

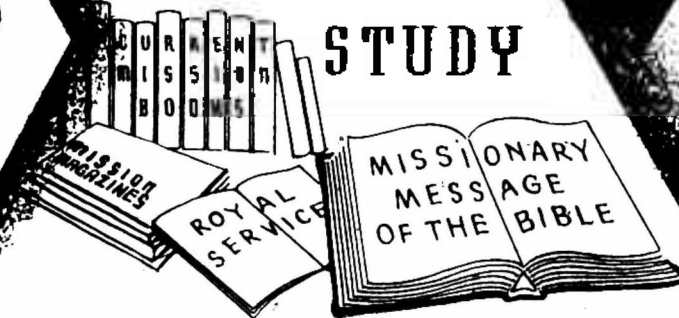
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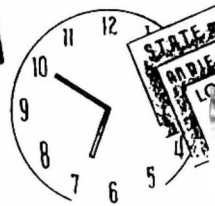
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An EDITORIAL

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Enlistment Emphasis

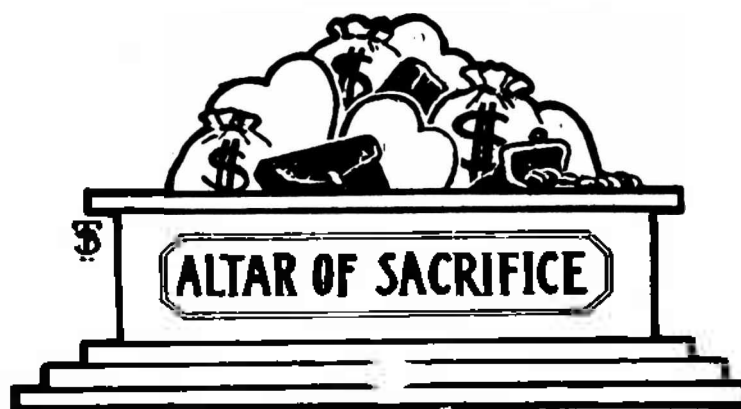
OCTOBER has long been designated as the month of enlistment emphasis in Woman's Missionary Union organizations. Because vacations are over, children and young people are again in school and mothers are setting up regular home routine it seems the natural time to get ready for months of purposeful activity. Choices are being made by women and young people as to things of major emphasis in their lives for this long period of the year. Missionary societies do well to present the claims of the important W.M.U. Chief Aims: Prayer, Study of the missionary message of the Bible and world-missions, the Christian obligation as to Tithes and Offerings, the strategic importance of Missionary Education of Young People, personal dedication to Community Missions.

Hope is strong at this writing that soon the horror of war will be ended. It may even be that when this issue of Royal Service reaches its readers this hope will have become reality. Major adjustments in social and industrial life are inevitable when this glad day comes. Many women will relinquish the work that war has demanded and will turn again to their homes; but they will be different—more alert to make wise choices in use of their time and talents. In them there is a wide field for enlistment as the claims of W.M.U. ideals are earnestly, tactfully, lovingly presented. If the coming of peace be delayed, there is still a mighty appeal in putting first things first. The obligation of Christian womanhood and youth is to the things of first importance.

October meetings will provide opportunity for those who have gone as delegates and visitors to the 56th year's meeting of Woman's Missionary Union to bring glowing, quickening reports. The novel experience of a southwide September meeting will serve to give added emphasis to the October enlistment efforts. Societies that will have had no member to attend this meeting can arrange for some near-by person who did attend to be a visitor and thus provide the help and inspiration which such a report is sure to bring. Contact with missionaries, home and foreign, and with denominational leaders, fellowship with collaborators can be translated by participants into inspiration and incentive for every society. Some unusual features with their promise of practical help in meeting urgent present-day problems should be especially reported, such as the series of conferences on vital themes as to how women may serve in the post-war world, how they may meet the problem of beverage alcohol and how in their communities they may combat the evil known as youth delinquency. Enlistment in the army of the Lord that combats evil and that marches forward in world conquest is a high element in the total enlistment program of Christian womanhood and youth. Each society will seek to know and use the methods proposed.

Year-round emphasis upon enlistment of women and young people of our churches in W.M.U. ideals and plans for the promotion of missions will receive added impetus through intensive efforts in October. Each fully enlisted person will with fervency of spirit seek to win others. A war-torn world waits for consecrated, dedicated Christians. They are the only agents to bring a sorrowing, suffering world to the Lord Jesus. The enlistment of each one in full dedication to the Christian's mission is of utmost importance. Emphasize enlistment in October.

The Presbyterian Survey says the following incident may answer the question often being asked—"Wasn't it a waste of time and money to have sent missionaries to Japan?" An American soldier was wounded and was found in the jungle by some Japanese soldiers. He thought of course he would be tortured and killed. Instead the Japanese lifted him tenderly and carried him to the road where they knew his regiment would pass. As they laid him by the roadside they said: "Your friends will soon come by and take care of you. We Japanese are Christians".



Annie Armstrong Offering in 1944

THE goal of \$200,000 was surpassed by \$76,052 available for southwide distribution. The following list of causes was accordingly arranged in conference with representatives of the Home Mission Board to which the money has already been forwarded by the various states. It is impossible to express the gratitude felt toward God and every person who made possible such work through the Home Mission Board.

1. Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence (Supplementing Salary \$300, Office Help \$180)	\$ 480
2. Miss Irene Chambers (Salary \$1800, Travel Expense \$900)	2,700
3. Bette Ishibashi Kira (Supplementing Salary)	972
4. Woman's Emergency Home, New Orleans, La. (Building)	12,000
Mrs. Mildred Bollinger Stem (Salary)	1,200
5. Rescue Mission, New Orleans, La. (Remodeling)	8,000
6. Supplement to Golden Jubilee Negro Fund (Handled by Mrs. W. J. Cox)	1,000
7. Cuba—For Summer Workers (Training School Girls), Chapel at Santo Domingo. Additional Worker with Mrs. H. R. Moseley	10,000
8. Indian Worker in Mississippi	1,800
9. Good Will Center Worker, East St. Louis (or Granite City), Ill.	1,200
10. Good Will Center, Christopher, Ill. (Building)	5,000
11. Workers in Panama	6,000
12. Cuban Church Building, Tampa, Fla. (Repairs)	1,000
13. Albany Church (Italian), Tampa, Fla.	6,000
14. Vacation Bible Schools among Mexicans in Texas and New Mexico	4,000
15. Indian Clinics (Ariz., Fla., Miss., N. M., N. C., Okla.)	1,800
16. Additional Summer Work with Students	2,000
17. Miss Gladys Keith (Salary)	1,200
18. Five Additional Kindergarten Workers among Spanish-speaking People in New Mexico and Arizona	2,400
19. Salaries for Three Additional Missionaries to Arizona Indians	3,600
20. Salary for Missionary Couple to Chinese, Phoenix, Ariz.	2,500
21. Salary for Additional Missionary to Pueblo Indians	1,200
TOTAL	\$76,052

Centennial Evangelistic Crusade

Dr. M. E. Dodd, General Director
Shreveport, La.

ON a golden summer afternoon in Palestine, just as the sun was awestering, I went with a small group of friends up on the Mount of Olives to a spot from which it was said Jesus ascended back to the Father. We read Acts 1:8, the last words of our Lord to the apostles, and had prayer. It was a solemnly sweet and sacred service.

"Ye shall receive power," and we lingered in thought with that word power, *dunamis*, dynamite. This was a great and gracious promise, the promise of power, divine power, superhuman power. Those first disciples of Christ had no such power as the world depends upon, such as political position, financial force or social standing. But God would give them a power far beyond any or all of these. And with that power they would lift empires off their hinges and change the course of human history. "O, how much need there is for that power," thought we who stood there on that sacred hill, "both for ourselves and for our churches back home". And the need has grown greater year by year. It grows greater with growing tasks. With the titanic task of winning a million souls to Christ during the Centennial of the Southern Baptist Convention, the need for divine power is still greater.

"When the Holy Spirit is come upon you" and there we came face to face with the Person of power. Furthermore, we face the fact, the humbling fact, that without Him "ye can do nothing". Without the Holy Spirit to fill, overshadow, master, control, guide and lead, all human schemes and plans are but the rumbling of empty machinery. Without the Holy Spirit a church is a car without a driver, a ship without a rudder, a star without a course, a wild vagrant comet in God's universe. It was then that we prayed for the coming of the Holy Spirit in all the plenitude and power of His gracious presence. And more than ever we need to pray that prayer now. O, that there may be a Heaven-sent, Holy Spirit created revival among the people of God who are called Baptists!

Then we read on: "And ye shall be witnesses unto Me", yes witnesses, not waiters on tables nor workers at worldly things nor winners of battles but witnesses, witnesses to Christ, witnesses to His Deity, to His Saviorhood, witnesses to His Lordship, witnesses to what He has done for us and what He means to us. Here was and is and forever must be the *purpose* of power—power to witness.

"Ye shall be witnesses unto Me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth." And there we had it, the *place* to witness. There were four areas in which they should witness: (1) Jerusalem, (2) Judea, (3) Samaria, (4) the uttermost part of the earth. Christ drew four ever enlarging circles about Himself and His apostles. The first circle encompassed Jerusalem, the people who could be reached by personal contact. That was the primary place to witness for Christ, namely in their own community.

Southern Baptists take pardonable pride in the claim that they conform in their faith and practice to the teaching, example and command of the Lord Jesus Christ. In carrying out the last commission of Christ, southern Baptists have: (1) their "Jerusalem Community Missions"; (2) their "Judea", *State Missions*; (3) their "Samaria Home Missions"; (4) their "Uttermost Part", *Foreign Missions*.

Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, began her notable ministry of globe girdling service to our Savior by devoting a special period of prayer to the interest of "The Uttermost Part". Then she took up the area of "Samaria" with a week of prayer and propaganda for home missions; then for "Judea", state missions. Now, for the "Year of Our Lord 1945", the Centennial of the Southern Baptist Convention, one month is designated by W.M.U. as the time to "face the needs of our own community". This fills up the four quarters of a God planned calendar which fits so perfectly into Christ's four-fold commission to carry

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Book Review

MISS WILLIE JEAN STEWART, *Teacher*

Baptist Missions among the American Indians: Carl Coke Rister, Atlanta, 1944, Home Mission Board, S.B.C.; Pages 127; Price 40c. *This and any other book reviewed in this magazine may be ordered from State Baptist Bookstore.*

FROM the days of Roger Williams on American Baptists have been interested in the evangelization of the Indians. Whenever the Indians of early days met justice and kindness at the hands of the white settlers, they were responsive to their religious teachings. But after many experiences of the white man's greed, injustice and even treachery in the new settlements, they became suspicious of white men and of everything white men had to offer including their religion. Thus white missionaries have had a hard road to travel among them. Only as individuals have they been able to win the confidence of the tribes and a hearing for the Gospel they have come to preach.

It is the story of this slow, heart-breaking process through the years, from colonial days until now, that this book has to tell. Beginning with an interesting chapter on the Red Man and his ways, with a rather optimistic estimate perhaps of the state of his civilization, it goes on to tell of the beginnings of Baptist work among the Indians. Next it takes up the beginnings of the work among the southern tribes and the persecutions resulting from reaction of these tribes to the broken promises of those who moved them from their ancestral homes to the west. It closes with a picture of the work as it is today.

The book is written from a man's point of view, with more statistics than color. However, we believe that our women will find it an interesting and profitable study.

Teaching Suggestions

MRS. R. L. BROWN, *Teacher*

I. Teacher's Preparation

1. Teacher must be one who is willing to use head, heart and hand if study is to be of most benefit.
2. Teacher should read the entire book at one sitting if possible, with a view to getting the author's viewpoint, to see his purpose for writing the book.
3. Read again page 5, March 1944, *Southern Baptist Home Missions*: "New Indian Books Offer Tests for Each Age Group."
4. Read any books which may be available on the American Indians.
5. Strive to create in own heart a sympathetic and friendly attitude toward the Indians. "Seek to see the Indians through the Indian's eye."
6. Read through the book again and make a list, as you read, of materials that will be of value in your teaching.
7. Study book, chapter by chapter, and assemble supplementary material, copies, clippings and articles.
8. Pray much—there is no substitute for prayer. Teacher should have Christ's spirit of compassion.
9. Outline teaching plans. Create atmosphere for each class period.
10. Plan all assignments, using as many class members as possible, giving them ample time for thorough preparation.

II. Supplementary Material

1. Map of home mission fields with the sections where the Indians live brightly colored (*Free from Home Mission Board, 315 Red Rock Bldg., Atlanta 3, Ga.*)
2. Poster sheet of home missionaries (*Free from Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.*)
3. Home mission map "Baptist Home Missions in the South" (*Free from Home Mission Board*)
4. Home Mission Board album
5. *Southern Baptist Home Missions* magazine, 25 cents for year's subscription from Home Mission Board
6. "Indians at Work"—U. S. Dept. of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C.
7. See "Indians, American", Vol. 15, American Encyclopedia
8. See bibliography, "Indian Resource Book", Burton, 25 cents from Home Mission Board

9. Denominational periodicals
10. Current magazines, such as *National Geographic* etc.

III. Advertise Class

1. Send personal invitation to those who should attend using head of Indian tepee etc. for design
2. Use announcement posters in Sunday-school class rooms and other rooms in church where groups assemble.
3. Put notice in church bulletin

IV. Projects

1. Use of note-books by the class
 - a. Members of class are to put in names of places, tribes and missionaries mentioned on small home mission maps which should be drawn or mimeographed
 - b. Pictures of Indians and Indian life to be used in final session and then filed in note-books
 - c. Pictures of present missionaries to Indians and a brief sketch of life and work of each
 - d. Notes on topics presented at class sessions

V. Assignments

1. Devotional: Periods Plan for appropriate Scripture, songs and objects for prayer for each session
2. Indian Art—At each class period have a report on some phase of Indian art. Have class members collect samples of Indian art.
3. Radio Hour—Pastor would be good to give story of life and work of Rev. Isaac McCoy
4. Dramatization—Have five people represent the five civilized tribes, dressed in costume, to write and present a playlet based on facts in chapter III.
5. Book Review—"Tepee Trails", G. Lee Phelps
6. Review—Chapter V of "His Precious Promises", J. W. Reagle
7. Other assignments as suggested in lesson plans

VI. Teaching Plans

Session I. Chapter I

1. Aim: To give the class members a picture of Indians, their origin, family life, civic life and religious rites
2. Devotional Period—Hymn: *Precious Name*, Scripture: Ps. 22:22, Acts 4:12, Prayer that His name may be precious to the "First Americans"
3. Introduce Indian series of mission study books
4. Give brief biography of author—Carl Coke Rister
5. Study of home mission map
6. Assignment: "Indians and Weaving" (Indian blankets, baskets etc. on display)
7. Have five members of the class give the five topics discussed (Use felt-o-graph with pictures typical of topics)

Session II. Chapter II

1. Aim: To show how American Baptists have ever felt the need of sending missionaries to the Indians
2. Devotional Period—Hymn: *Let Him In* (to be sung in Indian sign language); Scripture: Rev. 3:20, Prayer that the Indians may open their hearts and let Him in that He may mold and shape their lives; Solo: *Have Thine Own Way*
3. Assignment: "Indians and Pottery-making" (Indian pottery on display)
4. Leader gives history of beginning of work among Indians
5. Radio Hour—Leader turns on radio and pastor gives story of life and work of Rev. Isaac McCoy

Session III. Chapter III

1. Aim: To portray the life and culture of the five civilized tribes before they were removed to the Indian Territory, the Baptist work among the tribes and the sad experiences of the "Trail of Tears"
2. Devotional Period—Hymn: *He Leadeth Me*; Scripture: Ex. 13:21; Prayer that the Lord will lead more missionaries to these people and that the Indians may be led to walk the Jesus Road

3. Have dolls representing as many tribes as possible on exhibit and the assignment given on "The Art of Making Indian Dolls".
4. Have five people represent the 5 civilized tribes, dressed in costume, to give a playlet based on facts in this chapter.

Session IV. Chapter IV

1. Aim: To show early Baptist work in the Indian Territory and the persecutions
2. Devotional Period—Scripture: Zech. 13:9; Prov. 25:4; Song: *Amazing Grace*; Prayer: that the Lord will continue to refine His followers that they may be as silver
3. Assignment: "Indians and Silversmithing" (silver jewelry on exhibit)
4. Discussion of how Creeks persecuted the Baptists
5. Have 3 members give brief biographical sketches of H. F. Buckner, J. S. Murrow, A. C. Bacone
6. Have class members sketch on their small home mission maps locations of tribes with names of places and missionaries
7. Assignment: Book Review—"Tepee Trails", by G. Lee Phelps

Session V. Chapter V

1. Aim: To see the Indian mission field today with its challenge
2. Devotional Period—Scripture: John 4:35; Solo: *Labor On*; Prayer: that we shall see the needs of the Indians and labor on until the Indians are won to the Jesus Way
3. Assignment: Chapter V of "Learning from the Jesus Way People" in "His Precious Promises" by J. W. Beagle
4. Use projector and screen to portray Indians and their life and the methods of our Baptist workers (These pictures will have been collected by class members for note-books.)
5. As pictures are shown teacher gives the explanation and presents in a forceful way the topics:
 - a. Baptist Work among the Five Civilized Tribes
 - b. The Blanket Indians
 - c. Missionary Work in New Mexico and Arizona
 - d. The New Challenge
6. Serve Indian food during social hour and exhibit other Indian arts and crafts



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From Missionaries

Colombia Is Not Slow

How many people did you invite to Sunday-school last Sunday?
How many people did you take to Sunday-school last Sunday?
How long have you been going to Sunday-school?

YOU have heard that South Americans are very slow and that they do not do today what can be put off until manana. Well, that is true in some things—but one would not often see on the streets of Atlanta or Birmingham or Dallas or Richmond some attractive young girl walking with her Bible under her arm, leading some 70 or 80 boys and girls to the Baptist church for Sunday-school. So you might be interested to know that, down here in Colombia, these Baptists are not slow at doing missionary work.

Blanca Guerrero is an outstandingly pretty and attractive girl who started rounding up crowds of children and bringing them to Sunday-school even before she herself knew much about the Gospel. She had heard though and knew it was something worthwhile and she liked it, so she got busy about getting others to hear the teachings of the Lord Jesus. Blanca has been cared for and carefully protected by an uncle and aunt since she was a year old. Her mother gave her to this aunt because she had no children of her own and she wanted Blanca. Now at the age of seventeen, through the influence of the uncle, who in years past was a Baptist and has now rededicated himself, she has become interested in being a Baptist and will soon be ready for baptism. On Easter Sunday Blanca brought over a hundred people to Sunday-school, which decidedly helped to make up the 455 in the Sunday-school in the Rebolo Baptist Church where she attends.

We could give a large list of such workers as this girl; we must mention one other who comes from the same church. Angela is one of our most consecrated girls. She gathers together large groups to bring to Sunday-school and teaches a class of some forty girls each Sunday. For lack of class room space our classes have to be very large, but Angela is capable of handling all of these primary girls. She has had very little opportunity for education, but we have seen such possibilities in this girl that this year we have put her in school. At the age of 19 years she had to begin in the fourth grade. She did not mind this but went to work so earnestly that she was soon advanced to the fifth and, then after two months, she was sent on into the sixth grade. Angela sings well, is learning to play the piano and is a great personal worker in her school amid many persecutions and snubs.

In the fall of 1941, when the first southern Baptist missionaries came to Barranquilla, there were no Baptist church buildings. There are now two buildings which are about one and a half years old. The third Baptist church building is now being completed. A beautiful primary school building is practically finished. These buildings, except the third church building which is being paid for by the Colombian Baptists, are gifts of southern Baptists.

You, with us, will find it difficult to realize what great opportunities there are here. Because of the receptiveness of the people those who are saved are encouraged to go to work immediately to win others. The average Sunday-school attendance is about 400, but on Easter Sunday the attendance in the Baptist Sunday-schools in Barranquilla was 879. We have a fine Training Union, W.M.U. organizations, choirs, a half-hour radio program each Sunday at noon—in fact, all that goes to make up a Baptist church.

Now you can't say that Colombia is slow in receiving and doing the greatest thing in life.—Mrs. H. W. Schweinsberg, Barranquilla

A Christian Experience as Told by a Recent Convert

I NEEDED clothes; for two years I had not been able to buy a new outfit. All my earnings had been used to pay for night-classes, so I was without means to clothe myself properly.

I had never doubted that God hears and answers the prayers of His children, but to pray about the question of clothes seemed absurd to me; I should solve that question myself. Although I had prayed to God for others that their needs might be supplied, my own case seemed different. The idea of me, an able bodied man, asking God to give me clothes was too much; I should find the solution myself; but so far I had not done so. Seeing that my work brought me only enough for board and night-studies, to buy clothes was impossible—so the difficulty could not be removed.

A strange force within impelled me to reveal my needs to my Savior in my devotions to Him; but I resisted with all force this inclination, believing that it was my own task to supply my need. I argued thus: clothes have never brought real happiness to any one; what use are raiments for the body anyhow? Often clothes cover an evil and miserable life. God looks at the heart and not at the exterior. With these and other arguments I tried to convince myself, yet I could not feel free from that strange force that impelled me to carry my problem to the Lord. One night, without aiming to, I began to talk to Him as though He were my earthly father, telling Him my needs, my efforts to supply them and my inability to do so. I recall the burden of my plea: "Lord and Master, I come to Thee because in my own strength I have been unable to take care of my necessities for proper clothes in which to present myself in Sunday-school and church. If they be a necessity, help me to acquire them; but above all may my heart be prepared to receive Thy teachings and obey them."

I awoke next day happy and satisfied. I had asked my Master to help me in problems which had troubled me so long and which I had hesitated to bring to Him, believing that He should not be bothered with such things as people ought to take care of themselves. The happiness, relief and confidence which welled up in my being were beyond my comprehension but I was satisfied, as never before, with my decision to follow Christ and prepare myself to be His messenger among my fellow-men.

A few days later I was informed that some Baptist friends in North America had sent some money to be distributed among worthy ministerial students and that my name had been included in that list of young men who were to be given something to help them in their studies and other problems. I was so touched that I could say little at the time but, as the idea grew upon me that God through His people had supplied my great need, my heart overflowed with gratitude to my Savior and those dear people. It was only then that I realized the Holy Spirit had been working with me, leading me to confide in and trust the Lord for everything and in all circumstances seek first His will and guidance.—*John Lima, Working in Baptist Publishing House in Rio de Janeiro*

W.M.U. Itinerant Work in Brazil

(Written especially for ROYAL SERVICE by two young women who plan to give their lives in special service. This is one of the results of offerings given by the W.M.U. of the S.B.C. for itinerant work in Brazil.)

I T is with pleasure that we comply with the request of our missionary, Mrs. J. E. Lingerfelt, to give a brief account of our work during the holidays of 1943-44 in the field of Rev. Pacifico Monteiro, in the south of the state of Bahia on the borders of Minas Gerais in Brazil. For some time the churches of that section had been requesting the visit of summer workers. Because of the difficulty of travel and the heavy rains of last year, it was only this summer that we were able to visit these churches.

We left the village of Nova Canaan toward the end of December to visit the congregation of Icarai, where we stayed until Christmas. In spite of the rain we had a Vacation Bible School with 60 children, closing it out with a Christmas tree. In this particular place the Christmas tree was unknown, but suffice it to say that the children liked it very much.

The following day we went to another village, Vila da Mata de Sao Paulo, where we did our second week of work. Besides the Vacation Bible School we taught two books—the W.M.U. Manual and a book on stewardship.

From there we traveled 18 leagues (70 miles) to arrive in the village of Maiquinique. There we remained 13 days. We had an excellent Vacation Bible School and at night we had fine meetings with the whole church that took an active part in the studies. Even though the classes are especially for the women, the men take an active part.

After completing the work in Maiquinique we went to Ribeirao do Salto. There the Vacation Bible School was small with only 43 children; these were from non-Christian homes, as practically all the believers have recently moved away. At night we had the study courses.

Our next stopping point was Natal, 12 leagues (48 miles) from Ribeirao do Salto. It is in this prosperous village that the major part of the church members of Ribeirao do Salto live. We were accompanied by a group of the brethren going to attend the monthly business meeting of the church. There we had our best Vacation Bible School. On the day we were to leave we were awakened at four o'clock in the morning by a group of brethren singing one of our hymns to the accompaniment of a guitar. It was with regret that we left that group.

Now for the return trip! We traveled four consecutive days. The first day we crossed the Pardo River in a canoe and spent the night on a near-by farm. The rest of the trip was by the usual method of the zone—muleback!

We traveled, in all, 82 leagues (328 miles), visited three churches and two prosperous congregations, distributed 300 pamphlets, visited 50 homes and became acquainted with many believers in Christ. We came to know also this corner of our state, so full of natural beauties and enchantments. The trip was difficult because of the long distances on horseback, but we were happy to cooperate in the Master's Cause among these churches that received for the first time the visit of the summer workers of the Brazilian W.M.U.

There is a great desire in these places to know the Gospel. We felt very strongly the necessity for more workers, for the field truly is great and there is much fruit ready for the harvest. "Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that He send laborers into His harvest!"—*Brazilian Coworkers in Christ: Jabes Souza, Dina Vieira*

Marcolina

For five years the little city of Porto Franco on the Tocantins River pleaded for a Christian teacher to be sent there to teach the children of the believers, for these children could not study with any degree of happiness in the only school that existed there. But who would give up a life of comfort in the big city to go into the interior to teach, and what young woman would dare break away from the old, old customs of the nation, dare to travel alone, to establish a school in the interior where one would not even have bread to eat except on rare occasions?

At last Marcolina heard the call and dared all this for her Master and in 1932 went to this little interior city to establish a day-school, to work in the church and to be a great soul-winner. All these years she has served and is recognized as a wonderful personal worker, as well as a teacher of such merit that neighboring towns have offered to triple the salary the Home Board pays her if she would leave Porto Franco and work there. But this pioneer, faithful soul that she is, has appealed that others accept the offers of the other villages and she has remained at her post. Besides teaching all the subjects in the school she directs the W.M.S. and S.S., the Children's Societies, the Y.W.A. and, during her leisure, makes evangelistic visits along the river.—*Miss Letha Saunders, Brazil*

Community Missions

Miss Mary Christian, Southwide Chairman

Helping War Workers' Children

WOMEN with time on their hands are needed for volunteer work in Day Care Centers in many southern cities, where hundreds of nursery school and kindergarten age children are cared for daily, while their mothers and fathers work to help win the war. Those with an hour, two hours or more to spare might give some of their time each week in taking on part-time jobs at one of these centers.

Here, each day from 6 A. M. to 7:00 P. M. children, whose parents are busy on war jobs, play, sing, hear stories, eat lunch, take naps and make excursions, all under the supervision of trained adults. But the trained instructors on hand at each school are always desirous of help for the small children who need various attentions.

When the children arrive, wraps must be removed and, in about two hours, put on again for playground activities. Here, adult help is needed. Then comes cod-liver oil feeding, followed by a story hour. Almost all children listen to the stories, which calls for more help and a watchful eye on those who don't or won't. Women with story-telling or musical ability are needed for this period of the day too.

Lunch time rolls around and each small table seats five children and one adult; so here is another spot where a navy or army wife, whose husband doesn't come home for lunch, could contribute an hour or so. Then comes naptime when all children must be undressed and tucked into bed where they stay for two hours. Meanwhile the volunteer can assist in the mixing of paints and arrangements for the next day's activity program. At 2:30 P. M. the children must be dressed again, fed milk and wafer, bundled into wraps for another outdoor session. Sometimes tours are made to bakeries, dairies, the post-office and to fire-stations. Here a volunteer (*with or without B or C card*) could assist with the transportation of the children.

Most children have colds and other ailments and it is hoped that some of the cases can be isolated, provided volunteers will open their homes to one or two children occasionally in order to prevent spread of such ailments. Such a plan has been adopted by nursery schools in many cities in the United States. It is hoped that some women, who cannot go to the Nursery Schools for actual work but who live near one of the centers, will volunteer to care for a sick child once in a while. There is other work for those who cannot leave their homes, such as sewing.

Persons willing to do any such volunteer work—half-day, whole-day or for two or three hours—should register at the Civilian Defense Volunteer Office in their city or call the Nursery School Office for further information. Those who will give service in their homes in case of illness are asked to do likewise.—Miss Lillian Poyntz, Alabama

Centennial Evangelistic Crusade

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His Gospel into the the four geographical areas of (1) community, city or association, (2) state, (3) other states, (4) other countries.

If all southern Baptists—men, women and young people—by concentrating all energies upon the effort to win a million souls to Christ during 1945, can succeed in that effort, that will guarantee support toward sending the Gospel "unto the uttermost part" for fifty years hence. All the support which "The Uttermost Part" is now getting is being given by those who were won to Christ in the community 10—20—40 years ago. Therefore this Centennial Evangelistic Crusade honors Christ directly, blesses the individual souls and provides the largest possible service for all of our Christly causes in the future. (See cut on page 8.)

Training School

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

Tennessee Memorials

IN the new building Tennessee W.M.U. has carried over one of her memorials from the old building and established three new ones. In this way attention is called to the service of several of her leaders who have been particularly close to the Training School.

The dining-room continues as the memorial to Miss Evie Brown to whom the dining-room at Preston and Broadway was dedicated in 1918. Miss Brown was a pioneer in W.M.U. work and served as the Tennessee trustee of the Training School from 1907 until her death in 1913.

To honor the service of Misses Mary Northington and Margaret Bruce the Tennessee W.M.U. dedicated two bedrooms. Speaking for Tennessee women Mrs. C. D. Creasman says: "Miss Northington belongs in a very particular way to Woman's Missionary Union of Tennessee. . . Her home church in Clarksville had one of the early Woman's Missionary Societies in the state and one of the first missionary organizations for young women in the southland. In this missionary church . . . young Mary received the missionary training and imbibed the love for missions which laid the foundation for her life's work. When the Tennessee W.M.U. was ready to employ its first field-worker it was young Miss Northington who was called to the task. After several years of splendid service in this position she resigned to enter the W.M.U. Training School, graduating in the class of 1915. She served as W.M.U. secretary first in Illinois and then in Alabama. In 1923 the Tennessee W.M.U. called back . . . this child of her love to become executive secretary. So 'Miss Mary' as she is lovingly called . . . came home and has given herself . . . to the Tennessee W.M.U. . . Miss Margaret Bruce is a child of Tennessee . . . attended a Tennessee Baptist college and went to the Training School from Tennessee. After her graduation in 1931 she was loaned to Kentucky for a short time. When in 1934 the Tennessee W.M.U. needed a young people's leader Miss Bruce was chosen for the position. . . Through her years of service she has proved herself to be the ideal young people's leader. Her standards of Christian living are high, her missionary vision is broad, her consecration is deep and the young people follow her because they admire her and believe in her . . ."

Quoting again from Mrs. Creasman: "The whole southland claims Mrs. W. J. Cox, but Tennessee has a special claim on this leader of world-wide honor. . . She had the unique experience of beginning 'high up' in her W.M.U. work, for her first position was president of the Tennessee W.M.U. To this office she was elected in 1923; then a year and a half later she became president of the W.M.U. of the south. Her eight years in this office was a 'Glory Road' for, by the wisdom of her planning, the power of her speaking and the charm of her personality, she won the love and loyalty of the Baptist women of the world and led the W.M.U. to new heights of vision and achievement. . . In 1934 Mrs. Cox was elected treasurer of W.M.U. and in this position has proved herself to be a most efficient business woman. . . In the Training School building the Missionary Education Office is in honor of Mrs. Cox, established by the W.M.U. of Shelby County Association in which is located Memphis, the home of Mrs. Cox. . ."

Throughout the building one is reminded of the radiant life of the beloved second principal, Mrs. J. H. Anderson, of Knoxville, Tennessee. Her generous gift provided all the lamps and lighting fixtures.

Furnishings for a faculty bedroom have been given by the W.M.U. of Newport Association in the eastern part of the state. Mrs. Stokely of Newport has also provided for the furnishings in one of the Tennessee bedrooms in memory of Mrs. Anna G. Estes, her mother.

Our Young People

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

Give Attention in October

THREE particular matters claim attention of W.M.U. young people's director and counselors in October. These are in addition to continual prayer and effort for the best missionary programs possible in auxiliary meetings.

First, October begins the final quarter of 1944. How do your organizations measure up on the Standards of Excellence requirements? Have you held your two mission study classes? Then you are ready for another; there are so many fine books to be studying; the two required mission study classes are just a good beginning. To be sure you cannot make up meetings out of monthly turn, but by earnest endeavor you can pull up on some phase of missionary education in which you may have lagged a bit. See how much you can improve this fourth quarter's record and be ready for a so much better start in the historic year of 1945. The new Standard of Excellence wall charts could be used even now, bringing them up to date and finishing up for 1944, then starting with new ones in January.

Second, ask your W.M.U. nominating committee to see the wise advice on page 63 of the 1944 W.M.U. Year Book as to choosing young people's director and counselors before selecting all the W.M.S. officers and chairmen. We often say that young people are the most important things in the world and they are. Therefore, should they not have the first consideration and the most able leadership?

Third, it is time for your Annual Church Night of Stewardship to be shaping up for an October or a November date. This should be the culmination of all the stewardship studies through the past months. Much can be caught up at the last moment if necessary and still achieve good. Sunbeams have Scripture verses in acrostic to recite. Junior R.A.'s and G.A.'s. have a quiz program which can be worked up with details patterned after radio quiz programs or brief stories to tell. Intermediates should have posters and scrap-books on tithing to display. Y.W.A.'s. will have a play or skit or talks. Girls' Auxiliary or Royal Ambassador members working on advanced Forward Steps or Ranking System may have charts revealing the distribution of the gifts of your church for a given quarter; to show these would be very effective. Each organization should be ready to contribute some valuable part of the program in song, Scripture, talk, display or dramatically according to its plan and choice. So tithing will be featured and audiences will be reminded of God's ownership and our trusteeship. This will be most helpful in these months of the fall prior to the Every Member Canvass.

October will be a busy month for missions if you give attention to all its important matters. Give attention accordingly, please!



Y.W.A.'s use originality and ingenuity in planning their meetings and socials. Committees are ever on the alert for new ways to present the aims and ideals of Young Woman's Auxiliary. The WINDOW of Y.W.A. is an ever present help in time of doubt—make sure that ALL of the

young women in the auxiliary you foster are regular subscribers. You will want to solve some of your gift problems by giving a young woman The WINDOW of Y.W.A. on her birthday or for Christmas. Only \$1 a year from 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Ala.

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Calendar of Prayer October, 1944

Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

MAKE yourselves nests of pleasant thoughts; bright fancies, satisfied memories, noble histories, faithful sayings, treasure-houses of precious thoughts, which cannot disturb nor pain make gloomy nor poverty take away from us—houses built without hands for our souls to dwell in.

—John Ruskin

1—SUNDAY

That Women's Missionary Union shall glorify Christ through the chief aims of its organization
Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His Name: bring an offering and come into His courts
—Psa. 96:1

2—MONDAY

Founders' Day of Women's Missionary Union Training School, Louisville, Kentucky, October 2
We would see Jesus
—John 12:21

3—TUESDAY

xxDr. Jeannette Beall, medical-evangelistic work, Laichow Fu, Miss Leonora Scarlett, Free China, xxMiss Katie Murray, Cheongchow, China, evangelistic work
Remember His marvelous works that He hath done: His wonders and the judgments of His mouth
1 Chron. 16:12

4—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. N. Garcia, Guanajay, Rev. and Mrs. B. Molina, Portrerillo, Cuba, evangelistic work
Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto eternal life
—Acts 11:18

5—THURSDAY

*Miss Mildred Smith, medical-evangelistic work, Iwo, Nigeria
Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering
—Heb. 10:13

6—FRIDAY

State W.M.U. annual meeting, District of Columbia, Washington, October 6
Let us offer sacrifices of praise to God continually . . . giving thanks to His Name
—Heb. 13:15

7—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Johnson, Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Terry, educational-evangelistic work, Victoria, Brazil
Greet unto Thy servants that with all boldness they may speak Thy Word
—Acts 4:29

8—SUNDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. P. Ingram, *Miss Rees Watkins, appointees to Nigeria
That we might be fellowhelpers to the truth
—111 Jobo 3

9—MONDAY

Dr. H. L. Lang, educational-evangelistic work among his own Negro race, New Orleans, La.; also John Shepard, Margaret Furd student (son of former missionaries to Brazil)
Let us have grace, when by we may serve God acceptably
—Heb. 12:18

10—TUESDAY

xxDr. and Mrs. G. A. Carver, educational-evangelistic work, xxMiss Lucy Smith, secular-evangelistic work, Shanghai, China
The trial of your faith being much more precious than gold that perisheth
—1 Pet. 1:7

11—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. H. Rodriguez, Arriete, Rev. D. Levy, Barabson, Cuba, evangelistic work
Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works
—Heb. 10:24

12—THURSDAY

Baptist believers in Japan
The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him
—Psa. 103:17

13—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. O. Hill, Alamogordo, Rev. and Mrs. B. Villarreal, Albuquerque, New Mexico, evangelistic work among Spanish Americans
None of us liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself
—Rom. 14:7

14—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Stuart, evangelistic work, Misses xxHelen McCullough and tClara Edell, educational-evangelistic work, Honolulu, Hawaii
Follow peace with all men and boldness, without which no man can see God
—Heb. 12:14

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Calendar of Prayer for October

15—SUNDAY

*Miss Marie Cunner, JRv and *Mrs. C. L. Culpepper Jr., appointees to China. We trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.—Heb. 13:18

16—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Fleitas, Arroyo Apolo, Rev. A. Travieso, Vuelitas, Cuba, evangelistic work. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and put your trust in the Lord.—Psa. 9:10

17—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Larson, evangelistic work, Tsingtao, China; Miss Lila Watson, educational-evangelistic work, Shaoghai, China; also Ivan Larson, Margaret Fund student. His eyes are upon the ways of man, and He seeth all his doings.—Job 34:21

18—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. Vasquez, San Antonio de Rio Blanco, Rev. C. Mogen, Trinidad, Cuba, evangelistic work. Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth.—Psa. 96:10

19—THURSDAY

Rev. J. A. Sharpe, Rev. W. Hicks, educational-evangelistic work to their own Negro race, Baker, La. Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.—Neh. 9:17

20—FRIDAY

Rev. and *Mrs. A. B. Christie, Princeton, Rev. and *Mrs. C. F. Stapp, Campinas Grande, Brazil, educational-evangelistic work. Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart.—Psa. 27:14

21—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Best, Houston, Rev. and Mrs. E. Garza, Abilene, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans. Labor not for the meat that perisheth but for that which endureth unto everlasting life.—Jas. 1:17

22—SUNDAY

Mrs. S. J. Townsband, Mrs. S. E. Stephens, emeritus missionaries from China. The righteous Lord loveth righteousness, His countenance doth behold the upright.—Psa. 11:7

23—MONDAY

State W.M.U. annual meeting—New Mexico, Albuquerque, Oct. 23-24. Keep the charge of the Lord thy God to walk in His ways.—1 Kings 2:3

24—TUESDAY

Rev. McK. and Dr. Martha J. Gilliland (appointees) evangelistic-medical work, Nigeria, Rev. and *Mrs. J. B. Adair, educational-evangelistic work, Lagos, Nigeria. Show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.—1 Pet. 2:9

25—WEDNESDAY

State W.M.U. annual meeting—Maryland, Baltimore, Oct. 25-27. The God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus.—Rom. 15:5

26—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. Garcia, San Antonio, Rev. E. Ortega, El Paso, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans. Being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.—Rom. 5:1

27—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Hill, Canton, *Miss Aurns Prader, Sun Hing, China, evangelistic work. The counsel of the Lord standeth forever, the thought of His heart to all generations.—Psa. 33:11

28—SATURDAY

Rev. M. C. Stith, special city evangelistic work, *Mrs. Loris Heath, evangelistic work among Jews, Washington, D. C. Only let your conversation be as it becometh the Gospel of Christ.—Phil. 1:17

29—SUNDAY

Rev. J. W. and Mrs. Margaret S. Richardson, *Miss Frances Hammett, appointees to Nigeria. He sent them to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.—Luke 9:2

30—MONDAY

Rev. and *Mrs. W. L. Cooper, Buenos Aires, Argentina, educational-evangelistic work. Tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee.—Mark 5:19

31—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Duncanson, Allamorente, Rev. F. H. Linton, Panama City, Panama, evangelistic work. Endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.—1 Tim. 2:3

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

Family Altar

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: Glorifying the King through Our Chief Aims

Through Prayer

1st Day—II Chron. 7:11-18; I Jno. 1:5-7
2nd Day—Prov. 15:1-8; Matt. 4:1-4
3rd Day—Luke 18:1-8; 4:16-21
4th Day—I Cor. 14:15; Isa. 53:1-12
5th Day—I Thessa. 5:12-24; Jno. 4:13-17
6th Day—Jas. 5:16-20; Luke 19:1-10
7th Day—Rev. 8:3, 4; Mark 2:13-17

Through Study

1st Day—II Tim. 2:15; Rev. 19:11-16
2nd Day—Matt. 14:1-12; 12:9-14
3rd Day—Matt. 14:13-21; 12:15-21
4th Day—Matt. 14:22-34; Heb. 4:12, 13
5th Day—Matt. 15:7-14; Mark 2:6-11
6th Day—Matt. 24:1-14; Luke 9:46-48
7th Day—I Tim. 6:12-16; Luke 22:10-13

Through Tithes and Offerings

15th Day—Lev. 27:30-34; Luke 6:17, 18
16th Day—II Chron. 31:4-10; Matt. 5:1-12
17th Day—Prov. 30:7-9; Luke 6:39-45
18th Day—Mal. 3:7-12; Deut. 6:4-12
19th Day—I Cor. 9:13, 14; Neh. 8:1-3, 8-10
20th Day—I Cor. 16:1-4; Gal. 1:11-24
21st Day—II Cor. 8:1-15; Psa. 119:97-104

Through Your Children

22nd Day—Deut. 11:18-21; II Tim. 2:15; 3:14-17
23rd Day—Deut. 32:44-47; 8:1-3
24th Day—Josh. 4:14-7; Jno. 6:26-35
25th Day—II Tim. 1:1-14; Rom. 12:1, 2
26th Day—II Tim. 4:1-8; Rom. 13:12-14
27th Day—Titus 1:1-6; 2:1-14; Eph. 5:1, 2, 14-20
28th Day—II Kings 5:1-14; Col. 3:1-15
29th Day—Psa. 111:10; Gal. 2:15-20
30th Day—Mark 1:1-13; Acts 10:9-16
31st Day—Mark 1:16-22; Acts 17:24-28

Note: The above references in italics are furnished by the "Committee on Improved Uniform Lessons of the International Sunday School Lessons". Similarly 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"

Giving thanks that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son"—John 3:16
Praise God that "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father"—James 1:17.

Pray that every Christian will realize and rejoice that "it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful"—I Cor. 4:2.

Give thanks for such Scriptures as: "Thou shalt not covet", Ex. 20:17; "Put to death . . . covetousness which is idolatry", Col. 3:5; "The tenth shall be holy unto Jehovah", Lev. 27:32; "Freely ye received, freely give", Matt. 10:8.

Pray for finest possible results from southwide W.M.U. meeting in Oklahoma City, September 20-21.

Intercede for souls, asking that at least each W.M.S., Y.W.A. and Intermediate R.A. and G.A. member win souls. (See heavy type references as given above for "Family Altar". See also page 5.)

Pray for most faithful preparation for December Week of Prayer.



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Bible Study

Ella Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

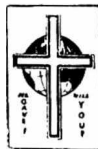
A Kingdom of Priests—Exodus 19:3-6

IT is three days before the giving of the Ten Commandments. Israel is encamped in the wilderness below Mount Sinai. Moses for the first time is called up into the mount, that God might show him His purpose in saving Israel from the terrors of Egypt. These experiences are still fresh in their minds, the escape from Pharaoh's army through the Red Sea . . . But not all this deliverance, not even the passover, which filled them with gratitude for their children (and was to be a perpetual reminder every year)—not even to Moses did it all convey God's deeper purpose. So God tells him. As He had promised Abraham, "I will bless thee . . . and thou shalt be a blessing", so Israel as a nation was chosen to bless other nations. They were to be "a kingdom of priests". They were "saved to serve". This did not make God's personal love to them less but more. We love our children best when we expect most of them, when we train them for high service. The beautiful figure, "I bare you on eagles' wings", is developed more fully in Deuteronomy 32:11.

The Ten Commandments, for receiving which such preparations were to be made—garments washed, the holy mount fenced off from even accidental touch—these were followed by the brief body of civil laws written in a book and accepted as "The Book of the Covenant". It is full of fundamental justice and kindness, with touches of poetry, and with reminders of obligation to God. But all this high standard of living was to make them a nation fit for God's service, "a kingdom of priests, a holy nation". There were very strict rules for the priests in their personal lives: they must be unblemished in conduct as in person and must set a high example. Their responsibility as ministers of the altar required purity in themselves. All this became plain to Moses, and he made it clear to Aaron and his sons.

So we, entrusted with the Gospel as Israel with the law, must maintain a high moral standard if we would serve acceptably. In our churches we are all priests. A preacher's son once declared he was held back for years in his Christian experience by the bickerings and divisions in the church, saying to himself: "If that's religion, I don't want it!"—instead of judging religion by his father's patience and earnestness. Sometimes, alas! the preacher and his wife may fail here and criticize the church folk at home. "Setting a good example" was formerly made a great virtue, almost to the point of Phariseism, but in our passion for sincerity we have gone almost to the other extreme and forget the effect on young people of the conduct or misconduct of their elders. (Of course a church that takes pains to train its young people in zeal for missions escapes such weakness.)

Peter, in his first epistle, speaks very plainly, stressing personal character along with sharing the Gospel; Christ "left us an example, that we should follow His steps". We ourselves are the living stones in His temple; we are "a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices". Ah, and Christ is our great High Priest, the minister of a better covenant (as we read in Hebrews), who offered a better sacrifice, even His own blood, and saves to the uttermost, asking of us only the sacrifice of praise and obedience. The Messiah was both king and priest (Zech. 6:13), and we too are to be "a royal priesthood".



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.; *The Window of Y.W.A.*, \$1 a year from the same Birmingham address; *World Comrades*, \$1 a year from the same Birmingham address; *The Commission*, 50c a year from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond 20, Virginia; *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, 25c a year from Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta 3, Ga. Each one participating in the following program should have access at least to the magazine in which her article appears. (See also page 44 of 1944 W.M.U. Year Book and page 20 of this magazine.)

CIRCLE PROGRAM TOPIC:

The Task in Your Church and Mine

(Community Missions)

Devotional Theme: "Go out into the highways and hedges and constrain them to come in, that My house may be filled"—*Luke 14:23*. "That they may have life and may have it abundantly"—*John 10:10*

Beyond the Call of Duty (See article in October issue of *The Commission*.)

The Power of Prayer in Mission Work (See article in October issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

A Trilogist (See articles in October issue of *The Commission*.)

The Power of Prayer in the Farmer's World (See article in October issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

A Bible That Did Not "Look Like a Bible" (See article in October issue of *World Comrades*.)

Competition for the "Devil's Workshop" (See article in October issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.*.)

Community Missions (See this magazine, page 12.)

Centennial Evangelistic Crusade (See this magazine, page 5.)

Business Women's Circles

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I. AIM of the PROGRAM

To reemphasize the aims which direct our activities in W.M.U. and to lead the members to renew their loyalty to them. (For program material see pages 22-30.)

II. ANNOUNCEMENT POSTER

Enlarge the picture of the hand on page one of the 1944 W.M.U. Year Book, letting each finger represent a chief aim. Place a world in the hand instead of the church. Print underneath: **The Aims by Which We Seek to Lift the World. B. W. C.** Time..... Place.....

III. INVITATIONS

Hand out individual invitations in the shape of the double fish head with the W.M.U. seal at the top and the chief aims (in brief) listed below.

IV. PRESENTATION

Cut a five pointed star about eighteen inches from tip to tip out of flannel and write one of the chief aims on each point. Then cut the star into five parts, giving the various points to the corresponding speaker. As she presents her chief aim let her place the point on the flannel-board. At the conclusion of the program the star will be reassembled before the audience. Without any particular aim the **Guiding Star** would be incomplete. In closing give to each one present one of the reminders used for invitations. Have "I pledge myself to" printed on the back and leave space for each prayerfully to re-write the aims and sign her name. Let her take it to keep in her Bible.

V. ALTERNATE SUGGESTIONS

The material lends itself to dramatization, allowing one scene for each of the chief aims, similar to the way it has been done in the book, *The Way of Missionary Education* by Mather.

Ligia and Beatriz

Sent out by the Home Mission Board of the Brazilian Baptist Convention in 1936 these two young women were really pioneers of this work. Can't you see these two talented, capable, charming, lovely girls, reared in their "marvelous city" (the national capital), leaving not only their beautiful Rio de Janeiro but also the opportunities and comforts which it offered them, to be true to the call that had come—"into Samaria"—the hardest places of the homeland, to tell the story of salvation? To Carolina, the "queen of the hinterland", went Ligia, and there she established a day-school with an enrolment of about 100 students, all of whom she herself must teach. There being no pastor she must direct all the work of the church, even to the worship services on Sunday.

To a little town called Tocantinia went Beatriz. After opening her school she

discovered that many ranchers wanted to send their sons to school but had no place for them to board; so finally she had to open a dormitory for them also. Each day she has two worship services for the pupils; on Saturday afternoon a great Bible study class with more than 85 young women studying God's Word. Many times at night she puts a group of her students in her motor-boat and, singing hymns as they go, this group crosses the river to have worship services or Vacation Bible Schools in other villages. Dare any one say that "romance" has passed out of mission work? Not for them, it hasn't! As I read their letters I ask, "Is it possible that one young woman can accomplish so much?" She had the privilege of seeing several of her pupils baptized, who in turn have gone out to teach, either on their parents' ranches or in other little settlements along the river.—Miss Letha Saunders, Brazil

Program Plans

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Poster: Use a large piece of dark blue poster board with white lettering. A little past the center from the bottom, draw a five-pointed gold star. Extend rays to make the star appear to be shining brightly. At the top of the poster print: "Keep the Guiding Star of W.M.U. Gleaming!" At the bottom print: "Come to W.M.S. Date..... Time..... Place....."

Invitation: Repeat the poster design on the back of a post-card. Print these words: "I shall deliver thee and thou shalt glorify Me—Psa. 50:15b. Glorify the King by coming to W.M.S. meeting". Give date, time and place.

Program: Fold a piece of construction paper in half. On the front draw a picture representative of David with his sling. Underneath print: "Let your aim to glorify the King through our chief aims be as true as was David's". Inside print the program. For program material see pages 22-30.

Preparation of Room: At the front and to the left of the room have prepared a stand for a flannelgraph presentation. In the center of a dark background, blue if possible, place a large gold star. The star can be cut from construction paper and gilded with gold paint. Arrange for a spotlight to be turned on the flannelgraph during the program. From construction paper cut five placards on which to print each of the five chief aims of W.M.U. Gild them with gold paint and use white lettering. Chairs should be arranged at the right of the room for the eight women taking part on the program.

Presentation: Seven women are to be used to present the program material as an explanation to one of the women who has been a member of W.M.S. only a few months. Following the singing of the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name", and the giving of the Bible study closed with a prayer that God may be glorified through the program, "Come, Women, Wide Proclaim" is played, as the program speakers enter from the right as if just arriving for the meeting. A discussion follows.

Chairman: Hasn't it been a great privilege this year to learn of the mighty acts of our King and to know that W.M.U. has had such a great share in this work?

New Member: My eyes have surely been opened! I know, now, that Jesus meant just what He said when He gave the Great Commission. W.M.U. must have some great aims that seek to keep us in readiness for such an enterprise.

Chairman: Women, be seated please and help me tell Mrs. about our chief aims and how W.M.U. has glorified the King through them.

Just as the leader finishes speaking the light is turned on the flannelgraph and one of the group places the placard "Prayer" on the flannelgraph to make a ray from a point of the star. Another gives the topic suggested by the placard. The chairman responds with the topic, "Because They Prayed". As she closes, "Sweet Hour of Prayer" is heard as it is sung off stage. All bow their heads in meditation.

Following the order of the program outline the discussion continues in a similar manner with the leader responding after each of the chief aims is presented. After the leader gives the topic, "These Are My Sunbeams", the member who has completed the flannelgraph presents "Our Guiding Star".

New Member: Thank you, friends. I shall help you keep the Star gleaming!

All join in singing "The Light of the World Is Jesus". The president may conclude the program with the prayer as suggested.

Program Material

Mrs. C. D. Cressman Tennessee

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

TOPIC for MONTH: Glorifying the King through Our Chief Aims

Hymn—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Bible Study—A Kingdom of Priests—Ex. 19:3-6 (Page 18)

Prayer that God may be glorified through this program

Hymn—Come, Women, Wide Proclaim

Prayer

—Because They Prayed

Hymn—Sweet Hour of Prayer

—Study

Because They Studied

—Tithes and Offerings

Because They Tithed

Hymn—Trust, Try and Prove Me

Community Missions

—Community Missions in Action

Missionary Education of Young People

These Are My Sunbeams

—Our Guiding Star

Hymn—The Light of the World Is Jesus

Prayer that we may glorify God through these chief aims

PRAYER

"Pray without ceasing".

"O mightiest mystery, the power of prayer,
That I should speak and God should hear,
That I should kneel before Him there
And tell my wants without a fear".

If prayer is anything it is everything; if it is true it is the greatest truth".

"Human genius has connected two continents by the mystery of electricity but God has connected two worlds by the mystery of prayer".

"If a telescope can find a star in the heavens, then a soul can find its God. The humblest heart lifted up brings the power of the Eternal down. The stammering tongue and faltering voice can make things move at the center of the universe".

"Prayer takes hold of God's hand and receives His power".

Prayer and missions go hand in hand. All missionary movements are born in prayer, proceed through prayer and depend upon prayer for their success. The victories of missions are wholly wrought by prayer—its defeats proceed from prayerlessness.

Woman's Missionary Union being a missionary organization must be a praying organization. All through the history of W.M.U. prayer has been a chief aim, with every possible effort made to lead women and young people to pray. Splendid are the W.M.U. plans for promoting individual and united prayer.

The establishment and maintenance of family altars is urged. "Family prayer serves as an edge and border to preserve the web of life from unraveling". Prayerless homes make prayerless church members. Prayerless church members make prayerless churches. Prayerless churches make the Kingdom move slowly.

The prayers of members of W.M.U. organizations are guided into missionary channels and made definite through the use of the "Calendar of Prayer" and the "Pray Ye" departments in *Royal Service*. The "Calendar of Prayer" unites our prayers, making it possible for all members of the W.M.U. family to pray for the same thing on the same day. It both expands and focuses our prayers as we are

led to pray for all missionaries and all causes dear to our hearts by praying definitely for certain missionaries or causes each day. Happy are those who learn to keep time with prayer through the use of the "Calendar of Prayer".

Our prayer plans include a definite time for prayer—the nine o'clock prayer hour. "Many have found that the faithful keeping of this sacred time has resulted in a continual spirit of prayer and fellowship". It is not necessary to stop what we are doing in order to pray. Someone has aptly said, "Whatever may be the attitude of the body the soul should ever be on its knees". Wonderful it would be if every member of W.M.U. would pause wherever she is—at the desk, in the kitchen, in the factory, store or schoolroom as the clock strikes nine to lift her heart to God in earnest prayer for the coming of His Kingdom.

Those who do not have the privilege of attending meetings and engaging in active forms of service may render the greatest service through their prayer-life. For these W.M.U. has the Intercessory League. We wonder if this prayer plan is being promoted as it should be. Are we letting all such women know about the Intercessory League? Have we thus enlisted their prayer-power?

From the days of the early Christian churches God's people have loved to come together for prayer. Members of W.M.U. will receive a blessing and be a blessing through holding cottage prayermeetings. Especially helpful it is to search out homes where the family does not attend church or where there are unsaved people as places for cottage prayermeetings. Meetings in such homes may result in souls being born into the Kingdom and whole families being won to the church and to Christ.

The three seasons of prayer have a great place in W.M.U. calendar of activities. Three times a year these seasons call definitely for prayer for home, state and foreign missions. How tragic it is for any missionary society to fail to observe these seasons. It means so much loss to the church, so much loss to the individual and so much loss to the Kingdom of God! Wonderful are the gifts of these seasons, growing larger and larger year by year. If our prayers increase along with our gifts, then will the three seasons of prayer become powerful forces for the spread of the Gospel on state, home and foreign mission fields.

With these wonderful prayer-plans ever before us may we join in praying

"O Thou by whom we come to God—

The Life, the Truth, the Way—

The path of prayer Thyself has trod;

Lord, teach us how to pray.

"Empires, temples, scepters, thrones,

May they all for God be won:

And in every human heart,

Father, let Thy Kingdom come".

BECAUSE THEY PRAYED

A MISSIONARY was speaking to a group of girls at a G.A. houseparty. The girls were interested and charmed, for the missionary had been interned by the Japanese for six months and had come home on the Gripsholm, so had many thrilling experiences to tell, and the girls listened with rapt attention to every word. She said, "I suffered no injuries from the Japanese. I was never hungry. I was never afraid, though in constant danger". Then, as the girls looked puzzled, wondering how it could have been that way, the missionary surprised them by saying: "You did it!" Their faces asked, "How did we do it?" Then she explained: "If you prayed for me and for other interned missionaries you helped to keep us uninjured and to bring us home in safety. Only the power of God could have worked such a miracle and your prayers helped the power of God to work on our behalf".

Because we pray, wonderful things happen around the world. Truly, "prayer moves the hand that moves the world".

STUDY

"Study to show thyself approved unto God".

"He who stops learning stops growing. The way to eternal youth lies in a mind alert, a heart afire and a spirit ever renewed by widening knowledge of God's work in the world".

In study may be found an explanation of the growth and power of Woman's Missionary Union. Because we teach we reach the hearts of people. Because we know about missions we glow with missionary zeal, we go in missionary service and we grow in Christian graces.

Our W.M.U. study plans include monthly programs, courses in mission study and missionary reading. All of these should be promoted faithfully and zealously in every society. Programs should be made as attractive and effective as possible for in them lies the possibility of imparting a vast amount of missionary information. Mission study classes should be planned in circles, in societies, in associations and in churches with schools of missions enlisting the whole church in mission study. No society should be content with the two classes a year required by the standard but should strive each year to have as many classes as possible with as many women as possible enlisted.

Certainly we should "give attendance to reading"—missionary reading. "The woman who reads is the woman who leads". There are many wonderfully interesting books either about missions or related to missions which any woman interested in world affairs and the spread of the Kingdom will enjoy reading. Then, there are our missionary periodicals: our own W.M.U. magazines, *Royal Service*, *The Window of Y.W.A.* and *World Comrades*; the magazines of our two mission boards, *The Commission* and *Southern Baptist Home Missions*; and our respective state Baptist paper—all full of splendid missionary reading. Every southern Baptist home should have all these; the total cost is less than half of what we pay for our daily newspaper.

We are told that the war department places in the hands of all soldiers going overseas handbooks telling something of the customs, religions and languages of the people of those lands. If this is deemed necessary for our fighting forces, "how much more essential is it that we who are in the army of the Lord should know all these things in our work for the Prince of Peace".

The war has brought to us a new appraisal of the value of mission study. We have become world-conscious. Our interest has been kindled in far-away places which are very near to us because our sons and our friends' sons are there fighting battles for our freedom. We want to know about these places and what is being done for the Lord in them. If we follow the flag in mission study it will take us around the world.

In 1937 our southwide mission study leader, Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, in making her annual report wrote a paragraph which applies so well to today's situation that we quote a part of it here: "Only a knowledge of missions will give an intelligent understanding of what is happening in the world today. You have to know the Word of God to be able to see the shadowy figures of destiny moving in the background of the world's events. That is the study of the missionary message of the Bible. You have to know the framework of Christian history rightly to interpret the swiftly moving drama within nations and between nations today. To know what tightly drawn chain of circumstances brought men and nations to this present crisis because all that has happened in the past enters into and shapes the present deed. And that is the study of missionary history, biography and geography. In no better way can any Christian become an intelligent citizen of his own nation or a sympathetic observer of other nations. So, if you would know the meaning of the news-reports that flash into your living room through the marvel of the internationally-voiced radio or read aright the headlines of the morning paper, study missions".

BECAUSE THEY STUDIED

A SOLDIER, facing service in Africa, was given a handbook containing information about the country where he was to go. After glancing through it he said: "This is old stuff to me. I already know most of it". "How does that happen?" asked a companion. To which the soldier replied, "I learned it through the programs and study books in my Royal Ambassador Chapter". That young Baptist soldier went into Africa not only informed about the country but also with a missionary interest in the people because of his study in the R.A.

A young woman wandered into a Y.W.A. study class. She was not a Christian but just went along with friends. After listening attentively for three nights to the story of a missionary's work in Nigeria she exclaimed: "Isn't it strange that the missionary would do so much for Jesus when we do so little, though Jesus did the same for all of us!" The next Sunday she confessed Christ and joined the church. Soon afterward she married and established a home which has been Christian and missionary; she and her children have through the years been loyal members of the W.M.U. It happened because she studied.

TITHES and OFFERINGS

"Render unto God the things that are God's".

"The Gospel waits on gold". "Missions waits on stewardship". "Stewardship waits on you".

"We cannot serve God and mammon, but we can serve God with mammon".

"Begin tithing and grow in the grace of giving".

"The unconsecrated wealth of Christians is the greatest hindrance to the progress of the Kingdom".

Belief in stewardship—the larger stewardship involving all that the Christian is and has—is a fundamental principle of Woman's Missionary Union. However, believing that money is the acid test of stewardship and believing that good stewardship must begin with the right use of material possessions, in the expression of our chief aims we define our stewardship purposes in the two words: **Tithes and Offerings**.

Our stewardship thoughts, then, center first on the tithe. There can be no offerings until the tithe which belongs to God is paid. Any effort at a larger stewardship is futile unless it includes this fundamental act of paying God the tenth which He claims as His own. So W.M.U. stands for the tithe as a minimum basis of contributing, this writer believing that the whole tithe should be brought "into the storehouse"—part of it for the expense of the member's church and part of it for the Cooperative Program, including all the great missionary and benevolent causes of southern Baptists. Then, after the tithe is thus paid we have the privilege of making our offerings. The three special seasons of prayer and gifts for state, home and foreign missions furnish opportunity for these offerings.

Our great stewardship task is enlisting the members of W.M.U. organizations as tithers. For 1943 our southwide stewardship chairman reported only 110,547 tithers in Woman's Missionary Societies, which was hardly more than one-third of the total membership, while in our young people's organizations there were only 39,581 tithers or about one-tenth of the membership. So, to win more tithers we plan, suggesting the study of stewardship books, frequent talks on stewardship at circle and society meetings, constant effort to enrol new tithers and to get them to sign the stewardship covenant card, the use of tithing boxes, calling all tithers together quarterly for mutual encouragement, prayer and the making of plans to win others, stewardship education of young people—all this for the purpose of adding to our list of tithers year by year.

Wonderful is the thought that with our tithes and offerings we can be partners with God and can share in the supreme work of giving the Gospel to lost people around the world. In the 1942 report of our beloved southwide stewardship chairman, Mrs. Carter Wright, we find the following beautiful expression of this thought:

"We brought ordinary dollars—silver, greenbacks, gold—our currency, into the Lord's treasury, but by divine alchemy this money has been or will be transmuted into 'the coin of the realm' of the Kingdom of God—into preachers, evangelists, Bible women, missionaries at home and abroad, trained Christian workers, Good Will Centers, churches, schools and hospitals into saved souls and transformed lives. This means increased joy in Heaven, for 'there is joy in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth'. So often we bring our money and drop it into the plate as if that were the end of the matter, failing to remember that all gifts made in obedience and love are glorious investments. The work thus made possible will go on in continuous and ever-widening circles, 'the receiver becoming the transmitter' till only eternity can measure the good accomplished. And the final glorious meaning is that some day we will be welcomed into the Father's Home and acclaimed as their human savior by the outstretched hands and grateful voices of some from Asia, Africa, Latin-America and Europe to whom our gifts, as keys of the Kingdom, opened the door of life eternal—surely that will be the most supreme joy that even Heaven can give. Anoint our eyes, O Christ, with Thy vision-giving eye-salve that we may look beyond our own tightly held treasure-chests, beyond church treasuries and visualize the exceedingly priceless and imperishable Heavenly treasures. Then will the increase in our giving be indeed great and glorious".

BECAUSE THEY TITHED

A SMALL boy, who is a member of one of our Mexican mission churches, earned a dollar for good work at school. Bringing the dollar to his father he said: "Daddy, of this dollar I will give ten cents to the church because it is my tithe".

Some years ago a book on stewardship was taught in one of our Indian Baptist churches in Oklahoma with the result that a majority of the members began tithing. One man in the group of tithers had always had trouble getting and holding jobs. After a year's experience in tithing he told the missionary that he had steady work, that he conducted a family altar, that all of his children were Christians and that his home was happier than ever before.

In a Spanish-American church in New Mexico is a man who makes his living by cooking in a café and making doughnuts, which his wife sells. Since becoming a member of this church this couple has been faithfully tithing, bringing to the church every Sunday not only their tithes but an over and above offering. The wife testifies: "There was a time when my husband was making almost twice as much as he is making now and yet we were always having a hard time financially. Since we have begun to honor the Lord with our money it seems that He has blessed us in everything we have undertaken".

These examples from our home mission fields show the blessedness of stewardship teaching and practice. May we have more of such teaching and such practice, not only on our mission fields but also in our missionary organizations.

COMMUNITY MISSIONS

"Full of Good Works and Alms-deeds"

"Community missions is every Christian at work in the community, showing by her activities that she loves Christ and verily believes His Gospel and accepts its full implications".

"Community missions means doing whatever is necessary in our communities to build Christian standards, to provide justice for all races and to bring people to a saving knowledge of Christ".

It would be very inconsistent for a missionary organization to promote the cause of missions in far-away places and then fail to be missionary at home. Woman's Missionary Union is not guilty of such inconsistency, for among her chief aims is community missions, with the avowed purpose "to win souls and attain other spiritual results in the community through the enlistment of women and young people of the churches in definite missionary activities".

Community missions keeps us from being too far-sighted and theoretical in our missionary work by giving us the close-up vision of needs and providing opportunities for a practical demonstration of our missionary zeal. Community missions brings missions to our very doors. Community missions gives us a chance to prove our love for Jesus and our passion for lost souls. Community missions calls for Christlike living, following in the steps of Him who went about doing good.

This is perhaps the most neglected department of our W.M.U. work and that should not be for it is of vital importance. Recently a pastor, speaking in a W.M.U. meeting, brought the accusation that members of W.M.U. substituted meetings for missions; he said that women were more willing to attend meetings and receive missionary inspiration than they were to go out and do definite missionary work. There is some truth in this accusation. Not that we would belittle the importance of our meetings—all W.M.U. meetings, from southwide conventions to circle meetings, are important and necessary for the promotion of our work but we do need more going out from our meetings to do the things about which we talk and plan. Community missions gives us opportunity to put feet on our prayers, to follow our study with service and to add to our tithes and offerings the gift of hand and heart.

COMMUNITY MISSIONS in ACTION

MEMBERS of missionary societies in foreign lands are very faithful community missionaries. We are told that the women of Argentina delight in visitation, cottage prayer-meetings and personal soul-winning. The Nigerian women count a day lost when they have not helped someone to know more about Jesus. The Brazilian W.M.U. observed last September as evangelism month. Not only did the regular programs stress that phase of the work but also there were "special meetings for prayer in the churches, in the homes, visits to the unsaved, distribution of evangelistic leaflets, Gospels and New Testaments". Of a church in Hawaii we are told that the women have a fine record of visits to hospitals and homes, serving meals to service men and distributing Christian literature. In a certain missionary society in China the women, after the regular missionary meetings, go out in groups for evangelistic work, stopping people along the way to tell them about Jesus and visiting prisons and surrounding villages to proclaim the Gospel message.

Would that the members of our missionary societies were as zealous for community missions as are these sisters in foreign lands! Then truly our own communities would soon glow with Christian light.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION of YOUNG PEOPLE

"Make them known unto thy children and thy children's children".

"The world moves forward on the feet of little children". The Kingdom of God must move forward on the feet of Christian young people. Miss Fannie E. S. Heck once said: "Give us the children of today for missions and we will take the world for Christ tomorrow".

Again Miss Heck exclaimed: "Childless missionary societies, wake up!"

Today, many years after this great leader spoke these challenging words, we need to "wake up" to our opportunities and responsibilities for the missionary education of our young people. Woman's Missionary Union has ideal plans for the missionary education of young people. Our four young people's organizations with their fitting names, challenging watchwords, inspiring songs, lovely colors, pins and emblems, their wonderful magazines and other literature and their splendid ideals and plans for activities are all that could be desired. The only trouble is that we are not using these organizations as we should. Many of our missionary societies are still "childless" and others have only one or two "children" when they should have five or rather seven, for usually G.A. and R.A. should be divided into the junior and intermediate grades. We are very proud of our more than 300,000 members in over 26,000 W.M.U. young people's organizations; but oh, how few

in a Baptist constituency of \$,520,000 in our over 25,000 churches! Wake up, childless missionary societies! Wake up, women of the southland, to your opportunity for the missionary education of your young people!

We can train our young people in missionary praying. They too can use the "Calendar of Prayer", observe the three seasons of prayer and utilize other W.M.U. prayer-plans. In the days of their youth they can form habits of prayer that will bless their lives and make them a blessing to the cause of world-wide missions.

We can give our young people opportunities to study missions. The two young people's magazines, *The Window of Y.W.A.* and *World Comrades*, provide not only program material but other interesting missionary reading.

Then, there are the mission study books graded to meet the needs and interests of different age groups. Every organization should have at least two study classes each year with an effort to enlist as many as possible in these classes. For G.A. and R.A. there are the *Forward Steps* and *Ranking System* to inspire the girls and boys in a study program so complete and so comprehensive that those attaining the highest ranks have an enormous store of Bible, missionary and denominational information. For any boy or girl to miss these opportunities for mental and spiritual development is tragic.

We can train our young people in good stewardship. In the days of youth is the time to form the habit of tithing. So special plans for education in stewardship are offered, designed not only to teach the principles of stewardship but also to lead the youth of the churches to become titheers and givers even while they are young.

We can train our young people in community missions. As we give them opportunity to do missionary work in their own community we are helping them to express the impressions received from their study of missions—not only to know about missions but also to be missionary. Young people so trained today will surely be missionaries tomorrow, perhaps on some state, home or foreign mission field, and certainly they will be good, upright Christians, serving in their own communities.

Young people can learn anything. Young people can do anything. The present war is proving that. Then let us help our young people to learn missions and to do missions and so train a great missionary constituency that will carry the Kingdom enterprise of the Lord Jesus to undreamed-of expansion and victorious achievement.

THESE ARE MY SUNBEAMS

A DIVISIONAL meeting was in session in the lovely town of Laurens, S. C. The attendance was large, the church taxed to capacity to hold the people. One reason why the crowd was so large was that the beloved missionary, who had gone out from South Carolina from that very division, from that very church, was at home and was one of the speakers of the occasion. Yes, Miss Martha Franks, after months of internment by the Japanese, after the trip as an exchange prisoner on the Gripsholm, was at home. How the people honored her, how they loved her, how eagerly they listened to her every word, how proud they were to claim her as their own!

But there was one person happier than all the others. She was a dear little gray haired woman whose sweet face beamed with joy. At the noon hour she explained the reason for her great happiness. With her arm around Miss Franks she said to a visitor, "She is one of my sunbeams". Presenting the president of the Laurens Woman's Missionary Society she said, "This is another one of my sunbeams". Then, with her smile growing happier and happier, she introduced other leaders in the W.M.U. saying, "These are my sunbeams". What a wonderful experience was hers! Now grown old and not able to work actively for the Lord, she was living and serving again in these whom she had trained in the Sunbeam Band.

We, too, may have such a joyous experience. We, too, may grow happy growing old if we plant seeds of love to blossom into beautiful service in the lives of a group of children or other young people.

OUR GUIDING STAR

WE have a guiding star. It is a star of five points, each point expressing a chief aim ever before members of Woman's Missionary Union: Prayer, individual and united; Study of the missionary message of the Bible and missionary books; Tithes and Offerings; Missionary Education of Young People; Community Missions. These are the five points that blend together to make a star that shines with wonderful radiance.

This star shines with the light of the Star of Bethlehem, which led to the Christ Child who came to bring glad tidings of great joy to all people. This star shines with the light of Him whose life was a beautiful example of perfect living. This star shines with a light gleaming from the cross where God's Son gave His life to save a lost world. This star shines with the light of an angel in an open tomb, proclaiming a risen Lord. This star shines with the radiance of Him who said, "I am the light of the world".

This is our guiding star. As we walk in its light we are obeying the great commission of our Lord. As we reflect its radiance, we glorify God and help to bring in His Kingdom on earth. As we follow its gleaming we ourselves become lights in a dark world, stars to shine forever and ever.

Shine on, O Star, and may we see
Each point a gleaming ray,
That blends to make thy lovely light
A guide along our way.

And in that light O may we walk
To serve and give and pray,
To study and to lead our youth
Along thy shining way.

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the power of prayer in missions.
2. Tell of W.M.U. prayer plans.
3. Discuss the value of mission study.
4. What are W.M.U. plans for promoting mission study?
5. How does the present war inspire more mission study?
6. Discuss the tithe as the test of our stewardship.
7. What plans does W.M.U. have for promoting tithes and offerings?
8. Discuss the place of community missions in our missionary program.
9. What are W.M.U. plans for promoting community missions?
10. Discuss importance of missionary education of young people.
11. Tell of W.M.U. plans for young people's organizations.
12. How may we glorify God through these chief aims?

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 material quoted in whole or in part. Further interesting help may be found in this listed material and in leaflets as suggested on next page.

The Window of Y.W.A.
Southern Baptist Home Missions

—World Comrades
—The Commission

W. M. U. Minutes and Year Book
 Real Prayer..... Cortland Myers
 Guide for Community Missions..... Lawrence and Davis
 The Way of Missionary Education..... Juliette Mather

SUGGESTED LEAFLETS—Supplemental Helps for W. M. U. Program

"As Thy Servant Was Bury Here and There"	3c
Homes.....	3c
How the Dales Did It.....	3c
How to Pray.....	3c
"I Am the Mission Study Class"	3c
It's the Homing Instinct.....	3c
The Need for Using the Bible.....	3c
The Pearl Divers.....	3c
Simply.....	3c

FIRST DAY OF PRAYER around the WORLD at SVA CHURCH

THE women's society of Sva Church was small and inexperienced. In fact one of the sisters from First Church remarked that it hardly could be called a society. But we were going to observe the Day of Prayer around the World and we even planned an evening meeting with everybody invited. As the former church building was torn down and a new one being constructed, the meetings were held in the home of one of the brethren. It was an humble home with only benches for seats, but what I remember of that night over a dozen years ago was the crowd. All available standing space in the little house was taken and I can still see the faces peering in the windows and doors from the street. Word must have gotten around that we were going to have a "festa". There arrived a big bouquet of flowers. "Look," said D. Maria, the hostess. "See. Please don't come." He was a young store-keeper, who was just becoming interested in the Gospel. It no doubt was not the sort of festa the people expected but they must have appreciated it, as they stayed through. I haven't much of a remembrance how we got through with the

program that night but I do have distinct recollection of other Days of Prayer in Sva Church.

The new building was erected and some years afterward enlarged to twice the size. The women's society grew in number and in experience. The women grew in their prayer life. I can still hear their voices lifted to the throne of grace.

On this special day the map of the world would be before them, and there were pictures of people from the different countries. You can imagine how vague the pictures would be to many of them in their illiteracy but they grasped the "world" idea. In trying to get the request straight they would often ask, "Now just what was that place?" "What was that baptism?" "I didn't understand the name of that school." Then often, in their prayers you would hear them say, "Lord, I've forgotten the name of that place, but Thou knowest"; and then they would continue in earnest intercession.

A goodly number of these faithful members, who today are winning others to Christ, were in the crowd as visitors that night the struggling little group observed the Day of Prayer for the first time—Miss Edna West, presiding.



Southwide Business Women's Conference—Ridgecrest, N. C., August 16-22

UNDER the leadership of Miss Mary Christian, the southwide W. M. U. representative, there was held at Ridgecrest, N. C., about the middle of August the third southwide conference of Business Women's Circles. Three hundred thirty-five women registered as follows: North Carolina 77; Virginia 72; Alabama 38; South Carolina 36; Tennessee 33; Kentucky 15; Florida 12; Missouri 15; Georgia and Illinois 7 each; Texas 6; Maryland 3; Mississippi 4; Louisiana 3; Arkansas, New Mexico and Oklahoma 2 each; District of Columbia 1. These women gave \$1309 to the offering for World Emergency Relief. The fourth conference is now being definitely and enthusiastically planned for next summer.

Current Missionary Events

"Our witness to a lost world", says President Everett C. Herrick of the Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, "is not the making of a creed but the keeping of a covenant".

At a tea given by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Dr. H. H. Kung of China to delegates who had been attending a Christian conference the generalissimo is reported to have said: "We need and welcome Christians from other lands. You are comrades working with us to build a new nation". And Dr. Kung: "In the last analysis, it is not program so much as Christlike persons who effect changes for the better in society".

From an interesting little publication, *Christian France Today*, of the Student Christian Movement Press we quote the following: "It is one of the tragedies of the history of France that owing to the persecution of her protestants (which ceased less than two hundred years ago) she deprived herself of one of her most powerful forces for good. At the turn of the century, protestants in France numbered one million in a population of forty million; and soon after the last war they had fallen to about 600,000. But they count for much more than mere figures would imply, because of their force of character, their high ideals".

"Dear Sir: Recently I came to the conclusion that I should be supporting my home church. I should have made this decision when I could have allotted more. In the future I will make a greater effort to this end. Enclosed is this money order for \$100. I hope this in a small way contributes to our church, which at the moment I cannot fully serve. I have elected to contribute to the benevolences, for I have become quite interested in missions". (Quoted from a Letter to His Pastor from a Presbyterian Boy Overseas)

Believing profoundly in tithing, a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Corpus Christi, Texas, has given \$9000 for the promotion of that ideal in the West Texas Presbytery. This is money well invested. Gifts to churches and church-related agencies decreased from approximately \$1,319,000,000 in 1928 to \$1,006,000,000 in 1943 while our national income during this period soared from \$77,000,000,000 to \$143,000,000,000.—*Watchman-Examiner*

"One aspect of D-Day seems to be staying with us", says the *Christian Herald*. "It is the praying aspect. People are still dropping into the churches to pray for the success of our troops and the safety of loved ones. *World Dominion* reminds us of the arrangement in 1940 for the chiming of Big Ben in London over the radio at nine o'clock each evening signaling the Silent Minute. The purpose of the Silent Minute is to make spiritual contact with God in a humble, penitent, receptive spirit, and millions throughout the world are doing it". In this connection we would remind our W.M.U. members of the W.M.U. Silent Minute at nine o'clock each morning for the same purpose, also the use of the W.M.U. Calendar of Prayer.

A soldier far away, realizing as perhaps he had never done before what prayer really does do, sent \$150 to his pastor to set in motion a plan to teach boys and girls how to pray.

In *World Outlook* we read: "Around the campfires, in the institutes at the summer schools, young people all over America are asking themselves and each other what they should choose as a life work. Americans who have gone to war, both young men and young women, are asking themselves the same question. In camps in India, in Italian villages, on troop trains in the United States, these young people are saying: 'What shall I give myself to when the war is over? That is the way they say it. They use the word 'give'. The young person today feels as if he wants to contribute something. That which he has to give is his life'. Certainly there are many ways to give a life in the churches, and our W.M.U. young people's organizations certainly have something to offer in the way of training and equipment for a life of service.