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Editorial

"DECLARE HIS GLORY"

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

THE theme for the 1943 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions is: "Thy God reigneth . . . Declare His glory" (Isa. 52:7b; Psa. 96:3a). It magnifies the sovereignty of God and exalts the obligation of the citizens of His Kingdom. It undergirds faith and stimulates Christian activity. At a time when earth's kingdoms totter it directs attention to the security of the eternal Kingdom. At a time, when this ruler or that is praised or condemned, it emphasizes the responsibility to make known the Supreme Ruler and the unchangeable nature of His divine Kingdom.

In the Week of Prayer and its attendant Lottie Moon Christmas Offering the opportunity comes to exalt the Christ of Christmas and to help in the world-wide extension of His Kingdom. The response of each individual member—woman, young person or child—to this opportunity will determine the measure with which His glory may be declared in earth's uttermost part. Earnest efforts to enlist the largest possible number of members in faithful observance of the prayer programs will find their just rewards in deeper devotion and in greater gifts. Knowing the fields and their needs will lead to intelligent and prevailing prayer. Knowing the needs and praying will stimulate the purpose to help in messengers and equipment. Thus in prayer and offerings we shall declare His glory.

Testimony of the thousands of societies that follow the program plans completely with daily programs and the "Day of Prayer around the World" on Friday, December 3, are convincing proof of the greater blessing and outreach of such observance. The urgency of world need calls for such complete observance by the greatest possible number of societies. Careful study of the projects included in the offering aims will certainly lead to generous giving. Certain items are starred, indicating work that has depended upon the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for support but is now closed because of the devastations of war. In many cases properties have been damaged or destroyed. These items receive the amounts indicated to be held until conditions justify their use. How needed these sums will be can be surmised, as the names are sure to call to mind the havoc which war has wrought. Preparation for post-war advance will serve to declare His glory.

The final month of the year offers opportunity to check on the accomplishments of the year. This will in many cases lead to better records if extra effort is made to catch up the requirements of the Standard of Excellence. Members encouraged to do their utmost for the debt paying effort will help to bring victory, even to attain the hope expressed in the 1940 W.M.U. annual meeting—one million dollars from W.M.U. The December meetings are of great importance. In devotion, in faithful enlistment efforts, in prayer and in gifts each of us may help to declare His glory. To Him be all praise because God reigneth, but the crown awaits the conquest—His crown awaits our conquest. In utter devotion and faithful service to that holy conquest we shall declare His glory.

For a Debtless Denomination

MY LAST CALL for DEBT-CLEARANCE

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

HERE is my last debt-appeal to our W.M.U. To my former appeals you have responded cheerfully, continuously and substantially.

When in 1933 southern Baptists were almost hopelessly in debt we asked for a joint meeting of your Executive Committee and that of the Southern Baptist Convention. This meeting was held in Washington. After many hours of prayer and conference a plan was approved and recommended to the Convention. The Convention adopted it. This was the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. It sought to secure 100,000 memberships each contributing \$1 a month upon the principal of the southwide debt.

The W.M.U. leaders immediately got busy, recommended it to all their organizations and secured many memberships. If our other organizations had done as well we would have been out of debt long ago.

But the Club grew slowly. Some became discouraged, thinking we would never secure the amount necessary; so I made another appeal. The W.M.U. answered by agreeing to undertake the securing of 25,000 memberships in the Club. They did nobly; but it was evident we would not reach our goal of a "Debtless Denomination by 1945", the Centennial of the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention, unless we could speed up.

So I called again—and very loudly. The W.M.U. in annual session in Baltimore in 1940 responded in a never-to-be-forgotten hour and in a never-to-be-forgotten way, saying that they would undertake to raise \$1,000,000 of the \$3,000,000 lacking to clear our southwide causes. They did things! In addition to securing more Hundred Thousand Club memberships, or contributions according to any state's plans, they asked for "Centennial Memberships" of \$100 each to be paid by the end of 1945. They were succeeding in a fine way; everything indicated they would reach this high goal.

Then came the war. All agreed that we should try to pay our debt before the end of 1945 so as to be ready for a great post-war world program when the dread conflict is over. Accordingly we adopted a new slogan, "Debt-Free in '43—Count on Me!" The W.M.U. heartily approved and enthusiastically entered into this effort to hasten the payment of our southwide debts.

And we are succeeding. During 1943 we have seen the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board, the Southern Baptist Hospital, the Baptist Bible Institute and the Southwestern Theological Seminary all get out of debt; and it is believed that by the time this article reaches the reader the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville will also be debt-free.

This leaves only the Convention note of about \$150,000 to be paid in order to reach our goal. This note represents the remainder of the old debt of the Education Board plus several smaller items.

On the assumption that the receipts from the Hundred Thousand Club and contributions according to any state's plans for December will be about the same as for the preceding months, we shall be about \$100,000 short. But if we can

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Preparing for Prayer Week

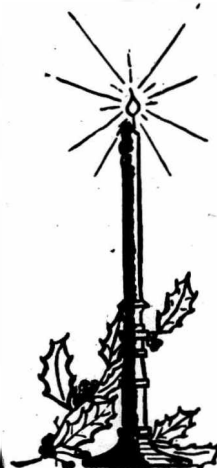
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Program

for

Week of Prayer

November 29-December 3



NOTE: The pages herewith used for the outline program of the first four days of the Week of Prayer are perforated, so that they may be easily detached for use in preparation for the week. All page references refer to W.M.S. Folder of Week of Prayer, three copies of which were issued for each W.M.S. See also pages 1, 4, 7-10, 32, 36 of this magazine.

Program for MONDAY—November 29, 1943

SUBJECT—"Thy God reigneth! The Lord hath made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God"—Isa. 52:7b, 10.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE—Hymn: "Open My Eyes That I May See"; Scripture: Psalm 96 (without Comment)

Prayer of thanksgiving that God reigneth even in midst of world chaos

WHERE the BIBLE IS LITTLE KNOWN (Page 7)

The LIGHT STILL SHINES (Page 9)

WHAT DOES NIGERIA NEED? (Page 9)

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PREPARE YE the WAY (Page 13)

PRAYER for Nigeria and for distribution of Bible to "all the ends of the earth"

MISS MOON as WE KNEW HER (See leaflet. See also page 9 of this magazine.)

The STORY of a PICTURE (See leaflet.)

SEASON of PRAYER for sacrificial giving through Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

INGATHERING of OFFERING

REMARKS by President or Program Chairman as to Week's Plans and Program

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS as to Week's Program

Program for TUESDAY—November 30

SUBJECT—"Thy God reigneth! The Lord will go before you and He will be your rearward"—Isa. 52:7b, 12.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE—Hymn: "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"; Scripture: Psalm 96 (without Comment)

PRAYER of thanksgiving that the Lord prepares and guards the way for His workers

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POOI IN BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL (Page 21)

MO KWONG HOME for BLIND GIRLS (Page 22)

PROJECTING PLANS for CHINA (Page 22)

PRAYER for progress in free China, Hawaiian Islands, Paraguay and Colombia

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 65:24

INGATHERING of OFFERING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS as to Week's Program

Program for WEDNESDAY—December 1

SUBJECT—"Thy God reigneth! Behold, I have set before thee an open door"—Isa. 52:7b; Rev. 3:8.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE—Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation"; Scripture: Psalm 96 (without Comment)

PRAYER of thanksgiving that Jesus Christ is the Door

MEXICO, LAND of STRUGGLE (Page 24)

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BRAZIL NEEDS the GOSPEL (Page 29)

NATAL (Page 29)

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PRAYER for Mexico, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil

GRATITUDE and APPEAL (Page 30)

MARGARET FUND (Page 31)

PRAYER for LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

INGATHERING of OFFERING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS as to Programs for Thursday and Friday

Program for THURSDAY—December 2

SUBJECT—"Thy God reigneth! He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength"—Isa. 52:7b; 40:29.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE—Hymn: "I Need Thee Every Hour"; Scripture: Psalm 96 (without Comment)

PRAYER of thanksgiving that "all authority hath been given unto Jesus Christ"

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PRAYER for SACRIFICIAL GIVING through LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

INGATHERING of OFFERING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS concerning Friday's Program

PRAYER for Friday's Observance as Day of Prayer around the World

For Friday's and B.W.C. program announcements, see page 9.

Program for FRIDAY—December 3

THE program for Friday, December 3, is on pages 41-55 of the week's W.M.S. Folder. Each W.M.S. is entitled to three free copies of the folder. If your W.M.S. has not received its three copies of folder, please write promptly to your state W.M.U. headquarters, address on page 2 of this magazine. Each Business Women's Circle is also entitled to a free copy; suggestions for presenting the B.W.C. program will be found in the November issue of this magazine on pages 13 and 14.

"THEIR WORKS DO FOLLOW THEM"

A FEW summers ago when having a vacation in Chefoo, China, I went one evening to do personal work at a Gospel Hall where missionaries were giving their evenings to preaching Christ to young men of the United States navy who were spending the summer in the harbor. A Chinese man came in and was among those who remained for the after-meeting; he made a profession of faith.

Wondering why he came, I asked him when he first heard the Gospel. He told me that when a boy in primary school in Tengchow an American missionary named "Mu" (Miss Lottie Moon) regularly visited the school and

told the pupils of the true God and of His Son, Jesus.

With a change in the government, a new power entering Chefoo had closed all banks of the city and imprisoned the staff until accounts could be examined. In case of a shortage of funds the staff would pay the penalty. During the days of imprisonment this man, facing uncertainty and even fearing death, remembered the teaching of Miss Lottie Moon and on being released went to look for one who could tell him more of how a sinful man could be reconciled to the Holy God by trusting in the death and resurrection of Christ.—Miss Bertha Smith on Enforced Furlough from North China

"In Eternity's Bay"

WITHIN the short space of the third week in October the youngest and the most mature members of the Executive Committee of Woman's Missionary Union both passed to their Heavenly reward. They were Mrs. Walter Lee Robertson and Mrs. Hugh McDonald. Deepest sympathy is felt toward their sorrowing loved ones, even as sincerest gratitude is expressed for their devoted service on the committee.

Mrs. McDonald was elected a member in 1921 when the W.M.U. headquarters were moved to Birmingham. In 1939 the committee was further enriched by the election of Miss Elma Currin as associate W.M.U. young people's secretary. Most enthusiastically did she thus serve until her marriage in 1941. Fortunately Mr. Robertson was a deacon in the Birmingham First Baptist Church and thus Mrs. Robertson was retained on the W.M.U. Executive Committee, being especially valuable as a member of its "Committee on Missionary Education of Young People".

Now these two members have "come unto the city of the living God . . . to the general assembly . . . enrolled in Heaven". Now they are truly radiant "in eternity's day!"

Stewardship Suggestions

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

A GHOST SPEAKS on STEWARDSHIP

DURING the Christmas season last year I reread Dickens' famous Christmas story, "A Christmas Carol". Of course we have known the story from childhood. We've wept over Tiny Tim, loved all the Cratchits, despised the stinginess and meanness of Scrooge and rejoiced when his hard old heart was melted and he was remade into a loving, kind and generous benefactor. But somehow the *cause* of his remaking has not been sufficiently emphasized: *it was the stewardship speech which Morley's ghost made.*

Morley and Scrooge had been partners and they were two of a kind. They cared neither for God nor man but only *for the money* in their counting house. Seven years has Morley been dead. On this Christmas Eve night, he comes back to warn Scrooge who quakes with fear before the awful specter. A long chain was wrapped around the specter and the hideous clanking of it made Scrooge all but swoon. As Scrooge observed this chain closely he saw it was made of cash-boxes, keys, padlocks, ledgers, deeds and heavy purses wrought in steel.

"*I wear the chain I forged in life*", wailed the ghost. And then what a powerful *stewardship speech* that ghost made! (Would that all stewardship speakers could be so effective!)

The gist of that speech was this: "Because, while I lived, I failed to minister to my fellow-beings I am doomed to wander the whole time and *witness* the good I *might have done*. No rest, no peace, incessant remorse! Oh, woe is me that I did not know that mortal life is all too short for its vast means of usefulness, that I did not know that no space of regret can make amends for one of life's opportunities misused!"

Here Scrooge interrupts saying: "But you were always a good business man Jacob"; whereupon the ghost, wringing its hands, cried out: "Business? *Mankind* was my business; the common welfare, charity, mercy, benevolence were all my business. My trade was but a drop of water in the comprehensive ocean of my business!"

The ghost solemnly warns Scrooge. He then tells Scrooge that he yet has a chance to avoid Morley's horrible fate.

Reread the story. We need its powerful message on stewardship and our personal accountability for humanity's needs, both physical and spiritual.

As I pondered that story in my heart I thought of the great number of *fettered Christians, fettered churches*. Would the chains that bind them to their own selfish interest resemble that of the ghost?

"But there are no ghosts", you say. "The dead do not come back". No—but Jesus told of one man who *begged* to be permitted to come back to warn his brethren.

"But we are not 'Scrooges'". No—you are not. (Praise the Lord!) You are the most generous givers of any group I know. Nevertheless I am quite sure

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Book Reviews

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

For ALL of LIFE: William and Charlotte Wiser; New York, Friendship Press, 1943; 182 Pages; Price: Boards \$1, Paper 60c

WHAT happens to a mission convert when he goes home to his old environment, where there is no church, no preacher, no fellow-Christian with whom to read his Bible and talk over its application to daily living—sometimes no Bible, even, because the new convert is illiterate? Should one be surprised if he soon slips back into his old ways? Often when he conforms to heathen practices he does not even recognize them as being at variance with the standards of Jesus. He has never had a chance to learn.

This is the problem which the authors raise and try to answer in this interesting, thought-provoking book. It is one with which they are well qualified to deal, for they have been missionaries in India for more than twenty-

five years and have made intensive studies of life in villages of north India. Their matured conviction is that missions must minister to all of life, that the evangelist must be backed up by the teacher, the doctor and the trained agriculturalist and nutritionist, if the converts in the backward areas of any field are to follow Jesus intelligently and to have the abundant life He offers them.

The authors are no wide-eyed idealists. They buttress their argument with down-to-earth facts and experiences in six convincing chapters, as follows: The Light of Knowledge; The Blessing of Health; The Joy of Work Skillfully Done; The Grace of Living and Working Together; The Inspiration of Worship; All of Life for Christ. We heartily commend their book to all our people. See following suggestions for teaching.

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

*F*or *S*tudying the *B*ook

For ALL of LIFE by William and Charlotte Wiser

Mrs. Earl B. Edington, mission study chairman of Alabama W.M.U., offers the following suggestions:

Preparing to Teach:

Determine your aim in teaching this particular book. The aim of the book is to show the relationship of the Gospel to the whole of life, to show how the message of Christ touches, influences and uplifts every phase of man's life.

Seek divine help and guidance in presenting this book to your women. Prepare your heart as well as your mind for this study.

Set a definite date for each class session, announce the class far enough in advance to avoid conflicting dates and meetings. Advertise the class with an attractive poster if practical in your situation. Attractive personal reminders may be mailed out or handed out by ushers at the close of a regular worship service.

Read the entire book through first. Re-read and mark striking sentences. Add illustrations and marginal notes.

Plan definitely for each class period. Divide the chapters into five studies. Make assignments well in advance, use several women to help present the book. This stimulates thought and study and also helps the attendance. This book is not a study of one particular country but includes many places and many people. This affords a splendid opportunity to use several of your women in its presentation.

Teaching the Book:

Session I

Prologue and Chapter One: "The Light of Knowledge"

Scripture Meditation—Psa. 119:130, II Peter 1:5

—Prayer

Hymn—"The Light of the World Is Jesus" (3rd Verse)

Have a good story-teller to condense the prologue and give as a reading.

Let teacher discuss introductory material (page 11 to 23), then use one woman to tell the story of the "Pecks". Let three women hold placards—"Newly Literate", "Sophisticates" and "Average Reader"—as teacher discusses the three types of readers. Close this study with discussion of methods used to spread knowledge, using four placards to read thus: *Newspaper Evangelism, Christian Literature, Radio and Pictures.*

Sing softly as a benediction the chorus of "Send the Light".

Session II

Chapter Two: The Blessing of Health

Scripture Meditation—Matt. 4:23b, 24

—Prayer

Hymn—"The Great Physician" (1st Verse)

The teacher may use the discussion method for the material on pages 38 to 43.

Let three women tell the stories of the three medical missionaries:

(1) Nume Ebenezer—(2) Dr. McMillan—(3) Dr. McClure

Use a fourth woman to tell how a non-medical missionary helps.

The teacher may introduce two pioneers in public health—Helma Fernstrom (page 54) and Catherine Mabie (page 55) who speak in the first person telling of their work. Close this study with a discussion of the things taught by the missionaries; *nutrition, child care, alcohol and sex education* placards will be effective here in helping your class remember these four things stressed by the missionaries.

Session III

Chapter Three: "The Joy of Work Skillfully Done"

Scripture Meditation—I Thess. 4:11b, John 5:17

—Prayer

Hymn—"To the Work" (3rd Verse)

Let three women give brief pen-pictures of the farmer in India, in Africa and in Burma. Let teacher use other material in discussion, then use three women to discuss briefly: farming, homemaking and industry.

Close the study with the story, "The Greatest of All".

Sing first verse of "Work, for the Night Is Coming".

Session IV

Chapter Four: "The Grace of Living and Working Together"

(Arrange the front of classroom as a home-scene.)

Scripture Meditation—Rom. 12:9-21

—Prayer

The teacher may open the discussion by describing the family as a community. Let three women in costume give brief descriptions of family customs in China, India and Africa. If available, use copies of *National Geographic* for pictures of these three groups of people.

Teacher continues discussion of how Gospel helps the people work together in the church and the village. Close the study by describing the "World Fellowship of Christians".

Sing softly "Blest Be the Tie That Binds".

Session V

Chapters Five and Six—"The Inspiration of Worship"; "All of Life for Christ"

(Present the two chapters as a unit.)

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Margaret Fund

Applications for scholarships should be sent to the treasurer, Mrs. W. J. Cox, 235 Patterson, Memphis 11, Tenn.

MARGARET FUND STUDENTS, 1943-1944

HE eighty-six students listed below have matriculated in colleges and other schools as indicated, there being forty-two colleges, seminaries etc. attended in thirteen states and Cuba. These students represent many S.B.C. home and foreign missionaries' families. The total number of students is twenty-one less than for last year, enrolled not only from the southland, but also from Cuba, Canal Zone, Hawaii and eight foreign countries. Undoubtedly the chief reason for fewer students is that many of the young men are now in the armed forces; fervent prayer is requested for them. As for last year the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering carries an item of \$16,000 to help in providing the scholarships. Margaret Fund students are thus more closely associated with the missionary work of their parents, are thus more apt to be remembered in prayer by W.M.U. young people and women and are thus a part of the Christian stewardship of every one who contributes to the week's offering. Further information will be found in the Margaret Fund article on page 31 of the W.M.S. Folder of the December Week of Prayer.

ALABAMA

Fiedler, Leslie (Ala.) Judson College, Marion
Woodward, Adell (China) Judson College, Marion
Williams, Dorothy (China) University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa

CALIFORNIA

Rowe, Mary Elisabeth (Japan) University of Redlands, Redlands

FLORIDA

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

KENTUCKY

Bratcher, Robert G. (Brazil) Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Shepard, Samuel (Brazil) Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Shepard, John (Brazil) Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Mein, Margaret (Brazil) Georgetown College, Georgetown
Taylor, Betty (Brazil) Georgetown College, Georgetown

LOUISIANA

Bowdler, George Jr. (Argentina) Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans
Strober, Miriam (China) Louisiana College, Pineville
Eeete, William (Brazil) Louisiana College, Pineville
Eeete, Noble (Brazil) Byrd High School, Shreveport

MISSISSIPPI

Freeman, Louise (Argentina) Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain
Harris, Cita (China) Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain
Hayes, Helen (Brazil) Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain

MISSOURI

Larson, Ivan (China) Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal

NORTH CAROLINA

Blackman, Mildred (China) Meredith College, Raleigh
Greene, Charlotte (Africa) Meredith College, Raleigh
Oliver, Emily (China) Meredith College, Raleigh
Rushin, Page (China) Meredith College, Raleigh
Lide, Nina (China) Wake Forest College, Wake Forest
Lide, Betty (China) Wake Forest College, Wake Forest
McMillan, Campbell (China) Wake Forest College, Wake Forest
Corelleda, Daniel (Cuba) Mars Hill College, Mars Hill
Johnson, Eugene (China) Mars Hill College, Mars Hill
Porter, Celeste (Brazil) Mars Hill College, Mars Hill

OKLAHOMA

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

SOUTH CAROLINA

Morgan, Constance (China) Anderson College, Anderson
Porter, Margaret (Brazil) Furman University, Greenville

TENNESSEE

Craighhead, Albert B. (Romania) Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City
McGavock, Margaret (China) Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City
Lowe, Phyllis (China) Peabody College, Nashville

TEXAS

Bell, Esther (Canada) Baylor University, Waco
Bryan, Ann (China) Baylor University, Waco
Bryan, Sarah (China) Baylor University, Waco
Colpepper, Mary (China) Baylor University, Waco
Crouch, Margaret (Brazil) Baylor University, Waco
Hart, Sarah (China) Baylor University, Waco
Jackson, Everett (China) Baylor University, Waco
Jackson, Carrie (China) Baylor University, Waco
Elaine (Betty) Koon (Brazil) Baylor University, Waco
Maddy, Carolyn (Louisiana) Baylor University, Waco
Mewshaw, Dorothy (China) Baylor University, Waco
Moore, Ruth (Brazil) Baylor University, Waco
Oliver, Bonnie May (Brazil) Baylor University, Waco
Rankin, Whitfield (China) Baylor University, Waco
Parker, Carroll (New Mexico) Baylor University, Waco
Felder, Golda Jean (China) Baylor Medical School, Dallas
Johnson, Jed (Brazil) Baylor Medical School, Dallas
Blair, Judson (Argentina) Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Colpepper, Charles (Brazil) Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Morgan, Virginia (Brazil) Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Bagby, Phyllis (Brazil) Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton
Laurel, Elvia (Texas) Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton
Laurel, Emma (Texas) Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton
Ruis, Ruth (Texas) Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton
Smith, Helen (Brazil) Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton
Mewshaw, Mary Helen (China) University Texas Medical School, Galveston
Miricles, Sarah (Texas) Howard-Payne College, Brownwood
Miricles, Lydia (Texas) Howard-Payne College, Brownwood
Yearwood, Merle (Panama) Bishop College, Marshall
Blair, Marie S. (Argentina) Bartlett High School, Bartlett
Oliver, Bruce (Brazil) Dallas High School, Dallas

VIRGINIA

Bowdler, William (Argentina) University of Richmond, Richmond
Bowdler, Betty (Argentina) Westhampton College, Richmond
Crabtree, Lydia (Brazil) Westhampton College, Richmond
White, Nell (Brazil) Westhampton College, Richmond
Lee, Margaret Hung (Verginia) William and Mary College, Norfolk

CUBA

Becerra, Esther (Cuba) Training School, Havana
Becerra, Joaue (Cuba) Institute, Havana
Beyari, Ann (Cuba) University, Havana
Callejo, Clara (Cuba) Institute, Sagua la Grande
Callejo, Abner (Cuba) Institute, Sagua la Grande
Cardenas, Raquel (Cuba) Institute, Havana
Corujedo, Miria (Cuba) Institute, Matanzas
Fraguela, Isabel (Cuba) Commercial School, Santa Clara
Fraguela, Rafael Jr. (Cuba) Institute, Santa Clara
Gomez, Eduardo (Cuba) Institute, Havana
Hernandez, Eliseo (Cuba) Institute, Santa Clara
Machado, Moses (Cuba) University, Havana
Rodriguez, Gertrudis (Cuba) Industrial School, Havana
Rodriguez, Raul (Cuba) Arts and Trades School, Santa Clara
Santana, Josefine (Cuba) Arts and Trades School, Havana

For STUDYING the BOOK (Concluded from Page 12)

(Arrange a worship center in front of room by the use of a religious picture, candlesticks and the open Bible or make a worship center in the form of a poster to use on a table if the other things are not available.)

Scripture Meditation—Psa. 96:9a

Have someone to sing or use a record of "The Lord's Prayer" if available, otherwise read Luke 11:1-4.

Three brief talks on worship in China, India and Africa. Discuss remaining material.

Calendar of Prayer December, 1943

Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

The stream flowed by the city a thousand years before anyone knew it could be the light-maker for all the dark places. So we in our Christian lives are ever discovering new possibilities—making the impossible possible from the same life-giving stream of God's grace.—*Fannie E. S. Heck* by Mrs. W. C. James

1—WEDNESDAY

xxDr. and Mrs. W. D. Moore, Rome, Italy, xxMiss Eunice Penderson, Jerusalem, Palestine, evangelistic work, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hagood, appointees to the Near East; also Baptist believers in Palestine

Unto you that fear My Name shall the Son of Righteousness arise with healing in His wings.—Mal. 4:2

2—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. Wilson, Albuquerque, Min. Lillian McSwain, Santa Fe, N. M., Rev. Thomas Wade, Atoka, Okla., evangelistic work among Indians

Gather the people together . . . that they may hear and that they may learn and fear the Lord.—Deut. 31:12

3—FRIDAY

The gift of God is eternal strength through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Rom. 6:23

4—SATURDAY

xxDr. J. H. Miller, medical-evangelistic work, Canton, China, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Sears, Misses Fay Taylor and Miriam Thomas, College of Chinese Studies, Berkeley, Calif.

He that hath My commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me.—John. 14:21

5—SUNDAY

That the Little Moon Christmas Offering may be faithfully gathered and that it may far exceed the goal

All things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee.—I Chron. 19:14

6—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Cassidy, Galveston, Rev. and Mrs. N. Tijerina, Raymondville, Rev. and Mrs. P. Hernandez, Houston, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans

That they might observe His statutes and keep His laws.—Psa. 103:45

7—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Parker, educational-evangelistic work, Talca, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mitchell, appointees to Chile

O Lord, in the morning will I direct my prayer to Thee and will look up.—Psa. 5:3

8—WEDNESDAY

Rev. E. E. Steele, Atlanta, Ga., Rev. T. L. Sasser, Greensboro, N. C., Rev. T. Farr, Pensacola, Fla., special city evangelistic work

The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few.—Luke 10:2

9—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Bagby, Sao Paulo, Rev. and Mrs. S. P. Jackson, Governador Valadares, Brazil, evangelistic work

Know thou the God of thy father and serve Him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind.—I Chron. 18:9

10—FRIDAY

Mrs. Leona Wollforth, Misses Minnie Graves and Lottie Stevens, evangelistic work, New Orleans, La.

Be not afraid but speak and hold not thy peace: for I am with thee.—Acts 18:9-10

11—SATURDAY

Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Multhead, Miss Viola Campbell, educational-evangelistic work, Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Patterson, publicational-evangelistic work, Mexican Baptist Seminary, El Paso, Texas

The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge.—Prov. 15:14

12—SUNDAY

Rev. and Mrs. I. A. East, Houston, Mrs. D. Lopez, Harlingen, Texas, evangelistic work among Spanish-speaking people

My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.—Phil. 4:19

13—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Cavazos, Laredo, Rev. G. Perez, Alpine, Rev. J. Grilawa, Brownwood, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans

Then Jesus spake unto them saying, I am the light of the world.—John. 8:12

14—TUESDAY

Missionary appointees: Miss Ada Jackson, Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Howell, Nigeria; Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Townsend, China

The Lord our God will we serve and His voice will we obey.—Joshua 14:24

Calendar of Prayer for December

15—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. Qulotana, Mariel, Rev. A. Espinosa, Jovellanos, Rev. H. Valdes, San Juan y Martinez, Cuba, evangelistic work.
If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.—Gal. 5:25

16—THURSDAY

Misses Ruby Howe, Temuco, (Georgia Mae Ogura and *Oleta Saett, Santiago, Chile, educational-evangelistic work.
Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.—1 Thim. 5:21

17—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. S. E. McAdory, Union, Miss. Rev. and Mrs. W. King, Okachobee, Fla., Rev. and Mrs. L. Hancock, Anadarko, Okla., evangelistic work among Indians.
With His stripes we are healed.—Isa. 53:5

18—SATURDAY

Mr. Dr. and Mrs. M. T. Rankin, Shanghai, Misses Margie Skemate, Sun Hing, xxRev. and *Mrs. C. S. Ward, Canton, China, evangelistic work; also Page Rankin, Margaret Peard student.
Glory, honor and peace to every man that worketh good.—Rom. 2:10

19—SUNDAY

Rev. A. J. Silva, evangelistic work among Cubans, Tampa, Fla.
Many, O Lord, are Thy wonderful works.—Psa. 40:5

20—MONDAY

xxRev. and *Mrs. J. A. Lunsford, Belem, *Miss Katherine Cottens, Recife, educational-evangelistic work, Mrs. A. L. Dunstan, Campino Grande, Brazil, evangelistic work.
Covet earnestly the best gifts.—1 Cor. 12:31

21—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. F. Argues, San Antonio de Rio Blanco, Rev. and Mrs. A. Lopez, Calhacen, evangelistic work, Miss Billie Kuykendall, educational-evangelistic work, Havana, Cuba.
They that understand among the people shall instruct many.—Dan. 11:33

22—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Beloit, Wahiawa, evangelistic work, Miss Hannah Plowden, Wahiawa, Miss Alice Huey, Honolulu, T. H., educational-evangelistic work.
The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light.—Isa. 9:2

23—THURSDAY

Miss Martha Thomas Ellis, Albuquerque, educational-evangelistic work among Spanish-speaking people, Rev. and Mrs. A. Hurtado, Tacos, Rev. F. Dominguez, Asateca, N. M., evangelistic work among Mexicans.
The Lord hath brought forth our righteousness.—Jer. 51:10

24—FRIDAY

*Mrs. Anne Sowell Margrett, Honoilo, Misses Beatrice Giam, *Eunice Connell, man and *Miriam Wills, Buenos Aires, educational-evangelistic work, Dr. W. J. Kilgore, appellate, Argentina.
The Lord thy God is Ha which goeth over before thee.—Deut. 9:3

25—SATURDAY

That "peace, good-will toward men" shall prevail in all the world.
Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you.—Jno. 14:27

26—SUNDAY

Rev. and Mrs. T. N. Chinkales, evangelistic work, Curitiba, Miss Oula L. Vineyard, educational-evangelistic work, Macao, Rev. and Mrs. E. Schmidt, appointee, Brazil.
The Lord hath appointed . . . and sent them forth two and two into every city and place.—Luke 10:1

27—MONDAY

Dr. H. T. McDonald (white), Harpers Ferry, W. Va., Rev. J. L. Tilley, Raleigh, N. C., educational-evangelistic work among Negroes.
We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren.—1 Jno. 3:14

28—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. C. Huffman, Las Vegas, Rev. and Mrs. E. Rubio, Clovis, N. M., evangelistic work among Mexicans.
He that walketh uprightly walketh surely.—Prov. 10:9

29—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Perela, Cumanayagua, Rev. and Mrs. D. Fernandez, Maricao, Rev. L. M. Gonzalez, Artemisa, Cuba, evangelistic work.
God is the Lord which hath showed us light.—Psa. 138:17

30—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Webb, Rev. O. W. Reid, educational-evangelistic work, Guadalupe, Mexico.
When we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.—Rom. 5:6

31—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Cobb, Red Rock, Rev. and Mrs. M. Wesley, Red Oak, Okla., evangelistic work among Indians.
Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever!—Matt. 6:13

Attended W.M.U. Training School
Attended Southern Training School
Attended Baptist Bible Institute
Pioneer Margaret Peard Student
on On Paragon

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: The Song of the Witnesses—Rev. 5:9

"O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!"

"Come and behold Him born the King of angels!"

1st Day—Matt. 24:45-51; 20:20-28

2nd Day—Matt. 25:1-13; 1 Kings 21:1-7

3rd Day—Matt. 25:14-30; 26:14-16

4th Day—Matt. 25:31-46; 1 Tim. 6:6-10

5th Day—1 Cor. 4:2; Luke 18:18-27

6th Day—1 Tim. 1:12-17; 2:1-6;

Mark 12:28-34

7th Day—11 Tim. 2:1-4, 7-13;

Jno. 15:10-14

"O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!"

8th Day—Luke 1:1-23; 1 Jno. 4:7-16

9th Day—Luke 1:24-35; Matt. 5:43-48

10th Day—Luke 1:36-56; 10:25-37

11th Day—Luke 1:57-66; Gal. 5:13-15

12th Day—Luke 1:67-80; Rom. 5:1-8

13th Day—Luke 2:12-21, 33-39; Heb. 1:1-9

14th Day—Luke 2:1-22; Rom. 10:4-10

15th Day—Luke 23:1-3, 38; Phil. 3:1-9

16th Day—Jno. 12:12-18; Eph. 4:1-13

17th Day—Isa. 6:1-6; 33:2, 5, 6, 22;

Gal. 2:16-21

18th Day—Isa. 52:7; 55:1-12; Jno. 1:1-9

19th Day—Isa. 54:2, 3; 55:1-13; Col. 1:9-18

20th Day—Isa. 59:1, 2; 65:23-25;

Matt. 2:1-12

21st Day—Mal. 3:1-12; Isa. 9:1-7

"O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!"

22nd Day—Psa. 96:1-13; Rom. 8:31-39

23rd Day—Psa. 98:1-9; 1 Jno. 3:16-21

24th Day—Matt. 1:18-25; Mark 12:41-44

25th Day—Matt. 2:1-23; Jno. 16:15-21

26th Day—Psa. 104:31; Matt. 28:18-30

27th Day—Psa. 107:1, 8, 9, 21-32, 43;

Mark 1:1-8

28th Day—Psa. 146:1, 2, 5-18; Mark 1:9-13

29th Day—1 Jno. 4:1-10; Mark 1:14-22

30th Day—1 Jno. 4:11-21; Jno. 4:14-10

31st Day—1 Jno. 5:1-4, 10-13; Mark 7:24-30

"Pray Ye"

Giving thanks that the Christmas angels proclaimed peace

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

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

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

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

Pray that the Nov. 29-Dec. 3 Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions will be faithfully observed and that its \$260,000 goal will be far surpassed so that the feet of countless people may be guided "into the way of peace".

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Bible Study

Elia Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

The FRIENDSHIP of JESUS—John 15:8-17; 19:25-27

THE disciples of Jesus each had a special personal bond from His complete understanding: Nathanael, the guileless; Simon Peter, impulsive yet firm as a rock when disciplined; John the Baptist, a kinsman of Jesus, loyal and brave even unto death. James and John were cousins too, their mother perhaps a sister of Mary. It was to John the Beloved that Jesus entrusted the care of His mother as He hung on the cross, because His own brothers did not then believe on Him. But He could make a friend from a stranger in a moment—"Zaccheus, come down, for today I must abide at thy house". He called Philip with two words, Matthew also—"Follow Me". The family at Bethany shows His love and knowledge of each of the three. The two sisters did not always understand each other, till He taught them to do so. And Lazarus, who obeyed that loved voice from beyond the gates of death, coming back, found them open. Likewise the women who followed Him from Galilee had each her secret story of deliverance and opportunity.

There were friends by thousands, healed in body by His miracles, blessed by His preaching. If the Sermon on the Mount can thrill and pierce us as it does every time we read it, what must it have been to hear it from His lips? And so with the briefer discourses and the parables and the conversations we have, "written for us that we may believe that He is the Christ, the Son of God and, believing, may have life in His name".

We come closest to Him in studying His companionship with those He was training to carry on His work. First, they had recognized Him as the Messiah. Nicodemus said "He was a teacher sent from God", as shown by His signs; this argument Jesus Himself used, even at the end (*John 14*). They came to know Him as the Savior of the whole world, "The Lamb of God", as John the Baptist had said. Gradually they learned to see in Him the Bread of Life, the Water of Life, the Light of the World and, in a deeper and deeper sense, the Son of the Father. Yet with all this, there was a naturalness about Him that made strangers ask favors of Him and made little children come to His arms. In *John*, chapters 14-17, look at the marks of friendship: a growing understanding, a deepening love, a readiness to share experiences and suffer for each other, faith and peace and joy and unquestioning obedience, the Father's love for His Son's sake, the promise of a messenger, a recognized likeness of spirit, a desire to be always together. "No longer do I call you servants, but I have called you friends". *

After He was gone, they understood Him better as we see in the Epistles of Peter, John—ah! and of Paul, who seems to bring Him even closer to us because, though he had not known Him in the flesh, he could say, "For me to live is Christ". Compare I Peter 1:8.

* NOTE—When Jesus said to Pilate, "Then would My servants fight", the Greek word is not "bondservants" as here but "officers" like Pilate's own.

Circle Program



GOD-LOVED-HIM-GAVE

WILL YOU ???

EXPLANATORY

NOTE: It is believed that circles will profit by using a program somewhat similar if not identical to the following. It is urged that every circle make available for its program - participants each of the five magazines used as source-material for this suggested program. They may be secured as follows: *Royal Service*, 50c a year from 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham 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. (See also page 41 of 1943 W.M.U. Year Book and page 20 of this magazine.)

CIRCLE PROGRAM TOPIC:

BUILDING for a BETTER WORLD
(Foreign Missions)

Devotional Theme: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature"—*Mark 16:15*. "I am come that they might have life"—*John 10:10b*.

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Business Women's Circles

Prepared by Miss Lucille Dalton, Kentucky
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(For B.W.C. Week of Prayer program suggestions see pages 5-6 of W.M.S. Folder of December Week of Prayer and pages 13-14 of November issue of this magazine.)

INVITATION

On a large musical note, made from construction paper, write these questions: "Has Christ put a song in your heart? How are you going to let the beauty and the harmony of that song witness for Him?" Then "Come to B.W.C. (date, time and place) and learn about *The Song of the Witnesses*".

ATMOSPHERE

At a conspicuous place, near the front of the room, place a poster on which is drawn a musical staff with "Peace on earth, good-will toward men" written as the words of the song. Below this print in fairly large letters: "How shall we, as witnesses, bring this about?" The chairs should be arranged facing the front where the ones presenting the program will have adequate space for their presentation. There will probably be some decorations suggestive of the season.

PROGRAMS

Use folded programs about the size of note paper, on the front of which is drawn an open hymnal and on which the topic for the month is printed. Inside the folder print or type the outline for the program, with the names of those participating.

PRESENTATION

Proceed with the program as suggested on pages 22-31. To make the impressions more vivid, have those presenting the parts of the program (or one designated person for the whole program) hold up pictures that will give

a clear idea of what is being told. For *The Witness of the Christmas Song* use a picture of the angels singing the glorious message to the shepherds; for *A Song in the Night*, pictures of the desolation of the world into which Christ came (slaves in arenas etc.) and pictures of the chaotic condition of today's world (war scenes, scenes of degradation etc.); for *The Witnessing of Christian Singing*, a picture of missionaries leading singing or of a group of Christians singing. There should not be much difficulty in finding such pictures, and the use of initiative could make it a very effective presentation. Instead of merely holding up the pictures, the pictures could be worked into an attractive flannelgraph display. The program should be building up to a climax in *The Anthem of the Nations*. As each of these parts is given, let the one, who has the part, be dressed in costume representing the nation or race about which she is speaking. Then as the meditation is given, all participants will stand as a group, representing the host of redeemed souls, on the right of the one leading the meditation. On her left will stand several women dressed in flowing white robes to represent the witnessing angels. As the speaker mentions them in her meditation, she might indicate their presence by a nod of the head or by a lift of the hand in their direction. The degree to which this can be carried out will, of course, vary with the facilities of the room and the number of members available for the presentation.

Program Plans

Prepared by Miss Ethel Guest, South Carolina
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POSTER—Like a child's crude paper dolls, cut out several white angels (head, arms, wings extending from shoulders, long gown) and paste at different angles across top of black poster-board. Scatter some stars about. Underneath draw a musical staff, using white ink, and copy the last two measures from the carol "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" with the words "Peace on earth, good-will to men" printed under the notes. In large letters print:

"The Song of These First Witnesses"
has become a great

"Anthem of the Nations"

Hear it at the W.M.S. meeting

Time..... Place.....

INVITATION—Fold one-fourth sheet of black construction paper and cut out a large quarter-note (*doubled on straight edge*). Cut a similar one from white paper and paste inside black one. With white ink on outside of black note write "Take note". On inside white pages write: "Make a note of the fact that we shall be expecting you at W.M.S. meeting, (time, place), to hear the 'Song of the Witnesses'".

PROGRAM—Make booklets of folded half-sheet of typing paper inside half-sheet of red construction paper fastened together with colored Christmas twine. Scatter over inside backs musical notes, clef signatures, time signatures, sharps, flats. In form of cross write "The Song of (horizontally) the Witnesses" (*vertically*). Inside outline the program (see pages 22-31).

ATMOSPHERE—At the front of the room have two or three "angels" made of a large sheet of heavy white cardboard in funnel shape placed upright on the floor, large end down. A narrow, light weight board extending out front from top to form an arm should be held in place by a bright tin can, weighted to balance it. Let a crown top the can and fasten large cardboard wings to the center back. Place a candle in a holder on the extended arm. In a large room as many angels may be used as desired. Additional candles may be placed about the room but have only candle-light. To give a musical as well as worshipful atmosphere have Christmas music played softly as the group assembles. If available, violin or harp would be excellent for this or some good recorded music may be used effectively. A touch of pageantry may be used very wisely in connection with "The Anthem of the Nations". Either those who give the six divisions may be dressed according to the nation which they represent or there may be one reader and six children dressed to represent the nations. As each discussion is given, the character takes her place at the front forming a "choir". At the close of the entire discussion of "The Anthem of the Nations" this choir of world representatives may sing "We've a Song to Be Sung to the Nations". Keep a very worshipful spirit throughout and particularly during the meditation period. The program may be brought to an impressive close if a good recording of the "Halleluiah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah" could be played immediately following the meditation, while the group sits quietly with the thoughts of the meditation still on each heart.

Program Material

Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tennessee

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

Isa. 43:10, 11

TOPIC for MONTH: The Song of the Witnesses—Rev. 5:9

Hymn—Joy to the World

Bible Study—The Friendship of Jesus—John 15:8-17; 19:25-27 (Page 18)

Prayer of thanksgiving for the friendship of Jesus

Hymn—Silent Night

The Witness of the Christmas Song

A Song in the Night

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Prayer that we may be good witnesses of the Christmas message this Christmas, thus having a worthy part in the song of the redeemed

The WITNESS of the CHRISTMAS SONG

THE CHRISTMAS era was ushered in on the wings of a song. It was a song born in Heaven and sung in the still hours of the night by a choir of angels with the open sky for an auditorium and frightened shepherds for an audience.

The Christmas song was a witnessing song. The angels were sharing something that they knew with those who knew it not. An event of such importance was transpiring that all of Heaven's host must needs become witnesses to announce to the world the glad tidings. We can believe that every angel in Heaven was eager to join in that witnessing chorus. We could not imagine one making excuses to stay away from the Bethlehem sky on that first Christmas night. Every angel wanted to have a part in singing to the world the message of the coming of Heaven's King to earth's people. The Christmas song was a witnessing song because He whose coming it announced came to the world as a witness.

Through Isaiah, the prophet, God said of Jesus: "Behold I have given Him for a witness to the peoples". Jesus came to earth as a witness of the goodness, the mercy, the grace and the love of God, the Father. He was the Word, God speaking to the world. He was the faithful witness, His testimony could be relied on. He was the competent witness, for He "lay in the bosom of the Father from eternity" and knew all the Father's purposes and plans. He was the true witness, come to disclose the will of God to the world. To receive His testimony is to believe God's Word and to know and to do God's will. It is little wonder that on the arrival of God's witness a multitude of angels sang a song of good tidings.

The Christmas song was one that had to be passed on. Its message was for all people. God's Word was spoken not for just a few but for all the world. If the shepherds who first heard the angels' song had not passed it on to others no one else would have known about it. But after they had heard the witness of the angels about the birth of Christ and had verified its truth by going to the manger and beholding the Child, they in turn became witnesses and "made known concerning the saying which was spoken to them about the Child". They were overflowing with gladness and, in the rush and power of it, they were eager to share with others what they had seen and heard. "And all that heard it wondered at the things which were spoken unto them by the shepherds".

Notice the accumulative witnessing power of the Christmas song. First, it was sung only by angels. Then shepherds took up the chorus and repeated its message to others. After thirty years twelve disciples joined the choir as they began telling others about the coming of the Messiah. By the end of a century hundreds of thousands were singing the anthem of a Savior given to the world. So has the message passed on from tongue to tongue and from generation to generation until it has come to us. And now once again the Christmas song is ringing in our ears, calling us to the celebration of another joyous Christmas. The best way for us to observe Christmas is to join the angels in singing this song of joy, hope, peace and good-will to all people—to witness to our generation that the Christmas Child is God's witness to a lost world.

Let's join the glad song of the angels,
Their anthem of peace and good-will;
Let's echo the joyous good tidings
O'er mountain and valley and hill;
Till all of earth's people shall hear it
And know that there came from above
A witness sent down from the Father
To tell of His mercy and love.

A SONG in the NIGHT

THE Christmas song was a midnight song. Not only was it sung in the middle of the night, but it came at one of the darkest periods of the world's history.

The world was in the darkness of a totalitarian government. Rome ruled most of the world with a ruthless arrogance and despotic power hardly equalled in the annals of men. Conquered nations were enslaved. Men and women often times more cultured than the Romans were bought and sold like animals.

The midnight darkness of cruelty prevailed. The Romans seemed to have in their blood a lust for cruelty and delighted to show their power over the conquered peoples. Their cruelty extended even to their amusements, as the arena ran with human blood for their entertainment. It is said that during the reign

of one emperor 10,000 slaves were slain in the arena in a single exhibition while the bloodthirsty Romans looked on and exulted with great glee.

The world was in the darkness of strife and hatred. While at the time of Jesus' birth there was temporary peace, it was forced peace held at the point of a sword. Underneath the calm were dissatisfaction, hatred and the germ of insubordination and rebellion. The conquered people did not love their conquerors who had impoverished and enslaved them.

The world was in the darkness of immorality. Womanhood was degraded, there was no respect for the marriage tie, divorces were common. Drunkenness, licentiousness prevailed not only among the scourings of humanity but in the high places of government and social life. The world was in the darkness of paganism. The Romans and their conquered nations worshiped many gods and had little respect for any of them. Only the Jews knew anything about the true God; but the worship of their religious leaders had become little more than empty form. Only a few pious people in Palestine kept the heart-fires of their devotion to Jehovah while they waited for the coming of the promised Redeemer of Israel. All the rest of the world was in pagan darkness.

At this time when "darkness covered the earth and gross darkness the people", angel voices heralded the dawn of a new day. At this midnight hour of the world's history the Christmas song brought to a world of sorrow a message of joy, to a world of despair a message of hope, to a world of sin a message of salvation.

The world is again in midnight darkness. The same evils that shadowed the earth when Christ came are here today. Great totalitarian governments are again trying to rule the world with despotic power and vying with old Rome in their cruel treatment of conquered nations. Human life is cheap and the value of the individual is lost in the wicked ambitions of tyrannical leaders. Immorality that savors of the vileness of the Roman brothels prevails in low places and high; divorces are even more common than they were two thousand years ago. Pagan ideals dominate the religious thinking of most of the people of the world. A war more widespread, more cruel, more destructive than all the wars of all history rages at this midnight hour.

Yet again there is a song on the air—the lovely midnight song of the Christmas angels singing of joy, peace, good-will, salvation. It sounds like mockery amid the strife and turmoil of this chaotic world. How can we listen to the angelic chorus with the sound of bursting bombs in our ears? How can we receive its message of joy when so many are in misery, when "death takes a thousand shapes on earth, in the air, on the sea and when stark starvation stalks abroad?" On one Christmas since the present war began there appeared in a Chicago paper a cartoon picturing a globe on which were pasted the headings of the paper's issue of the previous day, giving the latest war news. Over the globe, up in the right hand corner was the star of Bethlehem, shedding its rays over the picture and underneath were these words: "Peace and good-will after nineteen hundred years". It's an ugly picture—one to give us serious thought.

But Christmas has come again—in spite of the war! The angel-song rings out again in the midnight darkness and we believe its message and take hope. We remember that even with all the discouraging conditions around us the Christ Child has won many victories. He has not only changed the calendar but He has changed millions of lives. He has not brought peace to the world but He has brought the peace that passeth understanding to millions of hearts. The Roman Caesars are only scorned names on the pages of history, but at the name of Jesus millions of knees bow and millions of tongues confess Him as Christ the Lord. The present war is being fought to protect the ideals of life which He gave to the world.

Moreover we are not hopeless as we hear the angels' song in our midnight because we know that that song will yet pervade the earth. We know that the Christmas Child will yet conquer the world. We know that His Kingdom will eventually prevail and that every promise of the Christmas song will come true.

We are told by scientists that somewhere in the atmosphere above us there is a point where all sounds—the singing of birds, the laughter of children, the shrieks of battle, the murmur of brooks and the crash of thunder—meet and blend in perfect harmony. Is this not a picture of what happens when the spirit of men rises to the high place of communion with Christ? As more and more people shall give their hearts to Jesus, the confusing sounds of earth shall change to harmonious songs of peace and good-will.

We have a "vision splendid" born with the singing of the Christmas song; the world's darkness cannot dim that vision and cannot silence that song. In the words of the poet, Bishop Ralph S. Cushman:

"This is our vision splendid!
This is our world's one hope
Amid earth's devastation
For us who dare to hope
That greed and human heartlessness
Shall finally give way
Before the angels' singing
And the Kingdom's glad new day!"

"This is our vision splendid
When doubts and fears assail,
And hopes and dreams long battled for
Are trembling in the gale:
Behold our vision splendid
Transfiguring the cross,
Transforming death to victory
And making gam of loss!"

"Dear Christ, our vision splendid,
One glimpse into Thy face,
One grasp upon Thy mighty hand
Shall stir the world apace;
O Son of Man from Heaven,
O Lord of love and grace,
Behold our devastation,
Rebuild this human race!"

The WITNESS of CHRISTIAN SINGING

CHRISTIANITY is a singing religion. In the Bible God's people were always singing. When the Children of Israel stood on the farther shore of the Red Sea facing toward the land of promise, they sang a song of triumph. When they brought up the Ark of the Covenant out of the narrow tent into the temple Solomon had built they sang a song of praise and rejoicing. The longest book of the Old Testament is the hymn-book of God's people. Jesus came to earth with a burst of song. He and His disciples sang together. The early Christian church sang. Paul wrote to the Ephesians that they were to speak "one to another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, making melody in your hearts unto the Lord".

Christianity is the only religion that expresses itself in song. "The Fetish

worshippers beat their tom-toms; the Hindoos sit by the wayside chanting their cabalistic syllable 'Aum, aum, aum'; the Moslem heeds the monotonous call, 'Allah il Allah! to prayer, to prayer!' But it is only the Christians who express their worship and their service with beautiful singing.

"Let those refuse to sing
Who never knew our God;
But children of the Heavenly King
May speak their joys abroad".

Singing has been an effective means of Christian witnessing. With the great evangelist, Moody, was Sankey; with Chapman was Alexander; with Billy Sunday was Rodeheaver—consecrated singers who by their witness of song shared in the soul-winning work of the evangelists.

Song has been used most effectively on mission fields. Christians are often spoken of as "the people with the singing religion". Times innumerable have people been attracted to Christian meetings by hearing Gospel songs on the air. Over and over has the message of a song reached a heart to bring conviction of sin and joyful acceptance of Jesus as Savior.

Once a Christian family in Brazil moved to a new community. They made no announcement of the fact that they were Christians but it was not long until the neighbors were asking them: "What is it about you that is different? You sing all the time and your songs are the loveliest we have ever heard". Then the Christians told them that they were singing of Jesus their Savior, and it was not long until the neighbors too were singing Christian songs from Christian hearts.

It is said that birds of prey do not sing. Singing does not seem to belong with killing and stealing, cruelty and bloodshed. Singing goes with love and joy, gentleness and kindness and all other Christian virtues. A woman in China was once asked if she were a Christian and her reply was: "No, I have not learned to sing yet". So closely did she associate Christianity with singing that she thought one had to sing to be a Christian. We agree with her that a Christian must sing—with the heart—even if the ear is defective and the voice cannot carry a tune. Every Christian witness wishes that he had a thousand tongues to sing the praises of his Redeemer and to sound forth to others His saving grace.

The life of a true Christian, clean, strong and pure, expressing itself in daily acts of service, is itself a song. It is a wonderful witnessing song, telling the world of the power of Jesus who plants songs in the hearts of those who believe on Him.

Lord, make my life a song,
A tender melody,
That every one who hears may know
That Jesus dwells in me.

Lord, make my life a song,
So full of harmony
That those around may hear its chords
And turn their thoughts to Thee.

Lord, make my life a song,
A lifting, loving lay,
To set the hearts of others singing
In the Christian way.

The ANTHEM of the NATIONS

AN anthem is a song in which many voices join, usually with several movements and variety of melody and rhythm and yet all blending together to make one beautiful musical paean. At this Christmas time when we are listening to the song of the Bethlehem angels and thinking about the witnessing power of Christian music, let us tune our ears to hear the anthem of the nations as the saved of many tribes and tongues witness to the redeeming power of the Christmas King.

The Minor Note of the Hebrew

To our music of the races the Jews bring the minor tones. The Christmas Child came first to His own people, the Jews. But because so few of them accepted Him their song through the centuries has been a minor wail of sadness. Thousands of times have they hung their harps on willow trees exclaiming, "How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" Today as we celebrate the birthday of their Messiah millions of Jews are homeless, helpless, poverty-stricken, starving refugees, with no songs on their lips and no hope in their hearts. Many of these will not hear the Christmas song. Others may hear but it will fall upon stony hearts of unbelief. But we can rejoice because thousands of Jews join in the song of the redeemed and because Jews everywhere are more willing to listen to the Gospel than ever before. However, even Christian Jews sing in a minor strain, remembering the woes of their people. But, as their notes blend with the song of the redeemed of other nations, they become exultant paeans of joy, praising Him who came first to the Jews. Let us add to the joy of our own Christmas by repeating the angel-song to some Jew who may, like the Jewish shepherds, go to Bethlehem to find his Messiah and worship Him.

The Staccato Movement of the Orient

The musical term "staccato" means disconnected. A staccato note is struck and then at once released. A staccato movement is usually swift with every note firm, crisp and accented. We think that the orient is supplying the staccato movement to our anthem of the nations. In China, Japan, India and other eastern lands life is a disconnected affair and events are transpiring so rapidly that one note in the movement must be quickly released to give place to the next one. People, institutions, thoughts and ideals are on the move. Old philosophies of life are changing and new philosophies are being born.

In this staccato movement we seem to hear the tramp, tramp, tramp of the feet of millions—from China, Burma, Malaya and India—as they trek to make new homes for themselves in western China. Among them are faithful Christians who are not failing to add the notes of witnessing to this staccato movement. Oriental people are more ready to listen to and accept the Gospel than ever before. One who was for some months a prisoner of the Japanese writes in the *Christian Herald*: "The money that you folk have been spending on missions in the east is the best investment you have ever made; it has created between the people of the east and the American people the only bond of understanding and the only ray of hope that is left; the seed of the Gospel which you have planted there has only just begun to grow; the church of Christ in Japan, China and Korea is absolutely indestructible". So we see that this staccato movement in the east is in many respects a Christian movement as oriental peoples are disconnecting themselves from old pagan religions to accept the Gospel and are adding their firm strong notes to our Christian anthem of the nations.

The Rhythmic Beat of Africa's Soul

The rhythm in our anthem is furnished by our black friends of Africa. The black people excel in the sense of rhythm and, when they become Christians, they use that rhythm in their souls to express their Christian joy. How the African Christians do love to sing—the very movements of their bodies expressing their love for Jesus and their joy in His service! More beautiful than the rhythm of their songs is the rhythm of their lives. No more beautiful Christians can be found anywhere than among Africa's black people.

One year the girls of our Baptist Girls' School in Abeokuta, Nigeria, came to their teacher saying: "Let us do without one meal a day and put in our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering the money it would cost". The teachers could not permit this because the girls needed the food, but they appreciated the sacrificial spirit which prompted the suggestion. Every year on the day when the offering is made the girls, all wearing white, form a beautiful procession, carry lighted candles and sing Christmas carols as they march. We cannot believe that there is a more beautiful part of the anthem of the nations than this rhythmic march of those African girls as they tell with their candles and their songs that Jesus has changed the darkness of their souls to light and their old heathen dances to rhythmic songs of praise.

The Golden Notes of the Latin Races

Much of the most beautiful music in the world has been produced by the Latin races. And today the Latin races are adding golden notes to our anthem of the redeemed. For centuries Latin people have sung their song to the false note of Catholicism, but today thousands of them are learning the true way of salvation and so their false notes are changing to golden notes of Christian joy.

Before the war blacked out the Christian light of Europe, people in Spain, Rumania, Italy and other Latin nations of Europe were turning to Christ by the thousands. We can believe that behind the drawn shades the light of Christianity still burns brightly in these lands and, when the sounds of bursting bombs cease, the golden notes of European Christians will again be heard in our anthem.

From the Latin nations of America come even now thousands of golden notes from thousands of members of our Baptist churches. In Brazil alone are over 70,000 Baptists, while Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay, Cuba and Mexico add up other thousands. Not only are these lands, in which for years we have been doing missionary work, turning to the Lord as never before, but we are entering new fields. Already we have a growing mission in Colombia and, when the war is over, we are going to enter other South American lands. So we are hoping that the time will soon come when millions of voices of the Latin races will join their golden notes to the glad song of the redeemed.

The Lyric Sob of the Negro Spiritual

It is significant that the spirituals, which are the folk-songs of the American Negroes, are all religious. "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot", "Steal Away to Jesus", "I Want to Be Like Jesus in My Heart" are expressions of the redeemed Negro's soul. Often there is a sob in the Negro spiritual, born of the trouble which the Negro race has experienced in America; but these songs also express a sublime faith, a devotion to God and a deep longing for a closer walk with Jesus. One writing of the spirituals says: "There is no other music like this: there can be no closer contact established between the human heart and its Creator than by these moonlit crystal bridges of song, builded by love and by eternal longings".

The anthem of the nations would not be complete without the Negro spiritual. We rejoice because there are great hosts of Negroes ready to sing the song of the redeemed. There is much in American life to pull the Negro away from the great verities of the Christian faith. He has had reason to doubt the sincerity of the Christianity of many peoples of the white race with whom he lives. There is still cause for the lyric sob in the Negro spiritual, for the race suffers much injustice at the hands of the white race. We can take the sob out of the Negro spiritual by a fairer treatment of our black neighbors. When Negro and white Christians join together in singing, "I Want to Be Like Jesus in My Heart" and make an earnest effort to be like Jesus in their relationships with each other, the music of the two races will blend together in beautiful harmony and there will be an ever increasing number of black voices in the song of the redeemed.

The Marching Song of America

The march is the type of music that best fits the spirit of America. We are a progressive nation, we are on the move, we are going somewhere. However, many of our American people are marching to the wrong music. They are moving downward instead of upward. The swing-music of the juke-box sounds better to them than the hymns of the church. The clinking of coin is more musical to their ears than the songs of Zion. They are stepping to jazz rather than to the great onward march of Christianity.

But there are thousands in our land whose feet are set to the marching music of the Kingdom of God. To them the Christmas carol of the angels is a challenge to add their voices to the power of this witnessing song which has been increasing in volume for almost two thousand years. To them Christmas is a reminder that they are to share with others all the blessings which the Christ Child brought to earth.

We Christians of America must add our marching song to the anthem of the nations. It must be steady and strong and true. It must lead us out to greater conquest for our King. It must lead us to the greatest witnessing program we have ever known.

Sometimes in battle when an army is falling back, a stirring march will put new courage in the hearts, and to the music of the march the men fight on to win a victory. We believe that it is American Christians who must furnish the march to encourage the hearts of the other Christians of the world and by which all Christians can march together to win victories for Christ. There are more Christians in our land than in any place else on the globe. Here is more Christian strength, there is more witnessing power than in any other place. So we must give to the anthem of the nations the march movement, singing as we move forward:

"Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before!"

MEDITATION—MY PART in the SONG of the REDEEMED

("It Come upon the Midnight Clear" may be played softly while the following is given.)

THE greatest witnessing song is not that sung by the angels on the first Christmas. The song at Bethlehem was but the overture to the great Hallelujah Chorus which will be sung by the redeemed host gathered around the throne of God. The angels' song was sung in the night; but this

other song will be sung at the beginning of the eternal day of light and glory when there will be no need of sun because Jesus will be the light. The Christmas song was sung to announce the beginning of Christianity; this other song will proclaim its glorious consummation. The angels' song praised a wee babe in a manger; this other song will praise the Lamb that was slain for the redemption of lost people. The Christmas song was sung by a host of angels; this other witnessing song will be sung by the host of redeemed souls out of every tribe and tongue and nation—ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands joining their voices in one mighty chorus as they sing: "Worthy is the Lamb that hath been slain to receive the power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing".

At this Christmas time I stand between these two witnessing songs. The old song of the Christmas angels rings in my heart, repeating its message of joy and peace, reminding me of my responsibility to share that message with others. And in anticipation I hear that other song—the new song of the redeemed by which the saved ones of all nations will witness to the power of Him who paid with His blood the price of their redemption.

The part which I shall have in the song of the redeemed depends on the part which I have now in sharing the angels' song with all people. I must sing of my Redeemer now—with all of my witnessing power. I must sing of Him who came to earth and died to save all people from their sins. Then when the time comes for me to join in that eternal song at the throne of God I shall be able to sing with exultant joy, knowing that others are singing the song of the redeemed because I told them about the Redeemer.

Lord, give me listening ears to hear and understand the song of the Christian angels.

May I share with the whole world the witness of that song.

May I sing the song of the redeemed now with the sweet melody of a heart of love, the steady rhythm of a well-lived life and the rich harmony of devoted service.

And when I join the anthem of the redeemed of all nations to sing Thy praises forever and ever, may I sing with the clear and jubilant voice of one who through life has been a faithful Christian witness.

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the witness of the Christmas song of the angels.
2. Compare world conditions of today with those at the time of the birth of Jesus.
3. Mention some hopeful things in the world situation today.
4. Discuss the witness of Christian singing.
5. Why does the Hebrew race sing in a minor note today?
6. Discuss the attitude of oriental people toward Christianity.
7. Discuss the rhythmic beauty of the lives of African Christians.
8. How are the Latin races adding golden notes to the song of the redeemed?
9. Discuss the Negro spiritual as the expression of the redeemed Negro's soul.
10. How may the marching song of American Christians lead the Christians of the world to win victories for Christ?
11. What should be my part in the song of the redeemed?

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
Southern Baptist Home Missions	—The Commission
State Denominational Papers	
The Gospel of Christmas	Dr. J. Harold Gwynne
The Glory of the Manger	Dr. Samuel Marinus Zwemer

For a DEBTLESS DENOMINATION (Concluded from Page 5)

get all the Club and Centennial memberships paid in full the first part of December so as to be forwarded before the end of the month, we shall be only about \$50,000 short. I am hoping for enough extra money to care for this. So here is my last debt appeal to the W.M.U.

Last Appeal

Please put forth a prayerful, urgent, united, persistent effort to get all Club and Centennial Memberships and any other goals for southwide debt-clearance paid in full by December 19; and

Please urge all who are not Club members or are not contributing according to their state's plan to give at least \$1 cash so as to be a Club member or contributor for at least one month; and

Please urge your treasurer to see that the money properly marked is sent in at once, so we can be entirely

DEBT-FREE in '42—COUNT on ME!

STEWARDSHIP SUGGESTIONS (Concluded from Page 10)

that our beloved dead, seeing things now as God sees them in the light of eternity, long to come back to urge us to make the best use possible of life's vast possibilities for doing good and to warn that eternal regret awaits us if we fail to do so.

Scrooge found happiness of which he had never dreamed when he practiced what Jesus taught: "It is more blessed to give than to receive". Let's try it out in full measure this Christmas.

CIRCLE PROGRAM (Concluded from Page 19)

Current Missionary Events (See page 35 of this magazine.)

Dear Mom (See December issue of *World Comrades*.)

Having Book (See December issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.*)

For a Debtless Denomination (See page 5 of this magazine.)

Chinese Christians Teach Us (See December issue of *The Commission*.)

Home Missions as World Missions (See December issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

Kingdom Statesman (See December issue of *The Commission*.)

The Big Business of Baptists (See December issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)



Our Young People

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DECEMBER

December of course means devoted observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and dedication of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Preparatory programs were given in *World Comrades* and *The Window of Y.W.A.* and the prayer programs were distributed through state W.M.U. headquarters, so all should be ready for a period of blessing in prayer and giving. Let every organization and every member of every organization have part in praying and giving—making this actually Christmas for Christ. Follow the suggestions for variety not just as "bait" but as evidence of vital thought and vigorous interest in the spread of the Gospel. Prosaic programs indicate lack of zeal for missions; avoid poor dull programs which are unjust and unbecoming of this great cause of Christ.

Ending the year when this month closes spurs to finishing up with the best record possible. Some neglect cannot be made up for and all takes its toll but some activities can yet be done. You could have a mission study class. You could secure more magazine subscriptions. You could enlist new members ready for activity in 1944.

C stands for community missions to be carried on in December. There are always stockings to fill and boxes to pack and distribute. Do not ask boys and girls to bring money without following through and letting them buy the toys or fruit and candy and letting them help in the distribution so they can really enter into the experience of sharing.

Emphasize the graded Woman's Missionary Union by well-planned promotion exercises. Make the promotion a real occasion, secure certificates from state W.M.U. headquarters, see Woman's Missionary Union Year Book for program plans. Promotion exercises will help all grades to keep from hanging on to members who should progress.

Magazines are the best gift for this Christmas. Always acceptable by young readers, this tragic year they are more desired than ever because *World Comrades* and *The Window of Y.W.A.* are both helping young people and children interpret today in the light of God's ongoing Kingdom. Unnecessary and impractical gifts will certainly not be in keeping with this Christmas: give magazines.

Buying supplies for 1944 will assure a good beginning with material well in hand. Have their own Manuals ready for the boys and girls promoted from Sunbeam Band to Junior R.A. and G.A., for boys and girls promoted from Junior R.A. and G.A. to Intermediate R.A. and G.A. Get *Guides for Counselors* if new ones are beginning or if others have tried to struggle without such help (price 25c each from W.M.U. Literature Department, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Ala.) Get new Standard of Excellence wall charts. Get seals and pennants. (Year Book carries prices and descriptions.)

Encourage new officers by impressive installation service in which your church membership shows it will cooperate and stand not only back of but also with the missionary education leaders and officers. It will help young officers and committee chairmen to feel real responsibility for their tasks to have a meaningful installation. Be sure each newly elected officer and chairman knows what and how to do his or her work; intelligent guiding from the first will save from haphazard and heedless habits.

Right after December comes January the beginning of 1944, a year holding—what? Nobody knows what—gift of peace or continuance of war—1944 will hold; but, whatever befalls, the business of missions is imperative; if it is peace, opportunities will clamor; if it is war, the need for missions will be increasing tragically because hatreds must be bridged by love, destroyed buildings must be rebuilt and broken lives reclaimed; and the longer war continues the more the problems of peace are aggravated. Missions will expect and demand more of our young people than ever, for surely we have learned that only the entrance of Christ will bring about the peace which the angels promised when Christmas began. December can hasten us toward that good day.

College Y.W.A.

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VACATION DAYS and WORLD MISSIONS

HERE may be but little college vacation provided in the streamlined schedules of war years but even the limited days in the home church should prove useful to college students and inspiring to other young people. Let the Woman's Missionary Union young people's director in your church be alert in expectation of vacationing students, planning even before they arrive for their meeting with missionary education organizations.

Away at school students have opportunity to meet denominational leaders and missionaries who visit the campus where large numbers of young people are together but who cannot visit all the individual southern Baptist churches. Coming home the students can make these leaders real personalities by their descriptions of their messages and attitudes so that other young people will feel acquainted with them and catch the inspiration of their leadership also. Most of our leaders are speaking of the promising need of many more missionaries in the post-war world; that call must be conveyed to Royal Ambassadors and Girls' Auxiliary and Sunbeam Band members so that they will be ready to reply "Here am I", in life dedication and in support by finances and interest.

On many a campus there are students of foreign birth or of foreign parents or there are missionary students. Friendships with them have broadened the thinking of our ordinary American young people and they will rejoice to tell others about these unusual personalities.

There are merry songs which can be carried from college campus to home church. There are spirited mission songs which are habitually omitted from the church singing but are part of stirring chapel singing; these can be introduced by the students while at home.

Royal Ambassadors will appreciate the return of one of their grown-up members, even as the G.A.'s. will welcome theirs. Plans should be made for such "reunions" which carry blessings both ways.

Young Woman's Auxiliaries, who at home are tempted to follow a routine which dulls missionary zest, will be quickened to worthy effort by accounts of delightful variety in the Ann Hasseltine Young Woman's Auxiliary meetings. Some auxiliaries have never glimpsed the joy of real "Christmas for Christ" giving but have plodded away on a casual dime scale; the Ann Hasseltine Young Woman's Auxiliary member home from a college like Blue Mountain, where last year's gift was \$402.66, will lift the complacent Young Woman's Auxiliary to a desire to give really worthily toward the \$260,000 goal and beyond.

The growth of the young student in spiritual power will be apparent to these who have stayed at home; and the steadfastness of their work and their development will inspire the students. Counselors will assuredly not miss the strengthening stimulus for their young people or deprive the visiting students of the encouragement of being received with specific place where each is really needed even for one brief visit. Make vacation days count for world missions.

Training School

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FOUNDERS' DAY

IT SEEMS a far cry from October 2, 1907, to October 2, 1943, but the long years were bridged as if by magic through the Founders' Day program. Three people, all vitally connected with the beginning of the Training School, were seated on the platform and participated in the program.

Miss Emma Leachman, a member of the first faculty of the Training School and serving as the director of practical mission work, led in the opening prayer. As city missionary under the Kentucky Baptist State Mission Board, the stream of this young woman's life became a part of the current of this new movement in its very beginning. It was in January of 1905 that she went to live in the little home on Fourth Street provided by the Louisville women for the first group of women students at the Seminary. In her missionary service in this great city she was already doing what these young women wanted to do. Likewise, she shared with them a thirst for a better understanding of God's Word and better ways of doing His work, and so she found time to sit in Seminary classes also. As she led in prayer with her old time fervor, some of us in the audience recalled how she inspired us as young students to be our best.

Mrs. W. J. Druien of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, a member of the first Board of Managers, recreated the stirring history of the early days through her "Personal Recollections". Mrs. Druien became a member of that immortal Board of Managers in January, 1905, and from that day to this the Training School has

had first place in her interest and affection.

Miss Beulah Bowden, professor in "Art and Religious Education" in Mars Hill College, N. C., brought the major address of the day on the subject, "Preparing Our Future for Christ". Miss Bowden came to Louisville in the fall of 1906 to study in Seminary classes. She was one of twenty students who lived in the beautiful old mansion at Eighth and Broadway, a home provided sacrificially by the Baptist women of Louisville. She continued her studies in 1907-08, the first year of the organized life of the new School under Woman's Missionary Union. She was one of three young women in the first graduating class of 1908, the other two being Mrs. T. H. Boggess, the wife of a Seminary student from Missouri, and Miss Jennie Allnut of Kentucky.

With an artist's skill Miss Bowden painted pictures with graphic and often amusing strokes. The stories of those pioneer years filled with difficulties, inconveniences and real sacrifices made us look deep into our own hearts for the gratitude that we should feel for the blessings that are ours in such abundant measure. In the closing part of her address Miss Bowden challenged present day students to bring their influence to bear on the future of our broken world through concerted missionary effort in all lands including our own.

Our founders carried the torch nobly. They have passed it on to us. It is our privilege and our responsibility to keep it burning in this dark age and to pass it on, a glowing flame to the next generation.

Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder. —Isa. 9:6

The "Baptist Youth Fellowship" is launching a program to enlist 100,000 northern Baptist youth "committed to sacrificial giving and living". Missions tells us that the program is designed to develop a new personal awareness of God amid today's appalling world suffering and to inspire new heroism in daily Christian living. "The whole world falls to pieces", says the "Fellowship" pamphlet *Enlist Now*, "unless people who have the spirit of Christ in them hold it together. He is the one leader whom the whole world can follow". The special poster prepared for use in the enlistment campaign has on it this sentence: "This generation—with Christ—can change the world".

Trooper Gerald F. Hallett in an appreciation of the work of the chaplain in the army says: "Here it is that the chaplain lives his faith in every possible way, giving by his example a true interpretation of Christianity". Certainly that is true if it can be said of the chaplain what a celebrated actor, well known for his eloquent recital of the Twenty-third Psalm, once said when he heard an elderly clergyman repeat that psalm: "My friends", said he, "when I recite that psalm, I reach your eyes and ears, this man reached your hearts; I know the Twenty-third Psalm, this man knows the Shepherd".

The chaplain for the First Battalion from Fiji now stationed with American soldiers in advanced Pacific areas is one of the Australian missionaries to Fiji, while the chaplain in the Third Battalion is a Fijian who was ordained to the ministry only a year ago. This young man, who is well trained and speaks fluent English and whom the Fijian soldiers proudly

call "Captain Sam", is a good example of what a century of missionary activity has accomplished in these islands.

A Copenhagen newspaper quotes a speech made by the primate of the Danish Lutheran Church at an ordination ceremony in which he said: "We shall pray and kindle the spirit. There was never any use for cowardly clergymen, least of all today. We have use for power of spirit, power to preach the Gospel. Power is needed to tell the Danish people that the world is overcome by evil. We need power to preach justice and right and to preach that we are not dependent upon any race or nation".

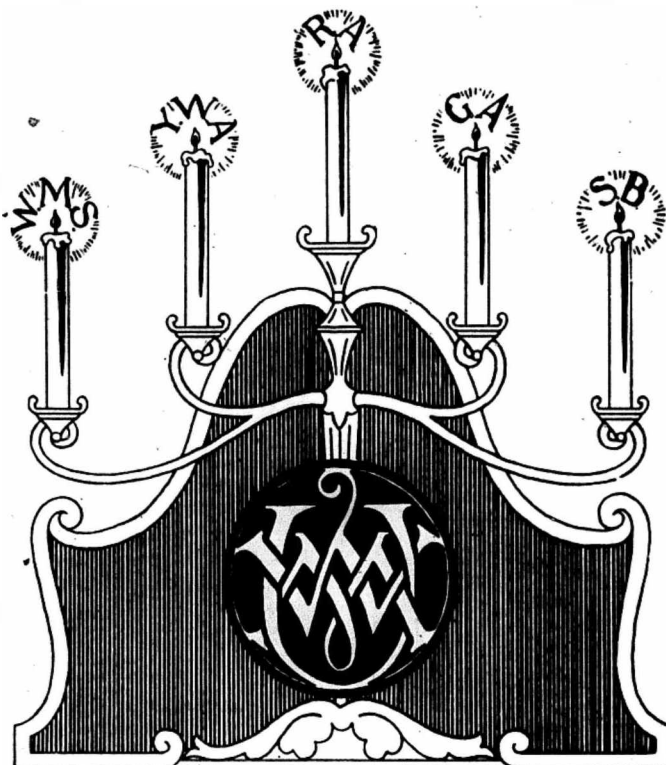
The *International Review of Missions* reports for the "International Missionary Council" that in the years 1939, 1940 and 1941 North America gave to missions \$15,601,250; that Great Britain gave \$10,246,080; Latin America \$2,041,024; and Sweden \$1,084,178. The figures for later years have not yet been gathered.

Anna Montieth Harrison, wife of Dr. Paul W. Harrison who is a medical missionary to Arabia, writes in her diary, *Neglected Arabia*: "Paul has been to see the king. We are here apparently to treat the eyes of one of his daughters. Here in the capital the only provision for medical needs is a dirt-floored, dust-covered mud house from which drugs were grudgingly dispensed to those who have the courage to go there. . . . Christmas in Riyadh—without a Christmas carol or a Christmas Child! I have often wondered what it would be like—a land that did not know Christmas. Now I know and it is what I expected—a land that does not know how to heal the sick nor cleanse the lepers nor preach good tidings to the poor. . . . May the angels sing again over these eastern hills. May the shepherds hear and be glad. May wise men go again in search of their King. May the spirit of the eternal Son of God be born again in us all!"

And He sent them forth to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. —Luke 9:2

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 this immediate Season of Prayer.



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THIS MONTH CLOSES the RECORDS

Worthy for unnumbered good reasons is the reaching of the Standard of Excellence by each W.M.U. organization whether for women or young people. *Since each of these standards is reckoned with the calendar year, there is now only this month left for checking up and attaining desired goals. All such is clearly set forth on pages 27-31, 83-86 of the 1943 W.M.U. Year Book. Earnestly seek to be standard!*

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