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—Psa. 43:3

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Editorial

"YE ARE the LIGHT of the WORLD"

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

"His lamps are we
To shine where He shall say,
And lamps are not for sunny rooms
Nor for the light of day
But for the dark places of the earth
Where shame and wrong and crime have birth;
Or for the murky twilight grey
Where wandering sheep have gone astray
Or where the lamps of faith burn dim
Where souls are groping after Him".

THE W.M.U. watchword for 1942, "Oh send out Thy light and Thy truth" (Ps. 43:3), will be often on our lips and constantly in our hearts through the days so fraught with anxiety for our world. They will help us to be more conscious of the responsibility of individual Christians in a time when darkness seems to have covered the earth. The glorious promise of the prophet Isaiah will be remembered: "Darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the peoples but Jehovah shall rise upon thee and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And nations shall come to thy light and kings to the brightness of thy rising". Darkness does not have the power to put out even one small candle. Its tiny flame can make one small circle light, can serve to guide not only its bearer but others also past pitfalls and through danger. It was a solemn responsibility that Jesus laid upon His disciples when He said: "Ye are the light of the world". This statement was followed by another: "Neither do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel but on a stand and it shineth unto all that are in the house".

If at the very beginning of this New Year members of Woman's Missionary Union rightly interpret the year's watchword it will have a tremendous influence in our united missionary activity, in our communities and even to the ends of the earth. It must not be considered as a mere prayer to the God of missions while we wait to see the evidences of His might as He sends, by His miraculous power, light to dispel darkness; but it must be interpreted in the light of its context and in the illuminating word of the Christ when He said: "Ye are the light of the world". It is His design and purpose that you and I, that each of the host who has named His Name and is called Christian, will be mediums through which the light of life may shine, illuminating the world and driving away its darkness by the inherent power of light. However this is not a mere passive transmission of light. It was Jesus who said: "I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day"; and it was He who said: "As the Father hath sent Me even so send I you".

A rightful interpretation of the New Year's watchword will lead to a reconsecration of ourselves and our missionary organizations that will result in spiritual development and practical Christian service to all those whose lives touch ours

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Watchword for Year

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION WATCHWORD for 1942

Dr. John R. Sampey, President of
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

THE watchword for 1942 is taken from Psalm 43:3 — "Oh, send out Thy light and Thy truth!" Psalms 42 and 43 compose one poem of three stanzas, each of the stanzas ending with the same refrain: "Why art thou cast down. O my soul? And why are thou disquieted within me? Hope in God: for I shall yet praise Him, who is the health of my countenance and my God".

In Psalm 43 the poet no longer contents himself with promising to pray, but he actually pours out his heart in earnest prayer for God's help. Cut off from worship in the temple, he cries out: "Oh, send out Thy light and Thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto Thy holy hill and to Thy tabernacles". God's light and faithfulness will show him the way to the sanctuary in Jerusalem, a place hallowed by the worship of God's people. There his longing for fellowship with the holy God will be satisfied.

The watchword may be extended to a world sunk in darkness and sin. If God's light and faithfulness guide the devout worshiper to the earthly temple as the place where his doubts and fears disappear under the influence of glad worship, may we not pray for God to

send forth His light and truth to guide lost men everywhere into His presence? He alone can lift their fears and quiet their doubts. The thirst of the soul can be satisfied by God alone. We do well to cry aloud to the holy God to send out His light into the dark places of the earth, that men living in darkness may find the way into the presence of a God who "so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life". On the lips of a Christian this ancient prayer includes the lost in all lands. We remember how our Savior said: "I am the light of the world; he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life". It will not suffice to utter the psalmist's prayer to God to send out His light and His truth, unless we become workers together with God in giving the good news of salvation to all men.

The young women of the W.M.U. Training School in Louisville use as their processional hymn "Send the Light". Let us hope that the watchword of Woman's Missionary Union for 1942 may kindle the fires of missionary zeal in all hearts as thousands repeat the prayer of the ancient psalmist: "Oh, send out Thy light and Thy truth!"

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Book Reviews

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

FELLOW-HELPERS to the TRUTH: Willie Jean Stewart, Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn., 1941; Price 25c

Reviewed by Miss Mary Northington, *Chairman of Committee on 1942 March Week of Prayer Plans*

EACH month you have had the privilege of reading book-reviews in *Royal Service* prepared by Miss Willie Jean Stewart of Nashville. These have guided you in selecting your mission study books.

This month the page is dedicated to a book written by Miss Stewart at the request of the "Committee on 1942 March Week of Prayer Plans". The purpose of the book is to prepare the hearts and minds of the women and young women for their Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions.

The title — "Fellow-Helpers to the Truth"—is based on Third John, eighth verse. A helpful devotional message based on this theme is given in the foreword.

The book is interesting and inspiring. The women who have studied the preparatory books each year will find this one different. The pertinent facts of the home field are grouped around the missionary who is the center of each chapter.

"The Fellow-Helpers to the Truth" whose biographies are given in graphic pictures are: Dr. John Newbrough, who was the superintendent of our Rescue Mission in New Orleans; Rev. Donato Ruiz, a Mexican who is serving his own race in Texas; Dr. M. N. McCall, the director of our work in Cuba; Miss Mary Kelly, veteran missionary among

the foreigners in Illinois; and Miss Fannie Taylor who served so faithfully in Tampa in the work with the Italians. Miss Stewart says: "One finds the best interpretation of any work in the lives of those who carry it on. No one can fully understand and evaluate any given piece of mission work in particular until he knows something of the purposes and ruling motives of the missionary responsible for it. It is inevitable that the work shall reflect the spirit of the workers even though, in the providence of God, they sometimes build better than they knew".

A thoughtful study of the book will create an interest in home missions in those who have not realized the great scope of its work. It is an ideal book for a pioneer class, for who would not be intrigued with the life-stories of great home missionaries?

The members of the Young Woman's Auxiliary will rejoice that they too are to have the privilege of studying this book, for all girls love biography. They will learn of heroes and heroines who are really worthwhile.

At the close of each chapter suggestions for teaching are given. Adopt or adapt them to suit your needs.

You will have a group of women and young women enthusiastic for our home mission work if you will do your part in presenting this book in a worthy way. *Do it, please, in good time before the March Week of Prayer.*

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

For Studying the Book

FELLOW-HELPERS to the TRUTH

Miss Willie Jean Stewart offers the following ideas:

The general purpose of this book is, in the words of the committee which planned it, to show that "America today with its false gods, false standards, false propaganda must be won to Christ" and that "the Home Mission Board is organized to proclaim the truth". In order to achieve this purpose it is important for teachers to keep emphasizing in every possible way, in every class session, the following ideas: (1) the need for the Gospel on every home field; (2) the varying ways in which the Home Board tries to meet this need; (3) the fact that the measure of the Home Board's ability to help is determined by the gifts and prayers and personal service of the supporting churches in general and by the results of the March Week of Prayer and Annie Armstrong Offering of Woman's Missionary Union. In addition to the teaching suggestions at the close of each chapter, the following activities should prove stimulating:

Session I. Aim: To give a clear picture of the organization of the Home Mission Board and to show with what adaptability and consecrated common sense it projects its work, as illustrated in New Orleans

Activities: 1. Using a map of your community, make a survey of conditions in your town or community which bring America's need close home. Out of the group's knowledge locate on the map (1) undesirable lounging places and questionable places of amusement; (2) places where alcoholic drinks are sold; (3) other wrong influences to which adults, young people and children are exposed. Over against these locations mark desirable places of amusement and opportunities for good times.

2. Discuss what the group or interested individuals might do to offset undesirable conditions and to make evil influences less potent.

3. Plan to undertake now one activity for community betterment; appoint a competent, enthusiastic committee to get it under way.

Session II. Aim: To show the Home Board's primary and continuous emphasis on evangelism and the development of the churches on all its fields, as illustrated in the work for the Mexicans in west Texas

Activities: 1. Prepare a map of your association with a small cut-out church at every point where there is a Baptist church. Place a red star or other marker at every church the Home Mission Board has helped.

2. On a map of the southern states locate the army-camps and naval stations in S.B.C. territory. Tell of work being done to evangelize the soldiers and sailors in these camps. Emphasize particularly the work your church is doing or might do for those nearest you.

3. Find out what migrant workers come to your state, at what seasons; locate the centers of their work. See if anything is being done by any agency to evangelize them. If not, could your association supply a volunteer or support a paid worker among them during the period of their stay?

Session III. Aim: To show something of the scope of the Home Board's educational activities and emphasize their importance in developing a well rounded denominational program in the churches as illustrated by the work in Cuba

Activities: 1. Consider the question, How might the educational activities of my own church be improved and made more effective?

2. Show pictures of Baptist schools in your state and on various mission fields. (See back numbers of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.) Discuss the contribution they make to Baptist life.

Session IV. Aim: To show the fruitfulness of the individual, personal work of Home Board missionaries among groups having special problems and the effectiveness of Good Will Center work in reaching groups not otherwise open to the Gospel, as illustrated in the work among peoples of other than American nationality in southern Illinois. (Concluded on Page 33)

Stewardship Suggestions

Southwide Stewardship Chairman, W.M.U. Promoter for a Debtless Denomination:
Mrs. Carter Wright, Alabama

THE HIGHEST TESTIMONIAL

HERE are some passages in the Bible that invariably act as "stop-lights" to me. I can never run past them without at least pausing to think. One of these arresting passages is found in Hebrews. The eleventh chapter of Hebrews has been called "The Westminster Abbey of the Bible". It stirs one's soul to visualize those Heroes of Faith. As we pause before one of them (Enoch), we read the greatest epitaph that can ever be written of mortals: "For, before his translation, he had this testimony, that he pleased God" (Heb. 11:5).

Food for thought there! For great "searching of heart"! What better time to do this than at the very beginning of the New Year?

Often has it been said (but, probably, not often enough) that we have no right to be satisfied or pleased with ourselves and our lives until God is. The Scriptures invariably hold up that standard for us. From my heart I give thanks for that glorious, victorious "Master's Minority" whose friends and whose church can testify: "They please God". They constitute our "saving salt" and are the delight of the Father's heart. In I Corinthians 10:5 Paul, speaking of the people of Israel, said: "But with many of them, God was not well pleased"; or, as Moffatt translates it: "With most of them, God was not satisfied".

Would that be true of the majority of the members of Woman's Missionary Union? Narrow the circle to the membership of your own society. How many are there whose lives prove that they are seeking first of all not to please self

or their friends or the world but God? Narrow the circle once more to include only yourself, even as I am now doing as to myself, and measure by the same standard.

It would be profitable to check every phase of our lives. However, as this brief page is devoted to the stewardship of possessions, we will confine ourselves to a few self-searching questions along that line:

The sum total of my gifts for all Kingdom purposes last year was Does my own conscience testify to me that God was "satisfied" with the amount I gave?

Were any of my offerings tinged with the red of sacrifice to the extent that they were "an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God"?

Could I possibly be pleasing to God and be indifferent to the debts that dishonor Him before the world and hinder the progress of His Kingdom?

Until my giving rises to God's one, only and unchanging standard—*tithes and offerings*—I can know for sure, from His own Word, that I am not pleasing Him.

To please God—just how important is it? *O, that we could realize now the vast difference it will make in the end.* It will be the difference between things temporal and things eternal; the difference between hearing or not hearing the priceless precious commendation: "Well done, good and faithful servant".

"Another year is dawning;

O, Master, may it be,
On earth or else in Heaven,
A year when I please Thee".

—Mrs. Carter Wright

For a Debtless Denomination

Southwide Stewardship Chairman, W.M.U. Promoter for a Debtless Denomination:
Mrs. Carter Wright, Alabama

W.M.U. PARTICIPATION for a DEBTLESS DENOMINATION

J. E. Dillard, S.B.C. Director of Promotion

"Please prepare an article concerning W.M.U. participation in the effort for a debtless denomination by 1945". Such was the request from this magazine.

I am grateful for the privilege. The article could be very short: "They have; they are; they will". Let me elaborate briefly.

They Have

From the beginning our women of the W.M.U. have been distressed over our debt-situation. They have longed and prayed and contributed, hoping for a debtless day. One of the two largest contributions for debt-reduction was made by a W.M.S. member. That was before we had any 100,000 Club. Even then our W.M.U. was contributing graciously and liberally toward the payment of our debt.

When the 100,000 Club was adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention as its special debt-paying plan the W.M.U. Executive Committee endorsed it, and the W.M.U. in nearly every state joined heartily in its promotion. In those few states that did not or do not officially approve the Club plan, the W.M.U. contributes to debt-reduction according to the plan the state organization does approve. They are not primarily concerned about the plan but are tremendously anxious to see the debt paid. So are we all.

They Are

Some people never start and so, of course, never arrive; some start, grow weary and stop; but the W.M.U. start-

ed at the beginning and is still going strong. It is impossible to say exactly how much it has contributed toward the payment of our southwide debt, but it has done more than any other organization and probably as much as all others combined. The result is that our southwide debt is now only \$2,400,000. (It was \$6,000,000 when the 100,000 Club started.) The W.M.U. last year adopted a goal of \$1,000,000 for southwide debt-clearance by 1945. They will reach their goal; *they always do.*

They Will

The W.M.U. will participate in this effort even more largely than ever. "Each year better than the one before" is characteristic. How will they do it?

1. By every society and circle accepting a definite objective and working to reach and go beyond it

2. By trying to get every member of every circle and organization to have some part, large or small, in this noble effort

3. By urging all to contribute a bit more than heretofore. Some "group" members could become full members; others contributing \$1 a month might give two or more.

4. By individuals and groups taking Centennial Memberships and contributing \$100 by or before May 1945

5. By securing some large, sacrificial, love-offerings to hasten the day of victory. One good woman has given a thousand dollars; another took a Memorial Membership (\$100) in honor of
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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 1942.

TOPIC: Think on these things: "Whatsoever things are true".

"The Law of the Lord"

1st Day—Psa. 1; Mk. 1:1, 14, 15
2nd Day—Psa. 19; Mk. 2:1-12
3rd Day—Psa. 119:142-152; Acts 1:1-5
4th Day—II Tim. 4:1-8; Matt. 28:18-20
5th Day—I Tim. 1:8-11; Isa. 9:3-7
6th Day—Isa. 1:25-27; Matt. 1:18-25
7th Day—Lk. 16:16, 17; 2:25-35

"Christ is the end of the law".

8th Day—Rom. 10:4; Matt. 2:3-12
9th Day—Rom. 8:3, 4; Lk. 2:41-52
10th Day—Matt. 11:1-6; Isa. 7:10-16
11th Day—Matt. 16:15-17; Heb. 1:1-9
12th Day—John 1:17; Lk. 3:1-6
13th Day—John 14:6; Lk. 3:15-18
14th Day—John 20:30-31; Matt. 3:13-17

"I tell you of a truth".

15th Day—Lk. 4:24-32; Mk. 1:1-8
16th Day—Lk. 4:33-44; Acts 2:1-8
17th Day—Lk. 5:1-11; Acts 2:37-41
18th Day—Lk. 5:12-26; Joel 2:28-32
19th Day—Lk. 5:27-39; Matt. 4:1-11
20th Day—Lk. 6:12-31; 4:1-13
21st Day—Lk. 8:4-16; Gen. 3:1-8

"I am come . . . to fulfill".

22nd Day—Matt. 5:17; I Pet. 5:6-11
23rd Day—Heb. 1:1-8; Jas. 1:12-15
24th Day—Acts 13:38, 39; I Cor. 10:6-13
25th Day—Acts 15:1-11; Heb. 2:9-18
26th Day—Acts 18:1-12; Matt. 4:18-22
27th Day—Acts 19:1-10; Mk. 1:16-20
28th Day—Acts 26:1-18; Lk. 5:1-11
29th Day—Acts 28:19-32; Lk. 14:25-33
30th Day—Acts 28:24-31; Matt. 5:1-12
31st Day—Acts 8:18; Mk. 6:7-13

"Pray Ye"

Ascribing all praise to God—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Resolving to pray much during the New Year

Interceding for your home, circle, society and church that each will this year glorify God by deeper devotion to His Kingdom

Remember especially the soul-winning efforts, emphasizing personal evangelism, family altars, revival in every church.

Pray for all W.M.U. work in your church—officers and committees of society; counselors of W.M.U. young people; efforts to be A-1 and to increase number of tithers.

Intercede for those responsible for preparing for March Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 2-6 inclusive.



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Calendar of Prayer January, 1942

Prepared by Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

God of our fathers, known of old—Lord of our far-flung battle-line—
Beneath whose awful hand we hold dominion over palm and pine—
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet, lest we forget, lest we forget!

—Rudyard Kipling

1—THURSDAY

That members of Woman's Missionary Union may be true to the watchword for 1942
Oh send out Thy light and Thy truth.—
Psa. 43:3

2—FRIDAY

Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, president of Woman's Missionary Union
Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto Thee.—Psa. 143:8

3—SATURDAY

Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor, kindergarten-evangelistic work, Key West, Fla.
The harvest of earth is ripe.—Rev. 14:15

4—SUNDAY

Mrs. L. M. Duval and Mrs. W. T. Lambley, evangelistic missionaries from Africa
Thou hast made known to me the ways of life.—Acts 2:8

5—MONDAY

Mrs. Kathleen Mallory, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union
In the multitude of my thoughts within me Thy comforts delight my soul.—
Psa. 94:19

6—TUESDAY

Mrs. C. K. Doster, §Rev. and §Mrs. E. B. Doster, evangelistic work, Honolulu, T.H.
The Master is come and calleth for thee.—
John 11:28

7—WEDNESDAY

§Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Vance, Dr. and §Mrs. A. W. Yocum, medical-evangelistic work, Pingto, China
In the way of righteousness is life.—
Prov. 12:18

8—THURSDAY

§Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Craighead, evangelistic work; Rev. and §Mrs. E. F. Sturmer, educational-evangelistic work, Bucharest, Rumania; also Albert B. Craighead, Margaret Food student
The spirit within me constraineth me.—
Job 32:18

9—FRIDAY

§Miss Juliette Mather, young people's secretary of Woman's Missionary Union
It is God that girdeth me with strength.—
Psa. 18:32

10—SATURDAY

§Miss Agnes Graham and §Anne Lancaster, educational-evangelistic work, Temuco, Chile
Speak ye out of the Book of the Lord and read it.—
Isa. 34:16

11—SUNDAY

Mrs. W. B. Bugby and Mrs. S. L. Glasburg, american missionaries from Brazil
Our fathers have told us what work Thou didst in their days of old.—
Psa. 44:1

12—MONDAY

Annual meeting of Florida Woman's Missionary Union, Panama City, January 11-14
Say to them that are of a fearful heart, be strong, fear not.—
Isa. 35:4

13—TUESDAY

§Miss Gladys McLanahan and §Miss Mae Weatherford, educational-evangelistic work, El Paso, Texas
Of His own will he begot He us with the Word of truth.—
Jan. 1:18

14—WEDNESDAY

W.M.U. Executive Committee; State W.M.U. executive and young people's secretaries; also state departmental chairman
God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love.—
Heb. 6:10

Calendar of Prayer for January

15—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. H. P. McCormick, educational-medical-evangelistic work, Iwo, Miss Ruth Karmay, medical-evangelistic work, Ogbomoso, Nigeria
Power belongeth unto God.—Psa. 62:11

16—FRIDAY

Woman's Missionary Union Literature Department, (Miss Ethel) Winfield, secretary
Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes and I shall keep it unto the end.
—Psa. 119:33

17—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Schwab, evangelistic work, Basile, Rev. and Mrs. S. Hebert, educational-evangelistic work, Acadia Academy, Church Point, La.
Come now, and I will send thee.
—Ex. 3:10

18—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Evans, Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Bryan, emeritus missionaries from China
He that is our God is the God of salvation.
—Psa. 68:20

19—MONDAY

Dr. S. M. Sowell, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Goldflock, Montevideo, Uruguay, evangelistic work
My Word shall not return unto Me void.
—Isa. 55:11

20—TUESDAY

Dr. and Mrs. C. G. McDaniel, educational-evangelistic work, (Miss Mary Lucile Saunders, evangelistic work, Soochow, China
He is our peace, who hath made both one and hath broken down the middle wall of partition.—Eph. 2:14

21—WEDNESDAY

Rev. W. Iron, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, evangelistic work among Indians
A good man obtaineth favor of the Lord.
—Prov. 12:2

22—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Bagby, evangelistic work, Sao Paulo, Brazil; also John and Samuel Shepard, sons of former missionaries to Brazil, Margaret Fund students
He that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.—1 John 2:23

23—FRIDAY

Dr. M. N. McCall, superintendent of Cuban work, and Mrs. McCall, educational-evangelistic work, Havana, Cuba
It is a good thing that the heart be established with grace.—Hab. 13:9

24—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. Fielder, Miss Grace Striffling, evangelistic work, Chongchow, China; also *Golds Jean Fielder, Margaret Fund student
The Lord is high above all nations.
—Psa. 113:4

25—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. D. G. Whittinghill, emeritus missionaries from Italy
The desire of the righteous shall be granted.—Prov. 10:24

26—MONDAY

Mrs. H. R. Mosley, evangelistic work, Miss Edelmira Robinson, publicational-evangelistic work, Miss Eva Smith, educational-evangelistic work, Havana, Cuba
Come hither and hear the words of the Lord your God.—Joel. 3:9

27—TUESDAY

Woman's Missionary Union of North Brazil
If we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us.—1 John 5:14

28—WEDNESDAY

Dr. and *Mrs. H. G. Walker, (Miss Eva Sanders, medical-evangelistic work, Ogbomoso, Nigeria
The Lord our God be with us; let Him not leave us nor forsake us.—1 Kings 8:57

29—THURSDAY

Misses Virginia Howard, Anna Kate Roloff and Theresa Maria Fielder, educational-evangelistic work, Acadia Academy, Church Point, La.
All that is in Heaven and in earth is Thine.—1 Chron. 29:11

30—FRIDAY

Dr. Ethel M. Pierce, medical-evangelistic work, Rev. and Mrs. D. F. Stamps, educational-evangelistic work, Yangchow, China; also George Stamps, Margaret Fund student
Salvation will God appoint for walks and byways.—Isa. 26:1

31—SATURDAY

W.M.U. of Argentine-Uruguay
In Christ Jesus ye that once were far off are made nigh in the blood of Christ.
—Eph. 2:13

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Bible Study

Elis Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

LESSONS from PROVIDENCE

The TRAINING of MOSES—Ex. 2:10; Acts 7:22

DR. BROADUS wrote for *Kind Words* in 1867 a description of "the best teacher in the world", Old Mr. Experience. "He's a rough old fellow. If I don't learn to suit him, he takes me by the hair of my head and slings me across the room. But then I pick myself up and learn. He has three classes in his school: a small class who can't learn even from experience but make the same mistake over and over; a very large class—nearly everybody in the world—who can't learn from any other teacher but will learn from Old Mr. Experience; and again a very small class, that can learn from other folk's experience". Let us try, in these *Lessons from Providence*, to learn from the experiences, good and bad, of other people.

The baby Moses—what a throb the story brings to every mother's heart! Jochebed was quite correct in her opinion that he was the most wonderful baby in the world. Her fear, love and determination to save him showed her a way. It involved separation; it succeeded. But she could not possibly imagine God's purpose for this child. A man great enough to lead Israel out of Egypt, a mother's dream might go that far; but the great lawgiver, the molder of the nation, through whom God created from a people in bondage the nation that was to lead the world in religion, "my people, the children of Israel"—no one could imagine such a man as that! Nor could the princess, touched by the babe's plight, charmed with his beauty, foresee how all the learning of Egypt was to prepare him for his task. The great pyramid, whose sloping entrance pointed to the north star, was an education in itself; and the priests could teach him still more—science, history, laws, government.

The slaying of the cruel Egyptian, the flight to Midian, the forty years with the good father-in-law, a shepherd-life for meditation, these all were part of his training. (His wife had a sharp tongue; his two sons were a happier gift.) The traditions handed down from Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the greatness of the Lord their God; the wonderful story of Joseph, his insight, his administrative gifts, his unselfishness, his faith—here was a man to imitate!—all these sank into his mind and became part of him. If Moses had dreamed of doing great things for his people too, that seemed all behind him that day he saw the bush that "burned and was not consumed". He answered the Lord humbly, too humbly, and had to be shaken out of his reluctance to go to Pharaoh, to go to Israel.* He was really far better fitted to listen to God, to know the mind of God, than he had been when he fled from Pharaoh.

Ah, Jochebed, had you been able to keep that baby-boy with you and slip safely away to Canaan with all your family, what a misfortune to this world!

*Note—By the way, his education had not included the art of public speaking. All boys should be taught that nowadays; girls too, for many are the club-meetings and missionary meetings for women.

Circle Program



EXPLANATORY NOTE: With the New Year this department reaffirms its definite purpose to suggest stimulating material for the circle programs and to increase the circulation of *The Commission** as published by the S.B.C. Foreign Mission Board and of *Southern Baptist Home Missionst* as published by the S.B.C. Home Mission Board. Each circle is therefore again urged to make available for its program participants these two monthly magazines as referred to in the following outline. (See also page 37 of 1942 W.M.U. Year Book and page 15 of this magazine.)

CIRCLE PROGRAM TOPIC

The WITNESS HIMSELF (Consecration)

Devotional Theme—The First Step—*Psa. 51:1-2, 12, 13; Exodus 32:29*

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

Fishing for Men at Iseleta (See article by Seferino Jojola in January issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missionst*.)

Witnessing in Foreign Lands (Select several stories and other data from January issue of *The Commission**.)

A "Soldier" on Leave (See article by Matias Garcia in January issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missionst*.)



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

"With God's Own Best Eleri"

IN November Miss Elma Elam of Nigeria was helping in "Schools of Missions" in Illinois. On the tenth she participated finely, along with four other missionaries, in an "Associational Missionary Rally". The next afternoon she became suddenly ill and by Thursday morning she had passed from earth to Heaven. In those last hours she was comforted by having with her Miss Susan Anderson of Nigeria, Dr. J. H. Humphrey of China and her mother and sisters from Missouri. The tenderest sympathy goes forth to her loved ones, especially to her mother and her coworkers in Nigeria, where she devotedly served in educational and evangelistic work for eighteen years.

Business Women's Circles

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Prayer Preparation—The most important preparation and that which will bring the most blessed and fruitful results is prayer. The blessing of the program will be largely in proportion to the amount of prayer given to it. Let the Program-Chairman begin her preparation with earnest and definite prayer that the Holy Spirit guide in the preparation and presentation of the program. Let her urge each one who has a part on the program to pray for the Lord's guidance and help in giving her part. At the beginning of the New Year let His prayer-promises challenge you as individuals and as a circle to more earnest and faithful prayer for His blessings on your lives and circle and through you "unto the uttermost part of the earth". (For program-material see pages 17-25.)

"Whatsoever Things Are True"—**POSTER:** At the top of the poster write "Think on these things: Whatsoever things are true". In the center draw a large, open Bible across which write the following verses: "Jesus saith—I am the truth"; "Thy words are truth"—*John 14:6; 11 Sam. 7:28*

"Sharing the Truth"—I would suggest that this be the last topic on the program. After having considered what Jesus, the Truth, means to the heart that is wholly surrendered to Him you are now ready to point out clearly that the supreme aim and purpose of the Business Women's Circles should always be "Sharing the Truth" for the purpose of making Him known to others.—**Poster:** At top of cardboard print: "Sharing the Truth". Below print: By Personal Testimony, By Our Living, By Prayer, By Tracts (glue a Gospel-tract to the poster), By the Word (paste a picture of a Bible on the poster), By Home Missions (paste a picture or pictures of home mission work on the poster), By Foreign Missions (use foreign mission pictures).

"Stories from Mission Fields"—**POSTER:** At the top of the poster print the words: Jesus the Truth. In the center of the cardboard draw a large heart. On the inside of the heart from top to bottom in the following order print: Lives, Sets Free, Satisfies, Transforms Life, Brings Joy, Brings Peace, Bears Fruit.

"The Truth Bears Fruit"—**POSTER:** Picture of a heavily laden fruit-tree planted by a river. Picture of a woman reading the Bible. Print a portion of Psalm 1:2, 3.

Invitations—(a) Make the invitations in the shape of a slate. Near the top of the page write: The Business Women's Circle (or the name of your circle) and below that the time and place and the following jingle:

A clean slate for the year 1942:

Just what it will be depends on you.

(b) New Year greeting cards may be used if the program is given early enough in January. Quote the following Scripture verses: "Think on these things: Whatsoever things are true"; "Jesus saith—I am the truth"; "Thy words are truth"; and, if space permits, the first verse of "I Love to Tell the Story". Give date, time and place of Business Women's Circle meeting.

Announcement Poster—Use any one of the above posters. Add date, place and time of Business Women's Circle meeting.

Program Plans

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INVITATIONS—If individual invitations are desired, write or mimeograph the following on postal cards:

TRUE-FALSE TEST

Are the following statements true or false?

1. The Great Commission was not meant for me.

2. The W.M.S. does not need me.

3. I will come to W.M.S. and do my part toward winning the world to Christ.

W.M.S. (*Time and Place of Meeting*)

ANNOUNCEMENT POSTER—At the top of a page of poster-paper draw an open Bible. On it print the words: *Christ said, "I am the Truth"*. In the center of the page sketch a group of people of varying nationalities, all with chained hands. Label these chains: *Ignorance, Superstition, War, Poverty, Disease*. Over the entire group, so that the letters may be distinctly seen, print the word *SHIN*. To the left of this chained group of people, print the caption, *Ye shall know the Truth*; and to the right, *The Truth shall make you free*. At the bottom of the page write clearly, *How shall they know unless we tell them?* If desired, this poster may be used during the meeting.

PREPARATION and PRESENTATION—Since this is the first meeting of the year, the Program-Chairman might use white wrapping paper and cardboard to make a large book (about 12 x 18). It will add to the effectiveness if the cover is in W.M.U. colors, lavender and white. On the cover have the title: *W.M.U., 1942*. Have the book closed and upright upon a table or

stand. After the singing of the first hymn, let the president or some one delegated by her open the book to the first page—a blank one—and, letting the book face the audience, speak in a few words of a new beginning. Then turn to the second page, which will contain the theme for the year. Immediately turn to the third page, which will have the W.M.U. watchword. Follow this with the watchword for the year. If there is time, she might condense the "President's Message" from the 1942 W.M.U. Year Book (pages 10-11). Pause here for the Bible study, prayer and hymn as suggested in the program-material (pages 13, 17). The Program-Chairman should then take charge and introduce the speakers on the topics suggested in program-material (pages 17-25).

The pages of the book should be turned as each subject is announced. First, give the topic for the month which will be printed on one page. Then, in order present: "As We Think", "Whatsoever Things Are True", "Sharing the Truth". Pause for hymn and prayer. Continue with "Stories from Mission Fields", and "Youth and the Truth", each title of which will be in the book. The program-topics should have been assigned to at least five people. If desired, "Stories from Mission Fields" may be broken up and given to several women. If one person gives all the stories, she should emphasize the subtitles to give unity and clarity to the whole. Be sure that ample time has been allowed for preparation, that no one will have to read her part. Saturate the preparation with prayer.

Program Material

Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: "Thy Will Be Done on Earth"

TOPIC for MONTH: Think on these things: "Whatsoever things are true".

Hymn for Year—The Light of the World Is Jesus

W.M.U. Watchword—Laborers Together with God—I Cor. 3:9

Watchword for Year—Oh send out Thy light and Thy truth.—Psa. 43:3

Bible Study—The Training of Moses—Ex. 2:10; Acts 7:22 (Page 13)

Prayer for God's blessings on our work as we enter the New Year

Hymn—Lead On, O King Eternal

—As We Think

Whatsoever Things Are True

—Sharing the Truth

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

Prayer that we may be faithful in sharing the truth with all people

Stories from Mission Fields

The Truth Brings Joy

The Truth Bears Fruit

The Truth Sets Free

Truth in a Tract

The Truth Changes Ideals

Truth Changes the Heart

The Truth Brings Peace

—Hymn—Jesus Saves

Youth and the Truth

Prayer that truth may prevail throughout the earth

AS WE THINK

"The power of thought—the magic of the mind".

"I think, therefore I am".

"The ancestor of every action is thought".

"Thoughts rule the world".

THESE quotations help us to realize how wonderful it is to be able to think. Each of us lives in an inner world of our thoughts and our thoughts become the outer world of our actions. "There is nothing—either true or false, good or evil, in this or any other world—that was not first of all a thought".

Every person ought to think for himself, independent of others. Not to do so is to miss one of life's most valuable opportunities for, "in the mental world, there is absolutely no limit to man's possible possessions". No matter how slender his means or how dull his surroundings his mind may become a kingdom rich beyond all of his dreams. "The walls of his imagination may be hung round with pictures surpassing any painter's fancy or poet's dream. The chambers of the brain may be peopled by the pure and holy thoughts of every country and of every age. By a mere act of will, exercised at any moment of the night or day, we may surround ourselves with the forces of the Unseen Holy".

A poet says:

"Though man a thinking being is defined,
Few use the grand prerogative of mind.
How few think justly of the thinking few!
How many never think, who think they do".

A wit says: "Some people think, some think they think and some just think they think they think". These are ways of saying that most people never really think. A few people do the thinking of the world, the rest let their minds follow the path of thought laid out by others. The trouble with most of us is that we are mentally lazy. We had rather follow the smooth path of the thinking of others than to make a new path of thought for ourselves. But we must remember that it is the thinkers who occupy high positions in the affairs of the world. "Those who think sit in presidents' chairs. Those who don't think dig ditches".

We need to realize that we have a stewardship of our minds. They have been given to us by God to be used for His glory. We need to think more about God. We need to meditate more on His power, His goodness, His love and His great purposes. We need to form the habit of connecting all our thoughts of earthly things with Him and His purposes. We should use our best thinking in the planning and conducting of the business of His Kingdom. "The mind must exercise itself toward God. If there is no thought in your religion, there is no life in it".

Our thoughts determine not only our actions but our character. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he", said Solomon. Thoughts write lines upon the face and determine what manner of man or woman the individual is. "Just as our bodily structure is modified by the class of nourishment received, so there is every reason to believe that the quality of a man's thoughts reacts on the brain-cells and that pure and wholesome thinking makes for a strong and capable brain. Certain it is that a man's thoughts affect the structure of his character".

Since action and character are determined by thought it is important not only that we should think but that we should think rightly. "We should be eager and zealous to feed and fill the mind with wholesome images and with visions of all that is fair and fragrant, avoiding all that is low and vulgar, whether in literature or life, seeing that, by a wondrous process of moral assimilation, we become like the thoughts and persons with whom we associate and take the color of the books we read".

For the right direction of thought we must depend upon the Holy Spirit. Left to drift, our minds will lead us into unsafe paths of thinking. Therefore we must pray continually that God will guide our thinking, fixing our thoughts on those things only which will produce right action and develop strong character.

In the book of Philippians Paul gives us a list of things to think about: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things". On this guiding verse for thought our program topics for this year are based. With the general theme—"Thy Will Be Done on Earth"—we will think on the things that are mentioned in this verse, relating them to our missionary work, seeing that these are the things included in the largeness of Christian ethics and that these are the things which must dominate the minds of people, if God's will is done on earth. As we enter on this year, with such thought-provoking program-plans ahead, may we summon our minds to real thinking, asking God to help us devote every power of thought to the work of His Kingdom, that His will might be done on earth.

WHATSOEVER THINGS ARE TRUE

FIRST in Paul's list of things worthy of the Christian's thought are "Whatsoever things are true". It is right that this should come first, for it is a necessary element in all the other things mentioned. Nothing can be honorable or just or pure or lovely or of good report or virtuous or worthy of praise unless it be true. "Truth is the first great requirement, fidelity to fact a fundamental necessity". "Great is truth and mightily above all things". "Truth is the highest thing that man can keep". "No pleasure is comparable to standing on the vantage-ground of truth".

"There are any amount of things which count,
As we travel along through youth;
There are beauty and skill and power of will,
But better than all is truth.
There are lots of things which our manhood brings,
When we put our youth behind;
There are riches and wealth and strength and health,
But truth is the best we find".

There is an old proverb which says, "Truth lies at the bottom of a well", suggesting that it is necessary to make an effort to find truth. In all ages and among all peoples there has been a search for truth. Men have made a million mental excursions trying to find truth in science, in philosophy and in religion. The demand for truth is universal and as eternally imperative in the kingdom of man as in the Kingdom of God. The accountant must make his figures true to mathematical law or he will lose his job. The chemist must be true to chemical law or cause an explosion. The carpenter must keep his measurements true or ruin his house. We want to hear the truth, see the truth and know the truth about all things.

It is in the realm of religion that truth is most important. What has been eagerly sought in all the ages is the truth about God and His dealings with men. "Where is truth?" men have asked. Jesus came with the answer—"I am the way and the truth and the life". He is the fountain of truth, the revealer of truth, the teacher of truth. We believe that the "whatsoever things are true", commended to our thinking by Paul, are those true things found in Jesus our Savior. When we think on Him—His life, His teachings, His death, His commandments—we are thinking of things which are eternally true. And on these things we should think constantly with all the power of concentration and comprehension which our finite minds can possibly muster.

The Bible has been given to us to reveal the truth about Jesus. It is His Book, given to interpret His truth to our hearts. In the Scriptures we find true doctrine and instruction in all righteousness. However, men need to be guided in their interpretation of the Bible. The Holy Spirit has been given to us as this guide. When Jesus promised His coming He called Him the "Spirit of Truth" and said "He will guide you into all truth". We need the constant direction of the Holy Spirit as we search for the holy truths of the Bible. He will save us from the by-ways of false doctrines and will guide our feet in the paths of truth concerning Jesus and His teachings. With the help of the Holy Spirit we will be able to think on the things that are true—the things found in Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life. He is the truth that corrects our wrong conceptions of God. His grace refines our natures and His love uplifts us from earth's levels of the false to dwell in the high places of truth and righteousness.

"Whatsoever things are true—think on these things!"

Jesus is the truth and the personification of all true things—think on Him!

SHARING the TRUTH

ONE day two men found Jesus and recognized Him as the way, the truth and the life. At once one of these men, Andrew, went and brought his own brother to Jesus. Having found the truth himself he must share it with some one else. Nobody said to Andrew, "Go bring your brother". But as soon as he had realized that this Man standing before him was the Messiah he hurried away to find his brother to share with him the glad conviction. In less than twenty-four hours this first disciple had made another disciple.

It is the natural impulse of any one who finds truth to want to share it with others. "If a man has any real depth of conviction, he cannot rest until he tries to get somebody else to share his conviction". "Even a dog that has had his leg mended will bring other limping dogs to the man who was kind enough to do it". Whoever really believes anything becomes a propagandist.

We who have found the truth in Jesus must be Andrews to share that truth. We must not think on the things that are true just to revel in their glory for our own souls' satisfaction but that we might carry to others the blessedness of those true things. The knowledge of Christian truth carries with it a yearning and an absolute necessity to speak it out to others. Dr. Green of Nigeria tells the story of a blind man from whose eyes cataracts were removed so that he could see. A few days after he left the hospital he returned, bringing with him ten blind men. Having found sight for his own eyes he brought ten others to share his great blessings. When our eyes are opened to behold the truth we want to bring other blind ones that their eyes might also be opened. It is the instinctive and natural impulse of the person who has found Jesus to want to bring some one else to Him.

We must share the truth of the Gospel because of the world's great need of this truth. Millions of earth's lost people are seeking for the truth about God. The Hinduism of India, the Buddhism of China, the Shintoism of Japan, the paganism of Africa, the Catholicism of Europe and Latin America and all the other "isms" of the world are but the efforts of the human heart to find truth—the truth about God, about the best life for this world and about life beyond the grave. For this the African wears his charms and engages in his pagan worship; for this the Chinese bows before his idols of wood and stone; for this the Japanese makes his long journey to the sacred shrines of worship; for this the Catholic counts the beads of his rosary as he prays to the Virgin Mary and the "saints"; for this the Mohammedan turns his face toward Mecca as he chants his prayers to Allah; for this the American Indian eats his peyote bean and performs his heathen dances. How pathetic is this futile search for truth! We who have the truth—who know that in Jesus is found satisfaction for all the yearnings of the human heart—must share that truth with others, even with the whole world.

Jesus commands that we shall share His truth with others. He says, "Ye shall be My witnesses". We are to bear testimony of the truth that we have found in Him. It is His plan for the spread of His truth through the earth. Andrew started something when he brought his brother to Jesus. He started the spread of the truth of the Gospel which was to be preached to the ends of the world. He was the first to bring another to Jesus; but as a snow-drift on the top of a mountain gathers an avalanche by the time it reaches the valley, so did the testimony of this man become an avalanche of power for the spread of truth. This truth has come to us and it must go on from us to others.

We can share the truth, as Andrew did, by *personal testimony*. All around us—in our own homes, in our own communities—are people who do not know Jesus. We can bring our own brothers, our own friends, our own neighbors to find the truth of His salvation.

We can share the truth by our *living*. The greatest testimony of the power of the Gospel is the life of the Christian. A Jew recently read the New Testament for the first time. In speaking of it to a friend he said: "Parts of it are beautiful, but I do not see what these people around here called Christians have in common with this Book". If our lives show that we have much in common with the "Book" then will those around us believe its teachings and accept its truths.

We can share the truth through *missions*. Missions is giving the truth about God to all people. It is sharing the way of salvation with all nations. As we engage in the missionary work of our denomination, belonging to the missionary societies in our churches, studying about missions, praying for missions, giving to missions, trying to win the interests of others to missions, we are sharing the truth with the whole world and are helping to bring the people of many lands to find in Jesus the truth for which their hungry souls are searching.

"Whatsoever things are true—think on these things!"

Accept these things for yourself!

Share these things with others!

The TRUTH BRINGS JOY

SHE was an old Chinese woman already passed her eightieth birthday. She was very poor and made her living by going to the hills and gathering dry grass which she carried to a brick-kiln and sold for fuel. All of her life she had worshiped her idols, but they had brought no satisfaction to her hungry soul. Now she was old and there was no joy in her life, no peace in her heart.

One day as she trudged wearily along the road with a friend from her village she saw a group of women sitting under a tree by the road-side. As she drew near she saw that one stood in the center with a book in her hand talking while the others were listening. She and her friend stopped and, mopping on their wide sleeves the perspiration from their faces, found a place to sit down on the root of a tree with the other women. They listened for the first time to the story of love, for the speaker was telling about one called Jesus who loved all people and who had died to save all people from their sins. They listened for an hour with growing interest and were sorry when the speaker who called herself a Bible-woman rose to go. They listened eagerly as she invited them to come to the market-town on the next market-day to hear some more. "We'll go", they said as they moved away. "We must hear more of this wonderful story". And go they did, not only on the next market-day but many times afterwards and both became faithful Christians.

To the old Chinese woman life is a different thing since she found the Lord. She must still carry the heavy loads of grass but she says that the Heavenly Father has renewed her physical strength so that the work is not so difficult. And as she carries the loads day by day there is great joy in her heart.

The truth of Jesus' love brings joy.

The TRUTH SETS FREE

HE was a Chinese cobbler making his living by sewing shoe-soles and shoe-tops together. He became a Christian and greatly desired to live a Christian life. But for many years he had used opium and so strong was the power of the habit that he found it difficult to give it up. In the same yard with him lived a devout Christian woman who believed in prayer. Seeing this man struggle to rid himself of the opium-habit, she prayed for him and encouraged him in every way she could. Finally through her suggestion he sought help from

the missionaries. They shut him up in a room away from opium for two weeks, providing for his physical needs and praying earnestly for him all the time. He came out victorious and never yielded to the temptation to use opium again. He had found the truth and the truth had set him free from the power of opium.

Freed from the evil habit himself, this cobbler thought of a friend, also a cobbler and also an opium-addict. Eager to share his Christian blessings he went to work and through prayer and personal work won this friend to Christ and helped him to rid himself of the opium-habit.

The truth sets men free from any evil habit.

The TRUTH CHANGES IDEALS

IN Nigeria is a heathen religious worship known as Egungun. This is a form of ancestor-worship and is supposed to represent the return to earth of the bodies of the departed dead. Once a year a festival is held when Egungun men appear dressed in fantastic garments from head to foot and often with huge carved head-pieces resting on their heads adding an additional foot to their height and making them look very grotesque and forbidding.

A certain man was a noted leader of a numerous and powerful Egungun cult at Ogbomoso. A few months ago the Baptist pastor of one of our churches led him to Christ. Of course this meant leaving his Egungun party and giving up his high position of leadership in this cult. He brought to his pastor his Egungun apparel, valued at \$100, saying: "I have given up this false religion. I do not want to keep my Egungun garments lest I be tempted to return to my former companions. I do not want to wear these ever again, so please take them and dispose of them".

Truth changes a man's ideals of worship and of life.

The TRUTH BRINGS PEACE

SOR eight years behind monastery walls a Brazilian monk sought soul-satisfaction. Knowing nothing better, he had entered the monastery in search of truth and salvation. He dedicated his service to every interest of the Catholic church, enduring the abuses given him by his superiors and doing penance in order to gain that which his heart desired. His social position and capacity soon gave him a place of honor and authority in the monastery. Although his service pleased his superiors and he came to have every material comfort he could wish, he did not find peace of heart.

One day a Christian man who delivered groceries to the monastery gave to the monk a tract written by Dr. Martins, an ex-priest, with the title "Why I Left the Catholic Church". This tract stirred in the monk's heart a desire to know more about the religious experience of this one who had been a Catholic and who had left this church for a new faith. An opportunity was offered for further investigation when, sometime later, the writer of the tract came to hold a revival in the city where the monastery was located. News of these meetings with parts of the sermons were printed in the newspaper. These the monk read with great interest. He longed to talk with the ex-priest. He remembered the Christian grocer and asked him to make an engagement for him with Dr. Martins, which he gladly did.

The monk began the interview by asking the question, "Do you have peace?" Dr. Martins' reply was positive, and then he explained the plan of salvation. The monk went back to the monastery trusting in Jesus. The next day he slipped out again bringing his few belongings with him and on the third day he left the monastery never to return. When Dr. Martins took a boat for Rio, with him

went the monk, planning to attend our Baptist Seminary there. On this boat were a bishop and several priests of the Catholic church who tried in every way to get the monk to return to the monastery, offering him anything he wanted. But he said: "No. I have peace!" About a month after reaching Rio he was baptized. On that occasion he spoke a few minutes telling why he had left the monastery, saying: "I went there seeking peace and found it not. I accepted Christ and found peace and salvation".

Truth brings peace to the soul.

The TRUTH BEARS FRUIT

AN evangelist was holding a revival in a French town in southern Louisiana. One day he visited a home and read the Bible to a French mother who lived there. That night she said to her husband: "I heard wonderful words today. If they are true, we have never had the truth before, we are lost and must believe those words to be saved". Two weeks after this she died without ever hearing another word of the Gospel. But that one message of truth had been enough to save her soul and to make her anxious for the salvation of others. Before she passed away she told her family that she was ready to meet God and, calling a little son to her bedside, commissioned him to find a Bible and then to go out and tell other French mothers the truth about salvation.

This happened many years ago. But, because this one woman found the truth and passed on to others her faith in the little bit of the Bible which she had heard, salvation has come to many French people in Louisiana. Because of her testimony her husband was converted. Then other members of her family found the truth and believed it. Since then from that family have come four French preachers, two deacons, noted in their home churches as soul-winners, and others who have been faithful witnesses of the truth in the French field.

The truth bears fruit in the lives of those who accept it.

TRUTH in a TRACT

A WONDERFUL story of the power of truth in a tract comes to us from one of our home missionaries. Several years ago a very strong Italian Catholic man was given a tract by a Presbyterian missionary. Reading this he was converted and became a very active Christian worker and started a Presbyterian Mission in Brooklyn, New York.

In some way the man learned the name of Miss Mary Kelly, our home missionary at Christopher, Illinois, and sent her some of his tracts. Miss Kelly wrote him that she could not conscientiously use his tracts since they did not teach the truth about baptism as Baptists believed it and she sent him some Home Board tracts on baptism.

Before very long the man replied to Miss Kelly that one of those tracts had changed his views on baptism and that he had been baptized. Later she heard that he was carrying on his work in Brooklyn as a Baptist instead of as a Presbyterian.

Truth in a tract can change a life.

TRUTH CHANGES the HEART

UNCLE Charlie was a Pawnee Indian Christian. Once he said to Dr. Beagle: "I old—ten and eight and seven", meaning that he was eighty-seven years old. Then he continued: "I soon go! You come my house. I give you old tomahawk. It kills lots white man". Then he paused for quite awhile, looked away, and his face softened as he said: "That before Charlie got

in Jesus Way. Charlie's only been in Jesus Way ten and seven years. Charlie no want kill any more. Jesus Way take all the want to kill. Charlie now love white man, love everybody". Then the old man said with emotion and deep feeling as he put his hands on his breast, "Jesus is here now".

Truth changes the heart of sin to one of love.

(The foregoing stories are adapted from those told by foreign and home missionaries. They have been gleaned by the writer from letters and articles in our missionary magazines.)

YOUTH and the TRUTH

WE cannot think on the things that are true without realizing our responsibility of teaching our young people also to think on the things that are true. Youth is searching for the truth. A thousand false ideas bid for the belief and loyalty of young people. False business policies, false moral standards and false religions tempt them away from the things that are true. In many schools and colleges youthful students are being led to doubt the truth of God's Word. They are told that the Bible and science do not agree, that science is true, therefore the Bible must be false. We need to help them to know that the Bible is always true and that when science is also true there is no conflict between the two.

In the Bible we are taught that truth must be passed on from one generation to another. Moses, speaking to the Children of Israel of the commandments of Jehovah, said: "And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down and when thou risest up". The psalmist sang: "Come, ye children, harken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord". Joel wrote: "Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation". In Isaiah we read: "The father to the children shall make known Thy truth".

For the sake of our children we must give them the truth, for only so can they be saved from their sins and from the world of error that would destroy their faith in God and in His Son Jesus Christ. For the sake of the truth we must pass it on to our children, for it is God's plan that from one generation to another it shall go. When our small span of life is over and we are gone from the earth, the truth in the hearts of our children shall live on. Then, on their lips and in their hearts it shall be passed on to still others. So on and on it shall go.

Youth wants truth. Let us help our young people to find it in God's Word. Let us help them to find it in Jesus. Let us help them to find it in our own lives consecrated to the service of propagating the truth. May the young people of today think on the things that are true—

To believe them and receive them,
To prove them and love them,
To emulate and propagate them,
To live them and give them to others.

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the importance of right thinking.
2. Discuss the importance of the truth in the affairs of the world.
3. Discuss man's search for the truth about God.

4. Discuss Jesus as the way, the truth and the life.
5. Discuss the need of the guidance of the Holy Spirit in interpreting the truths of the Bible.
6. Why must we share the truth of God's Word with others?
7. Mention some ways by which the truth may be shared.
8. Give some examples of how the truth has changed lives on home and foreign mission fields.
9. Why is it important to lead young people to think on the things that are true?
10. Discuss some false ideas that are leading young people away from the truth.
11. What are we doing in our church to teach young people the truth?

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
Letters from Missionaries
Things to Think On.....Dr. Henry Howard

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and will lead to a real sense of responsibility for all the peoples of all the darkened places in the world. Jesus speaks to each of us as He did to His disciples when He walked the earth: "Ye are the light of the world".

For a DEBTLESS DENOMINATION (Concluded from Page 9)

her preacher-husband, now in glory; another sent three diamonds her dear, departed companion had given her. Beautiful, helpful, challenging deeds! Love finds a way.

6. By the stewardship chairman in every society working and praying, planning and pleading with pastor and people in an earnest effort to get all our

people (especially all our W.M.U. members) in all our work, especially in helping to pay our debts

7. By all loyal members joining in, keeping up and staying with it till the job is done, and we can rejoice together in a debtless denomination. May it be truly said of each,

"She hath done what she could!"

Our Young People

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

ARE YOU READY for 1942?

HERE are many things which any counselor, associational or young people's leader and any young people's director can do for herself which will make her ready for the large responsibilities which will be hers in 1942. Many are undertaking such positions of leadership for the first time and are saying: "I don't know a thing about it". The first thing to do is to find out. There are many helpful sources of information and aid.

Be sure your Woman's Missionary Society has reported your name and address to your state W.M.U. headquarters. Then read thoughtfully the material which is yours free from your state leaders. No one is asked to "make bricks without straw". There is a manual free to each counselor or leader for each graded W.M.U. organization in addition to the 1942 W.M.U. Year Book and supplementary leaflets. Do you have these? If not, secure them by a postal card request from state W.M.U. headquarters.

Do not fail to study the 1942 W.M.U. Year Book. It is not just for W.M.S. members but is a source of practical information to all W.M.U. leaders. It will reveal the emphasis for 1942 and the general forward movement of W.M.U. but it is not magic to be valuable because it is in your hand: it must be read and studied as you study the manuals, cover to cover, page by page, line by line. On page 67 of the 1942 Year Book is a description of the Correspondence Course. Couldn't you enroll for it? At least you could study the *Guide for Girls' Auxiliary Counselors* if you are a G.A. counselor, the

Guide for Counselors of Chapters of the Order of Royal Ambassadors if you are a Royal Ambassador counselor; you can study the books *Telling You How* and *The Way of Missionary Education*. This will help a great deal if you simply cannot follow through the entire Correspondence Course. The W.M.U. young people's director or associational or district leader should study all the material for each organization. How else can she intelligently link counselors and W.M.S. or how be ready to organize in her association or district?

Every W.M.U. leader should have reading access to *Royal Service*. This is an official publication of our organization; counselors need its monthly explanations and its additional missionary information. Sunbeam leaders and G.A. and R.A. counselors need personal copies of *World Comrades* to keep besides those supplied for program-use. Unless counselors read their magazine how can they enthusiastically inspire parents to take it for their children and how can they inspire the children to want it? There is such desperate need for creating and cultivating international love that reading such literature as *World Comrades* and *The Window of Y.W.A.* is imperative to offset other unloving material.

Check on all the supplies such as: Standard of Excellence charts, record books, special material for each grade. Then, most important, check on your own faith and courage; bold to the resources of God which are available to those who serve Him; do not give up at the first or at any discouragement. Missions is the agency of hope for an agonized world and you build for a brighter tomorrow as you lead young people in missionary education in our dark world today. Is your heart ready for 1942?—Miss Juliette Mather

Young Women's Auxiliary

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

The STRATEGY of Y.W.A. in COLLEGE and HOSPITAL

NO one knows what the world-situation will be when 1942 comes to an end twelve months from now. These "times that try men's souls" are harder on thoughtful youth than on adults, for war-shadows threaten all their years. A typical sophomore wrote her mother in the fall: "The war is causing more damage than I had realized. While it isn't a topic of heated debate or general discussion, still a feeling of insecurity and worry pervades the entire atmosphere. The whole question of marriage is changed because of it. Perhaps it soberes us up, makes us stop and think, but I feel that it mostly frustrates". Woman's Missionary Union through Ann Hasseltine and Grace McBride Y.W.A.'s. can reach a steadying hand to perplexed youth by assuring them that God's Kingdom will prevail, urging them to hold their lives in faithful trust, not waste them in confusion or deleterious habits growing out of despair. Weekly meetings give quiet moments of worship as surcease from clamor and need, yet keep hearts compassionate to all suffering people.

Rampant hatreds fanned on every side must not be allowed to grow but the love like Christ's that knows no barriers must be developed through understanding other people; missionary programs will promote such understanding. It is not easy to sustain a high mission zeal amid demanding institutional schedules but it can be done for it has been and is being done in every type of situation—denominational college and hospital, state or privately supported university and hospital. What

some one has accomplished another can with the Holy Spirit supplying patience and tact and contagious enthusiasm.

Mission study classes will be most valuable in overcoming intolerance or hardened unconcern. Plan with the dean or superintendent for a week set apart, as nearly as one week in this twentieth century can be fenced off, for this one project. Christians need to understand the undesirable conditions and complex problems of other Christians and of lost people in all lands; mission programs and mission study classes give us opportunity to know each other.

Psychologically our young people need the activity of service to offset their pent feelings of frustration; so personal service should be directed to larger projects, reaching more with the message of salvation and instruction in Christian experience. Money is moving more freely for many people and the tendency is to increased spending; education in stewardship of possessions should be more pointed that youth may find joy in the honest tithe and the worthy gift.

Now is the strategic time to build missionary zeal in trained college minds and experienced nurses. Vast problems of world-life will be theirs to meet. The devoted counselor and fostering Woman's Missionary Society can make important contribution to peace and progress by real attention to Ann Hasseltine and Grace McBride Y.W.A.'s. these immediate months.—Miss Juliette Mather

Training School

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

A LETTER to YOU

2801 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky
November 10, 1941

Dear Circle:

When you asked me to write you my first impressions of the Training School, you gave me a delightful assignment. All I need is an audience!

Really, in every way, "House Beautiful" exceeds my highest expectations: in the beauty of the house itself, in the spirit that pervades it and in the character of the students and faculty. I know that you've heard a great deal about our new building. Well, it's just as pretty as they tell you it is, and you have every reason to rejoice in it. It's spacious and imposing and, at the same time, most livable. Every need, it seems, has been anticipated and met—from hairdryers in the dormitory to a special ice-cream freezer in the basement! Our own rooms are well equipped for comfort and work. We're all proud of our fluorescent study-lamps. (You know, the lights throughout the building were a gift of Mrs. J. H. Anderson of Knoxville, a former principal; I just wish you could see the beautiful chapel-chandeliers.) At the dedication on Founders' Day, we were thrilled as Miss Littlejohn and Mrs. Armstrong recounted the story of the building; they pointed out the secret of its success—the unmistakable leadership of God—in the acquisition of this property, the disposition of the old building, the generous giving of the women and W.M.U. young people, the choice of architects and in every detail of construction and furnishing.

Before I came, I had heard the alumnae and others talk about "the spirit of the Training School" but I hadn't grasped what they meant. Nor can I now explain it to you; it is an intangible sort of thing, the thing which makes days here a spiritual experience. I felt it as I met one attractive girl after another and noted her natural, happy "aliveness". I feel it each morning as we reverently enter the chapel for prayer and worship together. It characterizes our professors. I think the word is—Christlikeness.

So many things contribute to our happiness and development, but I think that my greatest thrill has been in the classes themselves. The professors, with their intellectual knowledge interpreted by spiritual understanding, open up to us new truths and make old truths meaningful. Each class-period begins with prayer: not the "This-is-a-matter-of-routine" kind, but prayer which makes one instinctively pray too. I think that you, as a missionary group, would enjoy especially Dr. Carver's class in missions, as he shows us God's plan throughout the Bible for the redemption of the world.

As I enjoy all of this, I think of you! The building, I realize more and more, is only a part of all you are doing to make this training possible for us. And because I realize that, out of your desire to spread Christ's message to all the world, you are investing in me, I feel more keenly my responsibility to utilize every moment and advantage in preparation for His service.

With loving appreciation

Janet Langston, S. C.

Moral Standards

"RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTETH A NATION"

SUCH times as these in which we live have not been seen upon this planet before. Old loyalties are being swept away; in some quarters old moralities are being made a hissing and a byword. Herbert Hoover ten years ago questioned if there were not, even then, a veritable subsidence of the moral foundations of our nation.

As Christians we cannot bear this. We love our land. For her heritage we love her, and for her destiny! We long for her to be good as well as great.

We remember that our fathers came to this land because of a poignant longing within their hearts to worship God without fear or molestation. Their first act on American soil was to kneel in prayer. Their first permanent buildings were houses of worship. They loved and believed the Bible and taught it to their children. They felt God's hand upon them. They prayed to be worthy of His favor.

In our early days as a nation, our fathers determined that this should be a land of liberty, a pattern of freedom for the nations of the earth, a haven for the oppressed, a land where a man should be free, under the law, to worship God, to express his thoughts, to assemble with his fellows, to publish his opinions as surely as God intended when He made man in His own image, a free and self-directing and morally responsible intelligence. This is our heritage.

And as for our destiny? We tremble as we think of it! Is God's hand upon us? Has He appointed the Christians in America to be the repository of His truth, the custodians of His grace? Is it ours to shield and guard His book—to husband His truth, to cherish it, to

demonstrate it and propagate it and, in due time, to give again to the world those cardinal truths, so nearly forgotten in many quarters, that there is one God and Father of mankind, that all men are brothers and equal in His sight and that Jesus Christ is the friend of them all, longing to save each one?

God will not leave Himself without a witness among the nations! Are we that witness? Are we ready for our destiny, if such it be?

Are our hands clean? As it is written: "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?"—the hill of high service and mighty opportunity — "and who shall stand in His holy place?"—the place of holy consecration to a mighty task? "He that hath clean hands and a pure heart!"

Oh, America's hands must be washed clean, her heart made pure! There are national wrongs to be righted, national evils to be corrected. We know what they are—our moral weaknesses, our sins.

What can one person do? He can keep his own hands clean and ready, his own heart pure and warm. He can stand always—by personal example, by prayer and persuasion, by voice and vote and power of protest—for the highest and the best. A nation is great as its citizens are good.

We love our land. We want her to be such a land as God can bless. How He will need a nation, strong and straight, to help rebuild this shattered world after the pattern of His will, when all this madness shall have passed! Let us prepare now for that mighty hour.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people"—Mrs. E. D. Poe, Virginia

From Our Missionaries

JOSE CADI of CHILE

JOSEPH CADI (José Cadi) was born in Puerto Montt, Chile, twenty-four years ago. His father was a merchant; his mother was a woman of great faith but died when he was but a small boy. The father came north to Santiago and there educated his large family. José was a very brilliant boy and was educated in a famous school for wealthy boys in Santiago. He nearly always got home two weeks before the other boys which meant that he was exempted on his examinations. José realized the worth of developing the body as well as the mind; so on week-ends he took long hikes up in the Andes Mountains. There amid all the wonderful scenery, he began to meditate and wonder about the beginning of things. Did death end all for man? Did God really exist? Was there not a spiritual side to be developed also and would not that satisfy his hungry soul? His Sundays were usually spent in this way because in Chile, as in most Latin lands, Sundays are spent in picnicking.

One night José came to our Second Baptist Church in Santiago. It was a cold, penetrating night and the church was not filled. There was nothing unusual in the service except that the minister noticed the splendid attention of this young man. He felt constrained to ask the people to accept Jesus as their personal Savior; almost immediately José came forward. As Mr. McGavock buried this young man in baptism and as he arose to walk in newness of life, his strong bright countenance brought to my mind Paul's experience, and I thought that perhaps José as well as Honorio Espinoza and others would testify and give their lives for Chile and thus be the Pauls of their country.

José was a medical student. One day his pastor asked one of his professors about him. The professor thought for a second and then said: "José Cadi? Oh yes! the young man who never tells a smutty joke". During his year as an interne at the Salvador Hospital in Santiago, I visited one of our women. She was having a hot discussion with the nun of the ward about her Bible. The nun did not want her to read it and José told the nun to leave her alone, that the Book was good for her. He sold more Bibles to his fellow-students, to nurses and even to doctors than any other in that great capital city of a million people. On graduation, his government sent him to direct a hospital at Vichugien some thirty miles from the railroad down in central Chile. Everything there was Catholic; so it would have been easier for him if he had remained silent about religion. But when José rode for miles visiting the sick, seeing all kinds of crude remedies and where sanitation was not known, he wanted to help his people. Spiritually he found them even in worse condition than physically or mentally. He rented a small room, at his own expense, and wrote for Bibles and literature and began a Sunday-school. Of course it was not a smooth road he walked for the priest was very angry but José did not fear and he was willing to lose his place if necessary. Just before returning home in April of this year, Mr. McGavock visited him and preached several times for him. He said it was the most primitive work he had ever seen but that it was wonderful to preach to those who had never heard, to feel their response and to see how precious their Bibles were to them. Brother Pacheco, the Baptist pastor in Talca, visits José now and then and the work prospers. He has a Bible school of from

thirty to fifty pupils and he finances this out of his own salary. Soon he needed an assistant and Brother Pardo was chosen. José had the right to choose his pharmacist and he wanted a Baptist; so he attended an association and on inquiry found this good man and he proved to be the son-in-law of Brother Pacheco, the visiting minister. He and his family are helping in the hospital and the church work.

Just recently, Dr. Cadi has been transferred to Osorno, far south. What a wonderful help he will be there and how his opportunities will be multiplied! Osorno is a large city of forty or fifty thousand people, very fanatical. The pastor, Ismael Dogmac, is a student in our Baptist Seminary in Santiago and goes monthly the long distance of 700 miles to preach to his people. In his absence, José will help in many different ways. No person is too poor or too distant for him to visit and his splendid personality gives him admittance in the best of homes. He is very popular with all classes and all ages. He has given lectures to our W.M.U. Institut in Santiago, also has taken part on programs at our Young People's Camp. He is a good teacher and was like an assistant to his pastor while in Santiago. His brother, Don Jorge Cadi (Mr. George Cadi), is a wonderful deacon in the First Baptist Church in Santiago and is an understanding friend to both Pastor Espinoza and the missionaries.—Mrs. James W. McGavock, Santiago, Chile

AURELIA v. de BRANDO

SRA. AURELIA v. de BRANDO was born in Santiago, Chile, more than fifty years ago. She was well reared and a very devoted Catholic girl, being a member of the Society of Maria, observing strictly all requirements of her church. Years later, her life was touched by the Gospel and she became a most faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Santiago.

When we first knew her, 19 years ago, she was helping Pastor Pacheco there; they had no more than 20 people in Sunday-school. Later the church was transferred to her home and soon outgrew the space; it was then that the missionary home was sold to build our present First Baptist Church of which her son-in-law, Rev. Honorio Espinoza, is pastor. He was then a young law-student but was helping with all activities of the church when he married Mrs. Brando's daughter, Luz (*Light*). Four years ago, the young couple went to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, where he graduated with high honors; they returned to Chile last winter, whereupon he assumed the care of this church again and became editor of "La Voz Bautista" (*The Baptist Voice*). The greatest joy of Mr. McGavock's life was to install him as president of our new Seminary in Santiago which the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering gave us. We had waited these 19 years for this building; young students had lived in our home, also in the church; but we have lost excellent material by not having an adequate building in Santiago.

Espinoza as a law-student had boarded for some time in Mrs. Brando's home, where his two younger brothers also lived when they studied in Santiago: (1) Julio, a young doctor, respected by the Chilean government and in charge of a special branch in San Borjas Hospital; (2) Claudio, a young lawyer. Both are teachers in our Sunday-school. The Espinoza parents lived south in Cauquenez which was destroyed by the terrible earthquake of '38. They saw all their earthly possessions in ruins, also a precious grandchild crushed to death, and they marvel that they escaped. They came to Santiago as refugees and Mrs. Brando opened her home to them for more than a year. Mrs. Espinoza said that the awful experience of the earthquake brought her face to face with God; Mr. McGavock baptized her and her husband last June. They are members of Honorio's church, the son whom they censured and left alone

nineteen years ago for accepting Jesus—now he is their pastor.

Mrs. Brando is vice-president of the northern district of our W.M.U. work. I had an air-mail letter of congratulations on my birthday and she said that she had arranged the program for the association; she is a most enthusiastic worker and can enter the poorest home with welcome and is accepted in the better homes as well. She is very loyal to the missionaries and has never one year forgotten one of my birthdays. She is an unusually happy Christian; to win souls is the one aim of her life.

When Jesus was ready to make the final great sacrifice—His life—for us, He was yet concerned about lost souls. Peter had denied Him, Judas had betrayed Him, Thomas had doubted Him and the twelve had forsaken Him, but what did He do? Did He give up in despair? No, He led a soul to God in His last hour while He suffered agonies. He won the wicked thief. I think Aurelia v. de Brando is Christlike and that her last moments will be used to win some lost soul to Christ. She prayed seven years for her husband and he was saved. It can be well said of her that "she hath done what she could."—Mrs. James W. McGavock, Santiago, Chile

VICTORIES in NORTH CHINA

I HIS verse of Scripture—"In everything give thanks"—came to me over and over again during the past year. When the "beaten paths" were torn up, many plans brought to naught, Christians persecuted, homes destroyed by fire or by bombs, famine in many places, the only senior high school forced to close thus leaving many choice young boys and girls facing closed doors, should or could we give thanks? Yes, as in and through it all we were made to rejoice as we saw God's glory manifested! Anything that draws us closer to Him is a source of thanksgiving.

The station activities were about the same as in former years. The local or

county associations met as did the W.M.U. The representatives reached these meetings unmolested. The summer conferences were well attended and proved a source of strength for the Christians. "Stewardship" was the theme of several conferences and many dedicated their lives to God. So many signed the tithers' pledge on one field that money poured into the treasury for weeks after. The Daily Vacation Bible Schools were a special blessing. A W.M.U. field worker, who was a promoter of this work on one field, said: "We are reading the Scriptures, singing the Scriptures and memorizing the Scriptures".

For three years the North China Convention had not met but its Executive Committee had met and planned for each year. In 1940 there seemed to be not only a hunger for a regular meeting but also a need for it; the place finally decided upon was Pingtu. It was a real joy to watch the delegates from all over north China greet each other. Vacant rooms in the hospital were arranged for delegates outside Pingtu: "No, don't send us there just because we may be more comfortable, but let us crowd into the rooms near the church"—the fellowship during the times not in meetings was too precious to be exchanged for comfort!

There was a full delegation and the meetings were inspiring. The reports showed that advance had been made along all lines. Prayer had been a vital factor in the work—prayer for protection; prayer for guidance; prayer for loved ones suffering persecution, for friends, or loved ones held by those in authority; prayer for lost souls; prayer for God's work near and far—and marvelous answers were received.

It seemed impossible that the gifts for His work could reach the goal set the year before. But they had gone beyond. The amount received on the "Day of Prayer around the World" was divided between Jewish relief and frontier missions; with gifts on other occasions, the amount in hand for frontier missions was enough to send out missionaries.

More baptisms were reported than in previous years. Many were reached that might not have even listened during peaceful times. An incendiary bomb demolished a home near a church; the kindnesses shown to the family by the Christians together with the hospital service caused the mother to attend church out of gratitude; she was saved.

Short Term Bible Schools were held in most stations; these are a great blessing in preparing leaders. The Bible classes for illiterate women are preparing W.M.S. leaders for the churches.

Women's Missionary Societies found a fruitful field for personal service among refugees. The lost from far and near were brought to them. A typhoon blew the sea in over miles of territory in two localities. People in moderate circumstances were forced to

beg. The W.M.S. prepared millet-porridge for these refugees once each day. Before the food reached the camps a Gospel message was given by the pastor or evangelist and then the refugees were taught to sing and read. A number were baptized before they returned to their homes.

Just after the meeting of the North China Convention the missionary women and their children who were due to go on furlough in 1941, the ones beyond age and the ill ones were advised to go to America. Still the work goes on; strong Chinese leaders are sharing the burdens of the overworked missionaries and in some places are carrying all the burdens. They need our prayers, our gifts and our lives fully consecrated to Him at this time. May we not fail them!—Miss Bonnie Jean Ray, Pingtu, China



POOL IN BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL'S REFUGEE SCHOOL

Last June Miss Flora Dodson wrote from Pool In Bible Training School at Hong Kong: "Expenses have grown too heavy, so we must discontinue this work for refugee children. Quite a number of them have become Christians during the two and a half years that we have carried on this work. Some of the parents have also become Christians. It nearly breaks our hearts to give up this work". (Picture was taken in November of 1940.)

For STUDYING the BOOK (Concluded from Page 7)

Activity: Dramatize briefly the story of some Jewish refugee or refugee group in such a way as to show their need for the Gospel and their readiness to read literature put into their hands. Pass out leaflets about "Friends of Israel" groups and take subscriptions to send the Mediator to Jews in your community.

Session V. Aim: To picture the growth and development of one local home mission field as an example of how the prayer, gifts and personal service of the supporting churches—especially the prayers and gifts of the W.M.U. in March Week of Prayer—can help to accomplish on every such field, as illustrated by the work in West Tampa

Activity: Consider, personally these questions: As a result of this study, will I pray more, more intelligently and definitely? Is there one thing that I can and will do, personally, to help win my community for my Lord? Will I this one time, at least, make an offering great enough to represent some real sacrifice that others may know and love Jesus as I do?

A STRANGER in a FOREIGN LAND

(The following article by Mrs. John Allen Moore was written in Budapest, Hungary, where she and Mr. Moore sought refuge when Belgrade, Jugoslavia, was bombed. The article was two months in transit.)

A MISSIONARY, consecrated and generous are the words that could be used to describe Pal Nannie. She became a missionary in our own country, in New York City, to her own people, the Hungarians. Her story is an interesting one. Thirty-one years ago she and her husband went to the United States to live. He worked for a large bakery, painting their trucks; she, for a fur-shop.

One New Year's Day, after they had been in New York a year and a half, her husband went for a walk in Central Park. There a colporteur sold him a book—a Bible, though he did not know it. Returning home he showed the book to his wife, remarking that now they had a big book in which they could read English. Each evening when he came from work he would smoke his pipe first and then read from the book. Later this order was reversed. At first they were afraid to accept the teachings about which they read. Always they had thought that salvation came by way of the church. Now here it was taught that salvation was apart from the church. Nevertheless, they came to believe in it and left their former church. On a Sunday they attended a certain protestant Hungarian service but came away knowing it was not to be their church since they had seen baptism being administered by sprinkling.

Then Pal Nannie's husband started preaching. They did not know whether it was the faith of some church already established or a new one they were beginning. The place he picked to preach was right in front of the Hungarian church, for he wished to speak to people of his own nationality. A crowd began to gather, whereupon a policeman came and told him he should not stand

in front of a church to do his preaching. So they invited those who would go to their rooms with them. Many went with them because the message was being brought in their mother-tongue. These meetings continued.

In the spring the same colporteur who had sold the Bible came to their house with his books. Eagerly they told him of their desire for baptism but that they did not know where to go. He was a Baptist and told them that on the following Sunday there was to be a baptism in Bridgeport, Conn., and that, if they wished, they could be baptized then. This they did and at last knew to what group of believers they belonged.

But there was no Hungarian Baptist church in New York. The former meetings outgrew their rooms and a place of meeting was obtained in a church that graciously contributes rooms for services of foreign groups. This, too, was outgrown and a former school was taken over, in which was organized the First Hungarian Baptist Church of New York.

Eleven years ago Pal Nannie and her husband returned to Hungary. In the suburb where they lived there was a group of believers but no church building. Out of the savings, brought with them from America, the couple took the lead in building a church. A year later the husband died. Pal Nannie, growing old, has made her will. In it she leaves as a parsonage the rooms she occupies in her home. The money from the rooms that are rented out she leaves to be divided between the Baptist orphanage and old people's home. Pal Nannie, a missionary consecrated and generous!



Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

Sunday afternoon, November 16, Dr. John R. Mott, chairman of the International Missionary Council and of whom it can be safely said there is no one who can speak with greater authority as to missions, spoke in Richmond, Virginia, on the status of Christianity, the truth as exemplified in Christ, present world conditions. Striking statements of his quoted perhaps not verbatim but from notes taken by this editor are as follows. "The present is a time of rising spiritual tide throughout the entire world":

In Respect of Expectation—Dr. Mott says he has never known Christian leaders everywhere to have a broader perspective and to be thinking in such large dimensions as now. We are, they seem to think, on the threshold of a great forward movement which will transcend in potency any movement since the early Christian era. They recognize the moving of the "all-embracing Spirit of God".

In Respect of Opportunity—Every country in the world is open. No door is closed to the friendly constructive ministry of the living Christ. He then called attention to Paul's statement, "for a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries", emphasizing the "and many adversaries"—and, not but—many adversaries as though the many adversaries were, as it were, a challenge to higher endeavor.

In Respect of Profound Interest—As evidenced by the discovery of oncoming new leaders to reinforce the first line of defense and to take up the torch ere it fall from the failing hands of those who have gone before. Christians everywhere "pushing in together" to work in unity of purpose—"not uniformity, for there is much to be said concerning the advances of differences". The great and prime of interest is a study of the Bible. The Bible is still the best seller and there is no trouble that cannot be solved by a more profound knowledge of the Scriptures.

Growing Spirit of Criticism—"I am the way, and the truth and the life", said Jesus; "and I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto Myself". Said Dr. Mott: "Nothing has ever yet happened to invalidate the claim of Christ"; no need to fear criticism.

Serious Inquiry—Not on the surface but drawn from a profound sense of need and desire. In what shall we have faith? In whom? Groups being formed everywhere to share their thoughts and their inmost longings. "The spiritual tide is rising. The hour has struck. Better things are ahead for a price. Are we paying the price?"

Cannon Anthony Deane, a correspondent from London, recently in a discussion of how best the radio may deal with the Bible, used a very significant word concerning England which we wonder might not be applied to our own country as well. He was emphatic in his claim that a return to the reading and understanding of the Bible was necessary if the country is to be re-Christianized. Much has been said in recent years, we recall, about our present system of education and other things contributing to making our own country pagan. The religious papers are full of plans for week-day religious education; educators and religious leaders are giving serious thought to these plans.

Some statements concerning Russia from here and there—In a letter to Dr. Mott in 1909 Theodore Roosevelt said, "No land more than Russia holds the fate of the coming years". A great Russian once said, "You may not understand Russia but we must believe in Russia". "The churches of Russia still live in exile and by the hearthstones of Russian homes". Thousands of Christians faced the firing squads in Russia. The world shuddered. Then there was a shift—perhaps because the Soviet leaders saw that it was impossible to murder God in the soul of the Russian.

"We may change the map of the world but the living Christ cannot be confined".—John R. Mott

Stewardship Covenant

Recognizing, 1st, that I am God's steward, that He has the rightful and supreme claim upon me and my possessions; 2nd, that God said to ancient Israel: "The tithe is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord"; 3rd, that Paul says concerning giving: "See that ye abound in this grace also"; and, 4th, that the results of thus honoring God have always been most gratifying, enriching both the giver and the Kingdom:

I, therefore, promise, as a recognition of my stewardship and an expression of my love to God, to lay aside until further notice at least one-tenth of my income for the support of His cause. First they gave their own-selves unto the Lord—*11 Cor. 8:5*. Of all that Thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto Thee—*Gen. 28:22*.

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