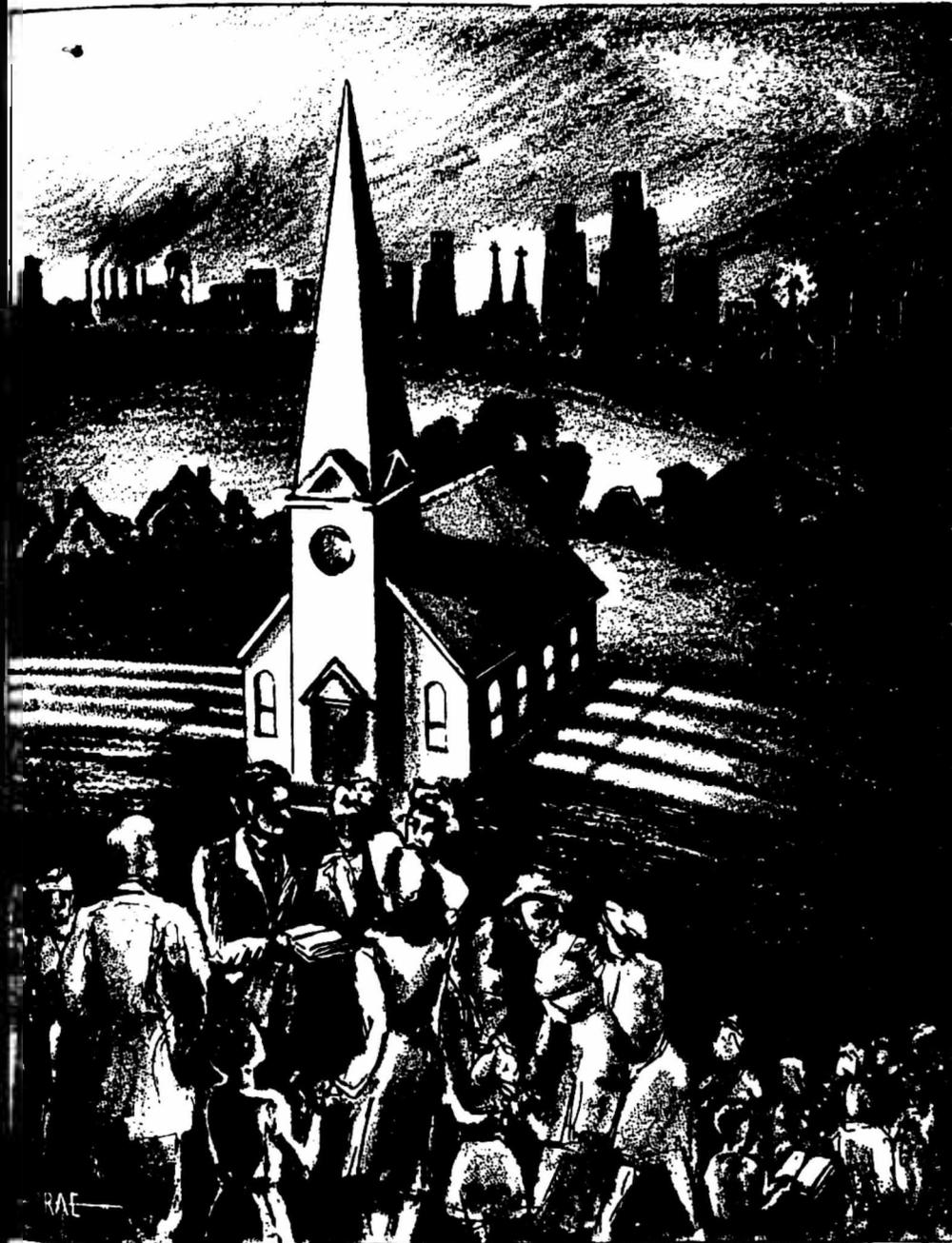


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# Editorial

"LAY UP for YOURSELVES TREASURES"

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

RECENTLY the treasurer of Woman's Missionary Union has been notified of a modest bequest to the W.M.U. Training School by a woman who was evidently very devout and deeply interested in missions. Her will is an interesting document, revealing the abiding interests of her life. It provided that the income from certain property should go to her husband except that he should faithfully take one-tenth of the same and give it to her Woman's Missionary Society for distribution to foreign, home and state missions. It is evident that in life she was a faithful tither and provided that her tithe should be projected into the years beyond the passing to her own reward. The will further provides that these income-producing properties and the house she inhabited should upon the death of her husband be turned over to the W.M.U. Training School's endowment. And now the notice has come that her will is finally to be executed and thus her small property will go on blessing the causes she loved even to the end of time. By her will she indicated the dominant interest of her life. Her example is worthy to be followed. She has laid up for herself treasures in Heaven.

This incident helps us to consider values. The tragic experiences of our world shock us into the realization that the things which some of us have regarded as treasures are but tawdry baubles and we are persuaded that the enduring things, the real treasures, are spiritual. Thoughtful women are led to readjust their thinking and their living, to disregard and discard non-essentials and give place in mind and heart and life to those things that endure. We would lay up for ourselves "treasures in Heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through nor steal".

The month of September offers to our large membership rare opportunities in conservation of treasures. If the nearly 769,000 members of Woman's Missionary Union (more than half of whom are women) grasp these opportunities there will be a treasure-trove of inestimable value.

In our churches there are vast numbers of young people who during the summer days have experienced the rare inspiration of W.M.U. camps. In their minds and hearts missionary concepts and purposes have been deepened. It is ours to help to conserve these impressions on young life and to provide avenues of expression for these sacred hopes and ambitions. Impression without expression is repression. In guiding and encouraging the holy aspirations of young life we lay up for ourselves treasures untold.

The month of September or October is associated with the promotion of state missions according to the plans of the several states. It has been said that state missions is the seed-corn of all the missionary enterprise. Each state finds the lost at her very doors and plans intensive effort to win them for the Kingdom of God. The State Mission Season of Prayer and Offering is the W.M.U. means of seeking and storing treasures that, like the talents in the hand of the good steward, will multiply an hundredfold.

In devoted selfless service, in sacrificial giving we shall indeed lay up for ourselves treasures in Heaven. In so doing we shall be constraining countless others to do likewise.

# Watchword for Year

LIGHTED to LIGHTEN—*Psalms 43:3*

In John 8:12 we read:

"I am the light of the world; he that followeth after Me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life".

In Matt. 5:14 from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount we read:

"Ye are the light of the world".

Jesus is the great light, the source of all light. We are His reflected light. He exhorts us—"Let your light so shine".

Dr. A. T. Robertson and Dr. Hersey Davis interpret this as a command. The Greek verb is imperative and should be translated—"You have the light: now shine!" We are obligated to shine as a matter of obedience to God.

The nearer we are to the source of light the brighter the light we reflect. The Bible speaks of a good man's life as a light. A man once said: "I can believe there is a Christ because there is a Livingstone". Sir Harry Lauder tells us as he was sitting in the lobby of a hotel a man passed the window. He was a lamp-lighter who pushed his light into the lamp and lighted it; then he went to another and another. Finally Mr. Lauder could see the lamp-lighter no more because he was so far in the distance; but he knew where he was by the lights as they broke out down the street, leaving a beautiful avenue of light. We are lamp-lighters. People know where we've been by the lights we leave behind. "We are lighted to lighten". How?—

Submission to God—joyous obedience to His will, quietly demonstrating the peace that He alone can give—Hear Peter as he says: "Ye also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (*I Peter 2:5*). Peter continues in the 9th verse—" . . . a royal priesthood . . . that ye may show forth the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light". Each of us as a believer is a priest to preside over the individual Holy of Holies—our heart—offering daily upon the altar of our hearts such gifts as praise, gratefulness, faith, meekness, humility, patience, love and longsuffering—*Col. 3; Gal. 5*.

Jesus has provided the robe of righteousness, but we are to do the beautiful embroidery work—"a golden bell and pomegranate upon the skirts of the robe round about" (*Ex. 28:34*) bells for testimony, pomegranates for fruitfulness. How beautifully they blend, profession and practice! As we bear testimony for Jesus do our bells make a sweet sound like beautiful chimes of church-bells on a quiet Sabbath evening; or do they sound as a clattering bell, yea as "sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal"?

Would that Christ could say of each of us as He said of John the Baptist, "He was a burning and a shining light"—*John 5:35*.

It is said that upon the table-land of Asia Minor the women may be seen at dawn of day going out of doors and looking up at their neighbors' chimneys. They want to see the one out of which the smoke is coming. Thither they go to borrow live coals with which to kindle a fire in their own homes. Do people watch our lives thus? If in our hearts the Holy Spirit has kindled a sacred fire, shall they not come to us for spiritual warmth and inspiration?—*Mrs. Harold B. Tillman, Pastor's Wife, Osceola, Arkansas*

# Training School

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

## ALABAMA MEMORIALS in the TRAINING SCHOOL

THE contributions of Alabama W.M.U. to the new building are much in evidence. Looking at the finished product from the outside, we are reminded that Alabama gave her enthusiastic support from the beginning, investing her first gifts in part of its stable foundations. Twenty-five years ago our first principal, Mrs. Maud R. McLure, an Alabama woman, contributed to the foundations of the former building in memory of her mother. In loving memory of these two worthy Alabama daughters this memorial is continued. Other foundation stones were taken honoring Miss Alice Huey, Alabama's first student and one of the famous "Big Four" whose coming to Louisville to study in the Seminary precipitated the movement for a Training School for women.

The east central stairway memorializes the service of five members of Southside Baptist Church in Birmingham who have been leaders in Alabama W.M.U. work. They were: Mesdames T. A. Hamilton, Lucy Stratton, T. G. Bush, R. T. Anderson and J. Furniss Lee.

Descending the stairway to the ground floor, the visitor turning to the right comes to the class room honoring Mrs. Carter Wright. The size of the room lends itself to smaller groups for informal discussion. This memorial carries over a similar memorial in the former building. As a stirring missionary speaker and the untiring stewardship chairman for Woman's Missionary Union Mrs. Wright continues the studious habits established in her youth. Through this timely memorial Training School students are reminded that lifelong study is basic in Christian service.

Turning to the left one enters the Bush periodical room, an inviting part of the library. This room continues the memorial established in the former building by Mrs. T. G. Bush in memory of her husband. It is furnished with the long reading table and chairs given by Mrs. Bush for the Bush Library twenty-five years ago. The walls are lined with shelves filled with magazines important for their wealth of material for Bible and missionary research as well as inspirational reading.

Completing our inspection of the ground floor we return to the first floor at the front of the west wing and find ourselves looking into one of the most beautiful rooms in the building, the principal's living room. The rich colors in walls and furnishings blend harmoniously. The fireplace gives the room a homelike appearance. Its gas logs and brass andirons were given by Mrs. Charles Burris of Birmingham and the W.M.S. of Clanton. During the session the students meet here each Tuesday afternoon for an informal prayer meeting. From time to time the Executive Committee, the staff and the faculty meetings are held in this room. In its inviting atmosphere guests visit with the principal and other staff members. Alabama women will rejoice to perpetuate in this beautiful room the memory of their first two W.M.U. secretaries, Mrs. M. B. Brown and her daughter, Mrs. H. B. Malone.

On the second floor bedroom number 220 has been set apart to continue the memorial to Mrs. M. A. Keith of Selma. Every bedroom commands an exquisite view and this one is no exception. The north window looks out over the formal garden, the east window across the beautiful Armstrong Terrace.—Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn

# Margaret Fund

Applications for scholarships should be sent to the treasurer, Mrs. W. J. Cox, 235 Patterson, Memphis, Tenn.

## COLLEGE MOTHERS for MARGARET FUND STUDENTS

ONE of the most important recommendations of the Margaret Fund Committee, as adopted at the San Antonio meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, is as follows:

"That state Margaret Fund chairmen, in consultation with their state president and executive secretary, appoint a woman in each college town who can wisely advise the students and evaluate any emergency or immediate needs of the students. This woman will confer with the state chairman or southwide treasurer, depending upon the urgency and nature of the case".

The college mother for Margaret Fund students at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, is Mrs. L. W. Alexander who supports many S.B.C. missionaries, has visited many of the home and foreign fields and is also by nature admirably qualified to advise the sons and daughters of the missionaries. By request Mrs. Alexander has furnished the following account of how she serves as "Margaret Fund Mother" at Baylor University:

Being a "College Mother" for the Margaret Fund students carries with it great joy as well as responsibility. Many of our Margaret Fund students come from countries with such different customs and educational systems that adjustment to American life is very difficult for them. Then the home life of the missionary is so different from the life the student finds on the college campus that this too makes another difficulty, not only for those from foreign fields but also for those whose parents serve in the homeland.

Thus the "College Mother" has the privilege and the responsibility of helping the students to adjust themselves to their new environment. Then, too, there is the dread disease of "homesickness" which comes to the boy or girl away from home for the first time with many miles or an ocean between them and their parents. The "College Mother"

that other women have them in their homes for a meal or some other little courtesy can do much to relieve that dread disease. The thing that they miss most is home.

Sometimes emergencies arise in the school-life of these boys and girls. Their first impulse is to turn to their parents; but alas this is not so easy especially when the great ocean separates them, which means weeks and weeks of waiting to hear from them. This is where the "College Mother" can render a great service by being sympathetically understanding.

At Baylor University for the past few years we have had the largest number of Margaret Fund students in Texas. I have asked the eight associations around Baylor to take the names of these students and write to them at holiday times, invite them to their meetings or have them in their homes.

In the fall as soon after school starts

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# Book Reviews

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

On THIS FOUNDATION—The Evangelical Witness in South America: W. Stanley Rycroft, Friendship Press, New York, 1942; Pages 210; Price, Paper 60c, Cloth \$1

WHAT shall be the basis of an effective, alluring, workable "good neighbor" policy between the Americas? Where shall the fermenting, revolutionary life of Latin America find a dependable foundation on which to build the new political and economic and social life now in process of birth? This book's answer to such questions is that "a truly great civilization can be built only on a spiritual foundation". As he closes his appraisal of the work which the evangelical churches are doing in South America, the author asserts that "the ever recurring theme and the one crowning purpose of all this work are to make Jesus Christ known, loved, obeyed. . . . He is the Church's one foundation and He is the only foundation on which a civilization of free, truth-loving men of high moral purpose and integrity can be built".

This conclusion will commend itself to southern Baptists. So will the author's sane, fair, appreciative presentation of the work the evangelical denominations are doing in Latin America and of the economic, social, political and religious conditions which make their work necessary.

Executive secretary of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America, Stanley Rycroft was for seventeen years a missionary-teacher of the "Free Church in Scotland" in Lima, Peru. His book evidences his own fine spirit as well as his understanding of the Latin American peoples and his unusual grasp of their problems. Our women will find his work a helpful background for their study of the new books on Brazil and Chile as gotten out by our Foreign Mission Board. (See also following suggestions.)

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

## For Studying the Book

On THIS FOUNDATION

The Evangelical Witness in Latin America

Mrs. Eugene E. Steele, pastor's wife in Atlanta, Georgia, offers the following suggestions:

"This volume", says the author in his preface, "was born of the conviction through the years, that a truly great civilization can be built only on a spiritual foundation. This belief permeates the entire book and therefore gives *On This Foundation* a unique position among the large number of books available on Latin America."

### I. Preliminary Preparation

1. Read the book through to get a proper view of the author's purposes; then study to master the facts. Outline own teaching plans, using outline in book as basis. **MAX**

all special assignments in advance. Make note of striking sentences: example, "The creation of the New World needs both Americas" (page 4).

2. Seek to create proper atmosphere by using maps, flags, charts, posters, curios, cutout villages of some of the countries to be studied, costumes and handicrafts. Secure (free) from the Foreign and Home Mission Boards their picture-posters of missionaries and picture-sheets of mission activities in the Latin American countries in which southern Baptists have work. Order (free for postage) from Esso Touring Service, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, highway maps of various Latin American countries, illustrated, showing national highways, airfields, railroads, towns, cities, mountain ranges etc.; from Pan American Airways, 135 W. Forty second St., New York City, "Routes of the Flying Clippers", which is a picture-map of the Western Hemisphere; from the Pan American Union, Latin American Stamp Section, Washington, D. C., List of Latin American Stamps, Philatelic *Who's Who Series* with order-sheet for purchase, if desired.
3. Special supplementary material: articles from magazines, daily papers, our own Baptist missionary magazines, *National Geographic* and *Travel*. There are many good reference books; we list only a few: *Inside Latin America* by John Gunther, *Challenge to the Americas* by John I. B. McCulloch, *Latin America—Its Place in World Life* by Inman, and our own new graded series on South America and Cuba.
4. Make a felt-o-graph-board, so the same pictures can be used over and over. Direction for making: cover a board of desired size (3½'x4½' is a good, usable size) with dark flannelette or duvetyne, using thumb tacks to hold cloth on board smoothly. Cut out desired pictures and on the back of each picture paste a piece of the flannelette or duvetyne thus insuring the pictures to stay put on the board. By the use of a felt-o-graph board you can often visualize step by step as you place the pictures on the board the lesson you wish your class to receive.
5. Cut large keys from white construction paper (enough for one key to each member of the class); on one side write: What is the key to the spiritual condition of Latin America? Give to members the first lesson. Ask class members to write their answers to this question and have ready to be used when Chapters IV and V are studied.
6. Make your own chapter outline on brown wrapping paper or cheap window shade, as paper and shade will roll up easily without breaking. Use at each class session.
7. Buy ordinary ten-cent loose leaf binders at the "Dime Store" with a few sheets of white paper in each. In addition cut a few sheets out of brown wrapping paper and put in each binder. On the white sheets have pupils write key sentences, notes etc. On the brown paper draw or mount maps and pictures.
8. Plan for a definite, short but to the point worship period to precede each class period.

### II. Poster Suggestions for Announcing Class

On poster board draw a large cross; in front of cross (allow cross to extend several inches on each end so as not to lose the effect of the cross) draw the western hemisphere. Draw a large open Bible, with top of Bible touching the western hemisphere and the bottom of Bible reaching almost to bottom of the cross. Cut out pictures or draw pictures of the various nationals of the western hemisphere and paste in circular form around the Bible. Place to give the effect of the people reading the Bible. At the top of poster print in large letters U-N-I-T-E-D. At the bottom of poster print in large letters On THIS FOUNDATION. Then in smaller letters print date and place of study etc.

### III. Projects

Divide class into three groups (Red, White and Blue).

**Red Group**—Keep a travelogue. Day by day keep record of countries visited (illustrate with pictures, maps etc.), the different races met and different languages, customs etc. encountered. Write a paragraph to explain each. This offers opportunity for originality.

**White Group**—Make a mural (use artistic members). Cheap shades or wrapping paper may be used for the background for the mural. Thumb-tack the mural on the wall of class room. Depict on mural the various people of Latin America—the city man, the country man, a street scene, a mission station etc.

**Blue Group**—Write an original playlet using some of the facts in this book but mostly telling of S.B.C. work in Latin America. The new graded series on Cuba and South America will be of much value in securing correct information on our work.

### Chapter I—Destiny of the Americas

Introduce the study of the book by using the lecture method to present the main facts in Chapter I. Keep your chapter outline in view and use it. End of lecture pass out mimeographed questions (True-False) based on facts brought out in lecture. Allow class three minutes to answer questions. Write key sentences in notebook, also chapter outline. Do this for each chapter of the book.

### Chapter II—Many Lands and Many People

Have a period of map study. As each country is mentioned by a previous assignment have some one tell a few definite things about that particular country. Perhaps some members will want to use the felt-o-graph-board to present their part; others will want to present their findings in costumes; several countries (example: Argentina, Brazil, Chile) may go in together and present their part in a short skit. Pin a small Christian flag on the countries where evangelical mission work is carried on. (Information in Appendix)

### Chapter III—The Indelible Marks of History

The teacher will present by the lecture method the Spanish conquest and results. By previous assignment have one member report on Roman Catholicism in Latin America today (pages 56-60); for additional information see the July-August 1942 *Commission* (page 263) "Danger" by Dr. J. L. Hart; also, *Reader's Resource Book on Cuba* (pages 57-63). Close period with sentence prayers, remembering the needs of the people in Latin America; also remember to pray for our missionaries who are serving in some of the countries in Latin America.

### Chapter IV—The Evangelical Witness in Latin America

Present this chapter as a round-table discussion; have findings written on blackboard. The summary on page 96 will help. Call for some of the answers the different members have written on their keys. If there is a Christian Latin American in your community invite her or him to this class period and have her or him tell why etc. she or he became an evangelical Christian.

### Chapter V—The Power of the Printed Word

Give each member of the class a folded newspaper. Ask different ones to open and read the big headline and the marked article in their paper. (The teacher will have previously written on paper and pasted in the newspapers the important items of this chapter.) Have a brief discussion after each headline etc. Close the period with an "Information Please" program.

### Chapter VI—Culture, Character, Community and Christianity

Use your chapter outline that you have made on the brown wrapping paper and have it given as a history lesson. Use felt-o-graph-board, using pictures that will show mission schools, hospitals, churches etc.

### Chapter VII—Social Change and Social Need

Have two ladies, one dressed as typical of a North American lady and another as a typical South American lady; give this chapter in dialogue form. The North American woman will help to bring out the facts of the chapter by asking the South American lady questions based on material in this chapter, especially using material on the home and family (pages 172-175). Close discussion by having the North American and South American ladies join hands as some one sings in Spanish first verse of "Bless Be the Tie That Binds" and then have all members of the class join in singing the same verse in English.

### Chapter VIII—And a Highway Shall Be There

Present this chapter with this poster: on a large poster board draw or paste in the upper right-hand corner "Christ of the Andes". At the extreme left hand corner at the bottom begin a highway winding through jungles, over bridges, stony ground and mountains, finally terminating in the "Christ of the Andes". Print on the right side near bottom the poem "Christ of Everywhere", found on page 193. Label the *jungle* (ignorance); *stony ground* (obstacles such as state religion); *bridge* (the open Bible); *mountains* (doubts, need of missionaries); last two mountains (faith, brotherhood). Call for projects in order listed. Period of meditation and prayer.

### Epilogue:

What have I learned about Latin America? What are the needs of the people of Latin America? What am I doing to help them meet their needs? What can I do? Will I do it? Do I believe that the religion of Jesus Christ is adequate for this war torn world?

(See also the review on page 8 of this magazine.)

# Stewardship Suggestions

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

## BUYING GOVERNMENT BONDS

ON all sides we see and from innumerable sources we hear the injunction, "Buy government war bonds". And our people—*just as they should do*—are responding gratefully, joyously, sacrificially. Would that with the same eagerness, Christians were also investing in the bonds of that government of the increase of which Jehovah God declares "there shall be no end"!

Compare the excellent reasons being given for buying government bonds with those God gives for investing in Heavenly securities:

*First:* "War bonds are the finest investment in the world—bar none!" Yes, no doubt they are the finest investment "*in the world*"; but no investment is comparable in value to the bonds of God's *eternal* government; only of *His* Kingdom can it be said: "(It) shall never be destroyed . . . it shall stand forever" (*Dan 2:44*).

*Second:* "A war bond is a *promise to pay*, backed by the full weight and authority of the strongest government in the world—the government of the United States of America". But to those who invest in the bonds of God's government there is a *promise to pay*, backed by the mighty Maker and Possessor of the universe; and what an astounding rate of interest He pays! Our government pays well. It is saying "put in three and get back four". But hear the Lord Christ as He promises (*Matt. 19:29*): "Every one shall receive an hundredfold"—one hundred times one hundred per cent, ten thousand per cent! Sometimes even greater is the return.

Someone put in the offering plate fifty cents which paid for a Bible that was the means of bringing a lost soul to Jesus who has declared that a soul is worth more than all the world. Nor is that the end of that fifty cent investment, because *that* convert won others and they others and so long as time lasts that fifty cent investment will increase in values eternal.

*Third:* "Suppose the bonds are burned or stolen or lost? You do not lose your money. Every bond you buy is *registered in your name in Washington*. Nothing can prevent you or your family from getting your money back—with *interest*".

Who could read that sentence and fail to recall how Jesus commends to us eternally safe securities? "Lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through nor steal" (*Matt 6:20*). All our investments of time and strength and money are recorded in our name in God's "Book of Remembrance" up there in His great "Capital City" and *nothing* can prevent us from realizing inconceivably great returns on every investment.

On windows, walls, windshields, we read the little stickers—"We are buying government war bonds". Keep it up. But let us add "We are *also* buying bonds in God's eternal government".

# 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: "Whatever things learned in His Word".

"To Do Thy Will, O God"

1st Day—Heb. 10:7-9; *Amos 6:1-8*  
 2nd Day—Heb. 2:1-4; *Gen. 25:27-34*  
 3rd Day—Heb. 4:2; *Isa. 28:1-7*  
 4th Day—Heb. 11:1-3; *I Cor. 8:1-13*  
 5th Day—Matt. 26:36-42; *Rom. 14:13-23*  
 6th Day—John 6:35-40; *Eph. 5:15-21*  
 7th Day—John 16:1-15; *Gen. 37:3-8*

"If Ye Continue in My Word"

8th Day—John 8:30-33; *Gen. 37:23-28*  
 9th Day—Luke 1:1-17; *Gen. 37:29-36*  
 10th Day—Luke 1:18-38; *Col. 3:18-4:1*  
 11th Day—Luke 1:39-56; *Psa. 105:7-24*  
 12th Day—Luke 1:57-80; *Eph. 6:1-9*  
 13th Day—Luke 2:1-20; *Rom. 12:9-21*  
 14th Day—Luke 2:21-52; *Gen. 44:18-29*

"Learn of Me"

15th Day—Matt. 11:28, 29; *Gen. 44:30-34*  
 16th Day—Luke 3:1-22; *Exodus 12:30-35*  
 17th Day—Luke 4:1-22; *I Sam. 19:1-6*  
 18th Day—Luke 6:32-49; *Esther 4:10-17*  
 19th Day—Luke 7:1-26; *II Tim. 4:1-3*  
 20th Day—Luke 7:27-50; *I Pet. 2:18-25*  
 21st Day—Luke 8:19-25; *Gen. 45:1-8*

"Desire the sincere milk of the Word"

22nd Day—I Pet. 2:1-7; *Gen. 45:9-15*  
 23rd Day—I Pet. 3:8-12; *Gen. 33:1-8*  
 24th Day—I Cor. 1:17-19; *Matt. 18:21-35*  
 25th Day—I Cor. 15:1-23; *Col. 3:12-17*  
 26th Day—I Cor. 15:55-58; *Psa. 103:1-8*  
 27th Day—John 3:18-21; *I John 4:7-11*  
 28th Day—John 4:1-26; *Rom. 5:1-11*  
 29th Day—John 5:24; *Acts 16:11-15*  
 30th Day—II Cor. 9:15; *Acts 16:25-34*

## "Pray Ye"

Giving thanks that "the Lord God omnipotent reigneth"

Praise God that "He will not fail nor be discouraged till He has set justice in the earth".

Give thanks that "it is a joy to the righteous to do justice".

Pray for states observing their season of prayer for state missions: (1) that the programs will be impressively presented; (2) that the offerings will exceed the goals in the churches and the states; (3) that each W.M.U. leader will be "steadfast . . . always abounding in the work of the Lord".



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## Calendar of Prayer September, 1942

Prepared by Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

WITHOUT distinction, without procrastination—love. Lavish it upon the poor, where it is very easy; especially upon the rich, who often need it most; most of all upon our equals, where it is very difficult and for whom perhaps we each do least of all.  
—Henry Drummond

### 1—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Littleton, Iwo, Rev. C. W. Knight, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, educational-evangelistic work  
 Keep and seek for all the commandments of the Lord your God—I Chron. 28:8

### 2—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Carranza, San Antonio, Rev. I. Perez, Bastrop, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans  
 The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, which is given unto us.—Rom. 5:5

### 3—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Lingerfelt, Miss Albert Steward, Jguasquara, Brazil, educational-evangelistic work  
 Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding.—Job 28:28

### 4—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Ferrer, San Antonio de los Baños, Rev. and Mrs. B. Molina, Portillo, Cuba, evangelistic work  
 For Thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favor wilt Thou compass him as with a shield.—Psa. 5:12

### 5—SATURDAY

Miss Roberta Pearl Johnson, evangelistic work, and Miss Lila Watson, educational-evangelistic work, Shanghai, Miss Grace Wells, evangelistic work, Chiakiang, China  
 Save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, lead them also and lift them up forever.—Psa. 28:9

### 6—SUNDAY

That God shall watch over and guide students entering colleges and universities  
 Blessed be the Lord, for He hath showed me His marvelous kindness in a strange city.—Psa. 34:7

### 7—MONDAY

That all labor shall be performed for the glory of God  
 Whatever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not unto men.—Col. 3:23

### 8—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. P. G. Carranza, Gallup, Rev. and Mrs. O. Hill, Alarungordo, New Mexico, evangelistic work among Mexicans  
 That men may know that Thou, whose name alone is Jehovah, art the Most High.—Psa. 83:18

### 9—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. Z. P. Freeman, Tucuman, Rev. and Mrs. T. B. Hawkins, Rosario, Argentina, evangelistic work  
 Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the people.—I Chron. 16:8

### 10—THURSDAY

Dr. A. H. Reid, Birmingham, Ala., Rev. M. C. Smith, Washington, D. C., evangelistic work (special city missions)  
 Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days.—Ecc. 11:1

### 11—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Harrington, Misses Ray Buster and Pauline White, educational-evangelistic work, Bello Horizonte, Brazil  
 Blessed by Thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.—Neb. 9:5

### 12—SATURDAY

Baptist believers in Italy  
 Thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek Thee.—Psa. 9:10

### 13—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Pruitt and Dr. T. F. McCrea, emerita missionaries from China  
 I will sing unto the Lord, because He hath dealt bountifully with me.—Psa. 13:6

### 14—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. V. T. Yearwood, evangelistic work, Ancon, Canal Zone  
 The just man walketh in his integrity; his children are blessed after him.—Prov. 20:7

### 15—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Cooper, educational-evangelistic work, Buenos Aires, Argentina  
 I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts.—I. Sam. 17:45

## Calendar of Prayer for September

### 16—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. D. Cantu, Taylor, Rev. and Mrs. F. Ramirez, Houston, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.—Matt. 5:5

### 17—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Stuart and Miss Helen McCullough, evangelistic work, Honolulu, T. H. They that know Thy name will put their trust in Thee.—Psa. 9:10

### 18—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Rankin, evangelistic work, Miss Annie Sandlin, educational-evangelistic work, Shiuchow, Miss Auris Pender, evangelistic work, Sun Hing, China; also M. Whitfield Rankin Jr., Margaret Fund student. Whoso hearkeneth unto Me shall dwell safely and shall be quiet from fear of evil.—Prov. 1:33

### 19—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. P. Hurtiz, El Paso, Rev. and Mrs. B. Contreras, Waelder, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans; also Octavia Hurtiz, Margaret Fund student. The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life.—Prov. 11:30

### 20—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. T. N. Johnson and Mrs. S. J. Townsend, emeritus missionaries from China. The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope for His mercy.—Psa. 147:11

### 21—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. I. N. Patterson, evangelistic work, Miss Neale C. Young, educational-evangelistic work, Abeokuta, Nigeria. One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren.—Matt. 23:8

### 22—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Martin, evangelistic work among mountain people, Hindman, Kentucky. They ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.—Acts 5:42

### 23—WEDNESDAY

Miss Jane Eide, Hwanghsien, Miss Bertha Smith, Tainingchow, Miss Pearl Todd, Chelou China, educational-evangelistic work. The Lord shall be thy confidence and shall keep thy foot from being taken.—Prov. 3:26

### 24—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. F. Becerra Jr., Waco, evangelistic work, Miss Amelia Diaz, educational-evangelistic work, San Antonio, Texas. Lay up for yourselves a treasure in Heaven.—Matt. 6:20

### 25—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Hardy, evangelistic work, Marana, Rev. and Mrs. P. C. Porter, educational-evangelistic work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; also Margaret, Lillian and Celeste Porter, Margaret Fund students. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light.—1 John 2:10

### 26—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. S. F. McAdory, Union, Miss, Rev. and Mrs. L. Johnson, Bapchuk, Arizona, evangelistic work among Indians. Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.—1 Chron. 16:10

### 27—SUNDAY

That faithful preparation may be made for the season of prayer for state missions. Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord and to seek the Lord of hosts.—Zech. 8:21

### 28—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. V. Koon, evangelistic work, Honolulu, T. H. I laid me down and slept, I awaked: for the Lord sustained me.—Psa. 3:5

### 29—TUESDAY

Woman's Missionary Union of North China. We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you.—Col. 1:3

### 30—WEDNESDAY

Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Crabtree, educational-evangelistic work, Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Stover, publicational-evangelistic work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; also George W. and Lydia Crabtree, Margaret Fund students. Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of the Lord thy God.—Deut. 27:10

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# Bible Study

Ella Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

THEME for YEAR: Lessons from Providence

TOPIC for MONTH: The Covenant of Sinai—Ex. 24:1-11

WHEN Jesus said in the Upper Room, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood", what other covenant did He have in mind? What picture did the words call up to the disciples? Was it the covenant with Abraham, the promise of a great posterity and a land to be their own? Was it the Ten Commandments or the law of Moses as a whole?

The true answer is a scene at the foot of Mount Sinai, after the giving of the Ten Commandments. A woman traveler, head of a convent on the Rhone in the fourth or fifth century, went to Palestine and wrote her impressions of Bible lands in a book. She saw Mount Sinai as a fearsome mountain, a cluster of sharp peaks requiring a prodigious amount of steep climbing to get through and, in the midst a very high one, quite invisible from the western approach. "As for this Moses, we know not what is become of him", said the people, impatient of the forty days' tarrying of Moses. Yet before he went up, they had heard the voice of God in the giving of the commandments and had received through Moses the glorious promise of God: "Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians and how I bare you on eagles' wings and brought you unto Myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed and keep My covenant, then ye shall be Mine own possession from among all peoples: for all the earth is Mine: and ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" (Ex. 19:4-6). And twice they had given a pledge on their part (24:3,7). Moses gave them an outline of the law (chapters 21-23), and they promised obedience. Then he wrote these ordinances in a book, perhaps in a single night, and the next day prepared a solemn ceremony. A great altar was built and twelve pillars set up (like Jacob's at Bethel) as stones of witness. Young men were chosen who offered burnt offerings and thank offerings of oxen. Half the blood of these beasts was sprinkled upon the altar, God's half. Then the Book of the Covenant\* was read, and again the people earnestly vowed obedience. The blood reserved was now sprinkled upon the people, with the words: "Behold the blood of the covenant, which Jehovah hath made with you concerning all these words".

The modern Jews hold that Israel was betrothed to God at the Red Sea and wedded to Him at Sinai. Certainly the narrative warrants this impression.

The covenant with Israel carried on the promise to Abraham; but Christ's atonement fulfils the meaning of the whole ceremonial law and brings us back to simple faith and obedience to Him. And behold, in the Revelation of John the church of Christ is called His bride!

\*Note—These laws are inserted before chapter 24 to make that passage intelligible. They invite a thoughtful reading—very practical laws as to religion, personal relationships, property rights and again the fundamental allegiance to God, who is going to give the Land of Canaan. The ceremonial law came later.

# Circle Program



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## EXPLANATORY NOTE:

It is believed that circles will profit by using a program somewhat similar if not identical to the following. It is urged that every circle make available for its program-participants each of the five magazines used as source-material for this suggested program. They may be secured as follows: *Royal Service*, 50c a year from 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.; *The Window of Y.W.A.*, \$1 a year from

the same Birmingham address; *World Comrades*, \$1 a year from the same Birmingham address; *The Commission*, 50c a year from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia; *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, 25c a year from Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga. (See also page 37 of 1942 W.M.U. Year Book and page 17 of this magazine.)

## CIRCLE PROGRAM TOPIC

"WE WOULD SEE JESUS". (Training School)

**Devotional Theme**—"Learn of Me". *Matt. 11:29a; 5:2-12; Luke 24:45*

**More Trained Workers Needed in the Homeland** (See article by Miss Wilma Bucy in September issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

**Alabama Memorials in the Training School** (See page 6 of this magazine.)

**Contrasts Make Opportunities** (See page 30 of this magazine.)

**The Pictures Musa Made** (See article by this title in September issue of *World Comrades*.)

**A Greeting to Smile about Seriously** (See article by this title in September issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.*)

**Standing by in Honolulu** (See article by Mrs. Victor Koon in September issue of *The Commission*.)

**W.M.U. Training School, a Factor in Home Missions** (See article by Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn in September issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

# Business Women's Circles

Prepared by Miss Janet Langston, S. C.  
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**Personal Invitations:** Draw at the top of a postal card a Bible. Below write:  
Let's think together at B.W.C.  
Of God's will for you and me.  
From His Word we will read  
Of His plan for world need.

Time Place Date

Another suggestion: Invitations may be cut in the shape of an open Bible on which is written the same message.

**Poster-Announcement:** Draw an outline of the open Bible. Above the outline print in large letters: "THINK ON THESE THINGS". Inside the Bible outline print:

Prayer	}	in	{	Cities
Faith				Rural Communities
Soul-winning				Mountains

Below the outline print:

At B.W.C. Place Time

**Preparation**—Write to Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Georgia, for a map of the southland and picture-sheets of its work in cities, mountains and rural sections. Put these up in your meeting place. On the speaker's table at the front of the room place the open Bible between two candles. Prepare questionnaires similar to the following for use at the close of your program:

### THINK ON THESE THINGS

"Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only".

**Prayer:** Do I utilize the power of prayer——? How big is my prayer-world——? For how many lost people do I pray faithfully——? How much do I pray for missionaries——?

**Faith:** In a world of doubt and fear do I manifest faith——? Do I show people, who are afraid, a God in whom they can trust——? How much expectancy is there in my praying——? Are my prayers ever unanswered because of my lack of faith——?

**Soul-winning:** In the last month how many people have I contacted for Christ——? Am I a living example of the things learned in His Word: of all things true——? honest——? just——? pure——? lovely——? good report——? of the power of prayer——? of faith in God——? Does my life make others seek to know my Savior and Sustainer——?

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# Program Plans

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**Invitations:** The invitation is made in the shape of an open Bible. On it are the words: "Whatsoever things are learned in His Word . . . think on these things". Under this add W.M.S., time, place, date.

**Poster:** On a piece of poster-paper draw or paste a picture of a man or woman with Bible in hand. On the poster write: "Sharing those things learned in His Word". W.M.S., time, place, date.

**Preparation and Presentation:** Place in the front of the room a large Bible (12x14") made of cardboard. As each talk is given a page is turned. For material for talks see pages 19-28.

**Things Learned in His Word:** Open the Bible to the first page on which these words are written: "Think on these things".

**Prayer:** Open the Bible to the second page. On this page is a large picture of Christ praying or another picture illustrating prayer. Beneath the picture write these words: "Pray without ceasing".

**Faith:** On the third page of the Bible is the picture of a victorious Christian; under the picture are the words: "All things are possible to him that believeth".

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

**Soul-winning:** On the next page of the Bible place the picture of a missionary or of two or three people talking seriously together. On this page write: "He that winneth souls is wise".

**At Work in Our Cities:** On the fifth page of the Bible is the picture of a large city or of underprivileged children in the city. On this page is written: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these, ye did it unto Me".

**At Work in New Orleans:** The fifth page of the Bible shows the picture of crowded city streets or of conditions along the water-fronts. On the same page is written: "Whosoever believeth shall be saved".

**At Work in Rural Communities:** On this page is the picture of the countryside, with the words: "I am come that they might have life".

**At Work in the Mountains:** The picture on the eighth page is of mountains or of mountain people. Under the picture is printed: "Go ye into all the world".

**Empowered by the Holy Spirit:** The picture on the last page is of the ascension of Christ. Under the picture are the words: "Ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you". Close by singing as a prayer, "Holy Ghost with Light Divine".

# Program Material

Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tennessee

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

**TOPIC for MONTH: Think on these things: "Whatsoever things learned in His Word".**

Hymn—Holy Bible, Book Divine

Bible Study—The Covenant at Sinai—Ex. 24:1-11 (Page 15)

Prayer thanking God for all His precious promises to His people

Hymn—How Firm a Foundation

Things Learned in His Word—Introductory Talk by Leader  
Prayer

Hymn—Sweet Hour of Prayer

Hymn—My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Solo—Lord, Lay Some Soul upon My Heart

Prayer that we may be faithful in winning souls to Jesus

At Work in Our Cities

—At Work in New Orleans

At Work in Rural Communities

At Work in the Mountains

Prayer for God's blessings upon all home mission work in cities and in rural sections

Empowered by the Holy Spirit

Hymn—Holy Ghost with Light Divine

Prayer that we may have the power of the Holy Spirit in all of our missionary work

## THINGS LEARNED in HIS WORD

**I**n the program topics which we are using for this year, based on Philip-  
pians 4:8, we have finished with Paul's list of things to "think on". But  
the topic for this month leads us a little further, suggesting that we  
think on "whatsoever things learned in His Word". This would include  
all of Paul's list of things, for in God's Word we may learn of all things true, of  
all things honest, of all things just, of all things pure, of all things lovely, of all  
things of good report and of all virtue and of all praise. If we thought only of  
things learned in God's Word how beautiful, how wise, how powerful would be our  
thinking and our doing!

The Bible is the all sufficient, all comprehensive, all powerful Word of the  
all loving God for all people; therefore, of all importance is it that all Christians  
should think on all things learned on all of its pages. Of course in this one program  
we cannot think on all things learned in God's Word, for that would be sufficient  
to occupy all of our thoughts for all of our lives and throughout all eternity. But  
our program outline suggests some outstanding truths in God's Word to which we  
are to give our attention in this discussion—**prayer, faith, soul-winning**—these  
are the three things learned in God's Word about which we are thinking at this hour  
and we shall see how the Holy Spirit can use these three agencies to enrich the

Christian life and to make the Christian witness powerful for the salvation of a lost world.

### PRAYER

*"Prayer is the divinest exercise the heart of man can be engaged in".*

*"Prayer is the key which, being turned by the hand of faith, unlocks all God's treasures".*

*"Prayer is the unseen wire stretched from the very heart of God to the heart of man".*

*"Prayer is the spirit speaking truth to truth".*

THE Bible tells about praying people—Abraham praying for the salvation of Sodom; Solomon praying at the dedication of the temple; Hezekiah praying for victory over Sennacherib's armies; the church praying for Peter's release from prison; Paul praying on a storm tossed ship; Lydia praying by a river-side; John praying on the Isle of Patmos. The Bible promises answers to prayer. God the Father said: "Before they call I will answer". Jesus said: "If ye shall ask anything in My name, that will I do". James said: "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much".

The Bible gives examples of answers to prayer. Jacob prayed and was transformed from a transplanter to a prince who had power with God and prevailed. Moses prayed and saved the life of a nation. Hannah prayed and was given a son. David prayed and killed a giant. Daniel prayed and the mouths of hungry lions were closed. Elijah prayed and brought fire down from heaven. The church at Jerusalem prayed and the Holy Spirit came in great power. Peter prayed and raised Dorcas from the dead. John prayed and received the Revelation.

The Bible tells about Jesus, the greatest example of prayer the world has ever known. Jesus prayed at His baptism, during His temptations, before He performed His miracles and at every crisis in His life. Before He called His disciples He prayed, on the Mount of Transfiguration He prayed, at the grave of Lazarus He prayed, in Gethsemane He prayed, on the cross He prayed. His life began, continued and ended with prayer.

To learn all that the Bible has to say about prayer would be to know the whole Book, for the Bible is a book of prayer. The Bible commands prayer—"Pray without ceasing". The Bible tells how to pray and gives Jesus' example of a perfect prayer.

The most important thing we learn about prayer from God's Word is that prayer is the power of the Christian life. It is through prayer that the Christian can keep himself clean in character and conduct. "Prayer is the lungs through which holiness breathes". It is through prayer that the Christian becomes powerful in his service. "Prayer moves the band that moves the world". "Prayer is the wonderful power placed by almighty God in the hands of His saints which may be used to accomplish great purposes and to achieve unusual results".

It is in the Bible that we learn what kind of prayer is powerful. There we learn that our praying must be fervent, persevering, believing and in accordance with God's will. It must be out of a heart that is right with God and out of a life lived in obedience to God. Someone has said, "Pray till prayer makes you forget your own wish and leave it or merge it in God's will". It is through prayer that we have the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and it is the Spirit who guides us to effectual praying.

If prayer is so important and so powerful, then surely we ought to pray. Not only is it the duty of Christians to pray but it is a sin not to pray. We are poor when we should be rich; we are weak when we should be strong; we are powerless when we should be all powerful; we fail when we should succeed—because we do not pray. "Prayer should be the breath of our breathing, the thought of our thinking, the soul of our feeling and the life of our living, the sound of our hearing, the growth of our growing".

"To God your every want  
In instant prayer display;  
Pray always; pray and never faint;  
Pray without ceasing, pray.

"In fellowship alone,  
To God with faith draw near;  
Approach His courts, beseech His throne,  
With all the power of prayer".

### FAITH

*"Faith is the trustful recognition of unseen realities".*

*"Faith is the soul going out of itself for all of its wants".*

*"Faith is the instinct of the spiritual world, it is the sixth sense—the sense of the unseen".*

*"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen".*

*Faith is one of the greatest powers in the world.*

OUR lives are continual expressions of faith in things and people, in facts and principles. We act because we believe. We can't sit on a chair or go aboard a bus or walk on a bridge or make a deposit at a bank or eat a piece of toast or do any of the innumerable things we do every day without faith. Faith is the mother of adventure and invention, of discovery and achievement.

The Bible is a great faith-book wherein we learn many lessons about faith. We learn that faith in God and in His Son Jesus Christ is the fundamental requirement of Christianity. The Bible says in plain words, "Have faith in God". It teaches us that faith is the means of salvation. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved". Men are saved by faith and by faith alone.

In the Bible we learn that by faith we please God, "for without faith it is impossible to please God". "The one thing by which a man can honor his God is faith".

In the Bible we learn that faith is righteousness. It was said of Abraham that he "believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness". Man has no righteousness of and from himself. He cannot attain righteousness by obedience to the law. He can possess righteousness only by believing in Jesus and taking on His righteousness.

In the Bible we learn that faith is the means of victory. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith". It is by faith that we win victories over sin in our own lives. It is by faith that we win victories in Christian service. "All things are possible to him that believeth". "It is impossible to be a hero in anything unless one is a hero in faith". "Faith does nothing alone, nothing of itself but everything under God, by God, through God".

It is faith that makes the promises of God meaningful. "Faith alone can teach us the skill of extracting the sweetness from a promise". "Faith in God

Himself immediately and personally is proof that the promises are true, that our life on earth is linked to a life above, that patience in well doing will have its reward, that no good deed can be in vain, and ten thousand other thoughts and hopes that sustain the drooping spirit in hours of conflict".

Faith is the implement of prayer. Dr. Edward M. Bounds in *Possibilities of Prayer* says: "Faith and prayer are Siamese twins. One heart animates them both. Faith is always praying. Prayer is always believing. . . . Faith must have a tongue by which it can speak. Prayer is the tongue of faith. Prayer must rise and soar. Faith gives prayer the wings to fly and soar. Faith has never won a victory nor gained a crown where prayer was not the weapon of victory and where prayer did not jewel the crown".

**Prayer, faith, promises**—they go together. By faith we believe in God's promises and by prayer we claim their blessings.

"Depend on Him; thou canst not fail;  
Make all thy wants and wishes known;  
Fear not; His merits must prevail;  
Ask but in faith, it shall be done".

#### SOUL-WINNING

**W**E learn in the Bible that those who know God should tell others about Him, that those who have believed on Jesus must lead others to believe on Him too. In the Old Testament we read, "He that winneth souls is wise"; and again, "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever". In the New Testament we are told, "He who converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death and shall cover a multitude of sins".

It is said that, at an interview between General Booth of the Salvation Army and Queen Alexandra of England, Princess Victoria was present and asked him to write in her album. He inscribed the words, "Saved to save". The next day Queen Alexandra sent her autograph album to him with the request that he write the same words in her book. We need to realize that we are saved to save others. The very nature of Christianity demands that it be shared.

"Do you love Jesus?" a little child asked her Christian father. "Why of course I do", answered the astonished man. "Well", said the child, "I just wondered, because I never heard you say anything about Him". Sinners around us have a right to doubt our love for Jesus if we never say anything about Him.

We believe that the greatest need in our missionary societies is this feeling of responsibility for the lost around us. We study about missions and are stirred to pray and give for the salvation of lost people on mission fields but often we forget that each of us lives in the midst of a mission field. We weep over the conditions of lost people in Africa, in China, in Brazil or in Cuba but give no thought to the spiritual condition of our milkman or the family of tenants on our farm. A lost soul is a lost soul wherever he is found and each one is of equal value to the Heavenly Father whose will it is that not one of them should perish. Missions is telling the Gospel story to the lost, whether they live in some far-away place or just next door.

The writer of these programs had the privilege last February of being a guest at a meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, Alabama, the society of which Miss Mallory and Miss Mather are members. Plans were being made for the observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and the visitor was thrilled and touched as she heard the announcement made that on a certain day the women would go from the prayer-meeting on

a visitation-mission systematically led by the pastor's wife, Mrs. John L. Slaughter, in an effort to reach certain groups of lost people in Birmingham. Wasn't that a wonderful addition to the program of a season of prayer and gifts for home missions? Suppose such a plan was carried out effectively in every Woman's Missionary Society. It would mean thousands of missionaries at work for the salvation of the homeland instead of the few hundred the Home Board employs.

Would it not be great if every time we make a special missionary offering we would also give ourselves in a special soul-winning effort in our own communities? Would it not be wonderful if we would follow our prayers for the salvation of the lost with some definite effort at personal soul-winning? Demonstrated love for the lost people around us would increase our love for lost people everywhere. Personal evangelism would make our support of world-wide missions more personal and more powerful.

We are told that there are at least twenty-four million unchurched people in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. Some of these may be found in every city, village or country community. Some of them are our neighbors. "They are lost souls—lost to God, lost to service, lost to victorious living, lost in time and possibly lost for all of a Godless eternity". Last year there were added to our churches by baptism 209,593 and we boast about the big gain! If every member of our Woman's Missionary Societies had won one soul to Christ the gain would have been over two times that number.

May the prayer in each of our hearts be—

"Lord, lay some soul upon my heart  
And love that soul through me;  
O help me nobly do my part  
To win that soul to Thee".

#### At WORK in OUR CITIES

**W**HILE we are thinking of soul-winning in our communities we remember that some of us live in city communities and some in rural communities. So it will be interesting and profitable to think for a while about what southern Baptists are doing for the evangelization of the cities and the countryside of our beloved southland. We will turn our attention first to the cities.

The south, once predominantly rural, is fast becoming a territory of great cities. We have in the southland some thirty to forty cities with populations of over 100,000, and we have as many more cities with populations ranging from 50,000 to 100,000. In the eight largest cities there are as many people as there are members of southern Baptist churches. In the 25 largest cities are over ten million or twice the number of southern Baptists.

We can imagine ourselves standing above any of these cities and speaking to the roof-tops in the words of an unknown poet—

"Roof-tops, roof-tops, what do you cover?  
Sad folks, bad folks and many a glowing lover,  
Wise people, simple people, children of despair:  
Roof-tops, roof-tops, hiding pain and care!

"Roof-tops, roof-tops, O what sin you're knowing,  
While above you in the sky the white clouds are blowing;  
While beneath you agony, dolor and grim strife  
Fight the olden battle, the olden war of life".

The roof-tops of our cities do indeed cover much pain and care, woe and despair, for in them are centers of sin in its worst forms. Vice and crime of all sorts breed in our great cities. Of the ten million inhabitants in our ten largest cities, six million are unchurched. In the greater areas of fifty-six cities, each of which has above 60,000 population, there are about ten million people who need Christ and His saving grace.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, our home mission secretary, says: "We must save our cities if we would save our country". Our Home Mission Board has now a Department of City Missions and has entered upon a definite program for work in our cities. This program is *cooperative*. The Home Mission Board and the local city association or board where the work is to be done enter upon a cooperative arrangement whereby the Home Board employs a superintendent and gives him a program of work, while the local organization provides a local operating budget and a special mission committee to work with this superintendent. It is a *church-centered* program, calling for the enlistment of all the churches of our cities in a definite mission program to reach the lost. In all the mission stations the work will be done through the churches by volunteer workers from the churches in the hope that those who are won to the Lord will be baptized into the fellowship of our churches and there be trained for Christian service. It is also a *spiritual* program, designed primarily as an evangelistic effort to reach and teach people to know the Lord as Savior and to live for Him as Lord.

This city mission program has been in operation for over a year in Houston, Texas, and in Atlanta, Georgia. The missionary employed in Atlanta, Rev. Solomon F. Dowis, outlines the plans of this program in seven points to include: extension Bible class work in the homes of the unenlisted, both Baptists and others; permanent mission stations in neglected areas where people live who do not and will not come to our churches; new missionary work in communities where there are many new homes, school, business areas but no churches; open air preaching and tent meetings; shop preaching; institutional work with definite schedules for weekly services in such places as prisons, hospitals, homes for the aged; and a church aid program which seeks to give all necessary aid and council to weak and struggling churches.

We are glad to know that in Atlanta and in Houston this program is already bearing fruit. In Durham, N. C., without aid of an employed missionary this type of work has been started. In Washington, D. C., and in Birmingham, Ala., the plan has been adopted and the work will soon start, while other cities are either planning to enter upon this Home Board program or are working at plans which they have adopted to fit their local needs.

#### AT WORK in NEW ORLEANS

WHILE the Home Mission Board has only recently opened a Department of City Missions it must be understood that much of its work for many years has been in our cities among different race and language groups and among other especially underprivileged and needy people. In East St. Louis, Tampa, Birmingham, San Antonio, El Paso and in other cities Home Board missionaries are at work among people speaking many languages.

An outstanding city work is that of Miss Gladys Keith in New Orleans. To understand the need and value of this work we must let Miss Keith drive us over her mission field. She will take us for many, many blocks along the river-front, showing us literally miles of little houses just as close together as they can be. We will see many people—some sitting on small porches along the sidewalks, three or four faces looking out of the small windows, children playing in the streets, people strolling along or thronging into the small shops. She will tell us many

stories of their needs—that many of them are Catholics, very superstitious, very sinful and very hard to reach. Just to convince us of the magnitude of this field she takes us inside some of the little houses where we find, living in two or three rooms, as many as ten, fifteen or perhaps twenty people. We agree with her that it would take at least ten missions to meet the need along the water-front and we rejoice when she tells us that already four of these missions have been established.

Of course we are glad to go with Miss Keith to visit the oldest of these, the Rachel Simms Mission. We find that it has been recently rewired, repainted, with new porch floors laid and a new shop built. Miss Keith says: "The shop is one thing that we have dreamed of and planned for ever since we have been in the work. Half of it is for the girls and half for the boys. A business man here in town heard of the work and sent a check for one hundred dollars to place electrical tools in the shop for the boys. Ask any who know and they will tell you that crime has decreased in this section since the work has begun with the boys and girls. I know that through the work of this mission six years ago a 'gang' of teen-age boys was broken up. They had their hide-out and all that goes with it. In this mission we have a full week-day program of Bible study, work and play. What more does it take to build character? This year there were seven Vacation Bible Schools taught under the supervision of the Home Mission Board. There were over five hundred children enrolled in these schools. Many of them were saved".

We enjoy greatly a visit to the Third Baptist Church near the Rachel Simms Mission and it thrills us to hear Miss Keith tell of how this church was organized when it seemed an impossible undertaking. She further explains that its members, all of them poor people converted in the mission, have paid for their lovely little building and have from the beginning supported the church without any outside help.

While we are on this imaginary visit to New Orleans we must go to the Home Board's Rescue Mission and Woman's Emergency Home. We find these doing a wonderful service in ministering to the people of the "down and out" class, thousands of whom wander into New Orleans every year. In the Rescue Home we see sleeping quarters with a hundred beds and are told that on many nights these are full of weary men, with from twenty to a hundred others sleeping on the floor with only a quilt wrapped around them to keep them warm. We visit the kitchen where nourishing meals are prepared for them. We go to the attractive chapel where every night Gospel services are held. The Rescue Mission is fifteen years old and we are told that through these years nearly 500,000 men have received help and 9,000 have made public professions of faith in Jesus Christ. More than 550 girls have been cared for in the Woman's Emergency Home.

Speaking of the value of this work Rev. Clovis A. Brantley, the superintendent of the Rescue Mission, says: "These men and women have passed the ministry of the churches and can be reached only by such an effort as that made by the Rescue Mission. The mission stands as the last refuge, the last hope on the way down; loved ones have turned them out and in despair they seek a way out. Realizing that any new start without Christ would only fail, we make central the preaching of the Gospel. All the efforts of the mission are made to head up in the preaching service where the mercy and love of Jesus are preached and where they have the chance to begin anew with Him. When one sees one of these hardened sinners leave his seat before others as bad as he and walk down the aisle and say, 'I want to trust Jesus to save this old wretched sinner', the heart beats with a new joy as he realizes the power of the Gospel. These days

before us will bring many other human wrecks. Help us to be spiritually and materially ready to help these unfortunate ones as they come".

#### At WORK in RURAL COMMUNITIES

**I**N spite of the fact that in late years our southern cities have been growing rapidly a majority of our southern people still live in the country. It must be remembered that our cities do not have a monopoly on the vice in the land. The countryside too has its centers of evil. Out on the highways or tucked away in secluded country spots are honky tonks or road-houses, where drinking, gambling and dancing go on all night, disturbing the sweet quiet of the countryside with jazz music and the curses of drunken men and polluting the pure fresh air with the smell of whiskey and cigarette smoke.

The only hope for the country, as for the city, is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Today a major trouble is that rural churches have not kept up with the development of rural communities. Through all the years Baptists have been a rural people with the result that there are far more Baptists in the country than is true of any other denomination. So on the Baptists rests largely the responsibility of saving the countryside. To do this we must build better church houses and develop better organized and better equipped country churches. The rural church must keep up with the development that has brought to the country paved highways, electricity, consolidated schools and improved farming and home conditions.

The Home Mission Board has plans for reaching rural communities of the south as well as the cities. Already Rev. Percy Ray of Myrtle, Mississippi, is working in rural sections of northeast Mississippi and central Tennessee. Last year this missionary conducted twenty-five revival meetings which resulted in 610 conversions, organized two new churches and aided with the construction of five new buildings. He writes of his work: "I still say that the revitalization of the country church is the greatest opportunity and challenge of any field in the Southern Baptist Convention. All of these places in the country are eager to do things for the Lord if they are approached in the right way and in the right spirit. Our leadership for the denomination has come from the country in the past and will continue to do so".

#### At WORK in the MOUNTAINS

**T**HERE is no part of the rural south more interesting, more fascinating and more challenging from a missionary viewpoint than the mountain sections. Parts of ten southern states project themselves into the mountain region.

These regions are not as isolated and backward as they once were, for highways and power-lines have brought modern equipment for homes and economic life and have put the mountaineers in touch with the rest of the world. However, Christianity has not kept pace with material development and the mountain people are still a most needy group. Writing of conditions in the Kentucky mountains our missionary, Rev. L. W. Martin, says from his experiences: "This is the most destitute of professed Christians in the mountain area. Not more than seventeen out of every 100 people are church members. Church buildings are few and far apart. Many people never hear a Gospel message. Ignorance of the Bible is unbelievable. Thousands of children grow up with no Sunday school opportunities. Sin and vice continue to enslave the people to an almost hopeless bondage. There is a rural section of one county which lies from seventeen to twenty-five miles from the county-seat. There is but one Sunday school in all this territory and it ministers to very few people. Some of these people have never heard a Baptist message. Killings are common. Illegitimacy is prevalent and sin runs riot. One of the great problems of missionary work in the mountains is the build-

ing problem. Except for a few buildings in county-seats, an occasional near-by town or a rarely favored country community, Baptists have no church houses. There are county-seat towns and towns larger than some county-seats that have no Baptist church buildings. The missionary must almost without exception use school buildings, picture-show halls, garages or store buildings. Baptists will never win and develop a Godly constituency in such buildings".

We are glad that we have five workers in this needy field. The following story told by Mr. Martin of one day's experience shows what can be done in evangelizing the people of the mountains. "I wish you could have been with us last Sunday. I believe it was one of the greatest days I have enjoyed since I left the pastorate at Hazard. I preached four times in the church building at Pikeville and at each service there were professions. When the day ended, twenty-four had made profession and twenty-three of them had been approved by the church for baptism. There had been ten others approved by the church before. Brother Howerton baptized twenty-eight after the evening sermon and there are five and maybe six more to be baptized. We all feel that the church was revived. One of the oldest members of the church said it was the greatest day he had ever known in that church. What a joy to a missionary, who most often finds the response slow and small, to have such a manifestation of the presence and power of God! It was midnight when I arrived home quite weary but indeed joyful. God is still at work and His Word is effective when preached simply and so that Christ may have the glory".

#### EMPOWERED by the HOLY SPIRIT

**A**S we think on the things learned in God's Word we must remember that only by the power of the Holy Spirit can we accomplish the missionary task delivered by Jesus to His followers. He told His disciples that they were to be His witnesses, but before that He said: "Ye shall receive power when the Holy Ghost is come upon you". He commanded them to go into all the world as messengers of the Gospel but said, "Tarry ye in the city until ye be clothed with power from on high". By this they were made to understand that "their efforts would be worse than futile should they attempt their task as witnesses before they received the enabling power which the Holy Spirit would give them" (Dr. Ellis Fuller).

What we Christians today need is this power. And we can have it, for the Holy Spirit is still in the world and may be in our hearts to guide us, to give us wisdom and to make our witnessing powerful.

When we face needs as we have today—needs in our cities, needs in the country, needs in the mountains, needs everywhere—we feel so weak, so inadequate, so helpless. Then it is that we must remember that we work not in our own power but in the power of the Holy Spirit, dwelling in us and working through us. In Him is fulfilled the promise of Jesus, "Lo, I am with you always".

How may we have the power of the Spirit in our work? This question takes us back to those other things learned in God's Word on which we have thought in this program. When we pray in faith the Spirit comes to give us the power we need. It was while the disciples tarried in Jerusalem in prayer that the promise of the Father was fulfilled and the Holy Spirit came. If we will but tarry in the upper room of prayer in faith believing all the promises of the Father, we too shall be filled with the Spirit. And then shall we go forth with great power to witness for Christ and to win many lost ones to believe on His name.

As we think of the things learned in His Word about the Holy Spirit may we realize the truth of Dr. F. B. Meyer's words as he says: "Nothing can compensate the church or the individual Christian for the lack of the Holy Spirit.

What the full stream is to the mill-wheel, that the Holy Spirit is to the church. What the principle of life is to the body, that the Holy Spirit is to the individual. We shall stand powerless and abashed in the presence of our difficulties and our foes until we learn what He can be, as a mighty tide of love and power in the hearts of His saints".

#### QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the Bible as a prayer book.
2. Give some examples from the Bible of answered prayer.
3. Tell something of the prayer life of Jesus.
4. Give some definitions of faith.
5. Mention some Bible teachings about faith.
6. Discuss the connection between prayer and faith.
7. Give some Bible verses about soul-winning.
8. Discuss the importance of our being personal soul-winners.
9. Tell something of our Home Board's new Department of City Missions.
10. Tell something of home mission work in New Orleans.
11. Discuss the need of better church work in rural communities.
12. Discuss the need of missionary work in the mountains.
13. How many missionaries do we have in the mountains?
14. How may we be empowered for our missionary work?

#### REFERENCE MATERIAL

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

The Window of Y.W.A.	—World Comrades
Southern Baptist Home Missions	—The Commission
State Denominational Papers	
Last Report of the Home Mission Board	
The Possibilities of Prayer.....	.....Edward M. Bounds
Real Prayer .....	.....Cortland Meyers
The Secret of Guidance.....	.....F. B. Meyer
Helping Others to Become Christian.....	.....Roland Q. Leavell



# Our Young People

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

## A CHALLENGE across ONE HUNDRED FIFTY YEARS

**N**EXT month, October 2, comes the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Baptist Missionary Movement. On October 2, 1792, in the "back parlor" of the home of the Widow Wallis, fourteen men met and started the "Particular Baptist Society for the Propagation of the Gospel amongst the Heathen". "They were nobodies from nowhere" but moved by the spirit of God they became pioneers in the only movement in the world which will go on to complete victory. It will be tragedy if Baptists, young and old, do not renew their acquaintance with William Carey, known as the Father of Modern Missions, who was the major human instrument in launching that enterprise. Few of the heroes which rise out of wars are remembered for 150 years: but, wherever intelligent Baptists meet this year, the name and work of William Carey will be recognized with gratitude. Dr. W. O. Lewis, secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, crossed the Atlantic in the spring to share in the celebration in Great Britain. Baptist women of England are having luncheons each entertaining fourteen guests and making up \$63.25, the amount of that first collection on the night of October 2, 1792, to become part of the \$600,000 special Carey centennial gift in Britain this year.

Here in America we can learn about William Carey and teach our young people about this uneducated man who became a scholar, this cobbler who from making shoes tapped out the forward march of Baptist missionaries going in procession to all lands. Royal Ambassadors should have a chance to know this hero. His experiences with the British East India Company will help them understand the strained problem of India now.

His methods of teaching suggest to counselors ways of leading our Sunbeam Bands, Girls' Auxiliaries and Royal Ambassador Chapters, because education was more than recitation in William Carey's schoolroom. He gathered all the information he could about other lands and people. He collected pictures; he used maps. Such materials were scarce 150 years ago but he made the most of what he had to give reality to the knowledge of his pupils.

His own heart was so full of missionary zeal that his passion could not have been lost on the students. A geography lesson suddenly became a prayer when their teacher, weeping, exclaimed as he pointed: "And they are pagans! pagans!" It is no wonder England awoke to some obedience to the Great Commission.

Now in the midst of war British Baptists warm their hearts to sacrifice for Kingdom causes by thinking of William Carey. So may we in America rekindle our own missionary zeal and give our young people a feeling for the lostness of the world which will be somewhat commensurate with that of Carey's. Study a life of William Carey; see that your young people read a comprehensive life of this unique missionary hero, catch something of his fervor and pass it on to others as he did.

# College Y.W.A.

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## CONTRASTS MAKE OPPORTUNITIES

**L**IFE is changing so gradually in our United States of America that it may be we shall miss the opportunities that are presented to us unless we keep constantly in our thinking the sharp contrasts which today presents.

Do you see the predominance of young women on your coeducational campus without realizing what overwhelming opportunity they represent to you of the neighbor church Woman's Missionary Society? If near you is a girls' school probably there are appreciably fewer young women enrolled. One does not ask "Why?" Her heart answers with the ache for absent sons or brothers or husbands—"War". And out of the pain of that admission should come the urge to so develop Christian attitudes toward the whole world that war shall not come again but that peace shall have her chance. In sympathy and sorrow you would spare these college young women the agony that is yours; then seize upon this opportunity and help them "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness". It avails little to say, "If we had only . . ." and enumerate our failures to see our responsibility during the past twenty-five years. We did not tithe, now we are taxed; we did not pray for all lands, now we pay for that omission in life; we did not give our sons and daughters to the business of preaching the Gospel of Life in all lands, now they are taken for the business of death. *If* is a harsh word.

But here are young women who need not follow our mistakes. They can learn in Ann Hasseltine Young Woman's Auxiliary the deep reaches of God's world purpose and they can live in the better world we yearn for if Woman's Missionary Societies foster helpfully so that they do not make our same mistakes of complacent half-hearted loyalty to Christ. Write to the president of the Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A. on your neighbor campus or talk to her at once when she returns and ask what your society can do to help. Suggest that she ask the social committee to get in touch with you at once to plan a welcome tea or reception or banquet or for every-girl-in-a-home-for-Sunday-dinner. Tell her to have the personal service chairman of the Y.W.A. talk with the personal service chairman of the W.M.S. as soon as she can. Then have the W.M.U. personal service chairman ready with worthy plans which will use the best the Y.W.A.'s are learning in sociology classes plus their courses in religion plus all the practical expressions of Christianity they can reach through thoughtful prayer. Y.W.A.'s want big projects to work at for the Lord; supply them with such work in the community.

Help them plan at once for large mission study emphasis. Remind the president that mission study was never so important. How shall we understand our "allies" or our "enemies" unless we study about them? Books on China, Japan, South America, Europe, Africa challenge when well taught; your W.M.S. can help bring a missionary visitor at the time suited best to the college schedule; your church can use her and she can be busy at the college too. If there is a well-organized Baptist Student Union, the Young Woman's Auxiliary is the channel through which missions goes into the life-stream of B.S.U. activities; the W.M.S. must foster well that channeling Y.W.A. or missions is left out in another college generation.

The contrast of today's geared-to-war life shows up the opportunity to be used by God to lead young women to know how to gear-to-peace. Make the most of it!

# From Our Missionaries

## CASA BLANCA CHURCH in ARIZONA

**I**N the Casa Blanca community on the Pima Indian Reservation in Arizona, a group of twenty-five people led by Luke Johnson began having services in 1937 in the homes of the people. In January 1940 this group invited Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Frazier, missionaries of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, to come and hold services for them. The missionaries did this each Sunday afternoon. The people believed the Gospel messages they were hearing, and all made profession of faith. They joined Sacaton Baptist Church and were baptized in May, 1940. Brother Luke Johnson was immediately licensed to preach the Gospel. They selected a building site in June 1940 on which they built an arbor and on June 23rd Dr. J. W. Beagle, of the Home Mission Board dedicated it to the Lord. A revival meeting immediately followed, conducted by the missionaries, which resulted in eight additions to Sacaton Church by baptism. On July 28, 1940, Casa Blanca Baptist Church was organized with 25 charter members. The church called Brother Luke Johnson as pastor and he was ordained in March, 1941. The church has grown, a Sunday school was soon organized, and on September 9, 1940, a church building thirty by fifty feet was started. The Annie W. Armstrong Offering came to its rescue with \$500 to apply on the building. The new building was formally opened September 14, 1941, a revival meeting followed; a little later a Woman's Missionary Society and Sunbeam Band were organized.—Mrs. C. F. Frazier, Missionary

## MARGARET FUND (Concluded from Page 7)

as I can get them together I have them in my home for a meal or some kind of a social hour so that they may become acquainted with each other and with me. At this time I invite our state Margaret Fund chairman to be our guest that the young people may know her. Then in the spring I have them all together again before they separate for the summer or perhaps for all time, thus making them feel that they are really a family.

At Christmas time last year one of the Woman's Missionary Societies gave a party for them at which time the young people told of the Christmas season in the countries from which they came. Each student was given a little gift as were certain of their mothers who were also guests at the party. We have several missionaries living in Waco.

This ties our people on to both the students and missionaries.

One year my circle helped with a Valentine Party for the Margarets. In the fall when I have them all together I secure in some way the dates of their birthdays and as these days come around I send them a greeting, which sometimes is a great surprise to them as they do not know how I knew about their birthday.

In reality I try to do what a mother would do for her son or daughter at home. It is a great joy to do this service for these sons and daughters of our beloved missionaries who are representing us at home and abroad. The appreciation of the students is very beautiful and even more so is that of the parents.

# Personal Service

Southwide Personal Service Chairman, Miss Mary Christian

## "EXPECTING . . . ATTEMPTING GREAT THINGS" THROUGH INTERRACIAL COOPERATION

*Excerpts from Address at San Antonio Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, Delivered by Mrs. M. A. B. Fuller, President of the Woman's Convention Auxiliary to the (Negro) National Baptist Convention of America*

**N**EVER before in the history of the world has there been so great a challenge to the Christian forces to practice the principles of human brotherhood. The fine spirit and splendid attitude of southern Baptist women shows that they have answered the challenge and have the possibility of becoming a mighty source in uniting the Christian forces of the Negro and white races. No group has so great an opportunity or large a responsibility as have southern Baptists, because there are more Negro Baptists than among all the other denominations combined. Every third Negro in the south is a Baptist. You see it is not hard to make Negroes Baptist!

Thirty years ago during the celebration of your Jubilate (Silver Anniversary) you voted to conduct personal service in a definitely organized way. Helpfulness in behalf of Negro women and young people was listed among the types of Christian service. One of the main objectives of the Union's Golden Jubilee was to raise \$10,000 to be used for the development of the work for southern Baptist Negro women and young people.

In a few places you have followed the plan of having studies in the Bible on some week-day afternoon when the majority of our women are at home. Through this type of class the main thoughts in the Sunday-school lessons and the practical values for this day and generation can be brought out.

By the "Twin Sister Plan" each W.M.S. adopts a local Negro Baptist Woman's Missionary Society. This plan is being carried out in many sections of Virginia and in some places of Alabama, Louisiana, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. The "Twin Sister Plan" offers unlimited opportunities for local interracial work.

The New Orleans Baptist Bible Institute is carrying on a Seminary for Negroes, there being some Negro members on the faculty. One of the local churches is sponsoring a Goodwill Center and is also conducting Daily Vacation Bible Schools for Negro children. The W.M.U. needs to be congratulated for the fine work they are doing in New Orleans because New Orleans is really a Catholic city.

The Baptist Seminary at Ft. Worth is holding classes for both men and women from the Negro churches. Certificates are issued and sometimes Negro leaders deliver the class address.

The Union Association of Texas purchased Negro convention literature and placed it in small Negro churches that were unable to purchase their own literature. They also pay a girl's tuition in college.

The W.M.U. of Texas purchased an automobile equipped with a loud-speaker for a Negro Baptist minister who uses this automobile to go to various jails and penitentiaries in the state. Many prisoners have been converted through his

preaching. The Baptists of Texas also pay the rent on an "Open Door" where poor Negroes are fed and clothed and preached to by this minister. This type of work could be done in every state.

The Personal Service Committees in some sections have helped Negro organizations plan their programs. Also they have sent inspirational speakers to their church, district, state and national meetings.

In a few sections the W.M.U. is conducting Daily Vacation Bible Schools for Negroes. In Orangeburg, South Carolina, some of the members of the W.M.U. are members of the Sunlight Club Committee which maintains a Community Center for Negro college students.

In Austin, Texas, the W.M.U. with their pastors hold a ten day institute which gives instruction in all departments and to all officers of the church, a Negro member being on the teaching staff. Each night the services end with either a white or Negro minister preaching, both whites and Negroes rendering music. The cooperation between the white and Negro Baptists in Austin is unusually good.

Some things which W.M.U. members and their organizations can do for Negroes:

(1) Encourage and invite the Negro women to attend the regular meetings of the local W.M.S. By visiting your meetings we learn how you make your reports and how you carry on your programs. You in turn should visit our societies. In every town and city where there is a white Baptist church and a Negro Baptist church, the white church could be responsible for the development of a Negro Baptist church or churches. In many cases you will find that there are more Negro Baptist churches than white Baptist churches.

(2) During the summer conduct Daily Vacation Bible Schools and train the leaders of that church or churches how to conduct a Daily Vacation Bible School by teaching them a course and supplying them with the necessary material.

(3) To accomplish the full purpose of the institutes we urge that the W.M.U. First—send Negro women who are leaders in their churches and communities and help them financially if necessary. Second—invite the delegates to attend a meeting of the W.M.U., to make a report and help them carry out the constructive plans they bring back for improvement of their communities.

We thank you for what you have done and we are thanking you in advance for what you are going to do. You should not only help us with our religious problems but you should go further and help us with our civic and social problems so that we may become better citizens. You can do this through:

(1) Community Centers. You could and should encourage and help support a Community Center, which should be established in every densely settled Negro section to sponsor health programs which should include a clinic, lectures on diets and disease and social hygiene; it should include also classes in pre-natal and post-natal care. Such a center would help to plan and support recreational programs. Many Negro women work all day and leave their children to run wild in the streets without proper food and guidance; hence a Nursery School is necessary to take care of these children. All this work can be carried on at the Community Center.

(2) Make sentiment for better school buildings, Negro branch libraries, parks, playgrounds, better streets and street lights in the Negro sections.

(3) Form a committee of both white and Negro women to be free to interpret the Negro problems in their respective communities where there will be free and untrammelled discussions from both the white and the Negro women.

(4) Create an interest in getting better housing conditions for Negroes. The Federal Government is doing much for the housing problem but not enough to cope with the existing conditions in each city. Ninety-nine per cent of our criminals come from the slum areas.

(5) Help the Negro women to get homes for delinquent Negro girls established, so they will not be kept in jails and penitentiaries with habitual and hardened criminals. Wherever a "Delinquent Home" has been established the white women have had to take the initiative.

(6) Today our nation is confronted with the grim task of winning the war we tried so hard to avert. We are all in it—all the way. Every man, woman and child are partners in the most tremendous undertaking in our American history. The Negroes of this country will do everything possible to help win this war. We, like other freedom loving people, would rather die on our feet than live on our knees, a thing the dictators would have us do.

You may be wondering why I am asking you to help do so many things. My reasons are:

*First*—you can do these things because you have more time, intelligence and influence.

*Second*—when white Christian women stand for justice between the races they meet less opposition; they are less likely to be attacked and condemned.

*Third*—as voters you can do much as champions of right. You can speak a good word for the handicapped. You can visit the mayors, city councils, county commissioners, school superintendents and police departments and intercede in our behalf. They are your husbands.

There are 10,000,000 Negroes in the south. Seventy-three per cent are Baptists. The great majority are ignorant, poor and handicapped by lack of opportunity. If the Negroes are to be saved, enlightened and enlisted in the south, it must come through the help of the white Baptists. This is a *tremendous responsibility you must share.*

"Education, sympathy, wise counsel, friendly help and brotherly love will as nearly solve the racial problem of the whites and blacks as can be humanly done". Discoveries will continue to be made as Negro and white folk work together; narrow paths will become highways to understanding and mutual respect. *Whatever year the southern Baptist women know the power that is theirs because of their selfless devotion to a Christian ideal, then indeed there will be a "new Heaven and a new earth" where fear is banished.*

#### BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES (Concluded from Page 17)

*Presentation*—Conduct the program (pages 19-28) as a panel discussion. Make introductory remarks concerning "Things in His Word", mentioning prayer, faith and soul-winning. Introduce the discussion of these with a question, such as "Miss \_\_\_\_\_, how do you think the Holy Spirit uses prayer for the salvation of a lost world?" At the close of the discussion of soul-winning have "Lord, Lay Some Soul upon My Heart" or "Take My Life and Let It Be" sung as a solo. To make this more impressive the lights in the room may be cut off, leaving only the candlelight and God's Word in the foreground. To introduce the second part of your program raise the question: "What are we, as southern Baptists, doing to reach the 24,000,000 lost people of our southland?" Discussions of our work in the cities, New Orleans, rural communities and mountains. Close with the reminder that we serve, not in our own strength but "empowered by the Holy Spirit". To help the members apply this program use questionnaires such as the one suggested for preparation. Give a few minutes for all to check their sheets. Lead the group in planning some definite activities for reaching the lost in your community.

# Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

"A token of Christian sympathy and fellowship" was the expression used by Dr. Francis Cho-Min Wei, president of Central China College in Kuming, in transmitting a gift of \$960 in Chinese currency for the relief of bomb-damaged churches in England. The money was sent by way of the new "British Council for Churches" and was given by Chinese refugee students and teachers, many of whom live in mud huts and sleep on bare boards. The institutions represented were the Central China Christian College and the Canton Theological College, both of which are among the "universities in exile".

The saving of a man in Cleveland is called evangelism, while the saving of a man in Shanghai is called missions".—*W. A. Elliott*

"When Christianity loses its missionary passion it is finished, for a religion that is not worth sharing is not worth having".—*H. H. Straton*

"The explanation of our Christian powerlessness through the years is found in our Christian faithlessness as stewards".—*R. S. Beal*

"The modern world has not done justly nor loved mercy nor walked humbly before God, and we are paying for it".—*Luther A. Weigh*

"One cannot truly hate one for whom one truly prays".—*E. M. Potest*

"There is only one statement more profound than the statement, 'God is', and that is the statement, 'God is love'".—*Harold C. Phillips*

Almost every church—protestant or Roman Catholic—has its representatives in the growing army of the United States; this places a heavy responsibility not only upon the pastors but also upon all members of our churches to see that these young soldiers have the best possible influence thrown about them. This should not mean just the churches near the camps, naval stations and air fields; all can help in some way. It was estimated in the spring of the men in the United States Army that 50 per cent were protestants, 31 per cent Roman Catholics, 2 per cent Jewish, 8 per cent who frankly declared they had no religious preference.

We have rejoiced in the reports from the meetings of the Woman's Missionary Union and the Southern Baptist Convention which have come to us through our southern Baptist papers and magazines since the meetings in San Antonio in May and so it seems to this editor that we might be interested and find joy in learning something of the achievements and fine outlook of our friends of the Northern Baptist Convention, which held its meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, in June. The following items have been culled from the June issue of *Missions*:

For the second successive year the unified missionary budget was raised in full. Receipts exceeded the budget goal by \$150,000.

The World Emergency Fund exceeded by \$3000 its goal of \$600,000.

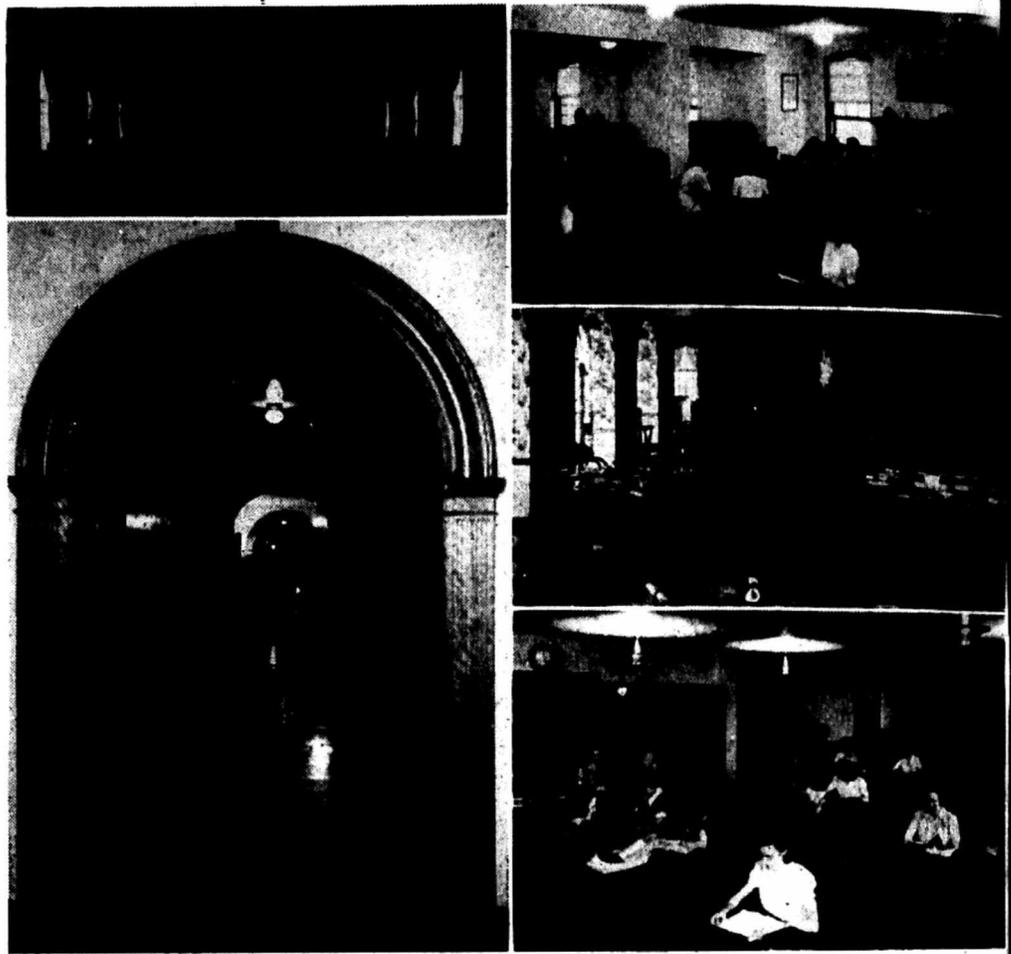
The northern Baptists last year contributed a grand total of more than \$3,200,000, the largest of any year since 1932.

Everybody expected that with the United States in the war another World Emergency Fund would be needed. The goal will be the same as last year, \$600,000.

Significant sentences from speeches made at the Northern Baptist Convention and published in *Missions* are quoted herewith:

"The distinction between evangelism and missions is a distinction without a difference.

"In every important capital in the world today", says *Outlook of Missions*, "a Christian church exists except in three capitals—Lhassa, Kabul and Mecca". Dr. Rushbrooke has reported that of the 12,750,000 Baptists in the world (not counting the Baptists of Russia) 98 per cent are to be found in countries and dependencies of countries at war with the Axis powers.



**SCENES at W.M.U. TRAINING SCHOOL**  
2801 Lexington Road, Louisville, Ky.

*Left:* Chapel; Corridor Leading to Chapel  
*Right:* Parlor; Dining-Room; Library

ON September 15 the Training School's 36th session commences. Please be much in prayer that the enrolment will exceed that of any session and that every student will truly become a "corner-stone polished after the similitude of a palace".

**A NECESSARY CORRECTION**

In point 4 of the W.M.S. Standard of Excellence, please insert the word "net" before the word "increase". Deeply is it regretted that such a vital omission occurred when page 28 of the 1942 W.M.U. Year Book was printed.—Likewise it is sincerely regretted that the wrong points on the W.M.S. Standard of Excellence were mentioned in several instances in the article on pages 93-96; please adjust.