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Editorial

"GIVE YE"

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

THE familiar story recorded in Matt. 14:13-21 is strong in dramatic appeal. A multitude following Jesus, to hear His strange teachings, to be healed by His touch, to observe and marvel at His miracles, a multitude hungry at the close of the day! Bewildered disciples, wondering too, yet weary of the pressing throngs, eager for closer companionship with their Master-teacher, warning Him of the people unfed and the coming night! Jesus, compassionate, tender, competent: "They need not go away, give ye them to eat!"

Studying the preparatory book for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions members of missionary societies, women and young women, have had their minds stirred and their hearts quickened to the application of these words, "They need not go away", to the hungering multitudes in the southland of the United States of America, in Cuba and the Canal Zone, the fields for which southern Baptists are responsible through the Home Mission Board. Now in this first week of the month of March (1-5) members of Woman's Missionary Union—women, young women, boys, girls and little children—devote themselves to prayer-inspiring programs and to earnest petition that these hungering multitudes may be fed, may partake of the Bread of Life. They join in bringing the offering lovingly known as the Annie Armstrong Offering, which carries so large a part of the direct mission work of the Home Mission Board, hoping to far exceed the goal of \$170,000.

Even as Jesus said to His disciples, "Give ye them to eat", so He speaks to each of us. Just as He took that which they had to offer and by His power with His blessing multiplied it to satisfy the hunger-need of that multitude, so will He deal with that which we can give to meet the heart-hunger of our multitudes. He said of the loaves and fishes, "Bring them hither to Me". Blessing and breaking them, He gave to the disciples and they to the multitude. Even so He asks for that which we have and allows us to be His helpers in ministry to the hungering ones of our land in our day. "Give ye them to eat" is His word today just as in that long ago day in Palestine.

The approach to this season of prayer has been made in the conscious acceptance of our nation's responsibility to the world. The heritage of freedom and religious liberty have become dearer as they are threatened in a war-mad world. Thoughtful Christians are deeply concerned that the nation may meet worthily its obligation to the present and to the future. Remembering that "righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" we shall pray with deepened fervor for those in authority in our government and for the mass of its citizenship that the spirit of Christ may rule in the hearts and minds of men.

Give ye, now in this season of prayer and through all the days. Give your prayers to link the service of missionaries to the infinite power of God. Give yourselves in direct missionary service to such persons and groups as you can reach in personal ministry. Give your money sacrificially to provide additional missionaries and needed equipment that the diverse racial groups in our land may be transformed by Christ's wonderful love. Through prayer and personal ministry, through money devoted to the spread of the Gospel you will give the Bread of Life to hungering multitudes. Jesus speaks to each of us: "They need not go away, give ye them to eat!"



W. M. U.

Program

for

Week of Prayer

March 1-5



NOTE: All page references pertain to W.M.S. Folder of 1943 March Week of Prayer for Home Missions, three copies of which were issued for each W.M.S. Please write to your state W.M.U. headquarters if your society has not been supplied. See also pages 1, 4, 6-12, 19-20, 23, 24 of this magazine. Pages 5-9 are conveniently perforated.

PROGRAM for MONDAY—March 1

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

THEME for WEEK:

ENTRUSTED with the GOSPEL in AMERICA

SUBJECT for MONDAY:

ENTRUSTED with CHRISTIAN LIBERTIES

Native Americans: Foreigners (French, Chinese); Indians (Pueblos of Southwest); Jews

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE (For suggestions, see pages 8-9)

HYMN for 1943: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

TALK: Entrusted with Christian Liberties (Page 9)

PRAYER

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PRAYER for 1943 ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING

INGATHERING of OFFERING

PROGRAM for TUESDAY—March 2

Prepared by Mrs. Paul W. Curtis, Texas

THEME for WEEK:

"ENTRUSTED with the GOSPEL in AMERICA"

SUBJECT for TUESDAY:

"ENTRUSTED with OPPORTUNITIES for SOUL-WINNING"

Deaf-Mutes, Cubans, Negroes, Rescue Missions, Unenlisted Baptists and Unsaved

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE (For suggestions see page 27.)

HYMN: "Jesus Saves"

ANNOUNCEMENTS as to Week's Program and Offering

PRAYER for Dr. J. B. Lawrence and All Laborers in the Home Mission Field

TALK: "Opportunities Are All about Us" (Page 18)

PRAYER that we may open our eyes and ears to the truth contained in Luke 14: 16-23

TALK: "Letters—A Neglected Opportunity" (Page 18)

DEAF-MUTES require a SPECIAL DELIVERY (Page 19)

PRAYER for Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Landon, Mr. Gardner and Interpreters for Special Services

HYMN: "Speed Away"

CUBANS can be reached only by AIR-MAIL (Page 19)

PRAYER for S.B.C. Missionaries and Other Workers in Cuba

HYMN: "As a Volunteer"

NEGROES will appreciate a POSTAL CARD (Page 21)

PRAYER that we may "teach them to observe all things" as commanded by Christ

The RESCUE MISSION needs an INSURED PARCEL POST (Page 22)

HYMN: "Rescue the Perishing"

PRAYER that southern Baptists will respond to the needs of the Rescue Mission and Emergency Home

UNENLISTED BAPTISTS must needs sign for a REGISTERED LETTER (Page 23)

PRAYER that we may be more indoctrinated with the faith of our fathers

The UNSAVED are waiting for the FRANK or FREE MAIL (Page 23)

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PRAYER

PROGRAM for WEDNESDAY—March 3

Prepared by Miss Edwina Robinson, Mississippi

THEME for WEEK:

ENTRUSTED with the GOSPEL in AMERICA

SUBJECT for WEDNESDAY:

ENTRUSTED with AMERICAN YOUTH

Schools, Good Will Centers, Kindergarten, Sons and Daughters of Missionaries

HYMN: "A Charge to Keep I Have"

PRAYER

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE (For suggestions, see pages 25, 26.)

INTRODUCTION--Entrusted means to surrender something to another with confidence regarding its care. Woman's Missionary Union has accepted this trust for missionary education of the youth in southern Baptist churches and we must meet it with fidelity. It signifies faith and trust placed in us. Youth's sure eyes of faith and trust look to Woman's Missionary Union for the Gospel and for guidance in Christian growth.

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PRAYER PERIOD (Page 27)

TALK: Schools, Centers of Christian Training (Page 27)

TALK: For the Chinese at El Paso, Texas (Page 28)

PRAYER PERIOD (Page 29)

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PRAYER PERIOD (Page 32)

PRAYER HYMN: "I'll Live for Him"

INGATHERING of ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING

PERIOD of MEDITATION

PROGRAM for THURSDAY—March 4

Prepared by Mrs. J. L. Rosser, Florida

THEME for WEEK:

ENTRUSTED with the GOSPEL in AMERICA

SUBJECT for THURSDAY:

ENTRUSTED with MATERIAL POSSESSIONS

Need of Possessing the Lands Unclaimed by the Gospel (Mountains, Southwest, Cuba, Panama); Government Rehabilitation Projects; Helping to Lift Denominational Debts

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE (For suggestions, see pages 33-34.)

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FRIDAY, March 5
 DAY of PRAYER and RECONSECRATION
 THEME for WEEK:
 ENTRUSTED with the GOSPEL in AMERICA



DEVOTIONAL SERVICE (For suggestion, see page 30.)
 SILENT PRAYER
 HYMN for 1943: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
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- 2—Cuba (Page 40)
- 3—Kentucky Mountains (Page 40)
- 4—Rescue Work in New Orleans (Page 41)
- 5—Indians in Oklahoma (Page 41)

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- 2—New Mexico (Page 44)
- 3—Arizona (Page 45)

SEASON of PRAYER for S.B.C. Work among Indians

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- 3—On the Mexican Field in Texas (Page 47)
- 4—For Mexican Work in the Southwest (Page 48)

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SEASON of PRAYER for S.B.C. Work among Cubans

TALK: You in Our Work (Page 50)

SEASON of PRAYER for S.B.C. Work in Southern Illinois

TALK: Chinese Mission at Phoenix, Arizona (Page 50)

SEASON of PRAYER for Home Board Work among Chinese

HYMN: "Jesus Paid It All"

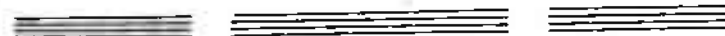
SEASON of PRAYER for

- 1—Men and Women in U. S. Service
- 2—Laborers Needed in Home Mission Fields
- 3—Opening of New Work by Home Board
- 4—Adequate Chapels and Churches for Home Board Work
- 5—Annie Armstrong Offering

INGATHERING of ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING

SILENT PRAYER

—DOXOLOGY



"Thou excellent!"

SURELY such are the feelings of all S.B.C. women missionaries in South America as they lovingly and gratefully meditate upon the 62 years of devoted and diligent service rendered by Mrs. W. B. Bagby of Brazil. Her entry into Heaven was made on Christmas Eve from the home of one of her four missionary children in Brazil. Just as she and Dr. Bagby were constraining examples in their family life, even so were they as soul-winners, founders of churches, builders of schools, promoters of Baptist work not only in Brazil but also in Uruguay, Argentina and Chile. Lone S.B.C. missionaries to Brazil in 1881 they lived to see a large force at work there and in the nearby republics. It was particularly gratifying to them that one of their daughters gave her life to the work in Argentina and that a granddaughter finely continues such service. Yea, verily, Anne Luther Bagby, "thou excellent!"

B.W.C. in MARCH WEEK of PRAYER PROGRAM for BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Prepared by Miss Ethel Winfield

To the LEADER: The fact that you have been chosen to bear responsibility in presiding over this program is evidence that your fellow members recognize your capabilities for the task: you love the Lord Jesus, you want others to know Him as Savior and follow Him as Lord; you have some knowledge of the missionary activities of southern Baptists and of the particular share W.M.U. women and young people carry in those activities. Now, building on these resources, exercise yourself to make this hour of prayer count for the work, for the missionaries and for the members of your own Business Women's Circle. Plan thoroughly for the hour; a program thrown together cannot be impressive or worthy. Consider the outline offered you here, reading the material on the given pages with your members in mind; rearrange the program if need be to suit your own circle. Go over your outlined plan until you are familiar with every detail of it. Make the members who participate by praying and giving feel that they as truly participate in the observance of this season of prayer as those who have parts on the program. Distribute the offering envelopes at a previous meeting and then make sure that the offering is forwarded promptly through your usual channels. For an effective program plan we commend to you the United States mail service idea as worked out for Tuesday's program (pages 16-24 of *W.M.S. Folder for the week*). If your circle did not receive its copy of the week's folder, please write promptly to your state W.M.U. headquarters. This is a season of prayer—create a reverent worshipful atmosphere; give ample time for praying according to the suggestions. All page references in the program are to the *W.M.S. Folder*. On a table at center front of room have large open Bible with ray from strong flashlight falling across its pages.

Instrumental Music (while members are entering room and settling themselves):
Take Time to be Holy; Sweet Hour of Prayer; America the Beautiful

Hymn: America the Beautiful

Leader: The theme for this Week of Prayer is: "Entrusted with the Gospel in America". Business women are familiar with the idea of entrustment, for many of them are the keepers of important facts, knowledge, wealth placed in their hands by others. By virtue of having accepted their positions of trust they acknowledge their obligation to live up to what is expected of them. Honor and integrity are characteristic of them, and integrity makes every effort to meet obligations. Christian business women are just as faithful in recognizing their obligation to Christ for all His benefits to them and hence will have special appreciation for the week's theme. Our heritage from those who held high ideals for our country places us under obligation to "carry on" in the same spirit.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary of our Home Mission Board, sends a message that will help us see the importance of home missions. (Give selections from the *Appeal*, page 15, noting especially the reasons for carrying on mission work in our own country.)

Devotional Service: (Use devotional material on pages 25-26.)

Hymn: God Bless Our Native Land (Tune: America)

God bless our native land,
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night!
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might!

Lord of all truth and right,
In whom alone is might,
On Thee we call;
And may the nation see
That men should brothers be
Through Christ eternally;
God save us all!

—Selected

Glimpses of a Few Fields (Preferably four brief talks but may be condensed and given by one person):

Air Mail Letter to Cuba (Page 16)
Postal Card for the Negro (Page 21)
On the Mexican Field in Texas (Page 47)
You in Our Work (Page 50)

Prayers for Definite Needs on These Fields (by Four Members):

1. Pray for Christian work in Cuba; renewed strength for Dr. M. N. McCall in charge of our work; extension and development of rural work under sacrificial native pastors; the young people in Baptist schools; continued emphasis upon personal efforts in soul winning.
2. Pray that the natural religious fervor of the Negro may be directed to true, spiritual worship of God; for wisdom, patience and courage on the part of Negro and white leaders; for the teacher-missionaries supported by Annie Armstrong Offering.
3. Pray for Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Moyer and all other missionaries to Mexicans and Spanish-Americans; for the kindergarten teachers and the little children; for the officers and other leaders in W.M.U. organizations; for their Christian literature.
4. Pray for the 5,000,000 people in the south of foreign birth or foreign parentage; for city missions and Good Will Centers; for rescue missions; for people in new industrial areas, mining camps, oil fields etc.

Talk: Sons and Daughters of Home Missionaries (Page 26)

Hymn: Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (Verses 1 and 3 sung as a prayer for these young people and for the singers themselves)

Selections about Prayer (Culled from Material on Page 39)

Period of Directed Silent Prayer:

Pray for Christian work being done among men in armed forces of our country and for all chaplains; for Dr. Alfred Carpenter, Home Board superintendent of camp work. (Pause)

Pray that Jews may recognize Jesus as their Messiah and for Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, Baptists' field missionary to the 500,000 Jews in the south; for more concern on the part of Christians for these "Chosen People". (Pause)

Pray for our 72 missionaries to the Indians; for work with Indian youth in government schools; that from them may be called ministers and Christian leaders to work among their own people. (Pause)

Pray for Baptist missions among deaf-mutes; that the mission churches for Chinese may reach more of that great people in our southland; that God's Word may be increasingly distributed among and understood by the French here; that true Christianity may have more appeal for mountain people than certain fanatical religions seem to have. (Pause)

Hymn: My Country, Thou Shalt Be (Tune: America)

My country, thou shalt be
Sweet land of liberty,
When justice reigns,
When darkness turns to light,
When wrongs are changed to right,
When truth asserts her might
And breaks our chains.

Then poverty shall cease;
Wealth, comforts, joys increase
On ev'ry hand;
None shall know want or care,
Earth's bounties all shall share,
Rejoicing ev'rywhere,
O blessed land!

Great God, we cry to Thee
Love, wisdom, liberty.
To us be given;
Help us to see the right,
Thy children all unite;
Lead in victorious fight
Till earth be Heaven

—Harvey P. Moyer

Leader: The challenge of the great needs before us, the encouragement of results from past investments lead us to back our prayers by our gifts. As you hold your offering envelope in your hand, think earnestly of the needs to be met. The goal for the offering this year is \$170,000. We call it the "Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions" in honor of the first corresponding secretary of Woman's Missionary Union. (See page 4.) In a spirit of devotion similar to hers let each lay her gift upon this open Bible wherein we find the Gospel entrusted to us for others.

Closing Prayer

(For regular monthly B.W.C. program, see page 22.)

My Alabaster Box

MACEDONIAN CALLS



"To you in the United States we say 'Come over into Cuba and give us more Light'."—*Cuban Pastor*

"An attractive building is an investment to draw people to God. Southern Baptists need to do something so that we will not circumscribe the work of this pastor"—*Missionary Speaking of Mexican Pastor, Corpus Christi, Texas*

"It hurts my heart that my house has a floor in it when God's does not!"—*Mexican Deacon at Cross Tie Church Sebastian, Texas*

"We need a larger church and a pastorium in San Benito. The kindergarten needs to be enlarged. People here are hungry for the Gospel!"—*Missionary to Mexicans*

"Pray for our church"—*Mexican Pastor, Brownsville, Texas*. This church has sent out native preachers and conducts missions in nearby towns in Texas and Mexico.

"The harvest is white here. We need a good plant. We do not have a baptistry or a adequate Sunday-school rooms"—*Mexican Pastor, Hurlingen Texas*

"We need a larger building, a new piano and other equipment. The possibilities of this kindergarten are great!"—*Kindergarten Worker, Pharr, Texas*

"The religious influence we give here will infiltrate across the Border into Mexico . . . God drew no color lines. It matters not what color a person is or what language he speaks, he needs the message of Christ. We should give them the message. Our Macedonian call is

couched in the Spanish language"—*Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, McAllen, Texas*

"On the river front we need more workers. A kindergarten would reach children who roam the streets!"—*Mission Worker, New Orleans, La.*

Gleaned from a travel notebook, these Macedonian calls still ring in my mind. Each field appealed to our hearts. These workers need the sustaining power of our prayers. Doors are open now to the Gospel. More doors will open in as much as we pray. Huge sums are required to meet all needs. To see a small church crowded to capacity, with people standing outside wanting to hear the religious service, was no unusual sight on the Mexican mission field. We were challenged by the bigness of the task and how little we have done. We need more buildings to keep our own self-respect. Through kindergartens we can reach children, the potential leaders of tomorrow. They deserve to know the truth that is in Christ Jesus. Mexican Baptist college students, who have yielded to the call of the Lord, give promise to the future. Some of these are sons and daughters of our missionaries are Margaret Fund students.

The Macedonian calls come from Cuba, Panama, cities, mountain sections and the plains. The 36 million foreigners in our midst have a right to hear the Gospel in their respective language. Regardless of language or race they need Christ. Our Home Mission Board is our agency for giving the Gospel to them. It is tragic when lack of funds forces our secretary to say "No" to a call. I see the Annie Armstrong Offering as a means of answering these Macedonian calls.—*Miss Dollie Hall Georgia*

Book Reviews

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

GUIDE for COMMUNITY MISSIONS: Lawrence and Davis; W.M.U. Literature Dept., Birmingham, Ala., 1943; Pages 136; Price 25c

SOMETIMES an undertaking spreads so far beyond its original scope as to require a new name to express its true import. "Personal Service" is one of these. In the beginning the term designated only those simple, voluntary, unorganized services through which the members of the societies ministered in Christ's name to those about them. Soon need was felt for the modified term "Directed Personal Service" for those activities sponsored by the entire Woman's Missionary Society. As the vision grew, women began thinking in terms not only of their immediate neighborhoods but of their entire communities and also of the responsibility of W.M.U. young people's organizations as to such needs. As the result the old term "Directed Personal Service" has now become "Community Missions".

Such widening horizons call for new

methods of work. These are set forth in full in this new guide which takes the place of the old *Personal Service Guide*, so long in use. Chapter by chapter, this new guide answers such questions as: What is community missions and what are its purposes and methods? How and by whom is it carried on? How can a society discover the needs of its community and what can it do about them? What are some successful methods of meeting such special evangelistic opportunities as those offered by Jews, aliens, Negroes and the soldiers? How may the society cooperate with welfare agencies and efforts for total abstinence, Christian Americanization and adult education?

The answers are eminently sensible and practical. All our societies will be greatly helped by an early and intensive general study of this book, *Guide for Community Missions*. See following suggestions for teaching the book.

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

Studying the Book

GUIDE for COMMUNITY MISSIONS

Mrs. Eureka Whiteker of Cynthiana, Kentucky, offers the following suggestions:

General Ideas: Lighted poster announces class. A picture of local church at left. At right a map of community or portion of it, secured from a fire insurance company. Lead a cord from the church, placing a small electric bulb (any color except red) over map. Underneath put "My Church Spotlights My Community", with date and place of class.

Take class on an imaginary tour, using what is at hand to carry out suggestions. Love for Christ, interest in fellow men or duty as Christians should supply impetus for proposed tour. The teacher, as director, previously assigns all duties. Two women, placarded "Information", ask and answer all questions at the close of each chapter—fill blanks, multiple choice, plus and minus etc. Give each tourist small travelling bag cut from construction paper, marked C.M. on the outside and Luke 10:30-35 and Numbers 14:6-9 written within.

Getting Started: Pray for traveling grace. Sing "Thy Self" (page 1) in preparation. Listed in most hymn books as "O Master Let Me Walk".

Personal Word: The text-book is the road map for the proposed tour. Each tourist should own one, become familiar with it and know how to use it for it is not a book to be catalogued and put in church library but is a map for frequent use. **Assign:** Draw red lines to indicate smooth roads and black lines the rough roads. Show that this "Guide" is authentic as a compilation and the revision of the "Personal Service Guide". Stress the purpose of the road map: to lead southern Baptist women and W.M.U. young people to make this tour in Christ's name to meet needs as only Christian women and young people can.

Introduction: Announce that the tour is not a new one and not far distant. Explain change of name of "Personal Service Highway" to "Highway of Community Missions". Have named some foundation builders of the new highway.

CHAPTER 1—Anticipation of Tour

What?—Community Missions Defined

Where?—The Field of Travel. How?—Three Modes of Travel

Why?—The Purpose and Results of Tour

In an effort to enlist all women and young people in community missions tickets are used. Two women before distributing these tickets explain their use, saying they have stamped them round trip tickets because they are assured that they will be coming back with results. Recognize their use as limited to the association.

It takes money to travel but how much is carried or spent is not told. If it is more than can be borne by individuals it becomes society expense, for money as such is not spoken of or reported as community missions.

One paragraph in this chapter sets forth standards for our behavior. Have requirements of Standard of Excellence given by Chairman of Community Missions, showing that we get out of the tour what we put into it.

CHAPTER 2

Discuss qualifications and duties of chairmen. Bring out the necessity for all leaders to leave the key to their possessions with the Master, surrender their lives to Him and ever be guided by the Holy Spirit. Use the conversational method to develop the qualifications of leaders. Committee represents cooperation necessary on tour. Stress the fact that we are led and not driven in an effort to enlist every one. The committee varies the work so no hobbies are ridden. What two questions test the work for committee chairmen?

In teaching this chapter constantly have our young people in mind, using imaginary kodaks to plan, make selections and snap pictures of the work they would enjoy. What mother goes on a tour and forgets her children at home?

The reports are the messages sent home, full of joy, saying: "I wish you were here; will tell you all about it when I see you". Emphasize the purpose of reports: check thoroughness of work and inspiration to greater efforts.

Interpret "Let not your right hand know what your left hand doeth" as meaning keep both hands so busy that you won't reach out and shake hands with yourself because of the work you have done.

CHAPTER 3

Observe the needs of the community. Aim to have heartfelt interest in all types of needy people that are seen. A diary kept on the trip is the survey. Outline on blackboard how to make and use a survey. Have class select a definite time for a real survey of its community. Emphasize urgent needs known to exist. Stop for prayer following a vision of the needs.

Work out a set of questions, all of which can be answered by "yes", differentiating between rural and city communities and their work. Have class write a paragraph on "Needs that I have observed that I can and will meet".

CHAPTER 4

Destination is reached when needs are met. On camping trips we build fires, carry water and set up tables. In community missions we do these same things that all may feast upon the love of God and know the warmth of His love.

Open luggage and have Bible references read. The initials C.M. stand not only for Community Missions but Carry Message, Care More, Christlike Ministry.

In this chapter use the discussion method, directing the discussions upon "How We Can Rather than Why We Can't". Stop for a medley of missionary hymns arranged as if coming over radio.

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Calendar of Prayer

March, 1943

Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

THE proof that God tests men to make them strong
And show their hardships to Him that
They follow right for right's own sake and truth
And in the dark can wait and trust the coming light
And, lastly, the reward as proof that God
Is in the end most full of mercy, tenderness and love!
—Fannie E. S. Heck by Mrs. W. C. James

1—MONDAY

Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Offering, March 1-5
God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you.—1 Sam. 12:13

2—TUESDAY

Dr. and Mrs. C. Green, medical-evangelistic work, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, and Mrs. A. S. Patterson, educational-evangelistic work, Lagos, Nigeria; also Charlotte Green and Martha Patterson, Margaret Fund students
O continue Thy loving kindness to them that know Thee; and Thy righteousness to the upright in heart.—Psa. 36:10

3—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Pucciarelli, Miss Bertha Wallis, evangelistic work among Italians, Birmingham, Alabama; also Maryona and Lucille Pucciarelli, Margaret Fund students
He that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him.—Joh. 14:21

4—THURSDAY

Dr. and Mrs. C. G. McDaniel, educational-evangelistic work, Soochow, and Mrs. R. E. L. Mewshaw, medical-evangelistic work, Kweilin, China; also Mary Helen and Dorothy Mewshaw, Margaret Fund students
The Word of the Lord is right, and His works are done in truth.—Psa. 33:4

5—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. Flores, San Marcos, Rev. and Mrs. R. Monzango, Nacogdoches, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans
Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee.—Psa. 84:5

6—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Quarles, evangelistic work, and Mrs. Vada Waldron, educational-evangelistic work, Mendoza, Argentina
Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.—Col. 3:16

7—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. E. G. MacLean, Nigeria, Miss Emma Leachman of Home Mission Board, emerita missionaries
Remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love.—1 Thes. 5:13

8—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. D. P. Stamps, educational-evangelistic work, Yangchow, and Mrs. F. W. Hamlett, evangelistic work, Wush, China; also George M. Stamps, Margaret Fund student
Walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto His Kingdom and glory.—1 Thes. 2:12

9—TUESDAY

Women's Missionary Union annual meetings, March 9-11, Alabama, Tuscaloosa, North Carolina, Raleigh
The Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another and toward all men.—1 Thes. 3:12

10—WEDNESDAY

Misses Ruth Goodin, Havana, Eva Smith, San Antonio de Rio-Blanco, Cuba, educational-evangelistic work
The Lord knoweth how to deliver the Godly out of temptation.—1 Pet. 5:9

11—THURSDAY

Women's Missionary Union of Central China
Christ is preached: and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.—Phil. 1:18

12—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. I. Bagby, Porto Alegre, Rev. and Mrs. O. P. Maddox, Belio Horizonte, Brazil, educational-evangelistic work; also John Ray Maddox, Margaret Fund student
The wilderness and solitary place shall be made glad for them.—Isa. 35:1

13—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. D. D. Cooper, Shawnee, Rev. S. Kent, Perkins, Oklahoma, evangelistic work among Indians
The Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.—Luke 9:56

Calendar of Prayer for March

14—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Lawton, Miss Blanche Rose Walker, emeritus missionaries from China. They made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this Child—Luke 2:17.

15—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Hart, Miss Lois Hart, educational-evangelistic work, Antofagasta, Chile; also Sarah Hart, Margaret Fund student. It is God that girdeth me with strength.—Psa. 18:32.

16—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. O. G. Foulton, Greenville evangelistic work among French, Miss Mary Henden, West Frankfort, Ill., evangelistic work among many nationalities. He first findeth his own brother and brought him to Jesus.—Jno. 1:41-42.

17—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Gillespie, Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Harris, educational-evangelistic work, Kaifeng, China; also Richard Harris, Margaret Fund student. Show Thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us Thy salvation.—Psa. 85:7.

18—THURSDAY

Annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Georgia, Gainesville, March 18-20. I will help thee, saith the Lord, thy Redeemer.—Isa. 41:14.

19—FRIDAY

Rev. J. T. Fielder, superintendent, Mrs. Fielder, Miss Theresa Fielder, educational-evangelistic work, Acadia Academy, Church Point, La. Open Thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law.—Psa. 119:18.

20—SATURDAY

Dr. and Mrs. J. P. O'Neal, Miss Ruth Kersey, Kathleen Manley medical-evangelistic work, Ogbomsho, Nigeria. Know ye not that ye are not your own? for ye are bought with a price.—I Cor. 6:19, 20.

21—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. D. H. LeSueur, Dr. G. H. Lacy, emeritus missionaries from Mexico. Those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.—Psa. 37:9.

22—MONDAY

Dr. and Mrs. H. H. McMillan, Soochow, China, evangelistic work; also John McMillan and Carrie Jackson, Margaret Fund students. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.—II Cor. 3:17.

23—TUESDAY

Annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Tennessee, Chattanooga, March 23-25. That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations.—Psa. 67:2.

24—WEDNESDAY

Mrs. C. A. Baker, Misses Bernice Neel, Ruth Randall, educational-evangelistic work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; also Clifton Baker, Margaret Fund student. Seek the Lord and His strength, seek His face continually.—I Chron. 16:11.

25—THURSDAY

Annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia, Roanoke, March 25-27. Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power.—Col. 1:11.

26—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. S. Villarreal, Pharr, Rev. F. Morales, El Paso, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans. Order my steps in Thy Word.—Psa. 119:133.

27—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Orrick, evangelistic work, Montevideo, Uruguay, Rev. and Mrs. D. F. Askew, educational-evangelistic work, Buenos Aires, Argentina. I have set before thee an open door.—Rev. 3:8.

28—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Evans, Dr. T. W. Ayers, emeritus missionaries from China. His merciful kindness is great toward us.—Psa. 117:2.

29—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Bell, Balboa, Rev. and Mrs. I. O. Veach, Red Bank, Canal Zone, evangelistic work; also Dorothy Bell, Margaret Fund student. It seemed good unto us . . . to send chosen men unto you.—Acts 15:25.

30—TUESDAY

Annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Louisiana, March 30-April 1. Make us to understand the way of Thy precepts, so shall I talk of Thy wondrous works.—Psa. 119:17.

31—WEDNESDAY

Baptist believers in Spain. The Lord bless thee and keep thee.—Num. 6:24.

1 Attended W.M.U. Training School
2 Attended Southwestern Training School
3 Attended Baptist Bible Institute
4 Former Margaret Fund Student
5 On Parolough

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 1943.

TOPIC: The Christian Witness in American Democracy—Psa. 33:12

"Our heart shall rejoice".

"Let Thy mercy . . . be upon us".

1st Day—Psa. 33:1-11; I Sam. 30:16-20

15th Day—Num. 14:17-21; John 17:1-8

2nd Day—Psa. 33:12-22; Isa. 28:1-4

16th Day—Psa. 56:1-13; John 17:9-19

3rd Day—Psa. 20:1-7; Isa. 28:5-7

17th Day—Psa. 57:1-11; John 17:20-26

4th Day—Psa. 147:1-11; Gal. 5:19-21

18th Day—Psa. 66:1-20; Luke 22:31-34

5th Day—Prov. 11:1-14; I Cor. 10:1-7

19th Day—Psa. 119:57-64; Heb. 7:23-28

6th Day—Prov. 14:34; 29:2; Dan. 1:8, 16-21

20th Day—Micah 6:1-8; Heb. 4:11-16

7th Day—Ex. 20:1-7; Psa. 5:1-7

21st Day—Matt. 5:1-16; Luke 11:1-4

"We have trusted".

"As We Hope in Thee"

8th Day—Deut. 32:1-12, 36-43; John 13:1-11

22nd Day—Rom. 12:1-21; John 1:6-9, 14-17

9th Day—I Tim. 4:9-11; John 13:12-30

23rd Day—Rom. 13:1-14; John 4:3-10

10th Day—II Kings 18:1-7; John 13:31-38

24th Day—Mark 1:1-20; John 10:11-16

11th Day—II Kings 21:1-12; John 14:1-6

25th Day—Mark 1:21-45; John 12:20-26, 31-32

12th Day—II Kings 22:1-20; John 14:12-23

26th Day—Mark 2:1-17; John 17:20-26

13th Day—I Chron. 29:11; John 14:24-31

27th Day—Mark 2:18-28; John 20:19-21, 30-31

14th Day—Matt. 12:21; I Cor. 11:23-26

28th Day—Mark 3:1-12; John 21:15-17

29th Day—Mark 3:13-26; John 1:29-34

30th Day—Mark 4:1-20; John 1:35-42

31st Day—Mark 4:21-41; 1:16-20

"Pray Ye"

Thank God for Jesus Christ and that through Him "whoever will" may have eternal life.

Ask God's guidance in national, state and local governments, praying for those who make and administer the laws, that righteousness may prevail.

Intercede for lost souls in the southland and for Christians who are seeking to win them to Christ.

Pray that the observance of the March Week of Prayer may greatly promote home missions, asking that each W.M.U. member and every society will give with unusual generosity toward the goal of \$170,000 for the Annie Armstrong Offering. (Pages 4-12)

Intercede for the meetings in Memphis in May of the Southern Baptist Convention and Woman's Missionary Union, asking God's guidance for their presidents and program committees, for Memphis pastors and committees in preparatory activities.

Pray for peace according to the will of God.

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Bible Study

Elia Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

NOAH—Ezekiel 14:12-14; Genesis 8:15-20; 9:12-15

THE prophet Ezekiel was captive in Babylon. He had a busy time, for still idolatry tempted, and false prophets abounded, with wild guesses "out of their own heart". In contrast, God told Ezekiel: "The word which I shall speak shall be performed". Once He gave this strange warning: doom pronounced upon a land would certainly follow; "though these three men were in it—Noah, Daniel and Job—they should but deliver their own souls by their righteousness". It is given four times: famine, evil beasts, war or pestilence would not be averted—only the three men themselves should be saved. Surely these three were Friends of God!

Let us consider Noah. The Flood is a fascinating story to tell children. And a marvel of ability and industry and patience Noah seems to older eyes. But this is not the thing emphasized in Genesis. What is it? It is Noah's righteousness in the midst of a world utterly corrupt, a hopeless failure of a world. He was blameless in his life, he "walked with God", like Enoch, whose son Methuselah was Noah's grandfather; he was a comfort from his birth to his father Lamech. Piety was handed down in that family; they were trained in faith. Nor did he fail to warn others while he built the ark (*II Pet. 2:5*). Mr. Moody used to picture with wonderful vividness Noah's earnestness and simplicity and the jeers and laughter of those who watched him building that strange craft, "not even down by the river!"

Forty days and nights of rain; and a full year before they could come out of that ark. Immediately—an altar and a thank-offering; then—imagine their dismay!—a shower; then the beautiful rainbow which, even as they rejoiced in it, was made the symbol of a promise to mankind. Never again shall the waters "become a flood to destroy all flesh". A new beginning God was making. Since then, time and again, said a preacher* lately, has God let the world go all to pieces that He might remake it a better world. For Noah's descendants have not all had his faith, his courage, his obedience, his gratitude. These we need in our own day.

Preachers' wives and perhaps others will appreciate this from a former Louisville pastor:

"There was once a preacher of righteousness and he had three sons. The first and third were fine lads, but that second boy was a bad one. Now don't blame the preacher, for we have God's word for it that *Noah walked with God*. He got drunk once in his life; but he was the first man that planted a vineyard, and he didn't know what the stuff could do to him. Nor shall we blame his wife: for the mother of Shem and Japheth would not neglect her second son. What was the trouble? Something a preacher and his wife cannot always forestall—bad companionship. The flippancy and vulgarity of that boy are precisely the sort of thing learned by going with the wrong associates away from home".

*R. R. Couey †J. F. Fraser

From Our Missionaries

A PEARL HARBOR SOLDIER
WITNESSES to HIS MOTHER

IT was time for the fellowship service at Good Will Center and every seat was filled. There was a hush over the audience. A returned soldier boy was speaking to the people who were listening with all their hearts. His wife, a sister and also his mother were in the crowd. The young man told of his ship going down at Pearl Harbor, yet his life was spared. "God was with us", he uttered. It seemed very fitting that night that our leader had read a psalm of praise and had endeavored to make the meeting a praise service. Beautiful songs of praise, testimonies of praise went up to God in Heaven.

One of our recent blessings for which we all desired to praise Him was our newly erected Good Will Center. Many prayers, tears and sacrificial gifts made this beautiful new building possible, built entirely by donated labor. Jews, Americans and foreigners all worked using hammer, saw and other carpenter tools. We were rejoicing, too, and thanking God for this the largest number of people who had attended our new Good Will Center. "Surely", a Jacob of old said, "the Lord is in this place". All felt the presence of the Lord and the power of His Spirit.

One of our precious women felt led to make the call to those out of Christ to come and accept Him. Who should come in response to this call? Everyone who is unsaved. A woman came kneeling at the altar crying out, "What must I do to be saved?" Who was this one? It was the mother of this fine young soldier who had stood so courageously in battle December 7 at Pearl Harbor. Surely the angels were looking as the boy came and put his arms around his mother, both in tears

"Mother, have you made a complete and full surrender to Jesus?" he asked. Finally as she arose from her knees her face testified to the inward joy and peace within her heart and soul. The angels rejoiced because "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth". We placed in this new convert's hands a beautiful Bible given by the Good Will Center. We gave the soldier a pocket Testament and a Gospel of John. He had lost all on the ship. Pray for him and his mother.—Miss Mary Headen Illinois

JUST A LITTLE LIGHT but HOW FAR
IT SHINES

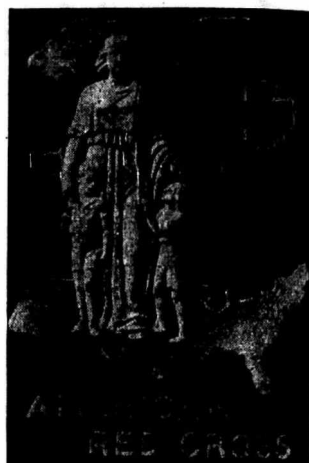
NINE years ago a man found Christ in the Ceiba Hueca village, the first Christian in the whole neighborhood. He had a hard time at first, for there was Catholicism, Communism and Spiritualism to fight against him and yet that one little light still burned in his heart—the Word of the Lord sustained him, but he had to read his Bible hidden in the cane-fields because his wife got furious everytime she saw him read the Bible and so he had to go into the cane-fields to be able to read and pray. Oftentimes the little light was mighty dim for lack of constant prayer and communion with the Master and yet Bro. Matinez was faithful although oftentimes he wondered if he would have strength to continue his new life.

"Nine years have passed" and many things have happened since that day when he first knew Christ but great things have happened for Christ too. The Spiritualist doctor and adviser moved out from the district, Catholics closed the little chapel they had in that section and Communism died out for lack

of followers; the question comes now, "What happened to Christianity?" Oh, it grew and has grown until now instead of one little dim light there are twenty strong lights for Christ and each bearer of the Light working hard in that neighborhood. A little chapel has been built where the followers may come together to worship. A good man from Winston-Salem, N. C., made possible this little chapel with \$200 that he sent to us for its erection. How happy these people are now with the chapel, with their organized church and with 20 members and a pastor. What if Bro. Matinez' little light had gone out?

These people are far away from us and yet we are praying for them and trying to help them; they especially need equipment for their chapel. Will you pray for this little group of faithful Christians way out in the Cuban cane-fields? — Mrs. Ismael Negrin, Cruces, Cuba

RED CROSS ROLL-CALL MARCH 1943



SAFEGUARDING MARCH 1-5

"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 March 1-5 for emphasis other than that of the W.M.U. Week of Prayer for Home 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.

For STUDYING the BOOK (Concluded from Page 14)

Manifesting Christian fellowship toward men in armed forces within the association is community missions but making and sending things to those outside the association becomes Red Cross work. Make this distinction very clear.

Have boy or girl from unchurched section, where a Vacation Bible School has been held, tell of its work. Develop the discussion of Good Will Center work in dialogue form.

New friends are made on the tour. Read "Thy Neighbor"; page 1.

CHAPTER 5

Return trip is made when church and community are linked together. Souvenirs carried back are the individuals taught to live a better life and the souls won to Christ.

Facts concerning the liquor traffic emphasized by distributing latest leaflets on the subject. Ask a teacher or some other member of B.W.C. to present the splendid discussion on adult education, using a poster and bringing out the mission opportunity in this work. In presenting interracial work have "I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray" sung by Negroes.

Assign: Reread the "Guide" drawing the Christian flag by activities attempted and the cross of Jesus by those neglected. Begin immediately to enable the crosses to become flags.

Close with prayer of thanksgiving for vision received and a safe journey. Resolve to make tour regularly, enlisting others to join.

Circle+Program



EXPLANATORY NOTE: It is believed that circles will profit by using this month 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 Building, 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 40 of 1943 W.M.U. Year Book and page 22 of this magazine.)

CIRCLE PROGRAM TOPIC: BUILDING a RIGHTEOUS NATION HOME MISSIONS

Devotional Theme—"Ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria"—Acts 1:8. "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people"—Prov. 14:34.

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

"A Small Gift" (See article in March issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.*)

Marianna Sings America (See article in March issue of *World Comrades*.)

From Our Missionaries (See pages 19-20 of this magazine.)

The Americanization of Guiseppi Piani (See article in March issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

Baptists, Democracy and the Race Question (See article in March issue of *The Commission*.)

The Mission of America (See article in March issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

Diamond Fields to Let (See article in March issue of *The Commission*.)

Business Women's Circles

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Poster Suggestion—Paste a map of the United States that has been cut from white paper or use a map that has been cut from a road map on a sheet of blue poster paper. Print the words, "His Story in Our History", across the map. In the lower right hand corner of poster print:

B.W.C.
Date
Place
Time

Personal Invitations — Make slates, three by four inches, of black construction paper. The borders can be made by blanket stitching the slates with red wool thread. On these print or write with white ink:

Date
Period (Time).....
Course (B.W.C.).....
Classroom (Place).....
Assignment (Subject of Program)

Room Arrangement — Have the room arranged as a history classroom. The chairs should be arranged as desks with aisles between rows. Place a good wall size map of the United States on the left side of the front wall and a map of home missions that has been colored to show various phases of the work of southern Baptists. Place a United States flag at the base of the United States map and the Christian flag at the base of the home missions map. Have several United States history books and a Bible on the left side of the desk. At the center of the desk have a globe with North America turned to the class.

Spring flowers on the right side of desk will add atmosphere to the classroom.

The Program—Present the program as a history class. The program chairman may serve as the teacher. All parts are found on pages 24-32 of this magazine and should be given out in advance. Open the program with the hymn, "America the Beautiful", followed by a prayer that we may realize our responsibility for conditions in our own land. Proceed with the program by announcing the first two parts, "Democracy and Christianity" and "American Democracy", by asking them to stand for recitation. The teacher will find the "Questions for Review and Discussion" helpful in announcing the parts. The one who has "Baptists and Democracy" may volunteer to tell about the part Baptists have had in democracy, closing her discussion by leading the group in singing, "Faith of Our Fathers". Continue the program with another recitation, "America Safe for Democracy". Another volunteer breaks in with the discussion, "Our Christian Witness in America". The teacher should introduce the last discussion, "Democracy Demonstrated in Home Missions", and lead the group in an informal discussion of the work of our Home Mission Board. Any personal experience of first-hand information will add to the program. At the end of this discussion have two members bring the flags near the front while the program chairman reads, "My Two Flags". Ask the class to stand and sing "America". Close the meeting with a prayer that we may do our utmost to make America a Christian nation and that America may share her Christian democracy with the world.

Program Plans

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W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Ky.

ANNOUNCEMENT POSTER: On white poster paper sketch an outline map of America. In the upper left-hand corner sketch or paste a picture of an open Bible. In the lower right-hand corner sketch or paste a picture of the Statue of Liberty. Across the map print in black letters: "The Christian Witness in American Democracy". Give time, place and date.

INVITATIONS: On white note-paper paste stickers of the Christian flag in the upper left-hand corner and the American flag in the upper right-hand corner. Print or type: "How can you help to preserve the Christian democracy of America? Come to W.M.S." Give time, place and date. Send by mail to all members and prospects. Announce the meeting and topic in the church bulletin.

PREPARATION: This program, so in keeping with the trend of thought today, should be of interest to all of our Baptist women and it should be announced well in advance. Instead of individual programs have the program as it is to be presented printed on the blackboard in front of the room.

PROGRAM: On the left side of the room place the American flag; on the right, the Christian flag. These will be used at the close of the program in the *Meditation*, "My Two Flags". On the stand or table at the front place a gavel, a Bible, a microphone and a copy of *Southern Baptist Home Missions* magazine. Near the stand have an easel holding a large piece of white poster paper with these words printed across the top: "American Democracy". Under the words have printed: "Our Four Liber-

ties". Leave space for the words—"Freedom of Assembly", "Freedom of Religion", "Freedom of Speech", "Freedom of Press"—printed on strips of cardboard to be added as the program progresses. As the president takes charge she puts up on the easel "Freedom of Assembly"; using the gavel she calls the meeting to order and leads in the singing of the hymn for the year and in the repeating of the watchword. The one who is in charge of the devotional period puts up "Freedom of Religion" and holds the open Bible as she leads in the Bible study, prayer that we may realize our responsibility for conditions in our own land; she then calls for the hymn, "America the Beautiful". The program chairman puts up "Freedom of Speech" and stands behind the microphone as she gives "Democracy and Christianity". Other discussions follow by different persons. Preceding the topic, "America Safe for Democracy", have a quartet or some other special group to sing "Faith of Our Fathers". Just following this topic have special prayer that our country may be kept safe for democracy. The one who gives "Democracy Demonstrated in Home Missions" puts up "Freedom of Press" and sits down before the group as if she were telling incidents printed in the home missions magazine which she holds in her hand. The *Meditation*, "My Two Flags", is given as suggested and the hymn "America" sung. The program closes with prayer that we may do our utmost to make America a Christian nation and that America may share her Christian democracy with the whole world. (For the program material, see pages 24-32.)

Program Material

Mrs. C. D. Cressman, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: The Christian Witness in Today's World—*Isaiah 43:10, 11*

TOPIC for MONTH: The Christian Witness in American Democracy—*Psa. 33:12*

Hymn for Year

Watchword for Year

Bible Study—Noah—Ezek. 14:12-14; Gen. 8:15-20; 9:12-15 (Page 18)

Prayer that we may realize our responsibility for conditions in our own land

Hymn—America the Beautiful

Democracy and Christianity

—American Democracy

Baptists and Democracy

—Hymn—Faith of Our Fathers

America Safe for Democracy

Prayer that our country may be kept safe for democracy

Our Christian Witness in America

Democracy Demonstrated in Home Missions

Meditation—My Two Flags

Hymn—America

Prayer that we may do our utmost to make America a Christian nation and that America may share her Christian democracy with the whole world

DEMOCRACY and CHRISTIANITY

WE hear and read a great deal today about democracy. When, in 1917, our nation sent an army to fight on European battlefields, President Woodrow Wilson said: "We are fighting to make the world safe for democracy". In 1941 President Roosevelt said: "The democratic way of life could not survive the death of democracy over the rest of the earth; we cannot escape our collective responsibility". So, again we are engaged in a terrific struggle, requiring of every American citizen great sacrifices, costing our nation billions of dollars and perhaps millions of lives in order that the democratic way of life may survive for ourselves and for others.

What, then, is this democracy which must be preserved at any cost? The word "democracy" is formed of two Greek words meaning people and power. Therefore, democracy means that the people have the power. Perhaps the best definition of a political democracy is that of Abraham Lincoln: "Government of the people, by the people and for the people".

However, democracy is more than just a form of government or a political device. "Democracy is not laws nor platitudes nor nations nor wealth nor power—it is a way of life". It rests upon the fundamental principle of the equality of all men and of the right of all to liberty and justice. "Democracy does not claim for all persons equal pay, equal intelligence, equal happiness nor equal social position; all these things are subject to the infinite inequalities of nature. But it does claim equal

justice—equal rights". Real democracy does away with all ideals of caste and class. Neither birth nor wealth nor public office gives to one man privileges not granted to others. "Democracy is at once an ideal, a process and a method, all of which look to the cherishing of the unique worthfulness of each individual".

It is easily seen that democracy is a Christian principle, rooted in the Bible teachings of God as the creator of all mankind and in the Bible teachings of the brotherhood of man. Christianity and democracy are alike in that they embrace all humanity and are not limited by human boundaries, classes or races.

Jesus taught democracy both by example and by precept. His democracy was demonstrated in the events of His daily living. He mingled with publicans and outcasts; He broke through racial and religious boundaries; He was equally friendly with the ruler Nicodemus and the sinful woman by the well, with the demon-possessed woman, Mary Magdalene and the rich Joseph of Arimathea. Christ treated women and children with respect and moved among His disciples as one who served. He had the highest regard for the value of the individual and made it clear that His salvation was for all men. He taught that true greatness comes not through high position but through humble service.

There are two opposing fundamental concepts of man's place in the world today; one, the Christian, expressing itself in democracy; the other pagan, expressing itself in totalitarianism. These two ideals are crashing and struggling for the mastery of the world.

The Christian ideal believes that right makes might.

The dictator ideal believes that might makes right.

The Christian ideal teaches that the state exists for man.

The dictator ideal teaches that man exists for the state.

The Christian ideal is spiritual.

The dictator ideal is material.

Liberty is spiritual. Its roots are in the spirit of man, and that means religion. Christianity is the only religion that makes men free; therefore, democracy is Christian in principle and Christianity is democratic in practice.

AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

"The love of liberty with life is given,
And life itself the inferior gift of Heaven".

"A day, an hour of virtuous liberty
Is worth a whole eternity in bondage".

THUS do the poets Dryden and Addison give expression to the value of liberty. And, yet, a study of the history of the world reveals the fact that through all the millenniums of man's existence on earth he has known very little of this priceless freedom. Ideals of equality and human rights have had a hard time finding their place in the thinking and practice of mankind. Through the ages, as races have developed and nations have been formed, the conception that might makes right has prevailed. The story of the human race resounds with the clanking of chains of slavery, the moans of the oppressed and the cries of the afflicted.

The Anglo-Saxons, more than any other people, have been the exponents of human liberty. When, in the year 1215, the English barons wrested from the despotic King John his signature to the Magna Carta, the light of liberty dawned in the sky of human history which has gradually brought a day of democracy for the English and many other peoples of the world.

It is in America that democracy has reached its zenith of brightness. English

people, still struggling for personal rights, colonized this land and here established our great nation based on ideals of democracy hitherto unrealized. In the second and third sentences of the Declaration of Independence is found a clear statement of the functions of democratic government: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed". Upon these immortal words we base our American democracy and claim our four liberties—freedom of press, freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and freedom of religion. It is for the protection of this democracy that our forefathers fought and for the protection of this democracy our sons fight today. All of the wars in American history have been fought in the name of liberty.

American democracy—how precious it is! It means that a rail splitter may become president; that a child born in poverty may become a millionaire; that a Negro born in slavery may become one of the world's greatest scientists. It means a singing tower marking the burial place of a foreigner who found wealth and prominence in this land of opportunity. It means a whole nation singing the song of a Jewish immigrant, who from a heart of love for his adopted country wrote "God Bless America". It means that a bootblack can criticize a senator; that a butcher and a banker can belong to the same club; that a ditch digger can ride in his own automobile. It means that a man can believe what he wants to believe, can do what he wants to do and can be what he wants to be provided his desires and actions do not conflict with the liberties of others. It means the American way of life which is the happiest, the most prosperous, the most promising is the best in all the world.

We must not forget that our democracy is a gift of our Christianity. American democracy is the outgrowth of the Christian thinking of our forefathers. "We claim that our nation is Christian, not because all or even a majority of her people are Christians, not because the courts of the land stipulate that it shall be Christian but because our whole culture, the fiber of our being, the motive power of our living and the basis of our democracy are Christian".

And, because our democracy is Christian, it is unselfish. American democracy stands for the liberties of people everywhere. At Budapest, Hungary, there is a statue which bears the inscription: "George Washington, whom his people call the Father of their country, but whom we call the Father of Liberty for people everywhere". Surely, we as a people should live up to the inheritance George Washington left us and share our liberties with people everywhere. At the close of World War I a Tartar chieftain on the other side of the world gave to the United States the title "America, the Servant of Humanity". This is a beautiful expression of the altruism of our Christian democracy. It should be the ideal of our nation to be greatest of all because she is servant of all.

"Happy are all free peoples, too strong to be dispossessed,
But blessed are those among nations, who dare to be strong for the rest".

BAPTISTS and DEMOCRACY

THE apostolic church established in Jerusalem, as described in the Acts of the Apostles, was a democracy—free and independent, self-governing, all members of equal standing, the officers servants rather than rulers. Baptist churches through all the ages have followed this pattern. A Baptist church, rightly organized and governed, is the best example of a pure democracy to be found anywhere in the world.

As Baptists we can be very proud of the noble part that Baptists have played in giving democracy to the world. In fact, to Baptists more than to any other group

does the world owe its ideas of free government. In Europe and in America, Baptists have been champions of civil and religious liberty. One writing of the Baptist struggle for liberty in England says: "In England from the time of Henry VIII to William III, a full century and a half, the Baptists struggled to gain their footing and to secure liberty of conscience for all. From 1611 they issued appeal after appeal addressed to the King, the Parliament and the people, in behalf of 'soul liberty' written with a breadth of view and force of argument hardly since exceeded. . . . Among the Baptists Christian freedom found its earliest, its staunchest, its most consistent and its most disinterested champion. . . . The paths of Baptists are paths of freedom, pleasantness and peace". (*Appleton's American Encyclopedia*)

Certainly Baptists have been the leading influence for liberty in the United States. It was Roger Williams, esteemed by many as a Baptist, who rebelled against Puritan intolerance and, when banished from the Massachusetts Colony, went to the present site of Providence, Rhode Island, where he founded, as regarded by some, the first Baptist church in America and the first commonwealth on earth in which there was absolute civil and religious liberty. The Providence Compact on which the government of Rhode Island was based has been proclaimed as "the most remarkable document for liberty theretofore enacted, not even excepting the Magna Carta".

John Clarke, another Baptist, did more than any one else to call the attention of the world to Puritan intolerance. He secured the charter which made Rhode Island a free, democratic state and he was the originator of the public free school system.

The spirit of these Baptist leaders was caught by the framers of our constitution, and as a result we have a free country. Thomas Jefferson testified that he got his ideas of democracy from a small group of simple people in Virginia who formed a little country Baptist church which he often attended, and which he observed in the exercise of its democratic government. One historian correctly says: "Freedom of conscience, unlimited freedom of mind, were from the first the trophy of the Baptists".

We must remember that Baptists did not make their great contribution to world liberty without much suffering. They were imprisoned, they were beaten with many stripes, they were persecuted in divers ways before the final victory for democracy was won. It could be truthfully said that the persecution of Baptists gave religious liberty to America. It was persecution that drove Roger Williams to the wilderness to establish the first free church in a free state in the history of the world. It was the persecution of Baptists that awakened Jefferson and Madison and others to the iniquities of the union of church and state and aroused them to the championship of full religious, as well as civil, liberty. Madison was preparing for the Episcopal ministry when he became so shocked by the mistreatment of Baptists and so moved by their preaching through prison bars that he abandoned the ministry and became the political apostle of religious freedom in Virginia and America.

We, who are Baptists, should not only be proud of what our fathers did to give ideals of democracy to the world but should also be most diligent in guarding these ideals in America and in sharing them with the whole world. We, more than any other people, can and should sing:

"Faith of our fathers, faith and prayer
Have kept our country brave and free;
And thro' the truth, that comes from God,
Her children have true liberty!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee till death".

AMERICA SAFE for DEMOCRACY

As Benjamin Franklin came from the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia a woman asked him: "Well, Doctor, what have we got? A republic or a monarchy?" The answer of Franklin is eternal for Americans. "A republic if we can keep it".

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty". Our forefathers gave American democracy to us, but each generation must keep it. And that means a struggle for each generation, for there are always forces that would rob us of our liberties. Because democracy is an individual matter each individual must help to keep it. We fought on the battlefields of France to make the world safe for democracy. We are fighting on many battle fronts today to make the world safe for democracy. But we need to face the problem of making our own land safe for democracy. Only an America made safe for democracy can strive effectively and permanently for a world safe for democracy.

The first question we must ask and answer is, "Is America really democratic?" Oh, we know that our nation is democratic in its form of government, but that does not necessarily mean that we are truly democratic in our dealings with each other. A current magazine recently carried an article bearing the suggestive title: "Look Homeward, Too, Democracy". Therein we were reminded that it is the height of inconsistency to fight for democracy in the remote corners of the globe, then deny it to people near us. Democracy means no distinction in race or class. Do we not even in America draw class lines between the rich and the poor, the educated and the ignorant, the employer and the employee, the foreigner and the native born, the white and the black?

Do we apply our democratic principles to the maid in our kitchen, the man who delivers our milk, to the woman who has a foreign accent in her speech? Do we fail to recognize the inherent worth of all people, and do we fail to grant to those of other races and social classes the privileges we claim for ourselves? Many an American woman, who is most zealous in her support of the American forces as they fight for democracy on the other side of the world, is a snob with her own neighbors. The problem of putting democracy to work in our daily lives is not always easy. But, if we would make America safe for democracy we must realize that "every individual is a worthy, essential unit in our democracy and if it works, every individual member must make it work".

Of course, it goes without saying that we cannot claim true democracy unless we have absolute racial justice. To draw a line of color in America is not consistent with our ideals of liberty. It is at this point more than at any other that our national battle must be fought. Long ago Athens claimed to be a democracy, but her liberties were extended only to Athenians; those of other nations were slaves. We need to watch lest American democracy be only for white people while those of other races are denied the privileges we hold dear to ourselves.

There are many forces at work in the United States today to rob us of our democracy. In industry, in education, in the affairs of government, in our community life and in our personal attitude we need to guard this precious heritage that when our soldiers come home from the battlefields of liberty abroad they may find America still the "Sweet Land of Liberty".

We have said that democracy is a Christian principle and that our American democracy has grown out of American Christianity. That being true, the strength of our democracy depends upon the strength of our Christianity. The next question we need to ask and answer is, "How Christian is America?" As we examine conditions in our nation, we are compelled to acknowledge that America is far from being the Christian nation we desire her to be. Only forty per cent of the people

of the United States belong to any church and less than twenty-nine per cent ever attend church services. Fifty times more is spent for gambling, liquor, tobacco and crime than for religion in the United States. The crime bill every year amounts to fifteen billion dollars. Only about three-fourths of one cent of each American dollar goes for religious purposes.

We need only look around us to see that the family altar is broken down, that Sabbath desecration is rife, that our schools are full of modernistic teaching, that our moral standards are no longer measured by Christian ideals. All of these facts go to show that every year our nation is growing less Christian and more pagan, less spiritual and more materialistic. And as she grows less and less Christian she becomes less and less democratic. We can hardly hope that a Christian minority will preserve Christian principles of democracy. Those precious liberties, for which we have fought through the years and for which we fight today, are lost unless we make and keep America Christian. We must do that by making more and more Americans Christians.

Harvey P. Moyer gives expression to Christian ideals of American democracy in his "National Hymn" as follows:

"My country, thou shalt be
Sweet land of liberty,
When justice reigns:
When darkness turns to light,
When wrongs are changed to right,
When truth asserts her might
And breaks our chains.

Great God, we cry to Thee—
Love, wisdom, liberty,
To us be given;
Help us to see the right,
Thy children all unite,
Lead in victorious right,
Till earth be Heaven!"

OUR CHRISTIAN WITNESS in AMERICA

If you bring this discussion of American democracy to a personal application, we ask the question: "How can we help to preserve the Christian democracy of America?" The answer is: "By being faithful Christian witnesses". Three much used but ever valuable words will guide us in our daily witness for Christ in America.

EVANGELISM—*The first of these words is evangelism.* We have seen that if American democracy is preserved American Christianity must be preserved. And Christianity can be preserved only as American people become Christians. The Christian minority in the United States can become a Christian majority through evangelism. So, our task of greatest importance is to win individuals to Christ. Every time a man or woman, a boy or girl accepts Christ as his Savior and the Lord of his life, America becomes just that much more Christian and just that much safer becomes her democracy. A real revival of Christianity in America would do more to save American liberties than any war has ever done. If all Christians were as zealous in soul-winning as they are in winning the war against the Axis there would be far more hope of saving the world and America for democracy. But when it takes twenty or more southern Baptists each year to win a soul to Christ, we cannot wonder that about once in every twenty years we must send our sons to fight on some battlefield to preserve those precious things which we have failed to preserve through our Christian witness.

Hundreds of Baptist churches have no conversions year after year. Thousands of Baptists never speak to a lost soul about salvation. We are letting America become less and less Christian every day and are doing all too little about it. "He that winneth souls is wise", said a wise man long ago. We should realize that the maximum of wisdom is to win the lost ones around us to Christ, not only that they may be saved from eternal punishment but also that our country may be saved for Christian principles of democracy.

STEWARDSHIP—Our next word is *stewardship*. Faithful Christian stewardship will help to preserve American democracy. When we are faithful in our stewardship not only of money but also of personality, influence and opportunity, we are helping to increase the power of Christianity in America. The right conception of stewardship will make us considerate of the liberties and privileges of all people around us. A good steward will never be "snobbish" toward her less fortunate neighbor, will never be thoughtless about the privileges of others. A good steward will not only believe in equal rights of all American citizens but will also be aggressive in working that all races may have justice.

We are stewards of our citizenship which involves the stewardship of our vote and of our influence in all the affairs of our community, our state and our nation. A good Christian must be a good citizen, making his citizenship a witness for Christ in matters of state. Too many good Christian women are indifferent to this matter of citizenship. They say: "I am not interested in politics. I don't like to vote"; in this spirit of indifference they do nothing to better civic conditions. This is neither good citizenship nor good stewardship.

"Render unto God the things that are God's", said Jesus. This we should do by paying our tithes and using our time, talents, personality—our all—for the extension of His Kingdom. But Jesus said also, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's". This we should do by taking an interest in public affairs, by voting intelligently and righteously and by doing everything possible to improve public conditions and to assure justice to all Americans. Only thus can we witness for Christ through our citizenship.

MISSIONS—Our third word is *missions*. In no way can we do more to preserve democracy and Christianity than by the support of home missions. Our Home Mission Board employs about 450 missionaries, all of them Christian witnesses helping to make America more Christian and more democratic. As they win thousands to Christ every year, they are making a larger contribution to American democracy than we perhaps realize.

Many of these home missionaries are themselves foreigners who have been won to Christ in our land. They love America. They love the liberties they have found here, and they recognize that it is American Christianity which has given them these liberties. As loyal American citizens and as faithful Baptist missionaries they are eager to help make America Christian. When we give to home missions, we are helping all of our home missionaries in their work of witnessing for Christ in the southland. If we gave more, there could be more missionaries. Our home mission secretary, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, tells us that in one year there were sixty-four distinct new fields of work appealing to the Board—fields of dire need, offering opportunity for Christian witnessing. These very places may become centers of anarchy when they might have become centers of Christian influence, if only we could have sent missionaries to guide the needy people to the Christian faith.

As through home missions we make America more and more Christian, we are making the Christian witness of our American democracy stronger throughout the world. Quoting from Dr. Lawrence:

"As Christians we believe that the solution for the world's hurt is the Christian religion. We well know that if our land is saved no half-way measure will suffice.

no palliatives will do. Only the Great Physician can heal and restore our land. What is necessary for our land is necessary for the world. America can render no greater service to the world than to enthrone Christ in her own life and by so doing demonstrate to the world that Christ can solve all the problems of the modern world if given a chance".

So, for the sake of our American democracy, for the sake of our American Christianity, for the sake of America's influence in the propagation of Christian ideals of liberty throughout the world, let us by personal evangelism, by good stewardship and by the support of our home mission work be faithful Christian witnesses.

DEMOCRACY DEMONSTRATED in HOME MISSIONS

DR. Plainfield, one of our home missionaries, was born in Italy, and was once a schoolmate of Mussolini. He could easily be today an exponent of fascism in Italy. Instead, he is a loyal American citizen and a faithful Baptist missionary. He says of his citizenship: "I am an Italian by birth, an American by choice, love and interest". He says of home mission work: "Home missions must preach the Word here and beyond, must preach it in the power of the Holy Spirit, must preach it in love toward all men and races, irrespective of color, language and social distinction".

In the southland are over a million Mexicans. Almost half our missionaries in the homeland work among these. One kindergarten for Mexican children, conducted by a home missionary, in five years resulted in the organization of a church with a Full Graded W.M.U. and a well organized Sunday-school, the church giving to missions three hundred dollars a year. We call this a good piece of work on behalf of American democracy.

Every Sunday afternoon in Phoenix, Arizona, cars visit Chinese homes to pick up children to carry them to the Chinese Baptist Sunday-school. About fifty precious Chinese children attend this Sunday-school and there would be twice as many if there were enough cars to carry them. The Home Board missionary, Miss Margaret Jung, and her helpers are planting in the hearts of these future American citizens lessons in Christian democracy.

Our nation's large foreign population is considered the greatest menace to her democracy. Our home missionaries work among people of twenty-six different nationalities. In a recent issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions* Miss Helen Lambert, our missionary in East St. Louis, tells about conversions on her field. She says: "An Armenian mother, about forty-five years of age, was saved one morning in her home in Granite City. Four Mexican girls were saved in the Granite City Mission one Tuesday night. Three Armenian girls and one American girl accepted Christ as their Savior one Sunday morning at the House of Happiness in East St. Louis". No better work of Christian Americanization than this can be done.

MEDITATION—MY TWO FLAGS

(The one speaking may hold an American flag in her left hand and a Christian flag in her right hand; or, as she speaks, two other women may enter carrying the flags and may stand on either side of her. While she speaks "America" should be played as an accompaniment.)

I claim two flags.

I claim the flag of the United States.

I love its colors: the red, white and blue. I love its bars and its stripes.

I love the republic for which it stands. I love its message of "one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all".

I am proud to be an American. I rejoice in the liberty of the American flag.
I claim the Christian flag.
I love its colors: the red, white and blue. I love the cross which tells of Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary for me.

I love the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands. I love its message—"one of brotherhood uniting all mankind in service and love".

I am proud to be a Christian. I rejoice in the love of the Christian flag.

I pledge to these two flags my loyal support.

I will do my utmost to keep them both waving over my country.

One speaks of liberty, the other of love. My country needs both. The world needs both.

Long may my two flags wave with their message of democracy and Christianity for America and for the world.

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Define democracy.
2. Discuss democracy as a Christian principle.
3. Contrast the Christian and dictator ideals for man's place in the world.
4. Tell something of the world's struggle for liberty.
5. What race of people have been exponents of human liberty?
6. Tell of the steps in the development of American democracy.
7. Discuss the missionary element in American democracy.
8. What contributions have Baptists made to democracy?
9. Tell of tendencies dangerous to American democracy.
10. Discuss Christian conditions in America dangerous to democracy.
11. How does evangelism aid the cause of democracy?
12. Discuss the stewardship of citizenship.
13. How does home missions help the cause of American democracy?
14. Give some illustrations of democracy demonstrated in home missions.

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 to matter quoted in whole or in part. Further interesting material and help may be found in the listed material and in leaflets suggested in this number which may be obtained for a few cents from W.M.U. Literature Department, 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. See list of leaflets on page 3.

The Window of Y.W.A.
Southern Baptist Home Missions
State Denominational Papers

—World Comrades
—The Commission

Signs of the Times.....Home Mission Board
Fighters for Freedom.....Austin Kennedy de Bleis
The People Called Baptists.....George W. McDaniel

Our Young People

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

SOIL and SOUL

THE other Sunday my pastor, who is adept at balanced phrases and words that stick in one's mind, said: "It is quite possible to defend the soil of America and lose the soul of America". Here in March, with our Week of Prayer for Home Missions, we are striving for the soul of America. Out from your church and home life have gone young men and young women to defend the soil of America while in your church and home are the young people who must not fail to develop the soul of America. Heroism is demanded everywhere today, heroism of varying degrees and kinds for "soil" and for "soul".

It may not be particularly easy to meet to pray for home missions during the week of March 1-5, but soil defense is never easy nor can soul development be. Every young people's organization can meet—"where there is a will, there is a way". Study your situation carefully and figure the best time and place for your organization, then give publicity and invitation, meet and pray. Excellent programs have been prepared by selected state young people's leaders and workers for the different missionary education groups. These programs we distributed through your state headquarters, addressed according to your state

plan. If your organization has not received its copies of the proper program, look around a bit—ask your W.M.U. young people's director or W.M.S. president, ask the former counselor; it may be the right name and address have not been sent to your state W.M.U. headquarters—check on that too; then if you haven't found your program suggestions, request copies from your state W.M.U. headquarters.

Really study the material so you can help the young members with it, but let it be their prayer service. Distribute the offering envelopes in advance. Set a goal for your offering if your members like that idea, a worthy goal which will be an incentive to glad giving. This business of the soul of America is no casual matter; our gifts should be thoughtfully, prayerfully brought, to help America become more Christian. Our Home Mission Board is counting on this large Annie Armstrong Offering for \$170,000 of its planned mission service. It could use much Beyond-the-Goal money also. Let our young people pray and give in loyal devotion; then forward their gifts according to your state plan, properly marked from the respective organization. Do much now for the soul of America.

REGRETTABLE MISTAKE

On page 3 of the W.M.S. Folder of the 1943 March Week of Prayer the following italicized expression was incorrectly used in listing the causes in the \$170,000 goal: (*To Have Precedence in Order Listed*). The fact is that the causes will share proportionately in case the goal is not reached; but surely the goal will be far exceeded! However, please delete the incorrect expression. Attention is also called again to the fact that the offering's goal is \$170,000 which is \$15,000 above the amount originally set.

Young Women's Auxiliary

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

"MARCH" for Y.W.A.'s.

THE article, "I Live in WAAC-dom" in the March number of *The Window of Y.W.A.* shows that some of our young women have turned to actual marching in the ranks of our country, some have entered the WAVES and some are in the station hospitals, but all Young Woman's Auxiliary members need to be marching forward during these terrific days. There are unusual problems for Young Woman's Auxiliary organizations now with longer working hours for many, with participation in civic defense plans and classes, with accelerated school schedules, but the marching orders of missions must not be overlooked. No loyal Y.W.A. wants to be AWOL when it comes to the work of the Kingdom.

It may be necessary to change the time of your meeting, because the free hours have, or the day of the meeting, or the place of the meeting, but it is imperative to keep Young Woman's Auxiliary meeting with stimulating programs on missions. The place of today's young women, now and in tomorrow's world, is too strategic to let them miss their definite missionary education organization, with all they will learn through it of social and national understanding and need. "Too little and too late" must not be repeated for southern Baptist young womanhood.

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This month (*Ann Hasseltine*) college and (*Grace McBride*) hospital Young Woman's Auxiliary will enter into the privilege of prayer for home missions along with every other Young Woman's Auxiliary organization. Devote chapel hours to the study of *They Need Not Go Away*, the preparatory book, or meet several evenings to study it thoroughly. The picture of America's spiritual hunger should be stamped clearly on every Y.W.A. mind. Then the program suggested for the prayer meeting will recall these needs and evoke earnest praying. Distribute the offering envelopes in advance, reading Dr. Lawrence's *Appeal* (see February *Window of Y.W.A.*, page 15) and explaining the use of the \$170,000 by the Home Mission Board.

Many Y.W.A.'s gave gladly and generously in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering; now all will want to give again for the sake of Christ in America. Today as we contemplate America's important place in relation to the world now and to the postwar world, it is more apparent than ever that only a Christian America can fulfill her destiny. But here are all the lost and undeveloped, uninterested millions in our land who must be brought to Christ. Surely our Young Woman's Auxiliary will step forward with gifts and with prayerful hearts now in this Week of Prayer for Home Missions and in enthusiastic Y.W.A. activities as the weeks pass.

Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

In his proclamation on the occasion of Massachusetts Bible Week in December, the governor laid special emphasis on the fact that our "American democracy is rooted in Christian principles". Commending the suggested theme, "Watch your Bible reading", he urged daily Bible reading "as a patriotic religious exercise" and called particular attention to the time in 1808 when more than a hundred prominent citizens of Boston under the leadership of John Quincy Adams and others were called together to face and consider the fact that American ideals were being threatened by world conditions of the time. "Once again", the governor pointed out, "in the world of our day American ideals of life, liberty and democracy are threatened. The whole future of Christian civilization is at stake. We need to be reminded not only that the deepest needs of our day remain spiritual, but also that the best things in American life are traceable to the Scriptures".

In an article—"Two Americas, Two Britains"—in the *Christian Century*, Stanley Jones says:

"There are two Americas. One is the America of freedom, of democracy, of faith in the common man. The pledge of allegiance to this America is in burning words, 'One nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all'. That America I love to the depths of my being. But there is another America. This other America says that this freedom, this democracy, this faith in the common man must be circumscribed and defined. It is for the white man; it is not for man as man. Don't think" continues Dr. Jones, "I am speaking of the south when I say that. I am speaking of America, north and south". In his opinion a country that makes it possible for any citizen in pledging allegiance to add under his breath "but me" after repeating aloud with "liberty and justice to all", as he says he has

heard of some doing, "has renounced the central principle of democracy—equality of opportunity to all".

Charles H. Wesley, the new president of Wilberforce University (Negro) in Ohio told the opening session of St. James A. M. E. Forum: "Negroes must believe in themselves and must unite with the liberal people in America in defense of democracy". He cited autocracy, aristocracy, organized greed and intolerance as past foes of freedom and the concept of race as its current adversary.

From London comes the news that a Council of Christians and Jews has been formed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and the moderator of the Free Church Federal Council and the chief rabbi. It is the purpose of this council to combat anti-semitism and seek to check religious intolerance in the British Isles. It is said Cardinal Hinsley, Roman Catholic archbishop of Westminster, has joined the council as joint president as a mark of protest against all persecution of Jewish people.

In accepting a medal recently for his promotion of better understanding between Christians and Jews in America Wendell L. Willkie deplored the use of the word "tolerance" in connection with the treatment of one group by another in this country. Said he, "It is not tolerance that one is entitled to in America; it is the right of every citizen in America to be treated by other citizens as an equal". Certainly if American democracy is rooted in Christian principles "it rests", as our program editor says in this issue, "upon the fundamental principle of the equality of all men, and the right of all to liberty and justice". If we as Christians would seek to make America a truly Christian democracy we cannot fail to take into account Paul's teaching in Galatians 3:28.

Victory Again for Royal Service Annual Goal

V again stands for **VICTORY** for **ROYAL SERVICE** in its 1942 goal for renewals and new subscriptions. The goal was 114,100; record achieved was 115,795. Mere words cannot express the magazine's gratitude to the Heavenly Father and to all W.M.U. members and their organizations that made possible this unprecedented victory.

Eleven (or over one-half of the states) went beyond their accepted quotas as follows—North Carolina: 13,873 which was 393 beyond its quota; South Carolina: 9104 which was 559 beyond its quota; Tennessee: 8874 which was 314 beyond its quota; Alabama: 8328 which was 278 beyond its quota; Kentucky: 7949 which was 39 beyond its quota; Missouri: 6792 which was 97 beyond its quota; Louisiana: 5013 which was 208 beyond its quota; Florida: 4158 which was 63 beyond its quota; Illinois: 2049 which was 24 beyond its quota; New Mexico: 599 which was 9 beyond its quota; District of Columbia: 245 which was 20 beyond its quota. The star by the name of each of these eleven states in the following table adds luster to the victory. Two stars by six of the states show that they were also in the glowing galaxy the previous year. Illinois and North Carolina have thus been starring for the past three consecutive years, North Carolina leading all the states in total number of renewals and new subscriptions; therefore they have three stars.

While eight of the states did not reach their goals during the past calendar year, it is most gratefully acknowledged that six of them secured more renewals and new subscriptions than they did in 1941. It is also true that the total needed for these eight states to have reached their goals was only 937, whereas their remarkably fine combined total was 48,183 or nearly one-half of the year's victorious total of 115,795 renewals and new subscriptions.

Each of the nineteen states is asked again to accept as its new goal a 5% increase over its past year's record, these goals for the calendar year of 1943 being set forth in the following table. Please do your very best to have your state reach its goal.

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Alabama	8328**	8750
Arizona	168	175
Arkansas	2895	3045
District of Columbia	245**	255
Florida	4158*	4370
Georgia	11454	12029
Illinois	2049***	2150
Kentucky	7949**	8350
Louisiana	5013**	5260
Maryland	755	790
Mississippi	6423	6750
Missouri	6792**	7130
New Mexico	599*	625
North Carolina	13873***	14565
Oklahoma	4124	4335
South Carolina	9104*	9555
Tennessee	8874**	9320
Texas	10833	11370
Virginia	11531	12105
Miscellaneous	628	
TOTALS	115,795*	120,925