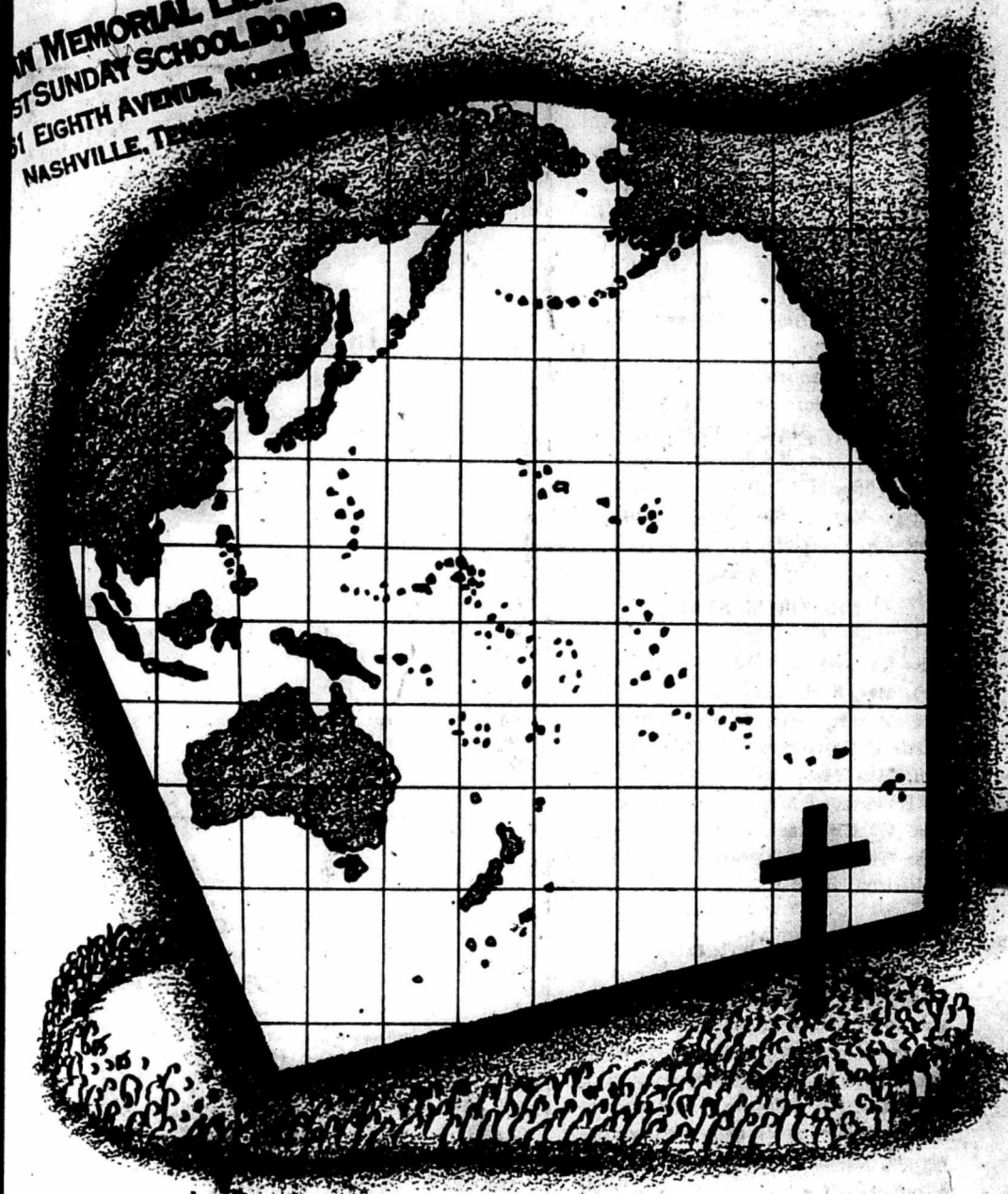


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An EDITORIAL

MRS. F. W. ARMSTRONG, *President W.M.U.*

In the Mountains with the Lord

THE Gospels are filled with references to rare experiences of those who sought the hills and mountain tops of Galilee and Judea to be with the Lord Jesus. It was on a mountain that He spoke the initial manifesto of the Kingdom. Called the Sermon on the Mount, it set new standards. It is recorded that the crowds were astounded because He taught as one having authority and they followed Him to note His ministry to human suffering as He came to the valley. It was on a mountain top that three close, chosen friends shared with Him the glory of celestial vision—followed by His restoration of a suffering son to a troubled father. Often He resorted to the hills for quiet communion with the Father in Heaven. How often the Mount of Olives became a refuge for the disciples as the Lord taught them the hidden things of the Kingdom. From that mountain top He ascended to the Father as His followers carried in their hearts the words He had spoken: "Ye shall receive power, ye shall be My witnesses". Waiting in prayer the promised power, they went forth as glowing witnesses to a heart-hungry world.

In the mountains with the Lord was the dream of Dr. W. C. James when, as secretary of the S. B. C. Education Board, he led in the establishment of the mountain retreat, Ridgcrest, North Carolina. His was a vision with a purpose, that finds glorious fulfillment each summer as hosts of southern Baptists gather for inspiration and fellowship in various conference groups. The Y. W. A. Camp, now in its twenty-first year, has the honor of leading in number of consecutive years of meeting. Countless young women have shared its high hours, to find in their valleys various avenues of service. In home churches, in mission fields they bear in their lives the influences of the days on the mountain top. In the mountains with the Lord may become an energizing experience to hosts of women and young people if each Woman's Missionary Society strives to help someone to know and to go to the scheduled missionary conferences.

Business Women's Circles will meet for the third annual conference, August 16-22. Under the plan of alternating meetings with the weeks of the mission boards, the rich inspiration of fellowship with missionaries is always assured. This summer the B. W. C. Conference will be held during Foreign Missions Week. Certainly no finer vacation could be planned for the busy business woman. Encourage your B. W. C. to send some members. Under the leadership of Miss Mary Christian, an excellent program will be presented with ample time for rest and recreation. Societies can help to spread information, awaken interest and encourage attendance by the business women. See further suggestions on page 10 of this magazine.

Something new appeals for support, prayer and careful selection of participants. The first Young Men's Mission Conference will be directed by Mr. Ivyloy Bishop, Royal Ambassador secretary, at Ridgcrest, August 9-16. Attendance is limited to 150. Each state has its quota. If you have a Royal Ambassador of fifteen years or more, let your state leader know and perhaps he may be one of this choice company. See June *Royal Service* page 20 for plans. Be sure to surround this promising venture with your prayers.

Who does not covet for herself, for her friends and associates, for her young people the mountain-top experiences that strengthen and empower for service in whatever valley life is cast? In the mountains with the Lord may become a reality for many if you and your society will help them to know and to go to Ridgcrest for some of these quickening missionary conferences. A heart-hungry world needs Christian witnesses. To be effective they must be empowered. Mountain tops seem close to God. You may know conscious nearness to Him, as with other seeking souls you share days at Ridgcrest.

Training School

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

Training School Commencement

THE thirty-seventh commencement of Woman's Missionary Union Training School was held in the Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial Chapel, Thursday evening, May 4, 1944, with Miss Inabelle Coleman, recently returned missionary from Shanghai, China, bringing the address on "Christian Investments in a World of Realities". Speaking to the graduates, Miss Coleman said: "Whether called of God to work here in America in home or school or church or business or to serve overseas, a well integrated life, supported by the sustaining philosophy of Jesus, aware of the realities of the world today and organized around fearless purposes springing from an inner force can change her world from a world of hypocritical platitudes and visionary ideals to a world of Christian realities resulting dynamically from sane, consistent investments in Christian action". Miss Coleman stated that the one common denominator for these investments is *need*. With this statement the speaker pointed out some needs existing in the world today. "Unless we seek to lift the standard of life physically, mentally and spiritually for people of all colors, we cannot hope to preserve our local peace. Unless we seek to share the present suffering and sorrow of this war-torn world, we can have no future fellowship with the millions of men on battlefields today, we will be out of tune with their post-war dreams of peace". Miss Coleman pointed out that we cannot meet these needs in our own strength. "As we face the stark realities of life today so desperately in need of the total of our Christlike investments, we are awed by a consciousness of our own inadequacy . . . until we remember that the 'Spirit, boundless in power, fathomless in abundance, is His gift'". Miss Coleman concluded with these words: "Whether you will live dangerously for Christ, investing your total inner resources in response to His revelations and guidance will depend upon how completely you surrender to receive the abundance of His power". She also said: "Unless we yearn to win souls to Christ and to share with people everywhere the message of the power of God in control of life, we have no place worthwhile in post-war days in China".

Another feature of the evening was the singing by the Training School chorus of Mendelssohn's, "How Lovely Are the Messengers" and "My Jesus, as Thou Wilt!" by Berwald. Dr. E. A. McDowell and Dr. S. L. Stealey, professors of the Seminary, gave the invocation and benediction.

Forty-six graduates received degrees, conferred by Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, principal of the school. Miss Littlejohn charged the class with the challenge to "think, strive, pioneer!" in order to meet the demands of the present world. The strength to carry out this challenge comes in claiming the promise of Jesus, ". . . and lo! I am with you alway".

The degree of Master of Religious Education was conferred upon twenty-nine graduates, Bachelor of Religious Education upon eight graduates. Nine students received certificates.

Wednesday afternoon Miss Josephine Jones, executive secretary of Illinois Woman's Missionary Union, was the speaker at the Vesper Service. Miss Jennie Graham Bright, president of the local chapter, welcomed the graduates into the Alumnae Association.

"Faith in the Unseen" was the subject of the message brought by Miss Jones, in answering the oft repeated question, "What's the use?" She reminded the group that the world is hungering for knowledge of Jesus, and that is what matters most. —Daphne Penny, Class of 1945

Calendar of Prayer July, 1944

Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

OF ALL things beautiful and good, the kingliest is brotherhood;
For it will bring again to earth her long-lost poesy and mirth;
And till it comes these men are slaves and travel downward
to the dust of graves.

Clear the way, then clear the way; blind creeds and kings have
had their day:

Break the dead branches from the path; our hope is in the after-
math;

For this event, the ages ran—make way for brotherhood—make
way for man!

—Edwin Markham

1—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Cavanos, San Antonio,
Rev. V. E. Hughes, Houston, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans
O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! —Rom. 11:33

2—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Lowe, "Miss Mollie McMillan, emerita missionaries from China Remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love —I Thim. 1:3

3—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. H. Hall, Miss Mary Demarest, evangelistic work. Miss Irene Jettison, educational-evangelistic work, Yangchow, China
By faith ye stand. —II Cor. 1:24

4—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. T. Bridges, Bunkle, Rev. and Mrs. L. Thibodeaux, Thibodaux, La., evangelistic work among French
Bless ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. —Gal. 6:2

5—WEDNESDAY

Women's Missionary Union of Chile
Bless the Lord, all His works in all places of His dominion. —Ps. 103:22

6—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Harrington, Misses Ray Ruston and Pauline White, educational-evangelistic work, Belo Horizonte, Brazil
This work yeeth fast on and prospereth in their hands. —Exa. 5:8

7—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. F. de Armas, Jacumban, Rev. and Mrs. C. Lina, Lajas, Cuba, evangelistic work
The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. —I Cor. 12:7

8—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Blackman, Rev. and Mrs. V. Koon, evangelistic work, Honolulu, Hawaii; also Mildred Blackman and Betty Koon, Margaret Food students
The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. —Phil. 4:7

9—SUNDAY

Mrs. K. L. Logan, Argentina, Misses Willie Kelly and Elizabeth Kea, China, emerita missionaries
Let them that love Thy name be joyful in Thee. —Ps. 5:11

10—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Gutierrez, San Jose, Costa Rica, Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Morgan, Canal Zone, evangelistic work
We are come as far as to you also, in preaching the Gospel of Christ. —II Cor. 10:14

11—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. McNesly, evangelistic work, Goyaz, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Tumbin, educational-evangelistic work, Natal, Brazil
The Lord God is righteous in all His works which He doeth. —Dan. 9:14

12—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. V. Gonzalez, evangelistic work among Mexicans, Bryan, Texas
That thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest —I Kings 1:9

13—THURSDAY

Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Connely, Misses Olive Lawton, evangelistic work, Misses Bertha Smith, educational-evangelistic work, Tlalacahow, China
Our help is in the Name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. —Ps. 124:6

Calendar of Prayer for July

14—FRIDAY

Mrs. Jennie Farnales, Montegut, Rev. E. McGee, Barataria, evangelistic work, Rev. E. Savole, educational-evangelistic work, Church Point, La.

Be ye sure of this, that the Kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. —Luke 10:11

15—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mr. B. T. Griffin, Lagos, Rev. and Mrs. L. R. Brothers, Iwo, Nigeria, educational-evangelistic work

The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters. —Psa. 93:4

16—SUNDAY

That the Spirit of the Lord shall prevail in the summer camps and assemblies of S.B.C. organizations

Whatever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not unto men. —Col. 3:23

17—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Hardy, medical-evangelistic work, Manaus, Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Sherwood, evangelistic work, Campo Grande, Brazil

That ye may show forth the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light —I Pet. 2:9

18—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Pasetti, Rev. and Mrs. T. H. York, evangelistic work among Italians, Tampa, Florida

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. —Matt. 5:6

19—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. D. M. Lawton, Mrs. Doris Knight, educational-evangelistic work, Litchow-Fu, Rev. J. R. Saunders, evangelistic work, Shichow, China

Keep that which is committed to thy trust. —I Tim. 6:20

20—THURSDAY

Misses Pauline Cammack and Doris Christensen, evangelistic work among Indians, Santa Fe, Rev. J. Reyna, evangelistic work among Spanish, Las Cruces, New Mexico

Whoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant. —Matt. 20:27

21—FRIDAY

Baptist believers in Rumania

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. —Deut. 33:27

22—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Ferrer, San Antonio de los Baños, Rev. and Mrs. E. Planco, Gussabaco, Cuba, evangelistic work

By the obedience of the One shall the many be made righteous. —Rom. 5:19

23—SUNDAY

Misses Edna Earl Taul, Lillian Thompson and Mary D. Whiteford, carrier missions from China

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous. —Psa. 34:15

24—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Galloway, Miss Lora Clement, evangelistic work, Macao, China

Be Thou my strong habitation whereunto I may continually resort. —Psa. 71:3

25—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Pruder, Coolidge, Rev. and Mrs. L. Johnson, Republic, Arizona, evangelistic work among Indians

There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed. —Josh. 13:1

26—WEDNESDAY

Rev. C. L. and Dr. Halle G. Neal, medical-evangelistic work, Turcom, Rev. and Mrs. O. W. Reid, evangelistic work, Guadalajara, Mexico

I will praise Thy name: for Thou hast done wonderful things. —Isa. 55:1

27—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Allen, evangelistic work, Belle Horizonte, Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Hartman, educational-evangelistic work, Porto Alegre, Brazil

The Lord our God is with us as He was with our fathers: let Him not leave us nor forsake us. —I Kings 8:53

28—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Avanti, Calvert Ala., Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Johnson, Cherokee, N. C., evangelistic work among Indians

In Christ Jesus ye that once were far off are made nigh in the blood of Christ. —Eph. 2:13

29—SATURDAY

Misses Reba Stewart, Earline, Manchufo Misses Attie Rosick and Clifford Barst, Pechow, China, evangelistic work

Thou shalt call thy walls salvation and thy gates praise. —Isa. 60:18

30—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Hayes, Mrs. W. B. Sears, emerita missionaries from China

Great powers have they which love Thy law. —Psa. 119:165

31—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. D. Caats, Taylor, Rev. and Mrs. P. Hertz, El Paso, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans

What god is there in heaven or in earth that can do according to Thy works? —Deut. 32:24

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

Family Altar

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: "The Isles Shall Wait for His Law"

"The law was given by Moses".

1st Day—Jno. 7:14-19; Num. 13:25-33

2nd Day—Jno. 10:22-39; Prov. 2:1-8

3rd Day—Jno. 10:40-42; Josh. 6:12-21

4th Day—Jno. 12:26-33; Josh. 14:1-5

5th Day—Jno. 12:34-43; Josh. 14:6-14

6th Day—Gal. 3:19-29; Josh. 18:1-7

7th Day—Rom. 3:19-31; Josh. 20:1-9

"Ye must be born again".

15th Day—I Pet. 1:22-25; Psa. 85:1-13

16th Day—I Pet. 2:1-10; I Tim. 2:1-7

17th Day—Rom. 10:4-15; Judges 4:1-9

18th Day—Mark 1:14-15; Judges 4:10-16

19th Day—Acts 2:37-42; Gen. 17:15-19

20th Day—Acts 26:12-20; I Sam. 1:21-28

21st Day—Luke 11:4; Ruth 2:3-13

Matthew 6:33 (Daily)

"Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ".

8th Day—Zech. 12:10; Psa. 15:1-5

9th Day—Acts 4:23; Psa. 47:1-9

10th Day—Gal. 1:6-17; Judges 2:1-5

11th Day—II Tim. 2:1-13; Judges 2:11-15

12th Day—II Tim. 2:14-26; Judges 2:16-23

13th Day—Acts 20:24-32; Psa. 33:12-22

14th Day—I Pet. 5:1-11; Ezek. 5:1-9

22nd Day—Luke 12:22-34; 1:8-17

23rd Day—Mark 10:13-16; Prov. 31:10-20

24th Day—Luke 4:48-49; Judges 6:25-32

25th Day—Luke 9:1-4, 37-42; Judges 7:4-8

26th Day—Luke 17:20, 21, 23; Judges 7:15-23

27th Day—I Cor. 4:1, 2, 20; I Sam. 14:6-15

28th Day—Matt. 20:17-28; I Sam. 17:41-49

29th Day—Matt. 21:33-43; Psa. 27:1-6

30th Day—Luke 11:2; Rom. 8:31-39

31st Day—Rev. 12:10, 11; Judges 13:8-14

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.

"Pray Ye"

Praise Christ that "He is our peace".—Ephes. 2:14

Thank God that His Word admonishes: "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts".—Col. 3:15

Rejoice that "the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for them that make peace".—James 3:18

Intercede that those who attend the various conferences this summer at Edgewater may covenant to "follow after things which make for peace".—Rom. 14:19

Pray that Christians in every land will let "the peace of God which passeth all understanding guard their hearts and their thoughts in Christ Jesus".—Phil. 4:7

Rejoice that all Christians may have the assurance that Christ included them when He said: "My peace I give unto you".—John 14:27

Intercede for God's guidance in preparation for annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union in Oklahoma City, September 19-21.

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Bible Study

Ella Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

A Song of the Islands—Isaiah 42:1-10; 11:9

TO PEOPLE, who live as we do on a large continent, islands stand for remoteness and mystery—perhaps Robinson Crusoe's island starts this for us. The Jews were land-lovers, and the islands of the Mediterranean are the only ones mentioned by name in the Bible. "Ships of Tarshish", that went all the way to Spain, seemed to them like ships that traded with the orient and the Pacific islands to us. But Isaiah in this chapter is taking a far look. He mentions Kedar (v. 11) and the Rock (*Petra*) and seems to be thinking of ships that sail down to the Red Sea and on to the Indian Ocean. The gentiles lived in these far lands and on the islands that wait for God.

The Pacific islands are distinct and dear to many of our women now, because they have sons out there in the army or the navy. So dear, so distinct are all islands to God, because He loves "the inhabitants thereof". Over and over the islands are said to lie waiting for the knowledge of God, ready to sing that new song of praise if some one will teach it to them.

And this chapter is plainly Messianic. The Servant of Jehovah is not the nation of Israel but that gentler and greater Messenger, who will love even the gentiles and bless the whole world with the truth of God. This passage is quoted in Matthew 12:17-21 as fulfilled in Christ. In chapter 49 is another song of the islands, in which God says it is too small a thing that His Servant should bring Jacob again unto Him and restore the tribes of Israel; He will also be "a light to the gentiles, that Thou shouldst be My salvation unto the end of the earth".

When the aged Simeon took the child Jesus in his arms, he called Him "A light to lighten the gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel". Christ did not go to the gentiles Himself, save for the brief stay in the region of Tyre and Sidon, when He healed the Syro-Phoenician woman's daughter (*Mk. 7:24-31*). He said: "I am not sent, save to the lost sheep of the house of Israel". And when He first sent out the twelve, He told them not to deal with gentiles or Samaritans but with these same "lost sheep". But that He loved all men and felt no difference He showed in the synagogue in His home town, Nazareth. Here He read from Isaiah 61, and charmed the hearers with His words. But when He spoke of Elijah and Elisba as each healing distress in a gentile family, the townsfolk thrust Him out and wished to throw Him from the summit of their high hill. How did He give light to the gentiles? By the difficult plan of training His disciples to be ready for the Royal Commission: "Go ye and make disciples of all nations". But they were still not to start till the power of the Father was given in the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Book of Acts is full of the word *gentiles!* The minds of the disciples opened gradually to the idea. And so the Gospel came to us.

Only the greatest in Israel could wish such blessing to the gentiles. But Isaiah is full of it. In the last chapter we find: "The time cometh that I will gather all nations and tongues, and they shall come and see My glory". And in 11:9 is the wonderful promise, "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah as the waters cover the sea". Does not the fulfilment of these words depend partly on us?

How modern Isaiah sounds today! The world is full of the poor, the broken-hearted, the prisoners. And God still rules among the nations, using men in ways they do not know. Let us as Americans thank Him for our high degree of safety and happiness, even as expressed in the following verses in the *Centennial Hymn* by D. C. Roberts in 1876:

"God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

"Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay;
Thy word, our law; Thy paths, our chosen way!"

Circle Program

EXPLANATORY NOTE: The following program is submitted for use by the circles this month. Its suggested articles will be found in the following monthly missionary magazines: *Royal Service*, 50c a year from 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham 3, Ala.; *World Comrades*, \$1 a year from same Birmingham address; *The Commission*, 50c a year from the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond 20, Virginia; *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, 25c a year from Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta 3, Ga. Each one participating in the following program should have access at least to the magazine in which her article appears. (See also page 44 of 1944 W.M.U. Year Book and page 10 of this magazine.)



CIRCLE PROGRAM TOPIC:

Christian Education Imperative for a Changing World

(Baptist Colleges, Seminaries and Training Schools)

Devotional Theme: "That the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work"—*I Timothy 3:17*

Christian Education Imperative for a Changing World (See article in July issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

"I Came to Teach; I Have Stayed to Learn" (See article in July-August issue of *The Commission*.)

When They Come Home (See page 20 of this magazine.)

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Missions (See article in July issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

Too Many Pineapples (See article in July issue of *World Comrades*.)

Discussion (Among items profitable for discussion by the circle might be: Baptist and other Christian schools in state; how to influence girls and boys to attend; attendance upon such schools; how to help certain students already in Baptist schools; how to increase enrolment of exceptionally fine Baptist young people in any one of the S.B.C. seminaries and in W.M.U. Training School in Louisville, Ky. See page 4 of this magazine for article concerning commencement at W. M. U. Training School.)

Business Women's Circles

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Announcing the Program

Poster Suggestions: Paste a large map of the field of the islands of the Pacific Ocean, showing their relationship to the continents of North and South America and to Asia. Underneath print in large letters: "The isles shall wait for His law". Beneath this print: Isaiah 42:1-10; 11:9. B. W. C. Date..... Time..... Place.....

Individual Invitations: On postal cards print this question: "What do the aborigines of the Pacific know about Christianity?" B. W. C. Date..... Time..... Place.....

Preparation and Presentation

Mimeographed Programs: On the front cover draw a map showing the Islands of the Pacific. At the top (to the north in the Pacific Ocean) place the cross and beneath same print: "Make known His mighty acts and the glorious majesty of His Kingdom", Ps. 145:12. On the inside have the program plan for the evening.

At the front of the room place a large map of the islands of the Pacific and beside it have the Christian flag. Chairs should be arranged informally in a semicircle.

The program begins as a girl who has been one of the faithful members of the Business Women's Circle comes running into the room almost out of breath. She takes a seat beside the program chairman as she greets the members of the circle. She has been out of town for a vacation period, and she excitedly relates her recent experiences. She has just joined the American Red Cross and has been told that she is to be sent to work with those of our armed forces who are stationed in the

(Concluded on Page 21)

THE THIRD annual southwide conference for members of southern Baptist Business Women's Circles will be held August 16-22 at Ridgecrest, N. C., during the week of the Foreign Mission Board conference. Our business women will enjoy those days of fellowship and inspiration, fun and relaxation. Now is the time to make room reservations by writing to Mr. Perry Morgan, Manager, Ridgecrest, N. C.



Ridgecrest Auditorium

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Program Plans

Prepared by Miss Lethia Langford, S. C.
Student in Missionary Education Course II
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Poster—On a large poster place an outline of the globe showing especially the islands of the Pacific. Place small national flags on each of the groups of islands. At the top of the world place a large Christian flag, letting its shadow fall on each of the islands. In large letters at the bottom of poster write: "The shadow that makes light. Come find out about this wonderful shadow". In small letters give time, place and date of meeting.

Invitations—Of red construction paper make miniature firecrackers. The white fuse can be a piece of paper containing the information concerning time, date and place of meeting.

Programs—Using brown, yellow and black construction paper, cut very simple miniature pictures of islanders. On the back of these write the program outline, using white ink. (For program material see pages 12-19.)

Room Arrangement—At a conspicuous place in the room, display the American and Christian flags. A large globe should be turned so the islands of the Pacific can be seen by the groups. Also, an open Bible should be placed where it can be seen by all. To add to the atmosphere arrange the room to look like the deck of a ship. A window can be made into a porthole by using a large ring of black construction paper. Use folding canvass or porch chairs for deck furniture. Cover some of the chairs with blankets for more realistic effect.

Program Suggestions—The program could be an imaginary trip to the islands of the Pacific, to visit the men and women of the church membership who are in military stations on these islands. The program chairman could begin with a general discussion of news received from friends or relatives. Perhaps some soldier, sailor, marine or nurse who has been in service in this area, now on furlough, could be secured to relate some of their experiences. If not, perhaps some such experiences that we read in papers, magazines or letters could be related in first person by a member of the group. If some missionary who is home on furlough could be on the program, she could tell of spiritual needs and conditions of the peoples of these islands.

Since it is July, while the group is assembling, some patriotic songs could be played softly, in keeping with the idea of freedom and independence. The devotional period could be led as if a sunrise service. Much time should be spent in prayer that we may have the Christian attitude toward those whom we call our enemies. It is so easy for us to let hate creep into our hearts. If through this month we could learn not only to pray for our friends and relatives and for a revival of renewed interest in the evangelization of the island people but also for Japanese people, how valuable would be our efforts!

In presenting the program have those taking parts act as islander guides. If possible have them dressed in native costume. Any handiwork that could be collected which has come from these islands would add atmosphere. During the discussion of the Hawaiian Islands soft music, such as "He Lives on High" or any sacred Hawaiian music, would be appropriate. At the close of the program there should be some time for open discussion. This should be directed in such a way as to avoid any notes of hatred of race or nation. It should be a period of facing facts as they exist today and a realization of our responsibility in taking the Christian message to those who still falter in darkness.

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Program Material

Mrs. C. D. Creaman, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: Make known His mighty acts and the glorious majesty of His Kingdom—*Psa. 145:12.*

TOPIC for MONTH: "The Isles Shall Wait for His Law" (*Islands of the Pacific*)

Hymn—The Morning Light Is Breaking

Watchword for Year—"That the Generation to Come Might Know"

Bible Study—A Song of the Islands—*Isa. 42:1-10; 11:9 (Page 8)*

Prayer that this program may be used to kindle in our hearts a renewed interest in the evangelization of island people

Hymn—From Greenland's Icy Mountains

The Isles of the Sea

Christianity in the Pacific Islands

The Pacific Islands Today

Prayer for all Christian influences in the Pacific islands and for our armed forces who are in the Pacific islands today

Hymn—Jesus Saves

—The Hawaiian Islands

His Mighty Acts in Hawaii

Prayer for our Baptist work in Hawaii

—Japan

Hymn—Send the Light

Prayer that we may have the Christian attitude toward Japan and that we will be able soon again to send messengers of light to these dark islands

The ISLES of the SEA

ISLANDS have a fascination for us. They suggest so much of exploration and adventure, of strange places and strange races that charm and intrigue us. We are told that there are about 30,000 islands scattered over the surface of the sea. A few of these, such as the British Isles, the Islands of Japan, New Zealand, the Philippines and the West Indies are comparatively large, while thousands of others are mere specks in the oceans of the world. Taken altogether, great and small, the islands do not compare in area with the least of the continents. And if we leave out of the account a few which are most thickly inhabited, the aggregate population of those remaining is as nothing when compared to the hordes which crowd such countries as India and China.

By frequent references to islands in the Bible we know that God includes the inhabitants of the isles of the sea in His redemptive plan. Isaiah calls on the people in the isles of the sea to glorify Jehovah and again appeals to the "isles and the inhabitants thereof" to sing praises unto the Lord. Jeremiah expressed God's interest in islands in these words: "Hear the word of Jehovah, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off". In Psalm 97:1 the multitudes of the isles are invited to be glad because of the reign of Jehovah.

Islands have played a prominent part in the spread of the Gospel. The fact is prophetic that the earliest missionary tour outside of Asia was directed to the Island of Cyprus. The Moravian missionary undertaking had the evangelization of the West Indies as its first object and of Greenland as the next. William Carey first had island work in his missionary planning. So it has often been that missionary hearted people have yearned over the religious condition of the inhabitants of the islands of the world.

In this day when, more than ever before, we are thinking of islands—these far-away islands which have moved so near because our sons are there fighting for our country—we wonder about their religious condition, what has been done and is

being done to give the Gospel to island people. Therefore it is with the greatest of interest that we enter upon the discussion of island missions, using as a topic Isaiah's prophetic words—"The Isles Shall Wait for His Law".

CHRISTIANITY in the PACIFIC ISLANDS

OF THE multitude of earth's islands by far the greater portion is found in the southern Pacific. Lying on both sides of the equator and stretching from southeastern Asia far toward distant South America this "milky way of islets" covers an expanse something like two thousand by eight thousand miles. Up to about a century and a half ago this part of the world was unknown. "Darkness was upon the face of the deep; and for untold centuries islands were rising out of the ocean and disappearing into its depths; peoples of many tongues and more superstitions were living out their little span of life"; and the rest of the world knew nothing about it.

Explorers first found some of these islands early in the 16th century but it was not until the explorations of Captain Cook and others, in the latter part of the 18th century, that they really became known to the world. These explorers found on these islands "nature at its best and mankind at its worst". Living amid scenes of almost unbelievable beauty were savages—human beings eating each other, mothers murdering their children, sons and daughters burying their parents alive, people with no ideas of honesty and chastity.

When the depravity of the inhabitants of the South Sea Islands was known, missionary hearted people yearned for their conversion and began to go to give them the Gospel. The story of the missionary conquest and the development of Christian civilization on these islands is one of the most thrilling in all missionary history. It is the story of bold pioneering and of many methods used to bring savage people to a knowledge of God. Sometimes a Christian sea captain, docking his vessel on one of these islands, told the people of his Christ. Sometimes a native islander trading with Christians of a distant land heard the Gospel and took it home to his people. And many have been the missionaries who, with intrepid hearts, have gone to the pagan peoples of one island after another, carrying to them the Gospel story. These have suffered every hardship known to missionaries; many have been murdered and eaten by cannibals, but the work of evangelizing the islands has gone steadily on. Often when a Christian center was established on one island the islanders themselves would go as missionaries to areas more primitive than their own.

Missionary work began in the Pacific islands with the going of thirty missionaries sailing from England in 1796, sent by the newly organized London Missionary Society and bound for the Society Islands. Only four of these were ordained ministers. Their experiences were varied and many of them very bitter. At first, received graciously by the islanders, they thought that they were in the hands of gentle, genial people who would gladly accept the Gospel, but they soon learned that they were among the vilest of savages. Some of the group were eaten by cannibals, some were drowned and some abandoned the work. But the day came when an island king gave up his idols and asked for baptism—the first convert of all the pagans of the South Seas. After that the number of converts rose to hundreds and thousands, "idols were burned by the wholesale nor was it long before almost the entire population was under careful religious instruction and had become Christian at least in name". This was but the beginning of a work which Christianized many of these islands.

Many illustrious names are connected with missionary work in the Pacific. There was John Williams, who gave many years of service on different islands and whose life ended in a cannibal feast at Erromanga in the New Hebrides. There was John Geddie, who also worked in the New Hebrides. On a tablet in a large church on one of these islands may be seen today an inscription in his memory which reads: "When he landed in 1848 there were no Christians here; when he left in 1873 there were no heathens". There was John G. Paton, who went from Scotland to the New

Hebrides; through his work the whole population of murderers and cannibals was changed into a civilized and reverently Christian community. There was James Chalmers, called by Robert Louis Stevenson "The Great Heart of New Guinea", who after many years of the most difficult work was eaten by cannibals. But right where he was beheaded a missionary memorial was afterward built and stands today as an evidence of the influence of his service.

The miracle of island missions has been the remarkable success of the work. "Nowhere else in the world have the conquests of the cross been so astonishing and so complete". Whole islands of cannibals have been absolutely changed from a state of savagery to self-respecting, honorable Christian citizens. John Williams wrote of his work in the Rarotongans: "When I found them in 1823, they were ignorant of the nature of Christian worship; and when I left them in 1834, I am not aware that there was a house in the island where family prayer was not observed every morning and evening".

The Fiji Islands furnish a wonderful example of the power of Christianity to change savage hearts. Once these islands were a synonym of cruelty and cannibalism. One chief boasted of having eaten over 800 human beings. But through missionary influences the inhabitants of the islands became almost a hundred per cent Christian. It was said of them: "Perhaps nowhere else in Christendom can communities be found in which as large a proportion are able to read, are found regularly in attendance on public worship and faithful in maintaining family prayer and according to their knowledge and ability bring forth fruits meet for repentance". So has God made "known His mighty acts and the glorious majesty of His Kingdom" among the island people of the Pacific.

The PACIFIC ISLANDS TODAY

THE STORIES of missionary work in the South Sea Islands are familiar ones to all readers of missionary history. But we find in our hearts a consuming interest in the Pacific islands of today. We want to know about the islands where the armed forces of our nation are fighting now. To whom do these islands belong? What of Christianity and missionary work on the very islands where our sons are engaged in deadly conflict?

It thrills us to find among the islands, which are often on our lips today as we discuss the activities of the war, names long familiar to those who have studied the missionary work in the southern Pacific. A recent editorial in *The Commission* lists in three groups the islands which have already been touched by our American boys: Polynesia ("Many Islands") from Hawaii south and west, including Samoa, Tahiti, Rarotonga, Ellice, Tonga, Cook and other groups; Melanesia ("Islands of Black Peoples") including the Solomons, the New Hebrides, Fiji, Loyalty and New Guinea; then Micronesia ("Little Islands") including the Gilbert, Marshall, Caroline Islands and Guam. So we can realize that our sons are on the very same islands where Williams, Geddie, Paton, Chalmers and other missionaries did their mighty works.

To whom do these islands belong? At the beginning of the present war they were the possessions of Great Britain, Australia, France, Japan and our own nation. To whom they belong now and to whom they will belong when the war is over is another matter, one about which we cannot be certain.

In answer to the question regarding the religion of these islanders, we learn that there is a mixture of religions among them and that many of them still have pagan superstitions and hold to belief in magic, charms etc. The exploitation of natives by white colonists, the non-Christian conduct of the representatives of Christian nations, the importation of alcoholic drinks, gambling devices etc. have had their evil effects on the people. But we are glad to know that, due to the work of missionaries and of the native Christians trained in mission schools, the South Pacific islands can be largely claimed as Christian territory.

We are told that at the Madras Conference held a few years ago the report was brought that the whole Fijian population is professing to be Christian and that the church is self-propagating and self-supporting and sends missionaries to other Pacific islands. This same condition exists in other Christianized islands.

Missionary work among these islands is by no means ended. While southern Baptists have never had any missionaries in the Pacific islands, except in Japan and recently in Hawaii, other mission boards have continued work on many of the islands through the years and even till today, as much as is possible with the war in progress. In the days of John Williams' work, through the gifts of young people of the churches of England, a ship called the "John Williams" was given to him to help him go from island to island. From then until now one "John Williams" ship after another has been ready for the use of the mission. The fifth boat bearing this name had "a broad and capacious hull that could carry people, mountains of coconuts, pigs, bicycles, canoes, chickens or anything else portable" and was serving the islands when the war began. In the summer of 1943, this ship was able to navigate among the islands and a missionary sent word to London that the work among the churches was encouraging.

Of course reports of work in this section are meager now, but we learn that in the summer of 1943 there was still one representative of the London Missionary Society on the Gilbert Islands and that some other work of other missionary boards was still in progress.

Wonderful stories come to us of Christians in the Pacific islands helping our soldiers in times of peril. In a recent publication of the Friendship Press, *West of the Date Line* by Constance M. Hallock, we read the thrilling story of a group of shipwrecked men, after thirty-one days on a life boat in the ocean, being rescued from beneath their upturned boat by a group of Christians on the Gilbert Islands. They said, "If we had been the Royal Family or their long-lost relatives they couldn't have treated us better". More than one aviator, making a crash landing, prepared to defend himself against island savages, has found himself in the midst of Christian friends. More than one shipwrecked soldier or sailor, washed up on the beach of some island, has heard with relieved joy the declaration of the natives, "We are Christians".

But perhaps the most thrilling story of all is that told by an aerial gunner, disclosing the fact that on a south Pacific island seven of our country's navy airmen had been led to Christ by native Christians. Shot down in combat with Japanese, they drifted on a raft to this Japanese occupied island. There they were received by a group of Christians who first of all gave them a Bible. Then, for eighty-seven days the island Christians helped the visitors to hide, watching to see that they were not discovered by the Japanese. But, they did more than this for the shipwrecked sailors; for as one of them told the story: "Every night the natives gathered around us and we took turns reading the Bible. They sang songs which we knew. You can tell the world that I am now a devout Christian". All seven of the American sailors left the island converted men through the faithful witness of these Christian islanders. The thrilling part of the story is that the natives had become Christians through the work of American missionaries. What a joy to these natives to be able to give the Gospel to the airmen from the very land from whence the missionaries had come to bring them the good news of God's love!

There is a little island off in the middle of the Pacific where the people have been Christians for a generation or two. Just after the outbreak of hostilities in 1939, talking to a British missionary supervisor on his way home to England, an old Christian islander said: "Do you think that it would help if some of us went to Europe now and reminded the people of what Christ has done for us so recently and what He may do again for the countries of the west?" The old islander had the solution to the world's problems. "What Christ has done"—for the islands and for the world—He may do again for the islands and for the world, and this is the only hope for the islands and for the world.

The HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

AMONG the most important islands in the world is the Hawaiian group, lying in the Pacific Ocean about 2100 miles southwest of San Francisco. In the group are seven inhabited islands besides a dozen or more islets and coral reefs. On the islands live less than half a million people, representing many races. Here may be found Chinese, Portuguese, Japanese, Porto Ricans, Koreans, Philipinos, with a few Spanish, a sprinkling of Russians and many from our own country. Yet we are told that no racial or religious barriers are found but that "in all walks of life people of many nationalities mingle freely, working together as nowhere else in the world". Hawaii is not a financially impoverished land and has had no depression. The pineapple and sugar industries furnish constant well paid employment.

As we know, Hawaii is a territory of our nation and most of the people living there are loyal American citizens. Many of them are now serving in the armed forces of the United States and are proud to be numbered among our nation's defenders. After the episode of Pearl Harbor a group of Japanese students in the University of Hawaii laid aside their books and volunteered for a labor battalion. They now serve under the command of the general in charge of Hawaii's defense.

Hawaii occupies a most strategic position in the present war. It is called the "Cross-roads of the Pacific" and some have said: "He who holds Hawaii holds the key to the Pacific". Its location makes it the ideal place for the holding of international conferences and a most strategic base for military operations. Here east and west meet, for this possession of the greatest western nation is by many ties closely allied with oriental peoples. Many orientals live in Hawaii and before the war Hawaii sent to China and Japan teachers and business men.

Everything about Hawaii makes it an inviting mission field. Its cosmopolitan population means that many races at one time can receive the Gospel. Its wealth will make Christian work there a wise financial investment, for not only will the churches become rapidly self-supporting but they will also be able to give largely to the promotion of world-wide missions. This point, so strategic as a military base and as a center of international interests, is also strategic as an opportunity for giving the Gospel message to many nations. Here, at the cross-roads of the Pacific, our Christianity may touch the lives of many oriental peoples and so find a new way of approach to eastern lands. So while we "remember Pearl Harbor" let us also remember that in the land of Pearl Harbor is a precious pearl of missionary opportunity which we must find and use for the extension of the Kingdom of Christ.

HIS MIGHTY ACTS in HAWAII

IN 1809 there was found one day, sitting on the steps of Yale College, a young boy weeping because he longed to gain an education and knew not how it could be secured. He proved to be a young Hawaiian who had been brought to America as a refugee from one of the tribal wars. He said: "The people of Hawaii are very bad; they pray to gods made of wood. I want to learn to read the Bible and go back there and tell them to pray to God, up in Heaven". Students became interested in the boy and arranged for his education. While he himself died before realizing his ambition, the incident kindled a flame of missionary interest in Hawaii which resulted in the American Board of Missions sending out to the islands in 1820 a group of seventeen missionaries. Even before the arrival of these the Hawaiians, influenced by the overthrow of idolatry in the Society Islands, had revolted against their own idol worship. So the missionaries found a people practically without a religion and ready to receive the Gospel. Other missionary societies sent other missionaries until the islands were not only generally evangelized but from them went those bearing the Gospel to other groups of Pacific islands.

After the white man took over the Hawaiian Islands in the interest of agriculture and business rather than the spiritual development of the natives, with the importation of thousands of immigrants from China, Japan and other countries and with

the growth of a rather strong Catholic constituency on the islands, Hawaii lost much of the Christian fervor demonstrated in the early days of its evangelization. In fact the number of those even claiming to be Christians is a small per cent of the total population. So missionary work is much needed on the islands today.

The story of Baptist work in Hawaii is a most interesting one and, as is often the case, is tied up with the name of one man. About sixteen years ago a man from Canada by the name of Charles J. McDonald, while carrying on his business in Honolulu, was led to establish a small Baptist mission at Wahiawa, a town some twenty miles from Honolulu. The work prospered and soon the mission was organized into an independent Baptist church. Mr. McDonald appealed to our Foreign Board to establish a mission in Hawaii but at that time the Board did not feel able to expand its work.

Then came the war in China and many of our missionaries there were compelled to leave. The call from Hawaii became more and more insistent, so our Foreign Board instructed some fifteen missionaries on their way home from China to stop off in Hawaii to help in Mr. McDonald's mission. In 1940 Dr. Rankin visited the islands and on his recommendation the Board decided to assume responsibility for the Baptist work there. Other missionaries from China and from Japan joined the forces there and a mission was organized with two stations at Wahiawa and Honolulu. This has grown to five churches and several promising missions.

An encouraging feature of the work in Hawaii is among the Japanese. There are more Japanese in Hawaii than are those of any other nation. Our missionaries to Japan, disappointed in not being able to stay with their work there, are finding great satisfaction as they try to reach the Japanese in Hawaii. In both the Wahiawa and the Olivet Church in Honolulu are Japanese groups, and missionary Edwin Dozier preaches to them in their own language. These groups are growing in number and there are frequent baptisms from among them.

In January, 1942, a territory-wide Woman's Missionary Union was organized with Miss Hannah Plowden as corresponding secretary. In the Olivet Church is an A-1 W.M.U. which was achieved after only one year of organized work. In other churches too are flourishing W.M.U. organizations. All of the societies observe the three seasons of prayer.

A great phase of the work is the Baptist Bible School, established soon after we took over the work in Hawaii. Our Board was fortunate in securing as a home for this institution a magnificent old residence with some two acres of ground within two blocks of the University of Hawaii. Last year there were twenty-four students enrolled. One writing of the future of this school says: "This promising institution will train workers for all the Hawaiian Islands for the extended work in the wide reaches of the south Pacific islands we are planning to do when that glorious era of peace comes".

The Baptists of Hawaii are not neglectful of their opportunities for ministering to service men in their midst. In March, 1942, a Fellowship Center was opened in Honolulu for the purpose of helping spiritually and socially soldiers, sailors, marines and war workers. "The central aim of all contacts was that each man might be drawn closer to the Lord and that all unsaved men might be saved". In a recent letter from Miss Plowden we read of luncheons served on Sunday to service men. She says: "They come up to the Bible School after morning service. We have about seventy-five each Sunday though the group gradually grows. Many of them come with letters of introduction from pastors, friends and relatives at home. Some of them join our church while they are stationed here . . . From some of them I have learned new lessons of courage, faith, generosity and consecration".

Surely Hawaii is one of the most promising missions of southern Baptists. It is one which should have the continued support of our interests and prayers.

JAPAN

AMONG the influential islands of the world and certainly the most important to us today, are the Japan Islands. In the Japanese group are four large islands with over four hundred others large enough to be recognized by the government. Taking them altogether they have an area about the size of California. On them live about ninety million people.

Southern Baptists have had missionary work in Japan since 1890. It has not been easy to achieve mighty acts for the extension of the Kingdom on these islands. The self-sufficiency of the Japanese people, their religion which elevates their emperor to the rank of deity and makes patriotism and religion practically identical, the unspeakable outrages perpetrated by the militarists—these and other things have made the work of Christian missions difficult and the results meager. At the beginning of the war less than one-half of one per cent of the Japanese people were Christians. At the time when we were compelled to abandon our missionary work in Japan, we had there twenty-five churches with a membership of 2776.

When hostilities began between China and Japan it became very difficult to maintain our work in Japan and most of our missionaries were compelled to leave. For some time Dr. Maxfield Garrott remained to try to keep in touch with the Baptists and to give them what help and encouragement he could. But after Pearl Harbor he was interned and came home on the first sailing of the Gripsholm. Since then it has not been possible to know much of our work in Japan.

Even before our missionaries left, the Japanese government had issued an edict uniting all Christian churches in Japan into one body to be known as the Church of Japan. In the summer of 1943, Dr. Carver wrote in *The Commission* that a cable had brought the news that this union of denominations had been completed. Of course there is no way for us to know how this has affected the work of our Baptist churches. We may be sure that the Baptists of Japan are loyal to their country; but we feel certain, too, that many of them are loyal to Christ and that they are carrying on His work as well as is possible under the circumstances.

A matter of vast importance to us is our own attitude toward Japan and the future of our missionary work there. As Christians we cannot join that group that hates all Japanese and thinks that they all should be wiped off the face of the earth. We know that there are many lovable Japanese and that many of them are loyal Christians who would rejoice to see the principles of Christianity prevail in Japan and throughout the world. Therefore, in the spirit of Him who said, "Love your enemies", we must carry the Japanese on our hearts in tender compassion and with the hope that they may yet become a great Christian force in the orient. While we can do no missionary work in the islands, we will pray and we will give that when the opportunity comes our work there may be resumed. And at that glad time when our missionaries are able to go, we hope in great numbers, to the Island Kingdom, they will be able to say: "During those years when your nation and ours were at war, when your soldiers were killing our soldiers in the field of battle and when we had every cause to hate you, the hearts of southern Baptists turned toward you in Christian forgiveness—we prayed for you and we laid up our money that we might again come to you with the message of Christian love". We believe that such a spirit can win even Japan to Christ. Quoting Dr. Garrott:

"For the sake of the world which needs a Christian Japan,
for the sake of Christ who loves Japan,
for the sake of ourselves who cannot be in harmony with Him without
accepting His purposes for Japan,
we must pray and prepare now to play our part in the future of Japan".

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. How many islands are there in the world?
2. Give some references to islands found in the Bible.
3. Tell of the depravity of the inhabitants of the Pacific islands when they were discovered.
4. Tell something of early missionary work on the Pacific islands.
5. Discuss the remarkable success of island mission work.
6. What of the religious condition on the Pacific islands today?
7. Give instances of how island Christians have been of service to our armed forces in the Pacific.
8. Discuss the Hawaiian Islands as a strategic point in the present war.
9. Discuss Hawaii as an inviting mission field.
10. Tell of early missionary work in Hawaii.
11. Tell of our southern Baptist missionary work in Hawaii.
12. What should be our attitude toward future missionary work in Japan?

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 help may be found in this listed material and in leaflets as suggested below.

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The Commission	—State Denominational Papers
Last Report of the Foreign Mission Board	
A Hundred Years of Missions.....	Delavan L. Leonard
The Course of Christian Missions.....	Dr. W. O. Carver
West of the Date Line.....	Constance M. Hallock



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Our Young People

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

When They Come Home

WE HAVE no idea when the young men and women in the uniformed services of our country can return home, but we want to have homes and churches ready for their return. Meanwhile other younger people are coming home; are we ready for them?

There are the young women who will come home from the southwide Y.W.A. Camp. Surely some of your Y.W.A.'s will be in that number. They will share at Ridgcrest in democratic Christian fellowship with missionaries and visitors from other countries and our own, with leaders of far vision and outstanding consecration and will return with spirits aglow, with hands eager to be serving. Similarly boys and girls will return home from state and district or associational camps, stirred and quickened with new ideals and plans. For further encouragement see the editorial on page 3.

Will you receive them without interest? Will you dampen their ardor immediately by the old "We have never done it that way" when a suggestion is made, a plan offered? Will you give them enthusiastic encouragement as they strive to live out the deepened devotion they have experienced or will you discourage them by indifference and the heedlessness that is most disheartening?

College students come home for but brief vacations; but in those few days or limited weeks they will be glad to be useful if your counselors or W.M.U. young people's director will be alert to engage their best efforts in some high chance for witnessing for Christ. At school they have learned up-to-date modes of teaching—"projects", "workshops", "units", "individual and group research and investigation"—these words that may have seemed strange are now every-day matters to them; and, by their experience and training, they can show the thrilling ways of mission study in which young people will delight and by which they may best profit.

The day of a teacher reading from one text to a lethargic uninterested group and calling it "mission study" must be gone if tomorrow's world is to be the kind of world men are dying to make possible. They will win by force only the chance to build that brave new world: it will be built by those who "seek first the Kingdom" for all the people of the world whom they have come to know and understand through mission study and mission program. The unprepared, one-book, read-aloud-by-a-so-called-teacher "mission study" will not contribute to the wide-awake Kingdom citizens who are needed when the men come home who can. Find out, from college young women, from young women who have been teaching, how to present fascinating mission study material in equally fascinating ways. If you explain your need, point out the anticipated results in dedication of life, in development of interest, promise and deliver your prayers and help even the busiest of people will be ready to be used in this finest of summer activities.

There are new books waiting—our own series about Indians, another Indian series published by the Missionary Education Movement, a series about the mission work which other denominations have done in the south Pacific, books on the post-war world problems. Lists are published in state year books and denominational papers, are distributed in book lists and *World in Books* catalogs from state W.M.U. headquarters and Baptist Bookstores. "Too busy to have studied and prayed, too busy to have led young people into the service they wanted to give" will seem strange excuse when they come home. Make this summer count for Christ in missionary education activities and achievements. As "laborers together with God" and with the directors of W.M.U. work in your church and association rejoice in the manifold opportunities to fulfill the psalmist's prophecy "that the generation to come shall know".



Bible Topics for W.M.U. Study in 1945

General Theme: Sources of Power for Building Tomorrow's World

January—First Corinthians 3:5-17

February—Acts 8:4-13, 25

March—Psalm 85, James 3:16-18

April—Ephesians 4:1-16

May—Revelation 7:9-17

June—Psalm 110

July—Romans 13

August—Acts 2:41-47; 4:31-33

September—Acts 1:14; 9:36-43; 17:11-12, 32-34

October—Second Timothy 2:1-15

November—Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-4

December—Isaiah 48:1-11

Business Women's Circles (Concluded from Page 10)

South Sea Islands. Being a loyal Christian, she is anxious to do what she can to take Christianity to the people with whom she will come in contact as she serves our country in that locality. While she has been away for these past two weeks, the other members of the circle have been enthusiastically studying about mission work which has been done among the aborigines of the Pacific; so, she asks the girls to tell her about the people and their Christian background. The program chairman starts the discussion by telling of "The Isles of the Sea". As other members continue the discussion of "Christianity in the Pacific Islands", "The Pacific Islands Today", "The Hawaiian Islands", "His Mighty Acts in Hawaii", and "Japan", they can point out the location of the particular islands on the map. The new Red Cross worker tells the girls how much she appreciates their telling her of the work that has been done. She has been challenged to do her part in introducing the Gospel of Jesus to those who do not know Him. She is aware of the fact that the hearts of the people both here in our country and in other countries must be changed if real peace is to come. We must develop a Christian attitude toward the Japanese and pray that all people of all nations may come to know joy and fellowship in serving Christ. (For program material see pages 12-19.)

Further Suggestions: If any letters have been received recently from those in our armed forces in the Pacific islands, it would be interesting to read excerpts from same which tell of experiences, the people and activities on the islands. If possible arrange to have a returned missionary tell of the mission work being done in the South Sea Islands.

Cut out newspaper articles and pictures from magazines which tell of the people and the islands of the Pacific. These can be placed on a blackboard or flannel-graph as they are shown and left for the remainder of the meeting.

Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

From the 1941 review of the work of the Rockefeller Foundation, we quote the following extract: "Whether we wish it or not an invisible pattern of unity has been woven into the society of mankind. There is not an area of activity in which this cannot be illustrated. Our children are guarded from diphtheria by what a Japanese and a German did; they are protected from smallpox by an Englishman's work; they are saved from rabies because of a Frenchman; they are cured of pellagra through the researches of an Austrian. From birth to death they are surrounded by an invisible host—the spirits of men who never thought in terms of flags or boundary lines and who never served a lesser loyalty than the welfare of mankind. What is true of medical science is true of the other sciences. The fundamental unity of a civilization is the unity of its intellectual life. The foundations of a cooperative world have already been laid". The review further states that the ultimate structure of a united society awaits.

Magnificent as we all recognize the consecration of the sciences to the welfare of mankind to be, and as essential, we must also recognize that there is yet a supreme loyalty to which mankind must be consecrated and an even more enduring foundation on which to build if the ultimate structure is to be the brotherhood of man in a cooperative world wherein there is peace. In this connection the words of Bishop James E. Walsh of the Catholic Missionary Society are pertinent: "Foreign missions are the best approach to world peace because they offer the only real foundation for peace and progress, for moral principles and spiritual truth". The following items are evidences of the fact that foreign missionaries to the islands of the Pacific have served no lesser loyalty than that to Christ Jesus and that the foundation with Christ as the chief cornerstone is being laid there. The ultimate structure awaits.

Although New Guinea is, with the exception of Australia, the largest island in the world little is known about it. We are told it flashed into the news forty years ago when two British missionaries were killed by cannibals. In 1941 a young missionary, brought up in one of the most densely populated parts of London, from his base—a lonely spot on the coast of Papua—made four expeditions, traveling three hundred miles on foot and more by canoe. On one of these trips inland he found a well populated area untouched by any missionary work. Arriving at home on the coast he told his churches the story of the patrol and the possibility of inland work. The result was that a number of members from some of his churches were ready to go inland for the sake of Jesus Christ, and this without pay, to work for seven years. At the last writing there were thirty-two of these primitive folk, a bare generation from cannibalism, who are serving as unpaid missionaries to their fellowmen in the hinterland.

An older missionary and his wife, on exploration work in New Guinea, came at dusk to a large village. "We found this village", says the missionary, "keen on having a teacher". When asked why, one man answered: "The Ikega men are our relatives, and they are different from us—happy, clean, ready to laugh and play, and we want to be like that too". We are further told in *World Dominion* that few things have more impressed the Australians and American troops in New Guinea than the loyalty and devotion of the Papuan carriers and guides, especially in their care of the wounded.

A lady writing in *Life and Work* says that she was born and brought up in a household which was not interested in Christian missions, but criticized them sharply. Late in 1940 she and her husband traveling in the south Pacific suffered shipwreck and were landed on an island on which the natives were reputed cannibals. Next day, Sunday, they discovered a church and heard the natives singing what they recognized as "Jesus loves me, this I know" though the service was in the native tongue. That evening about a dozen men surprised them by bringing food and telling them, "Tomorrow more". Next day they met the missionary who had come from the Solomon Islands to this lonely isle. When the rescue ship arrived the head-man refused any payment, saying: "There is no need. We are Christians. We gave to you because you had so little".

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY to the SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT—January 1 to April 1, 1941 COMPILED BY W. M. U. TREASURER

STATES	Reported by State Treasurers as Having Been Contributed by W. M. U. Members					Received by W. M. U. Treasurer			Cooperative Program
	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Ministerial Relief	Christian Education	State and Other Objects in S. B. C. Program	State App'l Training School	Scholarship Fund	Special Gifts	
Alabama	\$ 8,204.32	\$ 16,380.22	\$ 1,019.45	\$ 44,878.36	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 51.35	\$ 70,833.70	\$ 26,087.16
Arizona	702.42	280.92	7.45	279.10	18.68	279.10	16.40	1,288.57	335.17
Arkansas	9,886.35	4,530.51	571.68	14,168.32	847.51	229.60		30,250.37	13,493.54
California	358.04	1,820.26		429.78		6.00		974.08	492.41
Dist. of Col.	1,489.73	1,420.54		294.00		135.00		3,339.27	
Florida	18,838.72	10,306.70	1,021.94	19,802.76	1,410.18	124.98		51,676.57	27,630.97
Georgia	8,827.26	22,640.24	8.50	72,914.58	767.10	887.22		106,077.80	58,674.20
Illinois	6,239.82	18,242.54	2,201.93	32,638.94	8,261.14	69.01		22,072.20	9,605.80
Kentucky	21,372.59	17,623.84	1,065.22	32,638.94	3,261.14			77,662.68	46,323.00
Louisiana	17,623.84	15,426.59	2,201.93	21,051.78	21,051.78			56,629.37	29,208.57
Maryland	1,955.62	3,499.08	233.32	466.63	3,811.19	175.00		10,140.84	
Mississippi	5,615.57	28,810.74	1,099.22	24,366.95	24,366.95			62,202.34	
Missouri	21,591.00	12,692.79	1,073.71	34,185.67	7,607.38	300.00		77,783.87	28,170.76
Nebraska	1,589.84	2,373.89	6.72	240.00	1,478.65			5,689.10	6,646.57
New Mexico	29,192.64	39,350.22	2,994.40	4,086.56	16,269.24			136,893.14	72,328.59
North Carolina	18,865.39	6,590.22	236.00	1,064.40	16,670.88			43,826.89	8,000.00
Oklahoma	9,446.70	13,375.62	2,994.40	2,321.10	16,670.88			50,303.74	38,429.26
South Carolina	17,609.68	31,503.35	2,922.66	3,997.44	22,640.77	1,500.00		80.00	56,567.59
Tennessee	22,990.32	79,403.39	4,174.13	99,097.32	3,469.36			209,327.93	73,641.99
Texas	33,952.98	43,936.12	4,170.71	46,814.30	5,906.27	500.00		134,674.38	83,105.18
Virginia	1,452.88							1,549.34	
Miscellaneous									
TOTAL	\$257,811.80	\$356,153.86	\$25,584.40	\$557,584.90	\$38,896.07	\$4,316.81	\$1,516.64	\$1,243,329.48	\$578,741.66



Immeasurably grateful is Woman's Missionary Union that the following report can now be rendered. Additional amounts may yet be contributed but, even so, this total of \$301,874.76 is the largest ever ingathered through the Annie Armstrong Offering. Deepest gratitude is herewith accorded to all donors and to "the Giver of every good gift!"

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State	State Goal	Total Receipts	State Designations	State Expense	For South-wide Goal
Ala.....	\$ 9,900	\$ 20,182.00	\$	\$ 123.20	\$ 20,058.80
Ariz.....	500	1,009.53			1,009.53
Ark.....	6,000	7,004.96	350.00	250.00	6,404.96
Calif.....	500	310.13			310.13
D. C.....	2,000	2,097.29	1,051.40*		1,045.89
Fla.....	8,000	13,841.62		78.00	13,763.62
Ga.....		27,561.98			27,561.98
Ill.....	4,000	4,673.38		31.00	4,642.38
Ky.....	12,000	21,199.14		255.34	20,943.80
La.....	10,000	19,986.99		45.83	19,941.16
Md.....	1,800	2,622.11			2,622.11
Miss.....		26,622.07			26,622.07
Mo.....	10,000	16,309.93		215.58	16,094.35
N. M.....	1,800	2,180.13			2,180.13
N. C.....	25,000	31,965.62†		188.67	31,776.95†
Okla.....	10,000	12,540.80		86.95	12,453.85
S. C.....	13,500	21,440.01	1,200.00	144.78	20,095.23
Tenn.....	15,000	20,419.58		175.00	20,244.58
Tex.....	35,000	56,762.79†	38,912.79†	350.00	17,500.00
Va.....	30,000	39,303.15	2,700.00		36,603.15
Total		\$348,033.30	\$44,214.19	\$1,944.35	\$301,874.76

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