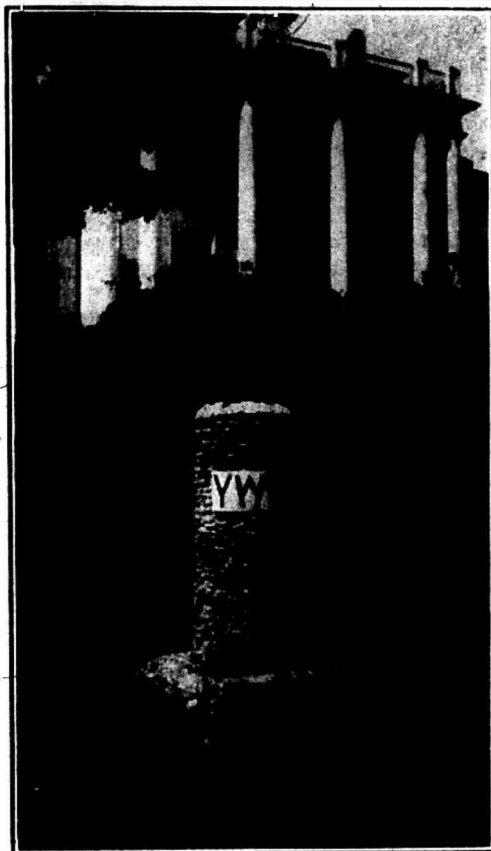


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Editorial

ANNUAL MEETING SUBSTITUTES

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

EVERY citizen is keenly aware of the regulations imposed by our nation because of the war-situation. Each recognizes the necessity of rationing so that gasoline, tires, fuel, food, shoes and other commodities may be so distributed that the civilian population and the armed forces of the nation may operate at the highest possible degree of efficiency. Intelligent application of the laws that govern just distribution of the necessities of life has led to a study of substitutes. Food, clothing, pleasure, work, worship and varied religious activities are subjected to careful scrutiny that wise choices may be made of what to have and what to do. A finer sense of values is one sure result of conditions imposed because of war.

Since there will be no annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union this year, it is evident that substitutes must be planned, that a real effort must be made to conserve the inspiration and helpfulness that an annual meeting always provides. It has been announced that a book of reports will be published by our Union and will be made available this June for general officers, state and south-wide, and for society presidents through the state W.M.U. offices. It is suggested that this book be made the basis for programs in quarterly meetings of Associational Unions and that each missionary society might well devote a day's program to a review and study of its contents. With members to impersonate the officers and committee chairmen an inspiring and instructive program can be carried out. By comparison with the reports and statistics of the 1942 meeting in San Antonio each society will know what its own state has contributed in gains and losses and can determine how responsible it is for the record. If losses are attributed to the moving of families to defense centers then societies in those centers will come to realize their enlistment tasks and opportunities. Fostering of auxiliary organizations for young people will be seen in its right relation to the whole program of missionary promotion. Children and young people trained through Sunbeam Band, Royal Ambassador Chapter, Girls' Auxiliary and Young Woman's Auxiliary to know about and love the cause of Christian missions are the sure hope of the future.

What shall we do about substitutes for the expense of an annual meeting? Often travel expense to the southwide meeting is provided for society presidents, for presidents of Associational Unions and for others. One way this money could be very profitably employed this year is to send the young people's leader of the association or church to the Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest, North Carolina (June 17-24). Conferences will be planned that will be of genuine help to better and more efficient leadership. To those who are accustomed to bear their annual meeting expenses personally we commend the substitute of sending a worthy young woman to Y.W.A. Camp. Such an experience has completely made over the ideals and life-purposes of countless young women. Perhaps some will prefer to apply this expense money on debt-payment to assure the denominational hope of "Debt-free in '43". Seek to find a worthy substitute for the expense you would have incurred in attendance upon the 1943 annual meeting.

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For a Debtless Denomination

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

A MISSIONARY AGENCY

By Louis J. Bristow, Superintendent of
Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans

THE Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans is a missionary agency of no mean value. The latest official figures indicate that there are 650,000 people in New Orleans proper. There are only 10,000 members of Baptist churches in the city, averaging one Baptist to every 65 persons. There are about 150,000 additional people in the territory of the New Orleans Baptist Association, with only 1500 members of Baptist churches, making an average of one Baptist to every 100 persons. That is to say, less than 2% of the people in the immediate environment of the hospital are members of Baptist churches. In all southwest Louisiana considerably fewer than 1% of the people are members of Baptist churches. The Southern Baptist Hospital is an institution which ranks favorably with the best hospitals in this city. About one-third of all our patients are Roman Catholics. They and their friends—more than 100,000 of them—each year see Baptists at work. They come into contact with us at first hand.

The missionary opportunity afforded by these contacts is incalculable. A copy of the Bible is kept beside each patient's bed, in easy reach; that they are used is evidenced by the fact that they wear out in two or three years and new ones are supplied. We can point to scores of conversions which are traceable directly to these Bibles. A missionary pastor visits the patients. Christian nurses minister to them. Many such patients read the Bible for the first time. But perhaps the greatest missionary contribution of the hospital has been the breaking down of prejudice and opposition which were directed against Baptists. Ignorance of Baptists as a religious denomination was widespread, even among otherwise intelligent and informed people. Now, however, after 17 years of hospital service, the Baptist name is known and respected and honored in New Orleans. We rejoice and attribute it all to Christ our Lord and Master, in whose name and for whose sake we labor.

Missionary preachers and teachers in south Louisiana, especially those among the French-speaking people, will testify to the help this hospital has been to them. Such laborers as L. C. Smith, Lawrence Thibodeaux, Berckman DeVille, Ira Marks and many noble women have utilized this hospital as an aid in their work and have paid glowing tribute to its efficiency.

In foreign mission service also we have a part. Many missionaries of the S.B.C. Foreign Board have been "reconditioned" and made ready for further service, as guests of the hospital. Rather recently we have had with us the Enetes, the Sullivans, the Stovers and Miss Ruth Randall of Brazil; Frank Woodward and Misses Blanche Groves and Irene Jeffers of China; Miss Ruby Daniel of Hungary; Mrs. Glenn Walker and children of Africa; and others. "Happy" Enete has been a patient with us for many months. Once we paid the expenses of a woman missionary in a

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Stewardship Suggestions

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

The WAY to VICTORY

IN May, 1940, Woman's Missionary Union promised its best efforts to raise by May of 1945 one million dollars for the clearance of southwide denominational debts. Records justify the belief that we would easily redeem that promise in full by the promised date, the S.B.C. Centennial. But changed conditions challenge Woman's Missionary Union to quicken pace in this undertaking. A world tragedy impels us to be ready for an enlarged world program. How much sooner could we reach our goal? Dare we hope for victory in '43?

In 1940 Woman's Missionary Union paid on the southwide debt \$133,712.96; in 1941 it paid \$211,967.85; in 1942 it paid \$290,545.93; the total for the three years is \$636,226.74. Thus we have yet to raise \$363,773.26. *Could* we give this amount in 1943? It would mean about one-fourth more than we gave in 1942. Why not, for *this* year, *major* on this in our gifts?

This would necessitate much extra effort on the part of all leaders. It would mean that individuals, groups and states would meet their *present* quotas and *then some*, because as was announced at the 1942 annual meeting the total of accepted state quotas lacked \$62,279 of being a million dollars. For this \$62,279 we are *all* responsible. Yes, it would mean *larger* giving by all, *sacrificial* giving by some. But, oh, the glorious results!

Surely your heart leapt for joy when the good news flashed from Richmond—"The Foreign Mission Board is out of debt!" By midsummer the Home Mission Board expects to be able to send out a similarly thrilling announcement.

"When the debts of these two mission boards are liquidated what else will there be for us to pay?" some one recently asked. Surely no southern Baptist could forget the three great S.B.C. educational centers—the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, the Southwestern Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans. "A call to *serve* is a call to *prepare*". In these three training centers those who have been called of God for special service are prepared for their life-work as pastors, teachers, missionaries. Absolutely indispensable to our denominational life and growth are these religious education centers. And yet, because of our sinful selfishness, we at times have allowed these institutions to be all but crushed by debt. Gradually the load is lifting. Let's make a real love gift this year to help them to be "debt-free in '43".

Nor should we forget the splendid Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans wherein so many have been healed in soul as well as body. An appealing article by its superintendent is on page 5 of this magazine.

Preaching, teaching, healing was the three-fold commission given by the compassionate Christ to His blood-bought Church. The carrying out of that great commission is life's supreme task and supreme opportunity.

Sometime ago I saw a talented artist, while giving a chalk-talk, write "victory" (Concluded on Page 7)

Summer Assemblies

W.M.U.'s PART in SUMMER ASSEMBLIES

SO fully does Florida Woman's Missionary Union appreciate the value of the summer assemblies that, in spite of gasoline rationing and restricted travel facilities, we are planning for our part in the June sessions. Although it was necessary to cancel the west Florida meeting last year, the W.M.U. enrolled 679 at the DeLand Assembly. We are planning to have this year at DeLand classes for all departments, just as we had last year. Books for the members of the societies and the auxiliaries will be taught by the best instructors available. In the past the W.M.U. has had charge of the Sunday evening service, and we expect to have the same privilege this year. At this hour we will have some of our missionaries and a southwide leader speak. After a week's study of the peoples of the world and their needs, it will be a fitting climax to have messengers from the fields bring us first-hand information and to be moved to effort by the inspiration that comes through an address by a leader of proved ability and merit.

Aside from the information, inspiration and pleasant social contacts with

our women and young people gained at the summer assembly, that meeting affords the W.M.U. officers and associational leaders a rare opportunity for conferences and program planning. We will not fail to make use of the opportunity at DeLand in June.

It would be difficult to overestimate the value of the assembly to our young people especially. Many of them come there from small places and small societies and discover for the first time that they are a definite part of a great working organization. Their whole perspective is broadened. They have told me so. They are challenged, as they never have been before and could not be otherwise, to be and to realize that they are collaborators in helping to build Christ's Kingdom on earth. This was evidenced last year when at the consecration service nearly 200 came forward to dedicate themselves to Christ and His work. Surely that alone was worth all that we put into the assembly. It should be added here that the offering at the Sunday evening service towards southwide debts was \$225. The dates for the DeLand Assembly are June 1-9.—Mrs. J. L. Rosser, President Florida W.M.U.

For a DEBTLESS DENOMINATION (Concluded from Page 5)
hospital in a foreign land, amounting to more than \$600: the spirit of service knows no geographical limits.

Thus the Southern Baptist Hospital makes its contribution to missions at home and abroad. To make it "debt-free in '43" will advance further the cause of missions.

STEWARDSHIP SUGGESTIONS (Concluded from Page 6)
thus: *vict-ory*. At once I thought of this debt-clearance task which we have on hand. If Christ's cross had the central place in our thoughts and hearts, if we *continuously remembered the debt which Christ paid and the victory which He won for us on the cross*, victory would come sure and soon in our effort for a debtless denomination.

Community Missions

Miss Mary Christian, Southwide Chairman of Community Missions

The WORLD in OUR COMMUNITY

OPPORTUNITIES for community missions tripled almost overnight in Augusta, Ga., with the coming of a huge camp, an air base, an aviation school and a large hospital for this war's casualties, to add to the already permanent arsenal and Veteran's Hospital. Every organization in the churches was urged to minister to these and so a representative committee of nine members was appointed by our church to coordinate our activities. This committee acts as a "clearing house" and plans the program month by month, dividing the responsibility among the Training Union, Sunday School and Woman's Missionary Society. Perhaps the various activities carried on by the women can be discussed best under the following heads: those carried on weekly for the enlisted men stationed in Augusta; those special projects and events; those for officers and their wives and army nurses, and those for all army wives.

To begin with, the men and women in service are cordially invited to attend regular church services. At every Sunday morning and evening service designated women greet each man and woman in uniform as they come into the church vestibule and ask them to register. Those who register are then invited to the week-day activities. An accurate file is kept of these names, invitations are sent out periodically to those on the list. Each person is permitted to bring a friend to the week-day activities if that friend is interested in the church services.

Some of these weekly activities are: (1) *Fellowship Sings*. Sunday evening following the regular service these are held at the church when hymns are sung but no refreshments served. On Wednesday evening following the prayer service they are held in a home when popular songs are sung and simple refreshments served. (2) *Weekly party or picnic*. (3) *Saturday evening street preaching* and personal witnessing. These services are followed by a "Chocolate Hour" in a home where experiences are shared and prayers offered. Service men participate too. A half hour meeting for "soul-winners" is held in the pastor's study preceding the street preaching. Many new people attend church due to the invitations given out at these weekly street preaching services. At each meeting an invitation is extended to the next meeting. (4) *Taking cookies to both the white and colored U.S.O.*

Some of the special projects and events carried on are: (1) Furnishing two "Day Rooms" at the camp (2) Taking girls in a chartered bus to the camp to present a religious program or a party (3) Open House in a home for all service men on Thanksgiving Day and on Christmas Eve (4) Dinners at the church where each man is adopted by a "Church Mother" who later writes his own mother (5) Buffet suppers and "Amateur Hours".

In furnishing the "Day Rooms" the women renovated and contributed old furniture, made draperies, secured pictures, books and magazines and thus arranged two rooms at the camp as homelike as possible for the use of the men. The commanding officer of one of the companies wrote the following about the room furnished for his company:

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Society & Methods

"According to YOUR FAITH"

PERIODS of difficulty and privation reveal to us many times great Christian giants in groups where you least expect to find them. These days in spite of tire-rationing, other limitations and generally disturbed conditions, we are beginning to discover women worthy to be God's standbys as they lead their associational and church organizations forward in their Woman's Missionary Union work.

Last fall we were holding our usual clinics for associational officers in the various districts. As we made plans for these meetings we confess that our faith was small concerning some suggestions regarding the usual associational activities. Early one morning we arrived at the church where we were to hold our third meeting. Entering the church we found one superintendent already present. Surprised at her presence ahead of time, I asked how she got there so soon. This is her story: "I had no visible way to get here today, so I put my problem before the Lord last night and trusted Him for conveyance. This morning I arose early, dressed, cooked breakfast for my family and walked two miles to the main highway before the sun rose. Just as I reached a store on the highway a friend and his wife drove up and asked where I was going; I told them and he said: 'Get in, we are going through that town and we will be back through to bring you home this afternoon'."

This was not her only experience in getting to her meeting place by faith. She told of two other occasions only a

short time before. "According to your faith, so be it unto you"; I said to my own soul: "O, ye of little faith!"

A letter from a president of a country Woman's Missionary Society tells of a plan they are using that enables them to have all the necessary meetings. "We have a pastor for half-time. On preaching days we all take lunch. In the morning we have Sunday-school and preaching service. Immediately after we have had the fellowship of meeting around the table for lunch, we have our W.M.S. and auxiliary meetings. The B.T.U. comes next; then we close with the afternoon preaching hour. The other Sundays we go and have our Sunday-school, Woman's Missionary Union programs and B.T.U., then go home". She testified of the blessings that continue to fall upon them. Such experiences are being repeated in many places. "As thy days are so shall thy strength be".

"And Elisha passed to Shunem where was a great woman". As we follow this story we do not find another name given her but we discover the reason for this title, "A Great Woman"—great was her faith. Down through the history of missions the roster of great women of faith grows longer. May their experiences become a vital, motivating power in our lives as we witness in today's world.—Miss Frances Traylor, Mississippi W.M.U. Executive Secretary

Training School

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

MISSOURI MEMORIALS

ONE of the many interesting and unique features about the Training School's building is the fact that every entrance is inviting. There is no "back door". To many of us the west doorway is the most artistic as well as most useful. As one enters this door she sees the main corridor to the best advantage with its succession of beautiful arches. At the end of the corridor is the entrance to the Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial Chapel. Looking out the doorway, one sees the arcade beautiful in the simplicity of its cloistered arches and beyond the arcade the service court with its promise of greater beauty when the landscape architect's plans are completed. To the left, two large willows wave a graceful invitation to seek refuge under their shade. Indeed, beauty is at its best around the west entrance; but beauty is not enough: utility is important, too. Through this door come all of the deliveries for the kitchen and many of those for the office. From this door go the students to their field work and thence go faculty and staff members on business trips, for this is the convenient door to the garage. In the selection of this doorway, the W.M.U. of Missouri has chosen a fitting way to honor its gracious and efficient executive secretary, Mrs. C. M. Truex.

The west central stairway has been named for Mrs. G. N. Magruder in recognition of her service to the W. M. U. and the Training School as trustee from Missouri. This stairway is the shortest route to the dining room and main corridor for all students in Woody

and west Eager Halls and likewise for visitors who are staying in the guest rooms. It is also the beaten path for students taking the station wagon at the west entrance for field work appointments. On the first landing of this stairway there is a window overlooking the Armstrong Terrace and the rear campus, a window where one likes to pause, especially in tulip time. This window was chosen by the W.M.U. of the Nevada Association as a memorial to Mrs. R. S. Wardin who served the cause of missions so faithfully until her death in 1931.

It will be a source of gratification to the members of Missouri W.M.U. to know that the memorials in the former building are being perpetuated in this building. The infirmary is the tribute of Missouri women to the memory of Mrs. G. W. Hyde, who herself gave a part of the infirmary in the old building. In our *Book of Remembrance* we find these words about her: "She was a pioneer in thought and education and helped organize many missionary societies and served for years on the State Baptist Board. Chief among the objects of her concern was the W.M.U. Training School. She loved the cause for which those young women stand and daily prayed for a blessing on them". The assembly room and practice rooms number 5 and 6 in the Music Hall have been chosen to memorialize Mrs. J. A. Guthrie, pioneer worker in missionary societies prior to organized W.M.U. work, and Miss Eva Asbury, niece of Mrs. Hyde, and Mrs. E. R. Gerhardt.

Calendar of Prayer

June, 1943

Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

USE no extravagant term when I say that in the want of united fervent prayer lies the supreme need: the cause of poverty, spiritual and financial, of every religious organization.—Fannie E. S. Heck by Mrs. W. C. James

1—TUESDAY

Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Oliver, evangelistic work, Curitiba, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Bice, educational-evangelistic work, Macao, Brazil; also Bonnie May Oliver and John Bice, Margaret Fund students. God sent His only begotten Son into the world that we might live through Him.—1 Jm. 4:9

2—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Pierson, Kenedy, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans; also Ismael Gonzales, Margaret Fund student. Fear God and give glory to Him.—Rev. 14:7

3—THURSDAY

Rev. J. L. Aders, Birmingham, Ala.; Rev. J. P. Carter, Louisville, Ky.; Rev. F. D. Hemphill, Durham, N. C., special city missions. Go, and I will be with thy mouth and teach, these words shall say.—Ex. 4:12

4—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Johnson, Kunshan, China; also Miss Riba Stewart, Harbin, Manchukuo, evangelistic work. The Lord is on my side, I will not fear, what can man do unto me?—Psa. 118:6

5—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Echevarria, Los Pinos, Cuba; Rev. and Mrs. R. R. Machado, Viborg, Cuba; evangelistic work. The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men.—Titus 2:11

6—SUNDAY

Dr. W. D. Bostick, Dr. J. V. Dawes, China; Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Dietz, Brazil, emeritus missionaries. Ye shall be remembered before the Lord your God.—Num. 10:9

7—MONDAY

Miss Ottilie Lewellyn, San Antonio; Miss Mary Etheridge, El Paso, Texas; Miss Margaret Jung, Phoenix, Arizona, evangelistic work among Chinese. The same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him.—Rom. 10:12

8—TUESDAY

Dr. T. J. Watts, executive secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board, also all secretaries working with him. That they which have believed God might be careful to maintain good works.—Titus 3:8

9—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Jacob, educational-evangelistic work, Miss Bonnie Jean Ray, evangelistic work, Pinglo, China; also Elizabeth Jacob, Margaret Fund student. Grace be to you and peace from God the Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ.—Gal. 1:3

10—THURSDAY

Rev. A. Armeodanis, Brownwood, Rev. O. Armendariz, Pearsall, Rev. and Mrs. E. Rodriguez, Kerrville, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans; also Emmett V. Rodriguez, Margaret Fund student. As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.—Rom. 8:14

11—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Powell, evangelistic work, Shaki, ex-Miss Lena Lutz, two, Miss Isabella Moore, Oyo, Nigeria, educational-evangelistic work. Being fruitful in every good work.—Col. 1:10

12—SATURDAY

Miss Pauline Cammack, Santa Fe, evangelistic work among Indians, Rev. and Mrs. C. Villarreal, Gallup, Rev. A. Caberra, Detmold, N. M., evangelistic work among Spanish-Americans. With Thee is the fountain of life: in Thy light shall we see light.—Psa. 36:9

13—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Lowe, Miss Anna B. Hartwell, emeritus missionaries from China. Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?—Rom. 8:33

14—MONDAY

Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Crabtree, ex-Dr. and Mrs. P. C. Porter, educational-evangelistic work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; also Lydia and George Crabtree, Celente, Lillian and Margaret Porter, Margaret Fund students. We will show forth Thy praise in all generations.—Psa. 70:13

Calendar of Prayer for June

15—TUESDAY

xxMrs. W. E. Sallee, Killeen, 1 Miss Addie Cox, Wei Shih, evangelistic work. Miss Sophie Landon, educational-evangelistic work, Shanghai, China.
Let Thy lovingkindness and Thy truth continually preserve me.—Psa. 40:11

16—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. Gonzales, Havana, Rev. and Mrs. A. Ramon, Trinidad, Cuba, evangelistic work.
Teach me Thy way, O Lord: I will walk in Thy truth.—Psa. 86:11

17—THURSDAY

Young Women's Auxiliary Camp, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, June 17-24.
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness.—Matt. 5:6

18—FRIDAY

Prof. and Mrs. A. Velez, El Paso, Mrs. Alice Laurel, Laredo, Texas, educational-evangelistic work.
The Lord taketh pleasure in His people: He will beautify the meek with salvation.—Psa. 149:4

19—SATURDAY

Baptist believers in Yugoslavia.
Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.—Psa. 97:12

20—SUNDAY

Rev. Peyton Stephens, S. B. C. missionary to China, 1891-1924; Mrs. Peyton Stephens and Miss Mary Moorman, emeritus missionaries from China.
Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.—1 Tim. 1:2

21—MONDAY

Women's Missionary Union of Interior China.
The Lord will not cast off His people: neither will He forsake His inheritance.—Psa. 94:14

22—TUESDAY

Annual meeting of Women's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Mexican Baptist Convention of Texas, Laredo, June 22-23.
O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He hath done marvelous things.—Psa. 98:1

23—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Morgan, Sao Paulo, xxMiss Bertha Hunt, Bahia, Brazil, educational-evangelistic work; also Virginia Morgan and Samuel Shepard, Margaret Food students.
The ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and He pondereth all his goings.—Prov. 5:21

24—THURSDAY

xxMisses Blanche Bradley and Florence Jones, medical-evangelistic work. Miss Pearl Caldwell, evangelistic work, Pingto, China.
I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved.—1 Thess. 5:23

25—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. Delgado, evangelistic work among Mexicans, Harlingen, Mrs. Aurora de Morales, educational-evangelistic work among Mexicans, San Benito, Texas.
He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great.—Psa. 115:13

26—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Ramsour, Miss Minnie McIlroy, educational-evangelistic work, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
I love the Lord because He hath heard my voice and my supplications.—Psa. 116:1

27—SUNDAY

That the cause of Christian education may be heartily supported by Christian people.
Wisdom excelleth folly as far as light excelleth darkness.—Eccl. 2:13

28—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Leonard, evangelistic work, Kwailin, xxRev. and Mrs. L. B. Olive, educational-evangelistic work, Chishang, China; also Emily Olive, Margaret Food student.
Who knoweth whether thou art come into the Kingdom for such a time as this?—Ezra 4:14

29—TUESDAY

Rev. M. Fabian, Granite City, Miss Ruby McGhee, Christopher, Miss Helen Lambert and Rev. H. J. Mikalchuk, East St. Louis, Ill., evangelistic work among many foreign-speaking people.
Have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us?—Mal. 2:10

30—WEDNESDAY

xxMiss Floy Hawkins, Hong Kong, Miss Ruth Pettigrew, Kwai Yang, evangelistic work, xxMiss Blanche Groves, Seochow, Miss Hannah F. Sallee, Shanghai, China, educational-evangelistic work.
We are unto God a sweet savor of Christ in them that are saved.—1 Cor. 2:13

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

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 Victorious Witness of Christian Youth—11 Chron. 34:3

"While He Was Yet Young"

1st Day—11 Chron. 34:1-11; 1 Pet. 4:12-19
2nd Day—11 Chron. 34:12-22; 1 Pet. 5:6-11
3rd Day—11 Chron. 34:23-33;
11 Cor. 12:7-10
4th Day—11 Chron. 35:1-5, 19, 26, 27;
Eph. 6:10-16
5th Day—1 Chron. 22:1-19; 11 Cor. 1:3-11
6th Day—1 Chron. 28:1-10; Isa. 40:1-11
7th Day—1 Chron. 28:11-21;
11 Pet. 1:1-11

"A Pattern of Good Works"

15th Day—Titus 2:1-15; 1 John 3:13-24
16th Day—Titus 3:1-9; 1 John 4:15-19
17th Day—Philemon 1-21; Rom. 8:12-17
18th Day—John 6:24-40; 15:12-19
19th Day—John 6:41-58; Psa. 15
20th Day—1 Tim. 4:12-16; Phil. 4:8-13
21st Day—11 Tim. 6:10-21; 11 John 4:11

"In the Days of Thy Youth"

22nd Day—Eccl. 12:1, 13, 14; 111 John 1-12
23rd Day—Prov. 22:6; Matt. 5:38-48
24th Day—Psa. 119:9-11; 1 Tim. 6:6-12
25th Day—Psa. 148:12, 13; 1 Cor. 3:10-17
26th Day—Prov. 1:1-10; Jude 17-26
27th Day—Prov. 2:1-9; Psa. 119:129-136
28th Day—Prov. 3:1-12; Ex. 1:6-14
29th Day—11 Tim. 2:22-26; Psa. 102:1-15
30th Day—1 John 2:13-17; Psa. 142:1-7

"About My Father's Business"

8th Day—Luke 2:40-52; 11 Pet. 3:8-18
9th Day—Prov. 22:29; Gen. 12:1-5
10th Day—Rom. 3:20-31; Acts 26:12-18
11th Day—Rom. 4:1-8, 20-25; Isa. 44:21-23
12th Day—Rom. 5:1-8; 1 Cor. 15:50-58
13th Day—Jas. 3:13-18; John 14:1-4
14th Day—Heb. 13:5-8, 20, 21;
1 John 2:1-11

"Pray Ye"

In adoring thanks that from everlasting to everlasting "the Lord God omnipotent reigneth"

For widest possible use of S.B.C. and W.M.U. reports as published in lieu of the annual meeting of southern Baptists

In Christian humility yet assurance that we "can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth"

In earnest intercession that all Christians as "laborers together with God" will "serve their generation according to the will of God" through prayer, stewardship of tithes and offerings, missionary education of youth

For Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest, N. C., June 17-24

In agony of soul for world-wide peace through allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ

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Bible Study

Ella Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

SAMUEL—Jer. 15:1; 1 Sam. 3:1-5, 10-20

THE prophet Jeremiah, serving the people left in Judah as Ezekiel served those carried captive to Babylon, once received an even stranger warning than Ezekiel's. A terrible drought had brought real famine (ch. 14), and Jeremiah in agony prayed for his people, till God sternly said: "Pray not for this people. . . . I will not accept them. . . . Though Moses and Samuel stood before Me, yet My mind would not be towards this people!" Surely the qualities of a Friend of God are becoming plain to see: faith, obedience, brave witnessing—yes, and intercession. We have seen all these in Noah, Abraham and Job.

Samuel is called the last and greatest of the judges. He was not only judge but also prophet. Dedicated to God before his birth, called of God in childhood, he grew in the knowledge and favor of God, "established to be a prophet of Jehovah", winning the trust of all Israel as God's spokesman. In chapter 7 we have the scene at Mizpah, where Samuel entreats the nation to put away its foreign gods and goddesses and return to Jehovah. The Philistines had conquered them, had captured the ark and then, frightened, had sent it back. This experience had made the people's heart tender, and they responded to Samuel's appeal. They beg him, "Cease not to cry to God for us"—for the Philistines are after them again. Samuel does cry unto God, offering a lamb as a burnt offering. "And Jehovah answered him", first with a terrific thundering which dismayed the Philistines, then with victory in the battle. The Ebenezer stone was set up, with its reminder: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us!" For the Philistines were thoroughly subdued and came no more within the borders of Israel: the cities taken were restored.

For perhaps 20 years longer Samuel ruled as judge. Then the people demanded a king; and Samuel, instructed by God, consented but warned that the king would make demands upon them. Saul was anointed, to his own surprise, and duly presented as king; soon he won a victory over the Ammonites, showing both talent and wisdom. Samuel delivered a solemn farewell address at Gilgal, warning Israel that Jehovah must still be their strength and shield; and he promised to pray for them as long as he lived. To cease would be sin. Soon the Philistines made trouble again, and Saul by his impatience lost the sympathy of Samuel, who went back to Gibeah. Then came the Amalekites, whom Saul was commanded utterly to destroy. But he disobeyed, listening to the people's voice, not to Samuel, who finally parted from him completely.

Soon Samuel was sent to anoint young David, who once took refuge with him in a time of trouble, but whose reign he did not live to see. David claimed his help in making plans far ahead for organizing the worship of God, the care of the tabernacle etc. (1 Chron. 9:22). Samuel's name remained a great word. A psalmist, praising God, mentioned "Moses and Aaron among His priests and Samuel among them that call upon His name". Ah, Hannah, what a faithful servant you "lent to the Lord!" "Speak, Lord, Thy servant heareth!"

Circle Program



EXPLANATORY **N**OTE: The following program is submitted for use by the circles. Its explanatory material will be found in the following monthly missionary magazines: *Royal Service*, 60c a year from 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.; *The Window of Y.W.A.*, \$1 a year from the same Birmingham address; *World Comrades*, \$1 a year from the same Birmingham address; *The Commission*, 50c a year from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia; *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, 25c a year from Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga. Each one participating in the following program should have access at least to the magazine in which her article appears. (See also page 41 of 1943 W.M.U. Year Book and page 16 of this magazine.)

CIRCLE PROGRAM TOPIC:

BUILDING MEN in the SERVICE of OUR COUNTRY CAMP WORK

- Devotional Theme—"Put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil"—*Ephes. 6:11*. "That he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier"—*1 Tim. 2:4 b*.
- I Have Seen a Chaplain at Work (See article in June issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)
- For Those in Service Camps (See page 8 of this magazine and also pages 8-9 of its May issue.)
- A Soldier Enlists in Two Armies (See article in June issue of *World Comrades*.)
- Overseas Work (See article in June issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)
- I Was Interned (See article in June issue of *The Commission*.)
- From Darkness to Light (See article in June issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.*.)
- Current Missionary Events (See page 36 of this magazine.)

Business Women's Circles

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Poster Suggestions: Paint a large sun with separate rays going out; in the rays paste the pictures of modern youth dressed in army and navy uniforms, as nurses and as factory-workers and in college traditional sweaters and skirts. At the top print "OUR LIGHT, the YOUTH of TO-DAY". In the sun print "B. W. C." and the time, place and date.

Invitations:

a. On a square card paste the picture of a youthful, smiling face and under it these words:

Would you like to be young again?
Come to B.W.C. and find out why.
Time—Place—Date

b. A miniature shoe cut out of construction paper with these words printed on it: "We're going to step in the shoes of our young people to-night and find out what it's like to be a youth in to-day's world at B.W.C. Time—Place—Date—"

Program Suggestions: Around the room place pictures of the youth from your church who are in service, hospitals or factory work and college. If such photos cannot be obtained, use prints from magazines to illustrate the active part that the young people are having to play in to-day's world.

After the prayer, as the song "Give of Your Best to the Master" is being sung, those on the program take their places in the chairs placed in a semicircle at the front. Have them dressed to represent the modern girl as a college girl, as a nurse, as a factory-worker, as a clerk etc. If that is not convenient then placards could be used

to designate what each is to represent. There should also be those impersonating a Sunday-school teacher, a W.M.U. officer and a representative of the south-wide W.M.U. (For program material see pages 18-27.)

The leader gives the introduction to "Youth in Today's World", closing with these words: "But we have some of our young people with us; they will speak for themselves and give us their ideas of their position in this world of ours". The college girl then gives the topic "Youth Victimized", the nurse following with "Youth Sacrificed", the factory-worker with "Youth Utilized". The prayer is then offered that God will save to-day's youth from threatening peril and use them to build a better Christian world. The Sunday-school teacher then steps forward and with deep earnestness gives "Hold Fast to Youth". A W.M.U. officer then gives "Training Young Witnesses". After this the W.M.U. representative of south-wide W.M.U. gives the "Review of Plans", talking to both the young people and the audience, seeking to create a great interest in the plans for the future that they will have a great part in bringing them to success. This is followed by the hymn, "The King's Business", whereupon one representing the young Christians of today brings the topic "The Victorious Witness of Youth". Let soft music, "O Zion Haste", create the atmosphere for the meditation "While He Was Yet Young".

You will find that the secret of this program is making it live, giving the parts with the vigor that would accompany the talk of a young person on so vital a subject. While the hymn, "Come Women Wide Proclaim", is being sung pass out slips with the names of different young Christians in your church or of service men or of young missionaries; ask each to offer silent prayer for the name or names that are on her list. Bring to a close by a prayer for God's blessings on all youthful witnesses.

Program Plans

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Invitation: Make a small Christian flag. Across the front make a silhouette of a boy or girl and print underneath, "The Victorious Witness of Christian Youth". On the back of flag print invitation to attend the meeting; give date, time and place.

Poster: On regular poster paper make silhouettes of a girl carrying a Christian flag and of a boy carrying an American flag. Print in large letters, "The Victorious Witness of Christian Youth". Under this have the date, time and place of the meeting.

Room Arrangement: The part of the room, where the program is to be presented, should be fixed on a raised platform. Let the chairs for the audience be in rows facing the speakers. Against the background of the platform have the American and Christian flags, spaced according to the size of the room. Between the flags make a large silhouette of a boy or girl. The program is to be presented in the form of a panel discussion, with those taking part seated at the conference table. They should have pencil and paper and take notes on what is being said. If possible have a lighted globe in the middle of table.

Presentation: This program should be of vital interest to every woman present. In times such as we face now it is our duty to know what the Christian youth of the world is doing. When the program is turned over to the program chairman, "Fling Out the Banner" is played softly so those taking part on the program may take their places. The program chairman is leader of the conference. She calls the meeting

to order and then says: "We know that youth is the hope of tomorrow's world. We also know the great part which youth is playing in the world today. It is our duty as members of the W.M.S. to tell others and help to make our churches realize they have a place in training these young people for their place of service in the future. I want each one at this conference table to have part in the discussion 'The Victorious Witness of the Christian Youth'."

The first speaker is recognized by the chairman and she discusses "Youth in To-day's World". Prayer is offered by a member at the conference table. The second speaker discusses "Hold Fast to Youth". The third speaker discusses "Training Young Witnesses". "Review of Plans" is given by a fourth speaker. If at all possible use the young people as she talks. Let part of them stand on one side of the Christian flag and the others on the side of the American flag. That forms a semicircle with the large silhouette between them. The chairman announces the hymn, "The King's Business", and all join in singing. The next speaker asks to be recognized and she gives "The Victorious Witness of Youth".

The last part on program can be very effective. Choose one that reads well. As soft music is being played (O Zion Haste), the last member at the conference table gives the *Mediation*—"While He Was Yet Young". The hymn, "Come Women Wide Proclaim", is sung. The program chairman then closes the meeting with prayer for all youthful witnesses.—(See program material, pages 18-27.)

Program Material

Mrs. C. D. Creamer, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: The Christian Witness in Today's World

—Isa. 43:10, 11

TOPIC for MONTH: The Victorious Witness of Christian Youth

—11 Chron. 34:3

Hymn for Year

Watchword for Year

Bible Study—Samuel—Jer. 15:1; 1 Sam. 3:1-5, 10-20 (Page 14)

Prayer that we may learn from the life of Samuel that God uses young people in His service

Hymn—Give of Your Best to the Master

Youth in Today's World

Prayer that God will save today's youth from threatening peril and use them to build a better Christian world

Hold Fast to Youth

Training Young Witnesses

Review of Plans

Hymn—The King's Business

The Victorious Witness of Youth

Meditation—"While He Was Yet Young"

Hymn—Come, Women, Wide Proclaim

Closing prayer for God's blessings on all youthful witnesses

YOUTH in TODAY'S WORLD

IN today's world youth holds a place of greatest significance. Such a day as this demands the strength and courage, the dash and daring, the power and prowess, the adventure and aggression, the service and sacrifice found in the spirit of youth. To the young this is a day of many responsibilities and many opportunities, of many problems and many possibilities, a day fraught with difficulties and dangers but offering to youth many calls and the challenge to noble living and heroic dying.

Youth Victimized—The young people are victims of many sinister forces at work in today's world. The powers of evil are ever at work to entice, injure, debase and destroy the young people. When Hitler would build a huge totalitarian state—despotic in its ideals, ruthless in its dealings with other nations, without God and without regard for human worth—he began with the young people of Germany. For more than two decades in schools, labor camps, military service etc. the youth of Germany has been trained in nazi ideology; as a result we have a generation of Germans who are cruel and brutish and who have turned the whole world into a battlefield soaked with blood.

Germany is not the only place where false ideologies are winning the loyalty of the young people. One writing of the sinister forces at work among the young people of America says: "Ideologies false to the core, destructive beyond words

are at work. Youth is a proving ground, a practice field. Youth is impressionistic, imitative, succumbs to the lure of the strange and fantastic. It explores, experiments, goes adventuring. Therefore communism rears its ugly head. Nazism sprays its poison. Fascism spreads its social and economic disease. These bid for the heart-throbs and pulse-beats of our youth and win the loyalties and sacrifices of mistaken maturity".

There are other sinister forces seeking to victimize American youth. Some time ago Dr. E. P. Alldredge listed the perils which the young people of our land must meet. He mentioned the peril of *ignorance*, giving the astounding figures that 60 per cent of the young people of this nation who are of school age are not in school. He mentioned the peril of *indecent*, reminding us of the salacious literature, suggestive pictures, unclean movies, exotic dances, petting parties, drinking parties and damnable drugs which are tempting our young people to low standards of conduct. He mentioned the peril of *vice*, telling us that "strong drink, prostitution and gambling were never so prevalent, never so enticing and alluring and never so destructive in American life as they are today". He mentioned also the peril of *crime*, telling us that this generation of young people faces the greatest peril of lawlessness and crime any group of young people in any age or in any nation ever faced.

That our young people are falling victims to these perils is proved by figures given by J. Edgar Hoover who says that during the first six months of 1942 more crimes were committed by young people nineteen years of age than in any other single age group and that of all arrests, made in the United States, 18½ per cent were of persons under the voting age. Surely the young people of today are growing up in a dangerous age when a thousand evil influences surround their lives seeking to drag them to the depth of destruction.

Youth Sacrificed—The flower of the youth of today's world is being sacrificed on the battlefields of the most barbarous war that mankind has ever known. Old men plan wars, but young men must fight them. Old men sit in legislative halls and debate political issues, while young men engage in a war which they did not make or choose, fighting to solve age-old problems inherited from a sin-cursed world. Thousands of young men are being thus sacrificed. We know this all too well, for we read of it every day in our newspapers; we hear it every hour in the news-broadcasts on the radio. We know about it in our churches where the service flag hangs as a constant reminder of those who have gone from the sanctuary to the battlefield. We know it in our homes where empty chairs speak all too eloquently of young lives offered in sacrificial service. We know it in our hearts which ache constantly because of the realization that the young people dear to us are in places of danger. We will know it more and more as the casualty lists become longer and longer.

That the young people of all nations are willing to make the supreme sacrifice is proof of their bravery, their heroism, their manhood, their loyalty. It just shows that the young people of this generation are no different from the young people of all generations—that youth is ever willing to die for a cause which they deem right and worthy of their lives. The mothers weep, but the boys smile and welcome the call to the colors. The fathers bow their heads in anguish, but the sons' heads are held high as they march away, proud of the opportunity to be heroes in the strife. The elders complain about taxes, strike for higher wages, profiteer on war materials, play politics for selfish gains, while the young people, forgetful of personal safety, cleave the air in their flying fortresses, sail seas endangered by lurking submarines, ride their tanks into showers of falling shrapnel and march bravely into the mouths of destroying machine-guns. That's the kind of stuff that the nations of the world are sacrificing to the god of war.

Youth Utilized—This same youth, which is victimized by today's sinister forces and sacrificed on today's battlefields, is the material out of which a new world must be built for tomorrow. There is much talk today about the post-war world. Will it be a better or a worse world than we have known? In the hearts of all right thinking people is the desire that the world should be better—that the sacrifice of our young manhood should not be in vain. All are hoping for a world made safe for democracy, safe for the liberty of all people, safe for a permanent peace—a world built on principles of right, justice and brotherly love. Such an ideal can be reached only as Christ is known and as the principles of His Kingdom prevail among all nations. The task ahead is to build a more Christian world, and to the young people of today this task must be committed. The same spirit of courage, fearlessness, heroism and self-sacrifice which is making them good soldiers on today's battlefields will make them good soldiers of the cross to carry the Christian conquest throughout the world. All of the gifts of youth now utilized in the war program should be utilized in the missionary program. This is the only way to build a better world for the future.

A beautiful story comes to us out of the war. A marine, blinded in battle, dictated to his nurse a letter to be sent to his fiancée in America. It read: "Dear Ruth: . . . Don't hesitate to break our engagement. . . . I don't want to be a drag on anybody". Secretly the nurse added a postscript: "With his intelligence, personality and humor, there is no reason why you can't build something pretty fine out of life". Did the girl measure up to the self-sacrificing spirit of the marine and to the challenge of the words of the nurse? Of course she did! We are told that weeks later when the marine stepped off the train in Philadelphia he was embraced by a laughing Ruth who talked of the wedding to come and bubbled gleefully "He'll never be a drag on anyone. Not that one!"

In the marine, the nurse, the girl were displayed those human values of love, honor and courage needed in winning the war of today and in building the Christian world of tomorrow. Our young people have these qualities, therefore they are the hope of the world—today and tomorrow.

HOLD FAST to YOUTH

“*If* OLD fast to youth” is the message of supreme importance to our churches today. Because the Christian world of tomorrow must be built by the young people of today and because the church is the agency to prepare Christian young people for Christian service, the church must hold fast to its young people.

A problem which the churches must face is the fact that thousands of young people are growing up in our land who never attend church. Dr. Alldredge brought his list of modern youth perils to a climax with the peril of *paganism* and *irreligion*, reminding us that a great host of American young people are absolutely without any religious training. Dr. Roy G. Ross, speaking to the International Council of Religious Education, said: "The twenty million spiritually illiterate young people in the United States form a greater peril to democracy in this country than any of the highly propagandized 'isms' from the old country. The unchurched youth of our land becomes a fertile field for teaching that belittles our heritage of democracy and glorifies state domination of its citizenship". So, for the sake of our own land and also for the sake of the new world we want to build, it is important that we shall bring the unenlisted young people of our land into our churches. Only there can they be taught the truths of the Bible and won to Christ. Only under the influence of the church can they be made strong in Christian character and trained for Christian service.

J. Edgar Hoover voices the importance of the Christian training of youth in the following words: "We can well afford to steal a leaf from Hitler's book, in his effort to train the youth of his country in the pagan doctrines of nazism, and train our youth in the principles of religion and American citizenship. Let us substitute for his deceitful, godless propaganda the doctrines of established truth. The youth of today will tomorrow guide the nation. Unless we accept as our responsibility the proper development of our prospective citizens, this war against paganism will have been fought in vain for we will have lost here at home what we are struggling for on far-flung battlefields".

Our hearts are very tender toward the young men who have gone from our churches into various branches of military service. We hang our service flags in our church buildings and count their stars with pride. We pray for the boys; we search for appropriate gifts to send to them. We buy defense bonds and work for the Red Cross with the feeling that by so doing we are serving our own boys. But when all is said and done there is not very much that we can do in a personal way for these young people who have already gone from us. They are gone! Our opportunities for serving them are largely past, except as we pray for them and their chaplains.

But what about those young people we still have with us? Those babies in our arms; those little ones who toddle around our homes and whose faces brighten when the Sunbeam Baby visitor calls at the home; those growing boys and girls who sometimes make too much noise in the church corridors; those adolescents who are such a problem to their parents and to their leaders—these are still with us. Tomorrow they will be gone—perhaps to fight on other battlefields, certainly to fight the battles of life and to make their contributions either to the weal or woe of the world. But today they are ours—ours to win, ours to teach, ours to train, ours to influence, ours to prepare for the supreme task of building a more Christian world. This is a thought to arrest the attention and challenge the power of every church. It means that the future of the world depends upon what the church does for the young people of today. Surely every church should do its utmost to win and hold its youth.

Oh Church, hold fast thy youth!
Let not a one neglected be
But use each opportunity
To teach them sacred truth.

Oh Church, this youth of thine,
By learning lessons right and true,
May build tomorrow's world anew
On principles divine.

These young are thine in truth,
Thine to use or to abuse,
Thine to win or thine to lose.
Oh Church, hold fast thy youth!

TRAINING YOUNG WITNESSES

If all the members of the missionary societies throughout the southland should vote as to which is the most beloved, the most satisfying, the most far-reaching, the most important of all W.M.U. plans—the *Missionary Education of Young People*—would receive a vast majority of the votes. Without question this would be so!

How we do value our prayer plans, as they lead us to realize the power of prayer and to appropriate that power by more frequent and more effective praying! But, isn't it even more glorious to teach our young people to pray and thereby increase and extend our praying power to unlimited expanses?

How we do appreciate our study plans, realizing that by the study of the missionary message of the Bible and of world-wide missions our minds are being enriched, our souls enlarged and our missionary activities stimulated! But still greater it is to know that by leading young people into the rich experience of mission study we are preparing a generation for greater missionary achievement than we have ever known.

How we do love our community missions work as it gives us opportunity to be missionaries right where we live! But more satisfying it is to know that by leading our young people into community missions we are giving them practical experience in missionary work which will lead them to be missionaries not only in home communities but in many of earth's dark places.

How we do value our stewardship plans, leading us to practice the faithful stewardship of tithes and offerings as well as the larger stewardship involving the use of everything we have and are for the promotion of the Kingdom! But we feel that our greatest achievement in stewardship is to give this stewardship training to hosts of young people, thereby preparing them to pour millions of dollars into the Lord's treasury and to lay thousands of lives upon the altar of service.

We rejoice because a splendid program of missionary education is being given to the 344,321 members of the 27,627 W.M.U. organizations. We appreciate not only the value of the missionary service of these young people in the future when they shall have attained adulthood and shall have taken places of leadership in our denomination, but we also recognize the fact that even now they are making a great contribution to the spread of the Gospel. Literally thousands of our young people in these organizations are today engaged in community missions, over 13,000 of them participating in the seasons of prayer last year; about 40,000 of them are tithers and they gave last year almost half a million dollars to missions. The gifts of the Sunbeams would support more than fifty foreign missionaries; while the gifts of all the young people's organizations, if they all were used for foreign missions, would more than provide the salaries of the 467 active S.B.C. foreign missionaries. This gives us some idea of the value of the W.M.U. young people's work in the present. In 1942 W.M.U. young people's organizations gave to Cooperative Program causes more than \$374,000.

The value of this work for the future cannot be estimated, but we know that young people so trained will be faithful to the missionary enterprise all their lives. We are teaching our young people to do by doing, to give expression to their missionary impressions, not only to learn about missions but also to be missionary. This is the kind of instruction that will have permanent influence on the development of their characters and keep them missionary in belief and practice all their lives. So is the W.M.U. training young witnesses who shall play a large and important part in the building of a new world for tomorrow.

A REVIEW of PLANS

(If desired, representatives of the young people's organizations may enter to give a pictorial illustration of the words of the speaker as suggested. Of course, if this is not practical, the part may be given without the entrance of the young people.)

A review of some of the W.M.U. plans for young people's organizations will serve to increase our appreciation of this work. Thus we will be reminded of our responsibility to help in promoting these plans.

(A Sunbeam enters, carrying the card given to mothers of Sunbeam Babies when they are enrolled, and stands in center of platform while speaker continues.)
Sunbeam Babies—Woman's Missionary Union begins the missionary training of children with the babies in the cradle. Every missionary society should have a baby visitor who goes to the home and enrolls the new baby as a Sunbeam Baby, placing his name and date of his birth in a special baby book. This lovely card is given to the mother (pointing to card held by Sunbeam). Of course the baby visitor keeps in touch with the baby, visiting the home and ministering to the child as opportunity is offered. On the first birthday a counseling letter is sent. This and the card are furnished free by the Woman's Missionary Union on request to state W.M.U. headquarters. On the second birthday a missionary scrapbook—with pictures of children of other lands pasted on its cloth pages, usually prepared by members of the G.A.—is given to the baby. On the third birthday the gift is a bank of the ten cent store type, with the words "God loved and gave" pasted on it, suggesting to the mother that the child be led to place in the bank coins for those children he has learned to know in the scrapbook. On the fourth birthday the child is ready for the Sunbeam Band and he comes with a background of missionary interest built up by these loving ministrations of the missionary society during his Sunbeam Baby years.

(Sunbeam stands to back of platform while a Y.W.A. girl and a G.A. girl enter and stand in center, holding copies of *The Window of Y.W.A.* and *World Comrades* respectively.)

Magazines—The Woman's Missionary Union publishes for the use of young people's organizations these two magazines. It would be difficult to find on any news-stand magazines more attractive and interesting to young people than these. Besides providing program material for the organization they are full of splendid missionary reading. Every southern Baptist missionary society should furnish respectively these magazines for each W.M.U. organization in sufficient quantity to insure effective use of the program material, and there should be an urgent and constant effort to get parents to subscribe for the magazines for their children. What the children read today they will be and do tomorrow.

(A Sunbeam enters holding placard bearing words **Focus Weeks**.)
Focus Weeks—A child came home from Sunbeam meeting saying, "Everybody's going to look at the Sunbeams next week". That child was right, for Sunbeam Focus Week was to be observed in that church and a program was being planned to draw the eyes, the attention and the interest of the church membership to the Sunbeam Band. Each year brings these focus weeks for each W.M.U. organization. Happy is the church that observes them in a worthy way, for thereby the work of the organization is exalted in the eyes of the young people, and the entire membership of the church comes to have an appreciative interest in the W.M.U. young people's work.

(An R.A. boy and a G.A. girl enter carrying tennis racket, soft ball, Bible and mission study books, as if going to camp.)

Camps and Houseparties—To thousands of boys, girls and young women of the south the camps and houseparties for G.A., R.A. and Y.W.A. are the crowning events of the year. In every state the W.M.U. young people's leaders have some plan for conducting these annual gatherings of young people. In South Carolina the W.M.U. has built a wonderful young people's camp on a fifty acre plot of ground ideally located on a lovely lake in the center of the state. The W.M.U. of New Mexico owns an enchanting camping ground on one of the majestic mountains of the state. Some states use college buildings or privately owned camp sites, and some even pitch their tents in open spaces. In Texas the camps are conducted as divisional and associational projects and we are told that

it is not unusual for as many as 500 girls to attend a G.A. camp in one association. However or wherever the camps are held, they are always essentially missionary. Along with plenty of wholesome recreation are devotional services, training in organization methods and missionary instruction, all of which is sure to have a lasting influence on the lives of the young people who attend.

(A G.A. girl and an R.A. boy enter wearing arm bands of organizations. If the church has high ranking girls and boys in the Forward Steps and Ranking System, these should be used in this demonstration wearing the regalia of their ranks.)

Forward Steps and Ranking System—Helpful plans for stimulating missionary study and advancement in the work are the Girls' Auxiliary Forward Steps and the Royal Ambassador Ranking System. By memorizing Scripture, studying mission books, learning about denominational work and completing many projects in missionary education, a girl may climb step by step to become a Queen Regent and a boy may advance from rank to rank to become an Ambassador Plenipotentiary. Coronation and recognition services held at camps, state conventions and associational rallies encourage the boys and girls to keep trying to climb higher and higher in these ranks and steps.

(An R.A. boy enters carrying placard bearing the words Stewardship Education.)

Stewardship Education—Splendid plans for stewardship education are provided for our young people's organizations. These include the memorizing of Scriptures, writing and delivering declamations, composing songs, making posters and scrapbooks, presenting pageants, studying stewardship books and other activities designed to teach the young people the Bible doctrine of stewardship. This training should be given all through the year, but it culminates with the observance of Stewardship Night when the young people have the opportunity of demonstrating before an audience what during the year they have learned about stewardship. In many churches a Wednesday or Sunday night is designated for this and the observance of Stewardship Night has become one of the great occasions of the church year.

(All young people participating stand in a row across the front of the platform as speaker continues.)

Wonderful plans are these, sure to be successful, sure to make our young people good witnesses for Christ if we will just use them.

If you would guide our Baptist youth,

Use these plans;

To help them find the way of truth,

Use these plans.

For these will win their interest

And lead them to a noble quest,

To live and serve and do their best:

So, use these plans.

If you a lasting work would do,

Use these plans;

If you would build the world anew,

Use these plans.

Oh lead the young, while now you may,

To live the sacrificial way,

And they will build tomorrow's day;

So, use these plans.

The VICTORIOUS WITNESS of YOUTH

WHEN Jesus said, "Ye shall be My witnesses", He was talking to a group of young men. The call to witness still comes to youth. The young people of today are answering this call and are proving that the witness of youth can be gloriously victorious.

We may see the victorious witness of youth in our churches. What would we do without the young people who teach many of our Sunday-school classes, who sing in our choirs and are fast taking places of leadership in all departments of our church life? Dr. Roland Q. Leavell says: "An intriguing discovery that comes to any careful Christian observer today is the evidence of consecrated Christian youth in our churches. Not all young people are devotees to the dance, lounge lizards or saxophone serenaders. Hosts of them are happy and noble-minded, thrilled at the opportunities for winning others to Christ".

We can see the victorious witness of youth on our mission fields. Young people as splendid, as earnest, as sacrificial as those of any generation are giving themselves to the task of Christian witnessing. We think of Kathleen Manley, nursing those sick with many diseases in Nigeria and, by so doing, bearing victorious witness among thousands of black people. We think of Kate Ellen Gruver who stayed to witness for Christ in Palestine while surrounded by a thousand dangers, refusing to leave until it was absolutely necessary. We think of Elizabeth Hale still in Shanghai bearing faithful witness to the suffering Chinese people. We think of the Starmers, the Moores and Ruby Daniel, witnessing victoriously for Christ in Europe long after the continent was a bloody battlefield. We think of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bagby, recently gone to Brazil to continue the victorious witness of their parents and grandparents. We think of Margaret Jung and her victorious witness among the Chinese of Phoenix; of Mary Etheridge and her victorious witness among the Chinese at El Paso; of Rev. and Mrs. Ted York, recently gone to witness among the Italians in Tampa, Florida. All of these are young people, devoting their young lives to the most important work in the world. With their youthful energy and talents consecrated to this work their witness cannot fail to be victorious.

We see the victorious witness of youth also among foreign speaking peoples where our missionaries have been at work. Young people won to Christ are zealous in winning others to Him. Frequently students saved in our schools in China go home to win their families and others in their villages to Christ. Among those doing home mission work in Brazil are some consecrated young women, who are witnessing for Christ through the education of the children of the interior. These have established fine primary schools and from their work many conversions have already resulted.

One day a father and mother came to one of our missionaries in Africa bringing their idols, led by their two children who had been pupils in a Baptist day school. The children had heard about Jesus in the school and had gone home to say to their parents: "We can't worship idols any more. We love Jesus and worship Him". The parents had been very angry and had beaten the children in an effort to make them worship idols, but the children had refused to give up their new love for Jesus; so at last the parents, convinced that the children had found something superior to their old worship, came, bringing their idols to be destroyed, ready to accept Jesus as their Savior. This is an illustration of how even the children of mission lands, when they learn to love Jesus, become victorious Christian witnesses.

We are dreaming of the wonderful day for Christian missions which is sure to dawn after the war is over. Our far-seeing and wise-thinking missionaries and

denominational leaders are telling us that the opportunity for missionary work will be greater than ever before—that the doors of the nations will swing open and the hearts of the people broken and torn by the sufferings of this terrible conflict will be ripe and ready for the message of the Lord of Love and the Prince of Peace.

To meet the opportunities of that coming day the number of our foreign missionaries must be greatly increased. So, young people—hundreds of them, even thousands of them—must be ready to devote their youthful abilities to the most stupendous missionary enterprise the world has ever known.

Where are these young missionary recruits to be found? There is only one answer—among the children and boys and girls in our churches today. This brings us again to the importance of our W.M.U. program of missionary education of young people. We must organize Sunbeam Bands, Girls' Auxiliaries, Royal Ambassador Chapters and Young Woman's Auxiliaries in every Baptist church. We must enlist in their membership just as many children and young people as we possibly can. We must give to these young people the very best missionary training, that they may be ready for the program of world-wide witnessing which the future will require. Some of these must make up that host of missionaries who will be needed. Others must support those who go. All must be consecrated to the missionary cause. It is our privilege and responsibility to prepare this missionary generation to carry on the most victorious program of Christian witnessing the world has ever known.

MEDITATION—"WHILE HE WAS YET YOUNG"

("O Zion, Haste" played softly as an accompaniment)

AMONG the beautiful stories in the Bible is that of Josiah who became king of Judah when he was only eight years old. In II Chronicles 34:3, we read of this youthful king—"In the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young he began to seek after the God of David, his father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places and the Asherim and the graven images and the molten images". A significant picture is this of the value of remembering God in the days of youth—"while he was yet young": when only sixteen years of age, Josiah began to seek after God; when he was twenty years old, he instituted religious reforms to turn the whole nation of Judah from idol-worship to the worship of Jehovah.

In this quiet moment of meditation, let us pray that we may lead the youth entrusted to our care, to seek God while they are yet young even as Josiah did, knowing that they will be able to purge the nations of the world from sin and lead many thousands to find salvation in Jesus.

Oh Lord, may we teach little children to shine like Sunbeams in this dark world

May we lead our boys to be Royal Ambassadors, on business for the King.

May we lead our girls to tell the story of Jesus to the nations.

May we inspire our young women to publish throughout the earth the glad tidings of redemption through Jesus.

May we, by guiding our young people to seek God and the spread of His Kingdom while they are yet young, prepare a generation of victorious Christian witnesses.

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the sinister forces at work to destroy youth.
2. Tell of the sacrifice of youth in today's strife.

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3. Discuss the importance of utilizing youth for the building of a more Christian world.
4. Why should the churches hold fast to their young people?
5. Tell something of W.M.U. young people's organizations.
6. Who are Sunbeam Babies?
7. What are Focus Weeks?
8. Discuss the value of W.M.U. young people's camps and houseparties.
9. How may Stewardship Night be observed?
10. Tell of the victorious witness of young people in our churches.
11. Tell of the victorious witness of young people on mission fields.
12. Discuss the importance of preparing young people to be victorious witnesses in the post-war world.



REFERENCE MATERIAL

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

The Window of Y.W.A.

The Commission

Southern Baptist Home Missions

Manuals of Young People's Organizations

The Way of Missionary Education.....Juliette Mather

Subscription Price:

\$1 a Year from

1111 Comer Bldg.

Birmingham, Ala.

—World Comrades

—State Baptist Papers

EDITORIAL (Concluded from Page 4)

Let us remind ourselves that the test of the efficiency of our organization is ours this year. 1943 reports will reveal the strength of enlistment and missionary education and promotion plans as no other in the fifty-five years of history of Woman's Missionary Union. We are challenged to give ourselves in consecrated and devoted service as never before. This is the substitute supreme for an annual meeting.

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Young Women's Auxiliary

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

I KNOW the VALUE of Y. W. A. CAMP

"There's a lovely garden spot in Carolina;
It's a place that has been touched by God's
own hand.
In the grandeur of the hills we see His
power;
We feel His love, its depths we cannot
understand.
In this lovely garden spot in Carolina,
In this place where trees and earth and sky
meet God.
In the singing of the birds, the blooming
flowers,
Y.W.A. girls come to talk with God!"

THIS is Ridgecrest and, coming from over our southland, Y.W.A.'s find fun, fellowship and inspiration here. For whether they take that early morning hike to the top of Kittizuma and behold the glories of the rising sun or swim at noon in the cool invigorating waters of the mountain lake or at sunset stroll along the shadowed paths, they learn what the psalmist meant when he said: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handiwork". Under the guidance of our consecrated young people's secretaries there is a program prepared to meet their physical, mental and spiritual needs.

Today, when we are thinking in terms of rationing, we are constantly being reminded to buy carefully, trying always to get the article with the best and longest lasting qualities. So as summer approaches and vacation time is just around the corner and we find that both financial and transportation means are very limited, I can think of no investment that will bring better or more lasting returns to the parent, missionary society or church than that of sending young women to Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest.

Missionaries and leaders from over the world meet and talk with them. Led by these leaders the girls will see world conditions; they will study some of the problems that have caused these conditions; and they will have a fuller realization of the real cure for the world's ills.

Today, when we are told that it is necessary for our boys to be taught to hate the enemy, surely it is even more necessary that our girls should know that Jesus taught us to love our enemies and that He has commanded us to "love one another". At Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp, through the eyes of our missionaries, our girls come to know and love people of every race and nation. They see all these people as suffering, lost humanity needing Christ.

Today, when our boys on the battle-fronts are leaning heavily on the prayers of us at home, our young women should know the importance of prayer. At Ridgecrest, where "Y.W.A. girls come to talk with God", there is developed a very deep appreciation of this communion with the Father.

Today when our very foundations are crumbling, when nations are being destroyed and nothing seems secure, when our young people are waking to a fast changing world where only that which is material seems important, surely they need to be led into paths where they will find safety and security. At Y.W.A. Camp, during the quiet meditation periods, young people find a new and deeper understanding of God's Word, of His care, His love and His promises. They come to know something of His plan and purpose for their lives.

At Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp, girls who come seeking to talk with God go away knowing "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever". I was there last summer and I know by that experience what blessings will be in store for Y.W.A. Camp this summer, June 17 through 24.—Mrs. R. L. Rogers, W.M.U. Superintendent of Nashville Association, Tenn.

SOME QUESTIONS about SOUTHWIDE Y.W.A. CAMP

Why attend Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp this year?

Carl Sandburg in his *Civil War Years* wrote: "Death was in the air. So was birth. What was dying men did not know. What was being born none could say!" To determine what parts of an old unsuccessful society shall die and what new life shall come into being, our young women need to attend Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, June 17 through June 24, 1943. In the post-war days, even now in these immediate days, young women can have a determining part in world policies. Y.W.A. Camp experiences will help young women know the basic causes of war, the economic, industrial, racial problems which must be solved. All are expressions of sin and must be relieved as men are redeemed, but the principles of Christ must be interpreted and applied in all areas of life. He is adequate to save and re-form in right ways.

Who should come to Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp?

Young women who are sixteen to twenty-five years of age—Y.W.A. members in church auxiliaries, in Ann Hasseltine (college) Y.W.A.'s, in Grace McBride (nurses) Y.W.A.'s and those who should be Y.W.A. members. Y.W.A. counselors are welcomed at Y.W.A. Camp. W.M.U. young people's directors find Y.W.A. Camp useful. This year, since there was no May southwide W.M.U. annual meeting to which many associational superintendents would have been sent, it is expected that many associations will send their associational young people's leaders to Y.W.A. Camp; therefore a special series of conferences is being arranged for them.

What is the program for Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp?

Since Y.W.A. Camp was first inaugurated at Ridgecrest, there has been a permanent watchword: "Fellowship, Friendship, Frolic and His Spirit over All!" This suggests the scope of the program. The theme this year is "Undergirding Loyalties", suggesting the foundation facts on which our stricken world can be rebuilt by the Holy Spirit moving in the hearts of people. A select roster of leaders and speakers includes the names of our southwide W.M.U. leaders: Mrs. F. W. Armstrong and Miss Mallory, Miss Mary Christian, Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, Miss Juliette Mather; denominational secretaries will be present—Dr. Maddry, Dr. Holcomb, Dr. Watts, with Mr. Martin from the Home Mission Board. Missionaries are always favorites at Y.W.A. Camp and the world is included in the missionary personnel: Dr. Theron Rankin and Mrs. Hundley Wiley from China, Miss Kate Ellen Gruver from Palestine, Mrs. Kate Cox White from Brazil; Miss Wilma Bucy and Miss Thelma Brown, Bette Ishibashi and Dr. Howard Kester will present home missions conditions. Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, president of Baptist World Alliance, is expected. Mr. W. Earl Hotalen, executive secretary, Alabama Temperance Alliance, will speak on the problem of alcohol; Mr. Liu Liang-mo, the "Singing Patriot of China", will "speak". Miss Mary Hunter of the Foreign Mission Board and Miss Eccelle Gibson of the Home Mission Board provide displays of curios, maps, posters and moving pictures by way of visual education. Classes and addresses are not enough without recreation and handicraft. These are carefully planned by expert leaders, Miss Alma Hunt of Virginia and Miss Margaret Brooks of Alabama.

What about chaperones and medical care?

Mrs. Peter Kittles of Georgia is the charming and careful camp-mother. There are doctors and nurses on the Ridgecrest staff always ready to care for anyone but mostly to keep people well.

What is the cost of Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp?

There is a Y.W.A. Camp enrolment fee of \$1 and a Ridgecrest registration fee of \$1. That makes \$2. Beyond that you determine the cost by the type of room in which you stay. Rooms range from \$1.75 to \$3.50 a day according to location and accommodation. All are comfortable. All people on the hotel grounds eat merrily in the same dining room, the board being included in the above rate. Allow a little for personal use on trips, to share in the customary Camp gift, to buy books and souvenirs, and you have the most worthwhile vacation possible for the most reasonable rate. Write your state W.M.U. young people's leader for your reservation and for travel plans. Attend Y.W.A. Camp where every question disappears into an exclamation point of joy!

From Our Missionaries

"THY WILL BE DONE"

DIGINHA left us? Can it be possible? The missionary now in the homeland asks herself. Yes, here's the news in a number of letters. They tell how she gave beautiful testimony to the last; how the members of the church stood by her in her suffering; how beautiful and impressive the funeral service was; how it was held in the church and that her husband, not yet a believer, wanted her body taken there because the church was so good to her during her illness.

Yes, the missionary must be reconciled to the absence of this dear beautiful sister when she returns to Brazil though she had had visions of Diginha as a worker—Diginha who had been a believer less than two years and was making splendid progress. On receiving the news that Diginha has gone to the Heavenly Home, memories throng the mind. The first acquaintance of this attractive little woman, who moved to the house beside the church, the efforts to help her overcome the difficulties in accepting the Gospel, the afternoon when a visiting minister from the states talked through an interpreter to the Sunday-school and Diginha was the first to go forward accepting Christ. She was the first to follow Christ in the new baptistry when the church completed the large addition to the building.

She would fly like a bird from her house to the church, she would watch her flowers for prospects for the coming Lord's day because she had an artistic touch for adorning. She loved to be at the church for anything that was going on. Sometimes she would have to sit

where she could see her door and run over home if her husband arrived out of hours for his meals. He would at times be quite violent in his opposition to the Gospel. "I told him", once I heard her say, "not to be scared. You'll still find the cuff-links fixed in your shirts and your meals as you want them. I don't intend to be any less a good wife because I'm a believer". Sometimes he would be real agreeable, again he would make life almost unbearable for her, but putting Jesus in the first place she was none the less staunch and enthusiastic in her devotion to her husband. She marveled how she had become so calm and steady when in former times she was so easily upset.

She tried to develop in all phases. Her Sunday-school, B.Y.P.U. and W.M.U. quarterlies were always at hand with her Bible for preparation "Did I speak louder this time?" she would ask after a part on some program; her voice was rather tiny and she wanted to make the message heard. She made a great question of witnessing for Jesus among her neighbors and former friends and even going at a distance for evangelistic visits. She sought embroidery and crochet work that she might earn an offering for the church. At social gatherings her vivacity and sheer joy in being with her Christian friends was veritably contagious. Like a summer breeze she would enter your home; in the kitchen or wherever she might be, she was bubbling over with life and kindness.

Now she is with Jesus! Let us pray that her husband and others, whom she sought to win, will meet her there.—
Miss Edith West, Brazil

SHE HATH DONE WHAT SHE COULD

WHEN my husband was secretary of the Home Mission Board of the South Brazil Baptist Convention, he was called to the far west of Brazil to a place called Corumba in the state of Matto Grosso. After preaching for 35 days and baptizing 53 converts, a church was being organized. The newly organized church felt the great need of a building where the Gospel could be preached in all of its purity. While they were planning and talking of this building which they hoped to have in the dim future, a dear woman, Dona Julia de Agrella, 80 years of age, came to them and offered a lot which was all that she possessed of this world's goods. During the years, she had bought meat at the market and then sold it from door to door; the few cents of profit which she had made she had saved and with these savings she had bought this lot in the city of Corumba. She said she had talked to her sons and her daughters and they were all of one accord that this lot should be given to the church, so that the Gospel might be preached for all time in this place. The church accepted the gift and today there is a church building in that place and many people have come to know Jesus through the gift of this devoted woman.

During the succeeding months of her life, she went about with a happy heart and a light in her face and a great love for the blessed Redeemer who had saved her from her sins and prepared a home for her in the "New Jerusalem". As she lay on her death-bed, she lost all knowledge of the things of this life. Her daughters would ask her: "Mother, don't you know us?" Then she would look at them solemnly and say: "No, I don't know who you are!" Her sons also, kneeling by her bed, pleaded for some word of recognition; but no, she didn't know them. Then the evangelist did his best to make himself known but it was of no avail. Finally the evangelist said softly: "Dona Julia, do you know Jesus?" Her face broke into

a smile of utmost content and she said: "Oh, yes! I know Jesus. Jesus, I know!" She went out into the other world with that light on her face, whispering: "Yes, I know Jesus. Thank God, I know Jesus!" I thank God, too, that she knew Him.—*Mrs. A. B. Deter, Brazil*

"STRENGTHENING the CHURCHES"

WE have here in these two states of Alagoas and Sergipe in north Brazil a total of twenty-six churches and only nine preachers. These nine preachers have to do all the preaching, baptizing and administering of the Lord's Supper. Brazilian Baptists do not believe in preaching by women but, as some of our churches do not have educated men to lead them, they get some capable woman of the church to teach the Sunday-school lesson and lead all the worship service. At night she teaches the Bible and again leads all of the service. They do not call this preaching. It is interesting that all such churches are waiting for the missionary to come and baptize their candidates. To reach some of the churches we have trains and automobiles; to others we have to go by horseback; other times we have to walk.

In April of last year I rode a whole morning to a little church by the name of "Nova Esperanca" (New Hope). That night, the house was full. There is no town there, only a sugar-mill. The next day we visited and talked to the people; that night I preached and had three fine women to trust in Christ and ask for baptism. They had been in regular attendance for several years and were living clean lives, so the church accepted them for baptism. The next day (my birthday) I buried with Christ these fine young women in a little stream of clear water near the church. That night a fine young man of about thirty years came forward to accept Christ. As this man was accustomed to smoking and had been at dances, the church said his life was not clean; so it was decided to let him

prove his life before being baptized. I thought the baptizing of these fine young women and the conversion of this young man a great birthday present.

The next day after having administered the Lord's Supper on Sunday I rode horseback all day that I might reach the next little preaching place. This church has no building but with \$150 they could have. I preached that night and returned home the following day. After four days' rest, there were four other churches to visit in another direction.

Pray for us as we try to carry on this work.—*Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Stover, Brazil*

At PALMEIRAS dos INDIOS

IN April of last year my husband and I went to a small interior town, some ninety miles from Maceio. It takes seven hours to reach there by train so you see our mode of travel is not very fast. The sights to and from there are almost indescrib-

able; the living conditions are unsanitary and the people are very poor and ignorant. In that little town, called "Palmeiras dos Indios" (the palm trees of the Indians), there are only a few believers but they are strong in their faith.

The morning services were not disturbed but that night a group of Catholics gathered outside to disturb. The house was full of interested people and many others were outside at the windows. That afternoon I had visited with two of the members in many of the homes. Some that we invited were in different religious people. Some of them promised and others laughed at the invitation.

The Catholics in the town had just finished a new building and were carrying a heavy debt; the price to baptize had recently increased to six milreis (30c). The former price was much less. Catholic persecution is great in the place.

Pray for us that we may help show these poor ignorant people the Light.—*Mrs. S. S. Stover, Brazil*

COMMUNITY MISSIONS (Concluded from Page 8)

"In behalf of the men of this organization I want to thank you and your committee once more for the fine *Day Room* you have furnished for the company. Its presence has afforded the men a place to read, write, play games and relax. It is in my opinion the finest room at the camp."

Social evenings are held in different homes for officers, their wives and for army nurses. Parties are also held at the church for them. For all army wives a monthly afternoon Bible class is taught by the pastor and simple refreshments are served by the Young Matrons' Circle, whose members seek to enlist them in their regular meetings.

Every activity sponsored by the church ends with the group forming a circle for the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and for the offering of sentence prayers. There is just one aim in and through it all—to magnify Christ.

In listing the activities to help the groups we would not overlook the assistance to the individuals whether it is to decorate for a wedding, find a suitable room to live, sell furniture, help in sickness, lend money. Whatever the need an effort is made to meet it.

It is the responsibility of every Woman's Missionary Society to uphold Christ before these hundreds who are daily moving in and out of our communities. As we sing "O Zion haste, thy mission high fulfilling, to tell to all the world that God is light", may we realize that the world has come to our community.—*Miss Mary Ellen Wooten, Pastor's Assistant, First Baptist Church, Augusta, Georgia*

Book Reviews

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

TALKS on SOUL-WINNING: E. Y. Mullins; Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, 1920; Pages 84; Price 25c

THERE is an urgency about war and in work for soldiers that must stir anyone to his best endeavor. It is not strange then that this brief, clear, practical study of soul-winning has lived through the years since World War I and bids fair to hold its own during World War II and indefinitely. It grew out of the work of President Mullins of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, as Director of Religious Work at Camp Zachary Taylor in Kentucky, and was used by him in instructing the large group of secretaries engaged in religious work there.

President Mullins has long been noted for the lucidity and depth of his thinking and for the clarity and simplicity of his expression. This study is an excellent illustration of both gifts. Nowhere else in a wide range of reading

on the subject has this reviewer found the essentials of soul-winning so clearly, so simply and so winsomely presented.

The headings are not essentially different. Personal Preparation for Personal Work, The Saving Message, Methods of Approach, The Method of Jesus, Types of Conversion, Judging Evidences of Conversion, Dealing with Difficulties, Winning the Children—these are the subjects one expects to find in a book of this type, and the supporting Scriptures are the ones usually used. But there is a humanness of approach, a charm of spirit, a naturalness and understanding in dealing with the subject which become a definite urge to put these instructions into practice. Those societies wishing to study this most important subject can hardly do better than to choose this book. (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.

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TALKS on SOUL-WINNING by Dr. E. Y. Mullins

Mrs. A. L. Aulick, mission study chairman of Oklahoma W.M.U., offers the following suggestions:

The Soul-Winner's Qualifications (See *Helping Others to Become Christian* by Leavell.)

Chapters I and II—The Soul-Winner and the Message

Hymn: My prayer (by soloist or class)

Scripture: Proverbs 11:30; Daniel 12:2-3; John 1:35-44

Method: Conversation—Mrs. Soul-Winner (the teacher) and Mrs. Would Be Soul-Winner; Discussion

Introduction by the teacher emphasizing purpose of the book, pages 9-10; brief story of the author

Mrs. Would Be Soul-Winner: I would like to win souls. Will you help me, Mrs. Soul-Winner?

Mrs. Soul-Winner: Text 1 (pages 10-11); 2 (page 11)

Mrs. Would Be Soul-Winner: Please tell me about the Holy Spirit.

Mrs. Soul-Winner: Text (pages 11-13); *Endued to Win* by Dr. L. R. Scarborough (pages 77-103); *Helping Others to Become Christian* by Leavell

Mrs. Would Be Soul-Winner: How much Bible must I know to be a successful soul-winner?

Mrs. Soul-Winner: Text 4 (page 13)

Mrs. Would Be Soul-Winner: How may I find opportunities to win souls?

Mrs. Soul-Winner: Text (pages 13-14); *Life of Uncle John Vassar* by Thomas E. Vassar

Mrs. Would Be Soul-Winner: I understand now. We must be alert, use common sense and feel the urge of the Spirit.

Mrs. Soul-Winner: Also remember the central message, Jesus Christ and His power to save (pages 15-16).

Important aspects of the soul-winner's message are—(See text 1 pages 16-17.)

Mrs. Would Be Soul-Winner: Many people will not accept Christ because they cannot understand everything that is in the Bible.

Mrs. Soul-Winner: The Bible tells us in I Cor. 2:14 and Isaiah 8:9 why people cannot understand all the Bible. John 7:17, Psa. 119:18 and James 1:5 tell how to understand the Bible

Mrs. Would Be Soul-Winner: Is it true that Christianity meets all the needs of man?

Mrs. Soul-Winner: Text 2 (pages 17-19). The Gospel does even more than this. It satisfies the religious craving of man. Text 3 (pages 19-21)

Hymn: There Is No Other Name

Open Discussion: The place of faith and repentance in salvation

Chapters III and IV—Methods of Approach

Hymn: Rescue the Perishing

Scripture: John 4:6-26 and Introduction by teacher (page 22)

Method: Assignments; Discussion

Human Approach: Assign topics as in text (pages 22-27).

Hymn: He Lifted Me

Jesus' Approach: Assign topics as in text (pages 28-33).

Conclusion by teacher (page 33)

Open Discussion: Danger of an over-powering human will when talking to the unsaved. The place of the unsaved man's will in conversion. The function of the Holy Spirit in conversion. How to learn the meaning of religion and why easier for a child to learn than the man of intellectual attainments

Chapters V and VI—Types and Evidences of Conversion

Hymn: Since Jesus Came into My Heart

Scripture: Two Types of Conversion—Paul, Acts 9:1-9; Lydia, Acts 16:13-15

Method: Open Discussion; Assignments

Types

Discussion introduced by the teacher: Four Types of Conversion (pages 34-35)

Topics: Danger of purely emotional acceptance of Christ and how recognized in New Testament. Baron Weldemar Uixkull's conversion as an example of an open mind, text (35-36). *Methods in Soul-Winning* by Henry C. Mabie (pages 59-60). Are a sense of wrongness, a need of God and the obligation to do one's duty all that is necessary to bring about conversion (page 36)? Value of finding a point of contact (illustration, Jesus and the woman of Samaria). The importance of the soul-winner understanding human nature

Evidences

Discouragements to Be Met: Teacher (pages 38-40)

Assignments: Rules to Observe (pages 40-43). Evidences indicating new life in Christ (pages 43-44)

Open Discussion: Class members relate story of their conversions.

Chapter VII—Dealing with Difficulties

Hymn: Jesus Saves

Scripture: Heb. 7:25; I Cor. 10:13; II Cor. 12:9-10

Method: Impersonation (Class members give as personal experiences the topics suggested in the text and tell how they met the difficulties.)

Other difficulties met in soul-winning. Some false hopes of salvation, i.e., God too good to condemn anyone etc. Danger of indecision. How to deal with the deluded, La. Roman Catholics; Jews; Christian Scientists (See *Personal Work* by Torrey, p. 144 ff.)

Chapter VIII—Winning the Children

Hymn: That Sweet Story of Old

Scripture: Mark 10:13-16

Method: The teacher, four mothers, a Sunday-school teacher and a pastor's wife present material in text as personal experiences.

Culture versus Conversion, Special Assignment (See *Winning to Christ* by Burroughs, pages 31-38.)

The Object to Be Attained: Page 56 to Experimental Mold, Page 57

Experimental, Intellectual, Theological and Ceremonial Molds (by four mothers)

The Task of the Soul-Winner by the teacher (pages 58-59)

Practical Caution by three mothers (pages 59-60)

The Third Object by the teacher, Text 3 (page 60)

Decision Day, the Sunday-school teacher (page 60)

Fourth Object, pastor's wife tells experience of her husband Text 4 (pages 62-63)

Closing Paragraph, teacher

Open Discussion: Distinction to be made between the child as naturally religious and being a Christian

Chapters IX and X

From Darkness to Light; An Individual Experience

Hymn: I Know the Bible Is True

Scripture: II Sam. 23:2; II Tim. 3:15-16; II Peter 1:21

Method: Assignment (Assign several Scripture passages to each woman in the class asking her to memorize them and give a brief explanation at next meeting.)

Note: How to Memorize Scripture—Memorize location of verse together with the verse; write the verse; read it twenty times; see if you can repeat it "word for word"; review; practice.

An Individual Experience in Scripture and Song

All Have Sinned

Christ Died to Save Sinners

Christ Invites All

Repentance

Faith

Forgiveness

Saved by Grace

Justification

Confession

Church Membership

Service

Eternity

Rom. 3:23; Ye Must Be Born Again

Rom. 5:8; At the Cross (2nd verse)

II Pet. 3:9; Whosoever Will

Acts 3:19; Jesus, I Come

Acts 10:43; My Hope Is Built

Heb. 8:12; Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet

Eph. 2:8; Saved by Grace

Rom. 5:1; Sweet Peace (2nd verse)

Luke 12:8-9; I Am Coming Lord to Thee

Acts 2:41; I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Matt. 28:19-20; Send the Light

II Tim. 4:8; When the Roll Is Called Up
Yonder

Birthday Story told as the experience of the speaker

Hymn: Oh Happy Day!

Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

The sum total of opinion on the part of more than sixty presidents of Baptist colleges, theological seminaries and academies who met in Cleveland, Ohio, in January to discuss their participation in the New Development Program of the Board of Education of the Northern Baptist Convention was that "Baptist schools and colleges will not escape the drastic effects of the war unscathed but are not destined to pass out of existence. They will come through the war stronger and better able to serve American youth than before".

We learn that in recent months Baptist colleges in three of our southern states have received large gifts from Baptist laymen. Mr. Columbus Roberts of Columbus, Georgia, recently gave to Mercer University \$100,000, to Bessie Tift College \$25,000 and to Shorter College \$25,000; Mr. Crawford Johnson of Birmingham, Alabama, bequeathed to Howard College \$50,000; and Mr. Charles T. Bagby of Baltimore, who died in April, left \$50,000 to the University of Richmond in Virginia, \$5000 to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville and \$2000 to the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans. In addition the will of Mr. Bagby provides \$10,000 each to the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board and the Maryland Baptist Union Association.

At the April meeting of our Foreign Mission Board 18 new missionaries were appointed to serve in various fields including China, the Near East, Africa, South America and one perhaps in Mexico. Most of those appointed were married couples but as there were four single women and only two single men the women appointees outnumbered the men. Of those appointed some had studied at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and W.M.U. Training School, some at Southwestern Seminary and Training School and one at the Baptist Bible Institute.

One of the largest groups of missionaries appointed in recent years by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. will leave shortly for their various mission fields. Out of a total of 160 there are 100 who will serve in war areas. They include ministers, nurses, teachers and agriculturists. (*Watchman-Examiner*)

The National Conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, recently voted help for resettled Japanese-Americans. The Conference will investigate the possibility of setting up a hostel in some city for the purpose of relocating these Japanese-Americans who have been moved from their homes on the western seaboard.

In an article ("Retreat of the Godless" published in the *Christian Herald*) Dr. Basil Mathews says: "A census in 1937 shocked the ruling powers by reporting that 60,000,000 Russians still declared themselves Christians in the face of persecution". Dr. Mathews further says: "For the first time in Russian history the Bible is an 'open book' in the sense that a large majority of Christians can now read it. In 1917 at least 85% of the Russian people were illiterate. Today not more than 15% are illiterate".

Again quoting Dr. Mathews: "The number of Baptists in Russia, given by recent statistics, exceeds five million. This is startling but what worries the leader of the Godless Movement (the communist organization for propaganda against belief in God) is the fact that among these Baptist converts are scores of young men and women who were trained earlier in the Communist Youth Movement. An ex-professor of history in Petrograd says of the Baptists: 'Their force is the force of the Gospel itself. The Baptists are followed because they have found the key to the religious need of the people. The need is the need for Christ'".

"I find that religion is like a nail: the harder you hit it, the deeper you drive it in"—reluctantly admitted Lunacharsky, Commissar for Education, United States of Soviet Russia.