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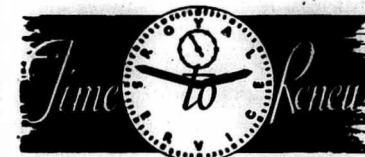
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Editorial

EXPECTANT ATTEMPTERS

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

AS these lines are written the 54th Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union has just closed. Its many high hours leave lasting impressions in the minds and hearts of those privileged to share in the blessing of those hours together.

The emphasis upon the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Modern Missionary Movement, from the unison-repetition of Isaiah 54:2-3 in opening to the closing pageant so impressively linking William Carey and his work with the comprehensive program of missionary education of W.M.U., was wonderfully inspiring and quickening to missionary fervor. We trust that the delegates and visitors are fulfilling their obligation to carry to all W.M.U. members the inspiration that must lead all of us to work diligently and faithfully, enlisting other women and young people of our churches to "expect great things from God", to "attempt great things for God". *Expectant attempters* we must be, in this time of world tragedy, of the unprecedented missionary opportunity that the crucible of world-suffering brings to Christians.

In the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, following immediately that of W.M.U., the constant emphasis was upon the importance of being ready for the wide open doors of opportunity in post-war days, of being prepared with men and money when the spiritually hungry peoples of the world will be ready to receive the Bread of Life. What can W. M. U. members do in days immediately ahead to help toward this end? More intensive emphasis upon the plans so guided in their making and so blessed in their pursuit are, we believe, the answer to this question. Women and young people must be expectant attempters in every activity for enlisting the prayers, service and gifts of every woman and young person in their church. They must extend their efforts to other churches in the association or district, stimulating the missionary spirit and the grace of giving among the women and young people in those churches which do not have the leaven of Woman's Missionary Union organizations. The number of these organizations should be greatly increased in the immediate future that many-more women and young people may be quickened in spirit and activity through the missionary programs and study they provide.

Conservation will undoubtedly lead to concentration. Limited use of automobiles will lead us to center upon intensive development locally. More mission study classes, more auxiliary meetings, more devoted enlistment efforts, more stewardship teaching and more faithfulness in prayer will be the results of this enforced concentration. Knowing that great movements are engendered in seemingly small beginnings we shall do faithfully the things our hands find to do, alert to enlist and develop the women and young people of our churches in the ideals and activities of Woman's Missionary Union. We shall *expect great things from God and attempt great things for God*. We shall in the days ahead be always *expectant attempters*.

Ridgecrest Missions Weeks

B. W. C. CONFERENCE at RIDGECREST, N. C.

August 8-14, 1942

AS announced in the June issue of this magazine there will be held at Ridgecrest this summer a conference of southern Baptist business women. Purposely its dates are coincident with those of the Foreign Mission Week there. The following greetings have been sent to Miss Mary Christian who is promoting for Woman's Missionary Union this initial B.W.C. Conference.

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE COMING!

WE are happy indeed that Woman's Missionary Union has decided to make a special effort to urge the business women of Woman's Missionary Societies to attend Foreign Mission Week at Ridgecrest, August 8-14, 1942. An unusually interesting and worthwhile program has been planned for Foreign Mission Week. Woman's Missionary Union has been requested to assist in arranging the program on a special day set apart for the work of the Union.

The Ridgecrest management has given us assurance that every effort will be made to care for all who attend. A large number of missionaries now at home will be with us this summer. Come and meet these missionaries and enjoy the feast of good things prepared for Foreign Mission Week, August 8-14.

Yours with a royal welcome

CHARLES E. MADDRY

Executive Secretary

A WORD of GREETING

GREETINGS from beautiful Ridgecrest. Here in the Land of the Sky we look forward with keen anticipation to the coming of the group of business women to the Assembly during Foreign Mission Week, August 8-14. The business management at Ridgecrest wishes to do everything possible for our guests during their stay here. Added equipment for housing makes it possible for us to render better service and to do more for our visitors. We invite the Baptist business women of the south to write us for reservations, and we covet the privilege of serving all who come.

Foreign Mission Week promises to be a great meeting. With our missionaries and other workers from the foreign fields at home, we shall have the happiest of fellowship one with another. In this day of stress and strain, with the whole world engulfed in trouble, we need to teach Christianity and promote religious work more and more, to the end that the world shall not forget Christ or turn away from Him, but that all shall turn to Him for guidance and help and for the solution of life's problems. Ridgecrest offers an opportunity for Christians to study, meditate, worship and teach for better living.

Perry Morgan, *Manager*

Book Reviews

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

BAPTISTS BUILDING in BRAZIL: A. Ben Oliver; Broadman Press, 1942, Nashville; Pages 148; Price, Cloth 75c, Paper 50c

THE most immediate mission challenge confronting the Foreign Mission Board is in Latin America. The doors swing wide for the entrance of the Gospel, and we should accept the challenge and enter now in force". So writes Dr. Maddy in *The Commission*.

It is fortunate, therefore, that the cycle of graded mission study books of the Foreign Mission Board has swung around again, this year, to South America. This book is the young people's text of the series, but it is equally appropriate for adults. Since the adult book deals with our missionary opportunity west of the Andes, in Chile, it is hoped that many of our societies will study both books for a general view of both countries.

Doctor Oliver has just completed his

first seven years as a successful missionary in Brazil. It is said that he has gained unusual insight into the character and thinking of the Brazilian people. Certainly his book shows marked sympathy for and appreciation of them and their problems.

Beginning with a brief study of the land and the people of Brazil, the author goes on in the four succeeding chapters to discuss what Rome did and failed to do for Brazil and to trace in some detail the development of the work of southern Baptists from the beginning until now, the situation as it now is and the prospects for the future. He has written a simple, straightforward, informative, competent book, easy to teach and well adapted to its purpose. We hope that it may be widely studied. (See also 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

BAPTISTS BUILDING in BRAZIL

Mrs. H. M. Keck, Arkansas Mission Study Chairman, offers the following suggestions:

Your teaching aims should be the same as the author's writing aims: To present to your young people (1) the success of Baptist work yesterday, (2) the opportunity of Baptist work today, (3) the challenge of Baptist work tomorrow.

Your teaching preparation should include the prayerful consideration of these thoughts: what is my task as teacher? To whom am I responsible? Am I giving time and interest necessary for effective teaching? Do I make the book live for my

class? Do I really plan for and expect from my pupils more interest in Brazil, more praying for the work, more giving through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and otherwise, the actual going of some of my class members to that field?

Your background picture for each session can be a large Brazilian or South American map. Cover with black curtains, opening very slightly for chapter 1, a little more for chapter 2, still more for chapter 3, opening wide for chapter 4, still wide open for chapter 5 with a huge red question mark over the center. For locating cities etc. use another South American map and a world map. Write Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., for free material and prices of any available paid material. Consult the following books for additional information: *Inside Latin America*, Gunther; *Wandering Jew in Brazil*, Ginsburg; *Sharing with Neighbor America*, Taylor; *In the Land of the Southern Cross*, White and Muirhead, also copies of *The Commission* and the latest report of Foreign Mission Board.

Session I—Devotional Reading: Acts 26:13-18; 16:9-12; 18:9-11. By using large cut-out maps show that Brazil covers about one-half of South America, that it is larger than the U. S., that it is the fifth largest country in the world. Give other interesting facts according to outline in text. Use class members when displaying maps, writing products on board, showing pictures of South America, Indian, Negro, Portuguese etc. See Sept. 1939, May 1939, Nov. 1938, Nov. 1939, Feb. 1938 *National Geographic* magazines for good Brazilian pictures. At close of class distribute cut-out coffee cups on which is written "Christ and Brazil are waiting on southern Baptists".

Session II—Devotional Reading: Psalm 82; Matt. 15:12-14; John 1:1-5; Romans 13:12. According to previous assignment have two young women give briefly, in cross-debate fashion (one for, one against), the points under "Nation Is Nominally Catholic". As previously assigned, have seven members give "Baptist Beginnings in Brazil" using a poster board "Honor Roll" on which to write or attach the names of missionaries, stations and year entering service. At close of chapter have interesting reader give briefly the early life of Solomon Ginsburg from Chapter I of "A Wandering Jew in Brazil". In closing distribute small candles in gum-drop holders bearing this inscription: "Will you help give the Gospel to Brazil?"

Session III—Devotional Reading: Matt. 5:10-12; Isa. 40:8; Jer. 5:14; Psalm 119:105, 30:5. When telling of the four mile-stones have four young women come forward, each holding a "mile-stone" properly labeled. The following incidents taken from "A Wandering Jew in Brazil" could be told briefly by the young women after each mile-stone is explained: (1) A Narrow Escape, p. 83-86; (2) The Work of a Little Bible, p. 108-113; (3) Our Convention (1911), p. 260; (4) Evangelistic, p. 249-50. When discussing centers of evangelism, have eight young women using red stars mark places on map, naming two missionaries for each station. Use pictures, if available, of schools, publishing house etc. At close, distribute small cut-out churches on which is written: "God can speak in clearer tones to the informed mind".

Session IV—Devotional Reading: Psalm 24. Present chapter as a round-table discussion, really sitting around a large table. Pass cards containing questions on material of text, forming a guide in discussion. Stress needs. At close of class have someone holding Brazilian flag explain meaning, green for abundance of vegetation, yellow for minerals and precious stones, blue for sky, stars for states grouped to suggest Southern Cross. Ask someone to stand near her with U. S. flag. Ask another to stand between them, holding the Christian flag. Have class stand and repeat the allegiance to the U. S. and the Christian flags. Use small Christian flags as souvenirs.

Session V—On felt-o-graph-board attach at the top the words "Building in Brazil". Draw large outline of South America on poster with white crayon. Use six class members to place six graduated "stones" on poster, labeled "740 churches—60,000 members" etc. Six members can give briefly but effectively the six great needs of Brazil: the first holding the Brazilian flag, the second a small chain, the third a poster of present South American missionaries, the fourth a model or picture of church, the fifth an open Bible; the sixth with folded hands in attitude of prayer can close her remarks by praying for the needs mentioned. Make the challenge to southern Baptists as vivid and appealing as possible. If thought wise, give an opportunity for volunteers or have a simple dedication of class members for some use—prayers, gifts etc.—in the evangelizing of Brazil. Close with devotional reading: Romans 10:1-15.



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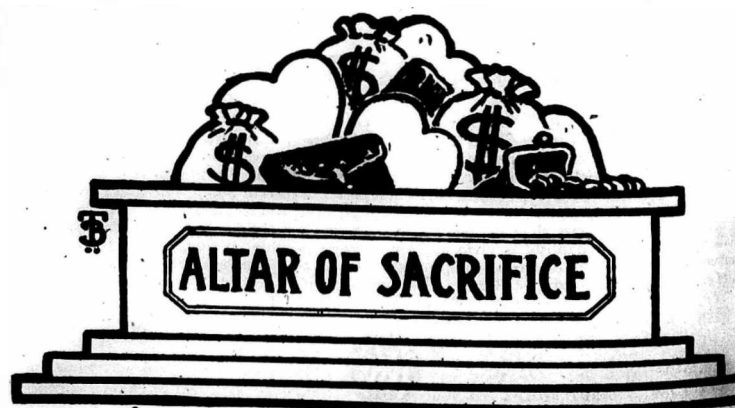


Immeasurably grateful is Woman's Missionary Union that the following report can now be rendered. Additional amounts may yet be contributed but, even so, this total of \$215,568.58 is the largest ever ingathered through the Annie Armstrong Offering. Deepest gratitude is herewith accorded to all donors and to "the Giver of every good gift!"

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D. C.*	600	618.46			618.46
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Ill.....	2,000	4,060.63	8,060.63		1,000.00
Ky.....	8,000	12,500.00		206.39	12,293.61
La.....	8,800	8,057.81		67.47	7,990.34
Md.....	1,800	1,850.84			1,850.84
Miss.....	10,000	14,386.59			14,386.59
Mo.....	8,000	10,383.82		188.72	10,200.10
N. M.....	1,160	1,553.99		860.00	1,233.99
N. C.....	20,000	20,452.21		207.21	20,245.00
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Bible Study

Ells Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

THEME for YEAR: Lessons from Providence

TOPIC for MONTH: Providence Misunderstood—Gen. 42:36

"All these things are against me," said poor old Jacob. And they were every one for him" (J.A.B.). This is a shining instance of God's power to bring good out of evil. Jacob's partiality to young Joseph was an evil. The resentment of the brothers was another. The selling into Egypt was a monstrous sin. Potiphar's putting him into prison was unjust. Yet all worked together to save the life of the chosen family who became the chosen people. It is touching that Jacob's words in his grief betray the fact that he could not quite give up hope of Joseph's being still somewhere—"Joseph is not, and Simeon is not!" When at last he got the wonderful message, he exclaimed: "Joseph is still alive! I shall see him before I die!"

Let us look at some common experiences, out of which we can sometimes see God bring a blessing.

1. *Poverty*—A wealthy family in Virginia, impoverished by the War between the States, had to sell a fine plantation and move to a small farm in another locality. The children all went to work, and the eldest son ran the farm with the help of his younger brothers. One, put at the plow at twelve, did a man's work for three years. He said afterwards: "It made a man of me. I learned to work, to work hard and to keep on working". He studied lessons at dinner-time and recited them to his mother at night. When a chance came to prepare for college, and go, he knew how to get the most out of it. In the future that lay before him the power of hard work led him to success.

2. *Disappointment*—How many young people's plans are all gone to pieces in these last months! One young man, just out of college, wanted to do graduate work and teach. When called to a government task, he was faithful but sad. Then step by step he saw his way. His work was changed, he was given a special training course which led to a responsible position. The powers in him responded, and now with a bright face he works contentedly at this undesired job. If he ever teaches, this period of adjustment has broadened his knowledge of life and his sympathy—quite as useful to a teacher as books.

A girl long ago set her heart on going to college and grieved tragically over her disappointment. A few years later, a happy wife, she looked at her husband and said to herself: "If I'd gone to college, I might not be here. I'm glad I didn't go". To older people as well, time brings unexpected changes. Besides educative value, the new contacts may prove joyful and perhaps bring opportunity to others.

3. *Bereavement*—Here one learns the deepest lessons. Job said: "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord". And David said: "I shall go to him, but he will not return to me". And Abraham, when God's promise and his command as to Isaac strangely conflicted, obeyed, "counting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead".

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 virtue".

"Power of God"

1st Day—Matt. 22:29; Rom. 1:13-25
2nd Day—Matt. 19:26; Isa. 40:27-31
3rd Day—Psa. 21:13; 19:1-6
4th Day—Psa. 66:1-7; 104:24-31
5th Day—I Cor. 6:14; Psa. 33:1-9
6th Day—Eph. 1:3-14; Gen. 3:1-13
7th Day—Eph. 1:15-23; Gal. 5:16-24

"Glorify God in your body".

8th Day—I Cor. 6:19, 20; Prov. 15:1-9
9th Day—I Cor. 10:31-33; Rom. 6:15-23
10th Day—Gen. 1:26-31; Psa. 32:1-7
11th Day—Prov. 22:2; Matt. 4:1-11
12th Day—I Pet. 2:11-20; Heb. 2:13-18
13th Day—I Pet. 4:14-16; Gen. 4:1-8
14th Day—Rev. 15:4; Gen. 4:9-15

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts".

15th Day—Psa. 18:30; Matt. 25:14-23
16th Day—Psa. 47:6-8; Jas. 3:13-18
17th Day—Isa. 45:19; Heb. 11:1-6
18th Day—Hab. 1:12, 13; Jas. 2:14-26
19th Day—Matt. 19:17; Psa. 1:1-6
20th Day—Luke 1:49; Gen. 9:1-7
21st Day—I Pet. 1:15, 16; Gen. 9:8-17

"Create in me a clean heart, O God".

22nd Day—Psa. 51:1-10; II Pet. 2:1-9
23rd Day—Psa. 51:11-17; Ezech. 34:25-31
24th Day—Prov. 20:9; Psa. 111:1-10
25th Day—Isa. 1:18; Jer. 31:31-34
26th Day—Mic. 6:11; Lk. 1:67-79
27th Day—I Pet. 5:6-11; Gen. 12:1-9
28th Day—II Pet. 1:1-9; Gen. 17:1-9
29th Day—II Pet. 3:1-9; Acts 7:1-10
30th Day—II Pet. 3:10-18; Heb. 11:4-12
31st Day—Phil. 4:8 (Memory); Mk. 2:13-17

Pray Ye

Praise Christ that "He is our peace".—Ephes 2:14
Thank God that His Word admonishes: "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts".—Col. 3:15
Rejoice that "the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for them that make peace".—James 3:18
Intercede that those who attend Southwide Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest, June 22-July 3, inclusive, may covenant to "follow after things which make for peace".—Rom. 14:19
Pray that Christians in every land will let "the peace of God which passeth all understanding guard their hearts and their thoughts in Christ Jesus".—Phil. 4:7
Rejoice that all Christians may have the assurance that Christ included them when He said: "My peace I give unto you".—John 14:27



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Calendar of Prayer July, 1942

Prepared by Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

It is great, and there is no other greatness to make one nook of God's creation more fruitful, better, more worthy of God; to make some human heart a little wiser, manlier, happier, more blessed, less accursed.—Thomas Carlyle

1—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. D. M. Lawton, educational-evangelistic work, Laichowin, China
With us is the Lord our God, to help us and to fight our battles.—II Chron. 20:20

2—THURSDAY

Miss Raquel Guerra, McAllen, Mrs. Alicia Laurel, Laredo, Texas, educational-evangelistic work among Mexicans
Keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in His ways.—I Kings 2:3

3—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Harrison, Recife, Brazil, educational-evangelistic work
Thou hast commanded us to keep Thy precepts diligently.—Psa. 119:4

4—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. B. Villareal, Rev. J. Madrid, evangelistic work among Spanish-Americans, Albuquerque, N. M.
I pray Thee, if I have found grace in Thy sight, show me now Thy Way.—Ex. 33:13

5—SUNDAY

That the Holy Spirit may lead in summer camps and assemblies
Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us but unto Thy name give glory.—Psa. 115:1

6—MONDAY

Baptist believers in Rumania
Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together and deliver us from the heathen.—I Chron. 16:35

7—TUESDAY

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Humphrey, Miss Thelma Williams, medical evangelistic work, Chengchow, China
Peace, peace be unto thee, and peace be to thine helpers: for thy God hath helped thee.—I Chron. 12:18

8—WEDNESDAY

Rev. R. Gonzales, San Antonio, Tex., Rev. A. Romos, Trinidad, Rev. J. M. Sanchez, Yaguajay, Cuba, evangelistic work
It is enough for the disciple that he be as his Master.—Matt. 10:25

9—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. B. T. Griffin, Miss May Perry, educational-evangelistic work, Abankuta, Nigeria
Whether we live therefore or die we are the Lord's.—Rom. 14:8

10—FRIDAY

Dr. F. H. Austin, Rev. C. Mitchell, educational-evangelistic work to their own Negro race, Lynchburg, Va.
The anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you.—I John 2:27

11—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Watson, Rio de Janeiro, Miss Mattie Baker, Sao Paulo, Brazil, educational-evangelistic work; also Winifred C. Taylor, daughter of former missionaries to Brazil, Margaret Fund student
Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world.—I John 4:4

12—SUNDAY

Mrs. R. H. Graves, Miss Willie Kelly, emeritus missionaries from China
He that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.—Rom. 13:8

13—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Pierson, Kenedy, Rev. and Mrs. V. Gonzales, Bryan, Tex., evangelistic work among Mexicans; also Isaias Gonzalez, Margaret Fund student
As ye have therefore opportunity let us do good unto all men.—Gal. 6:10

14—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Brittain, Soochow, Miss Mary Demarest, Yangchow, China, evangelistic work
The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for them that make peace.—Isa. 3:18

15—WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Arpaio, Krebs, Okla., Miss Trevette Laverde, Kansas City, Mo., evangelistic work among Italians
Joy shall be in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth.—Luke 15:7

Calendar of Prayer for July

16—THURSDAY

Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Oliver, evangelistic work, Curitiba, *Miss Blanche Simpson, educational-evangelistic work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; also Bennie May Oliver, Margaret Fund student

If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.—1 Cor. 3:14

17—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Averitt, Calvert, Ala.; Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Fitzgerald, Cherokee, N. C., evangelistic work among Indians

O let me not wander from Thy commandments!—Psa. 119:10

18—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Connely, *Miss Olive Lawton, evangelistic work, Tsien-chow, China

In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence and His children shall have a place of refuge.—Prov. 14:26

19—SUNDAY

That pastors and leaders may keep before their people the S.B.C. goal: "Out of Debt for a World Program"

Whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord.—Ex. 35:3

20—MONDAY

Prof. and Mrs. A. Velez, educational-evangelistic work, El Paso, Rev. and *Mrs. E. Delgado, evangelistic work among Mexicans, Harlingen, Tex.

Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say rejoice.—Phil. 4:4

21—TUESDAY

Woman's Missionary Union of Chile
Let your hands be strengthened and be ye valiant.—II Sam. 2:7

22—WEDNESDAY

Rev. C. L. and Dr. Hallie G. Neal, educational-medical-evangelistic work, San Antonio, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, educational-evangelistic work, El Paso, Tex., Foreign Board workers among Mexicans

The Word of our God shall stand forever.—Isa. 40:8

23—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Echevarria, Los Pinos, Rev. and Mrs. R. R. Machado, Vibora, Cuba, evangelistic work

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children.—Eph. 5:1

24—FRIDAY

Rev. and *Mrs. I. V. Lamas, evangelistic work, Toluca, *Mrs. Elizabeth Gray, *Dr. Jeannette Brull, medical-evangelistic work, Lachowfu, China

I will both lay me down in peace and sleep; for Thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.—Psa. 4:8

25—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. Rodriguez, evangelistic work, Kerrville, Mrs. Aurora R. de Morales, educational-evangelistic work, San Beito, Tex.; also Emmett V. Rodriguez, Margaret Fund student

The Spirit and the Bride say, Come!—Rev. 22:17

26—SUNDAY

*Miss Mollie J. McKinnon from China, Mrs. A. O. Wilson of the Home Mission Board, emeritus missionaries

To be spiritually minded is life and peace.—Rom. 8:6

27—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. F. A. R. Morgan, Sao Paulo, *Miss Bernice Neal, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, educational-evangelistic work; also *Virginia Morgan, Margaret Fund student

O God, lift up Thine hand: forget not the humble.—Psa. 10:12

28—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. Beard, Muskogee, Rev. and *Mrs. A. Worthington, Pawnee, Okla., evangelistic work among Indians

He that doeth good is of God.—III John 11

29—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and *Mrs. C. L. Culpepper, evangelistic work, Hwangshien, *Miss Doris Knight, educational-evangelistic work, Lachowfu, China; also Charles Culpepper, Margaret Fund student

The joy of the Lord is your strength.—Neh. 8:10

30—THURSDAY

Rev. and *Mrs. L. R. Brothers, educational-evangelistic work, Iwo, *Miss Amanda Tinkle, medical-evangelistic work, Shaki, Nigeria

Such as are upright in their way are His delight.—Prov. 11:20

31—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Saunders, evangelistic work, Shichow, *Miss Irene Jeffers, educational-evangelistic work, Yangchow, China; also Henry Lee Anderson, Margaret Fund student, son of former missionaries to China

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him and delivereth them.—Psa. 34:7

*Attended W.M.U. Training School

*Attended Southwestern Training School

*Attended Baptist Bible Institute

*Former Margaret Fund Student

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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 may 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 14 of this magazine.)

CIRCLE PROGRAM TOPIC

"For LACK of VISION, PEOPLE PERISH" (Literature)

Devotional Theme—"And Ezra Opened the Book"—*Nehemiah* 8:1-3, 5-6, 8. (See also "Family Altar" references, page 10.)

Practical Uses for Inspiring Pages (See article in July issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

In the Land of the Tarascos (See article by W. J. Webb in July issue of *The Commission*.)

The Panda Comes to America (See article in July issue of *World Comrades*.)

"Holy Russia" (See article by Mrs. W. E. Craighead in July issue of *The Commission*.)

My Heart Goes Back to Burma (See article in July issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.*.)

He Distributes Bibles by Bicycle (See article by Rev. Ismael Negrin in July issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

Current Events (See page 35 of this magazine.)

President's Message (See page 4 of this magazine.)

Business Women's Circles

Prepared by Miss Clarice Logan, Va.
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In this month of July when we are being reminded once again of the birth of our nation, when emphasis is placed upon the flag and our sense of loyalty to our country, how important it is to stress the fact that there is another flag to which we owe our first loyalty, a flag which has as its first meaning obedience and faithfulness to Christ's commands. It is a time when the colors of faith, obedience, brotherhood and love must wave high above the world and deep within the world, a time to stress the seriousness and the joy of being in His service.

If possible have the room arranged so that the leader may be seated at a table with the other members seated around her as if in conference. If possible have the Christian flag at the front of the room. An atmosphere of seriousness should prevail and the meeting should open with a prayer for guidance, for a vision of the needs and possibilities and for courage to face the responsibilities. The one in command will discuss the task and traits of a faithful member, using the material: "If There Be Any Virtue" and "Virtue of Obedience". A member is called upon to give a report of the weaknesses within America's campaign, using the thoughts expressed in "National Obedience". The discussion will go into a survey of the

foreign service as one reports the territory and people to be considered in "God's Purpose for Latin America". Another reports of the territory already taken for Christ and shows how these people have come under His command. From the last report comes the challenge of "New Latin American Mission" and the fact that they are willing and eager to assert their allegiance to Christ as their new Commander if leaders are sent them. (Pages 16-24)

The leader may ask that each member reassert her pledge of loyalty to the cause as they give the allegiance to the Christian flag.

Announcement-Poster:

On poster-paper draw faint outline of the maps of the United States and Latin America. Then in darker colors draw the Christian flag over the outline showing that they are one in Christ. Print the words: Virtue of Loyalty in His Service B.W.C.

Time

Place

Date

Invitation:

Small official looking cards on which is written "Report for duty". Give place, time and date of meeting.



Program Plans

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Announcement:

Paste a picture of a soldier on a large piece of cardboard. Underneath print the words: Wanted — Volunteers to Think. "Think on these things: Whatsoever things are of virtue".

Date

Place

Time

Room-Arrangement:

Chairs should be arranged informally in a semicircle. If possible, secure a large picture of Christ (Hoffmann's "Head of Christ" or Holman-Hunt's "The Light of the World" is good) and place it where it can be seen easily by all the members. Beside it you may have a poster with a map of the Americas. North America should be white, and South America and Central America should be covered with a piece of black flannel to symbolize the darkness that is found in a land where the "Light of the World" has not yet penetrated.

Program-Presentation:

Before the program begins, have someone play softly "The Light of the World

Is Jesus". The program chairman starts the discussion by giving an explanation of the meaning of the word "virtue". She should emphasize the manly, noble and virile qualities which it indicates—qualities which are demanded of volunteers for the nation and for Christ. As other members continue the discussion of "The Virtue of Obedience", "National Obedience" and "The Virtue of Faithfulness", the attention of the group should be centered on the picture of Christ, the personification of these virtues. As others talk about Latin America, they should call attention to the map of the Americas and the darkness of the countries that do not know the "Light of the World". (See pages 16-24.)

Closing:

The program chairman may close with a plea for Latin America, asking the women to repeat together the watchword for the year: "Oh send out Thy light and Thy truth". As someone sings softly "The Light of the World Is Jesus", the program chairman removes the black flannel from the map of the Latin Americas—showing that the Christian message can bring light where there was only darkness.



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 virtue*".

Hymn—He Leadeth Me

Bible Study—Providence Misunderstood—*Gen. 42:36* (Page 9)

Prayer that we may trust God's leadership in all things

Hymn—Have Thine Own Way

—If There Be Any Virtue

The Virtue of Obedience

—Hymn—Trust and Obey

National Obedience

—The Virtue of Faithfulness

Prayer that we may be obedient to God's commands and faithful in His service

God's Purpose for Latin America

Obeying God in Latin America

—A New Latin American Mission

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

Hymn for Year—The Light of the World Is Jesus

Prayer that we may be faithful in giving the light of Jesus' love to Latin America

IF THERE BE ANY VIRTUE

WE have had six programs based on Paul's list of things which should engage the thoughts of Christians. After mentioning these six "whatsoever things" Paul seems to have realized that he couldn't include all things worthy of thought, so he adds the statement: "If there be any virtue, if there be any praise", then concludes with the injunction, "Think on these things". In these last two phrases he seems to be gathering up in a general way anything that he may have omitted to specify in the list of themes for thought that he has already named.

The word translated "virtue" in the text is a Greek word which stands for every manly, noble and virile quality which can be named. So when Paul says, "If there be any virtue", he means that we shall include in our thinking all good and noble things.

There are no greater virtues for the Christian than obedience to God's will and faithfulness in His service. So, this month as we think on "*whatsoever things are of virtue*" we are going to consider the great and rare virtues of obedience and faithfulness. First, we shall see how important it is that we submit our own lives to God's will, faithfully serving in obedience to His commandments. Then we shall study our Latin American mission fields seeing how southern Baptists have been faithful in carrying the Gospel to these countries and searching out illustrations of the obedience and faithfulness of the Christians of these lands.

The VIRTUE of OBEDIENCE

OBEDIENCE is one of the first lessons which every human being must learn. Obedience to social laws, to the laws of nature and to the laws of God should commence at the cradle and end at the tomb. He who is obedient never feels the penalty of the law. "Obedience is the mother of success, wedded to safety".

"Obedience is greater than freedom. What's free?
The vexed straw on the wind, the tossed foam on the sea,
The great ocean itself, as it rolls and it swells,
In the bonds of a boundless obedience dwells".

Christians have a special obligation to be obedient to God. Jesus made obedience a test of discipleship. He said, "If ye love Me ye will keep My commandments". Again He asks: "Why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Every Christian worthy of the name must be obedient to the will of God. God has given us in His Word direct commandments for our daily living. He has sent His Holy Spirit to guide us in understanding these commands and applying them to our conduct. If we live in God's will we will never disobey Heavenly visions, will never be deaf to Heavenly voices and will never resist Heavenly influences. We must obey God because we love Him. We must obey Him because only in obedience do we find safety from the dangers and temptations of the world and success in Christian living.

We must obey God *willingly*. "Our keeping God's commands must be willing. If a willing mind be wanting, there wants that flower which should perfume our obedience and make it a sweet smelling savor to God".

We must obey God *cheerfully*. Said a little boy: "I wish I could mind God as my little dog minds me. He always looks so pleased to mind and I don't". This child spoke a truth which is too generally true. Many people are not pleased to "mind God". Obedience which is a proof of love must be cheerful, for love obeys with delight.

We must obey God *trustingly*. "We must obey whether we see the reason or not for God knows best. A guide through an unknown country must be followed without demur. A soldier in battle must fight when and where he is ordered; when the conflict is over he may reflect upon and perceive the wisdom of his commander in movements that at the time of their execution were perplexing. The farmer must obey God's natural laws of the season if he would win a harvest; and we must all obey God's spiritual laws if we would reap happiness here and hereafter".

We must obey God *completely*. The only worthy obedience is that which is hearty and complete. We must not think that obedience in one direction will compensate for disobedience in some other particular. Many a man obeys Christ's command to come and receive salvation for himself but fails to heed His command "Go and give salvation to others". Many Baptists are particular about obeying His command to be baptized and in exactly the right way too but are not nearly so particular about His command to tithe. "A soul sincerely obedient will not pick and choose what commands to obey and what to reject as hypocrites do. An obedient soul is like a crystal glass with a light in the midst which shines forth through every part thereof".

Obedience brings many rewards. "The homeliest service that we do in an honest calling, though it be but to plow or dig, if done in obedience and conscious of God's commandment, is crowned with an ample reward".

Obedience means *spiritual growth*. Those who refuse to obey God become stagnant without progress in Christian experience and without joy in Christian living. Those who obey grow in grace and knowledge. "Obedience is the spiritual organ of knowledge and if a man refuses to obey what he knows he shall know no more".

Obedience means *spiritual power*. "We can have no idea what we should be able to do if we were completely lost in accord with God; if we sought no will but His; if not a word of our mouths, not a beat of our hearts, not a thought of our minds, not a movement of our souls or bodies but were turned to Him obediently in the spirit of Samuel, 'Speak Lord, for Thy servant heareth'. Lives of such men as Paul, Moody, Carey and Judson prove the power of obedience to the will of God".

We would remember particularly in this missionary program God's missionary commands. These are very definite and are intended for all Christians. No Christian can claim to be obedient unless he is doing his part to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature". He who would live according to the will of God must be through and through and out and out missionary—praying for missions, giving to missions and living the missionary life.

NATIONAL OBEDIENCE

NOT only individuals but nations should be obedient to the laws of God. The Bible account of the history of Israel is a wonderful illustration of the blessings of obedience and of the disastrous results of disobedience. When the people of Israel obeyed God they were happy, prosperous and powerful. When they disobeyed Him they lost their power and became helpless in the presence of their enemies. Through disobedience they finally lost their national life and the land of their inheritance. Surely the same is true of nations today. "We must not trust to the splendor of our fleet and the valor of our soldiers nor to the extent of our commerce and the greatness of our empire. Infidelity denies God and false science ignores Him but no nation can succeed without God". So wrote an Englishman of his nation and it is true of all nations.

We shudder as we consider the nations today and their disobedience to God. Germany, once considered a Christian nation, openly disclaims any belief in God and any allegiance to Christ, substituting nazism for Christianity and worshipping Hitler instead of Jesus. The Japanese, openly defiant of Christianity, are making a god of their own nationalism. But what concerns us far more than this is the godlessness of our own nation. Ours is looked upon as a Christian nation but can we claim that her people are obeying God's commandments? Can we even claim that her Christian people are obedient to God?

God has commanded "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy" but American people, even Christians, make it a holiday instead of a holy day. He has said, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together", yet sixty per cent of the American people never attend any church and twenty-five per cent of our church members are in this number. He says, "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me", and yet our nation spends fifty times more for gambling, liquor, tobacco and crime than for religion. He says to Christian people, "Honor the Lord with thy substance", and yet the Christian people of America fail to bring their tithes to His storehouse. God says: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul and with all thy strength and with all thy mind". But the American people, by their actions, show that they love business, pleasure and money more than they do God. God says, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself", yet within our borders are race prejudices and injustices, brothers oppressing brothers, neighbors hating each other.

Mr. Roosevelt warns us to expect an annual war budget of fifty billion dollars which is a thousand times the highest annual outlay for foreign missions by all evangelical denominations in their peak years following the first world war. If American Christians had faithfully obeyed God's command to tithe we might have been saved this enormous outlay of money for war.

What America needs is to return to God and obey His commandments, to make His ideals the standard for government and for individual living. Only thus can we have victory over our enemies and fulfill in the world the mission of a Christian nation. We must remember that the nation is made up of individuals. As we ourselves obey the commandments of God and lead others to obey them we will be helping our nation to become a God fearing and God obeying nation, the kind that He can bless and use for His glory.

The VIRTUE of FAITHFULNESS

ONE of the most assuring things said about God is that He is faithful. This means that He is dependable, that His promises can be counted upon, that He is unchanging in His purposes. In this day of change and destruction it is a source of great consolation and assurance to remember that God still exists, that He changes not, that He has not forsaken the world, that He keeps His promises to His people. We know that through all the history of the world there runs the golden thread of God's redemptive purpose for mankind. We know that He can "make even the wrath of men to praise Him". We may not be able to see this golden thread of divine purpose when everything seems so dark and hopeless but we know that it is there even as it has always mingled with the dark threads in His weaving of the tapestry of the world's history.

Since God is faithful and since we believe in Him and His plan of redemption for a lost world, then it is our duty to be also faithful, loyally doing our part in His great work. All He asks of any Christian is faithfulness, dependability, obedience to His commandments. We are the instruments of His grace—we must place ourselves in His hands to be used according to His purpose. We are His stewards—we must be found faithful. He is depending on us—we must be found dependable.

In this day of darkness our only hope is in the faithfulness of God. But we must remember that it is His plan to work out His purpose in the world through our faithfulness to Him. His commands and His promises go together. As we obey His commands, we can claim His promises. As we live in His will, we can hope for the fulfillment of His purpose in our own lives and for a lost world.

GOD'S PURPOSE for LATIN AMERICA

IT IS not always easy to see God's purpose in the history of the nations of the world. For illustration, it is difficult to understand why North America is so far ahead of South America in the development of her national resources and in the education and advancement of her people. This has been explained by the fact that North America was settled by Puritans seeking God while South America was settled by Spaniards and Portuguese seeking gold. But what is God's purpose in all this? Surely He intended that North America should be a Christian continent and that our own country should be a great missionary agency to spread the Gospel throughout the earth. And we believe that South America was included in His redemptive purpose—that He intended that the Christianity of North America should be shared by her neighbor continent.

We can see in Latin America many evidences of the continuity of God's purpose of grace which embraces all things which He does for men. First, He has

made the Latin American countries wonderfully beautiful and rich in natural resources. He must have intended that eventually through the power of Christianity these resources should be developed for the benefit of the people and be used in the spread of His Kingdom.

Then He has placed the Latin American countries near to our own great Christian democracy. They have modeled their governments after ours and have developed the same ideals of freedom that we have. Today there is a close alliance between our nation and the South American republics. A spirit of friendliness has been developed by an exchange of visits and conferences and agreements for mutual good. All the American republics have come to see that they are tied up in one great bundle of destiny. Most of the South American countries have become our allies in the present fight for freedom. "Thus the streams of South and North American democracy have flowed together with a happy blending of common interest and united front against the threatening inroads of totalitarian invasion". (Dr. J. W. Shepard)

All this means that God is opening up a wonderful opportunity for the Gospel to travel over this way of mutual interest and good-will from the hearts of Christians in North America to the needy hearts of their South American neighbors. Dr. J. W. Shepard, for many years one of our missionaries in Brazil, says: "South America is today thrust upon us as the greatest single opportunity for Christian missions for our times, if not for all past history. She is rich in her natural resources and great in the possibilities of her people. An entire continent, twice the size of our United States, constitutes for missionary operations for a true Gospel a field whose scope is so vast that it could absorb the entire force of our Foreign Mission Board for years to come".

Surely we can see God's grace in His blessings on our work in Latin America. Sixty years ago, following His leadership, southern Baptists sent their first missionaries to Brazil. Since then we have opened up work also in Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Cuba and Panama. The growth of our work in all these lands has been remarkable. Today we have in Brazil about 800 churches with almost 60,000 members; in Argentina and Uruguay 65 churches with about 6,000 members; in Chile 43 churches with about 5,000 members; in Mexico 50 churches with over 4,000 members; and in Cuba 57 churches with almost 5,000 members. The Baptists of these countries are organized into conventions with boards for educational, publishing and missionary work.

Our missionaries tell us that God's purpose of grace can be seen in the readiness of the people to accept the Gospel "which surpasses that in any other mission field of southern Baptists". Their hearts are ready and eager for the story of salvation through Jesus and in many instances they have accepted the Gospel the very first time they have heard it.

In these Latin American lands are great needs, every need an opportunity held out by the grace of God to southern Baptists. More missionaries, more training for native workers, more money for schools are needed. Vast unreached territory, where live millions of lost people, constitutes a need to break our hearts. We are told that in North Brazil there are twelve states and twelve state capitals, five of which have at present writing no resident missionary. We are told of one preacher who is pastor for a whole county, with four churches, five other organized congregations and still 29 other preaching points well distributed throughout the county. After telling of this overworked pastor the missionary adds: "And thus it is everywhere—in every nook and corner of this fair land. Opportunity, open doors, pleas for help, calls for preachers, ripened harvests falling to ruin. God's grace outreaches our cords and beckons us on in stronger faith and purpose". We are told that in the Argentine capital, with three million souls, we have

only 15 churches and that in the interior the need is even more pressing. Mrs. George McWilliams, after making a tour of our South American mission fields, said: "If every other field were closed to the work of the Foreign Mission Board, Latin America could use to excellent advantage every available missionary". Dr. Shepard closes his article on "Strategic South America" with an appeal to southern Baptists "to rise to the heights of tragic emergency in these fearful times and to double at once the working force in South America".

We believe that it is God's purpose for southern Baptists to match these needs with the consecration of their gifts and prayers and service that the Latin American nations might share with them all the blessings of the Gospel. God's work of grace in these lands must not be hindered by our selfishness, indifference and neglect. We believe it to be His purpose that we should give the Gospel to these people, therefore we must do it.

OBEYING GOD in LATIN AMERICA

A glimpse of our work in Latin America will reveal that God's plans are being obeyed both by missionaries and by the native Christians.

They Preach—Jesus said, "Go ye . . . and preach". This command is being obeyed in a marvelous way in Latin America. In hundreds of churches, outstations and other preaching points missionaries and native preachers are preaching the Gospel to the lost. A worker in one of our large Brazilian states says: "We are endeavoring to preach the Gospel in every county of the state. There are four large cities and over a hundred towns with no work of ours and in many of them the voice of a Baptist preacher has never been heard". Of Cuba we read: "Numbers of laymen preach in the extension work in established centers. Every center is in itself an area in which the vast majority of the people have not been brought into contact with the Word of Life and around each center there are outlying districts that are practically virgin soil".

One of our new missionaries in Argentina, Rev. D. F. Askew, tells of an Italian convert who was so anxious to have the Gospel preached in his community that he bought tracts and hymn-books and prepared a room in his house for services. He was very happy when the missionary and some seminary students came and began preaching in this room. He spends his Saturday afternoons and Sundays going from house to house, giving out tracts and inviting the people to come to the services. At each service about 30 people crowd into the room to hear the preaching. Many times this Italian preacher says joyously, "Christ has done so much for me I must do this for Him".

They Teach—With many splendid schools are we obeying God's command to teach in Latin America. In Brazil we have ten institutions of high school, junior and senior college grade with two theological seminaries and two training schools for women. In Argentina we have our seminary and training school at Buenos Aires, a Bible Institute at Rosario (page 36) and at Montevideo, Uruguay. In Chile we have a high school for girls and boys which is working toward the college grade. There is also a theological seminary and recently there has been opened a training school for girls. For these last two schools our W.M.U. has with its Lottie Moon Christmas Offering provided adequate buildings. The seminary and training school for Mexico is at El Paso, Texas. "The faculty of this worthy institution is privileged to prepare and send forth consecrated, cultured, hard working men and women who will dedicate themselves to the cause of Christ in Latin America". In Cuba we have a Baptist college and seminary.

It is impossible to estimate the power of the students as they go out from our Baptist schools to witness for Christ. Miss Mildred Cox, writing of the training school for girls at Recife, Brazil, says: "Most gratifying of all has been the spirit of service that the girls show on graduation. Thirteen graduated last year. One has gone as a missionary of the Brazilian Baptist Home Board; eight are teachers out in the interior in unevangelized places; one is a permanent worker for the W.M.U.; and the others teach in Baptist schools on the coast. This year we shall graduate four, three of whom live in distant interior towns and who will return to those places to work".

They Scatter the Word—In Rio de Janeiro is a Baptist Publishing House which is doing a wonderful work in scattering the printed Word throughout all Brazil. In Argentina too the Baptists are doing splendid work in publishing books, tracts and a Baptist paper. In El Paso, Texas, is the Mexican Publishing House, providing Baptist literature for thousands of Spanish-speaking people.

Recently a man dropped into a Baptist service in Brazil and when an invitation was given raised his hand, saying that he had accepted Jesus as his Savior. After the service our missionary, Brother Cowsert, talked to him. He had a small, torn, dirty tract bearing the title, "How to Obtain Eternal Truth". He at once began repeating a part of it to the missionary who recognized it as being a part of the book of John. When questioned he said that he had found this tract at his feet in another part of the city. He said: "I have memorized a good part of it. I want to be a Christian". He attended a class for new believers and showed every evidence of being a converted man. So he was baptized and is making a most faithful Christian worker.

This particular tract was published by a Bible house in California, but it serves to show the power of the printed Word when it is scattered abroad. Mr. Cowsert, who tells this story, says: "The price of a daily paper will send out a dozen tracts. If one in a dozen was read and one in ten dozen won a soul to Christ what an opportunity to evangelize by distributing the Word of the Master!"

They Pray—The Christians of Latin America do not forget to obey God's command to pray. Beautiful stories come to us of the joy of the women in observing the seasons of prayer, especially the "Day of Prayer around the World" in December. Some time ago Miss Ruth Randall wrote the following description of the weekly prayer meeting of the First Church of Rio:

"The weekly prayer meeting at the First Church of Rio is certainly a blessed hour. Come with me one Thursday night and enjoy a spiritual feast.

"About half of the church members are present. Presiding is the pastor of the church, John Soren, the worthy son of a worthy father.

"On the table are many written requests for prayer. After a song service the pastor reads those requests that refer to evangelization. Very common is the request: 'I ask the prayer of the church for the conversion of members of my family and of others with whom I have been talking about the Gospel'. Opportunity is then given for verbal requests and all over the house people rise to present their petitions. There are then two voluntary prayers on behalf of these requests. Here every one stands during prayer, no matter how many or how long. After a hymn lustily sung, as singing is one of the joys of Brazilian Christians, there are read then the requests that refer to material things—sickness, distress, difficulties of every kind—and by various brethren these are remembered before the Lord. After the verse of a hymn, the pastor asks for a few moments of silent prayer, then he lifts his voice in petition and in thanksgiving. One feels that it is good to be here and that the Holy Spirit is truly present.

"Then there are passed out copies of the Book of Acts and the pastor reads a chapter, with trenchant comments as he reads, bringing out vividly the struggles and victories of primitive Christianity. The hour is over; there is a concluding word of prayer of dismissal and the people greet each other, some passing by the table to carry with them the written requests that they may remember them at home. It is all very simple; absolutely there is no entertainment feature. It is nonetheless a blessed hour, a ministry to the church members that is of great spiritual value and a real power plan for the church activities in His name and for His glory".

They Give—The Christians of Latin America are generous with their gifts. Miss Minnie Landrum says that it would be hard to find more generous givers than the women of Brazil. They are taught to pay their tithes every Sunday into the treasury of their churches. Then with their special gifts they support six of the workers employed by the two Brazilian Baptist mission boards, keep five young women in the two training schools and help with the maintenance of the W.M.U. Headquarters in Rio. In 1940 more than half of the members of the W.M.S. and Y.W.A. reported as tithers. There is a family of six in Cuba whose only support is a little laundry operated in the home; yet they faithfully place their tithe in the Lord's treasury each Lord's day.

They Make Disciples—All of our work in Latin America has had its one purpose to obey the command of Jesus to make disciples. So we rejoice over the reports that come to us of many who have accepted Christ. Recently in a special evangelistic effort of two weeks in Havana, Cuba, nearly 130 decision cards were signed. A missionary says: "A good thing about Cuban Christians is that they are never satisfied with knowing Christ themselves, but they want to make Him known to others and want others to be happy in Him too". From all of our missions in South America come reports of people in large numbers accepting the Lord. Surely this is the time of all times for southern Baptists to send a large force of missionaries into the Latin American countries to make disciples of the millions of people there who are hungry for the Gospel and who if they but hear will by the thousands say, "We believe".

A NEW LATIN AMERICAN MISSION

FOR long we have referred to our mission countries in South America as our A B C lands, meaning Argentina, Brazil and Chile. To these we must soon add another C for Colombia. There are scattered groups of baptized believers throughout Colombia and these have been hoping for a long time that our Foreign Board would send missionaries to help organize and guide their work. Last year the Foreign Board requested Missionary J. L. Hart to stop off in Colombia on his way back to his field in Chile to make a survey of the need and of the possibility of establishing a Baptist work in that country. Dr. Hart's report was so favorable that the Board voted to send a missionary couple to begin work in this new field. Dr. Hart writes of Colombia as follows: "In population Colombia is the third South American country. It has over nine million inhabitants. Like her sister republics it is a land of extremes and contradictions, having every climate from sweltering tropical heat to frigid cold. Every known plant can grow somewhere in Colombia; and, as to animals and insects, no one knows just how many species there are. The palace is hard by the hovel. The burro, the ox and the auto all travel the same road. You can travel from one place to another by boat taking weeks or you can go by plane in a few hours. Some Colombians are very rich, but the great majority are desperately poor. Many are highly cultured; and yet fifty per cent of the population is illiterate.

"Into this land of extremes, southern Baptists are about to carry the Gospel. You say, is not Colombia a Christian land? It is so called; but the great majority of her people do not know the living Christ and have no religious convictions. While our politicians are talking about the Good Neighbor Policy and our capitalists are pouring their money into Colombia, let southern Baptists take Christ to Colombia and in so doing we shall give them our best and meet their greatest need".

Southern Baptists have two missionaries in Colombia. Five other couples were in April appointed to this strategic country.

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss obedience as the test of Christian discipleship.
2. What should be the spirit of our obedience to God?
3. Discuss the importance of national obedience.
4. Discuss God's faithfulness as an inspiration to us to be faithful.
5. What is the best way to show the spirit of good-will to South America?
6. Tell something of the opportunities for missionary work in Latin America.
7. Tell of the needs of the Gospel in Latin America.
8. Tell of God's blessings on our work in Latin America.
9. Tell how the command to preach is being obeyed in Latin America.
10. Tell of our educational work in Latin America.
11. Discuss the power of the printed Word in Latin America.
12. Tell of our new mission field in Latin America.

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 the listed material and in leaflets suggested in this number which may be obtained for a few cents from W.M.U. Literature Department, 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. See list of leaflets on page 3.

The Window of Y.W.A. —World Comrades
 The Commission —Southern Baptist Home Missions
 State Denominational Papers
 Last Reports of Home and Foreign Mission Boards
 Sharing with Neighbor America.....Dr. W. C. Taylor
 Christ in the Silver Lands.....L. C. Quarles
 A Baptist Generation in Cuba.....Dr. M. N. McCall



Stewardship Suggestions

Southwide Stewardship Chairman, Mrs. Carter Wright, Ala.

CHURCHES 100% RESIDENT WOMEN MEMBERS— MISSIONARY GIVERS

Highly gratifying is the emphasis which many southern Baptist churches place on gifts to missions, one expression of this emphasis being the effort to get every resident woman member of the church to give something to missions during the calendar year. In 1941 there were 593 S.B.C. churches that reported success in this effort, such gifts being made either through the Cooperative Program (designated or undesignated) or through offerings of W.M.U. These 593 churches are herewith listed, sincerest appreciation being felt toward the pastor and Woman's Missionary Society of each church. The numeral by the church's name indicates the number of years that the church has been successful in this effort. A star (*) by the name of a church points to the fact that the church was also A-1 during the past calendar year, 58 churches each having attained the two-fold distinction, this being a gain of 10 for the year. (For A-1 list see pages 29-31.)

Alabama

3 Aldrich
 1 Bayview
 1 Benton
 1 Bessemer, Second
 2 Bethany
 7 Bethel (Shelby Co.)
 1 Birmingham, Central
 1 Park

1 Carbon Hill
 1 Carlisleville
 8 Catherine

*5 Chatham

1 Comer
 1 Dolomite

1 Dora, First

9 Fitzpatrick

1 Ft. Payne

2 Friendship

6 Hebron (Pickens Assn.)

1 Isney

1 Jasper, First

1 Lamison

1 Leeds

1 Liberty

1 Mt. Carmel

1 Mt. Signal

5 Myrtlewood

1 Oakman

3 Orrville

1 Parrish

*1 Phenix City, Westside

1 Pickensville

6 Ramer

1 Sardis

5 Shiloh (Selma Assn.)

1 Sipsey

1 Sumiton

*1 Sylacauga, Mignon

1 Sycamore

4 Three Notch

*3 Tolbert

1 Trussville

3 Tuscaloosa, Southside

Arizona

*2 Coolidge, First

*2 Sacaton, Pima Indian

2 Tucson, Columbia St.

Arkansas

1 Almyra

1 Bald Knob

3 Beirne

2 Berryville

1 Black Rock

1 Branch

1 Carlisle

1 Crawfordville

1 Cullendale

*1 Dumas

1 East Point

1 El Dorado, Union

*1 El Dorado, West Side

1 Elliott

1 Forrest City

1 Ft. Smith, Calvary

*1 Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.

5 Genoa

2 Geyer Springs

1 Gommell

1 Greenwood

1 Horatio

1 Hoxie

1 Hughes

2 Ironton

1 Joyce City

1 Little Rock, Calvary

1 Lockesburg

1 Louann

1 Manila

1 Manning

1 Melbourne

1 Montrose

1 Mt. Pleasant

1 New Liberty

1 Nodena

1 Ozan

1 Paragould, East Side

1 Pine Bluff, Ohio St.

1 Pleasant Valley

3 Plumerville

2 Salem

1 Sparkman

*3 Star City

1 Strong

1 Stuttgart

2 Sylvan Hills

1 Texarkana, Harmony

2 Wilmot

1 Wynne

Florida

1 Aucilla, Central

1 Brandon

1 Bushnell

1 Chipley

2 Crestview, First

1 Dunnellon, First
1 Eustis, First
1 Gretna
1 Jacksonville, First
1 Jay
1 Lake Wales, First
*1 Leesburg, Main Street
1 MacClenny, First
1 Marianna, Greenwood
1 Miami, First
1 Miami, Riverside
1 Miami, Southside
1 Miami, West Flagler
1 Milton
1 New Hope (Suwannee
Assn.)
1 North Pleasant Grove
(New River Assn.)
2 Orlando, Lucerne Park
1 Otter Creek
*1 Oviedo
1 Palatka, Lemon Heights
1 Pine Castle
1 Pine Grove
1 South Bay, First
1 Tallahassee, First
1 Tallahassee, Lakeview
1 Tampa, Idlewild
1 Tampa, Tenth Avenue
1 Wauchula, North Eighth
Avenue
1 West Palm Beach,
Northwood

Georgia

*5 Ailey
2 Antioch (Georgia Assn.)
*3 Bowman
1 Camak
1 Carnesville
1 Colbert
1 Devereux
*1 Double Heads
2 Ebenezer (Friendship
Assn.)
1 Edwards Chapel
1 Franklin
2 Haddock
1 Hapeville, Second
1 Harmony (Hebron Assn.)
2 Hebron (Friendship
Assn.)
1 Holly Springs
2 Leslie
3 Lexington
1 Macon, Memorial
2 Marietta, Second
1 Maxeys
1 Midway
1 Montezuma
1 Mt. Gilead
6 Mt. Zion (Reheboth
Assn.)
4 New Richland
7 Olive Branch

1 Providence (Carrollton
Assn.)
2 Rebecca
1 Rehoboth (Friendship
Assn.)
1 Roberts
*4 Rome, Tubize
4 Salem (Georgia Assn.)
2 Sand Hill
*2 Sardis (Hebron Assn.)
*4 Smyrna
1 Surrency
1 Sweetwater
1 Temple Hill
1 Vesta
3 Viluluh
*4 Wades
4 Woodville

Illinois

1 Altamont
1 Clay City
2 East St. Louis, Fifteenth
Street
2 East St. Louis, Sterling
1 Freedom
2 German
1 Gillespie
*1 Granite City, Third
1 Greenland
1 Marshall Creek
1 Martinsburg
1 Modesto
4 Mt. Vernon, Second
4 New Hope
6 Nilwood
1 Oblong
2 Old Du Quoin
1 Providence
2 Shawneetown
1 Stonefort
1 Valier, First
1 Vienna
1 Willisville
*1 Wisetown

Kentucky

1 Asbland, Unity
1 Bethel
1 Bethel
1 Briensburg
1 Burnside, First
1 Central Grove
1 Clear Fork
1 Cold Springs, First
1 Cold Water
1 Corn Creek
1 Cumberland, Central
2 Dry Run
1 Eastwood
3 Evansville, Ind., Calvary
1 Garrett
1 Greenup, First
1 Hazel
1 High Splint

1 Hillsboro
1 Hooven, Ohio
1 Irvington, First
1 Jenkins, First
1 Junction City
1 Knoxville
1 Lewisburg
1 Lone Oak
1 Louisville, Hazelwood
1 Louisville, Highland Park,
First
1 Louisville, Virginia Ave.
1 Louisville, West Side
1 Meadow Home
1 Morganfield, First
2 Mt. Pleasant
1 Pleasant Grove (Jellison
Co.)
1 Salem
1 Salem
1 Stony Point
1 Thorn Hill
1 Turner's Station
1 West Hickman
1 Worthville

Louisiana

1 Bunkie, First
1 Clifton
1 Evangeline, First
1 Hackberry, First
*1 Homer Oil Field
2 West Monroe, Ridge
Ave.

Maryland

1 Baltimore, Druid Park
1 Brunswick, First
1 Dundalk, Woolford
Memorial
5 Easton, First
1 Hagerstown, First
3 Havre de Grace, First
1 Mt. Lake Park
1 Nanjemoy
2 Reisterstown

Mississippi

1 Ackerman
1 Blue Mountain, Lowrey
Memorial
1 Calhoun City
1 Canton, Center Terrace
1 Center Ridge
1 De Soto
1 Escatawpa
1 Grenada
1 Harmony
1 Hickory Grove
1 Hopewell
1 Houlika
1 Jackson, Northside
1 Leaf River
1 Lexington
1 Logtown
1 Longtown

1 Louin
1 Ludlow
1 Memorial
1 Morrison Chapel
*1 New Albany
2 New Hope
2 New Zion (Choctaw Co.
Assn.)
1 New Zion (Copiah Co.
Assn.)
1 Paynes
2 Pinegrove (Pearl River
Assn.)
1 Pine Grove (Simpson Co.
Assn.)
1 Pocahontas
1 Poplarville
1 Quitman
1 Red Banks, Pleasant
Grove
2 Salem
1 Siwell

Missouri

1 Afton
1 Alton
3 Ash Grove
1 Ava
1 Cantwell
1 Concordia
4 Dixon
1 Dry Fork (Callaway
Assn.)
1 Fairfax
1 Fremont
1 Gideon
3 Green Mound (Franklin
Co. Assn.)
1 Hillsboro
3 Hopewell (Callaway
Assn.)
2 Kansas City, Munsell
1 King's Point (Dade Co.)
2 Leeton
3 Littleby (Audrain Assn.)
1 Manes
1 Memphis
1 Middletown
1 Milan
4 Mt. Hermon (Lamine
Assn.)
1 Mt. Leonard
2 Neosho, First
2 New Friendship (Franklin
Co. Assn.)
1 North Kansas City
1 Owensville
1 Pineville
1 Providence (Clay-Platte
Assn.)
2 Richland (Pleasant Grove
Assn.)
1 Rising Sun (Callaway
Assn.)
1 St. Louis, Kingshighway
1 Savannah

2 Southwest City
1 Splitlog (Shoal Creek
Assn.)
1 Yellow Creek (North
Central Assn.)
1 Wellington

North Carolina

1 Ashley's Grove
1 Brevard, First
1 Cartledge Creek
*1 Conway
1 Cool Springs
1 Corinth
1 Deep Creek
1 Dexter
1 Elam
4 Orrum
1 Piney Forest
1 Samaria
1 Seaboard
1 Wilson, Five Points
*4 Winton

Oklahoma

1 Ardmore, First
2 Billings, First
1 Coffeyville, Kansas,
Emmanuel
1 Lindsay, First
1 Minco, First
1 Ringling, First
1 Rush Springs, Missionary
1 Tulsa, Glenwood
1 Tulsa, Phenix Avenue
1 Tulsa, Temple
1 Tulsa, Trinity
1 Tulsa, White City
1 Zaneis

South Carolina

3 Academy
1 Aynor
1 Bethany
1 Bethel
1 Bethlehem
5 Beulah
1 Blacksburg, First
1 Bonneau, Lanes
2 Branchville, Reevesville
1 Center
1 Charleston, Jamestown
1 Chester, Woodward
1 Clifton No. 1
1 Columbia, Kilmourne
Park
1 Collins Creek
1 Concord
3 Corinth (Broad River
Assn.)
1 Edgefield, Ebenezer
1 Estill, Scotia
2 First Creek
*2 Flint Hill
*1 Fort Lawn

1 Friendship
3 Good Hope (Saluda
Assn.)
*1 Goucher
1 Greenville, Central
*1 Greenville, City View
*1 Greenville, Morgan
Memorial

1 Greer, Princeton
1 Greeleyville
1 Greeleyville, Tusheville
2 Hampton, Varnville
1 High Hill
1 Holly Hill, Eutawville
3 Honea Path, Due West
3 Horeb (Abbeville Assn.)
4 Horeb (Santee Assn.)
1 Jonesville, Carlisle
2 Kelton, Mt. Joy
1 Lake Swamp
1 Lancaster, Bethlehem
2 Laurens, Lanford
3 Long Branch, Santee
Assn.)

1 Loris
1 Lowrys
1 Marshville, Liberty Hill
1 Mt. View
1 Mount Vernon
1 Newberry, First
1 Newberry, Hunt
Memorial
2 Newberry, Prosperity
3 New Hope (Santee Assn.)
1 Orangeburg
1 Pamlico
1 Peace Haven
4 Pee Dee
1 Pleasant Valley
1 Prospect
*1 Reedy Fork

1 Republican
1 Ridgeway
1 Spring Hill
1 Summerville
*1 Taylors
2 Union (York Assn.)
3 Walhalla, Monte Vista
2 Walnut Grove
1 Waterloo
1 Wellford, Fingerville
2 White Oak
5 Wolf Pond

Tennessee

*1 Athens, First
*1 Chattanooga, Northside
1 Chattanooga, Rossville
Tabernacle
*2 Covington
1 Elizabethton, Grace
Tabernacle
1 Fayetteville, First
1 Henderson
1 Herrons Chapel
5 Jackson, Royal Street

- 1 Jefferson City, First
- *2 Knoxville, Calvary
- 3 Knoxville, Powell Station
- 2 Madison
- 1 Maple Springs
- 2 Middle Creek
- 1 Milan
- 1 Mt. Juliet
- 1 Nashville, Hermitage
- 1 Nashville, Woodbine
- 1 Nashville, Woodmont
- 3 New Salem
- 1 Sneedville

Texas

- 1 Austin, Hillcrest
- 3 Austin, Hyde Park
- 7 Boerne
- 1 Camilla
- 1 Choate
- 4 Comfort
- 2 Dallas, East
- 5 Dallas, Marsalis Park
- 1 Dilley
- 1 Dimmitt
- 3 Ebenezer
- 3 El Paso, Highland Park
- 1 Fairfield
- 3 Ferris
- 1 Finney
- 4 Flatonia
- 1 Ft. Davis
- 1 Friendship
- 1 Grandfalls
- 2 Hallettsville
- 3 Hempstead
- 1 Hodges
- 3 Houston, Golden Acres
- 1 Huntsville, First
- 2 Immanuel
- 1 Kamay
- 4 Kyle
- 5 Longview, Emmanuel
- 1 Nolan
- 1 Oilton
- 1 Quemado
- 1 San Angelo, Harris Ave.
- 1 Shiner
- 2 Tatum
- 1 Temple, Memorial
- 1 Texarkana, West
- 2 Waco, Bellmead
- 1 Waco, Emanuel
- 1 Winfree

Virginia

- 8 Altavista
- 1 Amherst
- 1 Arbor (Dan River Assn.)
- 1 Bacon's Castle
- *1 Bassett, Pocahontas
- *1 Battery Park (Blackwater Assn.)
- 1 Beech Grove (Peninsula Assn.)

- 1 Benedict (Powell River Assn.)
- 1 Berea (Goshen Assn.)
- 6 Bethel (Portsmouth Assn.)
- 9 Bethlehem (James River Assn.)
- 3 Boiesvain
- 3 Branchville (Blackwater Assn.)
- 3 Brandy (Shiloh Assn.)
- 1 Brookneal
- 8 Burdette (Blackwater Assn.)

- 1 Calvary (Potomac Assn.)
- 1 Cave Rock (Valley Assn.)
- 1 Central (Concord Assn.)
- 1 Chestnut Level (Pittsylvania Assn.)

- *5 Coeburn

- 1 C. & O. (James River Assn.)

- *4 Cool Spring (Dover Assn.)

- 1 Covington

- *1 Crooked Run (Shiloh Assn.)

- 1 Dillwyn

- 6 Ephesus (Rappahannock Assn.)

- *1 Exmore

- 1 Falling River (Appomattox Assn.)

- *4 Fieldale

- 1 George Braxton Taylor

- Good Will Center

- 3 Glenn Memorial (Appomattox Assn.)

- *4 Graceland (Middle District)

- 2 Hall's Chapel (Accomac Assn.)

- 1 Hanover (Rappahannock Assn.)

- 1 Hardy Central (Dover Assn.)

- 1 Healing Springs (Augusta Assn.)

- 1 Honaker

- 1 Horntown (Accomac Assn.)

- *2 Jerusalem (Rappahannock Assn.)

- 1 Laurel Hill (Albemarle Assn.)

- 1 Lawrenceville

- 1 Lone Branch (Powell River Assn.)

- 7 Massaponax (Goshen Assn.)

- 3 Matoaca

- 1 Meherrin (Concord Assn.)

- 1 Middleburg

- 1 Midland (Valley Assn.)

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- 1 Midway (Appomattox Assn.)
- 1 Millstone (Dan River Assn.)
- 1 Mineral Springs (Strawberry Assn.)
- 8 Mooreland (Rappahannock Assn.)

- *4 Mountain View (Lebanon Assn.)

- 1 Mountain View (Strawberry Assn.)

- *1 Mt. Hermon (Middle District)

- 1 Mt. Hermon (Pittsylvania Assn.)

- 1 Mt. Hope (Middle District)

- 1 Mt. Nebo (Appomattox Assn.)

- 9 Mt. Plain (Albemarle Assn.)

- 3 Mt. Zion (Shiloh Assn.)

- 1 Muddy Creek (Middle District)

- 1 New Hope (Blue Ridge Assn.)

- 1 Norwood (Rappahannock Assn.)

- 1 Oak Hall (Dover Assn.)

- 7 Pamunkey (Dover Assn.)

- *2 Petersburg Good Will Center

- *2 Pocahontas

- *4 Portsmouth, Jackson Memorial

- *7 Portsmouth, Park View

- 1 Portsmouth, West Norfolk

- 3 Purcellville (Potomac Assn.)

- 3 Ragland Memorial (Dover Assn.)

- 1 Ramoth (Potomac Assn.)

- 1 Rappahannock (Rappahannock Assn.)

- 1 Ridge (Dover Assn.)

- 1 Roanoke, East End

- 1 Roanoke, Garden City

- 1 Rockfish (Piedmont Assn.)

- 1 Rock Hill (Potomac Assn.)

- 2 Rocky Mount

- 1 Samaria (Dover Assn.)

- 1 Sharon (Dover Assn.)

- 9 Sharon (James River Assn.)

- *1 Spring Creek (Appomattox Assn.)

- 4 Spring Hill (Rappahannock Assn.)

- *2 Spring Hill (Shiloh Assn.)

- 3 Stanardsville (Shiloh Assn.)

Society + Methods

CHURCHES HAVING A-1 FULL GRADED W.M.U.

IF any features of W.M.U. work are as comprehensive as are the possibilities wrapped up in each organization's Standard of Excellence, the reaching of which is not only encouraged but urged because of the well-nigh inevitable local and world-wide benefits. Last year 6841 W.M.U. organizations for young people and women each attained A-1 on their respective standards, at least 1705 of these standard organizations being in the 341 southern Baptist churches each of which maintained an A-1 Woman's Missionary Society and at least one each of the graded W.M.U. young people's organizations. To the pastors and W.M.U. leaders and members of these 341 churches there is extended hearty thanks and congratulations. The names of these churches follow. Among them are 58 that were also distinguished for extra stewardship activity among the women, a star (*) being shown by the name of any such church, this record being 10 above that of the previous year. The figure by the name of each church indicates the number of years that the church has maintained an A-1 Full Graded W.M.U. (For the list of churches distinguished as to stewardship see pages 25-28.)

Alabama

- 5 Bessemer, South Highland
- 4 Birmingham, Bush Hills
- 6 Birmingham, First
- 6 Birmingham, Ensley, Pike Avenue
- 3 Birmingham, South Avondale
- *7 Chastom
- 1 Decatur, Central
- 5 Elba
- 1 Grove Hill
- 2 Langdale, First
- 2 Northport, First
- *2 Phenix City, West Side
- 1 Roanoke, First
- 12 Selma, Central
- *7 Sylacauga, Mignon
- 1 Thomasville
- *10 Tolbert

Arizona

- *3 Coolidge, First
- 1 Phoenix, First Southern
- *2 Sacaton, Pima Indian

Arkansas

- 1 Arkadelphia, Second
- 5 Bentonville
- *3 Dumas
- *2 El Dorado, Westside
- 1 Ft. Smith, First
- *2 Ft. Smith, Grand Avenue
- 1 Little Rock, Immanuel

Florida

- 1 Little Rock, Pulaski Heights
- 2 McGehee
- 1 Magnolia, Central
- 10 Paris
- 9 Pine Bluff, First
- 1 Prescott
- *1 Star City
- 4 Clermont, Grace
- 3 Green Cove Springs, First
- 1 Lake Worth, First
- *1 Leesburg, Main Street
- *1 Oviedo
- 11 West Palm Beach, First

Georgia

- *14 Ailey
- 3 Albany, Byne Memorial
- 1 Americus, Central
- 1 Athens, Prince Avenue
- 2 Atlanta, Fifth Avenue
- 3 Atlanta, Grove Park
- 5 Atlanta, Kirkwood
- 1 Bainbridge, First
- 5 Bay Branch
- 1 Blakely
- *3 Bowman
- 1 Clarkston
- 6 Corinth (Middle Assn.)
- 1 Covington, Second
- *17 Double Heads
- 7 Dry Branch

Illinois

- 1 Gainesville, Central
- 4 Green Hill
- 1 Jeffersonville
- 1 Manchester, North Side
- 16 Millen
- 9 New Providence (Middle Assn.)
- 1 North Newington
- 2 Oak Hill
- 7 Porterdale
- 1 Quitman, First
- 8 Rome, Maple Street
- 1 Rome, North Broad
- *3 Rome, Tubize
- *1 Sardis (Hebron Assn.)
- 4 Savannah, Bull Street
- 2 Savannah, Calvary
- *1 Smyrna
- 2 Stone Mountain
- 6 Summerville
- 2 Swainsboro
- 17 Sylvania
- 4 Tennesse
- 9 Thomaston, First
- *8 Wades

Illinois

- 1 Carrier Mills
- 1 Delafield
- *3 Granite City, Third
- 1 Jackson, Michigan, Gorcham Street
- 6 McLeansboro
- 1 Marion, First

- 1 Marion, Second
- 6 Salem
- 2 Springfield, South Grand Avenue
- *3 Wisetown

Kentucky

- 1 Adairville
- 1 Christiansburg
- 3 Danville, First
- 5 Erlanger, Elmore
- 1 Franklin
- 1 Freedom
- 5 Irvine, First
- 9 Lancaster, Liberty
- 1 Latonia
- 17 Lebanon Junction, First
- 1 Lexington, Calvary
- 1 Louisville, St. Matthews
- 1 Marion
- 2 Midway
- 1 Owensboro, Eaton Memorial
- 1 Perryville
- 1 Simpsonville
- 4 Trenton
- 2 Union
- 7 Whitesville

Louisiana

- 1 DeQuincy, First
- 1 Gibland, First
- 4 Homer, First
- *3 Homer Oil Field
- 13 Jennings, First
- 1 Lafayette, First
- 8 Lake Charles, Trinity
- 9 Minden, First
- 1 Monroe, First
- 10 New Orleans, Central
- 4 New Orleans, First
- 8 New Orleans, Valence St.
- 8 Shreveport, Parkview
- 3 Sulphur, First
- 1 Welch, First

Mississippi

- 1 Charleston
- 4 Clarksdale
- 1 Clinton
- 1 Columbus, East End
- 2 Crosby
- 1 Durant
- 1 Gulfport, First
- 5 Indianola
- 4 Jackson, Calvary
- 10 Jackson, First
- 1 Liberty
- 2 Meridian, First
- 4 Morgan City
- *1 New Albany
- 7 Sunflower
- 6 Tupelo, Calvary
- 5 Tupelo, First

Missouri

- 7 Cabool

- 4 Flat River
- 7 Houston
- 3 Kennett
- 1 Kirksville
- 1 Mountain Grove
- 1 New Liberty (Blue River Assn.)
- 3 Sedalia, First
- 9 Springfield, Immanuel

North Carolina

- 5 Asheville, Merrimon Ave.
- 1 Clayton
- 6 Colerain
- *1 Conway
- 9 Creeksville
- 1 Dunn, First
- 1 Enfield
- 1 Falk Bluff
- 2 Farmville
- 1 Fountain
- 1 Henderson, First
- 5 Madison
- 6 Millbrook
- 1 Mocksville
- 1 Morganton, Calvary
- 1 Mt. Beulah
- 1 Mt. Zion
- 1 New Bridge
- 8 New Friendship
- 1 Salisbury, First
- 1 Sanford, First
- 1 Scotland Neck
- 9 Shiloh (Chowan Assn.)
- 2 Stoney Creek
- 2 Winston-Salem, North
- 6 Winston-Salem, Southside
- *1 Winton

Oklahoma

- 1 Amber
- 2 Idabel
- 1 Ponca City, First
- 3 Talbina

South Carolina

- 1 Bush River
- 1 Columbia, Shandon
- 7 Darlington, First
- 2 Doctor's Creek
- 2 Enoree
- *1 Flint Hill
- *2 Fort Lawn
- 11 Gaffney, First
- *14 Goucher
- 13 Grassy Pond
- 2 Greenville, Calvary
- *1 Greenville, City View
- 2 Greenville, Earle Street
- 1 Greenville, Judson
- *3 Greenville, Morgan Memorial
- 1 Greenville, Park Place
- 3 Greenville, Pendleton St.
- 1 Greenville, Second
- 1 Greenwood, South Main

- 1 Hampton
- 5 Inman Mill
- 10 Lamar
- 4 Laurens, First
- 3 Lawtonville
- 17 Mt. Elon
- 4 Mullins
- 10 Olanta
- 1 Pleasant View
- *3 Reedy Fork
- 6 Simpsonville, First
- 2 Sparrow Swamp
- 5 Swift Creek
- *1 Taylors
- 2 Walterboro
- 8 Westminster
- 1 Westminster, First

Tennessee

- 12 Alamo
- *3 Athens, First
- 1 Auburn
- 4 Bolivar
- 5 Chattanooga, Calvary
- 1 Chattanooga, Central
- 8 Chattanooga, Chamberlain Avenue
- *15 Chattanooga, Northside
- 17 Chattanooga, Tabernacle
- 4 Cleveland, First
- *9 Covington
- 1 Erwin, Calvary
- 1 Grand Junction
- *4 Knoxville, Calvary
- 4 Lewisburg
- 8 Memphis, Bellevue
- 1 Memphis, Central Avenue
- 3 Memphis, First
- 1 Memphis, Whitehaven
- 1 Mt. Carmel
- 6 Nashville, Eastland
- 4 Nashville, Lockland
- 2 Nashville, Madison
- 7 Nashville, Old Hickory

Texas

- 1 Brownfield
- 1 Fairplay
- 3 Henderson, First
- 1 Hereford, First
- 11 Houston, Baptist Temple
- 3 Houston, Park Memorial
- 1 Houston, West End
- 3 San Angelo, First
- 1 San Antonio, First
- 1 Silverton, First

Virginia

- 1 Alexandria, Del Ray
- 1 Alexandria, Temple
- 3 Ash Camp (Appomattox Assn.)
- 1 Axton
- 13 Bassett, First
- *1 Bassett, Pocahontas

- *1 Battery Park (Blackwater Assn.)
- 5 Bethany (Rappahannock Assn.)
- 1 Bethel (Accomac Assn.)
- 1 Bethlehem (Middle District)
- 1 Beulah (Hermon Assn.)
- 1 Black Creek (Dover Assn.)
- 1 Bluefield, W. Va., First
- 2 Bowling Green
- 1 Bristol, First
- 3 Buena Vista
- 1 Central (Middle District)
- 1 Chase City
- 2 Chatham
- *11 Cochburn
- *4 Cool Spring (Dover Assn.)
- 4 Courtland
- 1 Crewe
- *1 Crooked Run (Shiloh Assn.)
- 2 Crystal Hill (Dan River Assn.)
- 1 Danville, First
- 6 Danville, Lee Street
- 1 Danville, Moffett Memorial
- 2 Danville, Second
- 1 Dendron
- 3 Dundas (Concord Assn.)
- 1 Ebenezer (Appomattox Assn.)
- *1 Exmore
- 1 Fairfield
- *6 Fieldale
- 1 Fluvanna (Albemarle Assn.)

- 5 Glen Allen
- 1 Hampton Memorial
- *2 Jerusalem (Rappahannock Assn.)
- 2 Kerr's Creek (Augusta Assn.)
- 1 Laurel Grove (Pittsylvania Assn.)
- 2 Leesburg
- 1 London Bridge
- 4 Marion
- 1 Martinsville, First
- 4 Martinsville, Starling Avenue
- *5 Mountain View (Lebanon Assn.)
- *1 Mt. Hermon (Middle District)
- 7 Mt. Lebanon (Shiloh Assn.)
- 3 Mt. Vernon (Dover Assn.)
- 3 Nelson (Dan River Assn.)
- 1 New Hope (Concord Assn.)
- 1 New Hope (James River Assn.)
- 1 Newport News, Orcutt Avenue
- 1 Norfolk, Burrows Memorial
- 1 Norton
- 4 Olivet (Rappahannock Assn.)
- *2 Petersburg Good Will Center
- *8 Pocahontas
- *6 Portsmouth, Jackson Memorial

- *2 Portsmouth, Park View
- 1 Potomac (Rappahannock Assn.)
- 1 Richmond, Barton Heights
- 2 Richmond, Boulevard
- 1 Richmond, Northside
- 1 Roanoke, Belmont
- 1 Roanoke, First
- 3 Round Oak (Hermon Assn.)
- 6 Ruckersville
- 1 Scottsville
- 2 Sedley (Blackwater Assn.)
- 5 South Boston
- 1 South Richmond, Woodland Heights
- *2 Spring Creek (Appomattox Assn.)
- *13 Spring Hill (Shiloh Assn.)
- 1 Stuart
- 1 Suffolk, First
- 5 Suffolk, West End
- *11 Thaxton
- *2 Troutville (Valley Assn.)
- *3 Tsena-Commocke
- 3 Tucker Swamp
- 1 Union (Peninsula Assn.)
- *3 Union Hill (Appomattox Assn.)
- 2 Upper Essex (Rappahannock Assn.)
- 7 Wilcomico (Rappahannock Assn.)
- *1 Winn's (Dover Assn.)
- *2 Winn's Creek (Dan River Assn.)
- 5 Young's Chapel



STEWARDSHIP SUGGESTIONS (Concluded from Page 28)

- 2 Sumterduck (Potomac Assn.)
- 1 Tabernacle (Valley Assn.)
- 2 Tazewell
- *2 Thaxton
- 1 Thomas Memorial (Petersburg Assn.)
- 1 Thompson's Settlement (Powell River Assn.)
- 1 Tomahawk (Middle District)
- *1 Troutville (Valley Assn.)
- *9 Tsena-Commocke (Dover Assn.)
- 1 Union (Accomac Assn.)
- 1 Union (Middle District)
- *1 Union Hill (Appomattox Assn.)
- 1 Vesuvius
- 3 Wakefield (Petersburg Assn.)
- 1 Waterford (Potomac Assn.)
- 4 Waverly
- 1 Willis Grove (Blue Ridge Assn.)
- 1 Winfall (Appomattox Assn.)
- *1 Winn's (Dover Assn.)
- *3 Winn's Creek (Dan River Assn.)
- 1 Wytheville
- 1 Zion Hill (Valley Assn.)

Training School

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COMMENCEMENT SEASON at HOUSE BEAUTIFUL



Another year of work and study at the Training School has been completed, the first in the new House Beautiful. The traditional commencement vesper service was held this year on May 6 in the Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial Chapel. Following the processional of students and alumnae and the singing of the Alma Mater Hymn Miss Josephine Jones, representing the local chapter, welcomed the graduates into the Alumnae Association. It was a larger sisterhood into which she welcomed them, a fellowship with all of the women of the world. Leaving their places as seniors, the graduates passed through a rose-garland gate and took their places with the alumnae.

Miss Martha Thomas Ellis of Alabama and Argentina presented a challenge to every student as she reminded her of her purpose in coming to the Training School. "We came because we would see Jesus. Now He would say to you: 'Ye are My witnesses . . . Be not afraid . . . Go . . . Tell . . . And lo, I am with you always!'" The singing of "I Would Be True", which followed Miss Ellis' message, seemed to be a prayerful answer to the challenge.

The members of the Student Committee charged the juniors with the responsibility of the quest of service and beauty which is undertaken in the two years at House Beautiful. In behalf of the juniors, the student chairman for next year expressed the spirit of humility and the assuring consciousness of the presence of God in such a quest as she accepted the senior responsibilities.

A fitting climax to the vesper service was the presentation of the rose-garlands to the juniors by the seniors. As the juniors knelt to receive the garlands the seniors sang "For You I Am Praying".

On the following evening, May 7, in the Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial Chapel, was held the Thirty-fifth Commencement service in which fifty-two graduates received certificates or degrees. The exercises were opened with the Processional from the "Pageant of Darkness and Light". After the invocation by Dr. Harold W. Tribble, the Training School Chorus presented a special number, "Praise Thou the Lord".

Mrs. J. H. Anderson of Tennessee, former principal of the Training School, brought a message filled with significant challenges for such a time as this. Speaking on "The Greatest of These", Mrs. Anderson told of the great need of the world for faith, hope, love and God. "The cure for our sick and miserable world is Christ. The 'New Order' must be founded on Christianity. No ordinary service and sacrifice will win the victory. It is going to take great faith, hope and love to win the peace". Her challenge to the graduates was to a group of new recruits, going out to do battle for Christ's Kingdom. "Surely your task is to plant faith, hope and love in the heart of the world".

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The ASSOCIATION of BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

ONE of the most effective instruments for creating and maintaining the interest of the business woman in the local circle is through the associational organization. Business women, of course, do not have the opportunity of attending the regular W.M.S. meetings and their chief contact with the W.M.U. work is through their own circle meetings. The Business Women's Circle is comparatively new and we regularly enlist women who previously have had no experience with the work. Therefore, the association is an invaluable means for directing the thinking and activities of the local circle toward the broad and comprehensive work of the W.M.U.

The first association of Baptist Business Women's Circles was organized in Chattanooga, Tennessee, more than twenty years ago. From this beginning the associational work has been extended in some degree throughout the southern Baptist territory, being often referred to as the "B.W.C. Federation".

The most important officer of the Association of Business Women's Circles is the counselor, who is elected to this office by the association (or county) Woman's Missionary Union. She is the contact between the county association of the Woman's Missionary Union and the Business Women's Circles. The other officers and chairmen should be similar to those of the county W.M.U. organization with special duties to pro-

mote specific objectives with the local circles.

The vice-president in charge of enlargement would have the opportunity of promoting the organization of new circles. A conference should be held with the W.M.S. president of every church in the association that does not have a Business Women's Circle. No church is too small or too large—we have circles with as few as five and as many as one hundred.

The associational B.W.C. officers are always helpful in preparing and presenting the first program and in explaining the business women's work to the new circle, emphasizing the fact that they can neither win nor hold business women without a worth-while program, effectively rendered. The association also has been very successful in tactfully encouraging young women past the Y.W.A. age to withdraw from that group and form junior Business Women's Circles.

One of the association's greatest channels for definite service is through the mission study chairman because business women must be informed intelligently about missions before they will give to missionary causes. For the past several years we have had an outstanding annual Mission Study School in my home association in Memphis, Tennessee, with every circle having a definite responsibility to plan for it, to pay for it and come to it. For the past few years we

have studied the foreign mission book suggested by the southern W.M.U. preparatory for the December season of prayer and for two of the years we were fortunate to have for our teacher each year the author of the book. Our state secretary was also present in this school each year and was given a period each night for practical teachings on W.M.U. work.

As a result of this cooperative mission study, the business women have increased their offerings; their conception of world needs has become world-wide in its scope; they have realized that their gifts are transmuted into schools, hospitals, evangelists and missionaries on home and foreign fields. This sound business of being good stewards is also presented at every associational meeting and the circle stewardship chairmen cooperate with the associational chairman toward their goal, "Every business woman a tither".

Although the local Business Women's Circles plan their directed personal service in cooperation with the W.M.S. personal service chairman of their own church, the association as a whole has great opportunities for personal service. Perhaps some definite objective with the foreign population of the city would be

the greatest opportunity for missionary service and thereby present to every business woman the privilege of personal witnessing.

A few years ago our association brought Dr. Plainfield to survey the needs of the Italian people of our city. The business women visited in the homes of the Italian residents with Dr. Plainfield. Definite responsibilities for Good Will Center work and Mission Sunday Schools are also open doors for the personal service of the larger group. The inspiration of the testimony and experiences of missionaries, W.M.U. workers, successful business women and others who can be secured for the program of the associational meeting is one of its greatest benefits.

The joy of the associational work is the Christian fellowship that we share. As we stand in our quarterly meetings and look out upon the faces of scores of women who are engaged in every phase of business, our hearts are thrilled, because we know that—as they go about their daily work in the office, on the sales-floor, in the factory, from house to house, in the schoolroom, in the hospital—these women are making His way known.—Mrs. J. L. Williams, Memphis, Tenn.

TRAINING SCHOOL (Concluded from Page 32)

Following a special number by the Training School Chorus, "My Jesus As Thou Wilt", Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn presented a charge to the graduates. With Romans 8:37 as a theme, "For we are more than conquerors", she brought to mind the comparison of the context of that Scripture with conditions in our world today. "There must be a national regeneration, and that regeneration must begin with personal lives." In closing her charge, Miss Littlejohn said: "We send you out with a prayer that in God you will find the 'plus' that is needed to become more than conquerors".

Presentation of the certificates, diplomas and conferring of degrees followed, there being thirteen candidates for certificates, six for the degree of Bachelor of Religious Education, thirty-three for the degree of Master of Religious Education. After the chant of the juniors, "He shall give His angels charge over thee", Dr. W. H. Davis led the benediction.—Miss Jeannette Roebuck, Texas, '43

Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

With the approach, October 2, of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Baptist Missionary Society in Kettering, England, there is renewed interest in William Carey's *Enquiry into the Obligations of Christians to Use Means for the Conversion of the Heathens*. This unpretentious booklet was published and was offered for sale in a number of bookstores just previous to the date, May 30, 1792, on which William Carey preached his famous sermon "Expect great things from God . . . Attempt great things for God".

It is thought that Carey's *Enquiry* had no large sale as it rarely finds notice in literary histories. "Yet", says Ernest A. Payne in the *International Review of Missions*, "it is a real landmark in Christian history. In little more than five months after its appearance the Baptist Missionary Society was formed followed in quick succession by the London Missionary Society, the Church Missionary Society, the Religious Tract Society, the British Foreign and Bible Society and numerous others. Those years were notable in general history for the French Revolution terror and the emergence of Napoleon, yet when Carey died a revolution in the position and outlook of the Christian church had taken place and not a little of the secret of what had been achieved may be found in the pages of the *Enquiry*".

In his brief introduction Carey urges that those who use the Lord's Prayer should inform themselves as to the state of the world. The book is divided into five sections: an enquiry as to whom the Great Commission was given, a review of what had been accomplished in the past, a survey of the state of the world at that time, the practicability of something being done and the means, methods and opportunities. Dr. George Smith writing in 1885 called

the *Enquiry* the "first and still the greatest missionary treatise in the English language"; and Mr. Payne, author of *The Church Awakes*, says: "The simple strength, sincerity and cogency of the pamphlet make it readable and effective after 150 years. Though its facts and figures need replacing by those of a later date it still has a message. Its arguments are needed for a twentieth century apologetic. It will indeed be a pity if many are not led by the 150th anniversary of its appearance to study the *Enquiry* and to face its challenge".

Keeping in mind William Carey, who seemed to his contemporaries but "a poor journeyman shoemaker", the following brief digest of a story from *Missions* seems peculiarly apropos.—In July of this year the Managua Baptist Church in Nicaragua, Central America, will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Arturo Parajon. During those years the church grew from 50 to 600 members, 23 missions were established three of which have become organized churches. Ably assisted by his wife whom he had met when at the Baptist seminary in Saltillo, Mexico, women's and young people's work were developed. Mr. Parajon is a musician, composes music and has trained a great choir whose rendition of the "Hallelujah Chorus", "The Creation" and other famous compositions is notable. He was instrumental in organizing the Nicaragua Baptist Convention (1936) and was its first president. In 1938 he represented Central America in the World Missionary Conference in Madras, India. Please note—at the age of 18 Arturo Parajon was working as a shoemaker apprentice in his father's shop in Managua when he heard the Gospel message and surrendered his life to Christ. Persecuted and driven from home he continued loyal, supporting himself as a shoemaker till through the influence of a representative of the Woman's American Baptist Home Missionary Society a way was provided for him to attend the Baptist seminary in Mexico and train for the ministry.

After his recent visit to South America Dr. John R. Mott, speaking of the needs in the mission work there, declared that one of the greatest needs was that of effective Christian literature. He commended most highly the literature put out by our Baptist Publishing House in Brazil.



**VIEWS of BIBLE INSTITUTE and TRAINING SCHOOL
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Top (Left to Right):

Upper Patio: Dr. S. M. Sowell and Daughter, Mrs. Anne Sowell Margrett,
Directress; Vacation Bible School; Lower Patio

Bottom (Left to Right):

Students and Mrs. Margrett and Daughter, Doreen
Chapel

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