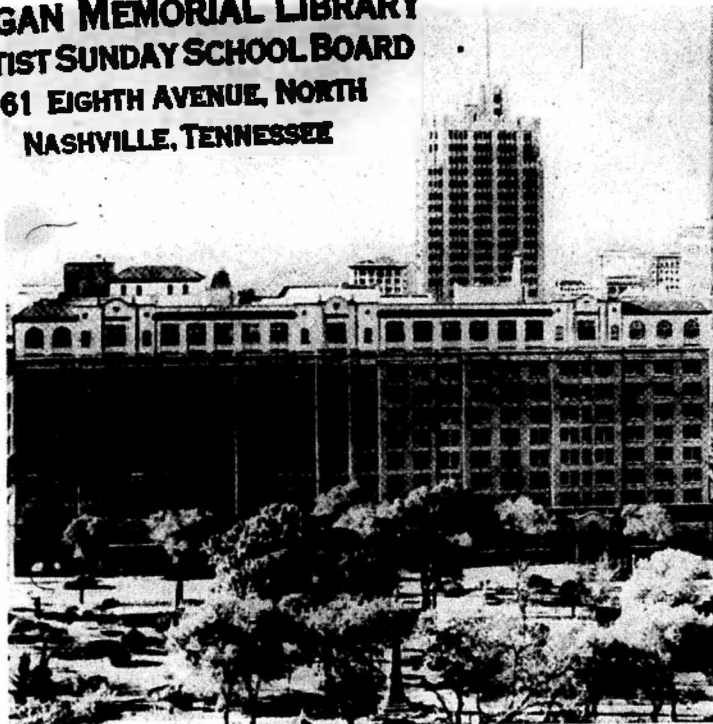


# Royal Service

ORGAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD  
161 EIGHTH AVENUE, NORTH  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE



ST. ANTHONY HOTEL  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

*(See also pages 4, 7, 8, 36.)*

## EDITORS of ROYAL SERVICE

MISS KATHLEEN MALLORY, Managing Editor

MRS. F. W. ARMSTRONG  
MISS JULIETTE MATHER  
MISS CARRIE U. LITTLEJOHN  
MRS. W. C. HENDERSON  
MRS. W. J. COX  
MISS MARY CHRISTIAN

MRS. C. D. CREASMAN  
MRS. W. C. JAMES  
MRS. W. H. GRAY  
MISS WILLIE JEAN STEWART  
MRS. ELLA B. ROBERTSON  
MISS MARY NELLE LYNE

## Officers of Woman's Missionary Union

### President

MRS. F. W. ARMSTRONG

### Executive Secretary

MISS KATHLEEN MALLORY

### Young People's Secretary

MISS JULIETTE MATHER

### Recording Secretary

MRS. WILFRED C. TYLER

### Asst. Recording Secretary

MRS. J. FURNESS LEE

### Treasurer

MRS. W. J. COX

### Vice-presidents

MRS. IDA M. STALLWORTH..... Ark.  
MRS. J. N. CAMPBELL..... Ark.  
MRS. J. E. SHORT..... Ark.  
MRS. J. G. VADEN..... D.C.  
MRS. ROBERT E. LEE..... Fla.  
MRS. FRANK BURNEY..... Ga.  
MRS. H. R. MOORE..... Ill.  
MRS. CHAS. ISON..... Ky.  
MRS. R. A. EVERETT..... La.  
MRS. WAYLAND A. HARRISON..... Md.  
MRS. NED RICE..... Miss.  
MRS. T. W. MCKEE..... Mo.  
MRS. O. E. CARMAN..... N.M.  
MRS. J. CLYDE TURNER..... N.C.  
MRS. H. B. WILHOFF..... Okla.  
MRS. CHAS. M. GRIFFIN..... S.C.  
MRS. C. D. CREASMAN..... Tenn.  
MRS. B. A. COPASS..... Tex.  
MRS. G. R. MARTIN..... Va.

### State Corresponding or Executive Secretaries

Mrs. R. S. Marshall  
Mrs. G. D. Crow  
Mrs. C. H. Ray  
Mrs. J. G. Vaulen (Vice-president)  
Miss Louise Smith  
Miss Janice Singleton  
Mrs. John Hathaway  
Miss Mary Winborne  
Miss Hannah E. Reynolds  
Mrs. Samuel R. Barnes  
Miss Frances Traylor  
Miss C. M. Trues  
Miss Eva Inlow  
Mrs. W. D. Briggs  
Mrs. Berta K. Spinner  
Miss Vannie Lance  
Miss Mary Northington  
Mrs. E. F. Lyon  
Miss Blanche Sydnor White

### State W.M.U. Headquarters

127 South Court Street, Montgomery, Ala.  
Box 1244, Tucson, Ariz.  
209 Radio Center, Little Rock, Ark.  
1119 Illinois Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.  
207 Rogers Building, Jacksonville, Fla.  
508 in 22 Marietta Street Building, Atlanta, Ga.  
2115 South Illinois Avenue, Carbondale, Ill.  
305 East Chestnut Street, Louisville, Ky.  
1220 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, La.  
405 Hearst Tower Building, Baltimore, Md.  
Baptist Building, Jackson, Miss.  
1023 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.  
Box 485, Albuquerque, N.M.  
214 Recorder Building, Raleigh, N.C.  
2245 West First Street, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
1301 Hampton Street, Columbia, S.C.  
149 Sixth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn.  
302 Baptist Building, Dallas, Tex.  
311 Central National Bank Building, Richmond, Va.

### W.M.U. Training School

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

### Southwide Mission Study Chairman

Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence..... 4111 Kenwood Boulevard, Kansas City, Mo.

### Southwide Personal Service Chairman

Miss Mary Christian..... 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham, Ala.

### Southwide Stewardship Chairman

### W.M.U. Promoter for a Debtless Denomination

Mrs. Carter Wright..... Roanoke, Ala.

### W.M.U. Representatives

Miss Mary Christian..... 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham, Ala.  
Miss Mary Nelle Lyne..... 2801 Lexington Road, Louisville, Ky.

W.M.U. Headquarters..... 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

# Royal Service

PUBLISHED MONTHLY by WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION  
AUXILIARY to SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

Entered at the post-office at Birmingham as second class mail-matter. Acceptance for mailing is at special rate of postage provided for in Section 1103, Act of October 3, 1917, authorized June 26, 1918.

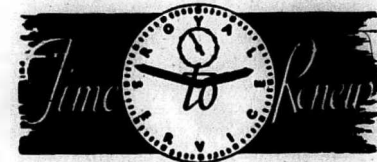
ROYAL SERVICE, successor to *Our Mission Fields*, is the official organ of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention. Published Monthly—No Club-Rates

SUBSCRIPTION-RATES: 50 CENTS PER YEAR, SINGLE COPY 5 CENTS  
Please remit by money-order. Do not send stamps unless unavoidable.

Money-orders as requested above should be made payable to Woman's Missionary Union. If stamps must be sent, kindly send as far as possible 2 cent or 3 cent ones (2c ones preferred). Do not enclose money unless letter is registered. In order to secure prompt delivery please write name and address plainly, stating whether subscription is a new one or a renewal and with what month the subscription is to begin. No renewal or new subscription can be accepted for less than a year at 50 cents a year. Please remit with order, sending it to ROYAL SERVICE, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham, Ala. Kindly send new address before moving.

## CONTENTS

Annual Meeting	1, 4, 7, 8, 36
Bible Study	17
Book Reviews	12-13
Calendar of Prayer	15-16
Circle Programs	19, 20
College Y.W.A.	33
Current Events	35
Editorial	4
Emergency Relief Fund	5, 6, 32
Family Altar	14
Leaflets	3
Little Moon Christmas Offering	9
Mission Study	12-13
Our Young People	32-34
"Pray Ye"	14
Programs—Circles, B.W.C., Plans	10-31
Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp	33
Stewardship	5, 6, 9, 12, 32
Training School	34
Watchword for Year	10-11



If the hands have gone around the clock of the twelve months, then the alarm is ringing "Renew!" because your subscription expires with this issue as red mark shows.

Please renew as soon as the clock strikes. See directions at top of this page.

## SUGGESTED LEAFLETS—Supplemental Helps for W.M.S. Program APRIL—"Whatever Things Are Pure"

A Challenge to Culture	3*
Homes	3*
Keeping Faith with Dreams	3c
Simplicity	3c
The Need for Using the Bible	3c
We Can Do Something about It	2c
For Easter	
Easter Morning (Playlet: 6 Adults; Time about 20 Minutes)	5c
He Is Risen (Play: 13 Speaking Parts, Groups as Desired; Time about 35 Minutes)	10c

For orders amounting to as much as 50c, please remit by money-order, payable to Woman's Missionary Union. Stamps are acceptable in payment for small orders but please try to send 2 cent or 3 cent stamps (2c ones preferred). Do not enclose money unless letter is registered. Kindly remit with order, sending it to W.M.U. Literature Department, 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Alabama.

# Editorial

## "EXPECT . . . ATTEMPT"

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

**I**N the midst of the anxiety and devastation of war our Baptist fellow-laborers in England are planning a sacred celebration of the sesquicentennial of the modern missionary movement. The year 1792 will ever be memorable in Christian annals. William Carey—preacher, school-teacher, shoemaker in the little village of Moulton, England—had been given a vision. He had made a globe of the leather, with which he daily worked, to teach his pupils about the continents and seas of the world. Soon it began to speak to him of the vast numbers of people who inhabited those unknown lands. His Bible, open as his hands molded the leather for shoes, spoke to him of the Christian's obligation to the untouched peoples of other lands. He began to try to arouse his fellow-ministers to recognize this obligation; finally he preached that great sermon on the theme: "Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God", which resulted in the organization of a Missionary Society in 1792, in the home of the devout and fully enlisted Widow Wallace in Kettering, England, a village near Moulton where Carey was accustomed to buy the leather for his daily labor as a maker of shoes. In this home the first collection for foreign missions was taken and Carey offered to go himself as the first foreign missionary.

In the one hundred and fifty years since that memorable event the sense of responsibility for the lost peoples of the world has been deepened in Christian hearts; accordingly the missionary societies of many denominations have sent messengers to bear the glad news of redemption through Christ Jesus to most of the known world. The beginnings of such a notable movement merit recognition by all Christians but especially by Baptists who formed this first missionary society and sent out to India this first missionary, William Carey.

Woman's Missionary Union in its fifty-fourth annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas, May 14-15, will seek to catch up the inspiration of this significant missionary anniversary, using for the program-theme the words, "Expect . . . Attempt". The May number of ROYAL SERVICE will carry the tentative program. As plans for it are in the making our hearts are thrilled with its inspiring possibilities. We hope that the societies and associational W.M.U.s will plan for attendance by their presidents or other representatives who should take back to their constituencies the deepened missionary incentive which the program is sure to provide.

We call attention to the new plan for the meetings of the W.M.U. and S.B.C. which was adopted last year. The W.M.U. meeting will begin on Thursday morning, May 14, and will close with the session of Friday night, May 15. The S.B.C. will open its session on Saturday morning; then on Sunday, the 17th, will be a great day of morning worship in the churches and of missionary rallies in the Municipal Auditorium on Sunday afternoon and Sunday night; the Convention will continue its sessions through the early days of that week. Thus pastors and others with Sunday (May 24) responsibilities in their churches will have ample time for their homeward journeys and adequate preparation for bringing to the churches on May 24 the inspiration of the meetings in San Antonio. This new plan was adopted by the S.B.C. with the agreement of W.M.U. to cooperate. Because we believe it will contribute to greater efficiency, we trust it may have the hearty cooperation of all attendants. Be at San Antonio with prayerful expectant hearts and share the blessing and inspiration so sorely needed for this day that tries all souls. "Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God!"

## SOUTHERN BAPTISTS WILL MAKE SACRIFICIAL RESPONSE to THIS URGENT APPEAL

### APRIL the MONTH of ANOTHER VICTORY for CHRIST'S SAKE

By Louis D. Newton

Pastor Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta

**I**HIS brief word has been requested about the World Emergency Relief Fund. I take one paragraph to quickly state the background:

Secretary Maddy, upon his return from Pearl Harbor, telephoned me (as Secretary of the Baptist World Emergency Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, set up at Baltimore in 1940 to make the appeal for the \$200,000 for the sorely distressed British Baptist Missionary Society) urging an immediate conference of our committee to consider the imperiled plight of our 129 missionaries in the Pacific war-zones. Two meetings were held. He laid the facts before us. He asked that an appeal for \$300,000 be made at the earliest possible date for this unprecedented emergency. We felt we must wait until the January-February effort for the Hundred Thousand Club had been made and until the Annie Armstrong Offering was completed in March. That left April as the one month before we go to San Antonio. Secretary Maddy said they could advance funds to meet the emergency until that date. The committee voted unanimously to make the first Sunday in April the day of the appeal and offering, and the month of April for churches that could not make the appeal on the first Sunday.

Hearty and prompt and unanimous approval has been given by every agency, state and southwide, for this appeal in April for \$300,000. Already many have made their offerings, and from every state in the Southern Baptist Convention we have received letters indicating that the response of our people will indeed be sacrificial.

#### What is involved?

Our people quite properly will wish to know just what is involved in this appeal. Just this: the sweeping tides of world-conquest have uprooted great areas of life. Millions are starving, wounded, dying! Churches, schools, hospitals, homes have been destroyed. Many of our missionaries are tramping in the open country with refugees. Never in all the tides of time was humanity so stricken under the scourge of war.

Our valiant missionaries are cabling Secretary Maddy to send them funds with which to buy Bibles, clothing, food and other absolute essentials with which to minister to the people with whom they are staying, even unto death. Numerous instances are reported of glorious results of life-saving work on the part of our missionaries. Cut off from their home-base, they must meet these emergencies with whatever we can get to them.

Secretary Maddy is in touch with enough of our missionaries to guarantee that he can get funds to them. In other instances, he will send funds through trusted agencies.

How grateful we may well be that our missionaries are out there with the suffering peoples of the war-torn areas! They are daily writing new chapters in "The Acts of Jesus in the Lives of His Disciples".

#### Shall we fail them now?

To ask that question, is to answer it. Southern Baptists will not fail these brave, sacrificing missionaries. We will not fail our suffering neighbors. We will not fail our blessed Lord. The Jericho Road leads us across the world.

(Concluded on Page 7)

# Stewardship Suggestions

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

## "LET THEM HAVE PROOF"

FROM the Baptist World Emergency Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention comes the appeal that during April our churches give at least \$300,000 to meet emergencies that are anticipated in the near future or that already exist in S.B.C. foreign mission work. This committee is composed of a number of our best beloved and fully trusted leaders, including: Doctors Truett, Turner, Newton, Maddry, Lawrence; and our own Mrs. Armstrong and Misses Mallory and White. An explanatory article by Dr. Newton is carried by this magazine (page 5). See also page 32.

Yes, this is "one more call" and we may be sure that others will be coming. Lessons that we would not learn through ease-filled prosperous days we must now; one of these lessons must be to "abound in the grace of giving".

As we read portions of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, we see how Paul was endeavoring to meet an emergency. The Christians in and around Jerusalem were in great need as well as in great danger. To Paul it seemed both natural and right that Christians in other places would want to share their "abundance" with those in distress. So he called upon the churches here and there for a free-will offering. By Titus and another brother, Paul sent a letter to those of Achaia urging them to have their offering ready in advance. In that letter we find these significant words:

"So let them have proof of how you can love and of my reasons for being proud of you; it will be a proof read by the churches"—II Cor. 8-24 (Moffatt).

We who love Woman's Missionary Union, who believe that we have "reasons for being proud" of her, would say now to all W.M.U. members in all the churches:

### "Let them have proof!"

*First*—our substitutes on foreign fields, those "prisoners of the Lord Jesus", who if necessary are willing to be "faithful even unto death"—"let them have proof of how you can love". Suppose it were your daughter or sister or mother held in custody in a foreign land, would you think the cost too great to bring them to safety? Can't we afford to sacrifice in order to save those who have proven themselves to be "a credit to Christ"?

*Second*—our pastors. As has already been said, the Emergency Committee asked that the churches make this offering. Therefore, every cooperative pastor will endeavor to lead his church to make a worthy response. Often has it been said that the Woman's Missionary Society is the pastor's right arm. Let's give additional proof of this by our loyalty as individual church members, not only by giving sacrificially ourselves and by encouraging the W.M.U. youth people to do likewise but also by praying and working so that our church as a whole may worthily share in this glorious opportunity. Let your pastor "have proof of our reasons of being proud of you".

Paul adds: "Your giving will be a proof read by the churches". Oh yes, if we only knew it, the people in our churches read only what we write in proof-deeds. Mere words dissolve into thin air.

Last and most important of all—"let them have proof of how we can love" our dear Heavenly Father and our blessed Savior, who so loved that Heaven was emptied of its dearest treasure to meet the world's greatest and eternally-fateful emergency.—Mrs. Carter Wright

## A to R RESERVATIONS for MAY MEETING

ON Thursday morning, May 14, the fifty-fourth annual session of Woman's Missionary Union will open in San Antonio, Texas. The St. Anthony Hotel has been chosen by the hostess committee as W.M.U. headquarters hotel. The rates of this hotel and others recommended by the San Antonio committee are herewith given. (See also pages 1, 4, 8 and 36.)

The San Antonio committee very much prefers that reservations be made directly through the hotels but is ready to assist in anyway it can in making adjustments for the comfort and convenience of those attending the May meeting of Woman's Missionary Union and of the Southern Baptist Convention. Those desiring accommodations in tourist-camps, lodging houses or private homes may make their reservations through the Chamber of Commerce of San Antonio. Each of the hotels as herewith listed is unreservedly recommended:

Name and Location	Rooms	Prices
Aurora Apartment Hotel, Howard and Laurel.....	215	\$ 3.00 up
Blue Bonnet, St. Mary's and Pecan.....	250	2.00-3.00
Crockett, Crockett and Nacogdoches.....	150	1.50- 3.00
Gunter, Houston and St. Mary's.....	575	2.50- 8.00
Hutchins, St. Mary's and Nueva.....	60	1.00- 2.00
Jefferson, Jefferson and Houston.....	100	1.00- 2.50
Menger, Alamo Plaza.....	160	1.50- 5.00
Nueces, 513 North St. Mary's.....	40	1.00- 3.00
Palms, College and Presa.....	150	1.00- 2.00
Plaza, St. Mary's and Villita.....	500	2.00- 7.00
Prudential Hotel.....	100	1.00- 3.00
Robert E. Lee, Travis and Main.....	200	2.00- 3.50
St. Anthony, Travis and Navarro.....	450	2.50- 15.00
Talley Hotel.....	65	1.00- 2.00
Travelers, 218 Broadway.....	150	1.50- 5.00
White Plaza, Travis and St. Mary's.....	250	2.00- 3.50

## SOUTHWIDE W.M.U. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SAN ANTONIO, MAY 13

WEDNESDAY, May 13, in San Antonio will be used for southwide W.M.U. committee meetings. All such will be held in the Travis Park Methodist Church just across from the St. Anthony Hotel. The committees meeting that morning will be as follows: Margaret Fund, Mission Study, Personal Service, Stewardship, State W.M.U. Executive Secretaries, State W.M.U. Young People's Secretaries. At 2 P. M. will convene the joint session of the W.M.U. Executive Committee and state W.M.U. executive and young people's secretaries. It is earnestly hoped that each state will be duly represented.

## EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND (Concluded from Page 5)

Are we tempted to pray, "Save us from this hour?" No! "But for this cause came I unto this hour".

Remember, April—the first Sunday in April!

And when we get to San Antonio our hearts will rejoice that we could do this for Christ's sake. (See also pages 6, 32.)

# Annual Meeting

## WELCOME to SAN ANTONIO!

**I**N 1883 the Southern Baptist Convention met in Waco, Texas, which is perhaps as near to San Antonio as that body has ever convened. At that time the delegation from Virginia took advantage of the occasion to visit San Antonio; of this trip the editor of the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published in Richmond under date of June, 1883, wrote:

"Of the quaint old city of San Antonio, with its famous Alamo, its picturesque ruins of Spanish missions, its venerable cathedral, its many bridges and its plazas nightly illumined and filled with a mixed crowd of Mexicans and Americans partaking of the national dishes of our sister-republic; of the free and grand excursions to Mexico; of the vast prairies, feeding countless flocks and herds . . . we have no space to write and really have no need, as our weeklies are teeming with glowing accounts of the grand things recently done and seen in the Empire State of Texas!"

All that was true of San Antonio fifty-nine years ago. It is still true for in the midst of this very modern up-to-date city there are yet evidences of her historical background exactly as they were described three generations ago. But there is much more of interest to the visitor now for San Antonio has not only made history in the past but history is also in the making here today. Patriotic Americans will see with genuine interest and pride Fort Sam Houston, said to be the largest army-camp in the United States; Randolph Field, the home of the U. S. Army-Corps primary and basic flying schools, known as the "West Point of the Air"; as well as Camp Normoyle and Kelly, Brooks, Duncan and Dodd Flying Fields. Many of your own boys are stationed here now or are apt to be here by the time of our meeting in May.

San Antonio is also a city of beautiful modern buildings, numerous parks, hospitable homes. There are many churches and schools, a large number of them being Catholic. There is a business section and a shopping district quite as up-to-date as any to be found in cities further north and east. Indeed San Antonio boasts of having "the largest store in the largest state".

Besides these attractions for any tourist there are other things of special interest to southern Baptists for San Antonio presents a missionary opportunity more varied, one is tempted to say, than is to be found in any other city in our territory. Not long ago in one of our suburban churches, in the midst of a residential district, an interracial program was presented on Sunday night. John 3:16 was repeated in French, Spanish, Italian, Swedish, Chinese by members of the church who were born in these faraway lands but who had come to make their homes in San Antonio. This was followed by singing by a group of Mexican children from a mission sponsored by this church. Such an experience is typical of Baptist work here. In this city most of our churches seem to feel that sponsoring a mission is as much a part of their program as the promotion of a Sunday-school, a B.T.U. or a W.M.U. Here too the S.B.C. Home Mission Board has work for the Chinese and Mexicans as well as the special work which is being done for the soldier boys. The Negro Baptist work also is most encouraging.

(Concluded on Page 31)

## 1941 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

### Reported by States

Name of State	State Goal	Total Receipts	For Causes Not in Southwide Goal	Retained for State Expenses	Resultant for Southwide Goal
Ala.	\$ 13,000	\$ 18,006.03		\$ 132.00	\$ 17,874.03
Ariz.	400	516.36			516.36
Ark.	7,500	13,913.56		250.00	13,663.56
D.C.	1,000	1,223.24			1,223.24
Fla.	10,000	10,130.02		114.95	10,015.07
Ga.		29,262.00			29,262.00
Ill.	3,600	5,706.73	\$ 450.00	39.83	5,216.90
Ky.	15,000	22,807.32		247.79	22,559.53
La.	12,000	11,836.10		66.54	11,769.56
Md.	2,500	2,935.07			2,935.07
Miss.	15,000	19,144.91			19,144.91
Mo.	14,000	15,452.69		163.54	15,289.15
N.M.		2,549.35			2,549.35
N.C.	45,000	47,820.37	800.00	222.52	46,797.85
Okl.	14,000	14,608.46		91.52	14,516.94
S.C.	25,000	30,416.22	3,850.00	135.09	26,431.13
Tenn.	20,000	23,236.88		127.50	23,109.38
Tex.	75,000	93,792.59	53,442.59	350.00	40,000.00
Va.	45,800	54,660.74	31,660.74		23,000.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$218,800</b>	<b>\$418,018.64</b>	<b>\$90,203.33</b>	<b>\$1,941.28</b>	<b>\$325,874.03</b>

**I**T is decidedly interesting to compare with the above figures the corresponding ones for 1940. Both tabulations were made just about seven weeks after the observance of the respective December Week of Prayer, the south-wide goal for each being \$220,000. The total receipts at that time from the 1940 December Week of Prayer were \$331,200.79. Comparison shows a gain in the 1941 offering of \$86,817.85 in its glorious total of \$418,018.64. Deepest gratitude is herewith expressed to every pastor, W.M.U. member and organization that as "laborers together with God" made possible this blessed victory! The Foreign Mission Board reported last May at the meeting in Birmingham that it had received from the 1940 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering \$360,000. Eagerly is its report awaited for the May meeting in San Antonio.

Because of modern mailing devices it is becoming increasingly difficult to dispose of stamps sent in payment for this magazine and other materials ordered from 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. Please consult page 3 of this magazine as to how best to remit; it is stated there that money-orders are preferred for ROYAL SERVICE remittances or for any order amounting to as much as 50c.



# Watchword for Year

## LIGHT vs. DARKNESS

(Excerpts from Address Made by Mrs. B. A. Copass, President of Texas W.M.U., at the 1941 Annual Meeting in Abilene)

**L**ANGUAGE-STUDY is made fascinating when some word attracts us by its sound—pleasant or otherwise—or by the definiteness of its meaning or by the history of its use. Such a word, today, is "black-out". We hear of the "black-out" of nations, of cities, of ships on the high seas, of religion and even the threat of our civilization.

The word, in meaning, is as old as creation, for on its first day the world's "black-out" was overcome by God's fiat: "Let there be light, and there was light". Subsequently God divided the light and thus the glory of sun, moon and stars appeared.

In an old English garden stands a sun-dial with this inscription: "It is always morning somewhere in the world". No "black-out" of the sun! But the record says: "He made the stars, also". The telescope has revealed much; and larger telescopes promise much more revelation of the glory of God declared by the heavens than was possible to the eye of the psalmist.

But the God of the telescope is also the God of the microscope. "When I consider the heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars which Thou has ordained, what is man that Thou art mindful of him or the son of man that Thou visitest him?"

The great Creator was not engrossed by the vast. The microscope tells us He gave as much attention to the tiny as to the huge. The same mathematics apply to both. Bigness is but the multiplication of littleness; the visible is always composed of the invisible—to quote Browning: "We find that great things are made of little things. And little things go on lessening till at last comes God behind them". Man, an atom in God's creation, is not only His handiwork but is made in His own image. Redeemed man, the highest creation, under the tutelage of the Holy Spirit manifests the characteristics of God.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world". To His disciples He said, "Ye are the light of the world". One of the first axioms learned in school was, "Things equal to the same thing are equal to each other". So, if we are to be the light of the world, we must bear in essence His light in our own souls.

For the Christian there will be no "black-out" of prayer. The seasons of prayer for missions—foreign, home and state, as observed by Woman's Missionary Union—show more laborers sent into His harvest, increased offerings to support these laborers and to open up new fields, thrilling testimonials of specific answers to prayer realized by them on the days their names are listed on the Calendar of Prayer. A skeptical, gainsaying world cannot explain the evacuation of Dunkirk or the rescue of the missionaries on the torpedoed Zamzam when waves were stilled, when the mouths of sharks were closed and when missiles of death failed their mark, but we know "He makes the miracles", contingent on our faith.

There is a "black-out" of the force and power of organized womanhood in more than half of the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. If a Woman's Missionary Society "stimulates the spirit of missions and the grace of giving" on the part of the women and young people of one church, will it not do the same for all churches? The few women in a half- or a fourth-time church should not be cheated of this world-wide fellowship in being light-bearers to a sin-darkened world. Woman's Missionary Union craves the cooperation of every pastor to this end.

In many of our churches, large and small, that have a Woman's Missionary Society, there are women who are the Lord's potential treasures buried in the affairs of the world, cumbered with much serving, whom we might seek out and to whom it is our obligation to show the beauty of Kingdom-service. Next to the joy of leading a lost soul to the light of salvation in Christ, is the joy of leading an idle Christian into the service of Christ.

"The entrance of Thy Word giveth light". If you ever sat in impenetrable darkness, grouped about that age-old stalagmite—Rock of Ages—in Carlsbad Caverns, with the feeling that another minute of such darkness was beyond endurance, then to see a finger of light appear, followed swiftly by another and another on the wings of the song, "Rock of Ages", until the whole chamber was flooded with light revealing the matchless beauty of it, you have a faint conception of the spiritual condition of a nation without the light of God's Word, of a people without the light of the Gospel, of a soul apart from salvation in Christ—and of the joy of being "delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the Kingdom of His dear Son".

"The light that shines brightest at home, shines farthest away". Under the authority of the risen Christ the church is the carrier of the Gospel. Within the confines of one's own church will be found the field of service for most of us. It is a world in miniature. Emergencies of whatever nature, with suffering in their wake, will be met; comfort and succor will be given.

Our missionary enterprises must go on. Uprootings in established fields must be followed by transplantings in virgin fields. Closed doors in one land mean open doors in other lands. We must go as God goes. It thrills our hearts to know we are now entering three new fields of foreign service: West China, Colombia in South America and the Hawaiian Islands.

Today we face the tragedy of a world at war—a world in upheaval. Many are asking: "Why doesn't God do something about it?" God has and is. We forget John 3:16. Christ's death on the cross of Calvary was God's eternal black-out of sin. We who are to live in the power of His resurrection must do our part. "We are laborers together with God". Shall we not "catch the vision glorious" and by our outreach to all men everywhere indicate our upreach to God?

The final war—between good and evil, truth and error, God and the devil, Christ and Satan—beginning in Genesis, reaches its glorious climax in Revelation: the ultimate defeat of the enemies of Christ and the jubilant triumph of those who triumph in Christ, as expressed in the song of Moses and the Lamb. No need in the new Heaven and the new earth for the sun to shine on them, for the Lamb is the Light thereof. To anticipate a share in this blessed consummation is glory enough for any of us; and so, through us, we make the prayer: "Oh, send out Thy light and Thy truth!"

# For Studying the Book

## MEET the YOUTH of CUBA

Mrs. A. L. Anlick, Oklahoma Mission Study Chairman, offers the following suggestions:

### Supplementary Material

Map of home mission fields; poster of missionaries; mimeographed maps of Cuba from Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.; 1941 S.B.C. minutes; *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, 25c a year from Board in Atlanta; *Home Board Album and Cuba for Christ* (consult State Baptist Bookstore); current magazine and newspaper clippings; files of denominational periodicals

### Projects

Scrapbook; natural color-films on Cuba (consult Board in Atlanta); pictures of missionaries, cities, churches, homes and other scenes displayed when items are being mentioned by speakers; announcement-poster, using map of Cuba in center with picture of Dr. McCall at top, "Cuba for Christ" under map and with Cuban flag and Cuban stamps at each side of map (consult State Baptist Bookstore as to flag and stamps); note-books the shape of a barrel or bowl on which is written "Cuba, the Sugar-Bowl of the World"

### Chapter I: At Home

*Presentation: Y.W.A. Tourist-Party*

*Leader:* At this time we are to take an imaginary trip to Cuba with our Y.W.A. friends who have returned recently from that island. (name) who visited country-homes, will tell us what she saw. (name) will talk to us about the chief products and industries. (name) met a young man, Paul Freire, and will tell us about him. (name) had some interesting experiences in Cuban cities.

### Discussion Topics

Who are the Cubans? (See *Cuba for Christ*, page 46.)

Admirable traits of Cuban character

### Note-book Suggestions

Most interesting fact

Most appealing need

Challenges to prayer

### Chapter II: At School

*Presentation: Conversation (leader and tourists)*

*Leader:* Early Education in Cuba (See *Cuba for Christ*. Answers to questions are found in text-book.) I have read in a number of southern Baptist periodicals about Martin Rodriguez Vivanco. He seems to be a

very interesting person. Did you meet him? How many universities are there in Cuba? What kind of a school is the Institute? Are there other government schools in Cuba? Tell us about Roman Catholic schools. What educational work have evangelicals? Tell us more about southern Baptist schools.

*Class-Member:* I read an article concerning the influence of a teacher in a Cuban Christian school. It was written by Mrs. Beattie Harrell Negrin. May I tell it to you?

*Leader:* We shall be glad to hear it.

*Class-Member:* (See Feb. 1924 issue of *Home and Foreign Fields*.)

*Leader:* The Forward Look (text-book)

### Discussion Topics

Influence of teachers in life of Martin Vivanco

Two characteristics of Martin Vivanco that contributed to his success

### Note-book Suggestions

Names of four provinces in which southern Baptists work

When was Baptist Seminary opened?

### Chapter III: At Worship

*Presentation:* A Y.W.A. Meeting in Cuba (Miss Mildred Matthews, leader; Y.W.A. tourist-party, guests; Cuban girls, speakers)

*Unseen Speaker:* "A Glimpse into the History and Religions of the Past"

*Leader:* I have asked (name), who once was a Catholic, to tell our American guests about the Roman Catholic Church, its feast-days, pictures, images and idols. Then Neireida, whose father once sold images, will relate the story of her conversion. Now (name) will tell us about the 1200 mile walk of her brother, Gerardo. The story of a "Promise Dress" will be told by (name). Estela will tell how she found peace. (As Estela speaks appropriate music is played; then to the class the leader says:) You have heard about Roman Catholicism in Cuba. We want you to tell us how the information has impressed you.

### Discussion Topics

Why Catholicism violates the second commandment

American young people who go from one amusement to another seeking satisfaction as did Estela

### Note-book Suggestions

Difference between our Bible and Roman Catholic Bible (Douai Version)

History of Catholic Bible (See *Cuba for Christ*.)

Why should missionaries go to countries that have Catholicism?

### Chapter IV: Seeking Christ

*Presentation:* Young woman impersonating Mrs. McCall tells Y.W.A. tourists life-stories of Luis Manuel Gonzalez, José Manuel Sanchez, Fermin Arguez, Juan Naranjo.

### Discussion Topics

Qualities that brought success to Luis Gonzalez

Influence of the Bible on Fermin Arguez

Influence of associates as exemplified in life of Juan Naranjo and others

### Note-book Suggestions

In what provinces are J. M. Pleytes, Alexander Periero, Luis Gonzalez, José Sánchez located? (See 1941 S.B.C. minutes.)

### Chapter V: Serving Christ

*Presentation:* Radio Station CUBA, Havana, broadcasting "The Gospel-Hour" (Before tuning-in, a speaker gives the story of the Garcia brothers.)

*Announcer:* 1. Music by Calvary Church choir (unseen singers); 2. Paul Freire tells story of his life; 3. Dr. M. N. McCall, president of West Cuban Baptist Convention, relates results of radio programs (page 294 of 1941 S.B.C. minutes), "Follow Me" (page 89) after which he gives "Faithful through the Years" and describes the Baptist Temple. 4. Miss Mildred Matthews, president of Cuban Woman's Missionary Union, "World Vision for (Concluded on Page 31)"

# Book Reviews

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

MEET the YOUTH of CUBA: Herbert Caudill, Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, 1942; Pages 128; Price 40c

HERE is an old saying: "If you would know a woman, watch her in her kitchen". It might easily be paralleled by the idea: "If you would know youth, follow young people in their daily routine of work and play".

This is exactly what the author has done in this young people's book of the Cuban series of mission study books released by the Home Mission Board for use in 1942. He portrays youth at home, at school, at worship, as they seek Christ and as they serve Him. Moreover the youth whom he portrays are not mere imaginary characters created of composite experiences which might be called "typical". Rather they are flesh-and-blood-people whom one might meet on a visit to Cuban churches today. Some are still young. Some have

grown old in service. All their stories are true—the real experiences of real people, which of necessity are more revealing and more moving than any make-believe could be.

The book is, in reality, intended for reading as well as study. One could wish it were a little better organized for study so that the stories might hang together better. Yet, in spite of this fault, those who use it will find it both interesting and illuminating.

For use with this and other books of the Cuban series, Una Roberts Lawrence has prepared a *Resource Book* on Cuba which doubtless will prove both clarifying and eminently practical in its suggestions. We hope that many classes, especially of young women, will use both books. (See also page 12 of this magazine.)

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

# 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 pure".

"Thy Word is very pure".

1st Day—Psa. 119:140; John 14:1-15  
2nd Day—Psa. 119:1-8; 1 Cor. 15:19-26  
3rd Day—Psa. 119:9-16; 1 Cor. 15:50-58  
4th Day—Eccl. 8:5; Mk. 16:1-11  
5th Day—Isa. 66:13; Matt. 23:1-10  
6th Day—Deut. 29:39; Mk. 3:13-19  
7th Day—Josh. 1:1-9; Lk. 10:1-16

"Purify your hearts".

8th Day—Jas. 4:8-11; Matt. 9:35-38  
9th Day—Psa. 24:1-10; Mk. 6:7-13  
10th Day—1 Cor. 6:9-11; 3:1-9  
11th Day—Mal. 3:1-3; John 4:30-35  
12th Day—1 Tim. 5:21, 22; Acts 1:6-8; 2:1-4  
13th Day—II Tim. 2:19-26; Lk. 11:37-44  
14th Day—Prov. 13:5; Lk. 11:45-54

"Pure in Heart"

15th Day—Matt. 4:1-11; Mk. 2:23-28  
16th Day—Matt. 5:8; III John  
17th Day—John 15:1-8; Matt. 21:12-17  
18th Day—John 15:9-19; Psa. 26:1-7  
19th Day—John 15:20-27; Matt. 23:23-36  
20th Day—1 John 3:1-12; Mk. 10:32-34  
21st Day—1 John 3:13-24; Lk. 13:18-30

"He is the Mediator".

22nd Day—Heb. 9:11-15; Lk. 13:31-35  
23rd Day—Psa. 2:1-12; John 15:1-15  
24th Day—Psa. 3:1-8; Lk. 14:25-33  
25th Day—Psa. 4:1-8; Matt. 10:34-39  
26th Day—1 John 2:1-11; Mk. 10:17-22  
27th Day—1 John 2:12-17; Mk. 11:1-11  
28th Day—1 John 4:1-21; Zech. 9:9, 10  
29th Day—1 John 5:1-5; John 12:12-39  
30th Day—II John 1:4-6; John 18:33-37

## Pray Ye

In adoration for the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Pray for effort to raise fund to meet emergencies on mission fields. (See pages 5, 6.)

Intercede for freedom from jealousy, pride, racial prejudice, callousness to world-wide strife and suffering and sin.

Pray for: (1) missionaries in home and foreign lands; (2) soul-winning zeal; (3) concerted effort for a debtless denomination by 1945; (4) those in charge of plans and programs for W.M.U. and S.B.C. annual meetings in San Antonio in May.

Intercede that every circle and society will glean and glean again in behalf of the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions.

Pray for all phases of W.M.U. work such as mission study, enlistment, personal service, stewardship, missionary education of young people.

Plead for peace according to the principles of the Prince of Peace.

Questions in this magazine, from the American Standard Edition of the Revised Bible, copyrighted by the International Council of Religious Education, are used by its permission.

## Calendar of Prayer

April, 1942

Prepared by Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

BEFORE the hills in order stood or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.  
A thousand ages in Thy sight are like the evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.  
Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;  
They fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.  
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come—  
Be Thou our guide while life shall last and our eternal home.  
—Isaac Watts

### 1—WEDNESDAY

Annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Missouri, Springfield, April 1-3  
Ye know that your labors are not in vain in the Lord.—1 Cor. 15:58

### 2—THURSDAY

Annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Illinois, East St. Louis, April 2-3  
Whoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant.—Matt. 20:27

### 3—FRIDAY

Misses xx Cecilia Lancaster, Tokyo, xx Naomi Schell, Tobata, Japan, educational-evangelistic work  
Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.—Eccl. 9:10

### 4—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Brantley, Miss Gladys Keith, evangelistic work, New Orleans, La.  
Be not ashamed therefore of the testimony of our Lord.—II Tim. 1:8

### 5—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Bostick, Dr. J. V. Dawes, emeritus missionaries from China  
The way of the just is uprightness.—Isa. 26:7

### 6—MONDAY

Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Moye, San Antonio, Rev. and Mrs. G. B. Mixim, Brownsville, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans  
They spoke unto him the Word of the Lord.—Acts 16:32

### 7—TUESDAY

Annual meetings April 2-9 of Woman's Missionary Union of: Arkansas, Ft. Smith; Mississippi, Meridian  
Through God we shall do valiantly.—Psa. 108:13

### 8—WEDNESDAY

Annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky, Harrodsburg, April 8-9  
Righteousness shall look down from Heaven.—Psa. 85:11

### 9—THURSDAY

Misses Hannah Fink Sellow, (Rom Marlowe, xx) Lorene Thiford, educational-evangelistic work, Shanghai, China  
Trust ye in the Lord forever.—Isa. 26:4

### 10—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. H. Caudill, Rags, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Green, Arroyo Apolo, Cuba, evangelistic work  
The works of the Lord are great.—Psa. 111:3

### 11—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. Meis, Miss Mary Bell Taylor, educational-evangelistic work, Recife, Brazil; also David Meis, Margaret Fend student  
Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord.—Psa. 128:1

### 12—SUNDAY

Mrs. E. A. Nelson, emeritus missionary from Brazil, Miss Grace Clifford, emeritus missionary of the Home Mission Board  
Thine is the Kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted on high above all.—I Chron. 29:11

### 13—MONDAY

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Carnon, evangelistic work, Port Harcourt, Dr. and Mrs. H. U. Northrip, medical-evangelistic work, Ogbomoso, Nigeria  
Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked.—Psa. 140:4

### 14—TUESDAY

Annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of South Carolina, Columbia, April 14-16  
His work is honorable and glorious.—Psa. 111:3

### 15—WEDNESDAY

Rev. T. O. Chappelle, Lawton, Okla., Rev. T. O. Lee, Richmond, Va., educational-evangelistic work among their own Negro race  
He, that believeth on the Son of God, hath the witness in himself.—I John 5:10



## Calendar of Prayer for April

### 16—THURSDAY

Dr. C. E. Maddy, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board; also all secretaries and state board members working with him  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.—*Phil. 2:1*

### 17—FRIDAY

xxRev. and Mrs. R. E. Owens, Halls, xxMrs. Kate Ellen Gruver, Jerusalem, Palestine, educational-evangelistic work  
Be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot and blameless.—*II Pet. 3:14*

### 18—SATURDAY

Woman's Missionary Union of Nigeria  
Give Thy strength unto Thy servant.—*Psa. 86:16*

### 19—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. E. Gill, emeritus missionaries from Europe, Mrs. E. L. Morgan, emeritus missionary from China  
Now therefore, our God, we thank Thee and praise Thy glorious Name.—*I Chron. 29:13*

### 20—MONDAY

Prof. F. Bultain, educational-evangelistic work, Eastrop, Rev. and Mrs. D. Delgado, evangelistic work, Eagle Pass, Tex.; also Mary and Martha Bultain, Margaret Fund students  
Look upon the fields.—*John 4:35*

### 21—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Bowdler, evangelistic work, Cipoletti, Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Quarles, educational-evangelistic work, Buenos Aires, Argentina; also George Jr., William G. and Betty Bowdler, Margaret Fund students  
Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom.—*Prov. 4:7*

### 22—WEDNESDAY

Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Williams, Mrs. Elizabeth Hale, educational-evangelistic work, Shanghai, China; also Dorothy Williams, Margaret Fund student  
If any man's work abide which he hath built thereon, he shall receive a reward.—*I Cor. 3:14*

### 23—THURSDAY

Dr. and Mrs. A. T. Bequer, Cienfuegos, Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Callero, Sagua la Grande, Cuba; also Angel and Leonor Bequer, Abigail and Anabel Callero, Margaret Fund students  
Consider how great things He hath done for you.—*I Sam. 12:24*

### 24—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. V. L. Smith, Mrs. Imbelle Moore, educational-evangelistic work, Oyo, Nigeria  
He which converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death.— *Jas. 1:21*

### 25—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Crouch, educational-evangelistic work, Rev. B. Foreman, evangelistic work, Corrente, Brazil; also Margaret Crouch, Margaret Fund student  
In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.—*John 1:4*

### 26—SUNDAY

That the Holy Spirit may guide in the preparation for the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, S.B.C., May 14-15, San Antonio, Tex.  
Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty.—*I Chron. 29:11*

### 27—MONDAY

Mrs. Sallie James, medical-evangelistic work, Yangchow, Mrs. Blanche Groves, Soochow, China, educational-evangelistic work  
God is a refuge for us.—*Psa. 67:2*

### 28—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Kelley, Allen, Rev. C. Ybarra, Yorktown, Tex., evangelistic work among Mexicans  
Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.—*Matt. 5:5*

### 29—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. S. Blair, evangelistic work, Buenos Aires, Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Swenson, evangelistic work, Bahla Blanca, Argentina; also Judson Blair, Margaret Fund student  
Lead me in the way everlasting.—*Psa. 139:24*

### 30—THURSDAY

Misses xxiSusan Anderson, Abrekuia, xxiEthel Harmon, Oyo, "Lena Lair, Iwa, Nigeria, educational-evangelistic work  
Be Thou my strong habitation whereunto I may continually resort.—*Psa. 71:1*

1Attended W.M.U. Training School  
2Attended Southwestern Training School  
2Attended Baptist Bible Institute  
xxOn Furlough

# Bible Study

Elia Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

THEME for YEAR: Lessons from Providence

TOPIC for MONTH: In Training for the King—Daniel 1:8-20

WE are accustomed to think of this story as a temperance-lesson; and so it is. But let us go beyond the few months described and think how important it was in the history of Israel that these four men rose to places of power. The three whom we know by their Babylonian names furnished a marvelous example of courage and God's care of His faithful ones. And Daniel, the leader, who kept his Jewish name besides, was equally true and heroic. He became trusted friend and minister of one king after another, an interpreter of dreams, whose words came true. He was a dreamer of mysteries himself and had visions of the future, not always clear to him at the time. He was great in prayer, and his prayers were answered. He prophesied many happenings in the history of Israel, interpreted variously to this day. The big thing was this: he kept the lamp of Jewish faith lighted, high where all could see, and passed hope down to generation after generation. And all because, while he was in training for the king, he was really in training for the King of kings. His simple, obedient spirit, his skill in managing a situation, his unswerving faith and love towards God—what a young Hebrew of the Hebrews for God to teach and bless and use!

How easy it would have been for those four boys to have said that they were helpless—that it was impossible to keep the laws of Moses in this foreign land; that their chance of honor and service required that they eat the king's food! But there is always a way out for a courageous heart—just as one never *has* to tell a lie! The ten days' test satisfied the steward, and the simple food made the four boys surpass the rest. Had they forsaken their faith, they would have continued to compromise and would have failed in the more dramatic tests that were to come. They might have bowed to the golden image and prayed to the king!

A young man at the "Springs" many years ago broke his resolve against gambling and plunged heavily one evening. Next morning he had vanished, charged with cheating at faro. Gambling itself is essentially dishonest; but cheating at cards in those days called for a duel! The lesser weakness involved the greater temptation. Still more is this true of drinking; grosser dangers may follow the social glass.

In a sermon on sin Dr. W. C. Boone made the point that sin may be doing something about which one is not sure: "For if you are uncertain whether a thing is right or wrong, for you it is wrong. 'Whatsoever is not of faith is sin'". This is a much needed thought, a veritable safeguard.

Daniel is a much discussed book. Part of it is written in Aramaic, about as different from Hebrew as Braid Scots from English. This suggests a date near the end of the "Captivity". Jesus of course knew the book and quotes from the author as "Daniel the prophet" (*Matt. 24:15*).



# Circle Program



**EXPLANATORY NOTE:** It is believed that circles will profit by using a program somewhat similar if not identical to the following. It is urged that every circle make available for its program-participants each of the four magazines used as source-material for this suggested program. They are to be secured as follows: *Royal Service*, 50c a year from 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.; *The Window of Y.W.A.*, \$1 a year from the same Birmingham address; *World Comrades*, \$1 a year from the same Birmingham address; *The Commission*, 50c a year from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia; *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, 25c a year from Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga. (See also page 37 of 1942 W.M.U. Year Book and page 20 of this magazine.)

## CIRCLE PROGRAM TOPIC

### A GLIMPSE of the HOMELAND

Devotional Theme—"Come, see . . ."—*John 4:4-42*

A Chasm (See article by Dr. J. F. Plainfield in April issue of *The Commission*.)

Old Dog Licker (See article in April *World Comrades*.)

Mexican Baptists Go Forward (See article by Dr. J. L. Moye in April issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

Hungering and Thirsting after Righteousness (See article in April issue of *The Commission*.)

As Jesus Sees the Indians (See article by Dr. J. W. Beagle in April issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

Wherever Hearts Are Hungry (See article in April issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.*.)

April, the Month of Another Victory (See pages 5, 6, 32 of this magazine.)

Welcome to San Antonio (See pages 1, 4, 7, 8, 36 of this magazine.)

Missionary Current Events (See page 35 of this magazine.)

# Business Women's Circles

Prepared by Mrs. Robert W. Pratt, Kansas  
Student in Missionary Education Course II  
W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Ky.

**Invitations.** On a circle of lavender construction-paper paste a smaller white paper lace doily with a tiny white candle in the center. Around the edge of the lavender circle print: "Let the light of purity shine in your community". W.M.S. (Time, Place, Date)

**Announcement Poster:** Mount a large picture of calla-lilies. Underneath, print: "Whatsoever things are pure". W.M.S. (Time, Place, Date)

**Preparation and Presentation:** As each member enters, she will be given a white flower (real or artificial) to be pinned over her heart. To the stem will be fastened a label bearing the words: "Blessed are the pure in heart".

At the front of the room place a table covered with a pure white cloth. On the side next to the audience label the table: "God's Will for My Life". Emphasize that the table represents God's will. Let the person who gives the part on "Pure Thoughts" hold a drawing of the human brain as she speaks. When she finishes, let her place the drawing on the table, emphasizing the fact that when our minds come into the realm of God's will they become pure. (Page 23)

The speaker who has the topic "Pure Words" will hold a drawing of a large pair of lips. When she finishes, she too can place her drawing on the table of God's will to signify that, when surrendered to Him, our words become pure. (Page 23)

The speaker on "Pure Deeds" will have a poster with a black heart on one side and a pair of black hands on the other. She shows the relationship between the heart and the hands and finishes by removing the black pictures to reveal white ones underneath and shows that this can be accomplished by placing heart and hands under God's will. She places the poster on the table. (Page 24)

The discussion on "Youth and Purity" should be illustrated by pictures of a young man and of a young woman mounted on cardboard. The speaker will urge the women to do their utmost to bring these youth under God's will. (Page 24)

The "Perils to Purity" may be characterized either by posters and charts showing their effects or by the objects themselves, such as an empty liquor-bottle, a package of cigarettes, a deck of cards, a copy of a cheap magazine etc. These things should not be put on the table. The point should be brought out that these things when brought into the realm of God's will do not become purified but disappear. They can be put on the floor behind the table to make the disappearance more forceful. (Page 25)

In the discussion on "Aids to Purity" let the person who discusses "Total Abstinence" use from magazines and newspapers advertisements of liquor and tobacco to illustrate their seductive appeal. The speaker on "Clean Amusements and Literature" will display camp and houseparty posters and copies of good books and magazines to illustrate her talk. (Pages 27-29)

"Promoting Purity in the Military Camps"—Let one member interview the pastor impersonating a chaplain in connection with this discussion. (Page 29)

# Program Plans

Prepared by Mrs. Walter Thompson, Illinois  
Student in Missionary Education Course II  
W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Ky.

## Announcement Poster:

Paste a white cross on the upper left-hand corner of a dark blue or black cardboard (the darker the background the more emphasis on the purity of the cross). Draw lines representing beams of light from the cross to the center of the poster, where are the words: "Whatsoever things are pure; think on these things" at W.M.S. (place, time, date etc.) Let the announcement of the place etc. be in the lower right-hand corner.

## Individual Invitations:

On a square of white paper draw a clothes-line with a few objects hanging from it. In center have a square representing a sheet hanging. Cut around sheet so it will open with these words underneath: "They shall be as white as snow (Isaiah 1:18). Come to W.M.S. (place, time, date etc.) and discuss PURITY with us".

## Room-setting:

The room should be slightly darkened, at least by partially drawn shades. In the front there might be white tapers arranged symmetrically. The center-piece is later used in the program. It may be a large piece of dark blue or black flannel covering part of the front wall or it may be a smaller piece of flannel mounted in a frame and placed on a table in the center. Out of the flannel cut a pair of outstretched hands pointing downward. These should be relatively large so that other objects used later in connection with them may be seen clearly over the room. Paste behind the opening, where the hands were cut out, a piece of light-weight white paper.

Place a light behind the silhouette and the pure hands will stand out clearly.

## Presentation of Program:

Discussion of topics on Purity, Whatsoever Things Are Pure

## Youth and Purity (Pages 24-25)

## Perils to Purity (Pages 25-27)

This may be given by one person but it will be more effective if a separate person discusses each peril.

**Alcohol:** As this is discussed, place a small bottle cut of construction-paper beneath the hands as if they were receiving it. If a small piece of flannel is pasted to the back of each object, it will adhere to the large piece of flannel. If it is necessary to use cardboard instead of flannel, the objects can be attached with a thumb-tack.

**Smoking:** A cut-out of a cigarette may be used similarly in connection with this discussion.

**Worldly Amusements:** A facsimile of a playing card or a reproduction of a tavern

**Salacious Literature:** A cut-out representing some undesirable magazine

## Aids to Purity (Pages 27-29)

In connection with this discussion each participant has a representation to replace the evil influence just placed on the silhouette. The first will, as she speaks, remove the bottle and cigarette and put in its place a card containing part of the Y.W.A. Dedication: "I dedicate myself to total abstinence and to interest others in the promotion of the great cause of total abstinence". Replace playing card by a picture or facsimile of the W.M.U. young people's camp for your state. Replace the salacious magazine by a miniature *World Comrades*, *Window of Y.W.A.*, *The Communion*, state paper or Bible.

# Program Material

Prepared by Mrs. C. D. Cressman, Tennessee

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

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

**HYMN for YEAR:** The Light of the World Is Jesus

**WATCHWORD for YEAR:** Oh send out Thy light and Thy truth. *Psalm 43:3*

**Bible Study—In Training for the King—Dan. 1:8-20 (Page 17)**

Prayer that we may by the purity of our lives be fit to serve our King

Hymn—More Like the Master

Whatsoever Things Are Pure

Hymn—More Holiness Give Me

Perils to Purity

Prayer that we may in every possible way help our young people to clean thinking, clean speaking and clean doing

Promoting Purity in the Military Camps

Hymn—Take Time to Be Holy

Prayer that American soldiers may be clean in their lives and brave and strong not only to fight America's battles but also battles against all evil

## PURITY

"KEEP thyself pure", wrote Paul to his young friend Timothy. "Keep thyself pure" is God's requirement of all Christians. Purity is defined as cleanness, spotlessness, freedom from defilement. It is not sinlessness but an attitude of abhorrence of sin. It is a much higher quality than innocence. A person is innocent when he knows no evil; but he is pure when he knows evil and keep himself untouched by its defilement. Purity means more than sexual chastity for it includes right living in every domain of conduct and in every relationship of life. One describing the nature of purity says: "Purity is a nature rather than a virtue and, like other natures, when most perfect is least conscious of itself and its perfection".

Tennyson made Sir Galahad to say,

"My strength is as the strength of ten because my heart is pure". Another writer says: "The purity of woman is her hidden strength. She that has that is clad in complete steel". A pure body gives physical strength. A pure mind gives mental strength. A pure heart gives spiritual strength. Consciousness of purity gives self-confidence and the feeling of increased power.

"Who shall ascend unto the hill of Jehovah? And who shall stand in His holy place?" asks the psalmist; and the answer is, "He that hath clean hands and a pure heart". Clean hands and a pure heart go together. The deeds of the hands are not clean unless the heart is pure; and hearts are made pure only by the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ. Jesus said: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God". "It is right that God who is all purity should reveal Himself only to a heart that is purified".

Once a pastor was visiting in the home of a laundress and expressed admiration for the whiteness of the linen hung out upon the line. The garments gleamed in beautiful purity as compared with the dark shingles on the roof of the house behind them. Presently snow began to fall and quickly covered the roofs and streets with an absolutely unsoiled mantle. The linen clothes seemed to lose much of their whiteness. Said the preacher to the laundress, "Your clothes do not look as white as they did before". She replied: "Ah, sir, the clothes are just as white as they were but what can stand against God Almighty's white?" Our best attempts at purity look dingy when compared with "God Almighty's white" but by the blood of Jesus our souls are washed and made as white as snow.

"Think and be careful what thou art within,  
For there is sin in the desire of sin;  
Think and be careful in a different case,  
For there is grace in the desire of grace!"

By suggesting that we think on the things that are pure Paul assumes the power of our wills to control our thoughts. He takes for granted that "every man may be master in the house of his thought and choose his own guests". Many impure thoughts are constantly knocking on the doors of our minds and we must be on the watch not to allow any of them to enter, for if they are once inside it is dreadfully hard to drive them out. If we allow such thoughts to stay in our minds they will poison us and lead us into impure deeds. No one may know when we first have unclean thoughts; but, if we continue to harbor them in our minds, they will sooner or later find expression on our faces, in our actions and in our characters. The only way to live clean lives is to be absolutely clean in our thinking.

One writing of the possibility for clean thinking says: "I do not pretend to say that ever on this earth we are free from solicitations of evil. But there is

## WHATSOEVER THINGS ARE PURE

**Pure Thoughts—**In Paul's list of things to think on we find "whatsoever things are pure". "The clean and morally healthy life must be lived in pure and purposeful thought before it can be lived in deeds". Impure thinking leads to impure acting. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he". Jesus, in the sermon on the mount, makes the thought of sin equal to the deed. He said: "Ye have heard that it was said, Thou shalt not commit adultery; but I say unto you that every one that looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart". Again He pronounced the same judgment on him who hated his brother as on him whose hatred led him to commit murder.

many a soul so blessed that, when winged thoughts of sin come flying through the windows, God's angel rises up and draws the shutters to; when disturbing thoughts of hate, revenge, avarice and pride draw near, God's angel meets them at the outer gate and bids them all begone".

**Pure Words—**No impure word should ever pass the lips of a Christian. We cannot think of anything much worse than to hear one who calls himself a Christian tell a questionable joke, use coarse language, speak slanderous words of another or take the name of the Lord in vain. Such impure words soil character, ruin Christian influence and bring dishonor to the name of Christ. "Words are but wind is the common saying; but they are such wind as will either blow the soul to its haven of rest, if holy, wholesome, savory, spiritual and tending to edification; or else sink it into the 'Dead Sea' and bottomless gulf of eternal misery, if idle, profane, impure, frothy and unprofitable".



**Pure Deeds**—Impure thinking and speaking lead inevitably to impure doing. Where there is an impure heart there will certainly be unclean hands. We are appalled at the record of unclean deeds in our land today. We are told that one out of one hundred women in the United States is a prostitute. The gambling bill of the United States is over six billion dollars a year and it is said that more than one-half of the persons in the United States indulge in some form of gambling. Somebody is murdered in the United States every forty-five minutes. Every year over a hundred and fifty thousand serious crimes are committed and the cost of crime in the United States is over fifteen billion dollars annually. All of this shows the prevalence of unrighteous deeds and impresses us with the importance of Christian people keeping their hearts pure and their hands clean.

#### YOUTH and PURITY

**T**HERE are in the United States about twenty-four million young people between the ages of fifteen and twenty-four. Right here we have our greatest problem in purity. For the sake of the young people themselves, for the sake of our nation, for the sake of the world, for the sake of future generations these young people should be pure in thought, in word and in deed. And yet we know that all of them must every day face temptations to sinful indulgencies and that a large per cent of them fall below Christian standards of pure and righteous living.

We do not believe that the young people of today are any worse than the young people of all ages have been but we know that the forces of evil arrayed against them are stronger than ever before. We are appalled at the facts given to us concerning the moral conditions of the young people of our nation. We are told that the average age of the fallen woman in the United States is seventeen years and that there are 500,000 of them. We are told that twenty per cent of the criminals of our

country are not twenty-one years of age. We are told that there are more barmaids than college-maids in the United States. We know that practically all of our young men and many of our young women are smoking cigarettes, that untold thousands of them are drinking cocktails and that even in some of our Christian homes the young people are guilty of indiscretions which are leading to conduct far below the ideals of Christian purity.

Dr. E. P. Alldredge, discussing the perils of young people today, says: "From the pit of hell sluice-pipes of smutty stories, gutter-teachings and suggestions about sex, suggestive pictures, movies that reek with filth and sinister sex-appeal, novels and magazines which represent the distilled brew of the lowest psychopathic minds, bathing reviews, skimpy clothing, nudist parades, exotic dances, petting parties, drinking parties and damnable drugs—all are being poured out over and around our young people! One wonders how any of them can come out of the welter of it all and be clean and fine".

We must not only realize the situation in regard to the perils of our young people of today but we must also do something about it. We who are Christians and understand God's standards of purity have a social responsibility for all the young people in our land. We must not sit in complacency deceiving ourselves into believing that all is well with them. We must not cry out in dismay that all the young people are going to the dogs and then lay the matter aside as a hopeless situation. We must realize that we are responsible for the welfare of the young people in our homes, in our churches, in our communities, in our nation. If this generation of youth "goes to the dogs" it will be the fault of the adults who are responsible for their training. Along with the tendency to do wrong there is in the breast of every boy and girl a spark of desire for pure and noble living. It is our responsibility to kindle that spark

and to lead each youth to live the kind of a life that God would have him or her live. Some one has said that in this generation we have both bored into the ground and soared into the air. We can let our young people either live a life of underground sin or soar to the heights of pure and noble living. We are stewards of this social responsibility to our young people. May we be faithful to this stewardship!

#### PERILS to PURITY

**Alcohol**—Nothing so contaminates the body, mind and soul of a person as alcoholic drink. Liquor is the root of seventy-five per cent of the broken homes and is related to ninety per cent of the crimes in America today. More than eighty per cent of all the inmates of county jails, state penitentiaries and federal prisons are there because of crimes committed with alcohol at the bottom.

It is appalling how the liquor-business has increased in the United States since repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. "Instead of 177,791 saloons which we had before national prohibition, there are now more than 437,000 saloons in America and more than twice the bonded liquor in American warehouses than was ever known in pre-prohibition days". The liquor-traffic is pouring into its victims almost two billion gallons of liquor annually. America's liquor bill is \$46.15 per capita, while she is spending only \$15.33 per pupil for education. A bishop of the Methodist church said recently: "The saloon has returned. It is here in forms a thousandfold more vicious and debauching than anything ever known in the palmiest days of the prohibition era. The beer-garden, the cocktail-lounge, the night-club, the dance-hall and a host of other forms of bedevilment have been thrust upon us. They recognize no restrictions of time, place, age, sex or condition of their patrons. No one—be he drunk or sober, be he young or old, parent or child—is denied drink if he has the money to pay for it. Never

has America witnessed such a moral debauching of its citizens—men and women, adults and youth, parents and children—as since the return of legalized liquor".

We must realize that this evil of strong drink is closer to the young people of our churches than we may think. One morning two teen-age girls dropped in for a visit with their pastor's wife, who was also the leader of the Intermediate G.A. of which they were members. The hostess suggested that while she was busy with some household tasks the girls entertain themselves by looking through a magazine. Soon from another room she heard little half suppressed giggles as one girl whispered to the other: "That's it. That's the kind!" When she joined them to investigate the cause of the giggles she found her guests looking at a whisky-advertisement and on being questioned they acknowledged that they had drunk some of that brand the night before at a road-house.

At about two o'clock one Sunday morning a group of young people sauntered up to a hotel-bar for another cocktail between dances. One of the girls, as she took her glass, said: "This must be my last drink for I have to sober up in time to go to Sunday-school this morning".

These are true stories. They prove how close is the peril of strong drink to our own Baptist young people and show how we must be alert to use every possible means of saving them from this peril.

**Smoking**—A great peril to purity is the smoking habit. We quote from a recent issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions* the following: "Dr. Raymond Pearl, professor of biology at Johns Hopkins University, recently made a survey of life-insurance-companies which gave this startling revelation. Out of every 100,000 heavy smokers at the age of thirty, only 46,266 were alive at sixty. Out of every 100,000 moderate smokers, 61,911 were alive at the age of sixty. Out of every 100,000 non-



smokers at the age of thirty, 66,564 were alive at the age of sixty. In other words, moderate smoking kills 4,653 and heavy smoking kills 20,338, a total of more than 25,000 people per 100,000 in their prime killed by tobacco between thirty and sixty years".

Ty Cobb, the famous baseball-player, says: "Cigarette-smoking stupifies the brain, saps vitality, undermines health and weakens moral fiber. No one who hopes to be successful in any line can afford to contract so detrimental a habit".

Gene Tunney, former heavyweight boxing champion of the world and now in charge of the navy's physical training and athletics, writing of the danger of cigarettes to youth says: "To contract the tobacco-habit when the growth-factors of the body are exerting themselves to their maximum is to handicap oneself physically and mentally for life". In answer to the question, "Why deprive the navy-boys of the innocent pleasure of tobacco?", he says, "Should our citizen-army be less conditioned than a college football-team?" Then he adds a special word to mothers: "Send your boy in camp athletic equipment instead of cigarettes—a baseball-mitt or a set of boxing gloves".

**Worldly Amusements**—It is at the point of amusements that many young people are led into impurity. The road-houses, the honky-tonks, the dance-halls, the card-tables—all are pleasurable devices leading to ruin. The average boy or girl begins tampering with these things out of the desire for social pleasure. Then, before they know it they have been led into the paths of sin. In a certain small town, dances for young people were held in the high school gymnasium and were reputed to be well chaperoned and altogether decent. But people living nearby picked up whisky-bottles on the mornings after these dances and one who knew what she was talking about said: "Oh, the daughters of the parents who are actually attending the dance and keeping close

watch on their children may come through untouched but other girls not so well cared for lose their purity".

**Salacious Literature**—A great menace to purity is the alarming spread of salacious literature. We need only to look at the newstands to get some idea of the type of literature that is now being offered to our young people. We are told that every month about eight million people, most of them under twenty-one years of age, buy copies of 150 nationally distributed periodicals, reeking with obscenity and other objectionable materials. Any teen-age girl or boy can buy such magazines in almost any town or city. They may be found in filling stations, candy-stores, soda-fountains, railroad and bus waiting rooms. On their covers are seen suggestively posed near-nudes and their contents are revoltingly vile. One writing of the effect of such literature on the morals of youth says: "For the young especially such publications cultivate vulgarity, lower taste, awaken lack of respect for womanhood and lead directly toward an increase of social evils".

**Lowered Moral Standards**—The moral standards of the world today are far below the Bible standard of purity. Drinking, smoking, petting and other indulgences are not only tolerated but even encouraged among some of our so considered "best people". In our leading magazines the stories present attractive young people indulging in such sinful pleasures as a matter of course. In certain circles immoral conduct is no longer considered a disgrace but is looked upon as being "just all right under the circumstances". The number of divorces increases year after year. "Since 1870 population in the United States has increased three hundred per cent; marriages, four hundred per cent; divorces, two thousand per cent. Divorces are increasing five times faster than marriages". All of this proves how moral standards are being lowered and we as Christians need to watch our own thinking lest we be led to forget

that the high standards of personal purity found in the Bible are still the only standards for right living. God's standards of purity are not lowered and never will be.

#### AIDS to PURITY

**Total Abstinence**—Not temperance but total abstinence is the only Christian attitude toward liquor. We are not to tamper with it at all. We are not to think that a few cocktails or a little beer is harmless. We are not to believe that it is all right to drink provided we know when to stop. The time to stop is before we begin. Science has proved that alcohol is not a stimulant but a narcotic. A little drinking is more dangerous for driving than a large amount for when a man is really drunk it is usually detected and he is taken from behind the wheel but the man with a little drink goes on with his mind befuddled, unable to make quick decisions and thus do traffic accidents occur.

Recently there appeared in some of our leading magazines a beer-advertisement which (quoting from Daniel Poling in *The Christian Herald*) "constitutes not only the worst error in advertising but just about the worst insult they have ever offered the women of America—to whom they addressed the advertisement". This advertisement carried at the top the picture of a smart, intelligent looking woman and below were such statements as this: "If a mother is truly wise she will make home attractive with kindly, mellow beer". "Served with a mother's approval . . . it becomes an asset in . . . gatherings of young people". "Cool, mellow beer will enhance your reputation as a skillful, charming hostess". We are glad to say that a howl of protest against such an advertisement has gone up from the women of our nation. The Christian women of America are not yet ready to "enhance their reputation" for entertaining by serving beer and wine. Surely, we who know the harm of alcoholic drinks must not only be total abstainers ourselves but must do all in

our power to teach our young people the danger of drinking and to lead them also to be total abstainers. And we must pray, work and hope for the day when our nation will rise up against this curse, declaring itself anew against the manufacture, sale or drinking of alcoholic beverages.

While we are standing for total abstinence with regard to drinking we must also take a firm stand against the injurious smoking habit. This is not so easy because many Christians, even many preachers, who would never think of taking a drink are smokers but this does not make it right and we as Christian women must do all in our power to keep our young people from forming the habit. They must be instructed as to the danger to their health and morals in smoking and must be led to see that the highest type of a Christian man or woman does not indulge in this unclean habit.

**Clean Amusements**—A Christian must take a firm stand for the separated life, avoiding the very appearance of evil. This means that he must be most careful in his choice of pleasures, indulging in nothing which would endanger his own personal purity or injure his influence. To combat the lure of sinful amusements, especially to our young people, leaders in our churches must provide clean amusements. The right kind of a social program in our churches will do much to keep young people from frequenting places of questionable entertainment. All socials of the churches should be carefully planned and so conducted that the desire of the young people for a good time may be satisfied without any lowering of their moral standards. We have known even socials of the churches, either because of lack of proper supervision or because of unwise arrangements in the planning of games, to become unwholesome in their influence on the young people. Great care must be taken that such a thing will not happen.

The houseparties and camps for Y.

W.A., G.A. and R.A. are wonderful agencies in providing wholesome recreation for our young people. We can rejoice because of the great growth of this type of activity for our W.M.U. young people's organizations and because thousands of our boys, girls and young women attend these camps and house-parties every year. If these did nothing but provide clean, wholesome amusements for our Baptist youth we feel that they would be worthwhile but of course we rejoice because they go further by adding, to the recreational benefits, teaching in missions and stewardship and by building up the spiritual character of our young people.

There is a girl who will attend her last Junior G.A. Camp next summer. The great event of her last three summers has been going to this camp. For this she has planned and dreamed all through the year. When time comes for her to go all the interests of the household center on preparation for her departure. She returns to tell how she has had the best time she ever had in her life and to begin to get ready for the next camp. So great is her enthusiasm that every year she takes with her to camp an increasing number of members of her own G.A. She is wondering now if Intermediate Camp could be as lovely as Junior Camp has been but she is counting on giving it a four summers' trial. We cannot imagine a girl who has enjoyed the clean, wholesome pleasures of such camps ever being tempted by the jazz and jangle of a honky-tonk, of the glare and glamor of a dance-hall. It is far better to say to our young people: "Come and do this lovely, clean thing we have provided for you" than to say "Don't do that awful, injurious thing provided for you by those who would lead you into sin".

**Clean Literature**—We must give our young people clean reading. To do this we must use every possible means to try to rid our newsstands of obscene magazines. This can be done

by the united effort of right thinking people in any community. Then we must try to cultivate in our young people the taste for good literature. The best way to do this is to provide them with clean, wholesome reading matter.

Never was there as much good literature for young people as is being published today. We especially rejoice because of the good literature provided by our own denomination. *World Comrades* and *The Window of Y.W.A.*, published by Woman's Missionary Union, are as attractive magazines as could be found anywhere. Any youth would enjoy and be blessed by reading them. We should see that every southern Baptist boy, girl and young woman has the opportunity of reading these magazines. Then there are the magazines published by our mission boards, *The Commission* and *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, providing the most interesting and inspiring reading for every member of the family. These should be a part of the literature in every southern Baptist home. From our great Sunday School Board pours a stream of current literature and the very best books, wonderfully inspiring, educational and helpful. These, as well as the good literature of other publishing houses, should be provided for our young people.

Every church should have a library providing wholesome reading matter for its constituency. Such literature is the very best antidote for the trash found on our newsstands. On the answer we give to boys and girls who say, "What shall we read?", depends their own personal purity and may hang the destiny of a city or a nation.

**High Moral Standards**—We must keep our moral standards high. We must not tamper with sin. We must not wink at those things which are questionable. We must avoid the very appearance of evil. We must, in our personal lives, give the young people examples of purity. We must let them know that we expect in them clean living. We must teach them the danger of wrong

doing. We must lead them to avoid the way of the ungodly by walking in the way of righteousness.

We know that it is only through the power of Christ that we can hope to maintain high moral standards. In the last report of the S.B.C. Social Service Commission we find the following quotation from an editorial in a representative newspaper: "There is only one certain way to avoid disaster and that is through a recovery of respect for and touch with matters spiritual. We are forgetting the God of our fathers and are throwing away His ordinances and we are paying a natural penalty for that foolishness in the form of deadly reversal to greed, grossness and earthiness. There must be a revival of spiritual consciousness, of ordinary social decency, of every-day honesty in human relations, political, industrial, economic and personal; or the progress we boast of, all knowledge, all our great inventions will combine shortly to take us into a hell worse than any the race has ever experienced". The report then comments: "Our problems are too vast and too complex to be solved by human wisdom. The forces against which we contend are too powerful to be overcome by human strength alone. Only God Himself is sufficient for this day. He must save or we are lost. The hour is here for the church to gird her loins for battle, to swing into action with all the power at her command, to cry with all her might to a distraught and despairing world".

#### PROMOTING PURITY in the MILITARY CAMPS

WE cannot leave this subject of purity as related to our young people without turning our attention to that vast host of young men, the flower of American youth, now forced by circumstances to live in military camps. All the powers of evil are arrayed against them to lead them away from pure living into the ways of sin. It gives us grief to know that the liquor-forces are doing all they can to lead the boys to drink. In an issue of the

*Brewer's Digest* appeared this paragraph: "One of the finest things that could have happened to the brewing industry was the insistence of high ranking officers to make beer available at army-camps. . . . Here is a chance for brewers to cultivate a taste for beer in millions of young men who will eventually constitute the largest beer consuming section of our population". We are glad to know that there are some high ranking officers who are very much opposed to drinking and are doing all they can to combat this evil among the soldiers.

One who has visited the larger camps warns that "the morals of America's new soldier will be this country's first war-casualty". General Marshall, the army's chief of staff, in speaking of the illicit business springing up around the camps says: "Here we have on the one side a sordid business for the accumulation of money and on the other the interests of every parent who has a son in the army".

What are we going to do about this very important matter? First, we can rejoice because through our Home Mission Board southern Baptists are attempting to do something for the soldiers. Dr. Alfred Carpenter is in charge of such work in the camps and is the southern Baptist representative in the Christian Council on Camp Community Activities. Religious activities in the camps are of two types: one dealing with the welfare-program in the communities adjacent to the camps and the other dealing with the spiritual program put on inside the camps. The government ruling is that all religious work inside the camps is under the supervision and direction of the chaplains, so no independent workers are allowed inside the camps. Of course any denomination can provide religious activities for soldiers in communities adjacent to the camps. Dr. Carpenter is the official S.B.C. contact-man between chaplains and local religious workers for the camps in the south. This gives him official standing with the chaplains and

his work is helping greatly in making contacts between the chaplains in the camps and our Baptist work outside the camps.

However, we cannot delegate to the chaplains and to Dr. Carpenter, or even to the communities adjacent to the camps, all the responsibilities for religious work among the soldiers. Many of the boys have gone from our Baptist homes and our churches. We must follow them with our prayers and with every possible indication of our interest in them. Pastors, Sunday-school teachers and others in the churches can keep in constant touch with them, sending them denominational literature, writing to them frequently, keeping in touch with their families and in many other

ways showing personal interest in their spiritual welfare. A personal letter about each man to his regimental chaplain and the pastor of the church nearest the camp will help to win their personal interest in his welfare. We must not think so much of the mass of ten million young men who may soon be in camp if the war continues as we must think of the one, two, three or a dozen going from our own communities. We must in every way possible help them to overcome all the evil influences of the abnormal life in which they are placed and to keep them in touch with those Christian forces which will make them pure, strong men and the kind of soldiers that our country needs in this crisis.

#### QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the importance of Christians keeping themselves pure.
2. What is the connection between pure thoughts and pure deeds?
3. Discuss the influence of the use of impure words.
4. Discuss our social responsibility to our young people.
5. Tell of the peril of the liquor-business.
6. Tell of the harm of smoking.
7. How does literature affect the morals of our young people?
8. Discuss the importance of total abstinence.
9. Why should each church provide clean amusements for its young people?
10. How do W.M.U. young people's camps and houseparties help with the social life of our young people?
11. Tell something of the value of Baptist literature.
12. Tell something of the opportunities and importance of religious work among the soldiers in our camps.

#### REFERENCE MATERIAL

The following list of reference material is the chief source used in the preparation of this 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 the 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.  
Southern Baptist Home Missions  
State Denominational Papers

—World Comrades  
—The Commission

Things to Think On.....Dr. Henry Howard  
The Problems and Perils of American Youth.....Dr. E. P. Aldredge  
Report of Social Service Commission.....Southern Baptist Convention Minutes



#### ANNUAL MEETING (Concluded from Page 8)

We welcome you, southern Baptist women, to this city "where", as its citizens like to tell you, "life is different". We look forward with keen anticipation to having you in our midst. We confidently expect that as we meet together to plan and work for the advancement of the Kingdom of God we will enjoy sweet fellowship together and we pray with you that the blessings of the Lord will be upon us.—Mrs. C. V. Hickerson, San Antonio W.M.U. General Chairman

#### For STUDYING (Concluded from Page 13)

W.M.U. Young People". 5. Rev. M. A. Caldeiro, member of the first committee on B.Y. P.U. Federation, tells of its work. 6. Mr. Carlos Aldamo, fraternal delegate from West Cuba to the meeting of the Federation, reports "The Cuban Baptist Youth Conference".

#### Discussion Topics

If you were a missionary in Cuba, what would be your greatest hardship—physical surroundings, Roman Catholicism or indifference of Baptists in United States? Which would you prefer—educational or evangelistic work and why?

Things I have learned about Cuba

#### Note-book Suggestions

Names of six S.B.C. missionaries now serving in Cuba (See 1941 S.B.C. minutes.)  
Baptist publications in Cuba (See 1941 S.B.C. minutes.)

Mrs. George W. Bottoms and "The Bottoms Trust Fund" (See *Fruits of the Years*, pages 56, 65-67.)

Story of Dr. M. N. McCall (See *Fellow-Workers to the Truth*.)

(See also page 13 of this magazine.)



PARASOLS are this spring as colorful as the flowers which April showers gently water. Even so does ROYAL SERVICE seek in April and in every other month to have attractive and varied features, each of which has but one purpose: to increase the number of people who are revived and constantly refreshed by the Water of Life. Your renewal, your subscription will therefore be definitely helpful. Price, 50c a year from

ROYAL SERVICE

1111 Comer Bldg.  
Birmingham, Ala.

# Our Young People

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

## GIVING NOW

**D**URING this month of April our Foreign Mission Board is authorized, by the Convention's committee, to give southern Baptists opportunity to supply at least \$300,000 for a *World Emergency Relief Fund*. As promotional agencies for the Convention our magazines for young people, *World Comrades* and *The Window of Y.W.A.*, bring stories and incidents which will help our young people know the tremendous need pressing for relief. It will not be amiss for counselors and W.M.U. young people's directors to help the young people know about the agony of need and the opportunity to give through the Foreign Mission Board. There is no danger of young people—or adults—giving too much. Our error will come on the selfish side unless we set every guard against withholding and rally every help toward generous giving.

It is not easy to realize that, by sad contrast, we are almost the only people uninterrupted in our public school life, able to go about our tasks without being faint from hunger, walking unafraid of falling bombs or in the midst of rubble seeking some souvenir of home. The tendency is to go on our way unseeing the sights of torn or undernourished bodies, unheeding the whimpering cry of weakened children or uncared-for age. It will be additional tragedy if our young people grow up with hardened hearts, calloused to the needs of others anywhere.

We like to keep for childhood carefree days of unsullied happiness but we cannot do it now. Hatred and racial prejudice are growing in the thoughts of even small children; the urge to kill is fed on every hand by toys and pictures, by radio and conversation; an antidote will be the gift made in loving concern for others. Let us "do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you" as far as international regulations permit.

The *World Emergency Relief Fund* will bring relief of many different kinds—relief from stark hunger when food is supplied; relief from sickness of malnutrition or danger of epidemic; relief from pain, when vitamins, medication and necessary anesthesia can be provided; relief from hunger of soul where the Word of God can be sent with its food for hungry hearts. Our Foreign Mission Board will take our gifts and distribute them in Christ's name to those who have most need. But what if the gift falls short? This must not be!

In fellowship of suffering southern Baptist young people and adults can enter into a period of gift-bringing through our churches which will be proof of our desire to bear steadfast Christian witness to Christ's love for all mankind. This April let us all reach out to show our Christianity to the weary pain-wracked world. Our words of interest in lost souls can find expression in our gifts which give life that there may be a chance to bear the message of life eternal. No one ever gives too generously; so let us help our young people understand this opportunity to give in April. (See also pages 5, 6.)

# College Y.W.A.

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

## CAMP-DAYS AHEAD

**J**UNE never seems very far from April; therefore, camp-days will be before us in just a few weeks. Are you planning now for them—in behalf of Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A.'s., of Grace McBride Y.W.A.'s., as well as of the other graded missionary education organizations?

There are camps and camps in this year of 1942: some sinister in atmosphere; some dark in design; some in military mould; but there are also in America the blessed gatherings of other purposeful young people who know that some day there will be a staggering world to steady and they must know how to be ready to avoid old pitfalls that lead to hatred and greed and war. How will they learn except from Him who is the Prince of Peace, Redeemer of all that is cast away, Savior of all that is lost?

The camps of Woman's Missionary Union offer gracious combinations of study, recreation, handcraft, sermon-messages, missionary acquaintance, friendship with eager young people of like age and similar Christian development. The programs are planned to interest, to stimulate, to challenge to all that is highest and truest in daily life for Christ. Find out from your state W.M.U. headquarters the time and place of state or district camps and plan for large representations of your young people there. No doubt careful reading of your state paper or of material from your state W.M.U. young people's leader will answer all your questions about these state gatherings.

Then June 23 to July 3, 1942, the southwide Y.W.A. Camp will be held at Southern Baptist Assembly grounds at Ridgecrest. The management has found it necessary, because of the increased cost of living, to make a slight increase in all rates for the summer, but that will not keep any one away because living cost has increased at home also and the proportion is not changed. Some spaces are \$1.75, some \$2.25 and \$2.50, some with private bath \$3.00—all of these rates including room and board in delightful Rhododendron Hall. Bus or train will bring young women safely and economically to this choice scenic spot in the "Land of the Sky" or, if some one's tires still travel the highroads, the main arteries pass by the door of the hotel.

In a world at war even leisure must have value to justify its indulgence, and the pleasant tempo of camp life at Ridgecrest is fully justified by the permanent deposit made in character and Christian development through the ten days of "Fellowship, Friendship, Frolic and His Spirit over All". Agonized China last summer had more of her Christian young men and women in our conferences than ever before, knowing their value to her national development. So, for our Christian development, send young women to Y.W.A. Camp. It is perfectly logical that Woman's Missionary Societies, fostering missions in the hearts of young women of colleges or hospitals or home churches, would aid in sending them to missionary camps, Y.W.A. camps. No better fostering can be evidenced in the summer months than this for investment of money, in partially or wholly paying camp-expenses for two or three young women at Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp, bears dividends for many a month and year.

At Camp this summer will be at least two missionaries on furlough from China and one from Japan, who attended Y.W.A. Camp while still in Young Woman's Auxiliary; there will be missionaries from Africa, Europe and South America, as well as from the homeland. Dr. E. A. McDowell of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will bring the daily Bible message; Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Dr. J. E. Dillard, Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, Miss Kathleen Mallory, Mrs. W. J. Cox, Miss Carrie Littlejohn, Miss Mary Nelle Lyne, Miss Wilma Bucy, Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence—the roster of speakers is a roll-call of outstanding Christian leaders whom Y.W.A.'s. are privileged to know in friendly intimacy. Prepare now for camp-days ahead. Write your state W.M.U. young people's leader about travel-plans from your state and make reservation with her for the ten days.



**NORTH VIEW of W.M.U. TRAINING SCHOOL BUILDING**

Showing Terrace Named in Honor of  
**MRS. F. W. ARMSTRONG**

#### W.M.U. TRAINING SCHOOL

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

THE following is a list of students who expect to complete their work at the end of this session. Boarding students finish in two years but as a rule day-students spread their work over a longer period of time. The day-students in the graduating class this year are with one exception wives of Seminary students. The commencement dates are May 6-7.

**Alabama**—Frances Jeffers, Helen Wright, Mrs. O. L. Walker; **Arkansas**—Nancy Cooper; **Florida**—Vida Mae Coleburn, Sarah Wells, Ailene Wills, Mrs. Linda Fuller; **Georgia**—Lena Allen, Sam Olive Griffin, Lillian Kirtland, Helen Meredith; **Illinois**—Mrs. Walter Thompson; **Kentucky**—Gladys Hopewell, Sue Ellen Ray, Mrs. W. W. Hammond, Mrs. Roy E. Harlan; **Louisiana**—Jane Carroll; **Mississippi**—Polly Love, Dorothy Wilson; **North Carolina**—Kathryn Abree, Laura Hilliard, Annie Ivey, Mary Lennon, Versa Russell; **Oklahoma**—Mrs. Jack Combs; **South Carolina**—Cornelia Bramlett, Pearle Carter, Sara Posey, Bernice Prince, Laura Whelchel, Mrs. J. F. Mitchell; **Tennessee**—Caroline Cross, Doris DeVauk, Jenell Greer, Lorene Holland, Mrs. W. C. Adkinson, Mrs. John Busby, Mrs. J. T. Hart, Mrs. Herbert C. Jackson, Mrs. James Sharp, Mrs. Fred Tarpley; **Texas**—Austre Cavazos; **Virginia**—Elizabeth Anne Campbell, Cornelia Leavell, Christine Steppe, Mrs. W. G. Bond; **District of Columbia**—Agnes Stephens; **Minnesota**—Mrs. Cornelius DeBlock; **Ohio**—Mrs. W. Wigglesworth; **W. Va.**—Mrs. H. J. Purdy

## Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

It is interesting to read what is said about Americans in magazines published and read in other lands than our own. *World Dominion*, a missionary magazine published in London, in a brief paragraph on "Young America" had among other things the following to say: "From a number of sources comes the conviction that, whatever may be the cause, the fact remains that there are more active, intelligent, consecrated young people in the American churches today than a generation ago and that these young people are seeing the task of missions in a new perspective".

The above items show the bright side of the picture. Unfortunately there is yet another side to be taken into account. The editor of *Worldover Press* of London, England, predicts that the real "wave of the future" is a wave of crime. The fact is cited that offenders under 21 years of age now constitute 48 per cent of arrests in London and attention is called to the fact that crime is on the increase in many countries.

Dr. Mott and Dr. Trexler, both of whom have recently visited South America, tell us that never was the South American work so hopeful as when they were there; surely we can pray that the present war into which the world is plunged will not completely obliterate that hope. Certainly one of the signs of hope is an item in the "Brazilian Penal Code" which was due to come into force in January. It provides that severe penalties be enacted on those "who publicly jeer at anyone because of his religious belief or function or who hinder or disturb any religious ceremony or act of worship".

So serious has become the menace of obscene literature in our country that drastic steps are being taken to curb its publication and sale. One state has passed a new law against the dispensers of such literature; this law makes them guilty of a felony rather than a misdemeanor and imposes a maximum penalty of 5 years' imprisonment and a fine of \$5,000.

Of the 400 women in the "Women's House of Detention" in downtown New York last year 10 per cent of those suffering from acute alcoholism were under 21 while 43 per cent were between 21 and 30, which shows that more than half of them were under 30. And from the *Christian Herald* we learn that in one year alone 19 per cent of the men brought into Sing Sing Prison for sex-crimes had been intoxicated at the time of arrest.

An attempt is being made in Africa to give the African boy a new ideal, a fresh experience and some practical teaching by adapting boys' camps to African social life. It is hoped that these camps may offset the attraction of heathen camps whose rites cannot be adapted to Christianity.

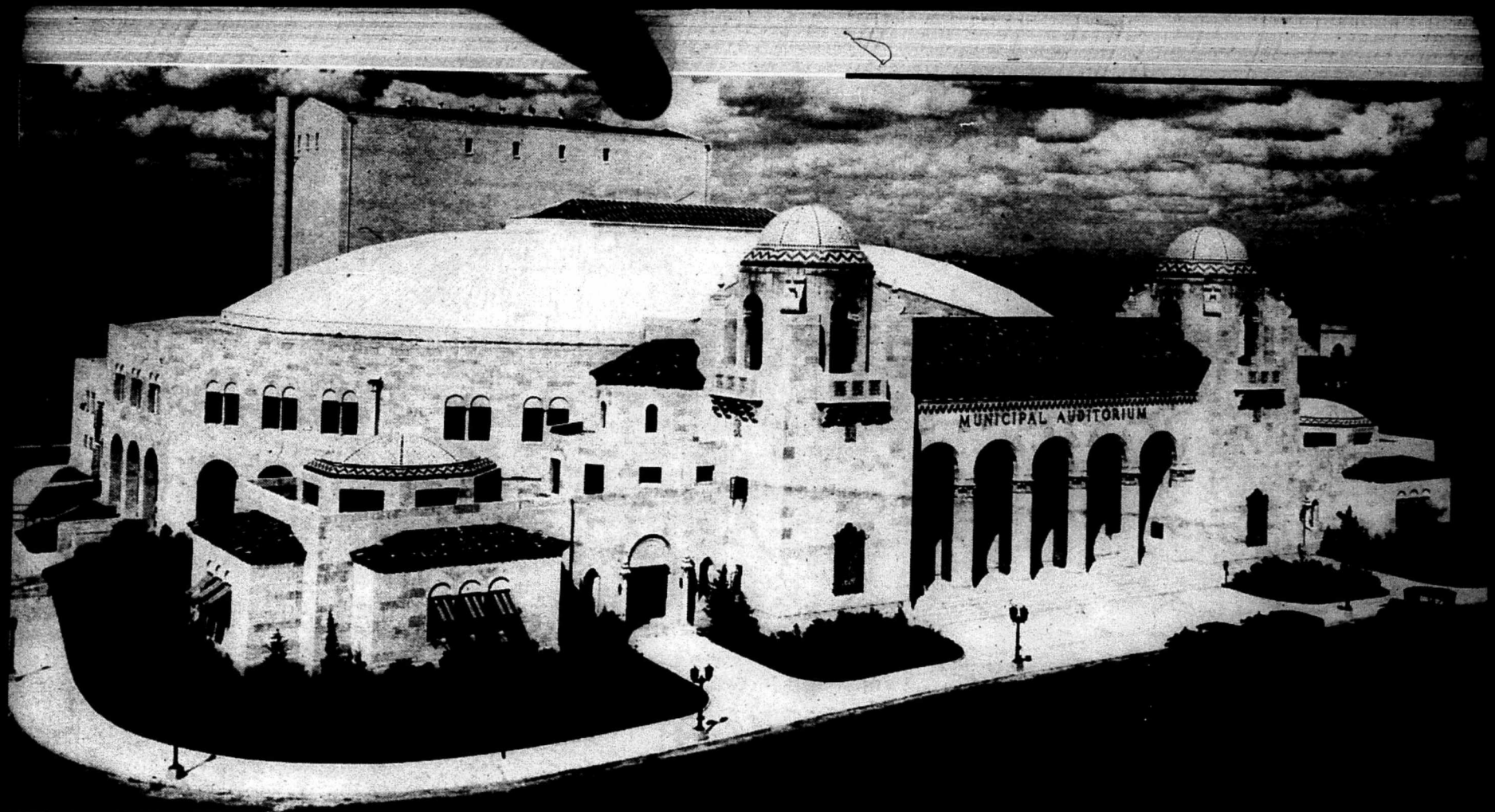
The religious papers of all denominations give most encouraging data on what is being done for the moral and spiritual welfare of the men in army posts and camps by the Salvation Army, the army-chaplains and by churches near where the camps are located. Figures released from one camp in North Carolina show a total attendance on religious services for one month to have been 10,804 with an enormous number of helpful personal interviews with the men.

In discussing at the Foreign Mission Conference the effects of the war on the people of China, Dr. M. Searle Bates of the University of Nanking said: "The old traditions of life and the customs of other days are gone. Millions have gone back to opium—victims of despair. It will take long years of peace and good government to pull China out. If ever men needed the Gospel in China, it is in these days of darkness".

The American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and the Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Society have issued a call for new missionaries capable of working in war-areas. The call is issued in a leaflet called *Reconstructing a Broken World—A Call for Candidates for Christian Service Abroad*.

When you have nothing left but God, then for the first time you become aware that God is enough.—Maud Royden, London, England





### SAN ANTONIO MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM

In this auditorium, which seats 7,500, will be held in May the eighty-seventh session of the Southern Baptist Convention and the fifty-fourth annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union. The W.M.U. sessions will commence on Thursday morning, May 14, and close on Friday night, the 15th. Each state W.M.U. is entitled to fifty delegates, the number of visitors being unlimited. A large attendance is eagerly anticipated. Every state is also urged to have its duly appointed representatives at the southwide committee meetings which will be held in San Antonio on May 13. (See page 7.)