians from their homes. He was the last man who would have been expected to become interested in the Bible. But having read a little he wanted to read more and after reading over and over the few leaves he had found he resolved to procure a whole Bible. This he did and soon he was appealing to the pastor whose church he had persecuted to come and help him

understand the wonderful book. As a result he and his neighbors became Christians, a church was organized in his neighborhood, he became a deacon and like Saul of Tarsus proved to be as zealous in his work for the church as he had been in his persecution.

Some time ago a friend sent to Miss Minnie Landrum, one of our missionaries in Brazil, a sum of money for the purchase and distribution of Bibles. Great was her joy in thus being able to give away 138 Bibles, 100 New Testaments and 1,000 Gospels. One junior, receiving a Bible, wrote to her: "I had never received a book as precious as this one and from the depth of my heart I thank you". Another wrote: "I am nine years old and am already a baptized believer and I love the Bible that you sent me very much". The superintendent of the junior department of which these girls were members wrote: "I wish to express to you our sincere gratitude for the Bibles. Of all the blessings that we received during the year this gift of Bibles is by far the greatest. . . . Many children, whose fathers and mothers are not Christians, are now reading their Bibles daily and are also interesting their parents in the Bible".

These stories illustrate how the Word is welcomed by the people of South America and how it works its miracles of grace in their hearts. We wish that the wonderful book could become the possession of every lost soul in every South American country.

PUBLISHING the WORD in SOUTH AMERICA

THE publication of Bibles and other religious literature is a most important part of our work in South America. Our missionaries had not been long in Brazil until they saw the need of literature and early in the history of the work began the publication of two Baptist papers, one each in south and north Brazil. As the work grew it was deemed wise to unite these two papers and to establish one central publishing house for all Brazil.

In 1901 this was done and the new publishing house was located in Rio de Janeiro.

The beginnings of this work were small—just a crude shed, located in the rear of grounds belonging to the First Baptist Church, which was used for editorial and business offices with printing let out by contract. But today, after forty years, the Baptists of Brazil have a publishing house to which they can point with pride and which is a mighty factor in the spread of the Word throughout Brazil and to other Portuguese-speaking people. For the building of this publishing plant the late Mrs. J. S. Carroll of Alabama gave \$30,000 as a memorial to her husband, so it is called the Carroll Memorial Publishing House. Gifts from Mrs. George W. Bottoms of Arkansas and from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of the Woman's Missionary Union added to the initial gift made possible the completion of this beautiful and adequate building.

The Carroll Publishing House means to the Baptists of Brazil what the Sunday School Board means to southern Baptists, for in that building is published not only the Bible itself but also Sunday school, B.T.U. and W.M.U. periodicals and other denominational literature. It is also like the Sunday School Board in promoting different departments of work. We're told that the sales for 1940 were the greatest in all the history of the publishing house.

One of the greatest contributions of this publishing house is the *Jornal Baptista*, the weekly denominational paper for all Brazilian Baptists. Its distribution has been described as follows: "The *Jornal Baptista* continues its blessed ministry, making weekly visits to some 6,000 homes, out into the cities, the towns, the villages, the country communities, yes into the very hinterland of Brazil. By rail, by motor, on boats, in ox-carts, on mule-back and afoot, the carriers take the life-giving messages of hope and salvation. Often it arrives late, sometimes it is lost on the way and sometimes it comes in muddy and

faded and torn because it has braved the floods to reach its destination. In palaces and huts, in consecrated Christian homes and in the squalor of prisons it carries the news of a Savior who lives and loves and saves even to the uttermost".

The South Brazil Mission organized last year the Mission Bible Press for the purpose of printing the Scriptures in the Portuguese language. This was done to help the Carroll Publishing House to supply Bibles which are far too scarce in the face of the phenomenal growth of evangelical missions throughout Brazil.

In Buenos Aires, Argentina, is a Baptist Publishing House which reports an unusually successful year in 1940. Several books were published, including a religious novel written by an expert. With the help of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, 1000 each of Y.W.A., G.A., R.A. and Sunbeam manuals were printed. One tract, printed in this plant, goes to eight different countries. The Baptist paper "has been improved with the addition of several new sections and now has 36 pages instead of 20 as heretofore".

In Chile Baptists have no publishing plant but they issue a semi-monthly Baptist paper which has the distinction of entering every Baptist home in Chile. "This paper and the Bible constitute the library in most of these homes".

STUDENTS CARRYING the WORD

A CHILD lay dying in a Catholic Brazilian home. Though growing weaker with every breath there was a radiant smile on his pallid face as he repeated Bible verse after Bible verse and softly sang: "Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so". At the last moment he lifted his emaciated arms, whispering "Jesus has come to get me". Why did such a thing happen in a South American Catholic home? The answer is found in the fact that the child had attended a Baptist school.

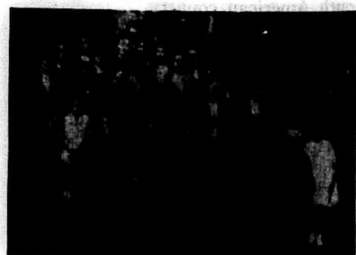
Our Baptist schools in South America are wonderful evangelistic agencies and

this is true of those of all grades, from the kindergartens on through the colleges and seminaries. Students who attend our schools return to their home-communities to carry the Word to those among their families and friends who know it not. It is the purpose of our schools to win students to Christ and to send them out trained to give the Word of life to others.

We have in Brazil 81 schools with over 8000 students. Two of these schools are theological seminaries and two are training schools for young women. The others are of varied grades from kindergartens to colleges. Besides the young men and women in the seminaries and training schools who are preparing to carry the Word to needy places in Brazil, it is said that in the seven Baptist colleges of south Brazil there are far more than 100 in training with the declared purpose of doing definite Christian work.

Baptists have grown more rapidly in Brazil than other evangelicals. A missionary explains as a reason for this "that they have in either one of their two seminaries more men in training at any given time than are in all the other seminaries in Brazil put together".

In Argentina we have one seminary and two training schools with a total of 22 students. That seems a small number but that many trained and consecrated young people can do much to scatter the Word through Argentina.



This Woman's Missionary Society of the Floresta Baptist Church, Argentina, gives generously to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, improved quarters are being provided for these schools which will make possible a much larger attendance.

In Chile we have a theological seminary which had 6 students last year. These not only made splendid advance in the course of study offered by the seminary but also by practical work spread the Word in different sections of Santiago where the seminary is located. In our school at Temuco, Chile, last year more than 100 were won to Christ. No one can estimate the extent of the influence of these as they go out from these schools to testify to the power of the Word to save from sin. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has helped both the seminary and the training school at Santiago and Colegio Bautista at Temuco.

EVANGELISTS BEARING the WORD

THE Word of God, printed or spoken, read or heard, has power to win souls. It is the business of evangelists to bear the Word to lost people. In no place in the world has the spoken Word of the evangelist been more powerful to touch the hearts of people and win them to Christ than in the South American lands. Dr. Truett, Dr. Scarborough and others who have visited our South American mission fields stir our hearts with their stories of the ready response of the people to the Gospel.

From the beginning of our work in South America great emphasis has been placed on the preaching of the Word. The pioneers—Dr. W. B. Bagby, Dr. Z. C. Taylor and Dr. E. A. Nelson—were flaming evangelists, proclaimers of the "Good News". Their successors in Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Chile have also made first in their work the proclaiming of the Word of God to lost people. Native preachers, too, are today placing major emphasis upon the preaching of the Word.

Writing of evangelistic work in Brazil a missionary says: "Because among us revival meetings are not merely annual affairs but are frequent; and because

there is always a spiritual response to our appeals, we have become accustomed to having conversions and baptisms in numbers that would cause a sensation in other lands, doubtlessly more difficult to evangelize. The work of preaching is carried on along all the fronts. In the older fields where churches are long established and have their own buildings much of this effort is made in connection with the local church, in its auditorium or in the front room of some one of the members. Often a church will meet in some public square on holidays or Sunday afternoons and deacon and pastor will tell why they are Christians and Baptists, a most effective way of interesting the indifferent".

To open up work in a new territory, first Bibles and tracts are scattered among the people. Then the itinerant preacher goes in and begins holding services.

In the last report from south Brazil we find this account of evangelism on the field: "Sixty-four missionaries and 190 ordained native leaders, together with seventy-eight unordained regular workers and an unknown number of volunteer helpers, are everywhere sought, and more opportunities present themselves than can be met. The net increase of over 5000 in church membership throughout south Brazil attests the blessings from God on these labors in His name".

Of the Victoria field in Brazil we are told that 786 were baptized last year. Of another field we read: "Our state convention, at the second meeting in its short history, reported this year many more baptisms than it did at its first meeting last year. Evangelism has been the key-note of all our work. We are endeavoring to preach the Gospel in every county of the state".

The W.M.U. of Brazil emphasizes soul-winning. The watchword for 1940 was, "Blessed are ye that sow by all waters". Miss Minnie Landrum, the corresponding secretary, says that many methods were used to sow the precious seed of God's Word. Writing of their

work in personal evangelism she says: "Among the approximately 19,000 members in our 988 missionary organizations willing hearts and ready hands were anxious to sow not only by the many waters but also in the valleys, on the mountain, in the highways and in the hedges. We can visualize the mighty host of W.M.S. and Y.W.A. members as they visited in the homes, in the hospitals, in the jails, at the preaching points; as they taught the children in their own homes, the churches, in the missions; and in every possible way sowed the seed from early morn to night".

Of Chile a missionary writes: "We are especially elated this year over the evangelistic work. There was an appreciable increase in the number of conversions. In the 147 preaching stations we had 427 baptisms. It appears that the pastors are taking more seriously the task of evangelism. Mr. W. Q. Maer did much evangelistic work in southern Chile. Our seminary students averaged more than twelve persons each, whom they had won to Christ during the year".

Any and all means are used by evangelists in proclaiming the Word. In Argentina and Uruguay Gospel tents, radio-preaching, street-preaching, services in the home, loud-speakers are some of the methods used to bear the Word to lost people. In *The Word Overcoming the World*, by E. C. Routh, we find the following interesting story of an effective method of evangelistic work done by our missionaries in Uruguay, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Orrick: "Recently they have acquired a loud-speaker—a very good one, with clear, natural tone that can be heard three or four blocks away and yet does not seem too loud at close range. These missionaries live in Montevideo but every Sunday afternoon they drive eighteen miles to Pando and, sitting in the car, sing and preach through the microphone. During the course of the afternoon services can be carried on in several sections of the town. The people listen attentively. One Sunday recently they had just fin-

ished their service when an old man came, almost running, asking them to wait. He was panting for breath when he reached them but he invited them to come to his home three blocks away to visit his sick son who in his bed had heard every word of the message. They visited and prayed with him. On one muddy street that led off from the highway they preached, pointing the amplifier down the gloomy street and at least fifty persons listened attentively, standing in front of their shacks".

Brazilian Baptists have both Home and Foreign Mission Boards through which they are sending the Word which they have received on to others. Their foreign mission work is in Portugal and their home mission work is in destitute sections of Brazil. These home mission workers in Brazil are real pioneers and suffer hardship and privations hardly to be equaled by missionaries on any field at any time. But they are doing wonders in giving the Word of God to people who have never heard it before.

SEND the WORD

OPPORTUNITIES for giving the Word to lost people in South America are challenging. We are distressed today because world conditions are closing for us so many doors; but surely the Holy Spirit has opened to southern Baptists "a great door and effectual" for immediate and fruitful missionary expansion in South America. Dr. Maddy discusses opportunities in South America as follows: "In four glowing and influential republics down under the Southern Cross—Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and Chile—we have



Attending Baptist Meeting on a Farm in Northwest Patagonia, South America

firmly established the cause of New Testament Christianity. The need in these four lands for missionary recruits and assistance is acute and compelling. Seven populous states in Brazil have not yet received a Baptist missionary and the pleas for reinforcements are insistent and continuous. In the progressive and forward-looking Republic of Uruguay there are only three missionary couples. In Argentina one-half of the Provinces (states) are yet without Baptist missionaries. We consider Argentina one of the most potential and challenging missionary fields in all South America. Across the Andes lies Chile, the land of vast, undeveloped natural resources and one of the ripest mission fields in the world for southern Baptists. The Gospel has overflowed into half a dozen other republics in South America; everywhere inviting doors swing open to the Baptist missionary. We could send

one hundred new missionaries to Latin America this year and then not have half enough to enter the open doors that invite us on every hand".

Dr. Scarborough says: "I have a deep feeling in my heart that if I were forty years younger and had a thousand lives to give, knowing what I now do about the opportunities of South America, I would give all those lives in a holy consecration to the open doors of the Gospel. The immense interior of Brazil, the rich plains of Argentina are the richest home mission fields in the world".

Surely the needs of South America call to us "Send the Word!" Surely the opportunities of South America call to us to "send the Word!" The needs are urgent, the opportunities are challenging; therefore, WE MUST SEND the WORD to SOUTH AMERICA!



Chapel Built by Argentine W.M.U. at Presidencia Roque Saenz Pena, Chaco

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the importance of God's Word and world-missions.
2. Tell something of Bible translations.
3. How is the universality of the Bible proved by translations?
4. Tell something of the distribution of the Bible.
5. Tell of the need of the Word in South America.
6. Mention some of the ties that bind the United States to the South American nations.
7. Discuss Christianity as the strongest tie that could bind the American nations together.
8. Tell of the work of colporters in South America.
9. Tell stories illustrating the power of the Word in South America.

10. Tell of the work of the Carroll Publishing House in Brazil.
11. How do Baptist students of South America carry the Word?
12. Tell of evangelists bearing the Word.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

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

The Window of Y.W.A.	—World Comrades
Southern Baptist Home Missions	—The Commission
State Denominational Papers	
Last Report of the Foreign Mission Board	
The Word Overcoming the World	E. C. Routh
Sharing with Neighbor America	W. C. Taylor
In the Land of the Southern Cross	White and Muirhead
Gospel Triumphs in Argentina and Chile	J. L. Hart

PEACE (Concluded from Page 9)

We must cultivate the love of the "Brotherland" in our own hearts. We talk much about a new world-order. But there can be a new world-order only when we have new men and new women. The Prince of Peace brings about peace not by treaties or laws or pacts but by the creation of the spirit of tolerance and sympathy and understanding in the hearts of men. The tragic world-situation today is the result of our failure to accept the teachings of Jesus with regard to human brotherhood and to translate His teaching into interracial and international attitudes which break down the barriers which separate us and make it manifest that in Him there can be neither "Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all and in all".

Bombs cannot destroy Christ. Blitzkriegs cannot destroy Christ. His Spirit emerges clean and strong from the ruins. Our hope is in Him. Only the Prince of Peace can build a world of peace.

"In the days that have gone I have bound man closer to man
And closer woman to woman.
And the stranger hath seen in a stranger his brother at last
And a sister in eyes that were strange.
In the days that shall be, I will bind Me nation to nation
And shore unto shore, saith the Lord.
Lo, I am the burster of bonds and the breaker of barriers—
I am He that shall free:
For the lingering battle, the conflict of ages is ending,
And victory followeth Me!"

—Mrs. Ryland Knight, Atlanta, Georgia

Personal Service

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

The CHURCH and the COMMUNITY

Be not conformed to this world—Romans 12:20.

AT the end of the revolutionary period of American history scarcely five per cent of the population was enrolled in any church. By 1890 the percentage was twenty-five and it has steadily increased until today over fifty per cent of our population is nominally Christian. We might suppose therefore that more than half of our population is trying to live according to Christian ideals and standards. Dr. E. E. Aubrey says: "The church in its own life should exemplify those attitudes and foster them in its members that they may go forth in the community with devotion and power to guide the life of the community". If our churches have fallen far short of this ideal and if our communities might more truly be characterized as "pagan" than "Christian", let us each ask ourselves: Why is my church not more potent for good in my community? What can I do to strengthen its influence?

Two obstacles to furtherance of the Gospel in our modern American communities are: (1) half-hearted devotion on the part of great numbers of our church members; and (2) activity on the part of others who major on minors, forgetting the prime objective—the advancement of the Kingdom.

"Dangling adherents", Dr. H. Paul Douglass calls about one-fourth of our church members, those who have a relationship "so remote and tenuous as hardly to count at all unless some sort of magic is ascribed to the mere act of belonging to any church organization".

At the other extreme are the "much connected", from five to seven per cent, who have a part in everything.

Dr. E. P. Alldredge tells us in the *Quarterly Review* for the first quarter of 1941 of "the marvelous ten years' growth of southern Baptists", giving great gains in reported church memberships, baptisms and gifts. But let us face all the facts. It took nineteen southern Baptists one year to win one convert. The per capita giving to all causes was \$7.91 and of this amount only about \$1.25 was contributed to missions. The per capita giving during the second year of the depression, according to Dr. Alldredge's figures, was much better than for 1940. The loss in gifts to missions for 1940 as compared to 1930 was 18 per cent. As we face the enormous figures of our reported church membership and contrast them with the actual amount of service rendered and gifts contributed, we must needs hang our heads and pray: "Lord, be merciful to us southern Baptists, sinners!"

Of the church at Laodicea it was written: "Because thou art lukewarm and neither hot nor cold, I will spew thee out of my mouth!" Can it be that we too are nauseating to our Lord in our half-hearted devotion?

On the other hand, let us look at our activity. Is it possible that we have been so interested in organizations and standards, in the manifold phases of church activities that we sometimes forget the prime objective—the advancement of the Kingdom? Organizations furnish avenues of service through which we get the maximum in cooperation

from an entire church membership. But if we become so interested in the organization, the particular project to which we have set our hands, that we forget the main thing, then our activity becomes just so much lost effort. We become a hindrance rather than a help to the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. God grant us of His grace and wisdom and power, even as He has

promised, that we may promote His Kingdom-enterprise through our churches into our communities; that instead of churches conformed to the standards of the communities we may have communities transformed by the standards of the churches expressed in the Christ-like lives of church members! —Mrs. Clyde V. Hickerson, San Antonio, Texas

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lieve he has made a fine choice for his life-work. This seems to me a fine opportunity for a person with a positive Christian character and personality".

While rejoicing with John and while congratulating him and the Margaret Fund because of his record during the past three years of his college life, it may be well to explain that this scholarship is a memorial that honors a former and well beloved W.M.U. treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Lowndes. It is awarded for the senior year to a Margaret Fund student distinguished during the three preceding college years for high scholastic standing, leadership, personality and character. It is in addition to the regular Margaret Fund scholarship to said student.

John and other splendid Margaret Fund students are guided by King Solomon's definition of wisdom (*Prov. 8:34, 19*) even as they faithfully study to have their lives count mightily for "a greater than Solomon . . . even Christ in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden":

"Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, watching at the posts of my doors. For whoso findeth me findeth life and shall obtain favor of Jehovah. . . . My fruit is better than gold; yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver!"

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When the other girls had gone Beth put her arms around her teacher and said: "Teacher, I'm going to make my words good. I'm going to ask mother to give me the money she was planning to put into my new coat and I will gladly give that to my King".

In the ranks of Woman's Missionary Union there are some few who constantly "spread their garments in His way". Oh that at this tragic hour of world need there could be found among our women and young people "a very great multitude" of garment-givers! How easy it then would be to raise that million dollars for southwide debts! How all mission funds would increase!

Methinks I can hear many say: "Oh, I do not have many clothes. I need the garments I have". Doubtless that was just how many of the people along His way felt that Palm Sunday, for there were many who did not choose to spread their garments in His way.

That day He was on His way to the cross. But Calvary's crucified King is now marching to the throne. Blessed are those who help prepare His way.—Mrs. Carter Wright

Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia
South America Calling . . . How Long Must We Wait?

Inspiring are the stories which come from all foreign mission fields setting forth the fact that many individuals and groups have been won to Christ and sought to become His true followers through no other instrumentality than a study of the Scriptures. This seems to have been particularly true concerning Brazil. Surely then the large order of 1-000,000 Portuguese Gospels placed with the American Bible Society by the British and Foreign Bible Society in London for its work in Brazil should be expected to bring forth a rich harvest of souls for the Kingdom. It is said this is the largest order for foreign language Scriptures ever received by the American Bible Society.

In the national library of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, under guard is the great Mainz Bible printed in 1462. It is believed by scholars to be the fourth edition of the Scriptures ever printed. Fust and Schoeffer, the printers, were at one time associated with John Gutenberg who was born in Mainz, Germany.

World Dominion tells us that the broadcasts of *Voz Evangelica do Brasil* are rendering valuable service and that in a church in Brazil in which charitable work is prominent and that on the labels of the bottles of medicine which they give away are printed the following: "They that are whole have no need of a physician, but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance".

A National Evangelical . . . has been constituted . . . which labor . . . an members . . .

Alliance, the Church of the Nazarene, the Peruvian Evangelical Church, the Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church, the Peruvian Inland Mission, the Irish Baptist Mission and the Assemblies of God, also the American Bible Society, the British and Foreign Bible Society and the Methodist Colegio Norteamericano.

In isolated places in Honduras the phonograph is used to fine purpose in the homes of evangelical Christians who seldom have the privilege of attending service. Hymns, prayers, Scripture passages and sermons are reproduced in Spanish and in this way many unsaved are also being reached.

With some help from missionaries but mostly with the cooperation of the natives, a fine Christian work has been opened up in interior Venezuela where there are today nine churches with a total membership of 2000. It was all started by an Indian who in 1924 heard of the Bible and bought a copy. We are told no foreign funds have been used in this work.

According to the American Friends Service Committee pacifism has caused a number of European refugees to leave their homelands and settle in Paraguay where it seems they are not asked to practice military service. There they have formed a kind of brotherhood known as "La Sociedad Fraternal Humanitaria". They believe, as quoted by *Christian Century*, "in putting into practice Christ's teachings described in the Acts of the Apostles. We all

in common what we have, we

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY to the SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

SECOND QUARTERLY REPORT—April 1 to July 1, 1941

Compiled by W.M.U. Treasurer

States	Reported by State Treasurers as Having Been Contributed by W.M.U. Members						Received by W.M.U. Treasurer			TOTAL
	Debt-Paying Campaign	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Ministerial Relief	Christian Education	State Missions S.B.C. Program	W.M.U. Training School		Special Gifts	
							State Appt. Tr. School	Scholarship Fund		
Ala.....	\$ 4,890.51	\$ 3,964.41	\$ 4,545.55	\$ 665.83	\$ 5,567.11	\$ 8,494.69	\$ 300.00	\$.....	\$ 37.23	\$ 28,465.33
Ariz.....	114.90	72.35	373.87	8.03	19.69	355.49	.....	.....	4.00	948.33
Ark.....	1,574.62	1,090.77	5,826.45	208.86	2,252.85	9,735.68	236.76	.....	25.81	20,951.80
D.C.....	446.97	.....	530.19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	982.16
Fla.....	2,913.85	3,940.01	6,297.73	546.22	2,560.80	8,608.19	125.00	100.00	5.00	25,096.80
Ga.....	7,325.30	2,182.63	3,165.92	.25	213.38	40,433.77	775.28	.....	815.63	54,912.16
Ill.....	932.68	158.50	25.14	.....	1,800.00	7,537.68	49.99	.....	7.06	10,511.05
Ky.....	5,099.02	7,566.82	9,229.98	1,420.00	4,621.53	14,199.60	54.70	87.19	501.15	42,579.99
La.....	2,919.55	1,486.38	693.73	307.15	1,661.15	7,742.66	.....	.....	.....	14,810.62
Md.....	895.12	1,086.87	437.44	136.34	272.56	13,908.31	.....	.....	.....	16,736.64
Miss.....	986.06	2,561.21	9,940.68	255.23	2,246.40	9,287.54	700.00	.....	.....	25,977.12
Mo.....	3,231.30	3,035.37	5,820.74	545.87	4,403.06	8,781.07	190.00	60.00	18.31	26,285.72
N.M.....	266.94	23.79	155.99	.....	.....	6,100.64	15.87	20.00	179.04	6,762.27
N.C.....	8,420.56	8,284.75	4,654.81	1,532.39	18,679.02	20,932.71	.....	.....	204.00	62,708.24
Okla.....	1,802.50	1,818.72	3,965.59	305.00	1,577.04	24,496.61	600.00	.....	50.00	34,615.46
S.C.....	2,616.61	8,275.57	9,314.17	1,607.72	1,202.28	19,405.04	600.00	350.00	78.85	43,450.24
Tenn.....	5,741.70	8,188.59	5,129.71	1,687.76	8,936.22	11,007.25	1,500.00	1,000.00	38.50	43,229.73
Tex.....	6,543.70	10,747.94	6,542.07	7,966.33	21,756.48	67,346.94	.....	.....	88.87	120,992.33
Va.....	11,975.11	16,904.91	14,931.47	2,973.96	13,470.26	23,514.21	500.00	200.00	2.00	84,471.92
Misc.....	.....	1,073.00	537.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56.00	1,666.00
TOTALS.....	\$68,697.00	\$82,462.59	\$92,118.23	\$20,166.94	\$91,239.83	\$301,888.08	\$5,847.60	\$1,817.19	\$1,916.45	\$666,153.91

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