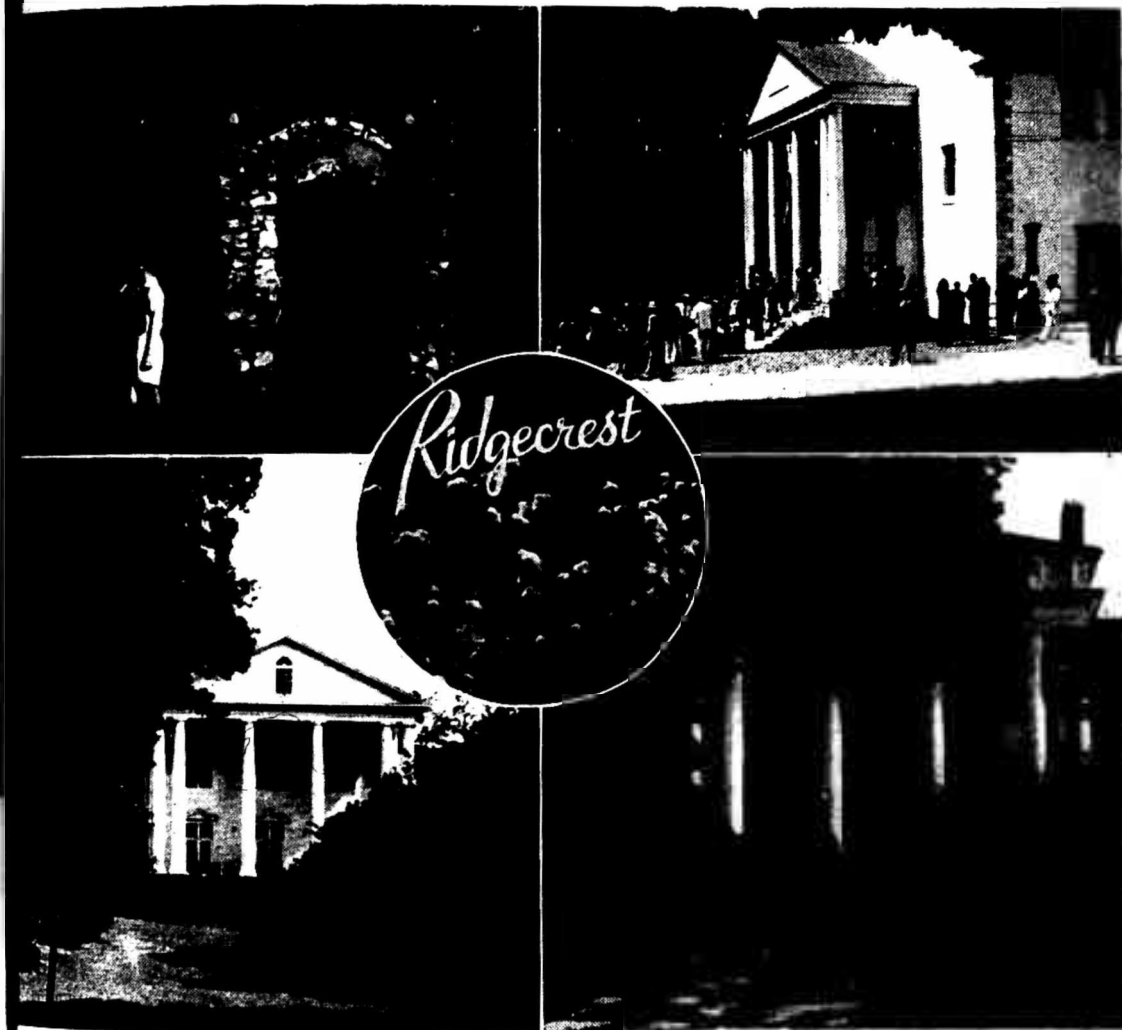


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THE above pictures are comprehensive yet incomplete in an effort to portray the full purpose and program of the Southern Baptist Assembly at Ridgecrest, N. C. Similarly the story is not half told when it is herewith re-announced that during the Foreign Missions Week at Ridgecrest this summer there will be featured also the W.M.U. Business Women's Conference, the inclusive dates being August 8-14. Plan to go to Ridgecrest for that world-encircling week and encourage the business women of your society to do likewise. (See also pages 5 and 6.)

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# Editorial

## A DEBT-FREE DENOMINATION

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

**T**HE 1942 meetings of the Woman's Missionary Union and the Southern Baptist Convention gave large emphasis to speedy clearing of all debts on the Boards and agencies of the Convention. The present world emergency and the prospect of unprecedented opportunities for missionary advance when the war shall have ended are the urgent reasons for measures to speed-up the debt clearance plans. A debt-free denomination before 1945 is believed to be an urgent necessity and a strong probability if all forces are united in the effort.

At its meeting June 16-17 the S.B.C. Executive Committee discussed measures to this end. Both the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board expressed, through their representatives, the conviction that their respective debts will be cleared by the end of 1943—the continued loyalty of southern Baptists being counted on. Rejoicing in this assurance the hope was expressed that by speeding up the efforts for enlistment in the Hundred Thousand Club and other debt-paying plans it would be possible to have a debt-free denomination before 1945.

Woman's Missionary Union in its auxiliary relationship to the Southern Baptist Convention has always endeavored to be the Convention's true helper in advancing its missionary program. In its meeting in Baltimore in 1940 the Union gave great impetus to the movement for "A Debtless Denomination by 1945" by its pledge to assume one million dollars of the approximately three millions then unpaid on S.B.C. debts. Splendid progress has been made on this objective which was considered a maximum in possibilities. But conditions have changed, tremendous world needs call insistently and there is a will to do. Moreover it is generally accepted that through 1942 and 1943 there will be increased income to individuals that will justify appeals for enlarged giving to the Cooperative Program which provides regular support to the denominational causes, to a greatly quickened debt-clearance and to the Weeks of Prayer offerings of W.M.U. Full information to members of our Woman's Missionary Societies and their auxiliary organizations for young people is essential that W.M.U. may be a true helper in the intensified effort to clear denominational debts as quickly as possible.

The recent annual meeting of W.M.U. used for its program theme the immortal words of William Carey: "Expect great things from God—Attempt great things for God". So often the Heavenly Father has rewarded the ventures of faith of this missionary organization. Its members are now challenged to be *expectant attempters*. Through wider enlistment and increased giving to the Cooperative Program, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions and the State Mission Offerings we shall keep open those channels upon which our boards and institutions depend for promotion of their missionary programs and for their respective debt-reducing plans. Through wider enlistment and increased giving we shall go the second mile in loyalty to the Hundred Thousand Club or such debt-paying plan as is promoted in our state. Conscious that a constructive program for world-redemption demands men and money we shall help our denomination to be ready to enter the doors of opportunity that post-war days will certainly open wide. If we confidently expect great things and zealously attempt great things we shall know VICTORY. For "this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith"—but "Faith without works is dead".



(For regular monthly B.W.C. program see page 20. See also pages 1, 6)

## To RIDGECREST for B.W.C. CONFERENCE

The delegates who attended the first business woman's conference in Georgia last September were lavish in their expression of gratitude to Georgia W.M.U. for providing such a program just for them. "It makes us feel that we are a definite part of the state W.M.U. work" one of them said. Many others were inspired by the missionary messages. Others appreciated most the conference period on methods. All asked: "When will the next one be held?"

A week (Aug. 8-14) planned at Ridgcrest especially for business women offers unlimited possibilities for inspiring missionary activity among these capable business women. They will recognize our Foreign Mission Board as *Big Business* when they see the large group of its missionaries. Yet they cannot fail to see the great need for more workers. They may also come to realize that they are a part of a great mission force by virtue of their membership in Woman's Missionary Union.—Miss Janice Singleton, Georgia W.M.U. Executive Secretary

## WHY I PLAN to BE at RIDGECREST

August 8-14

Because it is my joy to belong to a Business Women's Circle and to associate with its consecrated and capable members, I covet for them and other Baptist business women such missionary opportunities as will be ours during Foreign Missions Week at Ridgcrest. In their busy routine these women do not often have opportunity to enjoy with the other members of missionary societies the inspiration and fellowship that accompany many of our W.M.U. meetings. They have work to do—office hours to observe, jobs to hold. Yet it is my observation that women of the business world are not content with half-baked programs and they enter into the well thought out plans of our Union with eager enthusiasm. Therefore I predict that those business women, who will arrange for their vacations to include August 8-14 at Ridgcrest, will come back to their churches with greater missionary vision and zeal than they have ever before experienced. I, myself, have made plans to be there and expect to enjoy to the fullest every moment of rich opportunity that awaits us during that week.—Hannah E. Reynolds, Louisiana W.M.U. Executive Secretary

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# Ridgecrest Missions Weeks

LET'S GO to RIDGECREST for AUGUST 8-14

George W. Sadler

**M**ANY are so hurt by the heart-breaking happenings of various parts of the world that they need the healing of the hills. Some are so uncertain about their sons, themselves and their world that they need to go apart and find strength. A few who say that "there's no star in all the shrouded heavens anywhere" need to rediscover the Light of the world. Those of us who have journeyed to Ridgecrest in other years do not hesitate to recommend it as a place where God meets all these needs.

Foreign Mission Week this year will be triple-featured: the regular program with outstanding speakers and leaders; the coming together of scores of those who make up the Business Women's Circles of Woman's Missionary Union; a special meeting of the Foreign Mission Board. The first meeting of the series will be held on Saturday evening, August 8, at which time one of our outstanding missionaries will bring the message. Following this address Miss Mary Hunter will show attractive pictures.

Dr. Maddy will speak on Sunday morning. At the Sunday evening hour one of our gifted missionaries will thrill the audience.

Dr. A. D. Foreman Jr., pastor of the First Baptist Church of Amarillo, Texas, will bring all the vesper messages. This brilliant minister is already one of the recognized leaders in the great state of Texas.

Dr. Fred T. Moffatt, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Frankfort, Kentucky, will be the speaker at the morning watch hours. Under the leadership of this able man of God, this Kentucky church has become a source of missionary power.

Dr. J. B. McLaurin, general secretary of the Canadian Baptist Foreign Mission Board, will be with us for several missionary addresses. Dr. McLaurin was for years a missionary in India. More recently he has been leading Canadian Baptists in their foreign mission program. Several members of our Board and a number of missionaries will bring messages day after day.

Woman's Missionary Union day will be under the able direction of Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, president of Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. Several missionaries will report on the work of women in the lands of their adoption. A member of the Foreign Mission Board will review and appraise the work of Woman's Missionary Union. Mrs. George A. McWilliams, Board member from Missouri and former president of the Woman's Missionary Union of that state, will present the Margaret Fund program and Mrs. Armstrong will bring the closing message.

One of the greatest of our seers, Dr. W. O. Carver, says: "The continuance of missionary work during the war now engulfing the world is one of the most necessary tasks and tests of organized Christianity. . . . The war is proving the worth and the essential truth of the Christianity planted in Asiatic countries and in Africa by the first missionary century".

Let's go to Ridgecrest for Foreign Mission Week! Let's lift our eyes again unto the hills whence cometh our help. Let's hear and heed the call of the peoples of our broken world. Let's go to them with the good news of God.

(For the B.W.C. emphasis of the week see page 5)

# Moral Standards

BEING CHRISTIAN at HOME

Mrs. J. H. Street, Mississippi W.M.U. Stewardship Chairman

**T**HE booklet, "You Can Defend America", quotes some one as asking, "Why don't the nations get along like one big family?" And a humorist replies, "They do!" The humorist's witticism is fraught with too much sad truth to be funny.

Woven into Luke 2:51-52 there is the pattern of a Christian family, a conscientious, Godly father; a God-fearing and understanding mother; and a Son who was subject unto them and who grew "in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man". Will you join me now in facing honestly some questions that find their answers in your home and in mine?

*First:* Would not the family-worship time—the family-altar—be as regular a part of the family-life as three meals a day in every one of our homes if you and I really wanted it to be? . . . If a movement toward the establishing and maintaining of family-altars in American homes, with accompanying sincere and genuine worship of God, had swept over our land twenty years ago as thoroughly as the sentiment for national defense is sweeping it today, we would not face the present alarming need for defense. Would that American home-makers spent as much time in intense prayer about the situation as they spend in frantic worry over it; would that we devoted as much of ourselves to teaching our children to "love our neighbors as ourselves" as we devote to being selfish and to finding fault with our neighbors—both in our own communities and around the world!

*Second:* When problems arise with our sons and daughters—questions of compromise with worldly standards—how do we answer their questions? With an iron-clad, overbearing "No!"? With a supine yielding to the ways of the world? Or, kneeling with that son or daughter in some quiet place, do we pray it through? Kneeling side by side and praying together will keep husbands and wives in love with each other; it will keep parents and children understanding each other.

*Third:* Do we not, in our family-conversation and attitudes, magnify the value of social standing and financial rating as over against sincere, Christian living, self-forgetfulness and Christian stewardship?

*Fourth:* How carefully are we planning the reading diet of our families? What about our own reading? Do we spend as much time reading books that will inspire better homes as we spend reading "best sellers" that all too often accept risqué moral standards and broken homes as a part of the American way of life?

*Fifth:* Are we not cowards that we do not petition the moving picture producers that on our screens they glorify wholesome home and family-life rather than the sparkling "glamor" of illicit love, divorces and broken homes?

"Homes are the cement of national life. If homes crack, the nation cracks!" "The peril of the home is the low grade of our own Christianity". May these statements "stab us awake" and stir us to action, for *fundamental* in "fellowship in the furtherance of the Gospel" is *being Christian at home*.

# Personal Service

Southwide Personal Service Chairman, Miss Mary Christian

**I**N Matthew 25:31-46 Jesus identifies Himself with the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick and those in prison. Furthermore He asserts that service rendered them is the basis on which His final judgment will be made. "Inasmuch as ye did it . . . inasmuch as ye did it *not* unto the least of these ye did it . . . ye did it *not* unto Me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment but the righteous unto life eternal".

People with these same needs are all around us today. The public welfare agencies of our country are doing what they can to meet these needs. No one knows better than the welfare workers themselves how inadequately it is done, the reasons being that there have never been enough funds to meet the need of all. For every case aided there are at least two others just as eligible. Because the funds must help as many as possible, no one gets more than the direst needs supplied. Then too, there are never enough trained workers to service all the cases which are assisted. These very limitations make a wide open door to any group of Christian women for real personal service.

It would be well for the personal service chairman to have a conference with the welfare director before planning any work for the society. The director will be able to give valuable information about almost any case of need in the community for most of them have been reported to and investigated by the Welfare Department whether they have been certified for aid or not. She will be able to put the chairman in touch with the type of work her women would like best to do. But this word of caution: don't undertake more than can be carried through. The greatest complaint against work of church groups is that their interest is largely built on emotional appeal and often is spasmodic and temporary—showing attention lavishly for a time and, then when the client fails to respond in the way they think she should, becoming disgusted and dropping her right at the point of her greatest need for Christian ministry.

But to be more practical, just what can a Woman's Missionary Society do for these welfare clients? Only a few things can be

indicated. The conference with the welfare director will bring out many more.

First, take the poor lonely dependent old people who have been forced to ask for old age pension because they have no relatives who are able to support them, unwanted by any one perhaps. What can be more pathetic than dire poverty in old age? What can we do for them?

1. Bibles in extra large print are welcomed gifts.

2. Many would enjoy the news and religious articles in the Baptist state paper. Mark special items for them. Time hangs heavy when there's nothing to do.

3. Friendly Christian visits are so greatly appreciated they are talked about for weeks and months.

4. Birthday or special greeting cards or remembrances are treasured by them.

5. A Christmas basket with a Christmas message will brighten up a cheerless life and call down blessings upon your head.

But you say we are more interested in the children. Fine! The opportunities here are almost unlimited. What a huge task and responsibility the Welfare Department has as it ministers to the dependent, neglected and delinquent children! How they need the support of all Christian people as they do their best to see that the children have a chance to grow up into honest honorable self-supporting citizens. It is up to the Christian groups to provide the religious training. What can we do for them, you say?

1. Cars are always needed to take crippled children to clinics and hospitals for treatment. Help is needed each year in raising local funds to match federal aid for treatment of such cases. A worthy cause to campaign for!

2. Cooperate with the Welfare Department in providing milk or lunches for undernourished children at school. You may not need to do more than to prepare or serve it.

3. The W. P. A. Nursery School or Kindergarten would be very grateful for volunteer workers who could help with stories, songs and games for the little folk. G. A. girls make fine helpers.

4. Foster Homes for children needing such care are greatly needed and are very hard to find. One Baptist school-teacher with a twelve year old daughter of her own took into her home a young girl whose conduct had so improved in the Girls' Training School that she

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# Watchword for Year

LIGHT-BEARING WITNESSES

**T**HE watchword that we carry in our hearts these trying days—when the world is at its worst and we must live at our best as we labor for the Master—is a prayer expressed by the psalmist in these words: "O send out Thy light and Thy truth". Jesus said to His followers: "Ye are the light of the world; let your light shine". His call to those who follow Him is clear and unmistakable—we are to be light-bearing witnesses for a definite purpose: "that all men might believe".

In the plans and policies of Woman's Missionary Union we can find opportunities for spiritual growth and development which will enable us to become acceptable witnesses for Him. Gardeners know that all plants which grow, grow toward the light. In the spiritual realm we grow by lifting our eyes to the Light of the World. Worthy witnesses we can become by participating in our prayer-plans; and unless prayer is an anchor in a day like this, it loses its meaning. This is not a time to argue what prayer is or how it works; this is a time to pray! God's resources are inexhaustible; we can tap these resources through prayer. By way of the "bended knee" we can bear witness of the light that others might believe in Jesus the Light of the World. Dr. Gordon speaks of intercession as "superior service"; in praying day by day by our Calendar of Prayer we can share in this superior service. We go around the world as the year goes by, calling by name in prayer the faithful messengers of light. In our Weeks of Prayer who can measure this superior service as we pray for the march of missions. We rejoice in the privilege of "giving feet to our prayers" when we practice the principles of good stewardship and make offerings for sending the light to the many dark places. We practice the principles of good stewardship too in paying debts. Heartening gains are reported in this effort. Denominational debts are surely and steadily being liquidated and nothing succeeds like success as Dr. Truett reminds us. Let us keep the spirit of victory, let us be faithful. The Cooperative Program is such a regular and systematic part of our work that it isn't necessary to take the time and space for discussion. We like to hear and say "cooperative" in connection with our work; "not isolation but cooperation, not security but service should be the creed of Christians".

Albert Kahn is known today in the industrial world as the "apostle of light". He has helped abolish windowless factories. We are told that he has revolutionized industrial architecture. The factories planned by him are well lighted, well ventilated, not only efficient but healthful, thereby aiding in production-capacity. Think of what it would mean in this day of darkness and spiritual night if every one of Christ's witnesses were apostles of light to those who have windowless souls! If this were true the problem of enlistment would be solved. Such light-bearers would have the drawing power of the magnet for the needle. There is no stronger influence in enlisting others for salvation and for service than a consecrated Christian life lived at fullest capacity. A well known evangelist has said: "What the church needs today is not a brighter light in the pulpit but a steadier glow in the pew". We must support the work of the Kingdom sacrificially with our money, devotedly with our interest and prayers, faithfully with such service as

our talents allow. Christian service cannot rise above the Christian servant; and this day demands superior service. Missionary service is superior service. We read an article recently with the title "What Is Missions?" After saying that there is nothing in life without significance to the Kingdom of God the author made three statements: "Everything, that happens in the world, happens in God's world. Everything that happens to people, happens to people for whom Christ died. Everything, that Christ has done for you, He has done for all". We need to get these truths into our souls.

During these days we hear much discussion of "What is a safe investment?" From the standpoint of Christian service investment in the teaching and training of our young people is the safest and most permanent investment. In the spiritual development of our young people missionary education is vital. Knowledge of missions promotes interest and enthusiasm. Some days ago I had the privilege of looking at Miss Lottie Moon's own handwriting. It was in the "Autograph Album" of an old schoolmate of hers (who later became president of our State Union). Miss Moon's inscription was dated 1859—83 years ago. It ended with the words: "Always thy honor . . . shall continue with me whatever lands may call me". This makes us feel that in the heart of this school girl even then there was a call to other lands. We cannot measure the yearnings, the aspirations, the ambitions of our young people but we can provide an atmosphere in which these may come to full fruition. Such a place is each of our camps. "Come ye apart" said our Master; the camps enable them to come apart for the "spiritual pause that refreshes", for inspiration, for instruction, recreation and preparation of mind and heart that will help them to be light-bearing witnesses as they advance in years and wisdom.

When Jesus said to His followers, "Ye are the light of the World", He also said, "Let your light shine". You are familiar with the story of a tourist in Switzerland a few years ago. This man noticed great groups of men and women wending their way at eventide to the little church over the hill, each carrying a small lamp. He asked the question and was told that the lamps upon arrival were fastened on the back of the pews and that the whole place was flooded with light! The absence of a single light made a dark place. Each Christian today with his single light, if kept burning brightly, can help illumine the dark places.

"O send out Thy light and Thy truth" we are saying these dark days. Let us add: "Help me to bear witness of the light that others may be drawn to Thee, O Jesus the Light of the World".—*Excerpts from Annual Meeting Message of Mrs. Ned Rice, President of Mississippi W.M.U.*

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needed to be placed in a home where she would be mothered and wisely guided. This she did so well that the girl was accepted in the community by young and old. This was real personal service.

There are many other opportunities for just such worth-while service to be rendered in connection with welfare work. Won't you and your society consider undertaking some of them?—*Miss Wilma Bucy, Field Worker for S.B.C. Home Mission Board*

# Book Reviews

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

**CHRISTIAN MISSIONS in TODAY'S WORLD: W. O. Carver; Broadman Press, Nashville, 1942; Pages 148; Price \$1.50**

**T**HIS is a book everybody needs. Every one will not want it, of course; but surely in every missionary society and in every church there must be a nucleus of persons who are so deeply concerned for the spread of the Gospel in this day and the days to come, that they will eagerly welcome and will study a serious book on missions. To all such we heartily commend this volume.

Doctor Carver is peculiarly fitted in mind and spirit to write such a study as this. Long a student of the Word of God in the original and a teacher of comparative religion and missions, he has few peers among southern Baptists in his interpretation of the spirit of Jesus and his comprehension of the Christian message and of missionary method. All this he brings to this stirring and challenging re-thinking of

Christianity's place in and message for the world of today.

The chapter-headings are: Christianity among the Forces Making History; Christian Missions Facing Today's World; Christianity Re-defining Its Function; Problems of Relation; Can Christianity Accept Its Call for Today's World? To name them is to give no inkling of the depth and acumen of the discussion they embody or of the richness and suggestiveness of their thought-provoking and illuminating content. The book is one to study rather than to teach. One cannot think of anything more conducive to a better understanding of the work of Christianity in the world of now than for many small thoughtful groups in all our churches to meet to study it together.

(See following suggestions.)

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

## For Studying the Book

### CHRISTIAN MISSIONS in TODAY'S WORLD

Miss Clara Lane, South Carolina Mission Study Chairman, offers the following suggestions:

**A**S we prepare to teach this book we need to remind ourselves that we are stewards of our minds and our time. A generous portion of the latter will be well spent if the former is properly exercised. The whole purpose of the text is to cause us to think—or re-think—missions.

No doubt the scholarly author would employ the lecture and the question and answer methods. We of lesser understanding of the subject will probably wish the class members to share much of the responsibility; and, therefore, reports on assignments and discussion will be the most frequently used methods. A careful study of the chapter-headings will be a good preview to the book.

To create atmosphere for the entire study and to illustrate chapter one we suggest the following: On a suitable table build a modern community. Church buildings, dwellings, hospital, schoolhouse, jail and theater can be formed of cardboard or pictures with props may be used. Small dolls representing various races inhabit the community. A group of soldiers stand among their tents, tanks and guns, and a battleship rests upon an improvised ocean. An airplane (suspended by tiny wire) seems to be patrolling the territory. Use a large map of the world as a background for all of this. A spotlight should suddenly shine upon the dolls when the truth—Christianity comes to the world—is presented.

#### Session One:

**Aims:** To stimulate deep interest in the study of the text; to show that Christianity is definitely "unworldly" though it has been a mighty force in making world history.

**Method:** Lecture followed by discussion.

#### Session Two:

**Aims:** To realize anew man's uselessness in God's plan unless the Holy Spirit dwells in him; to trace the feeble efforts of Christians in entering into missionary activity.

**Methods:** Bible study—John 13:17; Report on Assignments: 1. The Development of Protestant "Missiology"; 2. An Evaluation of the Criticism of Western Nations; Dealings with "Non-Christian" Nations; 3. Efforts at Reform; Report on Conferences; 4. Christianity's Part in the Making of the Present World; Discussion.

#### Session Three:

**Aims:** To evaluate our own Christian experiences and our work as Christians in the light of the author's statement of the function of Christianity and of Christians.

**Methods:** Bible study: Have group read silently Ephesians 1:3-14. Ask for individual interpretations. Story-telling: Experiences of conversion as learned from missionaries, our missionary magazines or, better still, a personal testimony of one's own experience with Christ. Discussion growing out of questions such as: What is a definition of Christianity? What is the function of Christianity from the Divine standpoint? Dramatization: In dialogue have Christian woman convince non-Christian that Jesus is divine and that His way is the only way in this complicated world today.

#### Session Four:

**Aims:** To more clearly understand the relationship between Christianity and other factors in history-making. To realize that each individual (the material out of which human society is made) belongs to various other organizations that are factors in the making of history. (Simple blackboard drawing could show this and impress the truth upon the mind through the eye.) To realize that individuals are also the workmen used of God to make a Christian society. To realize that the organized body of Christians (church) must be unworldly yet cooperative, uplifting and magnetic in the world.

**Method:** Lecture illustrated with blackboard drawing. Report on assignment of the six points in the summary.

#### Session Five:

**Aims:** To cause each individual to realize the sufficiency of Christ for the world today. To lead each one to see and accept her responsibility for letting Christ live in and work through her.

**Method:** Panel Discussion. Select a few devout women for the small group to be gathered at front for the first discussion. (If the method is unfamiliar recall Jesus' discussion with the woman at the well and, immediately after, His continuing the lesson with His disciples.) Begin with the reading of Matthew 25. The leader may then connect this "lesson" with the preceding ones by giving a running review as found in section one of chapter five in our text. Various ones contribute truths concerning:

- (1) The mistakes of southern Baptists (and others) in our missionary program, our acknowledgment of these and our efforts to correct them.
- (2) Our efforts to better understand the needs of the world and cause others to share that vision.
- (3) The universal nature of Christianity.
- (4) Denominationalism on mission fields.
- (5) The primary place of the Bible.
- (6) Our dependence upon God.
- (7) Our stewardship of the Gospel.

The larger group is then invited to join in and add to the discussion. By the close of the session we hope many "findings" will have so gripped the hearts of the women that they will be more fit for the Master's use.

# Margaret Fund

(Applications for Margaret Fund scholarships should be made to Mrs. W. J. Cox, 235 Patterson, Memphis, Tenn.)

## SONS and DAUGHTERS of OUR MISSIONARIES

**M**UCH poetry has been written about springtime; many romances have had their inception and their consummation in this lovely season of the year. Our anticipation and enjoyment of this beloved season come not alone because of the loveliness of the blossoms of plant, shrub and tree nor because of the lush green of Mother Earth's new carpet nor yet because of the "Spring Song" of the birds, but because the beauty and joyousness are symbolic of new life. They are a demonstration, an assurance, a reminder of Life Eternal—the Heavenly Father's gift to His earth-children.

The Margaret Fund is, likewise, a beloved phase of the comprehensive missionary program of Woman's Missionary Union for it, too, centers upon the loveliness of growth—upon expanding, developing, promising youth. Woman's Missionary Union has a deep interest in this special group of students, feels a deep joy in the privilege of sharing with missionary friends the higher education of their sons and daughters.

The Margaret Fund report presented at the last annual session of Woman's Missionary Union was compiled and written by Mrs. W. J. Cox, treasurer. We would expect such a report to call attention first to the students, to their unusual qualifications for special world-service. Their backgrounds are unusual, nurtured as they are in an atmosphere of sacrificial service, in homes whose parents are Christ-dedicated. The majority of the students have been born in foreign lands and have the culture of two hemispheres blended in their characteristics, attitudes and understanding.

Logically following is a report of our own stewardship which made possible the bringing into the Fund last year one-hundred-eight students, studying in fifty institutions. Each member of a missionary society or auxiliary may feel a personal joy in knowing that she shares in the scholarship fund when she gives to the December and March offerings of Woman's Missionary Union—the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions and the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions, for it is from these two offerings that the amount necessary for Margaret Fund scholarships is refunded; \$23,578 were expended into scholarships during the scholastic year just ended; the Burney gifts were \$3,177.

We would not selfishly linger upon our own generosity but would turn with pride to the achievements of the students. Large numbers of them consistently made the Dean's List, made A-grades. Many were eligible to the National Honor Societies. One medical student has been offered the coveted Mayo Fellowship. One young woman won Intermediate Honors for having Phi Beta Kappa rating up to her senior year. John Shepard Jr. won the Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship.

Not only are the students skilled intellectually, but they show many qualities of leadership. Many are Y.W.A. and B.S.U. presidents, many are leaders in Christian Life Service and Volunteer Bands.

Always we are interested in students of other years. If a full report could be given we would find many serving in the countries where their parents have served and many more preparing to return to the adopted countries of their missionary parents. One student writes, "I hope soon to go back to Brazil and take up where Father leaves off". The report of Mrs. Cox closes with these words: "In stewardship, in citizenship, in leadership these hundreds of young people in practically every walk in life are lifting the grievous weight of human misery, bearing and sharing the burdens of the world".

As we who have known, loved and followed with peculiar interest the work of their parents, so we count it a privilege to share in the joys, sorrows and service of these sons and daughters entrusted to our care these few years—Mrs. George McWilliams, Margaret Fund Chairman for Missouri.

# Training School

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

## LOOKING toward the FALL SESSION

**I**N the course of the years inevitable changes come to the institution as to the individual. With the closing of the 1941-42 session Mrs. George J. Sutterlin concluded her work with the Training School as the teacher of *Speech*. In the fall of 1919 she was employed by the School and through these twenty-three years she has served with untiring devotion. Through the hundreds of young women who have been her students she has had the opportunity to project her charming personality and consecrated spirit around the world. These girls will remember with appreciation her patience, her sympathetic interest, her encouragement and the gracious hospitality of her home.

Miss Anne Tennant of West Virginia comes on the faculty as the teacher of *Speech and Physical Education*, well prepared and highly recommended for this important work. She is a graduate of Radford State Teachers College in Virginia and the Byron W. King School of Oratory in Pennsylvania. For eight years she taught *Speech and Physical Education* in Marion College in Virginia. During two recent summer sessions she was on the faculty of the State Teachers College in Radford. As a young girl she considered entering the Training School because of her interest in missions. At Broadus Baptist Academy in West Virginia she began studying *Expression and Dramatics* and thus found her major interest and life-work. In the providence of God she will find in her work in the Training School the converging point of these two girlhood interests.

Miss Anna Murchison who has rendered such efficient service to the School for four years as office secretary and registrar has accepted work with the Home Mission Board as assistant to Mr. Burton in the editing of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*. Since her college days she has been interested in journalism. We rejoice with her that she can combine this interest with missionary service.

Miss Virginia Bean of Missouri has been secured to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Murchison. She is a graduate of the Southwest State Teachers College with a major in *Commercial Science*. Before entering the Training School she taught *Commercial Science* for two years. Since her graduation she taught for one year in the commercial department of the college from which she graduated. Last year she was the educational secretary in the Second Baptist Church in Liberty, Missouri. Her training and experience fit her admirably for the work in the School.

We rejoice to announce that Miss Ruth Boone of Louisville has agreed to teach a course in *Religious Journalism*. She is an A.B. graduate of Baylor University with a major in *Journalism* and an A.M. graduate of Peabody with a major in *English and Creative Writing*. We hope through such a course to begin to meet the need for trained contributors for our missionary and denominational magazines.

Dr. S. L. Stealey, the new professor at the Seminary, has indicated his willingness to give a course in *Church History* to our students. Dr. J. M. Adams has agreed to substitute in the *Old Testament Department* again next session—Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn

# 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 praise".**

### "For His Goodness"

1st Day—II Chron. 5:13, 14; Rom. 4:1-8  
2nd Day—Psa. 107:8; 118:21-29;  
I John 5:1-5  
3rd Day—Isa. 63:7; Gen. 18:23-33  
4th Day—Lam. 3:22-26; Dan. 9:15-19  
5th Day—Nah. 1:7; Jas. 5:13-18  
6th Day—Jas. 1:17; Eph. 1:15-23  
7th Day—Matt. 7:9-12; Phil. 1:3-11

### "Marvelous are Thy works".

8th Day—Psa. 139:1-13; John 17:9-15  
9th Day—Gen. 9:1-17; Rom. 8:31-39  
10th Day—Psa. 33:18-22; Gen. 26:18-25  
11th Day—Eccl. 3:11, 14; Gen. 26:26-33  
12th Day—Psa. 104:1-24; I Pet. 3:8-12  
13th Day—Psa. 104:25-35; Matt. 5:38-48  
14th Day—Psa. 92:1-15; Psa. 122:1-9

### "The gift of God is eternal life".

15th Day—Rom. 6:23; Col. 3:12-17  
16th Day—John 3:14-17; Eph. 2:11-18  
17th Day—John 12:24-26; Gen. 28:10-17  
18th Day—John 17:1-11; Gen. 28:18-22  
19th Day—John 17:12-26; Psa. 139:1-10  
20th Day—Acts 4:10-14; 17:32-28  
21st Day—I Cor. 1:21-24; Psa. 16:1-11

### "God is love".

22nd Day—I John 4:8; Acts 9:1-9  
23rd Day—Psa. 90:1-17; Isa. 6:1-8  
24th Day—Psa. 103:1-22; Gen. 32:1-8  
25th Day—Psa. 106:1-8; Gen. 32:9-12  
26th Day—Isa. 61:1-3; Judges 6:36-40  
27th Day—Mal. 3:16-18; I Sam. 7:5-11  
28th Day—Matt. 18:11-14; Psa. 27:1-6  
29th Day—John 14:23-31; Psa. 34:1-9  
30th Day—Rom. 5:42; Psa. 28:6-9  
31st Day—II Thessa. 3:3-5, 13, 16;  
Deut. 32:30-36

## "Pray Ye"

That Christian hearts will increasingly praise God for His Son, the Prince of Peace

That summer meetings in assemblies and camps and associations will strengthen Christian character and deepen the sense of responsibility and devotion for missions near and far

That the Foreign Mission Week at Ridgecrest, August 8-14, including B.W.C. Conference, will be largely attended and divinely guided (See page 5)

That missionaries and other Christians in war-torn lands may be conscious of the watchcare of the Heavenly Father and that southern Baptists will rally loyally to relief and rehabilitation plans of the S.B.C.

Intercede for all missionaries in home and foreign lands. Plead for the peace which Christ gives.

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# Bible Study

Ella Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

TOPIC: The SECOND TEMPLE—*Ezra 6:1-16*

THE Captivity proved, as God knew it would prove, the one discipline that would bring Israel back from idols. The Promised Land had been given them, but they had forgotten the condition on which they should keep it—devotion to Jehovah. The temple, which expressed His claim on them, had to be destroyed before they understood. In far Babylon they did repent, and restoration to their own land meant first of all a renewal of their vows to God. So the rebuilding of the temple was their great desire, and Cyrus, the latest ruler in Babylon, gave every aid. His idea seems to have been: Let them build a temple to their God and pray for the king in it! But the leaders had the right idea—they set up the altar first, amid the ruins, and started the sacrifices and the singing. Then they laid the foundation of the temple, amid tears of joy.

But the temple didn't build itself. There was opposition from enemies and professed friends, and letters went back and forth to Babylon. Meantime the city had to be cleaned up, and the people's own homes made more comfortable. The years slipped by. Then God sent prophets—Haggai and Zechariah, one very practical, one a poet and mystic. It took both of them to rouse the people. Remember, the first temple lay in the heart of David for years and years, and he planned it all with love and skill. The rotation of the priests, the choruses of singing men and women, these were recorded and could be reorganized. But the people had got used to doing without the temple. (Have you ever got used to a broken armchair, to a fault you could cure, to skipping family worship?)

The prophets prevailed, and Zerubbabel the executive and Joshua the priest got together and did something. Again there was opposition. Was any church ever built without overcoming criticism and reluctance? A recent book which pictures a preacher's family shows how the preacher deliberately paid the price of leaving a good field, to unite the folks on building a new church.

It was to Zerubbabel that the special message was sent, a vision of the sacred lamp fed directly with oil from two olive-trees, one on each side, and interpreted: "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith Jehovah of Hosts". Immediately follows a strange exclamation: "Who art thou, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain! And he shall bring forth the top-stone with shoutings of: Grace, grace unto it!" Then follows a promise of victorious completion of the temple. A Sunday-school teacher in Kentucky, puzzling over this as she drove to church one day, found herself face to face with the interpretation of this mountain. Here was a familiar hill of solid limestone, partly quarried away. *Palestine is limestone too.* Zerubbabel, look at those layers of rock—there's your temple—go after it!

The temple was finished. Haggai said it would exceed Solomon's in glory. Zechariah said the worship of God would make Jerusalem a city of truth and righteousness, and all nations would learn of her. There would come a King who was also a Priest: "And He shall speak peace unto the nations".

## Calendar of Prayer

August, 1942

Prepared by Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

Go not abroad for happiness. For see,  
It is a flower that blossoms at thy door!  
Bring love and justice home, and then no more  
Thou'lt wonder in what dwelling joy may be.  
Dream not of noble service elsewhere wrought;  
The simple duty that awaits thy hand  
Is God's voice uttering a divine command.  
Life's common deeds build all that saints have sought.

—Minot J. Savage

### 1—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Abernethy, evangelistic work, Tulaan, China. Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people and for our God.—1 Chron. 19:13

### 2—SUNDAY

Dr. Harvey Clarke, Japan. Dr. R. E. Pettigrew, Brazil; Mrs. W. H. Sears, China, emeritus missionaries. The grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.—1 Tim. 1:14

### 3—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Cavazos, evangelistic work among Mexicans, Miss Ollie Lewellyn, evangelistic work among Chinese, San Antonio, Texas; also Nelson and Oliver Cavazos, Margaret Fund students. Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.—Neb. 9:17

### 4—TUESDAY

All China Baptist Women's Missionary Union. The Lord is their strength, and He is the saving strength of His anointed.—Psa. 28:8

### 5—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Allen, evangelistic work, Mrs. D. P. Appleby, publicational-evangelistic work, Bello Horizonte, Brazil. The entrance of Thy Word giveth light.—Psa. 119:130

### 6—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. F. Hernandez, Ranchuelo, Rev. and Mrs. A. Santana, Bejucal, Cuba; also Eliseo and Moles Hernandez, Margaret Fund students. Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life.—John 6:35

### 7—FRIDAY

Mrs. Jennie Alderman, evangelistic work, Mrs. Mary Crawford, educational-evangelistic work, Tulaan, China. The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.—Psa. 9:9

### 8—SATURDAY

Foreign Mission Week, also conference of Business Women's Circle of Woman's Missionary Union, Ridgcrest, N. C., Aug. 8-14. That the abundant grace, through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.—11 Cor. 4:15

### 9—SUNDAY

Sunbeam Focus Week, Aug. 9-14. That their children . . . may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God.—Deut. 31:13

### 10—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. Hill, Sandy Hook, Miss Minnie Berry, Vicco, Ky., evangelistic work among mountain people. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.—Phil. 2:13

### 11—TUESDAY

Misses Willie Kate Baldwin, Elizabeth Truly, evangelistic work, Abeokuta, Nigeria. Let them that love Him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might.—Judges 5:31

### 12—WEDNESDAY

Mrs. G. B. Johnson, Miss Hazel Robb, Good Will Center, Baltimore, Md. Thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm.—Isa. 25:4

### 13—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. V. L. David, evangelistic work, Cordoba, Mrs. Martha Thomas Ellis, educational-evangelistic work, Buenos Aires, Argentina. For Thy Word's sake . . . hast Thou done all these great things, to make Thy servants know them.—11 Sam. 7:21

### 14—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. I. Negrin, Cruces, Rev. and Mrs. E. Gomez, Cusyo, Cuba, evangelistic work; also Ismael Negri Jr., Margaret Fund student. As ye go, preach, saying the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.—Matt. 10:7

## Calendar of Prayer for August

### 15—SATURDAY

xxRev. and Mrs. C. J. Lowe, tMiss Mary Alexander, educational-evangelistic work, Shanghai, China; also Eoid and Phyllis Lowe, Margaret Fund students  
Keep me as the apple of the eye; hide me under the shadow of Thy wings.  
—Psa. 17:8

### 16—SUNDAY

Mrs. T. C. Britton, Miss Alice Parker, Miss Lillian Thomason, emeritus missionaries from China  
Mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.—Isa. 65:22

### 17—MONDAY

Dr. C. H. Brown, Columbia, S. C.; Dr. R. Smith, Atlanta, Ga., educational-evangelistic work with their own Negro race  
The righteous shall be glad in the Lord and shall trust in Him.—Psa. 64:10

### 18—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Tumblin, Natal, \*Miss Mildred Cox, Recife, Brazil, educational-evangelistic work; also John Tumblin Jr., Margaret Fund student  
A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth good things.  
—Matt. 12:35

### 19—WEDNESDAY

Women's Missionary Union of South China  
God standeth in the congregation of the mighty: He judgeth among the gods.  
—Psa. 82:1

### 20—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Parker, Raton, Nev. and Mrs. J. G. Sanchez, Roswell, N. M., evangelistic work among Mexicans  
They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.—Matt. 9:12

### 21—FRIDAY

Dr. and xMrs. F. T. Woodward, xxRev. and Mrs. E. L. Hill, evangelistic work, Canton, China  
In the shadow of Thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.—Psa. 57:1

### 22—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. F. de Armas, Jaromina, Rev. D. Caprio, Havana, Rev. M. Millan, Camajuani, Cuba, evangelistic work  
Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask Him.—Matt. 6:8

### 23—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Ray, Dr. E. O. Mills, emeritus missionaries from Japan  
The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him.—Psa. 147:11

### 24—MONDAY

Miss Theresa Maria Fielder, educational-evangelistic work, Acadia Academy, Church Point, tMiss Vera Aguilard, evangelistic work, Opelousas, La.  
He that soweth bountifully shall also reap bountifully.—II Cor. 9:6

### 25—TUESDAY

xxRev. W. W. Lawton Jr., Karlens, tMiss Kate Murray, Chengchow, China, evangelistic work  
In the day of trouble I will call upon Thee; for Thou wilt answer me.—I Sa. 86:7

### 26—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. Aldape, Crystal City, Rev. and Mrs. A. N. Porter, Waco, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans  
The Lord knoweth them that are His.  
—II Tim. 2:19

### 27—THURSDAY

xxRev. and Mrs. W. H. H. Congdon, evangelistic work, Iwo, xMiss Vivian Nowell, educational-evangelistic work, Ogbomo, Nigeria  
Blessed be God, which bath not turned away my prayer nor His mercy from me.  
—Psa. 66:20

### 28—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. C. Lima, Lajas, Rev. and Mrs. E. Planas, Guanabacoa, Cuba, evangelistic work  
Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters.  
—Isa. 51:70

### 29—SATURDAY

Dr. and tMrs. R. E. Beddoe, medical-evangelistic work, Rev. and xMrs. R. Ray, evangelistic work, Wuchow, China  
In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.  
—Psa. 56:11

### 30—SUNDAY

That members of Woman's Missionary Union may faithfully practice and teach the moral standards of the Union  
Be thou an example of the believers.  
—I Tim. 4:12

### 31—MONDAY

tMiss Martha Franks, evangelistic work, Misses tFlorence Lide and xWilma Weeks, educational - evangelistic work, Hwanghsien, China.  
The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.—Josh. 1:9

tAttended W. M. U. Training School  
\*Attended Southwestern Training School  
tAttended Baptist Bible Institute  
tFormer 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 are to be secured as follows: *Royal Service*, 50c a year from 1111 Corner Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.; *The Window of Y.W.A.*, \$1 a year from the same Birmingham address; *World Comrades*, \$1 a year from the same Birmingham address; *The Commission*, 50c a year from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia; *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, 25c a year from Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga. (See also page 37 of 1942 W.M.U. Year Book and page 20 of this magazine.)

## CIRCLE PROGRAM TOPIC

### A SACRED GUARDIANSHIP

(Margaret Fund)

Devotional Theme—"Take this child . . . for me"—Exodus 2:9.

(See also "Family Altar" references, page 15.)

Human Souls, the Best Investment (See article by Mrs. Frank Burney in August issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

Sons and Daughters of Our Missionaries (See article on page 13 of this magazine.)

Two Letters and a Challenge (See article by Miss Lila Watson in August *World Comrades*.)

Four Little Girls in Blue (See article by Miss Maye Belle Taylor in August *The Window of Y.W.A.*)

Poem by a Margaret Fund Student (See page 250 of August *The Commission*.)

The Editor's Message (See pages 266-268 of August *The Commission*.)

To Ridgcrest for B.W.C. Conference (See pages 5-6 of this magazine.)

# Business Women's Circles

Prepared by Miss Ruth Harrell, N. C.  
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**Poster Suggestions:** Sketch a picture (pages 22, 27) of the new Training School building and in front draw or paste several young women. Underneath print the words: "Handmaidens of the King". In smaller letters print: Come to B.W.C. and learn more about our sisters in Christ. (Date—Time—Place)

**Invitations:** (a) On a card paste or sketch a picture of a young woman singing from a book and print: "Praise ye the Lord". Write under this: Join us in praising God for one of the greatest institutions in the world—the Training School. (Date—Time—Place)  
(b) Have miniature sketches of the new building. Print: This is a house that is called "Beautiful". Come with us to visit it. (Date—Time—Place)

**Suggestions for an Effective Program:** Write to your state W.M.U. headquarters, address on page 2, for free pamphlets and material. Do this early so you can use the material to the greatest advantage and can have all such available at the meeting. If possible, have a Training School student who has lived in the new building to be present at the meeting and give a personal word of praise. If this is not possible, perhaps you can secure a former Training School student. Also there may be some one in your group who has visited the School and would like to give a word of praise during the program.

**Presentation of Program:** Prepare a poster with a good sketch of the new

Training School; if one was made as suggested to announce the meeting, the letters could be removed and the same one could be used. Over this sketch tack or paste a sheet of white paper the same size and at the top have these words: Things That Make a House Beautiful.

The leader in charge of the program (pages 22-30) will give the introduction "If There Be Any Praise". This will be followed by singing the hymn "Praise Him, Praise Him". Another girl will discuss "Thinking on Training and Praising the Training School", after which she will place in a conspicuous place the poster described above. The first speaker will discuss "Praising Its Founders", after which she will place on the poster the words—"Firm Foundation". These phrases will have been prepared prior to the meeting. Following the same order the next four discussions will be given and followed by the placing of the correct phrases on the poster: "Praising Its Teaching"—Consecrated Servants; "Praising Its Students"—Christlike Inhabitants; "Praising Its New Building"—Lovely Walls and Adequate Equipment, and "Praising Its Spirit"—His Spirit over All. The leader of the program will then mention again all of these things, will remove the sheet on which these words have been placed and will reveal the real House Beautiful and make a few appropriate remarks. If a Training School girl is not available use the discussion "Expressions of Praise". In any event, make mention briefly of this. The last speaker will discuss as the climax of the program "Praise Ye the Lord" followed by a special prayer of thanksgiving and one of supplication for its faculty and students and those who have gone out to serve the Master around the world. (Colored postcards showing two views of the School may be purchased, three for 5c, from W.M.U. Training School, 2801 Lexington Road, Louisville, Ky.)

# Program Plans

Prepared by Miss Jennette Roebuck, Texas  
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## INVITATION—

From construction-paper cut miniature hymn-books. On the outside print "Hymns of Praise". Print on the inside: "It is a good thing to sing praises unto our God. Come, let us sing praises at W.M.S." (Time, Date, Place)

## ANNOUNCEMENT—

On the upper left side of a poster-board place a picture of a group of people singing. On the right draw several bars of music. Beneath the picture and the musical signs print: "O, sing unto the Lord". Place a picture (pages 22, 27) of the Training School in the center of the poster with the words, "For He hath done marvelous things", printed beneath it. At the bottom of the poster give time, date, place etc. of W.M.S. meeting.

## PREPARATION—

Of poster or construction-paper make a big book resembling a hymn-book. Print on the cover "Hymns of Praise". Put in it seven pages. (A large scrap-book from the dime-store might be used.)

On first page (to go with topic "Thinking on Training") print: "Study to show thyself approved unto God". (Pages 23-24)

On second page (for topic "Praising the Training School") have words: "Behold, I build an house to the name of the Lord, to dedicate it to Him". (Page 24)

On third page (for topic "Praising Its Founders") print: "They praised the Lord because the foundation of the house was laid". (Page 24)

On fourth page (for topic "Praising Its Teaching") print: "Go ye". (Page 24)

On fifth page (for topic "Praising Its Students") print: "And this they did . . . gave their own selves to the Lord". (Pages 25-26)

On sixth page (for topic "Praising Its New Building") have picture of the new House Beautiful. (Pages 22, 26-27)

On seventh page (for topic "Praising Its Spirit") print: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus". (Page 28)

Secure a poster-stand on which to place the book. If possible have a small spot-light or candles to illuminate the book during the program. If spot-light or candles are used, darken the room or have it dimly lighted.

## PRESENTATION—

Seek to make this program a real praise-experience for each member who witnesses it. Meditation-music at the beginning of the meeting will help to create the desired atmosphere for a praise-service.

As the program-leader gives the topic, "If There Be Any Praise" (page 23), let her place the book "Songs of Praise" on the poster-stand. She may represent the organist or choir-director. Those on the program may be seated facing the audience to represent a choir. Let them be dressed in vestments or choir-robos. As each succeeding topic is given, the member presenting it will stand, go to the hymn-book and turn the leaves to the page suited to her topic.

The material "Expressions of Praise" may be presented as a letter or group of letters, written to all W.M.U. members, expressing to them appreciation for the Training School. (Pages 28-29)

The praise-service will end on a high note of praise as the topic "Praise Ye the Lord" is reverently given, followed by the singing of "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow", and a prayer for God's continued blessing upon our W.M.U. Training School and all of its graduates. (Pages 25, 26; see also page 20 as to purchasing post-cards of School's new building.)

# 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 praise".*

Hymn—Zion Stands with Hills Surrounded

Bible Study—The Second Temple—Ezra 6:1-16 (Page 16)

Prayer thanking God for all buildings erected and dedicated to His service

Hymn—I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

"If There Be Any Praise"

Hymn—Praise Him, Praise Him

—Thinking on Training

Praising the Training School

Praising Its Founders

Praising Its Teaching

Praising Its Students

Praising Its New Building (See page 36.)

Praising Its Spirit

Prayer praising God for our Training School

Hymn—Hark Ten Thousand Harps and Voices

Expressions of Praise

"Praise Ye the Lord"

Hymn—Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer for God's continued blessings upon our W.M.U. Training School and all of its graduates



FRONT VIEW of W.M.U. TRAINING SCHOOL

## "IF THERE BE ANY PRAISE"

**P**RAISE is becoming to all people. Praise is an employment in which self has no part. In praise we go out of ourselves and think only of the one worthy of praise. He who sincerely and enthusiastically praises others shows himself to be thoughtful, generous and unselfish. He who reverently and earnestly praises God reveals a grateful heart, engages in the highest form of worship and brings increased blessings upon his own head.

Praise is such a happy word. The praising heart is a singing heart. The praising spirit is optimistic, remembering the good instead of the evil, seeing a rainbow on the dark horizon, turning the cloud inside out to find its silver lining.

Christians should have this praising spirit, constantly on the lookout for things to praise in everything. And surely they should be always praising God, the giver of all good things. "A line of praises is worth a leaf of prayer; and an hour of praises is worth a day of fasting and mourning". "Prayer is the overflowing of our wants, praise of our appreciation; prayer is the language of the destitute, praise of the redeemed sinner; prayer is the child of faith, praise is the child of love; prayer points the way to Heaven, praise is already there".

Paul brings his list of "things to think on" to a climax with the words, "If there be any praise". We believe that he meant to say: "If you can find anything to praise—in anybody, in any situation, in anything—think about that". He would have us forget the things that are wrong, the things deserving censure and remember only the things that are good and worthy of commendation.

The psalmist sang, "It is a good thing to sing praises unto Jehovah". In this verse Paul is saying, "It is a good thing to find reasons for praise in everything and to think on those things".

In our W.M.U. work we can find many things to praise. Our splendid plans, our capable leaders, our incomparable literature, our devoted missionaries, our matchless achievements—any of these would inspire an anthem of praise to resound around the world and to echo and reecho in the hearts of southern Baptist women. But those who planned our monthly missionary program topics for this year have chosen one phase of W.M.U. work to invoke our praise in this program—our W.M.U. Training School at Louisville, Kentucky. This institution is a theme of continual praise to us who established and maintain it, who love it and who glory in its successes. As a mother never grows tired praising her child, so do we never grow tired of praising this, the only institution which is our very own. So we welcome the opportunity offered by this program to unite our voices in an anthem of thanksgiving as we think on those things of praise in our W.M.U. Training School.

## THINKING on TRAINING

**T**HE value of training for Christian leaders cannot be discussed too much or too often. Quoting from Dr. W. O. Carver: "The minds that must serve the gift of the Spirit must be informed to understand and trained to do and direct. The order of Jesus in planning a Kingdom ministry was—call, training, commission, empowering by the filling of the Holy Spirit with His varied gifts. Preparation precedes Pentecost".

Southern Baptists have always recognized the need of training for preachers and, early in their history, established the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. But it was many years before they became aware that women workers also needed to be trained for service. Dr. E. Z. Simmons of China was among the first to suggest the need of a training school for young women. He had seen in the women who went as missionaries to China the need of special preparation for their work.

It was in 1889, when our southern Union was only one year old, that Dr. Simmons challenged the women of Louisville with this thought of the need of such a school. The thought found lodging in the hearts of a few women, was nurtured through the years and resulted finally in the establishment in 1907 of the Woman's Missionary Union Training School organized "to train women for efficient service in foreign and home missions and all departments of denominational work". One writing of the School says: "Woman's Missionary Union Training School is eternal in its motives and purposes, the Kingdom of God being its objective, Christ the guiding star of its activities. It has a great place in immortal history".

#### PRAISING the TRAINING SCHOOL

"If there be any praise", said Paul, "think on this". We cannot think of our Training School without being inspired to songs of praise. So come, southern Baptist women, all who love the Lord and desire to see His Kingdom flourish, come and join us in this chorus as we think of different phases of our Training School calling for our praise.

#### PRAISING ITS FOUNDERS

There are five women especially honored by southern Baptists as founders of the Training School. First: there was Miss Eliza Broadus, who became the moving spirit in establishing the home for the four young women students who had gotten to Louisville seeking instruction in the Seminary; Miss Broadus "directed the organization and personnel that were to carry forward this far-reaching venture for the Kingdom of God". Then: there was Mrs. S. E. Woody, the first chairman of the Board of Managers, who remained the staunch supporter and loyal friend of the School through all of her life; her broad vision, high courage and large executive and business ability made her a leader of untold value to the institution. Mrs. George B. Eager was another who made invaluable contributions to the founding and nourishing of the School, lavishing her unusual talents on this "child of her love and prayers"; it was due largely to her influence and forceful presentation of the cause that the School was taken over by the southwide W.M.U. Another of the founders was Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, president of the southern Union at the time that it became a southwide project; she gave to the School all the powers of her brilliant mind and all the enthusiasm of her glowing heart; she it was who brought southern Baptist women together in unity of spirit to love and support the School. Then, as the brightest star in the constellation of founders there was Mrs. Maud Reynolds McLure, the first principal, who for sixteen years guided the life of the School; Mrs. Mullins, in her book *House Beautiful*, sums up in one sentence Mrs. McLure's wonderful service for the School: "She laid enduring foundations for its study courses, established its principles of discipline, impersonated and inspired its womanly ideals and lifted high its spirit of service to Christ throughout the world".

These are the five who founded the School and whose praises we delight to sing. The School may move from one building to another but the vision, courage and ideals of these remain the unmovable foundation upon which the structure of the School life is built.

#### PRAISING ITS TEACHING

The Training School faculty is in two groups. There are those who give full time to the management and teaching in the Training School. Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, herself a Training School graduate, is its most capable and consecrated principal. Miss Mary Nelle Lyne, another graduate, is the instructor in the Department of Missionary Education which gives particular emphasis to W.M.U.

work. There are others who teach music, public speaking, story-telling and other courses of special interest to women.

Then, certain members of the faculty of the Seminary are also on the faculty of the Training School. The Training School was located in Louisville that its students might have the privilege of sitting under the instruction of the Seminary professors. Of course we think that these are the best that the world affords, many of them with an international reputation for scholarship in their special fields. The young women have the same scholarly instruction in Biblical Introduction, Old and New Testament Interpretation, Systematic Theology, Church History, Social Ethics and other courses as are deemed necessary for the Seminary students in a well rounded theological course.

Of course the special emphasis in the Training School curriculum is on missions. The Missionary Education Department provides not only general missionary information but also W.M.U. history, methods etc. Field work is planned whereby the students get practical experience in different forms of service. Writing of this field work Miss Littlejohn says: "Through the field work department our students have gone out over the city touching literally hundreds of people, privileged and underprivileged, learning to live more abundantly themselves as they sought to win others to Christ and to raise the level of Christian living through the organizations of the churches and institutions in the city".

Surely, as we know about the faculty and courses of study in the Training School, our songs of praise wax more and more eloquent, for the faculty is the very best, both in cultural equipment and in Christian graces, and courses are offered to prepare our young women for any type of Christian work in churches and in all departments of denominational activities both in the homeland and on mission fields.

#### PRAISING ITS STUDENTS

Any school is judged by its students. Great care is taken in granting to applicants the privilege of attending the W.M.U. Training School. In each state is a trustee who must pass on all the applicants from her state. Entrance is granted only to students who have good health, who are outstanding in their Christian character and have participated actively in religious work and who have good literary preparation. While high school graduates are admitted, they receive, on graduation from the Training School, only certificates, while the junior college graduates receive a Bachelor of Religious Education degree, and the full college graduates receive a Master of Religious Education degree.

It would be expected that a school with such noble purposes and such high requirements for entrance would attract the very finest type of students and that is true. There were in the School last year 98 boarding students—beautiful, earnest, consecrated young women, rejoicing in the privilege of preparing themselves for special service for the Master. With these were 89 day-students, making a total enrolment of 187.

When it comes to praising the former students—the graduates of the Training School—words fail us. We know them. We see the wonderful work they do in the world today. We rejoice because many of them are our missionaries, our workers in many fields of service and our friends. We see in them the fruits of the Training School. We see in them the spirit of the Training School translated into service. We see in them the light of the Training School shining in many of earth's dark places.

We are told that 2275 students have graduated from the Training School during the thirty-five years of its history. They have gone out to engage in every form of service. Some of them are pastors' wives; some are workers in promotion

of various phases of denominational life—teachers in schools and colleges, workers in orphanages, directors of Good Will Centers, leaders in Sunday School and Training Union activities and leaders in W.M.U. work. Then, many of them have gone to serve on state, home and foreign mission fields.

We think of Neale Young who has carried W.M.U. work into the heart of Nigeria—she is a Training School girl! We think of Ruth Randall who edits W.M.U. literature in Brazil—she is a Training School girl. We think of Mary Pimm Moore, pastor's wife, W.M.U. secretary, writer of W.M.U. literature and busy with many other missionary duties in Chile—she is a Training School girl. We think of Ruth Ford choosing to return to her field in China that she might nurse victims of Japanese bombs—she is a Training School girl. We think of Ruby Daniel who stayed at her post of duty in Budapest, Hungary, while the storms of Nazi warfare beat around her—she is a Training School girl. We think of Kate Ellen Graver—facing a thousand dangers in witnessing for Jesus in His own land—she is a Training School girl. We think of Minnie Berry, working among the destitute people of the Kentucky mountains—she is a Training School girl. We think of Millie Mae McLellan, shining like a star in the midst of one of our cities' darkest places—she is a Training School girl.

We think of these and hundreds of others who have crossed oceans more dangerous because of submarines, who have nursed the sick while buildings fell and death rained from the sky, who have faced bandits unafraid, who have been in prison for the sake of the Gospel, who have slept in vermin infested houses, who have waded swamps, climbed mountains and tramped weary miles over dusty or muddy roads, who have endured thousands of hardships, conquered thousands of difficulties, faced thousands of dangers, won thousands of victories. We remember that they have built schools, organized churches, nursed the sick, written books, developed Good Will Centers and have turned multitudes of lost people to righteousness. These are the glory of the Training School and the joy of our hearts. Because we provided a place of training for them we share in their services and in their achievements.

#### PRAISING ITS NEW BUILDING

The Training School is in a new building. We know about it for we built it, and we have been hearing and reading much about it for the last two years. Let's take an imaginary visit to this new home of our beloved School and see what we can find there worthy of our praise.

First we find ourselves praising its location. It is on a lovely seven and a quarter acre tract of land in one of Louisville's choicest suburbs. It is on a highway—Lexington Road—and yet set far enough back to assure quiet and with a campus spacious enough to make a worthy setting for the dignity of the building. In every direction there are views of surpassing loveliness. The lawn is already green with new grass and there is promise of increased beauty when grass, shrubs and trees have time to grow. Behind are weeping willows large enough to form a lovely background for the building. Facing the campus is Cherokee Park, a peaceful and lovely retreat when the girls have time enough to take a walk. To one side are the campus and buildings of the Seminary, not only enhancing the beauty of the location but greatly facilitating the cooperation of the two schools. Now students and teachers can easily walk back and forth across the two campuses as the arrangement for the class work of the Training School demands. It is easy also for wives of the Seminary students to avail themselves of the courses offered in the Training School.

As we approach the building along a lovely curving driveway we find ourselves praising its architectural beauty. We see it as a spacious red brick structure of southern colonial design, spreading out in three wings and yet connected to make



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one symmetrical building. From the center court we walk in through the center door and are at once charmed with all we see. Walls, floors, windows, doors, the blending of colors, the arrangement of furniture—everything is satisfyingly commodious and lovely. Long corridors and well located stairways invite us to go exploring. We enjoy strolling through the four parlors, each in its own color design of gold, rose, blue and green, respectively. We turn to admire Miss Littlejohn's office and other offices conveniently placed on the first floor. Down the hall we go to find the library, the chapel and classrooms. In the other direction we visit the faculty suites, guest rooms and a faculty utility kitchen and serving room. Down the stairs we go to exclaim over the loveliness of the dining room, opening upon a terrace. Down there is a perfection-kitchen with serving and storerooms near-by. Under the chapel is the recreation room, providing a wonderful place for the students to have a good time. To the second and third floors we go to see student rooms, infirmary, diet kitchen, sun parlors, telephone rooms, prayer rooms and everything else for which we could wish. Every room, every hall, every nook and corner have been built and furnished for beauty, comfort and utility. We find songs of praise continually on our lips as we exclaim: "Oh how beautiful! How exquisite! It is a dream come true!"

We find reason for praise in the memorials in the new building. Memorials of the former House Beautiful have been reestablished in the new building with greater beauty and richer significance. The names of the five founders are perpetuated with memorials in the building: Miss Heck is memorialized in the chapel and Mrs. McLure through the raising of the McLure Memorial of more than a hundred thousand dollars, while the three wings of the building bear the names—Eager, Woody and Broadus. The lovely terrace on which the dining room opens is named to honor Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, our beloved southern W.M.U. president, who was the moving spirit in the building enterprise. Many state memorials have been retained in the new building and some new ones established. Of special interest is the memorial fireplace in the recreation room in which each state has placed a stone brought from some spot in that state connected with one rendering memorable service to the Training School or to the cause of world-wide missions, even as there are stones from foreign lands where the alumnae are serving.

A cause for particular praise and gratitude is the fact that on all this magnificent structure Woman's Missionary Union owes not a cent. The grounds, building and furniture are valued at approximately \$400,000; they are all paid for! With a series of four dedicatory services the building has been dedicated to the service of God. This wonderful achievement has been made possible through gifts from members and friends of Woman's Missionary Union throughout the southland. What an achievement! What a cause for grateful rejoicing!

### PRAISING ITS SPIRIT

Not buildings, or equipment, but spirit makes a school. We have long called our Training School building "House Beautiful". We will continue to use that name as a fitting one for the new building. However it is not the beauty of the building but the beauty of spirit that makes our Training School truly beautiful. It was Dr. Carver, the great friend of the Training School, who reminded us when the new building was projected that we were not to build a new Training School but only "a new habitation for its soul".

The Training School has moved into a new building and it has carried within those walls the Training School spirit, which is the spirit of love, humility, service, consecration, sacrifice. It is the spirit that sends young women from its comforts to endure hardships, from its beauty to dwell among unlovely people, from its comforts to live in greatest privation. It is the spirit of Jesus who emptied Himself of the glories of Heaven to be born in a manger, to live in poverty and to die on a cross. It is His spirit dwelling in the hearts of Training School students and teachers and also in our hearts, prompting us to love and support this agency for the spread of His Kingdom, that makes our Training School a thing of beauty, worthy of our highest praise.

### EXPRESSIONS of PRAISE

WE have asked a number who in different capacities have seen the new Training School building to tell us what they think about it. The following are their expressions of praise.

Miss Ruth Provence, a graduate of the Training School and now South Carolina's young people's secretary and Training School trustee says: "Twice it has been my privilege to visit for a few days within the new home of our Training School. Both times I experienced an indescribable feeling of anticipation in the realization that through this beautiful building our beloved School will make ever-increasing contributions to the Kingdom of God. Across its threshold will come hundreds of students. Surrounded by the loveliness of God's out-of-door world, living in rooms so attractive, enjoying meals in a dining room which seems a veritable garden in its beauty, sharing in happy times in the recreational room and in the parlors which are furnished with such exquisite taste, meeting with faculty members in well-equipped offices and classrooms, reveling in opportunities afforded by a real library, experiencing deep things of the spirit in the worshipful chapel— young womanhood down through the years will be blessed and therefrom will go forth to bless other lives. Its beauty mingled with usefulness, its taste with practicability, the new building is in essence a home and that home will give its daughters to God and to His world".

Mrs. H. B. Cross, Tennessee's trustee, writes: "It was an exquisite picture frame, but it was incomplete in its usefulness until the picture that suited its beauty was put in its place. So it was with our new 'House Magnificent' as one of the dedication speakers called it—it was just another beautiful building until those for whom it was intended began to fill its halls and make it breathe with life and usefulness. Ideally located to meet the physical and aesthetic needs, our new building will attract many young women who will appreciate the enlarged and better living facilities. The modern and efficient library, the adequate classrooms and the close proximity to our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will make an appeal to those who appreciate such advantages. The enrolment of a larger number of married students than usual has already been noted, proving the School's greater usefulness. The blessings of this new building are being manifest in the lives of those who are fortunate enough to assemble there. One need attend only one service in the Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial Chapel to realize that out from its doors

will go many young women 'to talk of His marvelous works, to make known among the peoples His doings, thus praising Him' and bringing honor to His cause".

Mrs. Ryland Knight, former trustee in Georgia, says: "The progress and development of House Beautiful have been a distinct evidence of God's leading. Each unfolding plan has unmistakably been a sign from Him that His approval rests upon Woman's Missionary Union Training School. From the first small buildings to this present adequate and satisfying structure, His spirit has permeated the School. It is this Spirit which goes with the young women who live in its inspiring atmosphere and then go out to inspire others to follow Christ. The new building is so satisfactory in every detail that even upon entering for the first time one is conscious that God is in this place".

From Miss Margaret Bruce, a graduate of the Training School and now W.M.U. young people's secretary in Tennessee, we have this statement: "The newly erected structure which houses our Woman's Missionary Union Training School is in every way a 'House Beautiful'. It stands in its lovely location as a subject of praise, to bless, to glorify, to honor and magnify the Lord Jesus Christ and His Kingdom's program. This adequate building will provide the opportunities for more young women to receive instruction from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the W.M.U. Training School professors. Through the years an increasing number of graduates will go out from House Beautiful to unite their songs of praise with those others who have gone out from the School to 'take the Light, the wonder and the glory of the Light'".

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, a Training School alumna who has achieved distinction in the realm of religious literature, expresses her praise as follows: "It has been said that true beauty is a prayer. Our new Training School building, then, is a prayer, encouraging our young people to walk in the beauty of holiness. It is 'a building fitly joined together and prepared for every good work' of teaching and training. It is the essence of harmony, a stimulus to high thinking and right living. It doubtless will prove a stately mansion in which those who dwell there will grow great souls".

Miss Regina Sliger, whose first year in the Training School has been its first year in the new building, has this to say: "What a beautiful house you have to live in!" has been the comment of many who visit our School. Yes, it is beautiful to the physical eye but the true beauty cannot be seen until one lives in it. The very walls, the beautiful furnishings, the magnificent lights, all speak to my heart of the love, sacrifice and zeal for the Lord of a host of missionary spirits throughout our southland for whom I am most grateful".

Miss Elizabeth Anne Campbell, a member of the first class to graduate in the new building, says: "Most people go through life merely dreaming of what it would be like to live in a community in which every member is Christian. Girls who have lived at House Beautiful have experienced this. As water is molded to a vessel so the life at the Training School is shaped by its gracious house and charming grounds, just now gay with fruit blossoms, daffodils and tulips. Surely something of the generosity of living at House Beautiful, the wisdom of wise teachers, the knowledge obtained from great books, the inspiration of priceless friendships will leave indelible marks on the lives of girls privileged to live in this unique place. In a world at war, we who have lived in the Training School the past two years have felt that here we have received the stuff from which a new world must be built and are praying for the wisdom and courage to share effectively what we have gained".

### "PRAISE YE the LORD"

IN singing the praises of our W.M.U. Training School we would render to God the glory for it all. His hand can be seen in the founding of the School, in its growth, in its achievements, in the service of its graduates.

His blessing has been upon the new building—upon those who dreamed it, those who planned it, those who built it, those whose gifts paid for it. We would take none of this glory to ourselves, for it all belongs to God.

It is said that when the sun is going out of sight the pious Swiss herdsman of the Alps takes his Alpine horn and shouts loudly through it, "Praise ye the Lord!" Then a brother herdsman on some distant slope takes up the echo, "Praise ye the Lord!" Soon another answers still higher up the mountains, till hill shouts to hill and peak echoes to peak the sublime anthem of praise to the Lord of all.

We can know that those living in the new Training School building, beholding its beauty and enjoying its blessings from day to day, feel like shouting: "Praise ye the Lord!" Our own hearts, realizing that we have had a part in this great achievement, pick up the song: "Praise ye the Lord!" Former students at work for the Lord around the world, in gratitude for its beneficent service in their lives, join in the chorus: "Praise ye the Lord!" In many lands those, who have heard the message of salvation from the lips of women prepared for service in this School, echo and reecho the song: "Praise ye the Lord!", until through all the universe rings the sublime anthem of praise to God, who hath wrought through us this work for the glory of His name.



#### QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the value of sincere praise.
2. Discuss the need of training young women for Christian service.
3. When was our W.M.U. Training School founded and who were its founders?
4. Tell something of the faculty of the Training School.
5. Discuss the widespread influence of Training School graduates.
6. Mention some Training School graduates about whose work you know.
7. Tell something of the new Training School building.
8. Discuss the spirit of the Training School.
9. How will the new Training School building enlarge the work of the School?
10. Quote some expressions of praise concerning the Training School building.



#### 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	
House Beautiful	Mrs. Isla May Mullins
Lighted to Lighten, Dedicator Address	Mrs. F. W. Armstrong

# Our Young People

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

## SUNBEAM BAND FOCUS WEEK

"W HAT, then, shall this child be?" asked the people about the son of Zachariah when, upon naming the baby John, his father's power of speech instantaneously returned to him. Then Zachariah broke into a song of praise, which includes the prophecy of Luke 1:76-79, with its outline of the future of this child. His duty was to "prepare the way of the Lord", give "a knowledge of salvation through the remission of sins", so that "light might shine in the darkness and shadow of death and guide feet into the paths of peace". This same question could be asked of every child in our world today. Will they grow up to "prepare the way of the Lord", to "shine in the darkness" and "guide feet into the paths of peace"? The answer depends for today's children, as it did with the son of Zachariah and Elizabeth, upon the kind of education given to tomorrow's men and women now.

Children have always been strategically important but never more so than under present world situations. Sober thought with realistic facing of conditions shows us that years will pass after the war is over before sorrow and sickness, wreckage and ruin can be healed or repaired. The problems of rebuilding a devastated world, of weaving together world humanity in bonds of fellowship and Christian neighborliness, of erasing racial prejudices, of "lifting the cross above the past" will be handed to the children of today growing into manhood and womanhood. What will their hands know about solutions that are right? Will they know God's plan for the world, His way of love? They cannot know unless they are taught—and taught before hate and intolerance, greed and selfishness crowd in and sow for havoc again.

What of the children of your church and congregation? This Sunbeam Band Focus Week is planned for you that you may evaluate and see if your W.M.S. is doing all that it should for childhood. The Sunbeam Band leader wants to bring the children before circles and missionary society in programs, to have these boys and girls tell and show what they are learning in mission study classes, to report on their giving, personal service and other activities. Such participation should quicken mothers whose children do not attend Sunbeam Band to see that they do share in this missionary education side of your church life.

Focus Week plans usually include something for each day in the week—personal service on some days, mission study on another, public program on another, an enlistment picnic on another, calling with mothers on the children whose mothers omit this important Sunbeam Band training. Your Sunbeam leader and W.M.U. young people's director will make happy plans for the week and all the fostering W.M.S. can help carry them out. Suggestions are given in August *World Comrades*.

Or perhaps your church has no Sunbeam Band, then waken it to the tragic loss in such omission. Our foreign and home missionaries hear the call of God like Samuel of old when tender in years. Will we not need missionaries to bind up the wounds of a broken world? Zealous missionary-minded business men and women look back to Sunbeam experiences for their impressions in world interest. Devoted parents recall when they were Sunbeams. What if your church fails tomorrow, now, today? This must not be.

Write to your state W.M.U. young people's leader for literature about Sunbeam Bands; see page 69 in 1942 W.M.U. Year Book; look at a copy of *World Comrades* and see the wealth of material for Sunbeam meetings. Read *The Way of Missionary Education* by Mather (price 50c from your state Baptist bookstore) to see values of Sunbeam Bands. Then foster well, beginning in Sunbeam Band Focus Week, August 9-14, 1942.

# Young Women's Auxiliary

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

## OUTREACH for HEALING HANDS

WAR always calls more young women into nurses training. Our hearts thrill at their ministry to the wounded on battlefields and in civilian places of danger, but what contribution is your Woman's Missionary Society making to these angels of mercy during their days of preparation?

Wherever nurses gather—in schools of training, in institutions which are of necessity confining, in hospitals of any or no denomination—their hearts hunger for evidence of interest in their spiritual growth and opportunity for friendships in spiritual development. If your church is near a hospital, there are privilege and responsibility which your W.M.S. should recognize and fulfill.

The state leader of Texas visited a Catholic hospital, learned that three-fourths of the nurses in training were not Catholics, discovered two Baptist girls who said: "We have been praying someone would come help us start a Y.W.A. We used to be Girls' Auxiliary members and we are so hungry for more missions. Please help us". The state leader talked with the "Mother Superior" who remarked she was the first evangelical representative to come to see about her members, gave full permission for the organization of a Grace McBride Y.W.A. and, later when a city banquet was announced, arranged personally so that the Y.W.A. president, who should have been on duty, could be absent from the hospital and attend the banquet.

What has your society done to see about the hunger for fostering care in the hearts of nurses in training in whatever hospital is near you? Doing nothing is a tragedy which has little excuse, when every help can be offered to do something and do it well. Nurses love the story of heroic Grace McBride and on request your state leader will supply copies of a brief biographical leaflet, one for each member of a newly organized Grace McBride Young Woman's Auxiliary. Nurses enjoy meetings in homes; and superintendents of nurses can usually allow permission and arrange time for them to have this pleasant background for their meetings. The arduous routine of their training makes a social time doubly welcomed at the close of their program discussion.

Fostering a Grace McBride Y.W.A. is not easy but it is gratifying. Difficulties of program planning are apparent at once with realization that an emergency operation may call three or more nurses out of the meeting any minute and so the assigned parts of a program exit to care for a patient. But counselor can suggest the plan of two people preparing the same topic for discussion and each supplementing the other if both are present; or the counselor can be ready to adequately fill any gap. With circulation of copies of *The Window of Y.W.A.* nurses will read and be ready to talk about program topics intelligently, broadening their understanding of the places of service to which their healing hands can reach.

The Grace McBride Y.W.A. of South Carolina Baptist Hospital fosters a Negro Grace McBride Y.W.A. in a nearby hospital. It has "adopted" a small deaf girl, clothing her and supplying her books at her school. The Grace McBride Y.W.A. at Arkansas Baptist Hospital makes it possible for every nurse to do enough mission study so that she can receive her official Y.W.A. seal at the same time she receives her diploma on nurses training.

What has been done, can be done. Your W.M.S. must show the young women in hospitals how far around the world their healing hands must reach. Are you doing it?

# From Our Missionaries

## TRAINING SCHOOL, RECIFE, BRAZIL

June 23 was chosen as the date for the dedication of our lovely new building. The former students of the School have given a bronze plaque bearing in Portuguese the following tribute: "To Brazilian Baptist young women Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention of the United States of North America gives this home. It is our sincere wish that our daughters be as corner-stones, carved as for those of a palace".

Ninety per cent of all the girls who have studied in this school are now active in the service of the Master. In all there have been 247 students here: 5 are now serving with some one of our Brazilian Mission Boards, 22 are wives of pastors active in service, 5 are nurses, 4 are itinerant full-time workers, 5 are employed in denominational offices, 47 are teachers in denominational schools, 5 are wives of Baptist doctors, 12 have died. Out of the 247 we know of only three who have abandoned the

faith or been disciplined by churches. Many of those not mentioned are active workers in their own churches and some are public school teachers. We feel justly proud of this record.

Our new building is of concrete, three stories, with four large white columns in front. On the first floor we have the sunny living-room, three class-rooms, the auditorium and the pretty dining-room with big windows and pale green walls, the gay kitchen and service-room with red checked curtains where the girls happily wash dishes. The second and third floors have 25 bed-rooms, the infirmary, 4 music practice-rooms, bathrooms and our suite.

We feel that the Lord has greatly blessed us and that our responsibility is great. We hope to respond by sending finely trained, consecrated young women to many places in north Brazil to tell the story of Jesus and His love for lost souls.—Misses Mildred Cox and Maye Bell Taylor, Recife, Brazil

## BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLE (Concluded from Page 5)

### NORTH CAROLINA WELCOMES YOU

With full assurance that I bespeak the sentiment of the managers of Ridgecrest and of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union I say to each and every member of a Business Women's Circle in our southland a hearty welcome awaits you at Ridgecrest when the first conference of these circles convenes there August 8-14. Since plans were first made for such a gathering, I have felt that far reaching and lasting benefits would inevitably result therefrom. In any gathering on this crest of the Blue Ridge there is sure to come a fuller realization of the true and worthwhile values in life, and a desire to render more consecrated service to Him Whose we are and Whom we serve. Here also may be found the inspiration always to be had from a closer contact with the natural manifestations of the power of Him by Whom "all things were made that were made".

So to all members of Business Women's Circles I say "Come with us and we will do thee good—come and you will do us good".—Mrs. W. D. Briggs, North Carolina W.M.U. Executive Secretary

**WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY to the SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION**  
**FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT—January 1 to April 1, 1942**  
**COMPILED BY W. M. U. TREASURER**

STATES	Reported by State Treasurers as Having Been Contributed by W.M.U. Members						Received by W.M.U. Treasurer				TOTAL
	Southwide Debt Paying Campaign	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Minis-terial Relief	Christian Education	State and Other Objects in S.B.C. Program	W.M.U. Training School			Special Gifts	
							State App't Training School	Scholar-ship Fund			
Alabama.....	\$ 3,528.21	\$ 5,760.65	\$ 11,732.86	\$ 742.70	\$ 5,775.96	\$ 9,721.29	\$ 300.00	\$ 66.50	\$	\$ 37,628.17	
Arizona.....	185.80	330.61	330.06	10.49	25.75	484.57	21.75	17.75	2.00	1,417.75	
Arkansas.....	2,395.70	4,927.79	2,542.27	261.87	898.02	10,974.46	169.35		122.85	22,292.31	
Dist. of Col.....	135.00	245.43	.....	.....	25.00	179.69	135.00			770.12	
Florida.....	2,842.13	9,479.18	4,421.74	601.62	2,662.50	9,555.70	125.00	100.00	454.21	30,242.08	
Georgia.....	9,827.30	3,527.02	15,705.26	5.00	108.46	40,378.04	701.85			70,252.93	
Illinois.....	1,136.46	1,971.54	4,852.38	289.79	1,262.23	6,305.76	97.35		18.10	15,933.61	
Kentucky.....	3,665.34	14,417.21	13,806.90	1,581.67	7,948.76	15,174.21		350.00	288.00	57,232.09	
Louisiana.....	2,021.31	1,565.98	12,432.26	323.59	1,750.12	10,178.60				28,271.86	
Maryland.....	1,015.60	1,304.38	1,762.29	156.74	313.49	2,279.95				6,832.45	
Mississippi.....	2,426.56	1,952.17	7,227.04	348.01	3,122.50	11,992.70	350.00	400.00	2.00	27,820.98	
Missouri.....	3,966.20	8,846.56	6,899.87	231.53	3,310.65	8,707.40	390.00	425.00	36.55	32,813.76	
New Mexico.....	886.70	2,003.91	1,892.59	187.60	415.24	2,318.07				7,705.01	
North Carolina.....	6,135.40	12,037.55	24,526.42	1,799.11	20,983.30	19,371.23				84,853.01	
Oklahoma.....	4,652.60	14,677.40	3,942.19	315.00	1,726.91	8,543.51				33,857.61	
South Carolina.....	2,637.83	6,782.16	10,953.76	1,329.55	5,156.37	16,046.01	400.00	50.00	6.35	43,362.03	
Tennessee.....	3,539.95	12,968.30	22,596.66	2,214.63	13,243.05	16,248.06			13.75	70,624.40	
Texas.....	8,778.41	15,942.66	41,006.91	2,825.60	29,679.72	38,463.70			33.90	136,730.90	
Virginia.....	6,015.27	18,243.23	25,328.40	2,929.26	14,420.35	25,346.03	500.00			92,782.54	
TOTAL	\$ 65,791.77	\$ 136,983.73	\$ 211,768.83	\$ 16,153.76	\$ 112,828.38	\$ 252,269.88*	\$ 3,190.30	\$ 1,409.25	\$ 977.71	\$ 801,373.61	

\*This amount includes \$14,009.44 paid toward state debts of the following states: Ala. \$3,576.17; Fla. \$1,608.77; Ky. \$3,549.04; La. \$2,021.50; Miss. \$7,659.43; N. C. \$6,135.41; Tenn. \$3,539.95; Va. \$5,079.37.

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

# Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, with which in a certain sense our own W.M.U. Training School is coordinated, graduated this year the largest class in its history—130 students.

so we see the school has now 20 students. Seventeen have been graduated.

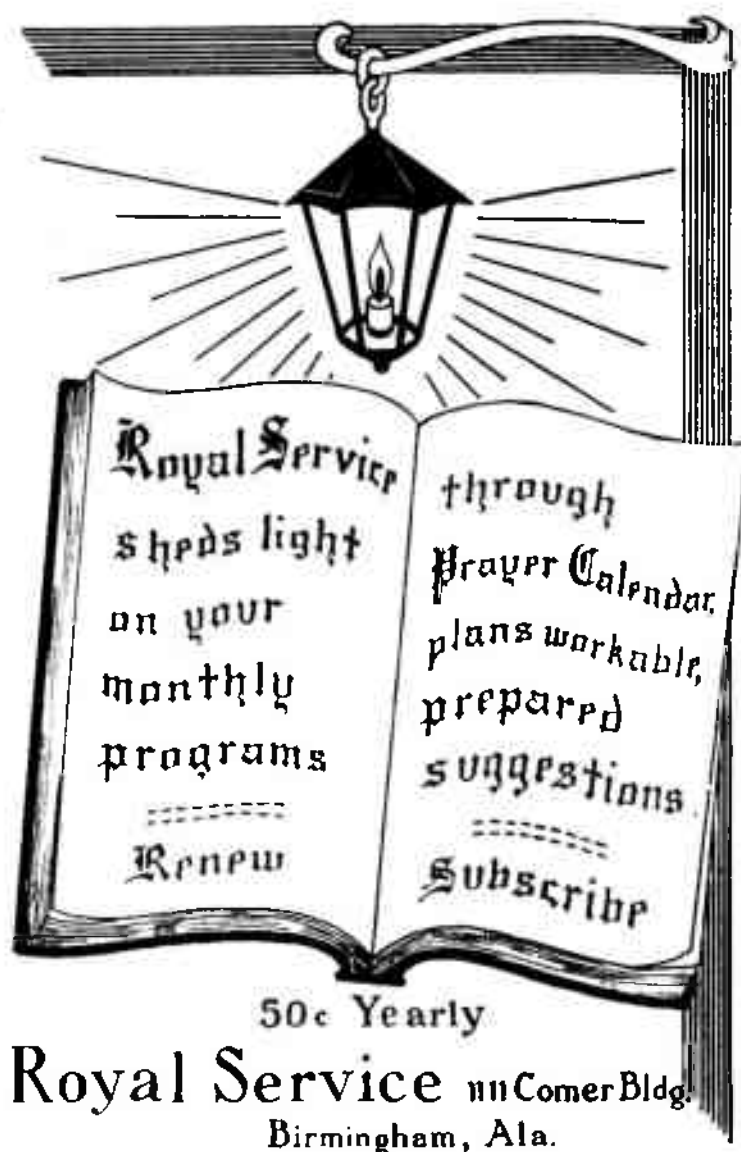
The Baptist Bible Institute at Rosario, though not so high in grade as the Training School in Buenos Aires, sends many of its fine students to Buenos Aires for further training. This Institute is in charge of Mrs. Anne Sowell Margrett, granddaughter of our pioneer missionaries to Brazil, Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Bagby, and the daughter of Dr. S. M. Sowell and Mrs. Ermine Bagby Sowell, missionaries to the Argentine.

The Pooi In Baptist Bible School was moved early in the year from Canton to Kweilin in free China where both students and teachers continued their work in Christian training. The All-China Seminary and Training School has been moved from Kaifeng to Shanghai and has been carrying on its work in a fine way.

Our Baptist Training School which is operated in connection with our Girls' School in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, has had an interesting and remarkable record. Of the graduates through the years there are 33 teachers in Bible schools, 2 in charge of schools, 6 in permanent W. M. U. work, 6 in the Rio publishing house, 4 are serving as executive secretaries in Baptist work, 4 as home missionaries, 1 as a foreign missionary, 1 as a Sunday-school field worker; also 6 are trained nurses, 24 are pastors' wives, while others are serving in private capacities as church workers and Christian home-makers.

Miss Martha Thomas Ellis in charge of our Woman's Training School in Buenos Aires, Argentina, is home on furlough but Miss Beatrice Glass is "carrying on" in her absence. It is interesting to note that the school opened with 4 students and that in each succeeding year since there have been 4 students added to the number enrolled the year before,

From Pernambuco comes the good news that the school there has 43 students from 30 Baptist churches and 9 north Brazil states and has just dedicated a new building. In Chile the Training School which is to function in connection with the Seminary in Santiago has not yet been opened formally but already has two students. The Mexican Training School in connection with the Seminary in El Paso has a student body of 10 young women but, as this is being written, has no director. Miss Hannah Plowden carries on in the very new and yet small Bible School in the Hawaiian Islands. A very fine lot on which there is a simple building has been purchased as a home for the school in Honolulu. The work in Africa of training women for Christian service goes on without interruption and there is reason to hope that in war-torn Europe the young women who have been trained in our schools there are seizing every opportunity to put their training into practice. Mrs. Earl Hester Trutza, former principal of our school in Rumania, has been in this country some time and Miss Ruby Daniel of the Training School in Hungary has just recently returned here.



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