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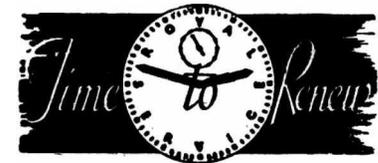
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# Editorial

## CHRISTMAS for CHRIST

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

NEVER before have Christians approached the celebration of the birth of the Prince of Peace with as heavy hearts as now. With nine-tenths of the people of the world involved in the most devastating war the world has ever seen, with the property accumulations of years of mission advancement reduced to rubble, with terrible physical hardships imposed upon Christians of many lands there is just cause for heaviness of heart.

In the midst of conflict, suffering and destruction there is the sure refuge of prayer, the turning to the Source of Power. "Christmas for Christ" is the very heart of the observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions as the women's societies and young people's auxiliaries meet from November 30 through December 4, 1942. The experience of the years and the pressing world need will lead to the widest possible enlistment in the plans and programs and in the attendant Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Heartening testimony of the visible results of the study, prayer and giving of members of our missionary organizations is heard from fortunate visitors to various mission lands. Dr. Everett Gill Jr., representative of the Foreign Mission Board to South America, after six months of travel and exhaustive study of southern Baptist mission work in our neighbor America, writes with enthusiasm and discernment concerning his experiences and contacts. Just before taking off for the homeward journey from Manaus in Amazonas, Brazil, he wrote: "Everywhere I have gone the work of Woman's Missionary Union is in evidence. If the women back home could only see the glorious results of their praying and giving, the strain of carrying forward the work of each Union, finding leaders, planning programs and a thousand other problems would fade into insignificance. Here you see with your own eyes and hear with your own ears and feel in your own heart the things which God has done through them". What heart does not sing for joy in this evidence of the way in which God uses and multiplies human effort? Who considers any task too hard when seen in the light of its results?

Similar testimony comes from every field the world around. At Ridgcrest during Foreign Missions Week this past summer Missionary C. A. Leonard, telling about the purchase of a desirable and strategically located property from another mission, said "You see, they did not have a Lottie Moon Christmas Offering on which to depend". Study the list of objects the offering supports and realize how world-encircling it is and how wide its field of ministry.

It was in 1935 that the report of the Foreign Mission Board to the Southern Baptist Convention carried these words: "We would pay tribute to the fidelity and devotion of Woman's Missionary Union to the cause of foreign missions and with humble and devout thanksgiving to God regard it as our sincere conviction that during these terrible years of economic distress Woman's Missionary Union has kept alive the fires of missionary fervor and has literally saved the Foreign Mission Board in its hour of desperate need and sore travail". Let no one say that since some fields are for the present closed to the missionary ministry of the Foreign Mission Board gifts to these causes should be withheld. We may be assured such funds will be used for the needs and opportunities of a vastly beckoning future. Never was there greater need than now for fervent prayer and generous giving. A glorious privilege is ours, with the more than 768,000 members of Woman's Missionary Union making this truly a "Christmas for Christ"

# Preparing for Prayer Week

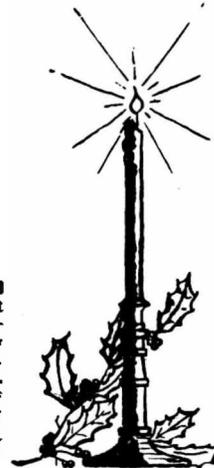
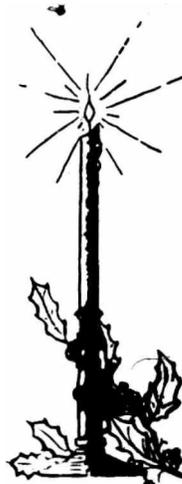
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Program

for

Week of Prayer

November 30-December 4



NOTE: The pages herewith used for the outline program of the first four days of the Week of Prayer are perforated, so that they may be easily detached for use in preparation for the week. All page references refer to W.M.U. Folder of Week of Prayer, two copies of which were issued for each W.M.U. See also pages 1, 8-11, 15, 33, 34 of this magazine.

## Program for MONDAY—November 30, 1942

### SUBJECT—Nigeria

"Behold your God!" This day and hour He is able to save from superstition and ignorance.

"O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope in years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast  
And our eternal home!  
Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Still may we dwell secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defense is sure".

READING by Leader: "O God, our help in ages past"

PRAYER of thanksgiving that God saves from superstition and ignorance

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Program for TUESDAY—December 1

SUBJECT—Latin America

"Behold your God!" *This day and hour He is able to guide into all truth through the open Bible.*

"If thou but suffer God to guide thee  
 And hope in Him through all thy ways,  
 He'll give thee strength whate'er betide thee  
 And bear thee through the evil days.  
 Who trusts in God's unchanging love  
 Builds on the Rock that naught can move."

READING by Leader: "If thou but suffer God to guide thee"

PRAYER of thanksgiving that God guides into all truth

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INGATHERING of OFFERING

SILENT PRAYER for: (1) Our Enemies; (2) Baptists and Other Christians in Enemy Lands; (3) United Nations; (4) Men in Service from Our Churches; (5) Peace by the Will of God

ANNOUNCEMENTS as to Week's Program

Program for WEDNESDAY—December 2

SUBJECT—The Orient

"Behold your God!" *This day and hour He is able to keep even amid danger and persecution.*

"A mighty fortress is our God,  
 A bulwark never failing,  
 Our helper He, amid the flood  
 Of mortal ills, prevailing!"

READING by Leader: "A mighty fortress is our God"

PRAYER of thanksgiving that God keeps amid danger and persecution

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Program for THURSDAY—December 3

SUBJECT—Europe and Near East

"Behold your God!" *This day and hour He is able to conquer the forces of war and oppression.*

"Commit thy way to God,  
 The weight which makes thee faint,  
 Worlds are to Him no load.  
 To Him breathe thy complaint.  
 He, who for winds and clouds  
 Maketh a pathway free,  
 Through wastes or hostile crowds  
 Can make a way for thee!"

READING by Leader: "Commit thy way to God"

PRAYER of thanksgiving that God conquers evil

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### SUGGESTED PROGRAM for SEASON of PRAYER

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**—For each Business Women's Circle there has been provided through the state W.M.U. headquarters a copy of the W.M.S. Folder of the December Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. If your circle has not received its copy, confer with your W.M.S. president. Earnestly is it desired that your circle observe this season in the worthiest way possible. The following outline program is suggested as a guide in adapting the voluminous material in the W.M.S. Folder; all of the references are to pages in that folder.

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**INGATHERING of OFFERING**

# From Our Missionaries

## NEW WORK in COLOMBIA

HERE in this large city of Barranquilla the Lord is greatly blessing the work. The new and lovely First Baptist Church building of Barranquilla was opened early in September and great interest is manifested by the large crowds that have been attending the services. We as missionaries and the Colombian people too are very grateful to Woman's Missionary Union for providing such a building for us. Fourteen men, women and young people will soon have finished their three months' course of study in preparation for baptism and at least eight more are ready to enter the second baptismal class.

We are now (Sept. 15) in the process of having a mission building erected in the suburb of the city, called Rebolo. This is where our first Sunday-school was begun in Colombia. There are thousands of people in this section of Barranquilla and we also see real interest there in the preaching of the Gospel.

Give thanks to God for the first Baptist church building completed and opened for services in September of this year and for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering which made this lovely, cool building possible. Give thanks too for the unusual interest manifested in this city of almost 200,000 people. The people of Barranquilla are ready for the Gospel message. Pray that God will greatly use the workers and bless His Word as it is taught. Pray for the salvation of many souls and that God will call out national workers and leaders.

Praise Him for the new mission building being erected in the suburb of Rebolo in this city of Barranquilla. Thank God for the Baptist friend who provided the funds for this building. Thousands of people are found in that section and

there is great interest shown in the preaching and teaching of the message of Christ. Pray that this new building may be the means of reaching many more lost souls for Him.

Praise God for the gift which is to make possible a church building in Bogota, the capital of Colombia. Ask His blessing upon the giver and ask for wisdom and guidance in the choosing of the location and in the erection of the building. Pray that as Baptists enter into this new, strategic center all may be done under the direction of the Lord.

Pray that funds may be provided for the construction of a church building in the strategic city of Cali, which city promises to be the headquarters of the Colombian Mission. There will also be need of a mission home in Cali.

Last, but not least, let us pray for the laborers needed for the great harvest field of Colombia, with its doors wide open and the field white unto harvest. Let us pray with unlimited faith that God will meet these needs, and we know that there will be great rejoicing as the results are reported. — Mrs. H. W. Schweinsberg, Colombia

## ONE of MY FIRST IMPRESSIONS of MEXICO

MY second Sunday in Mexico recorded one of the saddest experiences of my life. Our pastor's baby, only a few days old, died. Sunday afternoon as we came to the church there was the funeral wagon drawn by horses. We did not have a service in the home or at the church, so I imagined it was to be at the cemetery.

The cemetery was more than two miles away and it is the custom for the men to walk behind the funeral car-

riage. I could hardly bear to see the grieving father walking, so I suggested that he get into the car and ride.

After a slow process we came to the cemetery which is divided into three classes. The pastor being poor had to bury his child third class, as the first and second class are very expensive. We walked through a beautiful cemetery and came to what seemed to be an open field grown up in weeds. This was the third class burial ground. As we walked farther we came to the place for the burial of the baby. There were men with shovels prepared to do the burying.

With bowed head I stood still ready for the service, but there was none. The government prohibits any kind of service and as I looked I saw the little casket handed over to the two men without a word, song, prayer or anything. Then instead of lowering it into the place of rest, one man jumped into the grave and roughly pulled the little casket in, bumping it as he placed it. It was too much for me. Then as I stepped back my foot almost touched the skull of a child that had been dug up to allow the burial of this child. Then I thought: in a few weeks the pastor's baby may be dug up to make room for another.

As we walked away I could not hold back the tears because everything had seemed so cruel; and I thought if southern Baptists could witness such occasions as this they would become more mission-minded. How our Mexican friends need the Gospel! Pray for us and our workers as we try to do His will.—Mrs. W. J. Webb, Guadalajara, Mexico

#### "THY WORD HAVE I HID in MY HEART"

A FEW years ago, as I visited time and again one of our interior churches, I knew a little old lady who lived with one of her daughters. Their house was small and poor but it was a palace of peace to these two who had put their trust in Jesus. The old lady could not read and

so every day the daughter lovingly opened the precious Book and read to her mother the "wonderful words of life". She dearly loved these words and day by day her faith became greater and her face had a light that can only come from the Light of the world.

A visit from the evangelist or missionary was greatly prized by this church, as this could only take place at long intervals, due to the lack of workers. Now he was expected and eagerly awaited by these believers. As the day approached, the old lady was stricken with rheumatism and could not walk to the church. She insisted on her daughter's attending the services. "I will be all right", she said. "Put the Bible on the chair beside me and I will be praying for the meeting". So the daughter went on to the church.

The evangelist, to reach the church, had to take a narrow path through the woods and had to pass a short distance from this house. Seeing the window open, he wondered why Dona Maria had not gone to church. She never missed if it were possible for her to go. He rapidly traversed the distance between the path and her house and looked in the open window. The old lady sat in her chair with her eyes closed and the open Bible laid on her breast. He softly clapped his hands (*the way of announcing one's presence at a Brazilian house*) and her eyes flew open and she greeted him with great joy. He went through the open window and sat beside her. "Aunty", he said, "I didn't know you could read! When did you learn?" "Ah, my dear son", she answered, "I can't read. As I sat here thinking of the service I was missing, I opened the Book and placed it over my heart and asked God to let some of its sweetness and truth come into my being and now He has sent you to help me". The evangelist picked up the Book and read to her and knelt beside her and together they prayed and sang the praises of the One who is altogether lovely and the bright and morning star. He left her comforted and blest and went on to his work with

a song in his heart because of the faith of this one of Christ's jewels.—Mrs. A. B. Deter, Emerita Missionary from Brazil

#### NIGERIAN NOTES of PRAISE

GOD hears and answers before we call. We needed a new building badly and the native bricklayer saw it. He insisted so that I drew the plans and let him give me the estimates. I thanked him and told him that I hadn't a penny and that God would provide in His own time. That very week I received a gift wholly unexpected previously and that gift was for the exact amount needed for the erection of the walls. The building stands as a monument to God's power and is in great use today, the check having been mailed at least six weeks before we even asked.

Iya Baki is the first Christian in her section of Ogbomosho and is still the only one in her compound. She has frequently joined reading classes furnished by the W.M.U. but at her age—we have no way of knowing exactly how many years—she just can't accomplish much. She is about as ignorant as any woman I ever saw but she can pray. And she can witness. I saw her the day she was discharged from the hospital after a very serious illness as she went into the other ward singing: "He healed me, He'll heal you too". Then I heard her witness as she stopped in the center and said: "He saved me, He'll save you too. Only believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

It was very early Sunday morning when we finally were able to go into the village to see the seriously ill pneumonia patient to whom we had been called the night before. The hunters had gone out to guard the town when

the message reached us and would not allow us to go out before dawn. The natives had been out among the compounds though not on the main road, and had sacrificed many white chickens for it was an heathen festival. There were so many feathers that it gave the appearance of a light snow. Before each compound there was an altar on which the blood and entrails had been placed. When we entered the compound we found the women cooking the chickens while a poor ill child, the son of the only Christian in the compound, was back in a dark, windowless room filled with smoke from the wood fire on the floor by his side. His mother had died and his father was away so he was left to the mercy of the rest of the family—all now intent on the feast. We moved his mat to the porch and made him as comfortable as possible for it was almost airless. We gave more medicines to the old grandmother and showed her how to use them before we went on to church.

We entered another compound to invite the people to church and saw a woman bowing before "Ibeji" twin idols and holding on a leash a goat which she was preparing to sacrifice. All the heathen realize that "without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins", but they do not know that Jesus' blood has been shed.

When we returned to see our patient after church we found they had moved the smoky fire out on the porch beside him and the poor little fellow was choking. It was as if they hoped to choke out the Christian teachings he was getting from his father and in school and Sunday-school. Pray that the efficacy of the blood of Christ may be made plain to those in such error.—Miss Eva Sanders, Ogbomosho, Nigeria

#### REMEMBER in RENDERING REPORTS

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.

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

## MARGARET FUND STUDENTS, 1942-43

THE one hundred and seven students listed below have matriculated in colleges and other schools as indicated, there being fifty-two colleges, seminaries etc. attended. These students represent twenty-four home missionaries' families and fifty-eight foreign. The total number of students is the same as for last year, enrolled not only from the southland, but also from Cuba and seven foreign countries. As for last year the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering carries an item of \$16,000 to help in providing their scholarships. Margaret Fund students are thus more closely associated with the missionary work of their parents, are thus more apt to be remembered in prayer by W.M.U. young people and women and are thus a part of the Christian stewardship of every one who contributes to the week's offering. Further information will be found in the Margaret Fund articles on page 5 of the W.M.S. Folder of the December Week of Prayer.

### ALABAMA

Pucciardi, Maryona ..... (Aia.) Judson College, Marion  
 Pucciardi, Lucille ..... (Aia.) Howard College, Birmingham  
 Williams, Dorothy ..... (China) University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa  
 Woodward, Adell ..... (China) Judson College, Marion

### ARKANSAS

Berry, Edward ..... (Brazil) Ouachita College, Arkadelphia

### FLORIDA

Moore, Anita ..... (Chile) John B. Stetson University, DeLand

### GEORGIA

Patterson, Martha ..... (Africa) Bessie Tift College, Forsyth  
 Porter, Celeste ..... (Brazil) Shouter College, Rome

### KENTUCKY

Bratcher, Robert G. .... (Brazil) Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville  
 Shepard, Samuel ..... (Brazil) Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville

### LOUISIANA

Cowser, Esther ..... (Brazil) Tulane University, New Orleans  
 Hernandez, Moises ..... (Cuba) Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans

### MISSISSIPPI

Jacob, Elizabeth ..... (China) Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain  
 McCormick, William ..... (Africa) Mississippi State College, Starkville

### NORTH CAROLINA

Blackmon, Mildred F. .... (China) Meredith College, Raleigh  
 Green, Charlotte ..... (Africa) Meredith College, Raleigh  
 Olive, Emily ..... (China) Meredith College, Raleigh  
 Rankin, Page ..... (China) Meredith College, Raleigh  
 Gallimore, Robert S. .... (China) Wake Forest College, Wake Forest  
 Gallimore, Richard H. .... (China) Wake Forest College, Wake Forest  
 Hayes, John William ..... (Brazil) Wake Forest College, Wake Forest  
 Hays, Owen ..... (China) Wake Forest College, Wake Forest  
 Lide, Robert ..... (China) Wake Forest College, Wake Forest  
 Lide, Nina ..... (China) Wake Forest College, Wake Forest  
 McMillan, John J. .... (China) Wake Forest College, Wake Forest  
 Stamps, George M. .... (China) Wake Forest College, Wake Forest  
 Rankin, Whitfield ..... (China) Mars Hill College, Mars Hill  
 Tanslin, John Jr. .... (Brazil) Campbell College, Bies Creek  
 Williamson, Norman F. .... (Japan) Duke University, Durham

### OKLAHOMA

Bice, John ..... (Brazil) Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee  
 Johnson, W. Carey ..... (Brazil) Oklahoma University, Norman

## SOUTH CAROLINA

Allen, Herbert Lewis ..... (Brazil) Furman University, Greenville  
 Bowler, George Jr. .... (Argentina) Furman University, Greenville  
 Porter, Lillian ..... (Brazil) Furman University, Greenville  
 Porter, Margaret ..... (Brazil) Furman University, Greenville  
 Morgan, Constance ..... (China) Anderson College, Anderson

## TENNESSEE

Fowler, Franklin ..... (Argentina) Vanderbilt University, Nashville  
 Lase, Enid ..... (China) Vanderbilt University, Nashville  
 Lowe, Pasilla ..... (China) Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City  
 Craighead, Albert B. .... (Roumania) Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City  
 McGivock, Margaret ..... (Chile) Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City  
 Freeman, Louise ..... (Argentina) Union University, Jackson

## TEXAS

Anderson, Henry L. .... (China) Baylor University, Waco  
 Appleby, David ..... (Brazil) Southern Methodist University, Dallas  
 Baker, Clifton ..... (Brazil) Baylor University, Waco  
 Bell, Dorothy ..... (Texas) Baylor University, Waco  
 Blair, Judson ..... (Argentina) Baylor University, Waco  
 Bratcher, Edward H. .... (Brazil) Baylor University, Waco  
 Bryan, Ann ..... (China) Baylor University, Waco  
 Bryan, Sarah ..... (China) Baylor University, Waco  
 Buldin, Mary ..... (Texas) Baylor University, Waco  
 Buldin, Martha ..... (Texas) Baylor University, Waco  
 Cavazos, Nelson A. .... (Texas) Baylor University, Waco  
 Harris, Lawrence ..... (China) Baylor University, Waco  
 Harris, Richard ..... (China) Baylor University, Waco  
 Hart, Sarah ..... (Chile) Baylor University, Waco  
 Jackson, Carrie ..... (China) Baylor University, Waco  
 Meshaw, Mary Helen ..... (China) Baylor University, Waco  
 Meshaw, Dorothy ..... (China) Baylor University, Waco  
 Madley, Carolyn ..... (Louisiana) Baylor University, Waco  
 Moore, Miriam ..... (China) Baylor University, Waco  
 Moore, Ruth ..... (China) Baylor University, Waco  
 Ray, Dan ..... (China) Baylor University, Waco  
 Bryan, John ..... (China) Baylor Medical School, Dallas  
 Fielder, Guida Jean ..... (China) Baylor Medical School, Dallas  
 Johnson, Jed ..... (Brazil) Baylor Medical School, Dallas  
 Clutch, Margaret ..... (Brazil) Mary Hardin Baylor, Belton  
 Ramirez, Yolanda ..... (Texas) Mary Hardin Baylor, Belton  
 Ruiz, Ruth ..... (Texas) Mary Hardin Baylor, Belton  
 Culpepper, Charles ..... (China) Southwestern Theological Seminary, Seminary Hill  
 Maddox, John Ray ..... (Brazil) Southwestern Theological Seminary, Seminary Hill  
 Morgan, Virginia ..... (Brazil) Southwestern Training School, Seminary Hill  
 East, Othaniel Armandarix ..... (Texas) Howard Payne College, Brownwood  
 East, Arnold Armandarix ..... (Texas) Howard Payne College, Brownwood  
 Mireles, Lydia ..... (Texas) Howard Payne College, Brownwood  
 Mireles, Sarah ..... (Texas) Howard Payne College, Brownwood  
 Rodriguez, Emmett V. .... (Texas) Howard Payne College, Brownwood  
 Taylor, Winifred C. .... (Brazil) Howard Payne College, Brownwood  
 Taylor, James W. .... (Brazil) Howard Payne College, Brownwood  
 Wilcox, Loreae ..... (Brazil) Howard Payne College, Brownwood  
 Gonzalez, Isaias ..... (Texas) Texas A. & M. College, College Station  
 Hurtiz, Octavius ..... (Texas) Texas A. & M. College, College Station  
 Chaparro, Miguel Jr. .... (Texas) Texas College of Mines, El Paso  
 Yearwood, Merle ..... (Panama) Bishop College, Marshall  
 Oliver, Bennie May ..... (Brazil) Dallas High School

## VIRGINIA

Crabtree, Lydia ..... (Brazil) Westhampton College, Richmond  
 Wiley, Louise ..... (China) Westhampton College, Richmond  
 White, Nell ..... (Brazil) Westhampton College, Richmond  
 Crabtree, George W. .... (Brazil) University of Richmond, Richmond  
 Wiley, Hundley Jr. .... (China) University of Richmond, Richmond

## CUBA

Beccera, Esther ..... (Cuba) Training School, Havana  
 Bequer, Aida ..... (Cuba) University of Havana, Havana  
 Bequer, Leonor ..... (Cuba) National University, Havana  
 Calzino, Abigail ..... (Cuba) Institute of Sagua La Grande  
 Cardenas, Esther ..... (Cuba) Normal College, Marinonco  
 Cardenas, Raquel ..... (Cuba) Havana Institute, Havana  
 Fraguela, Israel ..... (Cuba) Commercial College, Santa Clara  
 Fraguela, Rafael Jr. .... (Cuba) Institute of Santa Clara  
 Hernandez, Eliseo ..... (Cuba) Institute of Santa Clara  
 Negrin, Ismael Jr. .... (Cuba) "La Progresiva" Presbyterica, Cardenas  
 Rodriguez, Raul ..... (Cuba) School of Arts and Trades, Havana  
 Rodriguez, Gertrudis ..... (Cuba) Home Industrial School, Havana  
 Santana, Israel ..... (Cuba) School of Arts and Trades, Havana

### MISCELLANEOUS

Bowdler, William G. (Argentina) Stony Brook School, Long Island, N. Y.  
 Chambers, Richard H. (China) University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
 Rowe, Mary Elizabeth (Japan) Redlands University, Redlands, Calif.  
 Bowdler, Betty (Argentina) Montrose School for Girls, Montrose, Pa.

The October issue of this magazine carried the happy announcement that the Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship had been won by John McMillan, a senior at Wake Forest College in North Carolina. In acknowledgment the dean of the college, Dr. D. B. Bryan, wrote:

"Your special award to Mr. John McMillan was presented in chapel today, Wednesday morning, September 16. John is greatly thrilled. He is a fine type of young man, thoroughly capable and dependable. His personality is radiant. It is a great joy to have men like that in the student body. Wake Forest College is very proud of the fact that two of these awards have been merited by members of our student body. All here are greatly pleased with the recognition that we know is so thoroughly warranted".

Likewise there is pleasure in quoting from John's letter concerning the award:

"Yesterday morning the Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship was awarded to me at the chapel program. I cannot tell you the deep joy that I experienced when I learned that I was the recipient of that award so highly coveted by missionary sons and daughters. Receiving this gift from the Margaret Fund presents a great challenge to me that I cannot fail to accept. That challenge is that I should strive even harder than before to live a life that meets your requirements as to scholarship, Christian leadership and character. Although any attempted expression of thanks would be a sad understatement, let me take this opportunity to thank you, the Margaret Fund Committee, and the entire Woman's Missionary Union for the honor that you have conferred upon me. My only hope is that I shall live worthily of the confidence that you have placed in me".

#### SAFEGUARDING NOV. 30-DEC. 4

"Earnest effort by the W. M. S. to guard against the holding of study courses or other activities during the Seasons of Prayer"—*Thus is set forth an established policy and purpose of Woman's Missionary Union.* If your church or association is planning to use November 30-December 4 for emphasis other than that of the W.M.U. Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, please promptly endeavor to get all such plans changed so as not to divert attendance upon and earnest interest in this immediate Season of Prayer.

#### Program for FRIDAY—December 4

THE program for Friday, December 4, is on pages 35-48 of the week's W.M.S. Folder. Each W.M.S. is entitled to two free copies of the folder. If your W.M.S. has not received its two copies of folder, please write promptly to your state W.M.U. headquarters, address on page 2 of this magazine.

#### THIS MONTH CLOSES the RECORDS

Worthy for unnumbered good reasons is the reaching of the Standard of Excellence by each W.M.U. organization whether for women or young people. Since each of these standards is reckoned with the calendar year, there is now only this month left for checking up and attaining desired goals. All such is clearly set forth on pages 27-31, 86-91 of the 1942 W.M.U. Year Book. Earnestly seek to be standard!

# Stewardship Suggestions

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

## The GIFTS THAT GOD TREASURES

ONE of the many proofs that the Bible is of Divine origin is the fact that it never grows old. Take the *Christmas Story* for instance—it grows more precious every year as it is re-told and its scenes re-enacted.

My own heart thrills especially as while the choir sings, "We Three Kings of Orient Are," the Wise Men clad in their rich robes come in with "stately stepping" and kneel in adoration around the Christ Child. What were some of the "treasures" the Wise Men brought to the King?

*First, faith!* Faith so strong, so sure that it became the dominant and actuating force in their lives. With never a doubt or misgiving, they rode boldly into Jerusalem, inquiring: "Where is the newly born King of the Jews? We saw His star when it rose!" (*Moffatt*)

*Second: they brought worshipful hearts,* saying, "We have come to worship Him". In that familiar picture, "The Adoration of the Magi", we behold them worshipping "in spirit and in truth". According to the Scriptures, such worship and such adoration do not come with cheap and shoddy offerings. "When they had opened their treasures they presented unto Him gifts"; and it is from that compartment that all gifts must come that are acceptable to the King. And these are the very things that we should bring to our Savior-King at this sacred season.

*Faith!* Faith that does not falter one moment because of the temporary triumph of evil forces in the world; faith that looks beyond the lurid glare of gory battle-fronts and smoking cities and sees His star that has burned with ever-increasing brilliancy for nearly two thousand years; faith that sees the conquering King of Glory and visualizes His coming Kingdom of righteousness and peace and joy; faith that keeps us "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord".

*This kind of faith* will lead us again to His feet to worship, which is "the expression of adoring love". And when we thus worship and adore, we too will open our treasures and will present gifts worthy and acceptable to the King.

One year, as Christmas approached, a young woman said to her close friend: "I want to give my father something special for Christmas this year"—adding confidentially—"you know he is so heart-broken because of my sinful brother". Somehow I feel that we have that same reason for bringing some special love gift to our Heavenly Father this Christmas because, since our Father "so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son" and since the compassionate Christ wept over sinners and doomed cities, we may be sure there is abundant heart-break in the courts of God this Christmas-tide because of sinning humanity.

Unprecedented world need and world sorrow call now for unprecedented sacrifice on our part. As we make our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, let us remember that God treasures gifts according to what they cost the giver.

# 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: These things do. "What can we do?"

"What must I do?"

1st Day—Phil. 4:13; Acts 4:5-13  
2nd Day—Deut. 6:21-25; 1 Cor. 12:26-31a  
3rd Day—Psa. 37:1-9; Col. 3:1-4  
4th Day—Matt. 10:28-42; Col. 3:5-11  
5th Day—Matt. 25:14-29; Col. 3:12-17  
6th Day—Acts 16:9-21; Psa. 122:1-9  
7th Day—Acts 16:22-30; Matt. 5:13-15

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ".

8th Day—Acts 16:31-40; Mark 12:13-17  
9th Day—Luke 18:1-8, 9:27-31  
10th Day—Luke 18:15-2 : Acts 8:1-8  
11th Day—Luke 18:28-43; Rom. 13:1-7  
12th Day—Luke 19:1-10; Rom. 13:8-10  
13th Day—Luke 19:29-40; Psa. 119:97-104  
14th Day—Luke 19:41-48; 1:26-33, 38

"Go . . . . teach".

15th Day—Matt. 28:16-20; Luke 2:1-7  
16th Day—II Tim. 2:1-16; Luke 2:8-14  
17th Day—Mark 8:27-38; Luke 2:15-20  
18th Day—John 1:18-28; 1:1-13  
19th Day—Rom. 15:1-13; John 1:14-18  
20th Day—Acts 2:1-21; Luke 1:46-55  
21st Day—Acts 2:22-45; Rom. 12:1-3

"Now is come salvation".

22nd Day—Rev. 12:10, 11; Rom. 12:9-16  
23rd Day—Luke 19:10; Rom. 12:17-21  
24th Day—I John 2:23-25; Jas. 3:13-18  
25th Day—Matt. 1:1. 17-2:15; Phil. 4:4-8  
26th Day—Heb. 13:8; 12:1, 2  
27th Day—Gal. 3:16; II Tim. 4:1-8  
28th Day—Psa. 89:1-13; John 1:1-4  
29th Day—Heb. 13:16-21; John 1:5-14  
30th Day—Col. 3:12-25; Luke 3:21, 22  
31st Day—Rev. 22:16-21; Luke 9:28-36

## "Pray Ye"

Giving thanks that the Christmas angels proclaimed peace

Intercede that "the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall guard the hearts and thoughts" of Christians throughout the world.

Pray that Christians may be successful in teaching that "the Kingdom of God is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" and that "the mind of the Spirit is life and peace".

Intercede that Christians may "be at peace one with another, giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace".

Pray for all Christian missionaries, giving thanks that each of them "publisheth peace".

Pray that the Nov. 30-Dec 4 Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions will be faithfully observed and that its \$230,000 goal will be far surpassed so that the feet of countless people may be guided "into the way of peace".



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## Calendar of Prayer December, 1942

Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

A H! dearest Jesus, Holy Child,  
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled  
Within my heart, that it may be  
A quiet chamber kept for Thee.

—Martin Luther

### 1—TUESDAY

Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Little Moon Christmas Offering, November 10-December 4  
Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy Name.—Psa. 79:9

### 2—WEDNESDAY

Misses xxClifford Barratt, Attie Bostick, Pocbow, yMargie Shumate, Sun Hing, China, evangelistic work  
Our soul waiteth for the Lord, He is our help and shield.—Psa. 33:20

### 3—THURSDAY

Rev. G. D. Kelsey, Atlanta, Ga., Rev. J. L. Tilley, Raleigh, N. C., educational-evangelistic work to their own Negro race

Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace!—Nabum 1:15

### 4—FRIDAY

That the Day of Prayer may be observed by Christian people around the world  
Let my prayer be set before Thee as incense.—Psa. 141:2

### 5—SATURDAY

yRev. and yMrs. S. A. Bagby, evangelistic work, \*Miss Aime Jackson, medical-evangelistic work, Sao Paulo, Brazil  
He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.—Phil. 1:6

### 6—SUNDAY

That members of Woman's Missionary Union may be careful to observe "high standards of speech, dress and conduct"  
This shall come to pass if ye diligently obey the voice of the Lord thy God.—Zech. 6:15

### 7—MONDAY

Rev. and \*Mrs. A. Lopez, Calbarien, Rev. L. M. Gonzalez, Artemisa, Cuba, evangelistic work, also Miguel Chaparro, Margaret Fund student, son of former missionary in Texas

The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty.—Zeph. 3:17

### 8—TUESDAY

xxDr. and yMrs. M. T. Rankin, Shanghai, xxRev. and \*Mrs. C. S. Ward, Can-

ton, China, evangelistic work; also Page Rankin, Margaret Fund student  
When my soul fainteth within me, I remembered the Lord, and my prayer came in unto Thee.—Jonah 2:7

### 9—WEDNESDAY

Rev. S. F. DOWIS (special city missions), Atlanta, Ga., Rev. H. F. Luton, Red Bank, Canal Zone, evangelistic work  
Only fear the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your heart.—I Sam. 12:14

### 10—THURSDAY

Misses yGeorgia Mae Ogburn, \*Ruby Hayden, educational-evangelistic work, Santiago, Rev. J. A. Parker, evangelistic work, Antofagasta, Chile

Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God.—Isa. 41:10

### 11—FRIDAY

yMrs. Leona Wollforth, evangelistic work, New Orleans, yMrs. L. G. Thompson, evangelistic work among French, Montegut, La.

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.—Psa. 90:12

### 12—SATURDAY

Dr. and Mrs. H. D. McCreary, medical-evangelistic work, Ogbomoso, Rev. and yMrs. M. E. Brantley, educational-evangelistic work, Sapele, Nigeria

It is the blood that maketh intercession for the soul.—Lev. 17:11

### 13—SUNDAY

That Christ may be exalted in Christmas observances in Good Will Centers and Mission Sunday Schools

Remember the marvelous works that He hath done, and His wonders and the judgments of His mouth.—I Chron. 16:12

### 14—MONDAY

Rev. and \*Mrs. J. A. Lunsford, \*Miss Katherine Cozzens, Recife, Brazil; also Rev. and \*Mrs. H. H. Muirhead, Mexican Theological Seminary, El Paso, Texas, educational-evangelistic work

As many as received Him, to them give He the right to become the sons of God.—Jno. 1:12

## Calendar of Prayer for December

### 15—TUESDAY

Rev. H. J. Mikhalchuk, evangelistic work among foreigners, E. St. Louis, Ill., Rev. P. Ray, evangelistic work, Myrtle, Miss. The people that sat in darkness saw a great light.—Matt. 4:16

### 16—WEDNESDAY

Dr. J. H. Miller, medical-evangelistic work, xztMiss Lydia Greene, evangelistic work, Canton, xztMiss Flora Dodson, educational-evangelistic work, Hongkong, China

As for us, the Lord is our God, and we have not forsaken Him.—II Chron. 13:10

### 17—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Cobb, Red Rock, Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Spiva, Wyandotte, Okla., Rev. and Mrs. W. King, Okeechobee, Fla., evangelistic work among Indians. The Lord said, My Spirit shall not always strive with men.—Gen. 6:3

### 18—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. McNeely, Goyania, Rev. and Mrs. T. N. Clinkscates, Curitiba, Brazil, evangelistic work. Examine me, O Lord, and prove me, try my reins and my heart.—Psa. 26:2

### 19—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Pereira, Cumanayagua, Rev. and Mrs. M. Quintana, Mariel, Cuba, evangelistic work. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.—Psa. 103:13

### 20—SUNDAY

That there may be faithful ingathering of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and that the offering may exceed the goal. Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.—Psa. 96:7

### 21—MONDAY

Mrs. Anne Sowell Margrett, Rosario, Miss Beatrice Glas, Buenos Aires, Argentina; also Miss Euvrice Fenderson, Jerusalem, Palestine, educational-evangelistic work. I am the Lord your God, walk in My statutes and keep them and do them.—Ezek. 20:19

### 22—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Cavazos, Laredo, Rev. and Mrs. P. Hernandez, Abilene, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans. Of a truth it is that our God is a God of gods and a Lord of kings.—Dan. 2:47

### 23—WEDNESDAY

Miss Ruby Jackson Howse, Temuco, Chile, Miss Helen Meredith, Barranquilla, Colombia, educational-evangelistic work. Keep mercy and judgment and wait on thy God continually.—Hosea 12:6

### 24—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. Wesley, evangelistic work, Red Oak, Miss Helen Lloyd, educational-evangelistic work among Indians, Holdenville, Okla. Be strong, all ye people of the land, and work: for I am with thee, saith the Lord.—Haggai 2:4

### 25—FRIDAY

That the Name of Jesus may be revered this day; also pray for Baptist believers in Palestine. When the fulness of time was come, God sent forth His Son.—Gal. 4:4

### 26—SATURDAY

Miss Alta Grayson, medical-evangelistic work, Lalyang, China, Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Culpepper, Miss Fera Harrington, educational-evangelistic work, Baguio, P. I. Give us help from trouble; for vain is the help of man.—Psa. 108:11

### 27—SUNDAY

"For a Debtless Denomination by 1945" What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?—Psa. 118:12

### 28—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. Rodriguez, Arleta, Rev. and Mrs. A. Espinosa, Jovellanos, Rev. H. Valdez, San Justo y Martines, Cuba, evangelistic work. He that winneth souls is wise.—Prov. 11:30

### 29—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Belote, Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii; also Rev. O. W. Reid, Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Webb, Guadalajara, Mexico, evangelistic work. Neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy.—Acts 20:24

### 30—WEDNESDAY

Rev. F. Dominguez, Artesia, N. M., Rev. I. Bast, Houston, Rev. and Mrs. R. Tijerino, Raymondsville, Texas, evangelistic work among Spanish Americans. I am not ashamed; for I know Whom I have believed.—II Tim. 1:12

### 31—THURSDAY

Mrs. A. L. Dunstan, Campino Grande, Rev. and Mrs. S. P. Jackson, Campo Grande, Brazil, evangelistic work; also for a spirit of thanksgiving for guidance in the past year and of reverent trust in entering the new year. He which soweth bountifully shall also reap bountifully.—II Cor. 9:6

Attended W.M.U. Training School  
Attended Southwestern Training School  
Attended Baptist Bible Institute  
Former Margaret Fund Student  
On Furlough

# Bible Study

Ella Brandon Robertson, Kentucky

TOPIC: The World into Which Jesus Came—Luke 2:1-21

BOOKS and books have been written on the "Preparation of the World for Christ". These are explanations from the historical side of the sentence in Galatians (4:4): "When the fulness of time came, God sent forth His Son". The Christmas story in Luke is so familiar and dear, the experience of Mary so appealing, the angels' message to the shepherds so wonderful, we forget to be astonished at the combination of events which made this "the fulness of time". It may add to our Christmas joy to look at some of the strands of Providence.

1. **The New Judaism**—The Persian conquerors who took the Jews to Babylon did them a great service. Thrown back upon their religion for comfort, they found repentance from their idolatry and a new trust in God; and when, after less than a hundred years they returned, "the law became both the standard of holiness and the symbol of nationality", and the small Jewish state was never lost in the wars of the nations around. Alexander the Great conquered the Persians, his successors fought among themselves, Palestine became a bone of contention between Egypt and Syria, but all these allowed self-government and freedom of religion so long as the taxes were paid. The high priests were the rulers, the scribes who copied the law naturally became its teachers, the young people were trained in the synagogues. When at last Rome conquered the world and sent rulers to Jerusalem ("Herod the King," Pilate a proconsul), still she kept in touch with the chief priests. Devout men like Zacharias, Joseph, Simeon loved God and His law and "looked for the consolation of Israel".

2. **The Roman World**—This was all the countries round the Mediterranean, even far Britain. Rome furnished law and kept order. Julius Caesar was not long dead. His nephew, Caesar Augustus, ordered a census every 14 years; and in Palestine the Jews followed their own traditions and took it by family origins as if Texans went back to Alabama or South Carolina, or Kentuckians to Virginia. Rome simplified transportation by the incomparable roads (43,000 miles of them), which still survive in places, and by the ships whose commerce filled the Mediterranean. Today we can see how the one small island of Malta means everything to Great Britain.

3. **The Greek World**—"Rome had conquered the Greeks, and yet in a true sense the Greeks conquered the Romans. The work of Alexander had already spread the Greek language and the Greek culture over the eastern world" (ATR). A school-girl, receiving the "Meditations" of the Emperor Marcus Aurelius as a present, exclaimed: "Why can't I read these in Latin?" Her father replied, "Because they were written in Greek!" The Hebrew Scriptures were translated into Greek, before the time of Christ. Did you ever notice that at Pentecost, when pilgrims from every country wondered to hear their native tongue there in Jerusalem, suddenly Peter stood up and preached in Greek, and they all understood? A common language to begin the spread of the Gospel, to record the life of Jesus and the rest of the New Testament—what a contribution from Alexander the Great!

May the Christ, who came into that complex ancient world, "guide our feet into the way of peace!"

# Circle Program



## EXPLANATORY NOTE:

It is believed that circles will profit by using a program somewhat similar if not identical to the following. It is urged that every circle make available for its program-participants each of the five magazines used as source-material for this suggested program. They may be secured as follows: *Royal Service*, 50c a year from 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.; *The Window of Y.W.A.*, \$1 a year from the same Birmingham address; *World Comrades*, \$1 a year from the same Birmingham address; *The Commission*, 50c a year from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia; *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, 25c a year from Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga. (See also page 37 of 1942 *W.M.U. Year Book* and pages 8, 21 of this magazine.)

## CIRCLE PROGRAM TOPIC

### In LANDS AFAR

**Devotional Theme**—"Come . . . help us!"—*Acts 16:9-10; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47-48*

**"Workmen Who Need Not Be Ashamed"** (See article in December issue of *The Commission*.)

**"Our Refuge and Strength"** (See article in December issue of *The Commission*.)

**Before Dawn** (See article in December issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.*)

**Obama's First Christmas** (See article in December issue of *World Comrades*.)

**We Challenge the Wisdom of the Christian World** (See article in December issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

**Much Every Way** (See article in December issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

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

**From Our Missionaries** (See pages 9-11 of this magazine.)

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# Business Women's Circles

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(For B.W.C. season of prayer program, see page 8.)

**Personal Invitations:** Type the following poem on postal cards:

"'Tis good to know the sciences  
And every human art;  
The knowledge of the universe  
Is good for mind and heart;  
But there is something better still—  
To know God's will, to know God's will!"

**B.W.C. Date — Time — Place—**  
Picture-seals of Christ in Gethsemane may be used at the top of the card.

**Poster Suggestions:** Near the top of the poster-board; place a star. Let rays of light extend to center of board where a picture of a business girl seated at her office desk has been placed. If the picture is drawn, place on the desk an open Bible and map of the world. At the top of the poster print in large letters: "These Things Do". At the bottom of the poster print: "What Can We Do?" Give time, date and place of B.W.C. meeting.

**Presentation of the Program:**  
Create a genuinely Christmas atmos-

phere by using attractive Christmas decorations. In the front of the room have the words "God's Will" spelled with evergreen decorations or silver tinsel. In the right corner of the room, place a large picture of "Christ in Gethsemane". In the left corner of the room arrange a manger scene with an illumined star above the manger. Darken the room, except for the star, during the presentation of the Bible study (page 19); then focus the spotlight on the manger scene and present the following parts: "Thinking of Christmas", "The Value of the Individual" and "Thinking and Doing". Next focus the spotlight on the picture of "Christ in Gethsemane" and present the following parts: Musical reading—"God's Will", "God's Will for Me" and "God's Will for Others". At the close of the program have a few moments of silent prayer in which each person will pray that God will teach her to love and to do His will. (For program material see pages 23-32.)



# Program Plans

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## PREPARATION for PROGRAM

**Poster Suggestions** — Paste or draw on poster paper a picture of an attractive woman. Below this print: "What is God's will for me?" Answers at W.M.S. (Give time, date and place of meeting.)

**Individual Invitations**—Cut holly wreath invitations from red construction paper, putting green bow at top of wreath. On inside print or write: "Thy Will Be Done on Earth". Come to meeting of W.M.S. (Give time, date and place of meeting.)

**Room Arrangement** — Arrange evergreens around room in appropriate places. Use either vase of artificial poinsettias or potted plant of poinsettias. Cut from white paper, silhouettes of wise men following the star; paste them on windows. Candles may be arranged on piano, tables etc.

## PRESENTATION of PROGRAM

As members arrive, Christmas carols are played softly or sung by a group. (For program material see pages 23-32.)

At the close of the topic "God's Will for Me", a young woman dressed in a white robe may read the poem, "God's

Will", which is suggested in program material as a musical reading while "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" is being played on the piano or organ. Groups of Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, and Y.W.A.'s, walk across the front of the room during the part "God's Will for Others" to emphasize the responsibility which W.M.S. members have of missionary education for these young folk. At the close of this part, a soloist sings the fourth stanza of "Take My Life and Let It Be".

A pantomime is presented during "Thinking of Christmas". The manger scene presents Mary, Joseph, the Babe in the manger.

Following this, those members who will rededicate their lives and wills to Christ will go to front of room, light a candle each from a large candle that has been placed there and hold their lighted ones. A voice speaks: "Jesus said, 'I am the light of the World'. Jesus said, 'Ye are the light of the world'. Therefore 'Let your light so shine'".

Close the program with prayer that this Christmas may bring its message of hope to this war stricken world. Pray for peace according to the will of Christ.



# Program Material

Mrs. C. D. Cressman, Tennessee

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

**TOPIC for MONTH:** These Things Do. "What can we do?"

Hymn—Joy to the World

Bible Study—The World into Which Jesus Came—Luke 2:1-21 (Page 19)

Prayer praising God for sending Jesus into the world

Hymn—The Light of the World Is Jesus

Thinking and Doing

God's Will for Me

Prayer that each of us may know, do and love the will of God

God's Will for Others

Prayer that we may help others to know, do and love the will of God

Hymn—Silent Night

Hymn—It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Prayer that this Christmas may bring its message of hope to this war-stricken world

—The Value of the Individual

—Musical Reading—God's Will

—Thinking of Christmas

## THINKING and DOING



THINKING that never expresses itself in action is not worth much. Worth-while thinking must lead to worth-while doing. Impression which is not followed by expression is likely to cause depression. There have been hermits who have become so fascinated in thinking about God that they never did anything for Him. There have been those who so enjoyed meditating on God's glory that to mix with ordinary people in every-day service was very distasteful to them. Peter would have enjoyed staying on the Mount of Transfiguration, thinking about the transfigured Christ, but Jesus led him to the foot of the mountain where a demon-possessed boy needed help.

Longfellow writes a poem about a monk who, while at prayer, had a vision of Christ. As he was meditat-

ing on this vision and enjoying it to the utmost there came the clanging of a bell, reminding him that it was the hour when the poor gathered at the gate of the convent to be fed and that his was the hand that must feed them. At first he thought that he could not leave the vision. Then as the bell kept calling he realized that his duty lay not with the vision but with the poor who needed his help. So, to the gate he went to feed the hungry, waiting people. This service being completed he returned to the place of prayer, and to his great joy the vision was still there.

"Hads't thou stayed, I must have fled"  
That was what the vision said.

Our program topics for this year have led us to think as we have followed the list of Philippians 4:8—"Whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things". This thinking has been good for our souls, as it has led us to mountain-tops of vision, contemplation and meditation. Now, in this last month of the year our program topic, "These things do", takes us into the valley of service—to the gate where wait those to whom we can give the Bread of Life.

Thoughts about the things that are true must lead us to "speak the truth in love". Thoughts about the things that are honest must lead us to be honest with our fellowmen and with God. Thoughts about the things that are just must make us just in all our dealings with others. Thoughts about the things that are pure must find expression in clean living. Thoughts about the things that are lovely must make us lovely in character and conduct. Thoughts about the things of good report must lead us to love the good and hate the evil. Thoughts about things of virtue and things of praise must send us out to do virtuous deeds with songs of praises on our lips. We must be doers of the Word and not thinkers only.

This is the Christmas month which is always a time of much doing. If we remember that in Jesus, who came on the first Christmas, are embodied all things true and honest and just and pure and lovely and of good report, all things of virtue and all things worthy of praise—and if we then make our Christmas doings follow His example—we will have a Christlike Christmas.

#### The VALUE of the INDIVIDUAL

A BOY, who was asked to mention something important which had come into the world since Washington's day, promptly answered "Me". That boy was right. He was important. Every individual in the world is important, not only to himself but to God. God places His highest value on human personality. The soul, made in the likeness of His own image and destined to live on forever and ever, is infinitely precious to the heart of the Heavenly Father.

In this day of wholesale carnage there is danger that we shall forget the value of the individual. Every day we receive news of the death of multitudes—so many hundreds going down on one ship, so many thousands killed in one battle, many thousands of German soldiers killed on the Russian front, thousands upon thousands dead in China since the Japanese invasion! Surely we need to pause to remember that each one of this great slaughtered multitude possessed a life precious to himself, a personality precious to people who loved him and a soul precious to God.

On the other hand there are things today to continually remind us of the value of the individual. The draft recognizes this and seeks out every man in the nation. Each man is made to feel his individual value, his personal worth as an asset to his country in this time of need. Each man has his place of service to fill. Each man's talents are discovered, developed and utilized.

We are in this war because as a nation we believe in the rights of the individual. We value personal liberty and our soldiers are willing to go and die in order that this freedom may be preserved not only for ourselves but for all people. Other armies may fight for a nation or a dictator, but our armies fight for the individual, for his rights and his liberties as promoted and protected by the government of our great United States.

God recognized the value of the individual in His plan of salvation. He provided that people should be saved, not by nations or groups or families but by individuals. He so loved the whole world that He sent His Son that whosoever—meaning any individual—would believe on Him should not perish but have everlasting life. That "whosoever" means me, it means you! It means every person who has been born or ever will be born into the world. God's love for the individual lies at the heart of the Gospel.

Jesus gave much attention to individuals. He taught large groups, but He called people into His service, one by one. He fed a multitude, but He healed individuals. He welcomed the individual, Nicodemus, when he came to Him by night. He talked to an individual woman at Jacob's well. He called the individual, Zaccheus, down from a tree to talk with him about his soul. He singled out Peter, an individual, with His question, "Lovest thou Me?", and His command, "Feed My sheep". He said, "If any man would come after Me, let him take up his cross and follow Me", thus making discipleship an individual issue. He made the spread of His Kingdom a personal matter to all of His followers. He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature". And that "ye" makes it a personal command to every Christian. The parable of the talents teaches the responsibility of each individual to use the talents with which he has been endowed. Each Christian is to "occupy" until the Lord comes, making use of every gift he has, knowing that he will be held accountable for that which has been entrusted to him.

As we think today of what we can do for God we must share with Him this high evaluation of human personality. We must prize every fragment of human worth, both in ourselves and in others. As we look at ourselves we must realize that each of us is important to God and that He wants and needs every power of each personality. Then, as we look on the teeming millions of earth's peoples we must think of them not in the mass but as individuals, each one precious in the sight of God, each one worth the death on the cross of His only Son. We must see each one of them possessing gifts which should be given to God, developed and used in His service. There is no man so low in the social scale, so humble, so poor, so ignorant but has some contribution which he can make to the sum total of the world's welfare. There is no Christian so weak, so unattractive, so lacking in talents that there is not some worth-while work which he can do in the Kingdom of God. As we think on the people of the world we should be expecting to find in each individual the things that are true, the things that are honest, the things that are just, the things that are pure, the things that are lovely, the things that are of good report, of virtue and of praise and, by winning the individual to Christ and enlisting his services in Kingdom work, we should be seeking to marshal all of these valued qualities of human worth to be used for God and for His glory.

#### GOD'S WILL for ME

"Thy will is best for me,  
Whate'er it bringeth me  
Of loss or gain, of joy or pain;  
Thy will is best for me".

**G**OD'S will is best for every individual. To live in God's will is the highest goal to which a Christian can strive; it brings greatest success, deepest joy and maximum achievement. A poet very beautifully expresses what every Christian knows to be true in his own life.

"God's will for me  
Is Life and Immortality.

"God's will for me  
Is Truth and Good and Purity.

"God's will for me  
Is Faith and Hope and Charity.

"God's will for me  
Is Health and sweet Simplicity.

"God's will for me  
Is one symphonic Harmony.

"When one with Thee, my life shall be  
Tuned in gladsome Melody".

#### God's Will to Know—

"I asked the Master for a motto sweet,  
Some rule of life by which to guide my feet;  
I asked and paused—  
He answered soft and low:  
'God's will to know,  
God's will to know'".

We want to make this part of our program very personal, each one of us considering how she may live in God's will. Of course the first thing is God's will to know. This is not always easy. Who among us has not been in situations when it seemed almost impossible to know what God wanted us to do? Every heart asks the question, "How can I know God's will?" Perhaps a few suggestions will help us answer that question for ourselves.

First, we must remember that we have the guidance of God's Word. The Bible has been given to us to show us God's will. On its pages we find direct commands which, if obeyed, will lead us to do God's will. We know from the Bible that it is His will that we should believe on His Son, that we should join His church and obey its ordinances, that we should live clean lives, that we should witness for Him both to those near us and to the ends of the earth, that we should love God with all of our mind and heart and soul and strength and our neighbors as ourselves. All of these and other things we are directly commanded to do; and, if we do them, we are doing God's will; if we do not do them, we are not doing God's will.

But, sometimes even in obeying these Bible commands there are choices to be made, and it isn't always so easy to know what decisions God wants us to make, what line of conduct He wants us to follow. Then comes the assurance of the guidance of the Holy Spirit. He was promised as a comforter, as one who would guide into all truth. On Him we must depend to lead us to know the will of the Father. The Holy Spirit guides us in different ways, sometimes through circumstances, sometimes through the counsel of ministers and other Christian friends, and sometimes with unmistakable impressions in our own hearts. If we place ourselves in God's hands, earnestly praying to know His will, honestly willing to do His will when it is known, patiently waiting for His will to be revealed, we believe that we can know His will for our lives.

Sometime ago Miss Mary Alexander felt that it was God's will that she should leave Shanghai and go into free China. There were many reasons why she should have stayed in Shanghai, yet she seemed to know without a doubt that it was God's will for her to go. After reaching free China she wrote of this experience as follows: "The clarity of God's call to my heart to make ready to come was as distinct as if spoken in audible voice. Reasons and arguments against coming marshalled themselves in strong array. Finally however the one reason—God's call to go held ground and in Him, through Him, for Him I am here! I am happy, confident, unafraid, strong in faith that He who has so wonderfully brought me thus far will go on before leading me into the work He has for me to do for Him in free China". On June 25 Miss Alexander wrote: "I was actually away from Shanghai for seven months in free China. I must confess that at times I have wished I might have remained in free China. Even so I have seen and understand enough of the *whys* of my return to Shanghai to be content here now even as a *prisoner of war*. We in Shanghai know less of what this term might mean than almost anybody else in occupied China, because we have been able to go about freely at our usual tasks from the first day of the outbreak until now. We have also had all our needs supplied abundantly even as God has promised in His Word". Thus does God reveal His will to those who are ready to follow His leading.

#### God's Will to Do—

"'Will knowledge then suffice?' I cried  
But e'er the question into silence died  
The answer came:  
'This remember too—  
God's will to do,  
God's will to do'".

We must not only know God's will, but we must also do it. Only by doing the will of God can a Christian live a successful and happy life. "The loftiest dignity for a Christian is to obey. The Christian has a will—God has a will, but the Christian must submit and let God rule. He only is what he ought to be whose whole soul bows down to the Divine command".

The will submitted to God is free, free from the bondage and burden of sin, free from selfishness, free from doubts and fears. A poet addressing the will of God says:

"Oh lightest burden, sweetest yoke,  
It lifts, it bears my happy soul;  
It giveth wings to this poor heart;  
My freedom is Thy grand control".

Submission to God strengthens the will. Submission to God brings rest as the conflict of self-will ceases and His peace dwells in our hearts. God's will is only for our good, and the result of obedience is perfect blessedness.

"Upon God's will I lay me down,  
As child upon its mother's breast;  
No silken couch nor softest bed  
Could ever give me such deep rest".

In doing the will of God we are following the example of Jesus. Speaking of His mission Jesus said: "I came down from Heaven, not to do Mine own will but the will of Him that sent Me . . . I seek not Mine own will but the will of the Father which hath sent Me". When Jesus said to His disciples, "As My Father hath sent Me even so send I you", He passed on to them this mission to do the Father's will. In the model prayer He taught us to say, "Thy will be done". We are to pray this prayer in our hearts, then answer it in our own lives by submitting them to His will. Someone has said: "If you would make your life beautiful like the beautiful life of Christ, you must daily study the will of God and just be and do what that will ordains. That is the philosophy of the high, noble, beautiful, glorious life".

"God's will, engraved upon the sensitive heart of a Christian, will outlast the pyramids of Egypt, outlive the stones that came down from Mt. Sinai in the hands of Moses and endure forever". God's will observed by men and nations would change the face of the world. May each one of us say in her heart:

"One prayer I have—all prayers in one—  
When I am wholly Thine;  
Thy will, My God, Thy will be done,  
And let that will be mine;  
All-wise, almighty and all-good,  
In Thee I firmly trust,  
Thy ways, unknown or understood,  
Are merciful and just".

#### His Will to Love—

"Once more I asked, 'Is there nothing more to tell?'  
And once again the answer softly fell:  
'Yea, this one thing,  
All other things above—  
God's will to love,  
God's will to love'".

The highest consecration is reached when we love God's will. God wants willing, cheerful, joyous obedience. Half-hearted obedience gives no satisfaction. Unwilling submission brings no joy. They who love the Lord and delight in His will are the ones who walk in high places of joyous Christian living and whose obedience is pleasing to the Heavenly Father.

Have you ever seen one committed to the will of God who was unhappy? No, and you never will! Troubles may come, difficulties may harass, but the Christian who lives in God's will rises above all difficulties and all troubles and is serene and happy whatever may come. After spending years on a very difficult field in China, enduring many hardships, a missionary said: "I had rather be a missionary on my field in China than to do anything else in all the world". Another missionary in China, after describing the troubles which the war had brought,

exclaimed: "Oh, it's a great work! I love it! It is God's work! As I do it I am in His will. I love God's work! I love God's will!"

May each of us join these and others who have reached such a high plane of consecrated living that they can say in the words of Bess P. MacLaughlin:

I love Thy will, O God!  
Thy blessed, perfect will,  
In which this once rebellious heart  
Lies satisfied and still.

I love Thy will, O God!  
It is my joy, my rest;  
It glorifies my common task,  
- It makes each trial blessed.

I love Thy will, O God!  
The sunshine or the rain;  
Some days are bright with praise, and some  
Sweet with accepted pain.

I love Thy will, O God!  
O hear my earnest plea,  
That as Thy will is done in Heaven  
It may be done in me.

*(The verses placed at the beginning of the paragraphs above constitute a poem entitled "God's Will", written by Charles E. Guthrie. It will be effective if at the end of this part of the program the three verses are brought together and given as a musical reading while "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" is played on the piano or organ as an accompaniment.)*

#### GOD'S WILL for OTHERS

WHEN we submit our own lives to God's will we desire to help others to know, do and love His will. As our own hearts are attuned to the Divine will we desire that every individual in the world shall live in harmony with God's purpose for his life. Indeed God's will for each Christian is that he shall give his life helping others to do God's will. This is missions. This is evangelism. This is enlistment. This is our whole program of soul-winning, teaching and training.

We are helping others do God's will when we win them to Christ. A billion lost people throughout the world need to be given the Gospel that they might know that it is not God's will that they should perish in their sins, but that He has provided in the death of His Son on the cross a way of salvation for all. It is these millions of lost people away from the will of God, living in their sinful lusts that have brought the world to its sad plight. The military power of the allies may be used of God to save the world from the enemies of democracy, liberty, Christianity and all the good things of life, but it is only as individual souls are won to Christ and as individual lives are submitted to the will of God that any lasting victories for righteousness can be won.

Certainly we are helping others to find God's will as we teach and train Christians for His service. It is God's will that every Christian should live a Christlike life of devotion to His service. All failures of Christianity are failures of God's people to live according to His will. Christians who have learned the blessedness of submission to God's will should be zealous in leading others to

find the same blessedness. Great is our privilege in helping young people to find the will of God for their lives. This is the purpose of the missionary education of our young people. We have our young people's organizations—Sunbeam Bands, Girls' Auxiliaries, Royal Ambassador Chapters and Young Woman's Auxiliaries; they have their splendid plans—meetings, missionary programs, magazines, study classes, stewardship and prayer plans, camps etc.—all, that they might learn God's will for their lives and find their places of service in His Kingdom.

From a missionary comes a beautiful story of a group of Chinese young people submitting themselves to the will of God. There were twenty-four of these who met together in a service one Saturday morning. A few days before they had consecrated themselves to the service of the Lord, and throughout this meeting they were very serious and very much in earnest. The climax of deep spiritual emotion came during the singing of the last song, "Take My Life and Let It Be". At the suggestion of the leader each one rose when, in the singing, they came to the thing he or she wished especially to consecrate to the Lord. One gave her voice to sound forth His praises; one gave her time to be spent in Christ's glad service; then at the last, as they sang of consecrated will and heart, all the others with one accord arose giving these to the Master for His use.

We feel that when the war is over there are going to be greater opportunities for missionary work than ever before. Therefore there will be greater need for missionaries than ever before. So, it must be the will of God that many young people be called for special service and that we shall be diligent in helping them to hear His call and in preparing them for this service. The war is teaching young people lessons of sacrifice. We must help them to know that greater than sacrifice for one's country is the willingness to give all in the service of God. The time must come when hundreds, and even thousands, of Christian young people must join that group of Chinese young people in singing:

"Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.  
Lord, I give my life to Thee,  
Thine forever more to be".

#### THINKING of CHRISTMAS

**T**HE joyous Christmas season draws near and our thoughts are once more centered on the Child in the manger of Bethlehem. In that Child is found God's purpose of world redemption. In the events that clustered around His birth we can read the content of God's will for all people.

*It is God's will that the people of the world should be joyful.* So the coming of His Son was announced as glad tidings of great joy.

*It is God's will that there should be peace both in the hearts of individuals and between peoples and nations.* So Jesus was heralded as the Prince of Peace, and above His manger-bed angels sang of "peace on earth, good-will to men".

*It is God's will that there should be a way of salvation for all people.* So He gave to His Son the name Jesus, promising that He should save His people from their sins.

*It is God's will that all people shall be free and equal, sharing alike in privileges of worship and service and in all the joy which came to earth at the birth of the Messiah.* So humble shepherds, distinguished wise men and devoted temple attendants, representing people of all ages and all classes, met on a common ground as they paid homage to the infant Christ.

We approach this Christmas with sad, bewildered hearts. The world seems so far away from the spirit of Christmas. God's purpose in sending Jesus to the world seems perverted and almost lost. Amid the din of falling bombs and roaring cannon we find it difficult to hear the Christmas song of glad tidings. The air is so full of bomber planes that the Christmas angels can scarcely be seen. It is difficult to find the Christmas star in the black-out of danger, death and destruction. Our hearts are so anxious and sorrowful that to sing Christmas carols seems almost impossible. The Christmas message of joy, love and peace trembles on our lips as we think of a world at war, of men's hearts full of hate and of sin and sadness everywhere.

And yet we who trust in God, who give our allegiance to His Son, Jesus Christ, who desire to know, do and love His will, must even at this dark hour look with hope, with joy and peace in our hearts toward the manger of Bethlehem, knowing that in the Christmas Child there is hope for the whole world and that ultimately His Kingdom will come and the will of God will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. We know that all the darkness of sin and strife cannot black out the Star of Bethlehem and that all the roar of warfare cannot muffle the angels' song of "peace on earth, good-will to men".

At Christmas in the year 1863 the United States was at the crisis in the War between the States. On Christmas day Longfellow heard the church bells ringing and they seemed to be saying: "Peace on earth, good-will to men". But that message seemed to contradict existing conditions. How could bells ring of peace when a nation was at war? Then Longfellow, remembering the real meaning of Christmas and realizing that the message of those bells would eventually prevail, penned his thoughts in what is one of the greatest Christmas poems. We use that poem to express our feeling at this war-time Christmas, as amid the strife and tumult of world conflict we hear still ringing the bells of Christmas, bringing their eternal message of peace and love.

"I heard the bells on Christmas day  
Their old familiar carols play  
And wild and sweet the words repeat,  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

"I thought how, as the day had come,  
The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along the unbroken song  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.

"And in despair I bowed my head;  
'There is no peace on earth', I said,  
'For hate is strong and mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men'.

"When pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
'God is not dead, nor doth He sleep!  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail  
With peace on earth, good-will to men!'

"Till, ringing, singing on its way,  
The world revolved from night to day;  
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

#### QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the relationship between thinking and doing.
2. Discuss the importance of the individual in the sight of God.
3. Name some individuals who received special attention from Jesus.
4. How can we know God's will for our lives?
5. What are the results which come from doing the will of God?
6. What was Jesus' attitude toward His father's will?
7. Why is it important to love God's will?
8. How can we help others to find God's will for their lives?
9. Discuss the importance of leading young people to know, do and love God's will.
10. How is Christmas an expression of God's will for the world?
11. What is the message of Christmas for us in this time of world war?
12. How can we share the spirit of Christmas with others?



#### 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	
The Gospel of Christmas.....	J. Harold Gwynne

#### SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

**S**UCH will be found in the "From Our Missionaries" department in this magazine in its effort to promote preparation for and participation in the *Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions*. One or more of these authenticated stories will perhaps be just what your society's program chairman needs to render a more complete program at one or all of the prayer services of November 30-December 4, inclusive. **Seek to have them serve in yet more personal ways, too, in your effort to have your circle and your society surpass even their respective goals for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.**

# College Y.W.A.

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## CAN THIS BE CHRISTMAS?

**E**VERYONE who thinks will consider this an all but impossible Christmas except that paradoxically only the actual Christmas message makes it possible. Our young women in colleges and hospitals will be among the thoughtful young people who see, beneath the customary superficial observance of a holiday, the eternal holy day which commemorates the coming of the One who alone brings hope to the world's woe. There was singing when Christ first came, and there can be singing now. There were gifts when Christ first came, and there are to be gifts now.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering must never be a casual gift; it is to be a true offering, giving in self-denying devotion for Christ's cause around the world. November *Window of Y.W.A.* carried the list of objectives and every counselor should help make this \$230,000 gift list real to Y.W.A.'s. Nurses will see there the needs of our hospitals, college students will see there the schools that struggled to educate a Christian leadership and the schools that wait a chance to reopen.

At noonday prayer services, at morning watch, at Master's Minority prayer groups the world needs can be presented for prayer. Be sure your Ann Hasseltine and Grace McBride Y.W.A. committees have arranged about this with B.S.U. devotional committee where this is necessary. Frequently colleges and hospitals will dedicate this week of Nov. 30 Dec. 4 to the observance of the W.M.U. Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Quicken your young women to see if this is possible for their campus or hospital.

The preparatory book, *If Two Agree* by Dr. W. O. Carver, will be invaluable to members of Young Woman's Auxiliary as well as to women in developing a deep prayer life. In November *Window of Y.W.A.* the mission study teacher will find suggestions for teaching which will aid a great deal in presenting these vital matters. By all means give earnest study to this book; then be ready to follow on presently with another mission study class also.

With the much material available and all the suggestions in *The Window of Y.W.A.* and in the particular prayer program, every Young Woman's Auxiliary can experience a powerful refreshing through the Holy Spirit's presence. Rich joy will likewise be realized through a new generosity in giving.

A definite worthy goal will help lift your Young Woman's Auxiliary above a heedless offering. Figure mentally the amount of money your members will be spending; what should be their gift to Christ? Often habit drops in a small sum instead of the larger amount which love would prompt if the matter were rightly understood. Our Foreign Mission Board needs the \$230,000 and hopes there will be a large Beyond-the-Goal Gift for it to use also. See that there is this additional money ready for the listed causes and emergencies. Your membership can help greatly.

Your Y.W.A.'s will also want to do some special personal service in keeping with Christmas. Where is it necessary to provide Christmas for children or elderly people or shut-ins who without your plans would have no Christmas? Act there.

Young women will go home on very brief vacations from some hospitals and probably from most colleges. Use these young women while at home; they can speak, making vivid the wider horizons that have opened before them; they can meet with any or all of the missionary education organizations; they can add the rest of their visiting presence to W.M.U. activities; but they will need to be invited and planned for; they will not push in where their places have been filled as they must have been because of their absence. Coming to the home church should be a real experience in loving worship during this strained Christmas of 1942. You can make it a beautiful, tender, heart-touching Christmas for Christ if you will.

# Our Young People

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## GETTING READY for CHRISTMAS

THIS will be a strange Christmas: family circles are stretched, some are broken by the war; there may be further rationings that will affect Christmas shopping as well as Christmas candies. Yet children should have their share of happy Christmas memories as the right of free childhood in a Christian land. How shall W.M.U. counselors help Sunbeam children, Girls' Auxiliary and Royal Ambassador members have a truly "merry Christmas"?

Must we not decide first, as leaders, what makes "merry Christmas" for us, for children, for anyone? Is "merry Christmas" dependent on tinsel and toys, on gaiety and gifts? Must Christmas be reduced to what we can wrap up and present to another or is this not the time to realize that keeping Christmas is a matter of making room for Christ in heart and home? There was shadow over that first Christmas cradle—the shadow of imperial might, the shadow of tyranny, the shadow of war—but the Child brought the world Christmas, bright through the darkness. Children can now know the Light that still shines in the midnight gloom, the Light of Christ's presence, that says give instead of get. A world waited for the gift of God's Son nearly two thousand years ago: a weary world waits for the knowledge of that gift now. For the sake of Christ, whose birthday Christmas is, we can be giving that gift of knowledge by our gifts through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering if leaders and counselors will help their members understand the full meaning of that

offering. The Foreign Mission Board counts on it for the salaries of 125 missionaries, for the support of schools, for publishing houses, for specific yet comparatively small amounts which send three launches up and down the Amazon and the Niger and pay the travel expenses of Dr. Bratcher, secretary of the Brazilian Home Mission Board. Look at the lists of these objectives as published in November *World Comrades* and *The Window of Y.W.A.* Let your own mind and heart picture this work with accuracy, understand with an inner glow what the \$230,000 means in spreading the Gospel and make that real to young people so they will rejoice to make Christmas for Christ.

*World Comrades* and *The Window of Y.W.A.* for November carry the preparatory programs and plans for getting ready for Christmas but the wisest plans are of no value unless they materialize into your action; stopping as black marks of type on white paper they are wasted. Let every W.M.U. young people's director (or W.M.S. president) see that every counselor is eager to use these plans or other better ones she concocts, but make no mistake about getting young people ready for Christmas by preparatory thought about the observance of the Week of Prayer and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. As southern Baptist homes look forward to Christmas, the anticipation will be lifted into joy through the discovery of a precious word of Christ's which Paul preserved for us: "It is more blessed to give than to receive". This is the way to have the Christmas spirit in 1942.

# Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people.—Luke 2:10b

See the Archbishop of Canterbury: "It is impossible for clergy and ministers alone to preach the Gospel to the detached multitudes. If they are to be reached it must be by lay-witnesses". Remembering that today is our day for witnessing, the words of Russel Judson are most pertinent: "How you and I behave as Christians today will determine whether or not some future historian will pass judgment on the Church in relation to the world crisis and will say, 'too little and too late'."

Alie W. S. Brinson writing in *Missions* has the following to say concerning the work of missionaries of the Woman's Home Mission Society: "Ever since war was declared, the missionaries who have worked with Japanese on the Pacific coast have had their days and nights filled with intense activity. Their hearts have been torn with the suffering of their Japanese friends. They have given themselves with abandon to their ministry, helping the Japanese pack, renting buildings to store their goods, encouraging! At this time when America is writing one of the most tragic pages of her history, Baptists thank God that they have served through these workers".

Both the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Foreign Mission Society have new presidents this year, each of whom has long been active in Baptist work. Mrs. Harriet W. Palmer of the Home Mission Society, in addition to having held prominent official positions in her own state and in the New England District, has served many years as a member of the Woman's Home Mission Board and as trustee for four Negro colleges in the south. Mrs. Leslie E. Swain of the Foreign Mission Society has likewise been active in Baptist work, holding various offices and particularly working with young women of the World Wide Guild. She is the author of many missionary plays and several missionary books, among them *Youth Un-*

According to Roger W. Babson, of all the men elected to the United States Congress who had previously gained a place in *Who's Who in America*, two-thirds of them received their education in Christian institutions. And from the *Times Dispatch*, a daily paper of Richmond, Virginia, we learn from the Chinese *Who's Who* that of all the college graduates listed more than half have been educated in Christian colleges.

Even in time of war the governments of the world recognize meritorious service to the cause of Christ and human welfare. Miss Ethel Crankhite, recently returned to the United States from Bengal Orissa because of health conditions, has just been awarded the Kaiser-I-Hind Medal for distinguished service in India. Miss Crankhite is the thirty third Baptist missionary to have been awarded this medal.

The Church of England Zenana Missionary Society reports that Christian women of India are making a great contribution to the cause of the United Nations. Christian hospitals are training nurses for the Emergency Nursing Service under the Red Cross. Christian schools are raising funds and making useful articles for army comforts and Red Cross. Many teachers are being trained in first-aid and other A.R.P. work. And prayer is offered daily for the *Victory of Righteousness*.

The Home Missions Council, the Foreign Missions Conference, the United Council of Church Women, the United Stewardship Council, the biennial meeting of the Federal Council of Churches and certain denominational gatherings will hold meetings in Cleveland, Ohio, December 5-12. The World Christian Mission Convocation, scheduled to meet in Cleveland, December 6-10, has been indefinitely postponed.

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