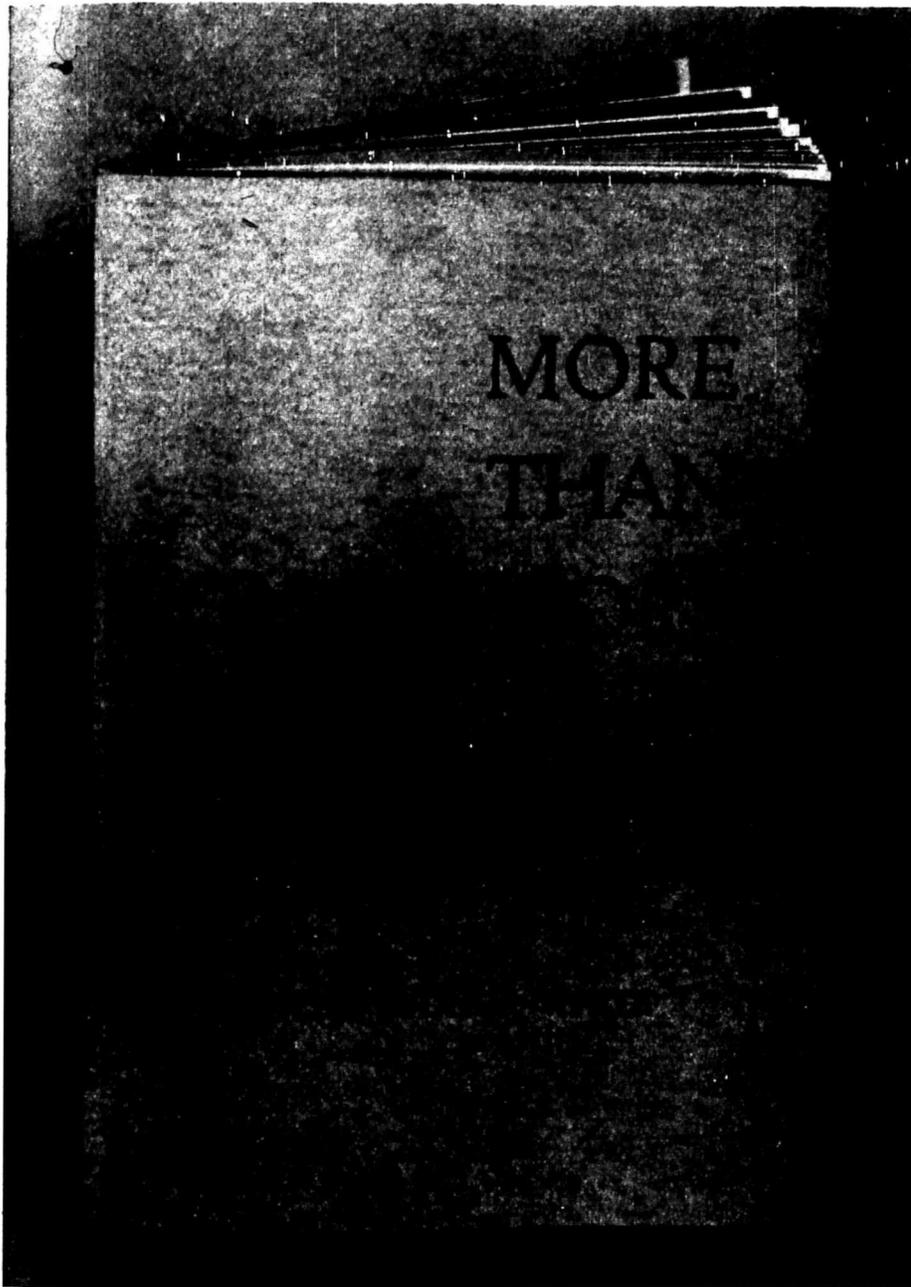


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Editorial

NOVEMBER NOTES

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

TWO months remain for completing the records that will make up the 1943 report of Woman's Missionary Union activities. These reports are the sum of the work done in each society and its auxiliary organizations for young people. Careful checking of your local records now will reveal weakness and strength and will stimulate your W.M.U. organizations to the extra effort that will enable each to be standard or to make the maximum number of points, thus achieving the highest efficiency and preparing for larger accomplishments in the approaching new year.

Two months remain for completing the record of participation in the southern Baptist debt-paying plan (see pages 5-6). From the beginning of this great effort in 1933 W.M.U. members and organizations have loyally supported it, being credited in all the early years with the major contributions. In the 1940 annual meeting, in Baltimore, great impetus to the united effort was given when by unanimous vote the Union agreed "to undertake as its objective, toward the clearance of all debts on southwide causes by 1945, the sum of one million dollars". Approximately three million was then required and it was thought that a really great effort would be necessary to reach the goal of a debtless denomination by the S.B.C. Centennial Year. Under the blessing of God payments have so speeded up that a new slogan, "Debt-free in '43", has been adopted. Many a race has been lost or won in the last lap. Payment of all pledges and generous extra giving will hasten the glad day, while careful records of gifts of W.M.U. members will enable each state to report its maximum in total gifts.

Two months remain for crowning the year with the widest total observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and worthy sharing in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The preparatory study book, "More than Conquerors", is stirring and vibrant with missionary appeal. Early study will prepare the minds and hearts for the program and prayer of the week (Nov. 29-Dec. 3). It is Christ or chaos for our world. Your society will help to determine which as it prays and gives to meet the missionary opportunities of the days to come. The concert of prayer of W.M.U. members and their generous gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering have come to mean much to the cause of foreign missions. Plan for personal participation in the blessings of this very significant week.

Two months remain. They are fraught with possibilities for good or ill, filled with days for self-examination and self-expression. How shall we use them? Shall we deepen our prayer life, individual and united? Shall we study missions in the Bible and the rich treasures of other books? Shall we bring our tithes and offerings, testing His promise of blessing? Shall we see to it that the children and young people of our churches are developed in missionary interest and as sharers in the missionary enterprise? Shall we look on the near-by fields, seeking the lost and winning them, manifesting Christian fellowship and striving to lift moral standards? Much may be accomplished in two months, crowning the year's purpose "that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that Thou art the Lord, even Thou only".

For a Debtless Denomination

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

The SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION DEBT

Dr. Austin Crouch, S.B.C. Executive Secretary

I

BY the Southern Baptist Convention debt is meant the debts handled by the Convention as distinct from that of its boards and institutions. By the time this article is read it is hoped that all of the agencies of the Convention will be free from debt; at the time of writing (September 10) there are only two agencies still in debt—the Southern Seminary and the Southwestern Seminary. All of the funds received from the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club are being applied on the indebtedness of these institutions. None of the funds of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club have, up to this time, ever been applied on the Convention debt. After the Seminaries are debt free, then of course all of the receipts from the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club will be applied on the debt of the Convention.

II

The Convention debt in 1929 amounted to \$701,378.72, bearing interest at rate of 6%. The indebtedness was, at that time, made up as follows:

Education Board (Taken Over by Convention).....	\$381,378.72
Convention Bonds on Behalf of New Mexico.....	250,000.00
National Baptist Memorial Church, Washington, D. C.....	70,000.00

\$701,378.72

The obligations of the Education Board consisted of advances to colleges in three states of \$98,646.95; loans to the three southwide Seminaries \$41,714.35; and operating and improving Summer Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, Winter Assembly, Umatilla, Florida, and Indian School and Orphanage, Nuyaka, Oklahoma, \$241,017.42. The bonds on behalf of New Mexico were for the purpose of relieving the Baptists of that state from a serious financial situation; the debt of the National Baptist Memorial Church was the unpaid balance of the pledge of \$175,000 made by the Convention. The Northern Convention also pledged and paid \$175,000 to the National Baptist Memorial Church.

III

It is estimated that the Convention debt will be approximately \$150,000 at the time this article appears in this issue of *Royal Service*. The present rate of income from both the Cooperative Program and the Hundred Thousand Club that will be applicable to this debt will not be sufficient to pay it in full by December 31, 1943.

The slogan, "Debt Free in Forty-three", has been sounded far and wide by southern Baptists. This happy state of freedom is not far off. Why not make December 31, 1943, the day of celebration? Why not finish the task in full in forty-three? This can be done by a little increase in effort for November and December.

Contributions to the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club need to be increased and special gifts for debt-payment should be made in order to insure success.

IV

The achievements of southern Baptists in the past ten years have surprised the financial world. Surely it has been no little task to carry on our work, pay interest on obligations, liquidate nearly six and one-half million dollars (\$6,500,000) of indebtedness.

In this remarkable accomplishment the W.M.U. has had a large, worthy and glorious part. The increase, year by year, in the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club receipts and other debt-clearance contributions since 1939 has been due largely to the efforts of the W.M.U.

NO LET-UP until DEBT-FREE

Ellis A. Fuller, President
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

THE debt of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is now \$44,848.35. This is not very much in comparison with the staggering debt under which the Seminary was laboring at the time the Hundred Thousand Club was launched. Still it is a debt, a debt that will be a tremendous handicap upon the Seminary as it plans to meet the unparalleled challenges of tomorrow. Our people must continue to support the Hundred Thousand Club or other efforts for debt-clearance. It is so unthinkable that we should come so near the goal and then fail, that we are not even anticipating any let-up on the part of our people until the last penny of our debt is paid. We are now enjoying the anticipated joys of being delivered from the bondage of debt in the near future that we may be free to marshal all our forces in making adequate preparation for maximum service in a global conquest in Christ's name in the post-war world. Let me take this occasion to thank southern Baptists for what they are doing for the Seminary and will continue to do until this glorious institution is debt-free. (Written in September)

NOW for the FINISH

E. D. Head, President
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

AT the beginning of this calendar year of 1943 the total indebtedness on Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary was \$162,156.52. Ten years ago this indebtedness stood at the overwhelming figure of \$500,000. At this moment (September 14) it is but a remnant of its former self, the figure being \$24,307.94. You can see from this that we are already envisioning the glorious release to be realized in the complete liquidation of this balance. Such liquidation, the present rate of receipts continuing, is now only a matter of weeks—and but a few at that.

But we must remember that there can be no relaxation of our efforts if we are to achieve that exhilarating finish which we are sensing in glad anticipation. To stop now with such victory in sight would be worse than failure. As important as is a right beginning, the real test comes in the kind of finish we make. Our military leaders are compelled constantly to warn us at this point, lest we take heartening victories reported to us as occasions for lessening of effort, when they should be the incentives to gathering up the slack for greater intensity and concentration of every energy. So it must be now all along the line of our southern

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Our Young People

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

ROYAL AMBASSADOR SECRETARY



thusiastic personality will reach up and down throughout all the Southern Baptist Convention territory. Mr. Bishop is a graduate of Howard College in Alabama, holds Th. M. degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, has had two years' experience as field worker in three states and eight summers in Royal Ambassador Camps. This past summer 1550 Royal Ambassadors were enrolled in camps which he directed. Many other calls came to Mr. Bishop but he has felt God's call to work with boys. His first message appears in November *World Comrades* and will be read by all with assurance and hope.

It is timely to announce this marked progress in the month of the observance of Royal Ambassador Focus Week, November 7-12. Every S.B.C. church should encourage the boys who are still attending services by making wise and adequate plans for this Focus Week. Suggestions appear in November *World Comrades* in accounts of what other chapters have done; these will suggest how you can honor and anchor your boys in Christian zeal before they are called to the service of their country and are no longer in their home church. If you have no Royal Ambassador Chapter, careful reading of November *World Comrades* will give proof by adults and by boys themselves of the value of the Royal Ambassador Chapter; then prayerfully you can find a counselor and organize.

THOUGHTFUL mothers with missionary zeal will rejoice in the announcement that Mr. J. I. Bishop has become Royal Ambassador secretary, filling a new position of leadership in our south-wide Woman's Missionary Union. Counselors, Royal Ambassadors and mothers in Alabama, Mississippi and South Carolina know Mr. Bishop and value his sincere devotion to Christ and to boys and will be glad to know that his en-

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*(12) Japan.....	2,000
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8. Kwong To Bible School, Sun Hing, China.....	500
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*10. Shih Yu Institute, Kaifeng, China (Annie Jenkins Sallee School).....	1,000
*11. Cantonese Church and School, Shanghai, China.....	4,000
12. Kindergarten Work, North China.....	200
13. Kindergarten Work in South China.....	1,000
14. Girls' School, Abeokuta, Nigeria.....	3,500
15. Bible School, Wuchow, China.....	500
*16. Seinan Jo Gakuin, Japan.....	2,000
17. Evangelistic Work by Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Christie, Brazil.....	300
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It will be noted that eighteen items of the above list are for places which the global war has rendered inaccessible for such help at this time. Accordingly these amounts will be carefully held by the Foreign Mission Board until they can be helpfully invested as purposed. In the meanwhile it is comforting to know that this 1943 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering includes all such countries and communities just as though the awful war had not broken tangible connections with them.

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Book Reviews

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

MORE than CONQUERORS: Blanche Sydnor White, Nashville, Broadman Press, 1943; Price 25c

BLANCHE WHITE can write, there is no doubt about it. She can tell a story with point and power—all that she has written proves it. And the present book in some respects surpasses anything that she has done. It has a depth and polish, which some of her earlier work has lacked, yet has lost nothing of her former warmth and urgency.

More than Conquerors is the study book planned for use preceding the 1943 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of Woman's Missionary Union. Its purpose seems to be to encourage and challenge southern Baptist women and Y.W.A. members as well as counselors of all W.M.U. young people's organizations in this war-disrupted world with visible evidence that now, as in earlier days of conflict, Christ's witnesses are more than conquerors through Him that loved them and gave Himself for them.

After a brief foreword in which Miss Frances Traylor of Mississippi pays lovely and well-deserved tribute to the author, the book opens with a chapter on "The Divine Decoration". Taking as a starting point the medals and other decorations through which grateful countries long have honored many of their heroes who have served bravely and beyond the call of duty, it goes on to tell of those of God's servants who have deserved His citation, "Well done", as they have conquered tribulation in Russia, distress in disaster on the seas, persecution in Brazil, famine and nakedness in China, peril and sword at the hand of the Japanese.

The second chapter is called "The Martyr First". Beginning with the stimulating suggestion that the primary

meaning of the Greek word translated "witnesses" in Acts 1:8 is "martyr", it tells the story of two missionary martyrs—J. Landrum Holmes of China and Charles C. Westrup of Mexico—who followed in the train of those first-century Christians who gave their very lives for the Gospel; and it reminds the reader that even today martyrs are likewise suffering for Christ in Rumania and in Spain.

The third chapter has to do with "Missionary Pioneers". It shows how the pioneer pattern which was set in Abraham worked itself out in the devoted lives of William B. and Anne Luther Bagby in Brazil.

The fourth chapter, "For Them Also", pays tribute to the native missionaries in every land and tells the stories of Sarah Harden of Africa and Hiroji Kuriya of Japan. Particularly moving is its plea for faith in the faithfulness of Japanese Christians in their hour of trial.

The fifth chapter, "Missionary Prophets", pays tribute to and pleads for prayer for and appreciation of the self-giving services of the officers and members of the Foreign Mission Board as they faithfully administer the foreign work of the denomination. It illustrates these services and the spirit in which they are rendered in the lives of the Crane family and of the present president and executive secretary of the board.

All this the book does with beauty and with power. We believe our women, both W.M.S. and Y.W.A. members, will find in it strength and challenge as they study it in preparation for the December Week of Prayer. (See following suggestions for the teaching of the book.)

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F or S tudying the B ook

MORE than CONQUERORS by Blanche Sydnor White

Miss Willie Jean Stewart of Tennessee offers the following suggestions:

Publicity—Two weeks in advance of the class place posters on the church bulletin-board and if possible in the women's classrooms. Place attractive notices in the church bulletin and ask each circle leader to give a personal invitation to every member of her circle to attend the class. Each W.M.S. and Y.W.A. organization is entitled to receive one free copy of this book from state W.M.U. headquarters. Many other copies may be profitably bought at 25c a copy from State Baptist Bookstore. Each B.W.C. is also entitled to a free copy.

Decorations—Appoint a committee to decorate the platform with war posters and other materials suggesting the present conflict. Arrange at the center a spotlighted group containing a pulpit Bible, a globe and the Christian flag.

Assignments—Make all assignments at least two weeks in advance. Talk personally with each person or group and try to instill a spirit of triumphant faith as the keynote of each session.

Examination—Give two to four true-false examination questions at the close of each lesson.

Aim—The aim of the entire study may well be: (1) to help the women realize that those who truly devote themselves to Christ are indeed "more than conquerors", no matter what may befall them; (2) to challenge them to believe more confidently, pray more earnestly and give more liberally for the spread of the Gospel and to work at the task, personally.

Chapter I— The DIVINE DECORATION

Hymn—Fling Out the Banner

—Prayer

Introduction—Show a decoration or ribbon of honor given to someone in the community, preferably one known to the group, and tell of the circumstances leading to its award. Suggest that God has an even higher award which He offers to those who serve Him "above and beyond the call of duty" and ask the group to recite with you Christ's own citation: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord". Note that those who receive this citation are *more than conquerors*.

Hymn—To the Work

Scripture Reading—Romans 8:35-37

—Prayer

Panel Discussion—Let five women discuss, informally, the five difficulties which the Christian has to conquer. They might use illustrations from your own community life, as well as those in the book.

Hymn—Lead On, O King Eternal

Practical Application—Present the challenge of the war prisoners in our country, also some practical plan for meeting it, such as sending Bibles and Testaments in their own languages for distribution by their chaplains.

Prayer for all those who are enduring hardship today as good soldiers of Christ Jesus

Chapter II— The MARTYR FIRST

Hymn—The Son of God Goes Forth to War

Introduction—Write the Greek word *martyr* on the blackboard. Ask the group to recite with you Acts 1:8. Note that the word translated "witness" here is

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martus and that its primary meaning is "martyr". Speak briefly of the challenge in this idea and in the common saying, "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church". Draw from the class illustrations of this truth.

Prayer for those today who stand in danger of martyrdom through their loyalty to Christ

Hymn—Have Thine Own Way, Lord (One Stanza)

Dialogue—Let two women take the parts of J. Landrum and Sallie Holmes and tell the story of his martyrdom.

Story—Tell briefly the story of John O. Westrup.

Hymn—The Son of God Goes Forth to War

Map Study—Using a map of Europe, tell briefly of religious conditions in Rumania and Spain.

Sentence Prayers for our persecuted fellow-Christians in every land

Chapter III— MISSIONARY PIONEERS

Hymn—Where He Leads Me I Will Follow

Devotional—Abraham the Pioneer

—Prayer

Dramatization: Work out a dramatization of the life of the Bagbys in three scenes: College Days and Call; Beginnings in Brazil; The Second Generation.

Hymn—Lead On, O King Eternal

Passing of the Torch—Tell briefly of the torch of Terandentes. Ask the women to pass a lighted electric torch from hand to hand in deeper consecration of their own lives to taking the Light, as the pianist plays softly, "Take the Light".

Benediction

Chapter IV— For THEM ALSO

Hymn—From Greenland's Icy Mountains

Bible Reading—John 17:11-21

Prayer for the oneness of spirit of all nations in Christ

Debate—"The day of the foreign missionary is over". The affirmative will point to the work of the native Christian in every land, telling the story of Sarah Harden by way of illustration. The negative will show that the native churches still need the guidance, training and inspiration of missionaries; it will point out that, although Sarah Harden held the churches together in Africa, progress came only with the return of the missionaries.

Hymn—The Morning Light Is Breaking

Discussion—"How shall we feel towards the enemy?" using the appeal for Japan in the life of Hiroji Kuriya

Prayer for our enemies

Chapter V— MISSIONARY PROPHETS

Hymn—Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?

Prayer for all who have any part in the spread of the Gospel anywhere, that they may be "more than conquerors"

Scripture—Let each woman give the verse which helps her most.

Introduction—Suggest that, when the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845, it appointed two boards or committees: one for conducting its home mission work and one for foreign. Try to help the women feel the helplessness of these boards then and the need for guidance of their successors today. Mention that the total receipts for the Foreign Board for 1942 were \$2,268,430.17. Ask if any one present would know how to expend in the best way such a vast sum.

(Concluded on Page 16)

DECEMBER WEEK of PRAYER PROGRAM for BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Prepared by Miss Ethel Winfield

To the LEADER: The folder of W.M.S. program material for the Foreign Mission Week of Prayer abounds in stimulating information fresh from the fields. A study of it will be richly rewarding but, since few Business Women's Circles can meet daily during the Week of Prayer, the following program for one meeting is offered. Enliven it by your own originality and adapt it to suit local conditions. All page references as herewith given pertain to that folder. Hold the meeting at a time and place that will insure the attendance of the greatest possible number of your members. Prepare all minds and hearts in advance through study of the book, *More than Conquerors* by Miss Blanche Sydnor White, through early and frequent announcements so that conflicting engagements can be avoided and through well-planned distribution of the offering envelopes. Every member of a B.W.C. will want to plan ahead so that her offering will be a worthy one, motivated by love and winged by prayer as well as generous in proportion. Business women will be interested in knowing how the money is to be used; the designations on pages 2-3 were earnestly and prayerfully made by Woman's Missionary Union at the request of the Foreign Mission Board in view of needs on the different fields. (Each B.W.C. is entitled to a free copy of preparatory study book and also to folder of W.M.S. program and free leaflet.)

Summarize the list on a poster and put it up at the front of the room:

Missionary Salaries.....	\$100,000
Education of Missionaries' Sons and Daughters (<i>Margaret Fund</i>).....	16,000
Missionary Training Schools for Women in 9 Countries.....	24,450
Theological Seminaries in 3 Countries.....	7,500
Church Buildings in 5 Countries.....	28,000
W.M.U. Work in 12 Countries.....	19,200
Direct Evangelism.....	11,900
Publication Work in 6 Countries.....	11,100
Other Schools and Kindergartens in 6 Countries.....	35,550
Good Will Centers.....	2,150
Hospital Emergencies.....	2,500
Objects Not Yet Decided.....	1,650
TOTAL.....	\$260,000

Another poster at the front of the room should give the theme for the week: "Thy God Reigneth—Declare His Glory".

The sight of a world-globe projects one's thoughts around the world; on a stand at front of room place the largest globe you can obtain. Group together at one side or arrange in semicircle around front half of the globe colored candles to suggest different races that will be served by the offering.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

A Call to Worship

All sing (*Tune*—Old Hundred):

"All people, that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice".

Leader quotes:

"Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before Jehovah our Maker,
For He is our God".

Leader reads: Psalm 96:2-3, 6-10.

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy (*Verses 1, 3, 4*)

Meditation: Leader speaks while all others sit with bowed heads.

Let us pray in silence before God, our righteous and loving Father.

We praise Thee for Thy gracious dealings with us through all our years and for Thy lovingkindness that fills our days. (*Pause*)

We thank Thee for Thy Son, our Savior, who became obedient unto death that whosoever will might have life eternal, and for the salvation we have through Him. (*Pause*)

We long to appear before Thee now as intercessors and so we confess our sins, lest our iniquity separate us from Thee. (*Pause*) Amen.

Leader: We look out on the nations of the world bearing burdens of anguish beyond human comprehension and we long to help, as our Savior did when the multitudes in Palestine stirred His compassion. From many lands we have messages as to ways by which we can help.

(Three members will be ready to arise one after the other without announcement and make brief talks, then have prayer, using material indicated by page references.)

Talk: Colombia, Land of Promise (*Page 15*)

Prayer that the Lord will lead and bless in the establishment of a church in Bogota, the capital city of Colombia; that the new missionaries already on the field may be used of God and may have patience during the period necessary to acquire the language; for blessing on the ministry by radio which has been started in Barranquilla

Talk: In the Islands of Hawaii (*Paragraphs 1, 3 and 5, Page 18*)

Prayer for more room for Olivet Church which has almost trebled its membership in a year; for a church building to take the place of the tent being used by Nuanu Street Church; that many may be won to Christ through cottage prayer-meetings and Bible study

Talk: Nigeria (*Page 25*)

Prayer as requested in last paragraph of same article

Hymn: O Come All Ye Faithful

Talk: Projecting Plans for China (*Page 22*)

Quote first paragraph; give briefly two or three reasons that make the Scripture passage particularly appropriate for China now. State the three "Calls for Help" set forth by Dr. Rankin and tell how they can be met (*page 23*).

Prayer for courageous Chinese Christians, especially our Baptist believers, who look beyond the limitations of the present and plan for the future. Pray also for the missionaries who are interned and for missionaries waiting to return to China; for the witness of Christians in free China. See also the many requests for prayer on pages 41-55.

The Story of a Picture (*See free tractlet distributed with W.M.S. folder.*)

Ingathering of Offering

Prayer of Dedication, remembering especially the many fields that have not been mentioned otherwise in the meeting. Instead of closing as usual with "Amen" let pianist be ready to play through once the hymn *Joy to the World* while all remain silent with bowed heads.

Dismissal

The CONTINENT of EUROPE as a MISSION FIELD

DR. WALTER O. LEWIS, General Secretary of Baptist World Alliance

SEVERAL years ago while living in Paris, France, I needed to go to Poland. When I applied to the Polish consul for a visa, I was turned down. For some reason the Polish government at that time was refusing to allow certain protestant ministers to enter that country. I appealed to the American consul in Paris for help. In a short time everything was cleared up and I was permitted to go to Poland.

As soon as I reached Warsaw I called upon the representative of our government who then held the rank of minister. I sought his advice as to the best method of procedure in the future and asked for the explanation of the trouble I had had. Our minister in Warsaw was very kind and helpful. Through his aid misunderstandings were cleared up and I was never again refused entrance to Poland.

After transacting the business I had with him I lingered for a few minutes as he seemed disposed to chat about other matters. He said he was glad to help me as an American citizen but that he felt it was his duty to tell me what he thought about missionary work. He said, "I thank God I never gave a dollar to foreign missions". And he was vehement in condemnation of all missionary work in Europe.

"That could not have been a Christian man", you may say. I do not know about that, but he told me he was a member in good standing of a Baptist church in one of the large cities of the United States. "Well, he could not have been a very intelligent Baptist", you may think. I do not know about that, but he was a trustee of a well-known Baptist college in our country. I do not think he was put on that board for his own worth or for his interest in Christian education. My guess is that he was made a trustee because his father had been a generous giver to the institution and it was hoped that by making him a trustee he would also make a large contribution. Many schools have been greatly disappointed in such cases.

I tried to tell him that in a sense he was a foreign missionary in Poland. He was helping American firms to do business in Poland. Many offices in that country used American typewriters. Many of the women used Singer sewing machines. All over the land the Standard Oil Company was selling "Flit" as a disinfectant and insecticide. American firms did not wait for the Poles to find out about the virtues of American goods. American business sent "missionaries" to convince the Poles that they needed our products. American consuls and ministers or ambassadors did what they could to encourage all this. Even if the agents of our government did nothing to encourage Americans to share some of the spiritual goods they possess with others on the continent of Europe, why should any of them in their hearts be hostile to such activity? Perhaps some missionaries had been unwise in their work. Perhaps the American official I dealt with did not know what missionary activity was—did not know that most missionaries do not use methods that justly offend.

Objections to mission work in general can be answered and good reasons can be given specifically why Baptists should continue mission work on the continent of Europe. Of course, it is well understood that the work American Baptists do in Europe is different in many respects from mission work in Africa. In Europe, we lay the emphasis on the general work. Relatively few American Baptists are sent as missionaries to Europe. We help train pastors and leaders. We support evangelists and other general workers. We help build chapels. We help create and publish evangelical literature. In short, we cooperate with the national Baptist organization in a given European country. Most of the work is done by the nationals. We help them to do their work.

Some of our critics tell us that, while they are willing to admit that we should

send missionaries to non-Christian lands, they feel there is no need to do anything that could be called missionary work anywhere in Europe because Europeans are Christians. We admit they are called Christians. But are all who are thus called Christians really Christians?

There are millions on the continent of Europe who claim to be Christians because they were christened in infancy. Though they know nothing of what it means to be a real disciple of Jesus, they think they were made Christians by a ceremony performed on them when they were unconscious babes. When the churches in Oslo, Norway, were getting ready for the World's Sunday School Convention to be held in that city in the summer of 1936, a large local committee was formed which was made up of Lutherans, Baptists, Methodists and others. The Lutheran bishop presided. Once during a meeting when there was a lull in the proceedings, the bishop said to a Baptist leader who sat close to him: "Do you think I am a Christian?" "Yes, indeed", replied the Baptist, "we think you are a very good Christian!" "How can you call me a Christian and deny the validity of my infant baptism?" The bishop seemed unable to understand what seems to us the plain New Testament teaching on what it means to be a Christian. There are many good Christians in the Norwegian Lutheran churches, but there is need of the Baptist witness even in Norway.

Europe needs the Baptist emphasis on religious liberty. No other denomination can do for Russia what we can do. The Orthodox Church has always practiced immersion (*babies are immersed three times in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit*). As Baptists we have what the Russians need and we shall win great victories there if we can have a little more freedom. We should do all we can to win Europe to Christ for the sake of the rest of the world. Many Europeans have come, and more will come to North America and South America. If these immigrants were Christians they would help us instead of being a problem. French books are widely read in South America. France, Italy, Spain and Portugal will continue to have influence in many places outside Europe after the war is over. If these countries were only thoroughly Christian, the task of evangelizing the world would be greatly simplified.

As soon as the war is over, we should do what we can to relieve the distress of our brethren as well as of others in Europe. We must reopen our schools. We must do a larger and better work.

For STUDYING the BOOK (Concluded from Page 12)

Prayer for the members of our Foreign Mission Board and staff

Poster—Prepare a poster showing officers of the Foreign Board.

Talk—Tell of the contribution of the Crane family. Let members of the group tell of other families which have made exceptional contributions to the work.

Dialogue—Let two persons representing Dr. Maddry and Mr. Jenkins tell of their problems in the work.

Prayer for Dr. Maddry and Mr. Jenkins

Hymn—Work for the Night Is Coming

Pageant—Let a group of young people in costume representing different nations march onto the platform and form an attractive group as a reader gives Romans 8:35-37. Have all join in the closing hymn, Lead On, O King Eternal.

Prayer of dedication

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

Stewardship Suggestions

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

The W.M.U. and the E.M.C.

Dr. J. E. Dillard, S.B.C. Director of Promotion

THE Woman's Missionary Union is our greatest Baptist auxiliary. The Every Member Canvass is our most important financial undertaking.

The W.M.U. because of its name, ideals, aims, history, program and personnel should help in every worthy cause in each church and in the denomination. *And it does help.* It can be depended upon to help. After nearly half a century of experience in the ministry I can truthfully say, I have never known a case where these good women have failed to help if they were properly asked and given the privilege. How they have helped during these last years in carrying on our work and in paying our debt!

Now the time for the Every Member Canvass is at hand. It is to be put on in most churches in November and December. November is to be used in making thorough, painstaking, prayerful preparation. The first week or ten days in December is to be used for actually taking and fully finishing the canvass.

This is by far the most important matter in the "Calendar of Denominational Activities". The intelligent, systematic and adequate support of all our causes local, state and worldwide depends under God upon the success of this undertaking.

This canvass means more than the securing of pledges to support our work: it also means the informing of our people about our churches and their work, the promotion of acquaintanceship and fellowship, the discovery of unutilized unrealized resources, the securing of information, the solving of problems, the settling of difficulties and the larger enlistment of the people in Kingdom service and support. Properly put on, the Every Member Canvass means a real all-round revival of practical religion.

Certainly all the W.M.U. organizations will give full length cooperation in this unspeakably important annual undertaking. Here are some ways to help:

1. Help by offering your services to the pastor and the Every Member Canvass committee.
2. Help by attending preliminary meetings looking to the putting on of the Every Member Canvass.
3. Help by serving on the budget committee, if asked, and seeing that all worthy causes are included and proper proportions are observed between local expenses and mission causes.
4. Help by securing materials, distributing literature, making announcements and putting on programs which give definite concrete information about the causes included in the budget.
5. Help by serving on committees to prepare the canvass cards, providing refreshments or by actually calling upon members, securing information and soliciting subscriptions.
6. Help by subscribing promptly and liberally and intelligently to both local expenses and the mission causes.
7. Help by keeping up your payments, remembering all the causes in prayer and observing the special days and weeks as they come in the denominational calendar.

Training School

Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, Principal, 2801 Lexington Road, Louisville 6, Ky.

OFF to a GOOD START

ON the day following the first meeting of classes—in spite of crowded trains, broken down cars and failure to make connection on buses—104 of the 107 expected boarding students arrived and 63 day students enrolled. The boarding students are distributed as follows: North Carolina, twenty-one; Virginia, thirteen; Georgia, twelve; Kentucky, South Carolina and Tennessee, ten each; Florida and Missouri, seven each; Oklahoma, four; Mississippi, three; Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois and Texas, two each; District of Columbia and Louisiana, one each.

The Student Committee is composed of Edith Stokely of Tennessee, chairman; Margaret Jane Childs of North Carolina, religious chairman; Dixie Nicholson of Georgia, social chairman; Margaret Lawrence of Texas, Y.W.A. president; and Lou Demie Segers of Georgia, junior class chairman. This committee was helpful and most efficient in all its duties during the opening days.

At the formal opening on Tuesday afternoon (September 14) the beautiful Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial chapel was comfortably filled. President Fuller of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary brought greetings from his institution, whose enrolment reached 485 on the opening day. Professor McDowell of the New Testament Department directed our devotional thinking in a brief exposition of the sixth chapter of Galatians.

It was a benediction to have Dr. Carver present to lead in the opening prayer. It is an immeasurable loss to our students not to be able to know him as the great teacher of missions in view of his retirement from active service last spring. Dr. Sampey likewise has retired. The students will miss keenly his stimulating classroom personality and his abiding sympathetic interest.

Great interest is being shown in the Seminary's plans that are developing for the opening of its Church Music School. The beautiful colonial residence for this department is located just across Lexington Road from the Training School and is the gift of a fine Baptist layman in Louisville. The practice organ and a sum of money sufficient to put in the necessary pianos were gifts also of Kentucky laymen. By 1944 this Church Music School will have much to offer young women and young men who want to dedicate their musical gifts to missionary and church service.

The members of the faculty and staff returned to the Training School after a summer spent in a variety of activity. The men on the faculty have been busy in preaching, teaching and lecturing engagements. Miss Lyne, teacher of missionary education, spent six weeks at Peabody College. Miss Tennant, teacher of speech, was employed at Camp Campbell in Kentucky as a laboratory technician. Miss Fancher, the librarian, spent one month in Birmingham cataloging the books at W.M.U. headquarters. Miss Boone, teacher of journalism, was married in August to Mr. Warner Fusselle; fortunately she still lives in our city and will continue her class in journalism. Miss Mitchell, our house director, spent all her spare time on the "Victory Garden" which produced much valuable food for the School. Mrs. Smith, our nurse, did private nursing in her home state. Misses Edwards, Bean and Littlejohn were at their usual summer duties except for quiet vacations.

This year marks the largest enrolment since the session of 1924-25. Let us hope that the power and influence of the School will increase in like measure.

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.

TOPIC: Paganism a Challenge to the Christian Witness—*Isa. 45:20, 22, 23*

"From north to south the princes meet".

"While Western Empires Own Their Lord"

1st Day—Matt. 12:41, 42; 5:21-26

2nd Day—Luke 13:29, 30; Matt. 5:38-48

3rd Day—Judg. 5:1-12; Matt. 18:10-14

4th Day—Psa. 47:1-9; 24:1-10

5th Day—Psa. 68:31-35; Isa. 11:1-10

6th Day—Psa. 103:17-22; James 4:1-10

7th Day—Rev. 11:15; 1 Jno. 3:7-15

15th Day—Matt. 8:5-13; Lev. 19:11, 13

16th Day—Matt. 13:1-17; Luke 19:1-10

17th Day—Matt. 13:18-35; Prov. 2:6-9

18th Day—Matt. 13:36-53; 1 Sam. 12:1-5

19th Day—Mark 13:21-26, 32, 33;

Lev. 19:33-37

20th Day—Mark 16:13-21; Prov. 11:1-8

21st Day—Jno. 10:24-30; Mal. 3:7-12

"To Pay Their Homage at His Feet"

8th Day—Ex. 20:4-6, 20-23; Matt. 5:27-32

9th Day—Psa. 81:8-16; Mark 10:2-12

10th Day—Psa. 99:1-9; Prov. 2:10-22

11th Day—Isa. 66:23, 24; Eph. 5:25-33

12th Day—Luke 4:5-8; 1 Cor. 13:1-8

13th Day—Jno. 4:19-26; Psa. 78:1-8

14th Day—Rev. 15:4; Psa. 92:8-15

"And Savage Tribes Attend His Word"

22nd Day—Jno. 12:32-50; Ex. 20:16; 23:1, 7

23rd Day—Acts 19:20; Matt. 5:33-37

24th Day—1 Thess. 1:1-10; 11 Kings 5:20-27

25th Day—1 Thess. 2:1-20; Acts 5:1-11

26th Day—1 Thess. 3:1-13; Prov. 6:16-19

27th Day—Heb. 11:1-16; 1 Som. 3:10-18

28th Day—Heb. 11:17-29; Jno. 8:42-47

29th Day—Heb. 11:30-40; Ex. 20:17

30th Day—Heb. 12:1, 2; Luke 12:13-25



"Pray Ye"

Give thanks always that the Pilgrim Fathers founded America as a place in which to worship God.

Thank the Heavenly Father that the national Thanksgiving Day originated in the Pilgrim Fathers' gratitude to God for abundant crops.

Give thanks that each fall Christian Americans remember to praise God for the harvest.

Humly intercede for world-wide peace through allegiance to Jesus Christ.

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Bible Study

Ella Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

FRIENDS of PAUL (Read Philemon.)

WHEN Saul surrendered suddenly to Christ near Damascus and was lifted up from the roadside, he hadn't a friend in the world. The Christians would fear him, the Jews would hate and scorn. In the three days of darkness, his mind traveled with the speed of light and he began to "count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ". Meantime the Lord was sending him his first friend. Ananias of Damascus was afraid of him, exactly as Saul expected, but came obediently, laid hands of blessing upon him and baptized him. As years went by, what a host of friends this man Paul acquired! Barnabas the generous hearted believed in him, before the apostles in Jerusalem dared, and encouraged him to preach Christ boldly there, as he had done in Damascus. Afterwards these two worked a whole year with the church in Antioch, which prepared them for their missionary journey together in Asia Minor.

Look at Paul's friends among young preachers. First: John Mark, kinsman of Barnabas, who disappointed Paul by turning back at Perga but regained his confidence and loved to wait on him when he was in prison in Rome. There was Silas, who shared the second missionary tour and shared the courage which could sing praises at midnight in the Philippian jail, beaten and bruised, feet fast in the stocks. There was Timothy, a convert of the first journey, a shy young fellow whom Paul took with him when he came back to Derbe, who was almost like a son to the great apostle. There was Titus, a bolder spirit, whom Paul sent to Crete to straighten out a difficult situation, and who succeeded. There was Epaphroditus who brought the box of gifts from Philippi to Rome. There were Epaphras, Aristarchus, Demas and others.

There were all sorts of men—fellow-travelers, fellow-laborers. With Aquila, a tent-maker like Paul, and his wife Priscilla he lived when in Corinth, all working together with their hands while they talked. In the last chapter of Romans is an exciting list of friends to whom Paul sends greeting. Priscilla and Aquila were then back in Rome. Once, in Ephesus, he mentions these two "and the church that is in their house". So they were travelers too. They had the tact to teach an eloquent young preacher, Apollos, things he should know and sent friendly letters about him to the Christians in Corinth.

There were Philemon and his runaway slave, now a Christian, whom Paul sent back, hinting that he might set him free. One of Paul's best friends was Luke the physician—how much we owe to that friendship; many hospitals are named for Luke. And among the women were Eunice and Lois, Timothy's mother and grandmother, Lydia in Philippi, no sooner a Christian than a witness and a worker, the church presently meeting in her home; Euodia and Syntyche, who didn't work well together, and Tryphena and Tryphosa, who did; Phoebe; and the dear old lady who loved him like a son, the mother of Rufus.

Paul had the gift of saying in his letters just what his readers needed—cheer, instruction or correction. How often it is just what we need too! So Paul is our friend, a gift from God to all of us.

Circle Program



EXPLANATORY NOTE: The following program is submitted for use by the circles. Its explanatory material will be found in the following monthly missionary magazines: *Royal Service*, 50c a year from 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham 3, 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 20, Virginia; *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, 25c a year from Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta 3, 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 22 of this magazine.)

CIRCLE PROGRAM TOPIC:

STRENGTHENING the COOPERATIVE PROGRAM (Every Member Canvass)

- Devotional Theme:** "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully"—II Cor. 9:6. "See that ye abound in this grace also"—II Cor. 8:7.
- Every Member Canvass** (See page 17 of this magazine.)
- Men for Tomorrow's Task** (See November issue of *World Comrades*.)
- Foreign Missions at Home** (See November issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.*)
- Winning Students in Free China** (See November issue of *The Commission*.)
- Native Christians and Our Postwar Problems** (See November issue of *The Commission*.)
- Mexican Churches Are Growing in Self-Support** (See November issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)
- Some Principles of Baptist Cooperation** (See November issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)
- For a Debtless Denomination** (See pages 5-6 of this magazine.)

Business Women's Circles

Prepared by Miss Edith Stokely, Tennessee
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POSTER: Cut world from black construction paper and paste it near the top of a large piece of white poster cardboard. Cut an open Bible from white paper, pasting it in the center of the world, printing on it in black ink the words: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Light". Let rays of light extend from the Bible to the edges of the world. Beneath the world, print in large black letters: "For the Darkness Shall Turn to Dawning". In the right-hand corner of the poster print the time, date and place of the meeting.

INVITATIONS: Use black construction paper, three by four inches, printing on each piece in white ink:

Don't stay in the dark about paganism.

Come to B.W.C.

Time..... Place..... Date.....

ROOM ARRANGEMENT: Use an informal seating arrangement. At one end of the room place a table. In the center of the table have a world-globe. On one side of the globe place the open Bible and the Christian flag; put on the other side any idols, curios and pictures which seem representative of paganism. Pictures may be found in *The Commission*; someone in the group may have or know where may be borrowed facsimiles of idols. On five pieces of furniture in different parts of the room place an unlighted candle and behind each a mounted picture representing one of the Christian lights, these candles to be used during the program.

AIM of the PROGRAM: To make each member painfully aware of the existence of paganism and to challenge each so that she will seek to do her part to dispel the darkness of paganism. (For program material, see pages 24-32.)

PRESENTATION: In choosing the person to present "Paganism", the leader should select one who is familiar with the religions of the world, so that from her own understanding she may give a clear, impressive picture of paganism. The person who gives the second part may take the world-globe in her hands and speak as if she were the world telling the price it pays for paganism. The person giving the third part holds the Bible and represents the Christian witness with the answer to the needs of the world. As "Lights against Pagan Darkness" is given, the speaker reminds the group of the black picture of paganism and at the same time the room is totally darkened. As she tells of the lights which Christian witnesses have set to shine against the pagan darkness, she lights the five candles. The remainder of the program should be held in the candlelight to be a vivid reminder to the group that, although some of the darkness of paganism has been dispelled, there are still heavy shadows and dark corners to challenge Christians. The last part may be a discussion by the entire group as all are familiar with types of paganism in high places. As the program closes, let the meditation be read while the pianist plays softly "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations". The program should be presented only after prayerful preparation and discussion by those participating.

See pages 13-14 for B.W.C. program for
December Week of Prayer.

Program Plans

Prepared by Miss Margaret Jane Childs, N. C.
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POSTER: Beginning six inches from bottom of white poster-board, print the following words diagonally across as though they are coming from a microphone: paganism, idols, fear, disease, immorality, degradation, war. Print the first word in small letters, increasing size of letters gradually, spreading the words fan-like until there are three rows on the right. In the upper left corner sketch an idol and, in lower right corner, a bank or factory. At lower left give the place, time and date of meeting.

INVITATIONS: Use a post-card miniature of the poster-suggestion or use a folder on which an idol is sketched. Within the folder print quotation of Miss Anderson: "I now look upon idol worshipers with more understanding. . . I walk a little more softly before them". Add below the question: "What could prompt a consecrated missionary to write these words?" Give place, time and date.

ROOM ARRANGEMENT: For atmosphere, arrange a neat display of idols and fetishes against a dark red or royal blue cloth. Placard each. These can be made; for example: Africa—stone or crooked stick; China—sketch of an idol; Japan—diagram of rising sun; India—a large book; Tibet—a prayer-wheel made like a windmill out of Tinker Toys to which attach paper streamers each bearing a word such as health, money etc.; Pacific Islands—picture of a tree or a mountain. Be sure to include: American business man—money bag; American woman—(costume) jewelry; American youth—picture of a movie star. Above the display place a

cross which can be lighted during the Meditation—"That All Pagans May Know".

PRESENTATION: For program material see pages 24-32. During the singing of "I Love to Tell the Story", program chairman takes place at front of room. After the hymn she announces that today we are to consider the challenge of "Paganism to the Christian Witness". She asks if some one will present the challenge. First speaker rises and says that she would like to tell of the challenge as she sees it. The chairman calls her to the front. Following her message the chairman asks if there is another who will add to this challenge—the second speaker rises and comes forward; as she speaks she places on a flannelboard or blackboard the words: disease, immorality, degradation, fear etc. At the conclusion of her challenge the chairman calls on one (who has been asked before the meeting) to lead in prayer that all pagan people may find God. After the singing of "O Zion, Haste" the chairman will call for one who will tell what the Christian witness has already done in pagan lands. The fourth speaker may stand and offer to show that Christianity can remove the "Price of Paganism". The chairman asks her to do so; and as she speaks she may remove the words from the board and place in their stead the "Lights of Christianity"—healing for disease etc. After the next hymn the chairman gives the fifth part. As she concludes, the cross over display is lighted while the last speaker stands at the back of the room and reads clearly the "Meditation".

Program Material

Mrs. C. D. Cressman, Tennessee

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PAGANISM

PAGANISM is a broad word, taking in many of the world's religions. The dictionary defines a pagan as one who does not worship the true God. Christians, Jews and Mohammedans are listed as worshipers of the true God; all others of the world's worshipers, with their many gods of many kinds, are listed as pagans. Paganism, then, is idol worship, nature worship, spirit worship, ancestor worship and a thousand other forms of worship by which people try to express their innate desire to find and give obeisance to a god. Brahmanism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Shintoism are among the great pagan religions of the world.

To count all the gods of all the pagan peoples would be impossible. It is said that the Nigerians have at least 401 different gods. Charms and fetishes; the deification of the sun, moon, thunder, lightning, trees, rocks and animals; the belief in witchcraft, the evil eye and demons; the adoration of departed spirits; the making of hideous images to represent different gods—all of this and much more are included in pagan worship. The objects and forms of pagan worship vary from the small idol in a secluded shrine to the "Great Buddha" in a heathen temple. From the ancestral tablet in a Chinese home to the Egungun worship of departed spirits in Nigeria, from the African belief in the power of charms to the American Indian's trust in the medicine-man, from the worship of the sacred cow in India to the worship of the emperor in Japan.

The most celebrated idol in the world is the image of Buddha in the temple of Lhasa, Tibet. A traveler describes this great image as follows: "The first sight is uncannily impressive. Before him are rows and rows of great butter lamps of solid gold. Lighted by the tender radiance of these thirty or forty beads of light the great glowing mass of the Buddha softly looms out ghost-like and shadowless. The crown is perhaps the most interesting of the many jewels. It is a deep coronet of gold, set round and round with turquoise and heightened by five conventional leaves, each enclosing a golden image of Buddha and encrusted with precious stones. In the center, below the middle leaf, is a flawless turquoise six inches long and three inches wide, the largest in the world".

Paganism is always superstitious. All the worship, beliefs and customs are based on superstitions which seem very foolish to us whose minds are enlightened by Christian truth. The belief in evil spirits lies at the foundation of most heathen superstition. In the minds of heathen peoples the whole world is full of these evil spirits which are seeking to bring trouble on them and therefore must be appeased by some kind of worship.

In Nigeria the people worship Esu the devil. Sometimes the family builds a house for Esu in front of their own dwelling. There they place a mat and some food, believing that the evil one will be beguiled by their provision for his comfort to stay in this camp house and so not enter the home.

Miss Ruth Walden tells of altars at the forks of the road near her home in the chief city of the Benin tribe of west Africa. To these altars come crowds of people in the evening bringing their gifts—banana stalks, foods of different kinds, bottles with water in them, chickens which they kill thus offering their blood sacrifices to their gods. For those who are sick they bring gifts, burning them on the altar, believing that by so doing the diseases will be left on the altar and their loved ones will be well. Once when Miss Walden was working with flowers in her front yard some friendly boys came to speak warning words saying: "Do not go near those altars. The first person who passes after a sickness is brought to the altar will surely be afflicted with that same disease". They could not understand why Miss Walden was indifferent to their warnings.

A missionary in China tells about seeing two women approach a shrine carrying in their hands paper and fire. The paper was burned on the altar while above the flames the two women, their faces distorted with writhing pangs of sorrow, waved a child's garment asking that the demon would permit the child's spirit to return. The point in this ceremony was that the child was very ill and the women thought that if the demons could not be persuaded to give up the spirit which they had taken away the child would die.

These are merely illustrations of the thousands of superstitions which are parts of pagan worship. We wonder how intelligent people can be so foolish in their worship ideas. We must understand that it is but the natural groping of human beings to find a god worthy of worship and to find a way of peace for their troubled hearts and a way of salvation for their sinful souls. Miss Susan Anderson, in *So This Is Africa*, gives a Christian girl's explanation of her idol worship before her conversion to Christianity. The girl said: "I knew that the idol I worshiped could not see and could not hear but somehow I hoped that my worship of it would bring me aid from One who could help me. Now that I am a Christian, I know that I was trying to make that idol do for me just what Christ wants to do for me—bring me in touch with the great God—and that is the reason why I want to go and tell every woman I see worshipping idols that I know the One whom she is needing and seeking, Jesus". Miss Anderson says: "Since hearing those words I have looked upon idol worshipers with more understanding. When I come across food and water at some place of worship or find a stone covered with the blood of some chicken or animal, I walk a little more softly before them".

Surely as we behold the devotion of pagan people to their gods we, too, feel that we must walk softly. As we see that Japanese woman who measured the length of her body on the ground over and over for fifty miles, with the thermometer standing at 120 degrees, that she might ring the bell in a temple to awaken her god, we must tread softly.

Next door to Miss Walden lived a chief of the Benin tribe. In his house, built around the wall somewhat off of the ground, was a long altar on which stood many idols. Every morning about 5:30 o'clock Miss Walden heard this man begin to pray to these idols. On until 9 o'clock his worship continued as he brought his gifts and cried out to his gods. Surely we must tread softly in the presence of such devotion, even to false gods.

Over half of the world's population is pagan. Over 100 million in Africa, over 400 million in China, over 300 million in India, over 90 million in Japan, other millions in the islands of the sea are pagans in the strictest sense of the term, worshipping gods of different kinds and knowing nothing of the one true God. When we realize that the Mohammedans numbering over 200 millions are pagans, in that they have a wrong conception of God and do not know His Son Jesus, and that millions who are numbered among Christians bow before images and observe religious ceremonies that are more pagan than Christian, we can understand that a vast majority of earth's people live in pagan darkness, worshipping false gods that can give them no comfort and peace in this world and no promise of salvation in the world to come.

These millions of pagan peoples are a great challenge to the Christian witness, to send to them the Word of truth, replacing their dead idols with the living God, their empty religious ceremonies with a spiritual worship and their pagan darkness with Christian light.

The PRICE of PAGANISM

THE world pays a high price for paganism. The following are cited as among the costliest:

Disease—The physical suffering of heathen people is great. Paganism teaches no rules of sanitation and offers no scientific cure for diseases. Paganism has never built a hospital and has never trained a real doctor.

In Africa plagues of malaria, yellow fever, smallpox, sleeping sickness, dysentery, blindness and leprosy take their yearly toll of human life. For the treatment of these ailments paganism provides only the witch-doctors who rely upon poisonous weeds and incantations, disregard hygiene and so help to spread rather than to cure these diseases.

Much heathen worship is connected with physical suffering. Pagans believe that sickness is caused by evil spirits and so worship idols in an effort to drive the evil spirits away. For illustration, in Africa the people worship the smallpox god. At the smallpox season, when the people are afraid of the disease, they make their offerings to this god. Miss Walden tells that in one village when there was a smallpox epidemic the smallpox priest put up a new white idol and fenced it in, allowing the people to come only to the fence for their worship. When the priest himself died with the smallpox the people lost faith in the god and went to the Christian missionaries to learn a better way.

A favorite treatment of heathen doctors is to stick needles in the human body to drive out the evil spirits. Sometimes hundreds of such needle pricks can be found in one body. Once a mother brought a three-weeks-old baby to a missionary dispensary in China. The child was a pitiful little object of mere skin and bone. The mother explained that it had either been poisoned out of spite or was possessed of an evil spirit. "See", said she, "I have done all I could to let out the poison or

devil"; and she pointed to a number of small deep cuts with the blood dried on them. The mother, in her superstition, had mutilated the body of her baby in this terrible way.

Low Levels of Existence—The standards of living for pagan people are usually very low. Their homes are filthy, unsanitary and uncomfortable huts, usually inhabited not only by large families but also by as many domestic fowls and animals as the family can afford. Millions of people in pagan lands are constantly on the verge of starvation and have never in all their lives had enough to eat. The ordinary comforts considered necessary in our way of life are unknown in Africa and among the masses of people in India, China and Japan.

Paganism breeds immorality. In Africa a man's standing is estimated by the number of wives in his compound. In China, too, a man thinks nothing of taking a second wife or maybe more into his home. After living for years in India Lord Macaulay said of Hinduism: "Of all superstitions it is the most immoral. Emblems of vice are objects of public worship. Crimes against life, crimes against property are not only permitted but enjoined by this odious theology". One writing of the immorality of Buddhism says: "The most hideous ceremonies, the most obscene books that human hands ever wrote or the human brain ever conceived, the most bestial forms that ever passed under the name of religion have all been the creation of degraded Buddhism".

Degradation of Women—Once a missionary visited an African chief. As he entered the dark hut he thought he saw an object lying over in one corner. As his eyes became accustomed to the darkness he realized that it was an old woman and was told that she was one of the wives of the chief and that she was blind. Said the missionary, "We could perhaps cure her in our Christian hospital". The chief merely shrugged his shoulders as he said: "Oh, why bother? She doesn't matter". That is the pagan attitude toward women. They "don't matter". When Buddha was asked whether a woman could tread the noble eightfold path he said: "No", that women's feet were too weak to tread it. In the Buddhist faith no woman, as a woman, can be saved. Her only hope is that by austerity, by prayers, by offerings to the priest she might, in some far distant turn of the wheel of existence come back to earth as a man and then be a subject of salvation. Confucius taught that a woman had no soul and so was inferior to man. Before Christianity changed the Chinese attitude toward women there was no education for women who then were looked upon as "stupid females" who could not learn.

With the degradation of women have come the degradation and mistreatment of children. The child-widows of India, the custom of foot binding in China, the destruction of motherless babies in Africa and other atrocities perpetrated on children have through the centuries been the price which paganism has demanded of child-life. While, with the advance of Christianity, some of these heathenish customs against childhood are passing away, the lot of pagan children is still far from a fortunate one. Girl babies especially are little wanted and little appreciated by many pagan parents.

Fear—The lives of pagan people are dominated by fear, "fear of the spiritual power of evil spirits that are all pervasive and lying ever in wait to hurt". Pagan fear has been described as follows: "Ghosts of the most diverse kind lurk in houses and village; in the field they endanger the produce of labor; in the forest they terrify the wood-cutter; in the bush they haunt the wanderer. From them come diseases, madness, death of cattle and famine. Malicious demons lie in wait for the child from the day of its birth; they swarm around the houses at night; they spy through the chinks of the walls for the helpless victims. Gigantic spirits stride through the villages scattering epidemics around them; they duck in the sea and rivers with the view of dragging travelers into the depths. They are not laugh-

ing fauns or mocking satyrs but merciless messengers of death". How terrible it is that over half of the people of the world are possessed by such fears as these!

Hopelessness—The highest price of paganism is the hopelessness of its victims. Pagans live a hopeless existence in this world and they face a hopeless eternity. All pagan religions are an effort to find something that will satisfy the hunger of the soul and bring hope for time and eternity. A visitor stood in a ramshackled old heathen temple in China and witnessed the performance of a native as he tried to worship his god. He burnt incense and poured out libations of wine and water. He placed before the idol meat and other provisions for a banquet. He prostrated himself on the dirt floor and struck his forehead three times upon the ground. When he arose to go the visitor asked: "Has this worship helped you? Has it given you peace?" After hesitating a bit the worshiper answered, "No".

No pagan worship brings peace. There is no satisfaction in it. There is no hope in it. People whose god is an image of wood and stone live a miserable existence from day to day and face death with a sense of terror and hopelessness. Someone has described the hopelessness of heathenism as follows: "I do not know of a more pitiful object than an old heathen woman who sees death approaching. The long years of weary, monotonous drudgery have dragged slowly by. She has had no Christian sympathy, no songs of love, no sweet hour of prayer, no Bible, no Christ, no hope of better times. And at the end of the dreary journey she stands beside a big hole in the cold ground and imagines the devils are all around her waiting to push her in; and there is no eye to pity and no arm to save".

This is heathenism—hopeless in life, hopeless in death, hopeless for eternity. It is enough to arouse the heart of every Christian to do his utmost to give the Gospel of light to all who dwell in pagan darkness.

The CHRISTIAN WITNESS IN PAGAN LANDS

SAID a Hindu to Dr. E. Stanley Jones: "You are the boldest man I have ever seen. You say that you have found God". Yes, we who are Christians have found God whom the pagans vainly seek in their many forms of worship. We have found Him in the person of His Son Jesus. The heathen make their idols in an effort to have some tangible something to represent their god, some object to which they can give their soul's devotion. Jesus is tangible. He is real, He reveals God to us. Jesus is the answer to every desire of the pagan heart. "The greatest news that has ever been broken to the human race is the news that God is like Christ".

We Christians who have found God in Christ must share Him with the millions who are seeking God but can never find Him in their heathen worship. When Christ is proclaimed, the heathen heart responds; when His Gospel is preached, the heathen ear listens; when He is lifted up, the heathen soul is drawn to Him. "Jesus appeals to the soul as light appeals to the eye, as truth fits the conscience, as beauty speaks to the aesthetic nature. Christ and the soul are made for one another and, when they are brought together, deep speaks to deep and wounds answer wounds" (Dr. E. Stanley Jones).

Years of Christian witness in pagan lands prove the power of Christianity to save the souls and transform the lives of heathen people. It isn't easy for pagans to comprehend and accept the blessed truths of the Bible. Age-old customs and superstitions and the idol worship which have lasted for many generations are not easily relinquished but when the people are willing to give Jesus a chance He casts out every fear, transforms their lives and brings joy, peace and the assurance of salvation to their souls.

The Christian witness proclaims Christ in a heathen village. The people hear and gradually understand and accept the message. They burn their idols, they

clean up their homes and their lives, they learn to read that they might read the Bible, they plan for a better education for their children. Their faces change, their lives change, their village becomes a different place. This has happened many times and could happen in every heathen community if there were enough Christian witnesses to reach them all.

A few years ago we were charmed by the magnetic personality and the sweet Christian graces of Mrs. F. Y. O. Ling who traveled through our southland as a representative of the W.M.U. of China. We must remember that she would have been a pagan except for the saving power of Jesus. Miss Neale Young tells us of the beautiful Christian life of her W.M.U. helpers among the African women. With bundles on their heads and their babies tied to their backs they will go from place to place to teach African women to serve the Master. They say, "We count that day lost when we have not led some soul nearer to Jesus". We must remember that these were once pagan women. Generalissimo and Madam Chiang Kai-shek, Kagawa and thousands of others, who could be named as noble Christians, would be pagans except for the redeeming power of Jesus in their lives.

Sadhu Sundar Singh, a great Christian of India was asked, "What have you in Christianity that you didn't have in other religions?" He answered, "I have Christ". Again he was asked, "What particular principle or doctrine have you found?" and his answer was, "I have found Christ". It is the mission of the Christian witness to help pagan people to find Christ, for in Him they find all that they need, all that they desire. When they know Jesus they can join us in saying to Him in the words of the poet Geo. W. Doane:

"Thou art the Way: to Thee alone from sin and death we flee;

And he, who would the Father seek, must seek Him Lord in Thee.

"Thou art the Truth: Thy Word, alone, true wisdom can impart;

Thou only canst instruct the mind and purify the heart.

"Thou art the Life: the rending tomb proclaims Thy conquering arm;

And those, who put their trust in Thee, not death nor hell shall harm.

*"Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us and them to know that Way,
That Truth to know, that Life to win which leads to endless day".*

LIGHTS against PAGAN DARKNESS

CHRISTIAN witnesses have set many lights to shine against the background of pagan darkness. Every Christian hospital, every Christian school, every Christian church, every Christian home, every Christian individual, missionary or national in a pagan land are lights helping to dispel the darkness of heathenism.

The LIGHT of Christian Education—Paganism is born of ignorance and breeds still more ignorance. Therefore Christian education is a means of dispelling heathen darkness. Christian missions of every denomination in every land have established schools which shine as a brilliant light against the darkness of paganism. Schools are powerful agencies for evangelization in the saving of students, in the reaching of pagan homes and in the training of those who become witnesses of light in pagan darkness.

The Light of Christian Literature—The entrance of God's Word gives light. The Bible may be read in almost all pagan languages, and as it is read and the people receive its message Christian light shines amid pagan darkness. A group of converted Hottentots once said: "When the Bible came to us we were naked; we lived in caves and on the tops of the mountains; we painted our bodies with red paint. The Bible charmed us out of the caves and from the tops of the mountains. Now we know there is a God".

The Light of Christian Healing—A heathen man in China was heard to say of a Christian doctor whom he saw walking down the street, "There goes Jesus Christ". When asked why he spoke thus he replied: "Does he not help the poor, heal the sick and preach the Gospel?" Such is the heathen testimony to the light shining in the lives of medical missionaries. In China and Africa southern Baptist hospitals and dispensaries have been most effective agencies for the dispersion of Christian light. Last year more than 3000 patients were treated in our hospital in Ogbomosho, Nigeria. That means almost 3000 pagan lives, almost that many pagan homes and perhaps hundreds of pagan communities touched by the Gospel. One writing of the healing work last year in China says: "The rich and the poor, the high and the low have come for healing but have found that which is more greatly to be prized, even the knowledge of Him who came to bear their sins in His own body". In this time of war the work of the medical missionary is making a profound impression on the heathen world and many are turning from pagan darkness because they see the light of Christian healing.

The Light of Christian Relief—Today against the darkness of paganism shines the light of Christian relief work. It is the Christian people of the world who are feeding the hungry and ministering to the homeless and helpless refugees of pagan and other lands. We are glad that in the last five years southern Baptists have given a million dollars for "World War Relief". Every month \$35,000 goes from our Foreign Mission Board to feed China's hungry millions. In a recent issue of *The Commission* we read that grateful citizens of a war-torn city in China have set up a plaque reading: "Our deep gratitude to the families in this place who, through the thing inside them called Christianity, have done more to nurse our sick and our wounded and to help our troubled people than any group we know". That "something inside people called Christianity" expressing itself in loving ministrations for suffering peoples will lead nations from pagan darkness to Christian light.

The Light of Christian Evangelism—All Christian lights in pagan lands are evangelistic. Christian missionaries feed the hungry, cure the sick and enlighten the mind that they might win lost souls to Christ. We rejoice because pagan hearts are open to the Gospel message as never before. The unreached pagan villages of Africa beg for missionaries. Of China it is said: "More people are ready to hear, more hearts are friendly to the Gospel than ever before. American aid to China has created friendship. Gifts to the suffering, starving people and the saving of homeless little ones have prepared the masses to hear about the love of Jesus". It is the blessed privilege of southern Baptists to meet these evangelistic opportunities of pagan lands by sending Christian witnesses who will set so many Christian lights shining in the heart of pagan people that heathen darkness shall disappear.

PAGANISM in HIGH PLACES

It is a sad fact today that paganism is not confined to pagan lands. Pagan ideals have pushed their way up to occupy high places, even in lands long considered Christian. The present global war is a product of paganism and is a struggle between Christian and pagan philosophies.

Naziism is pagan. It denies the supremacy of Christ and repudiates all His teachings. It sets up the state as being more important than the individual and makes idols of materialistic philosophies and of Hitlerism and German nationalism. The idea that the German people are a superior race and therefore must rule all other races has led them to commit crimes which place them among the most cruel and vicious of pagan peoples.

Japan has always been numbered among pagan nations. In this present struggle she is graphically proving the power of paganism to debase the ideals of a people.

Japan, too, is making a god of her nationalism. Emperor worship and the idea that the Japanese are a superior race are back of the brutish behavior and the cruel atrocities perpetrated by Japan upon her enemies.

Our nation, counted among the Christian nations of the world, has entered the war to save herself and the world from these pagan ideals. But the questions arise: "Is our nation altogether free from paganism? Is she not in danger of being defeated within by the same foes which she fights without? Does America have any idols? Is America in any sense pagan?"

Sadhu Sundar Singh, a notable Christian convert of India, once made a speaking tour through our country. When, on leaving San Francisco, he was asked what he thought of America his reply was: "I fear that America will lose her own soul in her luxury and her mad absorption in pleasure". A young Chinese, after studying in America several years, said: "You Americans haven't any golden calves but you have other idols. You bow down before the biggest factory, the tallest building, the fastest auto. A creed for you would have to start with something about mass production and end with praise of cash surplus. I'll be glad to get back to China where life is simpler and our gods less a menace". We fear that this indictment against American paganism by foreign visitors is all too true.

The fight between pagan and Christian philosophies must continue on the battlefields of the world and within American life. We may win in the struggle with nazi, fascist and Japanese paganism but if within our own nation we continue to worship at the shrines of godless materialism, racial prejudice, economic injustice and sinful pleasures our fight against paganism will be lost.

Paganism is a challenge to Christian witnesses at home and in other lands. Let us send the Gospel to every heathen community in the world. Then let us make our own land so Christian that pagan philosophies will be swallowed up in the ideals and teachings of Jesus.

MEDITATION—That ALL PAGANS MAY KNOW

"They have no knowledge that carry the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save". In these words the prophet Isaiah describes the futility of pagan worship.

"Look unto Me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else". In these words Isaiah gives God's message to all heathen people.

"The word is gone forth from My mouth in righteousness and shall not return, that unto Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear". This is the promise of success to Christian witnesses who proclaim to pagans the Gospel of salvation.

In this closing moment of meditation may we realize the lost condition of heathen people. May we lead them to find in Jesus the God whom they seek, that they may look to Him from the ends of the earth and be saved. May we continue our witness to heathen peoples until every pagan knee shall bow before God, until every pagan tongue shall call upon the name of Jesus for salvation and until every pagan soul shall find joy, peace and satisfaction in His love.



QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Define paganism.
2. What are the great pagan nations of the world?
3. How many pagan people are there in the world?

4. Tell of some pagan superstitions.
5. Discuss the physical suffering of pagan peoples.
6. Tell of the immorality of pagan religions.
7. Tell of the fears of pagan people.
8. Why do pagan religions give no hope to people?
9. Discuss the power of the Christian witness in pagan lands.
10. Tell of some Christian lights that shine amid pagan darkness.
11. Discuss nazi paganism.
12. Is there any paganism in America?
13. Discuss the present war as a struggle of Christianity against paganism.

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 3, Ala. See list of leaflets on page 3.

The Window of Y.W.A.	—World Comrades
The Commission	—Southern Baptist Home Missions
State Denominational Papers	
Christ of Every Road.....	E. Stanley Jones
Day Dawn in Yoruba Land.....	C. E. Maddry
So This Is Africa.....	Susan Anderson
Only a Missionary.....	T. B. Ray
The Desire of All Nations.....	Egbert W. Smith

THIS MONTH and NEXT

Worthy for unnumbered good reasons is the reaching of the Standard of Excellence by each W.M.U. organization whether for women or young people. Since each of these standards is reckoned with the calendar year, there are now only two months left for checking up and attaining desired goals. All such is clearly set forth on pages 27-31, 83-85 of the 1943 W.M.U. Year Book. Earnestly seek to be standard!

SAFEGUARDING NOV. 29-DEC. 3

"Earnest effort by the W.M.S. to guard against the holding of study courses or other activities during the Seasons of Prayer"—Thus is set forth an established policy and purpose of Woman's Missionary Union. If your church or association is planning to use November 29-December 3 for emphasis other than that of the W.M.U. Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, please promptly endeavor to get all such plans changed so as not to divert attendance upon and earnest interest in the approaching Season of Prayer.

THANKS for ROYAL SERVICE GROWTH

THANKS to you, your circle, your society and to thousands of others who join with you in using mission literature to promote the Kingdom of God, the circulation of this magazine for November will be 127,000 copies. Please sustain and help to increase this record by renewing and by getting others to renew and yet others to subscribe at 50c a year each to

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For a DEBTLESS DENOMINATION (Concluded from Page 6)

Baptist ranks. Let all who have subscribed to the Hundred Thousand Club or other efforts for debt-clearance keep right on to the end. Let also others, who have had only intermittent participation or none, now come in with the reinforcement of their gifts to provide the momentum to put us all over the goal line with ample margin to spare.

Here at Southwestern in the very beginning days of our new semester we have enrolled seven hundred consecrated young men and women who are devoted to training for efficiency in Kingdom building. What an army! This same situation can be duplicated in our other seminaries. One can hardly trust himself for fear of seeming to write with exaggeration as he contemplates the incalculable potency of such a company. Think of the new day of privilege and progress for these institutions unshackled by debt—turning staggering sums which have gone in interest payments into capital for better equipment, increase in teaching personnel and the other indispensables for better work all along the line. Then lift up your eyes to see this rich stream of trained leadership meeting the new day and the waiting isles and nations with the one adequate message: namely, that of redeeming love as expressed on the cross of Calvary.

Altogether now! We are on the last miles of the journey leading into the station of freedom from debt. With the help of God and our unstinted cooperation we shall travel these remaining miles honorably, gloriously, victoriously.

LIST of CAUSES (Concluded from Page 9)

34. Bible Fund of Publishing House, Rio, Brazil.....	5,000
35. Rent and Student Employment Fund, Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina.....	300
36. Seminary Building Projects, Buenos Aires, Argentina.....	5,000
37. Building, First Baptist Church, Temuco, Chile.....	1,000
38. Expenses, Industrial Institute, Corrente, Brazil.....	800
39. College Church, Rio, Brazil.....	5,000
40. New Mission in West China.....	5,000
41. Upkeep Training School, Buenos Aires, Argentina.....	250
42. Day Schools, All China.....	2,000
*43. Current Expenses, Seminary, Hwanghsien, China.....	1,000
44. Current Expenses, Seminary, Ogbomoso, Nigeria.....	1,500
45. Love Building, Rio College, Brazil.....	7,500
46. Don Pablo Besson Memorial Church, Buenos Aires, Argentina.....	5,000
47. Building, First Baptist Church, Valparaiso, Chile.....	5,000
48. Building, Second Baptist Church, Santiago, Chile.....	5,000
49. Yet to Be Decided.....	1,650

TOTAL.....\$260,000

Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

Our program topic for this month is "Paganism a Challenge to Christian Witness" with three subheads: "Where It Holds Sway", "The Price the World Pays", "Lights against the Darkness". Mrs. Creasman in her fine development of the topic reminds us that "Paganism" and "Lights against the Darkness" are not only to be found in what we think of as heathen lands and in the islands of the sea but in all lands whether nominally Christian or heathen. The following five items have been chosen as illustrations of this fact.

Where Found—J. Edgar Hoover in an article in the *Christian Herald* says: "This country found its place in the sun under a leadership that put God and country above human selfishness and the individual; but the idolatry of materialism practiced in the generation preceding this developing generation came close to transforming our land into a new national Sodom and Gomorrah".

The Price—Mr. Hoover said the above in the light of the following facts set forth in his article: "In 1942, among boys under 21 years of age, we had an increase in arrests of 17 per cent for assault, 26 per cent for disorderly conduct, 30 per cent for drunkenness and 10 per cent for rape. The increase in arrests among girls under 21 is disgraceful and alarming: last year there were increases of 29 per cent for homicide, 27 per cent for larceny, 64 per cent for prostitution, 124 per cent for vagrancy, 69 per cent for disorderly conduct and 39 per cent for drunkenness".

Where Found and the Price—We are informed that the Bohemian Bible Society has been forbidden to publish or distribute copies

LIGHTS against the DARKNESS

A young man in the American army in Burma writing to his father, a Baptist minister, paid the following tribute to Baptist missions in Burma: "Burma missionaries must be a wonderful folk. You might write to *Missions* and say that, from everything I can learn, they are loved and revered by every one with whom they come in contact. They certainly have helped greatly the reputation of America".

The China Critic, organ of the intellectuals, often severely critical of Christian work in the past, says: "One of the many things that have come out of the present war has been the realization that, whatever doubts may have existed in the past, Christian missions in China fully and indisputably justify their existence. . . . They have definitely their place in the life of the nation". Look up your September *Commission* and on page 20 read what is said there of the sacrificial giving of some of the members of our Chinese W.M.U.

From the *Christian Century* we learn that education in south Africa is still in the hands of Christian missions. African teachers are trained by missions in missionary schools which are crowded and have long waiting lists.

A new experiment in British religious life has been taking place in Birmingham, England. Twenty-one students, both men and women, assembled for an 11-weeks' course in Christian youth leadership—*Watchman-Examiner*.

Notwithstanding the difficulties ahead of them 73 missionaries have embarked from the United States for mission fields in Africa and Asia. So says the secretary of the Foreign Mission Conference.

of the Scriptures in Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia and that Ernst Harack—son of the famous Professor Adolf Von Harack known to every Christian student, a man who was a brilliant lawyer and who served his government loyally until the Nazis came into power—has fallen a victim as one whose life and teachings are contrary to the pagan edicts of Adolf Hitler.

Where Found—According to report a world center of Buddhism, corresponding in importance to the Vatican as the seat of Roman Catholicism, is to be set up in Japanese-occupied Thailand. Buddhism is the state religion of Thailand. At the same time the Japanese are seeking to win to Buddhism those people of Burma who are not yet of their faith and to this end have already started a Buddhist organization there.

Where Found and a Ray of Light—Mission circles in Turkey say that the die-hard fanatical sections of Mohammedanism in Turkey are still active but that the new Turkish translation of the Bible is responsible for new understanding and tolerance toward Christianity in Turkey.

Calendar of Prayer November, 1943

Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

THOU who wouldst teach, hast thou been truly taught?
Hast thou in thy soul's call true beauty wrought?
Thou who wouldst others feed, art thou full fed?
By thee to green wide pastures can the young be led?

—Fannie E. S. Heck by Mrs. W. C. James

1—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. H. Rodriguez, Arriete, Rev. and Mrs. M. Vasquez, Quiebra, Cuba, evangelistic work

Thou in Thy mercy hast led forth the people which Thou hast redeemed.

—Ex. 15:13

2—TUESDAY

Baptist believers in Manchuria

The hand of our God was upon us, and He delivered us from the hand of our enemy.

—Ezra 8:31

3—WEDNESDAY

Annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of California Fresno, Nov. 3

Only fear the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your heart.—1 Sam. 12:24

4—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. B. H. Culyepper, Misses Fern Harrington and Clois Morrison, evangelistic work, Chinese Language School, Baguio, P. I.

The Lord is their strength and He is the saving strength of His anointed.—Psa. 28:8

5—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Pasetti, W. Tampa, Fla., Miss Tenette Lavender, Kansas City, Mo., evangelistic work among Italians

The Kingdom of God is not meat and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.—Rom. 14:17

6—SATURDAY

Misses Jennell Greer, 16 Cornelia Leavell and Virginia Matbos, appointees to China, College of Chinese Studies, Berkeley, Calif.

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.—Rom. 8:16

7—SUNDAY

Royal Ambassador Ficus Week, November 7-12

That ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.—1 Cor. 1:8

8—MONDAY

Rev. T. A. East, Houston, Rev. E. Ortega, El Paso, Rev. E. Garza, Abilene, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans

Unto everyone of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.—Eph. 4:7

9—TUESDAY

Annual meetings of Woman's Missionary Union of Texas, Dallas, and of Arizona, Phoenix, November 9-10

Whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God.—1 Cor. 10:31

10—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Riffley and Miss Minnie Landrum, educational-evangelistic work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

That ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will.—Col. 1:9

11—THURSDAY

World-wide peace according to Christian principles

The Lord will give strength unto His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.—Psa. 29:11

12—FRIDAY

Dr. and Mrs. C. Richardson, Kansas City, Mo., Miss Eunice Jackson, Raleigh, N. C., educational-evangelistic work among their own Negro race

Fear not, neither be discouraged.—Deut. 1:21

13—SATURDAY

Miss Flora Dodson, Hongkong, and Miss Jessie Green, Wuchow, and Miss Lydia Greene, Canton, China, educational-evangelistic work

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side . . . then had the enemy swallowed us up quick.—Psa. 124:2-3

Calendar of Prayer for November

14—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Newton, Mrs. E. F. Tatum, emeritus missionaries. China
They shall eat of the fruit of their doings.
—Isa. 3:10

15—MONDAY

Annual meetings of Woman's Missionary Union of New Mexico. Portales, Oklahoma. Oklahoma City, Nov. 15-16
Exalt ye the Lord our God and worship at His footstool: for He is holy.—Psa. 99:5

16—TUESDAY

Rev. W. D. Baker, Ft. Worth, Tex., Rev. G. Bellamy, Oklahoma City, Rev. A. L. Lowther, Tulsa, Okla., Rev. A. E. Pardue, Baton Rouge, La., special city evangelistic work
Keep the Sabbath day to sanctify it, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee.—Deut. 5:12

17—WEDNESDAY

Missionary appointees: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hughey, Russia, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Underwood, Brazil
That all the kingdoms of the earth may know that Thou art the Lord God, even Thou only—II Kings 19:19

18—THURSDAY

Rev. C. G. Carter, El Paso, Texas, Rev. A. L. Kirkwood, New Orleans, La., Rev. M. C. Stith, Washington, D. C., special evangelistic work in cities
The Lord give thee wisdom and understanding.—I Chron. 22:12

19—FRIDAY

Rev. and x†Mrs. M. E. Brantley, educational-evangelistic work, Benin City, Dr. and Mrs. H. D. McCamey, medical-evangelistic work, Ogbomosho, Nigeria
He sent them to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.—Luke 9:2

20—SATURDAY

Rev. D. Levy, Batabano, Rev. C. Mogen, Trinidad, Rev. A. Traveise, Vueltas, Cuba, evangelistic work
The righteous Lord loveth righteousness, His countenance doth behold the upright.—Psa. 11:7

21—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Pruitt, Mrs. S. E. Stephens, emeritus missionaries from China
The Lord knoweth the days of the upright and their inheritance shall be forever.—Psa. 37:18

22—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. Hitcher, Stillwell, †Miss Helen Lloyd, Holdenville, Okla., evangelistic work among Indians
Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children.—Eph. 5:1

23—TUESDAY

Dr. and xMrs. W. H. Tipton, publication-evangelistic work, Shanghai, Dr. and †Mrs. B. J. Cautben, evangelistic work, Kweilin, China
The salvation of the righteous is the Lord; He is their strength in time of trouble.—Psa. 37:39

24—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. Paret, Buena Vista, Rev. and Mrs. E. Vasquez, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, evangelistic work
He shall reward every man according to his works.—Matt. 16:27

25—THURSDAY

That Christian people everywhere shall render humble thanks for the bountiful mercies of God
Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.—I Pet. 5:6

26—FRIDAY

xxRev. and †Mrs. P. D. Sullivan, Florianopolis, Rev. and *Mrs. S. S. Stover, Macario, Brazil, evangelistic work
Freely ye have received, freely give.—Matt. 10:8

27—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Garcia, San Antonio, Rev. D. Trevizo, Brownwood, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans
The Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.—I Jno. 4:14

28—SUNDAY

Rev. and †Mrs. W. W. Adams, emeritus missionaries from China
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.—Psa. 23:1

29—MONDAY

xx†Miss Alda Grayson, medical-evangelistic work, Laiyang, China, Rev. and ††Mrs. M. J. Anderson, missionary appointees to China
He that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about.—Psa. 32:10

30—TUESDAY

Rev. B. L. Marchant, Little Rock, Ark., Rev. J. T. Freeman, Langston, Okla., educational-evangelistic work among their own Negro race
A man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels.—Prov. 1:5

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