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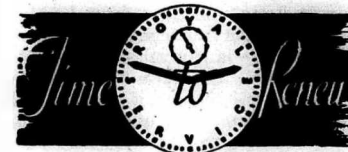
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Editorial

FRUITFUL FELLOWSHIP in FAITHFUL FOSTERING

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

SUMMER days have come again. Young people are released from routine responsibilities. That this free time may be used for the greatest good we must urge upon Woman's Missionary Societies the fellowship of fostering the missionary organizations for young people and their activities. Time can be utilized in more frequent meetings. Missionary biography makes inspiring reading. Invest in good books. Summer afternoons are ideal for mission study and for discussion which helps to fix high purposes for life service.

Summer days mean camps. See to it that your young people are given the inspiration of association with other young people of like age under the leadership of missionaries and missionary minded helpers. Make your Royal Ambassador and Girl's Auxiliary camps the best ever. Their influence in crystallizing purpose for worthy living cannot be measured. Many a young person on the mission field today traces his fixity of missionary purpose to some camp experience. Y.W.A.'s. and Ridgecrest! Is it worth some sacrifice to have one of your young women touch elbows with some twelve or fourteen hundred young women from all parts of the southland and share with them the vital touch with missionaries from every land, often with rare spirits of other lands and with leaders in our denominational life? Hundreds, yea thousands can testify that such sacrifice is well worth-while.

Are your college Y.W.A. daughters home for summer days? Utilize their youthful enthusiasm and their specialized training to enlist the interest and inspire to action other young people of like age or younger, that missionary organizations may be strengthened and the mission cause thus helped.

Young people in neighboring Baptist churches are a fertile field for missionary education efforts. Their response is ready and joyous. Try taking a group of your own young people for program and fun together. Often quickened interest on the part of young people will serve to awaken the women of a non-enlisted church to their responsibility so that a new W.M.S. may in turn find fruitful fellowship in faithful fostering of its missionary organizations for young people.

Summer days invite fostering. To cherish, to nourish, to sustain, to support, to rear—these are the natural womanly functions toward that which needs sustenance. Fostering involves them all. There is no more fruitful fellowship than in faithful fostering of the missionary education organizations for young people. Each society should have a Sunbeam Band for little children, a Girl's Auxiliary for each age group (junior and intermediate), a Royal Ambassador Chapter for each age group (junior and intermediate) and a Young Woman's Auxiliary. With these organizations an outreach to churches where none exist is a logical step. What will you do with the summer days that have now come again? Enter happily the fruitful fellowship of faithful fostering.

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

To Baptist Women throughout the World:

One of the most important decisions taken at the World Congress in Atlanta in 1939 was to set up a Women's Committee of our Alliance. We all looked forward to a closer cooperation and in the course of a very few weeks had secured correspondents in all continents and in most of the countries where Baptist women live and work.

Our hopes have been grievously disappointed. Within two months of the Congress war had broken upon the world, and large numbers of our people were cut off from intercourse with one another. We could not even complete the organization as we purposed. Since then the women of many lands have been confronted by urgent demands arising under war conditions, and in ministries of relief the women of Baptist churches have taken their full part. Now the war has extended so that it is almost world-wide, and it is sadly evident that while it lasts active correspondence will be impossible.

We have to bow to the necessities of this stern and terrible time. How far any message will reach our people we cannot say, but there are some things we wish to say to such as can be reached.

First of all, wherever we may be and whatever our condition, we are linked with one another inseparably as members of the body of Christ. Our faith in Him makes us and keeps us one. Nothing on earth, however evil or however strong, can separate us from our Divine Head or destroy our common life in Him.

Secondly, the fellowship of intercession remains unbroken. We may not be able to write to one another or to see one another, but we still meet "around one common mercy-seat". Let us thankfully recall the happy intercourse of the past; let us seek grace to act and to endure in the present; and let us pray that in the days to come we shall once more cooperate with a fulness and a depth of joy never before known, taking our part in setting up a new order more nearly in harmony with the mind of the Lord and Master of us all.

Thirdly, let us remember that our world-organization, even if it cannot fulfill all its functions, still exists; and let us be thankful for all it represents. The Baptist World Alliance stands ready to cooperate in relief of need as it did after the war of 1914-18 and on an even larger scale; the Women's Committee will have its part. Meanwhile, we think of our sisters bravely and patiently carrying on foreign mission work amid the clash of arms, and we are thankful that over vast areas the missionary enterprise in spite of grave difficulties persists in strength. We think of our sisters sustaining the work of the churches at home and playing their part amid circumstances of unprecedented strain and often of heavy personal sorrow. We pray that the world-wide family of Baptists, women and men, may everywhere be enabled to render service worthy of the Kingdom of our God and His Christ.

"We see not yet all things put in subjection under Him, but we see . . . Jesus". That is the word we would stress so far as we are able to reach you. Our hearts are saddened as we look out on a world so unlike that which He wills. We know that the passions that have broken forth in fratricidal strife are too often present in ourselves and that before God we must all bow in humble confession. We shall pray without ceasing—for ourselves, for one another, for the countries in which our lot is cast, for the peoples now counted as "enemies", that to all there may come the breath of a new life and the inspiration of a new outlook, so that together all may labor for the "far-off Divine event" which perhaps may be nearer than the poet

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Business Women to Ridgecrest

First Southwide B.W.C. Conference

August 8-14, Ridgecrest, N. C.

"WHY doesn't Woman's Missionary Union promote a summer conference at Ridgecrest for business women?" asked a fine young business woman one day last summer as she sat talking to me of her Business Women's Circle. "There are conferences at Ridgecrest for all the other church groups", she continued, "but none that gives any B.W.C. promotional plans".

"Do you have any suggestions?" I asked.

"O, yes", she replied. "Couldn't it be held during one of the weeks of special mission emphasis in August? Then the business women could meet the missionaries and enjoy the fine program provided for that week but, in addition, they could take one hour during the day for a discussion of B.W.C. plans and programs".

"That sounds grand to me", I exclaimed. "Surely you have something there. Let's see what can be done".

And that is how it started. The recommendation was presented to the Executive Committee of Woman's Missionary Union and it unanimously voted that plans be made for such a conference this summer of 1942 in observance of the 25th anniversary of the beginning of southern Baptist Business Women's Circles. So here are the plans early enough for all B.W.C. members to arrange vacations so they can attend. None can afford to miss this week of opportunity to gain new missionary visions and new plans of promotion.

The Time: August 8-14 during Foreign Mission Week

The Place: Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C., up in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains

The Cost per Day: \$1.75 in huts; \$2 in Crystal Springs Lodge and Springdale Annex; \$2.25 in Rhododendron Hall; \$2.50 in Pritchell Hall; \$3 in Hillside and Crestridge, all rooms in Hillside and Crestridge being with bath. All rates include meals.

The Procedure Now: Write immediately to Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C., for reservation for B.W.C. Conference and state the kind of reservation you wish.—Miss Mary Christian, W.M.U. Representative

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE (Concluded from Page 5)

dreamed. For dark though the clouds be ("we see not yet all things subjected unto Him"), the sun shines behind and will assuredly break through: "We see . . . Jesus!"

Let us then lift up our hearts!

EVA BROWN

Chairman, Women's Committee, B.W.A.

J. H. RUSHBROOKE

President, Baptist World Alliance

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General Secretary, Baptist World Alliance

Summer Assemblies

KENTUCKY

KENTUCKY'S assembly grounds are located at Clear Creek Mountain Springs, one of the most beautiful spots to be found. Six important activities make up the program: Boys' Camp, Girls' Camp, Mountain Preachers' School, Pastors' Week and the Assembly.

The beautiful new, ninety room hotel building, built of native rock and cinder blocks, will be completed and dedicated. This building will house the growing number attending all activities and, since it is hot-water heated, it will enable the Mountain Preachers' School to be held two months each winter when many more can attend.

The Boys' (June 11-18) and Girls' (June 19-26) Camps will each have a mission speaker and a representative from each department of our State Mission Board. Miss Josephine Jones in charge of the Y.W.A. Camp (July 27-31) will be assisted by Dr. and Mrs. E. A. McDowell of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Miss Lorene Tifford, missionary to China. Informal conferences will be held dealing with vital present day subjects and problems.

Among the principal speakers at the Assembly (August 10-16) will be Dr. W. E. Woodbury, superintendent of evangelism in the Northern Baptist Convention, Dr. W. W. Hamilton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Dr. W. C. Boone, Louisville pastor. The music will be in charge of H. P. Wootan, director of music at Gaston Ave. Church in Dallas, Texas. Miss Lorene Tifford, who has been associated in China with our own Kentucky missionary, Rose Marlowe, will teach the mission study

class at the W.M.U. hour. Our new executive secretary, Miss Mary P. Winborne, will have oversight of all W.M.U. activities.—Mrs. Eureka Whiteker

TEXAS

TEXAS Baptists, in the face of the tire-shortage, are making their usual plans for summer camps. "Tighten your tires" is a slogan being enthusiastically used. Realizing the importance of keeping up prayer, soul-winning and teaching, the churches adjacent to the ten general camps held annually are planning to go in groups, setting up "church camps" within the assembly grounds. In addition to these general camps, each of the seventeen districts and even some associations will hold youth camps, entirely different as to date and personnel.

At Palacios by the Sea, July 1-10, the State Encampment will have this year Miss Mary Christian as southwide worker and Mrs. J. L. Moye as missionary. At Paisano, the mile high assembly, July 27-August 5, Mrs. C. D. Creasman will visit on her way to other western points of service. Tryon-Evergreen in deep east Texas also opens July 27th, continuing only four days.

Alto Frio, near Uvalde, July 13-21, has a new building used exclusively for Sunbeam work. Is there another Sunbeam building in the south? Lampasas runs concurrently with Alto Frio. Ne-nard dates have not been announced.

Woodlake and Lueders, central and west Texas respectively, are both June 22-27. Latham Springs, July 14-22, will again have an all-missionary program. Ceta Glen in the Panhandle closes the summer work, August 3-9.—Mrs. E. F. Lyon

Moral Standards

The CHRISTIAN HOME

THE genius and hope of Christian civilization is the Christian home. This is universally true and is coming to be universally recognized. The United States and the western world are not alone in their growing awareness of the necessity of training in home and family life. In the past decade in both Asia and Africa, commissions have been at work studying the best method for the developing of their young womanhood so they can bring the best preparation for the building of better homes. The whole world has been challenged in its thinking by the impact of two Christian homes that today are mightily affecting the course of history. From the Soong home in China have come those striking personalities, the Soong sisters and their equally gifted brother; while Dr. Kagawa and his devoted Christian wife in Japan are making no less significant contribution.

When the Jerusalem Christian Council met in 1928 the subject of the Christian home was omitted from the discussions. The Christian churches and the world were poorer for this omission. When the Madras meeting was held in 1938 and seventy different countries were represented a strong commission brought a comprehensive report on the Christian home. There can be no subject of deeper significance to our whole Christian program.

What happens to the home happens to the nation. What happens to the child happens to the world. A worthwhile life is not the product of one life but generations, not one home but a nation, not the incident of the moment but the experience of history.

We cannot go far into the study of

the home as an institution without recognizing the vast changes that have taken place that are quite obvious and yet oftentimes not fully recognized in their deep and far reaching effects on our social structure. In the first two centuries of the history of our own country, life was largely rural. The home was the center of practically all needful industries and occupations. In such a society children were an asset and large families were necessary because of the many tasks that needed to be performed. The economic importance of each member of the family was more evident then than now. Recreations were far simpler and more wholesome. With the industrial revolution a century ago came a vast change in the homes of America. Not only the industries but other outside agencies have absorbed activities formerly confined to the home. Hospitals have taken the place of home-nursing; the development of restaurants, hotels and tea-rooms are affording every American one meal out of five outside the home; the schools from kindergarten through professional institutions have become so common that the average parent is completely relieved from the care and training of the child for a big proportion of the time. Higher education has opened every door to women. At the present time according to the *Women's Bureau* in Washington more than one-fifth of the women of the country are engaged in gainful occupations. Multitudes of others who are no longer required to bear the burdens in the home are spending their time in manifold activities, some cultural but many purely pleasure-seeking. The vast commercialized entertainment-agencies are constantly vying with each other to produce something more novel

and thrilling to take the family outside the home.

All of this has meant a complete adjustment of the social and psychological outlook of the home. The fact that we, as Dr. Rufus Jones has said, have caught the world in our net but are not yet at home in it, have increased the means of life to lose much of its real meaning, has had a serious effect on the family and the home causing in many instances tragic breakdowns.

It is well indeed that many thoughtful writers are addressing themselves to writing helpful books that we need to study and place in the hands of our young people. Sane teaching and precept cannot be too much emphasized. Obviously this guidance cannot take the form of a detailed pattern of life that may be handed down from generation to generation but—in spite of changing thought, a modern mechanized world and different conditions — there are great fundamental principles that abide and are timeless and universal.

In this day of world darkness and trial we are even more deeply challenged. We would remind ourselves that the home is the creative act of God Himself. Man's first home was in the Garden of Eden; his last home Heaven. This shows what God would have the home to be. He Himself built the first and last but man has built all others. Man has made many mistakes in this age-old task; but whether he built this

shelter for love in a cave, a cabin, a cottage or mansion, it is the best thing he has ever done, the best thing and the most important. The home is not a mere social convention established in the growing experience of mankind. Marriage is not simply a civil contract ordained by the laws of the state to support the social order. Whatever its history, the family is a divine arrangement. While man was yet in the innocence of Eden God saw that it was not good for him to be alone and gave him a helpmeet. It was in honor of the founding of a home in Cana of Galilee that "the conscious water saw its Lord and blushed into wine" as Jesus performed His first miracle. When Jesus would describe His own holy relationship to His church He tells us He is the bridegroom, His church is His bride. Earth's primal institution, the home, will abide as God's best gift next to Christ. In the home are found the fundamental values upon which all life is predicated. From this environment flow those influences, that bless the whole world, of love, gentleness, kindness, truth, virtue, chastity and self-control. The home then becomes a sanctuary in which faith builds an altar of worship, opens a door of prayer, recognizes the presence of God and yields control of life's desires and its destiny to the Son of God as Savior and Lord. — *Mrs. J. M. Dawson, Waco, Texas*

"STILL BE JOINED in HEART"

HOME natures are so very appealing and responsive that they are exceptionally enjoyed on earth and equally missed when they pass into the Heavenly circle. Certainly this was true of Mrs. Joshua Levering of Baltimore and of Mrs. George A. Ross of Washington. Both of them were members of the Executive Committee of Woman's Missionary Union. For nine years Mrs. Levering thus served; she was also a member for eighteen years of the Margaret Fund Committee, even as for ten years she served on the Union's Board of Managers. Mrs. Ross was the vice-president for the District of Columbia for three years, at the same time giving freely of her consecrated talents as its executive secretary, all the while she rendered equally devoted service in behalf of northern Baptist work. While expressing loving appreciation of Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Levering, it is comforting to realize that "we shall still be joined in heart and we shall meet again!"

Stewardship Suggestions

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

"IT IS HIGH TIME" (Romans 13:11)

WHEN this issue of *Royal Service* reaches you, the hands of the clock of the year will be close to the noon hour. "It is high time" therefore, to check up on all those good resolves which we made at beginning of the year for carrying out the stewardship plans of W.M.U.

Madam President and Stewardship Chairman of the Woman's Missionary Society, have you checked the number of tithers now enrolled as against the number you had at the beginning of the year to see whether or not your society is making progress toward the ten per cent increase necessary to be an A-1 society? "It is high time" that you were so doing.

And, Madam President and Stewardship Chairman, are you deeply conscious of your responsibility for this effort of W.M.U. to raise a million dollars by May 1945 for southwide debts? Do you have in each circle of your society an alert, enthusiastic, consecrated woman to "continuously seek" memberships in the Hundred Thousand Club or other debt-paying plans? Have you earnestly, prayerfully encouraged circles each to pledge a centennial membership by 1945? Thousands of circles could easily do this, but "it is high time" they were at it, for 1942 is the mid-year year for us in this great effort.

And, further, Madam President and Stewardship Chairman, as you noticed in our Plan of Work (page 23 of 1942 W.M.U. Year Book) that it is urged that you seek to secure from every resident woman member of your church a gift to missions (i.e. objects in the Cooperative Program designated and undesignated or offerings of W.M.U.) in the calendar year, and as you may know there were last year 593 such "outstanding churches", does not the "urge" come into your heart to see that your church is among that number this calendar year? "It is high time" you were putting feet to your good resolves.

Madam Stewardship Chairman of Woman's Missionary Society, have you realized that you were responsible also for helping to work out in your own church the splendid plans for the stewardship education of our young people? "It is high time" that you and the third vice-president called together the counselors of all the W.M.U. young people's organizations in your church and made definite plans for poster making, stewardship classes, definitely following the plans outlined by Miss Mather and her committee for stewardship education of our young people, planning for Stewardship Night program in the fall. If you have hitherto neglected to do this, we beseech you to do your utmost best to "redeem the time, because the days are evil" and because powerful and destructive forces are seeking to win the youth of today. Only as they are linked with God in the building of His Kingdom are they safe.

O, women, comrades-in-service, in the words of the psalmist let each of us "remember how short my time is"—my time for service, my time for giving, my time for proving to the Christ who died for me that I am grateful, my time for earning His "well done!"—Mrs. Carter Wright

Book Reviews

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

WILLIAM CAREY, PROPHET to INDIA: Russell Ott, The Warner Press, Anderson, Indiana; Pages 128; Price 75c

ONE hundred and fifty years ago William Carey sailed from England to India, and the active phase of the modern world-wide missionary movement began. It would be a pity if any generation of missionary Baptists should grow up without a fairly comprehensive knowledge of Baptist William Carey's fascinating life and many-sided missionary service. This sesquicentennial year seems an ideal time for especial emphasis on such a study.

It is interesting and perhaps rather tragic that so little material is available on so inspiring and challenging a life. The best, most comprehensive story of his life has been allowed through lack of demand to go out of print and most of the briefer accounts that are available rather over-emphasize certain color-

ful aspects of his life and give no adequate picture of this rarest of men.

One is doubly indebted, therefore, to the author of this book for his simple, easy, straightforward presentation of the main facts in Carey's life and the major aspects of his work. Although his book lacks the literary distinction which might suitably adorn the biography of such a subject, it has the definite merit of making no unsuccessful effort in that direction. The author lets the story tell itself without any striving after effect. So marvelous is the story and so many-faceted and all-embracing the gifts and labors of Carey, that it holds the interest and warms the heart from start to finish. We hope that many of our women will read and study it.

(See following suggestions.)

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

For Studying the Book

WILLIAM CAREY, Prophet to India

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

Projects

Announcement Poster: Map of India in black on light cardboard, picture of Carey in center of map. Print "A Journey Backward 150 Years". Individual maps in black for class members, a gold star locating each station. Fix notebooks the shape of India.

Purpose

To call to memory Christianity's debt to that missionary pioneer who, through sacrifice and consecration, laid the foundation on which present missionary achievement is built.

Class Sessions

Chapters I and II: In the University of Hard Knocks; Modern Missions Born
Scripture: Isa. 54:2-3 (Carey's text at Kettering; see *Home and Foreign Fields*, April 1926.)

Hymn: "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" (Written by Reginald Heber who went to India in 1823)

Chapter I; Impersonation by unseen speaker

Chapter II; Assignments: Teacher, Preacher, Shoemaker and Student, pp 18-23; Embryonic Missionary, pp 23-28; Writer, pp 28-30; Appendix, pp 122-128; Meeting of Nottingham Association (Home and Foreign Fields, April 1926); The Birth of Modern Missions, pp 30-31 (Home and Foreign Fields, April 1926)

Special Assignments: Characteristics that made Carey a great missionary; Place of reading in the life of Carey; Striking sentences

Questions: When and where was Carey born? Discuss his religious experience. Discuss three points in "The Enquiry".

Chapters III and IV: India in the Distance; India's Challenge

Scripture: John 20:21 (Farewell sermon preached by Andrew Fuller)

Hymn: "Jesus I My Cross Have Taken" (Sung by a high-caste Hindu girl before her baptism)

Assignments: Modern Missions Actualized and Opposed, pp 34-37; Partings, Delays and Sailing, pp 37-42

Hymn: "Rock of Ages" (After digging a well with her hands to escape reincarnations, a Hindu woman found Christ and could sing "Nothing in my hands I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling".)

Assignments: The Voyage, pp 48-50; India As Carey Found It, pp 43-48; 64-67

Special Assignments: Missions in India before Carey (William Carey by Colross, pp 57-60; Home and Foreign Fields, June 1926)

Discussion: Admirable qualities in Thomas; Examples of answered prayer

Questions: Tell of Carey's difficulty in reaching India. On what date did Carey sail to India?

Chapters V and VI: Getting a Foothold; Gaining the First Converts

Scripture: I Cor. 26:29 (This verse decided Dr. and Mrs. John Clough to accept low-caste converts into their school.)

Hymn: "Jesus Shall It Ever Be?" (Sung at Krishna Pal's baptism)

Assignments: Early Hardships and Suffering, pp 51-55; Home and Illness, pp 56-62; Sankrit and a Printing Press, pp 62-64; Missionary Recruits, pp 67-70; Living Arrangements, pp 70-71; First Convert, pp 73-79

Hymn: "Oh Thou My Soul Forget No More" (Written by Krishna Pal; 528 in *Suram Corda*)

Special Assignments: The Problem of Caste (*India on the March*); The Religion of Hinduism

Discussion: Has America anything that resembles caste? If the social teachings of Jesus are good for India are we willing to practice them in America?

Questions: Mention some hardships that Carey endured during these years. What missionary recruits arrived in 1799? What example in this chapter of the value of medical missions? Who was the first convert in India? Who were the first women converts? Who built the first native church building?

Chapters VII and VIII: The Teacher Missionary; Discouragements

Scripture: Matt. 28:18-20

Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (When surrounded by savages in India a missionary played this hymn on his violin, the natives dropped their spears and listened.)

Assignments: In Fort William's College, pp 80-84; Krishna Pal and Sebuk Ram, pp 84-86; Missionary Rope Lengthens, pp 86-87; Missions Banned, pp 88-92; Dorothy Carey, pp 92-94; Lady Rumph

Hymn (or Solo): "In the Secret of His Presence" (Written by Ellen Goreb, a Christian convert of India)

Questions: Who was India's first native preacher and what of his work? What missions were formed from his Indian Mission? What restraining order was issued to Carey? What three things were demanded by the British government? Tell of the death of Mrs. Carey and of Carey's second marriage.

Chapters IX and X: Triumphs; Heartaches

Scripture: Deut. 31:6-8; Isa. 41:10-13

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Hymn: "Does Jesus Care?"

Assignments: Missionaries Opposed, pp 97-98; Missionaries Defended, pp 98-101; Missionaries Vindicated, p 101; Printing Press Burns, pp 103-106; Strained Relationships, pp 106-108; A Disappointed Father, pp 109-110; Fresh Trouble with Home Society, p 111; Deaths, pp 111-113

Questions: What two outstanding men defended the missionaries? What was the "Calcutta Missionary Union"?

Chapters XI and XII: Better Days; Looking Backward

Scripture: Phil. 3:7-14; II Tim. 4:7-8

Hymn: The Resurrection Hymn (Sung at Carey's grave)

Assignments: The College at Serampore, pp 114-117; A Happy Father, pp 117-118; Carey's Hobby, p 119; Carey's Death, p 118

Poem: "To an English Daisy" (William Carey by Culross, p 193)

Talk by Leader: "If William Carey Had Not Gone to India"

Questions: In what year was Serampore College opened and by whom? What distinction does this college have at present? Mention Carey's reasons for Christian education. In what year did Carey die? What will be remembered above everything else in the life of Carey? Give a summary of his work as translator. What financial contribution did Carey, Ward and Marshman make to missions in India?

Discussion: Our debt to Carey and other pioneer missionaries

Closing Thoughts: The power of a life given completely to God. What results we should expect in our own lives and the life of our church because we have studied the life of William Carey, Prophet to India!

(See also page 11 of this magazine.)

STEADFASTNESS SHOWN by STATISTICS

DURING the calendar year of 1941 Woman's Missionary Union was privileged to achieve many victories "in the work of the Lord". Some of these achievements are herewith listed in deepest gratitude to every youth and adult who made possible the victories, each being also a gain for the year.

Organizations—41,719

W.M.S.—12,995

Young People—28,724

New W.M.S. Organizations—952

Titbers—155,883

W.M.S.—115,596

Young People—40,287

Mission Study Classes—52,161

W.M.S.—32,249

Young People—19,912

Churches with Full Graded W.M.U.—3307

Total Organizations Observing

State Season of Prayer—21,601

Home Season of Prayer—23,664

Foreign Season of Prayer—24,276

Members—768,976

W.M.S.—412,325

Personal Service Committees—17,592

Magazine Subscriptions—154,056

The Window of F.W.A.—14,274

World Comrades—30,608

Royal Service—106,174

Contributions—\$3,286,251.73

Southwide Debt Clearance—\$211,967.85

Ministerial Relief—\$71,098.59

Christian Education—\$425,786.73

State Missions etc.—\$1,364,984.06

Home Missions—\$361,936.58

Foreign Missions—\$809,621.16

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Margaret Fund

TRYING to GIVE THEIR BEST

"WHEN the world is at its worst," says Stanley Jones, "Christians must be at their best". For the scholastic year 1941-42, 108 Margaret Fund students have been trying to be at their best, realizing that their witness is needed in this tumultuous world. Though busy with full college courses they have found time for many extra-curricular Christian activities, serving as presidents and program-chairmen of College Y.W.A.'s., presidents of B.S.U.'s., in Sunday-schools, choirs, glee clubs and numerous other ways. In the midst of their hurried days, several have written of their daily period of devotion and Bible study. During the year at least four have come to realize that what makes life important is its mission, and they have definitely decided to become ministers, medical missionaries and full-time Christian workers at home and on foreign fields.

Constant expressions of gratitude are received for the "Burney Gifts" which are sent to all students three times each year. A Cuban mother writes: "This is the first time my son ever had so much as five dollars in all his life. It has been a real experience for him". Very wisely she let him keep this new wealth awhile before spending it for necessities. These gifts often reach the students when they are in need of some particular things such as books, wearing apparel or cash to meet unexpected emergencies. The "Burney Gifts" have the advantage of an equal division of money among all the students. Under the former method of individual giving, some students received lavish remembrances and others only negligible gifts.

Margaret Fund chairmen in the various college towns can be most helpful to new students during the first year. The transition from the missionary home on a foreign field into a new country and a large university is a strange and trying experience. Few of us realize the emotional adjustments necessary. A new student wrote after seven months in one of our great institutions: "Work here in school is certainly interesting and as time goes on things seem to be clearing up and a more relaxed confident feeling of security seems to envelop me. My prayers have certainly been aimed at a more tranquil attitude toward the separation from my dear parents in far away Argentina. I know the Lord is with me. Many, many thanks as I have expressed before for everything you dear women are doing for your missionaries' children—I'm grateful and proud to be a Margaret Fund student, and I shall do my best to live up to what is expected of me".

An outstanding Associated Press writer from the war area is one of our former Margaret Fund students—Charles Yates McDaniel. Stories of his escape from Singapore, Batavia and other sections of the war zone were carried in syndicated articles in American newspapers. In March he was appointed chief of the Associated Press Bureau of Australia. As you follow his hazardous experience you feel a deeper interest in the welfare of this former Margaret Fund student, the son of S.B.C. missionaries in occupied China.

Wherever these young people study and serve we can but believe that they are trying to give their best when the world is at its worst.—Mrs. W. J. Cox, Treasurer

Training School

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

MEMORIALS in the TRAINING SCHOOL

IN contributing to the new building state W.M.U. organizations, societies and individuals have had double satisfaction in making their gifts by establishing memorials to beloved leaders of the past and honoring contemporary leaders. The entire constituency had a part in memorializing the service of Mrs. Maud R. McLure by making our largest offering to the new building in her name. In the lobby hangs a beautiful portrait of her as she looked in 1923, the year she retired. Underneath the portrait is a plate in gold with this inscription: "As a memorial to Mrs. Maud Reynolds McLure, first principal of W.M.U. Training School, in loving appreciation of her service Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to S. B. C. gave toward the erection of this building one hundred and eleven thousand dollars".

Down the corridor from the lobby to the right is the chapel, a memorial to Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, the honored president of Woman's Missionary Union when the Training School was founded in 1907. The initial gift for the building, \$50,000, was raised during the Golden Jubilee and designated for this memorial. Over the door leading into the chapel is the inscription in bronze, "Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial Chapel". This place of worship carries over much of the atmosphere of the old chapel at 334 East Broadway, which likewise was a memorial to Miss Heck. The pews, table, speaker's desk and platform chairs fit in perfectly. Being able to use them in the new chapel incidentally saved materially in furnishing the building. The color scheme is restful, worshipful and

artistic. The walls are painted a soft, cool green, the curtain for the stage is a rich wine shade and the draperies at the delicately tinted windows are a warm gold. The chapel is separated from the classroom in the rear by a folding wall of the same color as the stage curtain. The seating capacity is considerably enlarged when this is opened.

Few would contradict the statement that the terrace is the most beautiful part of the building; none that Mrs. Armstrong's vision, courage, faith and generalship led the building campaign to a glorious conclusion. It was logical, therefore, that this central part of the building and its most artistic feature should be named to honor her and perpetuate the memory of her service to the School in this chapter of its history.

The Alumnae Chapter in China led all other Training School groups in generous and enthusiastic contributions to the new building. At the very beginning of the project one of its members, Grace Stribling, South Carolina missionary, asked the privilege of giving one dining room fireplace as a memorial to her mother; the other China alumnae gave the second one. The beauty of these fireplaces and the warmth of their greeting will be a constant reminder of beloved Training School sisters and co-workers in far-away China.

Another Training School daughter, Laura Lee Patrick Munger, missionary in the Philippines, has also memorialized her mother by giving the doorway to the faculty hall and some foundation stones. (Later issues will continue the story of memorials.)—Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn

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 five 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 21 of this magazine.)

CIRCLE PROGRAM TOPIC

"TAKE HEED for TOMORROW" (Young People)

Devotional Theme—"Thou shalt teach them"—*Deut. 6:4-9, 25*

Reaching the Children for Tomorrow (See article by Mrs. J. L. Moye in June issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

Fruitful Fellowship in Faithful Fostering (See page 4 of this magazine.)

Rainbows Wherever She Goes (See article in June issue of *World Comrades*.)

Bibles for Russia (See article by Mrs. W. E. Craighead in June issue of *The Commission*.)

Miraculous Journey (See article in June issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.*)

Eight Precious Souls (See article by Helen Lloyd in June issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

Baptists after the War (See article by H. H. Hargrove in June issue of *The Commission*.)

Current Missionary Events (See page 36 of this magazine.)

Calendar of Prayer

June, 1942

Prepared by Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

THE world is in the Valley of Decision;
It is staring at the parting of the ways;
Will it climb the steps of God to realms elysian
Or fall in horror of still darker days?
All the world is in the Valley of Decision;
And out of it there is but one sure road;
Eyes unsealed can still foresee the mighty vision
Of a world in travail turning unto God.
—John Oxenham

1—MONDAY

Rev. and xMrs. W. S. Johnson, evangelistic work, Kunshan, Rev. and xMrs. L. B. Olive, educational-evangelistic work, Chinkiang, China; also Emily and Howard Olive, Margaret Fund students
The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel.—*Ruth 2:12*

2—TUESDAY

Dr. T. J. Watts, executive secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board; also all secretaries working with him
The righteous Lord loveth righteousness: His countenance doth behold the upright.—*Psa. 11:7*

3—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. Jimenez, Brownwood, Rev. G. C. Valader, Cameron, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans
The Lord searcheth all hearts.—*I Chron. 28:9*

4—THURSDAY

Misses Josephine Scages and Ruth Walden, educational-evangelistic work, Benin City, Nigeria
Beloved, let us love one another.—*I John 4:7*

5—FRIDAY

Dr. M. R. and Maria R. Vivanon, educational-evangelistic work, Havana, Cuba
Let the God of my salvation be exalted.—*Psa. 118:46*

6—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Ramon, Miss Minnie McIlroy, educational-evangelistic work, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits.—*Psa. 68:19*

7—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Lowe, Dr. W. D. Bostick, emeritus missionaries from China
He that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about.—*Psa. 121:10*

8—MONDAY

Rev. A. Ceballos, Pearall, Rev. C. Paredes, Belton, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans
Love your enemies, bless them that curse you.—*Mat. 5:44*

9—TUESDAY

Rev. and xMrs. R. A. Jacob, educational-evangelistic work, Miss Pearl Caldwell, evangelistic work, Pingtu, China; also Elizabeth Jacob, Margaret Fund student
His eyes are upon the ways of men and He seeth all his goings.—*Job 34:21*

10—WEDNESDAY

Baptist believers in Jugoslavia
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.—*Psa. 112:6*

11—THURSDAY

Dr. A. W. Williams, Natches, Miss., Rev. N. M. Carter, Selma, Ala., Rev. J. C. Gresham, Macon, Ga., educational-evangelistic work among their own Negro race
He that is perfect in knowledge is with thee.—*Job 36:4*

12—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Moore, evangelistic work, Miss Marjorie Spence, educational-evangelistic work, Temuco, Chile; also Ann Moore, Margaret Fund student
He that abideth in Me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit.—*John 15:5*

13—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Frauter, Coolidge, Ariz., evangelistic work among Indians
If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.—*Mark 9:23*

14—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. A. Y. Napier, Mrs. Peyton Stephens, emeritus missionaries from China; also Rev. Peyton Stephens, S.B.C. missionary to China, 1893-1924
This is the victory that overcometh the world: even our faith.—*I John 5:4*

Calendar of Prayer for June

15—MONDAY

Mrs. W. E. Salter, evangelistic work, x2Dr. and *Mrs. H. L. Nichols, educational-evangelistic work, Kaifeng, China
For Thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.
—Psa. 61:3

16—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. Garcia, evangelistic work, Lubbock, Mrs. Arab Swindle, educational-evangelistic work among Mexicans, Pharr, Texas
The very God of peace sanctify you wholly!
—1 Thess. 5:23

17—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and *Mrs. J. L. Bice, Maceio, Rev. and *Mrs. M. G. White, Bahia, Brazil, educational-evangelistic work; also John and Nell White, Margaret Fund students
O Lord God, Thou art a great God and Thy words be true.—11 Sam. 7:28

18—THURSDAY

Misses x21Blanche Bradley, x2Florence Jones, medical-evangelistic work, x2Bonnie Jean Ray, evangelistic work, Pingtu, China
The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.—Num. 6:25

19—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Gonzalez, Santa Clara, Rev. and Mrs. S. Palmomeque, Havana, Cuba, evangelistic work
The Lord is my strength and He is become my salvation.—Ps. 15:2

20—SATURDAY

x2Rev. and *Mrs. H. Hall, evangelistic work, Miss Edna Earl Teal, medical-evangelistic work, Yangchow, China
Whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe.—Prov. 29:25

21—SUNDAY

Misses Anna B. Hartwell, Elizabeth Ren, Mary D. Wilford, emeritus missionaries from China
And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake.—1 Thess. 5:13

22—MONDAY

Rev. and *Mrs. L. Thibodeaux, Thibodeaux, Rev. and *Mrs. H. DeVille, Montegut, La., evangelistic work among French
Press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.
—Phil. 3:14

23—TUESDAY

Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp, Ridgecrest, N. C., June 23-July 3
That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work.—Col. 1:10

24—WEDNESDAY

Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Women's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to Mexican Convention of Texas, San Antonio, June 24
The people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits.—Dan. 11:31

25—THURSDAY

Rev. J. L. S. Holloman, Washington, D. C., Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Holley, St. Augustine, Fla., educational-evangelistic work with their own Negro race
Blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear.—Matt. 13:16

26—FRIDAY

Rev. and *Mrs. H. H. Snuggs, x2Miss F. Catharine Bryan, educational-evangelistic work, Shanghai, China
Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.—Matt. 6:33

27—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. O. Foulon, Greenville, Rev. M. Fabian, Granite City, Ill., evangelistic work among many nationalities
Defend the poor and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and needy.—Psa. 82:3

28—SUNDAY

That Christian education may greatly increase in the interest of God's people. Also W.M.U. of Interior China
By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honor and life.—Prov. 22:4

29—MONDAY

Rev. and *Mrs. L. E. Blackman, evangelistic work, *Miss Clarabel Isdell, educational-evangelistic work, Honolulu, T. H.
Let Thy lovingkindness and Thy truth continually preserve me.—Psa. 40:11

30—TUESDAY

x2Rev. and *Mrs. J. A. Moore, Jugoslavia, x2Miss Ruby Daniel, educational-evangelistic work, Budapest, Hungary
The Lord will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night His song shall be with me.—Psa. 42:8

1 Attended W.M.U. Training School
*Attended Southwestern Training School
2 Attended Baptist Bible Institute
x2On Furlough

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 of good report".

"Come Women, Wide Proclaim"

1st Day—Psa. 68:11 (R.V.); Mk. 15:15-25
2nd Day—Prov. 31:10-31; Lk. 23:33-38
3rd Day—John 1:1-10; Psa. 22:1-5
4th Day—John 1:11-18; 19:28-30
5th Day—John 1:29-37; Lk. 23:46-56
6th Day—Num. 13:1-3, 17-25, 27, 28;
Rom. 5:1-11

7th Day—Num. 14:1-9; John 3:17-18

"O Zion, Haste"

8th Day—1 Sam. 21:8b; John 20:1-10
9th Day—Jer. 1:4-12; Lk. 24:33-43
10th Day—Isa. 5:16-23; Acts 1:1-9
11th Day—Isa. 5:24-30; Lk. 24:50-53
12th Day—Isa. 6:1-13; Phil. 2:5-11
13th Day—Matt. 25:1-13; Rev. 1:9-18
14th Day—Est. 4:12-17; 1 Pet. 1:1-9

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

15th Day—John 12:44-50; Matt. 28:16-20
16th Day—John 13:1-11; 11 Tim. 1:1-14
17th Day—John 13:12-20; Eph. 4:1-16
18th Day—John 13:21-30; Acts 8:26-40
19th Day—John 13:31-38; Acts 16:6-10
20th Day—John 14:1-11; 11 Tim. 2:14-16
21st Day—John 14:12-21; Rev. 22:16, 17

"The King's Business"

22nd Day—John 18:36, 37;
Prov. 20:1; 23:29-35
23rd Day—Matt. 18:1-3; Dan. 1:3-20
24th Day—Matt. 25:31-46; Prov. 31:4-7
25th Day—Isa. 33:17; 5:11, 12, 24
26th Day—Psa. 110:1, 2; 1 Cor. 3:12-17
27th Day—Isa. 32:1; 1 Cor. 8:9-11
28th Day—Isa. 86:8, 9; Isa. 5:20-23
29th Day—Lev. 11:15; Gen. 1:1-5
30th Day—Matt. 2:1, 2; Gen. 1:24-31

"Pray Ye"

In adoring thanks that from everlasting to everlasting "the Lord God omnipotent reigneth"

In Christian humility yet assurance that we "can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth"

In earnest intercession that all Christians as "laborers together with God" will "serve their generation according to the will of God" through prayer, stewardship of tithes and offerings, missionary education of youth

For Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest, N. C., June 28-July 3

In agony of soul for world-wide peace through allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ

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Bible Study

Elia Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

TOPIC: BEAUTY for ASHES

Book of Ruth

THE first five verses in the Book of Ruth are as dark a picture as one could imagine—a famine, a flight, a death, two mixed marriages, two more deaths. As the story goes on, we see how Naomi's religion triumphed over all these sorrows. She felt overwhelmed, to be sure, but did not know that her loving heart had found a response equal to itself. The two young women both started home with her. One hesitated and went back; but Ruth, following her even to Bethlehem, did not dream what a happy future lay before them both. "Call me not Naomi (Pleasant); call me Marah (Bitter)"—it was the only bitter thing Naomi ever said, wrung from her lonely heart as she saw the well-remembered fields and thought of the good husband who had worked there and of the two little boys who had played about them.

Then she went to work to make a home for Ruth, even as Ruth was quickly recognized as a devoted daughter to her. It was the time of barley-harvest and all the girls went gleanings, so Ruth went with them; and Boaz fell in love so fast the naive record is quite charming. Home in the evening to the house in town, Ruth kept the attentions of the wealthy farmer to herself and only said demurely, "The man's name was Boaz". The name clicked in Naomi's mind. A near kinsman he was. "Yes, he told me to stay with his reapers till the end of harvest!" "And stay with his maidens, my dear!"

Soon Naomi plans further helping in this evident line of Providence. The visit to the threshing-floor at night and the claiming protection from Boaz as next of kin to Elimelech and his sons, all dead now, were conventional and proper. But he knew what Naomi did not (from her long absence), that a still closer kinsman there was. He must see him first, about buying a field from Naomi. The man, seen next day, was willing enough to buy the field of the departed Elimelech. Then Boaz mentioned Ruth and her claim as Chilion's widow. The man demurred. He had no desire to marry a foreigner and raise up children to Chilion. He probably had plans of his own or just didn't care to marry. Boaz kept his joy to himself, while the scandal was drawn off that let the other man out of the whole business. He was next, and did he want to buy that field and marry that young woman! There in the gate he called elders and everybody else to witness that both were now his. So they were married and lived happy ever after. More than Ruth could foresee it came true: "Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God!"

"Thus she stood amid the stooks,
Praising God with sweetest looks.
Sure, I said, God did not mean
Where I reap thou shouldst but glean;
Lay thy sheaf aside and come
Share my harvest and my home!"

—Thomas Hood.

Business Women's Circles

Prepared by Miss Caroline B. Cross, Tenn.
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Announcing the Program

Personal Invitations—On a postal card to one side draw a sketch of a head behind a newspaper and on the other side write:

Have you read all the news of ships and forts?

Then come and hear B.W.C.'s good reports!

Time Place Date

Poster Announcement—Using a piece of poster-paper lengthwise letter at the top, in bright striking letters, "Have you heard the Good News?" In the middle of the poster make a facsimile of a front page of a newspaper with the title of the paper "Good Reports". Divide the paper into columns and at different places on the page make the headings in different size lettering: "Christian Graces of Women", "Stories of Christian Graces", "News of the Margaret Fund", "B.W.C. Meets" (this last heading might appear in a prominent place and give the time, date and place of meeting).

Preparation

Programs for the meeting may easily be made by cutting old newspapers diagonally into small folders. On the inside the program may be written on a white piece of paper and just clamped into the back side of the fold.

At the front of the room where the meeting is to be held, a scene may be arranged to represent a newspaper office, using desks or tables with chairs, typewriters and files. Papers and copy may be scattered about the desks. To one side behind a screen or just outside the room have a piano to be used for the music during the program. Arrange also to give prominence to B.W.C. Conference as announced on page 6.

Presentation

Have the ones on the program seated at the desks working at the beginning of the program. While they work, one starts talking in a disgusted tone about all the bad news in the papers. (Use the first topic "Of Good Report" adapting it to the occasion.) As she finishes asking if there is any good news in the world another woman tells of what she has gathered from her assignment, using topic two "Christian Graces in Women". Following her informal talk and while they work again, quietly, have the piano play softly "Take My Life and Let It Be". (Pages 23-26)

The six stories may be told by three women or by six, depending on the number to be used in this program. The women may be talking to the one disgusted reporter as they tell their stories which they have written for the paper as examples of good news. These stories may be told informally as reporters would in their office. At the end of the stories again have the women work while the piano plays "More Love to Thee, O Christ". (Pages 26-29)

At the end of the music have another reporter rush in the door with great excitement over her report which she gives to the others using "Good Reports of the Margaret Fund". As she finishes, the first woman may comment on her changed attitude since hearing the good reports of the others and she presents a challenge to tell the public more good news. (Pages 30-31, 14)

Have all the reporters sing together "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations". Close the program with a prayer for the women around the world as they develop Christian graces and tell "the Good News".

Program Plans

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Invitation:

Copy some child's report card and write across it "Things of good report". At the top of the card instead of filling space—present, on time etc.—put (time, place and date of the meeting). For principal put president of W.M.S.; for the teacher, program chairman; for pupil, the name of the person invited.

Announcement:

Make a poster announcing: F-L-A-S-H. News and Good Report! W. M. S. (time, place and date). Draw on it a radio microphone.

Plans for Presentation:

It will be good to have a world globe and newspapers. Curios representing Africa and China would be helpful.

Let the program begin by the group discussing the present day news of the world conflicts. Thus in a troubled, down hearted spirit they wonder just what is the use of missions? What are the women of the lands doing? Is their faith strong? In real testing times are they going to hold to Christ or turn back to paganism? One suggests that they "pray and faint not". The meditation might be closed by a solo "Take Time to Be Holy".

During the meditation the *Spirit of W. M. U.* enters and when the prayer is finished announces her mission, "Glad tidings to all peoples of every land"; but she says, "Today I bring good reports of faithful servants in far-away places". It would be well to pray for guidance and understanding that they may open their ears to hear and minds to "think on things of good report", at which time the *Spirit of W. M. U.* exits. (Pages 23-24)

Have drawn on a blackboard an out-

line of a child's school report card. Fill spaces: name—name of the W. M. S.; address—church; date—correct day of month. Under subjects leave four spaces and, as the four women give "The Christian Graces in Women", let each as she finishes fill in her subject: The Grace of Praying, The Grace of Giving, The Grace of Learning, The Grace of Serving. (Pages 24-26)

For "Stories of the Christian Graces" let two women tell them. After hearing these good reports, which make "our hearts burn within us", then pray for the women of Africa and China. (Pages 26-29)

If there is not a Margaret Fund student available, use a member of the society who is a mother of college students to tell "Good Reports of the Margaret Fund". This part might be closed with a prayer for the Margaret Fund students and their parents. (Pages 30-31, 14)

In closing let the *Spirit of W.M.U.* return bringing with her children dressed in costumes representing China, Africa and America. Let her message be a challenging one (as she points to the children of China and Africa) saying: "If these women acquire and teach Christian graces while living in lands torn by war, hardships and sufferings grievous to be borne"; (now pointing to American children) "how much more ought we in the land of opportunity, America, to pray, to give, to learn and to serve that the whole world may realize Christ's first coming. We must be sure that we and our children are channels through which the News of Best Report is carried to the uttermost part of the earth".

Program Material

Mrs. C. D. Cressman, Tennessee

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

TOPIC for MONTH: Think on these things: "Whatsoever things are of good report".

HYMN for YEAR—The Light of the World Is Jesus

WATCHWORD for YEAR—Oh send out Thy light and Thy truth.—Psa. 43:3

Bible Study—Beauty for Ashes—Book of Ruth (Page 20)

Prayer that our lives may be such as to inspire good reports of them

Hymn—Take Time to Be Holy

—Of Good Report

Christian Graces in Women

Prayer for the development of Christian graces in the Baptist women of every land

Hymn—Take My Life and Let It Be

Stories of Christian Graces

Her Faith Stood the Test

She Gave Up Her Idols

She Serves Faithfully

She Stands for the Right

She Lets Her Light Shine

She Is Eager to Serve

Prayer thanking God for the beautiful lives of Baptist women in China and Africa

Hymn—More Love to Thee, O Christ

Good Reports of the Margaret Fund

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

Prayer for God's blessings on all Margaret Fund students and their parents

OF GOOD REPORT

"**W**HATSOEVER things are of good report, think on these things". News has been called the "manna of the day". We eagerly scan the pages of the daily newspapers to get reports of the world's happenings. We sit at our radios listening to the news of the day. We greet each other with the question, "What's the news?" and from mouth to mouth pass reports of things going on. This desire for news or reports is universal—the instinctive craving to know that dwells in every individual. The reports that come to us with the day are the "manna" that satisfies this universal desire.

It is an evidence of the depravity of the human race that bad news flies faster than good news. A poet writes:

"On eagle's wings immortal scandals fly,
While virtuous actions are but born to die".

Yes, depraved human beings seem to enjoy bad rather than good reports. The bad rather than the good lingers in their minds and is passed on to others.

Have you considered the large place given in our newspapers to bad reports? The murder, the kidnaping, bank-robbery get the headlines while the revival where souls are being saved, is relegated to some obscure corner. This prominence given to vice and crime in our daily press has created in the minds of people of other nations a wrong conception of American life. Some years ago the editor of an Australian newspaper said that it was practically impossible for them to obtain news about anything except crime from America, which naturally calculated to make the people there regard our country with contempt. The same story has been told by an American newspaper man in Shanghai, China, who said that the Chinese had the wrong impression of America because nearly all the American news they read was crime-news. Newspaper men excuse this prominence given to crime on the ground that things "of good report" do not make "good copy"—that the public had rather read about vice than about virtue. We cannot believe that this is altogether true. We should do our utmost to get things of good report into the daily press.

We who are Christians should heed the injunction of Paul to think on the things of good report. Such thinking will make our denominational literature more interesting to us than the newspapers. Such thinking will make us forget the bad things we hear about our neighbors, remembering only the good. Such thinking will deliver us from the temptation to gossip. Such thinking will make of us optimists rather than pessimists.

We remember that, when the twelve spies returned from spying out the land of Canaan, ten brought an evil report and only two brought in a good report. The people of Israel set their minds on the evil report, became pessimists and turned back from the very door of the promised land to spend their lives in the wilderness. Had they thought on the good report of Joshua and Caleb they would have become optimists, eager to go up and possess Canaan and would have spent the rest of their days in the land flowing with milk and honey. Both the evil and the good reports were true and it all depended on which report they "thought on".

This is a day of many evil reports. There is a temptation to think too much about these bad things until we become pessimists, seeing ourselves as grasshoppers in the sight of the forces of evil arrayed against us. But there are also many things of good report. There is good in the people around us; there is good in our country; there is good in our churches; and surely there is much good in the work of southern Baptists as they promote the spread of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. As we think on these things of good report our spirits rise. We become Christian optimists, knowing that we can do all things through Christ that strengtheneth us.

We rejoice in this program which will direct our minds to think on the "things of good report". Our thoughts will be directed toward the development of Christian graces in the lives of women on our mission fields. Most of our illustrations will be taken from China and Africa, those lands from which have come bad reports of the condition of women living under the influence of paganism and we will rejoice over these good reports of their growth in beautiful character under the influence of Christianity.

CHRISTIAN GRACES in WOMEN

LET us notice some of the Christian graces developing in the women of other lands. In so doing, let us remember that it is these same graces that we need in our own lives.

The Grace of Praying—Stories told by our missionaries reveal the development of the beautiful grace of prayer in the lives of Baptist women of other lands. Miss Kathleen Manley tells that when the African women observe a day

of prayer they come together at six in the morning and stay until bedtime! Most of that time is spent not in programs or discussions but in real prayer. We are told that in Italy in these stressful days several groups of women have started prayer-meetings at some special hour to pray particularly for a revival in the churches and for the boys in the army and for their families.

In a recent issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.* a Chinese girl gives the story of the persecution she had suffered because she was a Baptist. At the beginning of the story she speaks to her heart, saying: "O my heart! You ought to praise Jehovah for He saves me, cures me and keeps me. His love is very long, very wide, very high and very deep. Therefore I want to be a witness for Him and let His name be glorified". Then she makes an appeal: "Pray for me, so I can shine for Him. Please also pray for my family so they can be saved too. And I would like to have you pray for my village so that God will send His faithful servants to preach the Gospel there". This is the spirit of Chinese women, young and old, praying themselves and begging other Christians to pray for them.

It is wonderful to remember that the leading woman in China today, Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, is a woman of prayer, joining her noble Christian husband in praying not only for the welfare of China and for the spread of the Kingdom of Christ but even for their great enemy, Japan. Thousands of other Christian women in China follow the example of Madame Chiang Kai-Shek as they develop in their lives day by day the grace of praying.

The Grace of Giving—Paul, writing to the Corinthian Christians about giving, said: "See that ye abound in this grace also". Certainly the Baptist women of other lands abound in this grace of liberality. A recent issue of *The Commission* carries the picture of a woman in Argentina with the statement that—though for years she has had to support herself and her paralytic husband by taking in washing, earning only four or five dollars a month, when a missionary was making an effort to get more self-support from the church—she was the first voluntarily to double her subscription.

A story is told of a Chinese woman whose son lost his jacket. Nowhere could it be found. After two weeks the jacket turned up. The mother estimated that the jacket was worth ten dollars and decided that out of her gratitude for its return she ought to place a tithe of that amount in the Lord's treasury. She said, "It's just like earning ten dollars and I always give a tenth of what I earn". However, the church refused to consider the dollar as a tithe so the woman dropped it into the collection as an offering of thanksgiving.

A beautiful story comes to us showing the grace of giving among African women. It was some years ago that through the gifts of southern Baptist women a building for the girls' school was erected. Then came heavy rains and the mud walls fell down. The damage was estimated at five hundred dollars, which was an enormous sum for the poor African women. And yet at a meeting of the Nigerian W.M.U. the African women had a conference without the presence or suggestion from the missionaries and decided that they would give the five hundred dollars to replace the walls. This they did, which meant a sacrificial giving on their part such as we southern Baptist women know nothing about. It is said that African Baptist women are surprised when they learn that there are any Baptist women in America who do not tithe.

The Grace of Learning—A characteristic of Baptist women in other lands is their desire to learn more about the Bible and about missionary work around the world. In China many women, even old women, learn to read after they become Christians. In many places Bible schools for women have been provided. Some of these are training schools furnishing full courses for regular school-

terms but others are short term schools providing instruction for women who can't be away from home very long at a time. A missionary describes the opening of one of these schools as follows: "At the opening of the term one might have seen young women riding donkeys or in ox-carts or walking, coming from other villages to read and to study and to grow in grace".

Very little educational advantages have been offered the women of Nigeria. The heathen girls have little desire for learning and are willing to grow up without going to school but when Christ enters into a girl's heart the desire to learn is created and she begins to want to get an education. This is true of older women as well as girls and often matured and even aged women will, after their conversion, join a reading class that they may learn to read God's Word. They are also eager to learn everything they can about the Lord's work. Miss Kathleen Manley tells of a School of Missions in Ogbomoso to which a large group of women came. They were welcomed with these words: "We hope our climate is good. We hope nothing happens to hurt your babies". This was an appropriate welcome, for practically every woman had a baby hanging on her back. And yet they stayed for the entire week and entered heartily into the whole program which included devotional services, Bible study, singing, W.M.U. methods study, health talks etc. Such is the eagerness of African Baptist women to learn.

The Grace of Serving—Many are the stories told by our missionaries showing the grace of serving in the lives of women. We read of a church in China where the women members do intensive house-to-house visitation. We read of a Good Will Center managed entirely by two consecrated Chinese women. We read of women in China who are so eager to attend meetings that they sometimes walk several miles in order to be present. Miss Margie Shumate tells of three old ladies who lived too far to walk to church and back in one day so they would bring their rice along and spend the night, returning home Monday morning.

There is a story told of a Chinese woman who was converted while a patient in one of our Baptist hospitals. On returning home she was persecuted because of her newly found Savior. Her mother-in-law tore up her Bible but in spite of persecution she continued to attend church, to pray and to serve God in any way she could. Finally those who opposed her saw that a great change had taken place in her life for she did not gamble or curse or play cards as formerly but was happy, cheerful and helpful in her home and village. And because of her Christian graces persecution ceased and family and friends began to listen to her story of the love of Jesus.

In Africa Miss Neale Young, secretary of the Nigerian W.M.U., has a faithful group of native helpers. She says that often these women must carry babies on their backs when they go out for their field work. With this burden they will trudge many weary miles to attend meetings, giving themselves in whole-hearted service as they make talks, teach classes, give lessons in taking care of babies and in home-making and do all the other things that must be done in W.M.U. field work in Nigeria. Miss Young says that she has never yet heard one of them complain of being tired or speak of hardships or discouragements, but many times she has heard them say that they count a day lost when they have not helped some one to draw nearer to Jesus.

STORIES of CHRISTIAN GRACES

Her Faith Stood the Test

SOME years ago, when our missionaries were opening up the work in Kweilin, China, they bought a piece of ground which the Chinese called by the beautiful name "Plum Garden". On this ground were several ponds. Since at that time the church had no building and therefore no bap-

tismal pool, these ponds were used for baptizing converts. At the time of baptizing large crowds would gather around the water and when services were over the Chinese preacher would talk to the people, explaining the meaning of baptism and telling the blessed story of Jesus and His love.

One day there was in this listening group an old Chinese woman by the name of Chu Peh Niang. After listening to the story told by the preacher she approached one of the lady-missionaries and said: "Suppose a woman's son had wandered away from home and had not been heard from for many years, could your Jesus bring him back?" "Oh yes", assured the missionary, "our Jesus could do anything. If the mother prayed and trusted He could bring the son back". Then she invited the questioning woman to attend meetings for women held twice a week where she could learn more about Jesus.

Chu Peh Niang accepted this invitation, attended the meetings frequently, listened eagerly to everything that was said and after awhile gave her heart to Jesus, becoming a devoted Christian. The prayer continually in her heart was that Jesus would bring back the son who had been gone from home for so many years and from whom she had heard nothing for a long time.

One day she came to the women's meeting with a shining face. "Oh", she exclaimed, "I have heard from my son!" Then she joyfully told how she had learned that he had joined the army and was at that time an officer in charge of troops in the capital city. Of course the missionaries rejoiced with her in this answer to her prayers. Some time later added joy came to her when the long lost son was transferred to Kweilin. He proved to be a dutiful son, taking his old mother into his home and caring for her tenderly. He showered her with extravagant gifts, earrings, bracelets and beautiful clothes. Truly her cup of joy was full and running over.

Then came the trial to Chu Peh Niang's faith and devotion to Jesus. The son was displeased because she was a Christian. While he stayed in Kweilin he made no issue of the matter. But when he was ordered away he refused to take his mother with him unless she renounced her Christianity. He said, "If you give up Jesus I will take you along and care for you all of your life but if you keep your Christian faith I will have no more to do with you". Of course there was a bitter struggle in the woman's heart for she loved her son and needed his support. She prayed earnestly and asked the missionaries to pray. God gave her the strength to make the right decision. To her son she said, "I will not renounce my faith in Jesus". And the son feeling that by this decision she had released him from his duty to show filial piety moved away and left her. She might have suffered for the necessities of life had not the missionaries given her work in the Woman's Bible School. There she stayed till the time of her death, faithful in her service and beautiful in Christian graces.

She Gave Up Her Idols

A LITTLE girl in Ogbomoso, Nigeria, became a member of the Sunbeam Band. Not a person in the pagan compound where she lived was a Christian. Through the child's interest in the Sunbeam Band the mother was won to Christ. She put the child in a Christian school and joined a reading class. After six months she could read the book of John.

Although this mother was a Christian she found it hard to break with all heathen superstitions. It is the custom of Nigerian mothers to place charms around their babies' arms to ward off diseases and other harm that evil spirits might bring upon them. This African Christian mother was still superstitious enough to keep

the charm-bracelet on her baby's arm. And yet she was earnest enough in her faith to try to win others to believe on Jesus. The two things didn't go well together.

One day a pagan woman to whom she had talked about Jesus said: "Why do you talk to other women about your new religion while you keep the charm on your baby's arm? If you do not believe that Jesus can keep your baby from harm how do you expect us to believe that He can save us from our sins? When you are ready to give up all idols we will listen to you".

The Christian woman saw that her pagan friend was right. She made up her mind to trust Jesus absolutely and to give up every pagan superstition. She cut the charm from her baby's arm. When her father-in-law desired to slash the child's face according to the heathen custom of giving each child the family-marks the mother said: "Not That is wrong. I am a Christian mother and I want my child to bear no marks of paganism".

Since giving herself absolutely to Christ this Nigerian woman has led a beautiful life of devotion to Jesus. The pagan women will listen to her story now for they see the power of Christianity in her life. All reports of her are good reports for she is earnestly striving to serve her Lord.

She Serves Faithfully

IN ALL the world there are no women who demonstrate more Christian graces than do the Bible women of China. These are missionaries to their own people, rejoicing in the privilege of going from home to home and from village to village telling the story of Jesus.

There is on one field a Bible woman over fifty years old. She is the mother of a large family of children with a "ne'er-do-well" for a husband; therefore much of the responsibility for the support of the family falls on her shoulders. For her work as Bible woman she receives about one dollar a month. In talking about her work she says: "I can't go to places as easily as I once did. I can't walk so far now". And yet she bravely trudges for ten or fifteen miles to attend a meeting that she might reach a group of women with the Bible story. She says: "The first twenty years of my Christian life I lived much like those in the world. But about ten years ago when I was filled with the Spirit I realized how much Jesus had suffered for me and I told Him I would suffer any hardship for Him".

Such is the spirit of the Bible women—willing to suffer any hardship and to overcome any difficulty if only they can give the Gospel to other Chinese women.

She Stands for the Right

SOME years ago there came to the Girls' School at Abeokuta, Nigeria, two girls from a heathen compound in Shaki. Miss Neale Young took them into her home to live while they attended school. Both girls became Christians. One of them, Alake, showed a surprising understanding of Christian ideals of living. The girls were allowed portions of charcoal for their ironing. A girl, not so honest as she, obtained a double portion of the charcoal for herself and Alake; but Alake quickly took half of hers back to Miss Young saying: "Half is all I need. I do not want to take what is not rightfully mine".

Miss Young saw in this girl material for W.M.U. work and even while she was at school began taking her with her on trips for field work. After she graduated she became Miss Young's helper. Together they went to visit the societies, to teach the women and to help them to know how to serve. When Miss Young was away on furlough Alake would, with another woman as helper, go on with the field work.

She was very conscientious and did her best to hold the women to Miss Young's ideal for their work. She would stand firmly for what she thought was right even though she stood alone which was not easy for a young Nigerian woman to do. So great was her love for the W.M.U. work that she postponed her marriage for several years—a very unusual thing in Nigeria—that she might go on helping Miss Young.

Thesday came when Alake married a Baptist preacher and gave up her position with the W.M.U. But that doesn't mean that she gave up the work. Though a mother of several children and a pastor's wife she still has time to visit in the villages, helping the women in Kingdom service. She teaches them to tithe, to pray and to win others to Christ. Her courage to stand for the right and her devotion to Christ make her a woman of good report among the Nigerians.

She Lets Her Light Shine

MRS. CHU is a charter member of one of our churches in China. Twenty years ago she and two others were the only women members of this church. Last year, out of 195 baptized 164 were women. Doubtless this great increase in the interest of women in the Gospel is due to Christian graces in the life of Mrs. Chu. Though blind and aged she still delights to serve the Lord. She can repeat many passages from God's Word and can sing countless choruses and hymns of praise.

Mrs. Chu's power in prayer is shown in an incident told by Miss Addie Cox. She says: "While praying for direction regarding the day's work I was definitely impressed one morning to go to the village of this dear sister and carry her a small gift. Upon receiving the gift she happily exclaimed: 'The Lord heard my prayer. Since my husband died and I lost my sight I sometimes have no food but the Lord does not let His servant suffer'".

Every Wednesday Mrs. Chu holds regular meetings in her village home to which she invites her neighbors. Miss Cox reports one of these meetings as follows:

"That day the service was held under shade-trees in the yard and a large group of Mrs. Chu's neighbors listened attentively while we talked of Jesus and His power to save. This faithful saint is indeed letting her light shine for Jesus and is winning others to Him".

She Is Eager to Serve

AMONG the Baptist women of Africa is one who is most enthusiastic in her eagerness to serve the Master. More than once she has gone into a village to tell for the first time the story of Jesus, has won people there to Christ and has started a new work. Miss Young, writing of her enthusiasm, says: "Wouldn't it be wonderful if all of us who call ourselves Christians let our lights shine like she does? She can read her Bible very well now and she is so happy about it but she does not give any one a moment's peace. She was with us on a trip some time ago and every spare minute she was calling on this one or that one to teach her the new W.M.U. song or the new watchword or to explain something to her from the Bible which she did not understand. While I was busy with my work she would be quietly talking to the Lord, exactly as she would talk to me or someone else. He is so real to her, her constant companion and best friend. We cannot begin to evaluate the influence of such a life and she is such a help and blessing to our W.M.U. work".

(The writer is indebted to Miss Kathleen Manley, Miss Neale Young, Mrs. E. P. Aldredge, Mrs. C. J. Lowe and Miss Addie Cox for material for the foregoing stories.)

GOOD REPORTS of the MARGARET FUND

HERE is a work of Woman's Missionary Union from which we always have good reports. We refer to the Margaret Fund—that beautiful service rendered by the W.M.U. for the education of S.B.C. missionaries' children. Mrs. W. J. Cox, to whom is delegated most of the correspondence connected with this work, in making her semiannual report said: "During the scholastic year of 1941-42 an important phase of our W.M.U. life has been poured into 108 young people who are the builders of tomorrow and who will help to remake this broken world. They are enrolled in fifty different institutions of learning. There were thirty-five new students this year—twenty-one from the Foreign Mission Board and fourteen from the Home Mission Board. Seventy-three students received renewal scholarships. The money expended in scholarships amounted to \$23,778. The total number of Margaret Fund students receiving aid for the past twenty-six years is 433".

The women of the states manifest their special interest in the Margaret Fund students with Burney Gifts, so named to honor Mrs. Frank Burney who for sixteen years was southwide Margaret Fund chairman. According to the plan each society is asked to make during the year a love-gift in cash which in most of the states is sent to the state Margaret Fund chairman who in turn sends it to Mrs. Cox. From this fund each student receives cash gifts during the year at appropriate times. A total of \$3177.20 has been given to this fund during this year.

Again, quoting from Mrs. Cox: "The war is having a tremendous effect on our Margaret Fund students. It is not conducive to the best college work when their mothers and fathers are subject to the ravages of war. You do not need to be reminded that the students in your states need your sympathetic understanding and friendship in these anxious and perilous days. The following expressions of students are typical of the anxiety in many of our missionary families. One student writes: 'I have not had any definite word about my parents who are still in China, but I have heard that the Japanese are not molesting the missionaries, which is good news. I guess I will just try to get as much college as possible before I get called for service'. Another writes: 'Of course, since Dad was in occupied territory when the war broke out, we have not heard from him. There is a strong probability that he is in Japanese hands yet we feel sure that many friends are praying and that Jesus' promise—Lo, I am with you always—is true and valid today as it was in the first century'.

"Already two students have left college, one to enter the air corps and another some branch of aviation. Several others write it is possible they may be called later. All are eager to remain in school until the very last moment. They are an earnest group of young people and worthy of all that is done for them".

The following items, from letters received by Mrs. Cox, give us a glimpse into the hearts of our Margaret Fund students. The first is from a son of a home missionary:

"The Christmas holidays were a privilege and a blessing to me as I had the pleasure and opportunity to help my father with the eventful rush of the programs and meetings of the season, more so this year because missionary and evangelistic activities grow more and more every year. On December 21 father baptized two Roman Catholics and on the 25th he baptized two more. So you see we have had in San Angelo joy upon joy, not only the joy of giving and receiving gifts but also of seeking the lost and baptizing the believers".

A splendid student writes: "Today is the second day of World War II; it has great implications for me. I don't know whether it will be possible to continue my

education and yet I am sure of two things: first, in contrast to my stand as an ardent pacifist last year I am ready to enlist as a volunteer any time the government requires my service; and, secondly, I know that God is still guardian of my destiny".

A lovely young girl writes: "Mother reminds me often that I am able to go to school because women who often cannot afford to send their own children to college have sacrificed in order that I may go. And it makes me stop and take a deep breath every time because I know I am unworthy of that big trust. But I am trying not to disappoint them".

After reading these expressions so full of appreciation, faith and youthful zeal we can better appreciate another paragraph found in Mrs. Cox's good report of the Margaret Fund students: "So, in the midst of a world that seems mad, it is heartening to have the young people in the Margaret Fund give us the assurance that life goes on, like seed-time and harvest, even like the stars; they bring the perennial freshness and beauty of youth. Their hopes, their aspirations, their faith in the future challenge us to say with Paul—These things remain".

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the importance of thinking of things of good report.
2. Discuss the tendency of people to remember and tell bad reports.
3. Discuss the influence of criminal reports in American newspapers on people of other lands.
4. Tell how women of foreign lands are developing the Christian grace of praying.
5. Discuss the grace of giving in the lives of women in foreign lands.
6. Tell of the eagerness of Chinese and African women to learn.
7. Tell something of the sacrificial service of the Baptist women of China and Africa.
8. Tell stories illustrating the development of Christian graces in the lives of Baptist women in China and Africa.
9. What is the Margaret Fund?
10. Give some good reports of the Margaret Fund.
11. How is the war affecting the Margaret Fund students?
12. What are Burney Gifts?

REFERENCE MATERIAL

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

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Things to Think On.....Dr. Henry Howard

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BIBLE STUDY TOPICS for W.M.U. in 1943

January—Friendship—Prov. 17:17; 22:11, 24, 28; 27:9, 10a, 19

February—Friends of God—Psa. 25:12-14; Prov. 3:5, 6, 9-12

March—Noah—Ezek. 14:12-14; Gen. 8:15-20; 9:12-15

April—Abraham—Heb. 11:8-10; Gen. 15:1, 5, 6; 18:17-19

May—Job—Job 1:1-3, 13-22; 42:10

June—Samuel—Jer. 15:1; 1 Sam. 3:1-5, 10-20

July—A Royal Friendship—1 Sam. 20:12-15, 17, 35-42

August—Moses—Heb. 11:23-25, 27; Psa. 106:19-23; Deut. 34:7, 10

September—Daniel As Intercessor—Dan. 9:1-23

October—God's Spokesmen—Isa. 6:1-10; Jer. 1:1, 6-10

November—Friends of Paul—Epistle to Philemon

December—The Friendship of Jesus—John 15:8-17; 19:25-27

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BY APRIL 24 the Foreign Mission Board had received from the 1941 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering \$447,101. This record exceeds any thus far achieved. Unmeasured is the gratitude.

Our Young People

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

CHOOSE YOUR QUESTION

As S.W.M.U. Young People's Director—Have you led your Woman's Missionary Society to make it possible for at least one of your Y.W.A. members to attend Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest, June 23 to July 3?

As W.M.S. President—Have you completed all arrangements with the Y.W.A. counselor so that at least one young woman from your Y.W.A. can attend the Southwide Y.W.A. Camp and bring back new missionary zeal to your entire W.M.U. and church?

As Y.W.A. Counselor—How many of your young women in Young Woman's Auxiliary are ready to start for the Southwide Y.W.A. Camp?

As Mother of Y.W.A. Daughter—Have you given your daughter the trip to Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest for high school commencement present, for birthday gift or for wise and happy use of her vacation time?

As Friend to Young Women—Have you talked to the Y.W.A. counselor or president or to W.M.S. president about the gift you want to invest to be sure one or several Y.W.A.'s benefit by the Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest, knowing that the ten days there will mean much to them and through them to others?

As Friend of Young Women—Have you prayed and are you continuing to pray that splendid representative young women will gather safely at and be blessed abundantly by the Southwide Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest, June 23 to July 3, 1942?

As Reader of "Royal Service"—You must come in the class addressed by at least one of these questions. How are you answering one or more of them? The cover picture shows the Y.W.A. member looking with noble dreams toward Y.W.A. Camp. Let some choice young women from your church stand with her and share in all the enriching hours of the ten days. You must have seen the roster of speakers in previous numbers of *Royal Service*. You can read more about the Y.W.A. Camp in any spring issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.* You know that this is the only program planned particularly to help our own young women in their seeking for a sure way of life in this ghastly world situation. Men of faith will open the Word of God with assurance to answer their sincere questions. Missionaries of courage will share their experiences which prove the triumph of righteousness and its transforming power. Lovely young women from other lands and from over the south offer friendships that reach across barriers of distance and show the unfailing love of a friendly humanity. The quiet beauties of nature, the planned recreation, creative handwork, worship services—all these and the indescribable intangibles that make up the spirit of Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp await the young women from your church, from the college campus or hospital adjacent to it. You wouldn't deprive your Y.W.A.'s of Y.W.A. Camp blessings, would you?



College Y.W.A.

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

USE YOUR HOME-from-COLLEGE YOUNG WOMEN

THIS summer they will be at home again, these young women who went away to college in September—home for a few precious months, in which they would like to be once more part of the church life. This is not easy. The places they occupied before their absence have been filled by others. There is no need to upset everybody for three months because there are additional but worth while tasks which your young people's director or W.M.S. president or counselors can point out to these temporary people. It is an old saying that "college people home for the summer are idle in the church"; but is not the church culpable where such condition exists? Put yourself in the shoes of the young woman: she was the Sunbeam leader, now Mrs. Blank is; or she was the Girls' Auxiliary counselor, now Mrs. Not Named is. Home for a little while only, it would be foolish to take the organization back, wasteful for the children or girls to make such readjustment.

But be alert and awake. Returning for the summer, she is the very person to teach a summer mission study class. Her Bible courses at college qualify her well to teach God's World Plan, by Aulick, the only missionary Bible study text for intermediates, price 30c from State Baptist Bookstore. The teaching helps are included in it; and the Girls' Auxiliary members or Royal Ambassadors need, this distraught summer, the reassurance of knowing God's unchangeable world purpose, of steadying their troubled faith on the knowledge that "He must reign". The new home mission graded series of books on Cuba or the new foreign mission series on South America will have particular appeal in connection with our much heralded "Good Neighbor Policy". Missions is the "Good Neighbor Policy", unfailing! Or if there is a desire for historical books, *To Be Continued* for intermediates and *Five Times Ten* for juniors give the story of the growth of mission zeal through Woman's Missionary Union. It is gratifying to know that good grows and expands, when evil seems to run everywhere.

Summer mission study this year is implicative, and home-from-college young women can help here in fine fashion. They can give valuable assistance in helping Y.W.A.'s, with Vacation Bible Schools among the Negroes. Our own racial problem becomes increasingly acute; and Christian attitudes expressing themselves in such efforts will count for much. Again, with increased taxation, there must be the reminder that God's financial plans have not changed with world emergencies but are the more necessarily to be followed for the sake of peace beyond the cessation of fighting. Young women who have been handling their own money while at college have realized the need for planning one's gifts and can teach younger boys and girls earnest lessons of stewardship as they carry out suggestions in the leaflet (distributed through state W.M.U. headquarters), *Plans for the Education of Our Young People in Stewardship of Possessions*.

Story-telling, handwork, posters, flannel-graphs, new songs to sing—many short time tasks—will delight the home-from-college young women if you just show them the opportunity, your eagerness for their developed abilities, your appreciation of all the new ideas they want to share. Use your home-from-college young women in W. M. U. young people's activities.

Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

April 15 this year marked the 200th anniversary of the first rendition of the glorious "Hallelujah Chorus" from the immortal oratorio, "The Messiah" by Handel. The chorus was first sung in Dublin, Ireland. Today Americans instinctively rise and remain standing out of respect to its lofty theme and in response to the moral and religious heritage bequeathed us by the founders of our nation, the belief in the unalterable fact that "the Lord God omnipotent reigneth".

Alexis de Tocqueville, a French writer, was sent by his government on a mission to the United States in 1831; while here he made a study of the social and political conditions of that time. In his *Democratic en Amerique* published in 1835 he declared that, though he sought assiduously the secret of America's greatness and genius, "not until I went into her churches and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great" said he, "because America is good; and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great".

Speaking of the foundations on which our nation was built, Dorothy Thompson in her column, "On the Record", in 1941 said: "In the 18th century the leadership of this country was in the hands of preachers, scholars and soldiers."

The intellectual leaders of the 18th and early 19th centuries had a conception of sin. They read the Bible, believed in the Ten Commandments and thus taught their progeny. The moral basis was the very basis of the new world. Human rights were an endowment of the creator; God was our King and the author of liberty; freedom of religion was based on a real desire to worship God; freedom of speech preserved a general contempt for liars and false witnesses.

"We can lose this war! In large measure nearly everything we have done in the last few years has been a step toward losing it. We have sinned against Heaven in that we have failed to be true to the greatest heritage ever left to any people since the beginning of time". —Rev. L. I. Neal in *Missions*

Rev. Henry W. Munger, a missionary of the Northern Baptist Convention to the Philippines since 1904, writing in *Missions* of a bus trip he made just before the Japanese invasion concluded thus: "After the Sunday morning service I took the bus for home. As enjoyable and interesting as these evangelistic trips are I always feel a thrill when my work is done and I turn my face toward home, where Mrs. Munger keeps the altar fires alight and the 'home fires burning'. I do the work that shows up in the reports; but she does the less showy but effective work of staying home and making an impact upon the community, through her work with the Sunday-school, helping the choir with their music, making occasional addresses visiting the sick and afflicted, entertaining angels unawares, welcoming visitors (whether light or dark, rich or poor) and in making a Christian home". Many W. M. U. members will remember Mrs. Munger as the former Laura Lee Patrick, an alumna of our W.M.U. Training School, one time corresponding secretary of the Alabama W.M.U. and later of the Georgia W.M.U.

The exodus of Japanese who are under compulsion to leave the coastal areas of our country for the interior is revealing the fine spirit of some who are Christians. A Japanese pastor told his people at an Easter service that though none of them knew what was going to happen to them yet this was their chance to prove their loyalty to their Lord. Said he: "The non-Christians, many of them, are becoming filled with resentment and cynicism. But I have not found a single Christian who is bitter. The Christian has something to hang on to".

In a little book—*Shall Our Children Live or Die?*—Victor Gollancz says: "As a human being I will not be beaten in the fortress of my humanity by Hitler. I refuse to hate him; and, as the Jews are the special object of his hatred, as a Jew I doubly refuse!"

RECORD of CONTRIBUTIONS
January 1 to December 31, 1941
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY to S.B.C., COMPILED by W.M.U. TREASURER

STATES	Reported by State Treasurers as Having Been Contributed by W.M.U. Members						Received by W.M.U. Treasurer			Total
	Southwide Debt Paying Campaign	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Minis- terial Relief	Christian Education	State and Other Objects in S.B.C. Program	W.M.U. Training School		Special Gifts	
							State App't Training School	Scholar- ship Fund		
Alabama.....	\$ 11,688.20	\$ 35,059.05	\$ 17,286.80	\$ 2,880.87	\$ 22,967.56	\$ 54,720.70	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 303.20	\$ 146,706.38
Arizona.....	383.39	938.37	521.14	38.78	95.11	1,616.37	11.25	130.26	30.19	3,764.86
Arkansas.....	7,776.44	18,344.41	9,315.73	923.02	10,059.10	47,414.24	752.59	400.00	104.37	95,089.90
Dist. of Col.....	772.97	1,309.24	641.19			943.96	135.00	200.00	5.00	4,007.36†
Florida.....	14,587.37	23,467.66	12,565.69	2,264.67	10,378.58	40,614.91	500.00	350.00	317.43	105,046.31
Georgia.....	30,442.50	38,793.96	17,330.55	13.66	678.82	174,048.03	2,915.83	1,300.00	782.68	266,306.03
Illinois.....	3,964.39	13,301.86	7,864.22	1,437.15	9,393.22	29,254.32	300.00	100.00	229.53	65,844.69
Kentucky.....	11,444.43	54,592.71	31,855.22	6,340.17	22,487.78	75,503.89	2,001.25	741.37	1,529.14	206,495.96
Louisiana.....	6,228.24	21,110.35	13,549.80	1,244.09	6,728.54	53,578.74	300.00	200.00	111.00	103,050.76
Maryland.....	2,997.88	7,303.40	3,706.83	567.53	1,125.07	26,822.73	175.00	100.00	15.60	42,814.04
Mississippi.....	3,081.52	29,723.14	18,450.69	1,675.37	10,292.12	61,370.59	1,400.00	400.00	258.00	127,551.43
Missouri.....	14,278.28	28,518.48	15,512.48	2,086.23	15,055.94	50,375.99	1,560.00	400.00	56.40	127,843.80
New Mexico.....	1,370.41	7,009.77	3,638.03	603.97		8,564.37	75.00		189.09	21,450.64
North Carolina.....	19,320.66	87,548.40	36,036.65	7,022.29	85,597.85	98,656.92	1,700.00	1,400.60	465.00	337,747.77
Oklahoma.....	9,300.00	28,917.14	9,656.48	987.60	19,563.65	68,616.27	1,200.00	300.00	550.00	139,091.14
South Carolina.....	12,170.03	78,660.95	30,532.69	7,021.88	27,231.02	76,952.95	1,200.00	850.00	733.91	235,353.43
Tennessee.....	12,081.02	65,442.22	32,616.33	7,436.55	40,105.48	73,995.16	1,500.00	1,100.00	2,969.71	237,246.47
Texas.....	25,498.09	143,212.18	48,713.90	16,594.82	89,816.44	289,033.42	1,200.00		1,419.51	615,488.36
Virginia.....	23,567.03	124,308.61	51,605.16	11,959.94	54,210.45	132,900.50	2,000.00	400.00	2.00	400,953.69
Miscellaneous.....	115.00	2,859.26	537.00						1,687.45	4,398.71
Total Contribution.....	\$211,967.85	\$809,621.16	\$361,936.58	\$ 71,098.59	\$425,786.73	\$1,364,984.06*	\$ 20,125.92	\$ 8,971.63	\$ 11,759.21	\$3,286,251.73

*This amount includes \$120,959.44 paid toward state debts of the following states: Ala. \$11,224.20; Fla. \$5,491.02; Ky. \$10,744.99; La. \$6,228.24; Miss. \$32,284.19; N. M. \$1,080.00; N. C. \$19,320.65; Tenn. \$12,081.02; Va. \$22,505.13.

†The District of Columbia also contributed a duplicate amount through the Northern Baptist Convention.