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An EDITORIAL

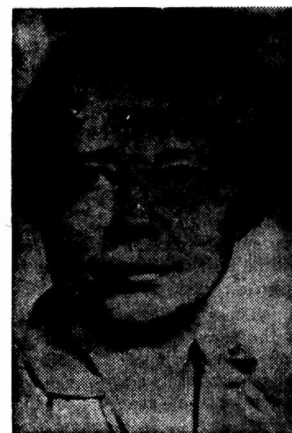
MRS. F. W. ARMSTRONG, President W.M.U.

News Notes

THE Oklahoma City press devoted much space to news items, pictures and editorial comment concerning the meeting, September 19-21, of Woman's Missionary Union in the city's spacious auditorium. Its estimate of day-session attendance of 3000 indicates the interest of its citizens as well as of the 2143 registered delegates and visitors. Hospitality and efficiency characterized all local arrangements which contributed so tellingly to a meeting of spiritual power, missionary inspiration and practical helpfulness. The climactic pageant in which 500 participants portrayed the need and the way of missionary education was well conceived and beautifully executed. The exhibit hall was a dream fulfilled in its attractive presentation of missions and its inviting display of mission books.

Announcement of the appointment of Mrs. Clyde V. Hickerson as southwide stewardship chairman was received with appreciation and approbation. She served ably as general chairman of the hostess committee for the 1942 meeting in San Antonio. Recently, when her husband became pastor of the Barton Heights Baptist Church, the family moved to Richmond, Virginia. She comes to this leadership in W.M.U. with a rich heritage, a missionary background and practical experience. Her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Compere, went in the spring of 1905 from their home in Arkansas to Nigeria under appointment of the S.B.C. Foreign Mission Board. Her grandparents, Ebenezer and Josephine Mullins Compere, were pioneer home missionaries. Read their thrilling life story in the February, 1938, issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*. From such a missionary atmosphere Amy Compere, after graduation from Central College at Conway, Arkansas, went to the W.M.U. Training School from which she was graduated in 1922, working as W.M.U. field worker in Arkansas until her marriage to Rev. Clyde Vernon Hickerson on October 23, 1923. Her gifted pen has served well the cause of missions. *Going Somewhere*, a Sunbeam book, was published in 1921. *The Westward Way* will appear early in 1945, one of the Home Mission Board's historical series. Mrs. Hickerson was the Texas member of the Board of Trustees of the W.M.U. Training School for some years prior to her removal from the state. Her family consists of four lovely daughters: Amy Florence, Martha Sue and Betty are now college students and Louise is in high school. With the helpful cooperation of her husband and the daughters she assumes the responsible leadership to which she is called of God through W.M.U. Endowed by heritage, equipped through training and experience, strong in conviction, gifted in expression she brings to the compelling field of service as southwide stewardship chairman rare gifts of mind and heart. She will be further lifted and empowered by your prayers.

The 1945 meeting of W.M.U. will be held May 5 and 6 in Birmingham, Alabama, thus enabling its many delegates and visitors to journey on to Atlanta, Georgia, for the Centennial Celebration meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in the following week. It is especially fortunate that this vastly important meeting can be held in the W.M.U. headquarters city, abounding in hospitality and high efficiency and so conveniently located for all who desire to attend the great meeting



in Atlanta. There are many reasons why this meeting should have large place in your prayers.

For many years there has been growing sentiment for having at Ridgecrest in its schedule of summer conferences a W.M.U. Week. This hope has crystallized in the three years when B.W.C. members have met for conference during the mission board weeks. An ideal plan has been approved for this coming summer whereby the W.M.U. Conference comes between the two mission weeks: the Home Mission Board Conference meeting August 2-8; the W.M.U. Conference August 9-15; and the Foreign Mission Board Conference August 16-22. Its obvious advantages are in the assured presence of women missionaries for the W.M.U. Conference and in the privilege of W.M.U. members to share also the inspiration of the preceding and following mission weeks without additional travel expense. Pray for wise planning for this initial conference which will include the established B.W.C. Conference.

In the current issue of *The Worker*, edited by Miss Nannie Burroughs for Negro Baptist women, there is found this statement: "Woman's Missionary Union, S.B.C., is cooperating with the Women's State Conventions (Negro) in holding Missionary Institutes in colleges and local churches. College presidents and pastors in both races are cooperating heartily. Negro and white women are rejoicing over the fact that God is blessing this undertaking in ways of which they little dreamed. There is marked growth in understanding, respect, fellowship and good-will. This is the longest step in Christian interracial cooperation that white women of the south have ever taken. It is the only way to make America Christian". These institutes, made possible by a Golden Jubilee Fund for the definite purpose of helping southern Negro Baptist women to better methods of work in their churches for women and young people, have had marked success. At the suggestion of Miss Burroughs it is now planned to hold this coming summer a leadership institute of a week or ten days' length; cooperative planning is going forward to make this the best and most helpful of all institutes held thus far. Some southern college for Negroes will be host to this significant meeting. Let us join in prayer that all plans may be Spirit-directed.

Those privileged to share the 1944 W.M.U. meeting carried from it a new sense of the significance in everyday life and labor of its theme words: "Enlightened—Empowered—Impelled". May the spirit engendered be like leaven in W.M.U. life and work that its host of members, women and young people, may be a truly dynamic power for the advancing Kingdom of the Lord Christ.

SAFEGUARDING DECEMBER 4-8

"Earnest effort by the W. M. S. to guard against the holding of study courses or other activities during the Seasons of Prayer"—
Thus is set forth an established policy and purpose of Woman's Missionary Union. If your church or association is planning to use December 4-8 for emphasis other than that of the W.M.U. Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, please promptly endeavor to get all such plans changed so as not to divert attendance upon and earnest interest in this immediate Season of Prayer.

Missionary Facts

DR. E. C. ROUTH, Editor-in-Chief of *The Commission*

Since April of 1943 fifty-two new missionaries have been appointed to southern Baptist foreign fields. At the close of this war we shall face the greatest missionary opportunities in the history of southern Baptists. We confidently believe that Russia will be open to the Gospel. We must be ready for that day.

The income for the current work of the Foreign Mission Board for 1943 was \$1,530,318.48. The average daily war expenditure of our country in October of 1943 was, according to the *World Almanac*, 180 times this amount.

According to the *World Almanac* the per capita internal revenue taxes for 1943 amounted to \$168.62 or 67 times as much as the southern Baptist per capita gift of \$2.45 for missions.

Since December of 1937 southern Baptists have given approximately \$1,400,000 for relief purposes around the world. At the close of this war the needs will be greater than ever.

A young man in North Carolina, who prefers to remain anonymous, was so impressed with New Testament teachings concerning stewardship that he gave \$42,000 for foreign missions, \$23,000 to complete the liquidation of the indebtedness of his church and reserved only \$5000 for use after the war in his training for the Gospel ministry to which God has called him.

In spite of the war and the devastation wrought in Great Britain, our fellow Baptists in that country reported last year an increase in missionary offerings.

Dr. Jesse Wilson, home secretary of the American Baptist Foreign Missions Society, said recently: "At the peak of the modern missionary efforts not more than from 28,000 to 30,000 protestant missionaries were under appointment at any one time. Compare this to the millions of American men and women now in the armed services alone. Thousands of churches which have never given one single member to foreign missions are now sending one out of every twelve to fifteen of their members to serve as soldiers and sailors. We need a new sense of values".

"A Christian cannot be an isolationist. His God is Lord of all the earth. . . . The Bible, translated into more than a thousand languages, speaks as deeply to the heart of a Bantu in Africa as to a university graduate in China".—*West of the Dateline*

Late word from China indicates that every Christian church in Japanese-controlled China is still functioning. Foundations laid by Christian missionaries abide. The work goes on.



From Missionaries

Baptist Bible School of Hawaii

DR. MAURICE J. ANDERSON, President

AS the newly elected president I would like to send greetings to our friends in the W.M.U. of the south. We are very grateful for the gift of \$1300 which came to us from the 1943 Lottie Moon Offering of Christmas. As we are planning an enlarged program right along we shall ever be grateful for your helpfulness and your prayers for us.

The Lord willing, we plan to extend our work another year in the direction of an academy. There is a great need here for a Christian high school course for fine young people. The public schools are not what many of the parents wish for their children; the Catholics, Seventh Day Adventists and other groups are operating schools where the children are being educated.

We have approximately fifty students enrolled in our classes this term. The majority of them are Hawaiians, about twelve being service men. An extension class in Wahiawa, taught by Mr. Belote, has fifteen students. They are a part of the school and are organized for credit. This is very encouraging to all of us. When the day comes that we can do some building to have dormitory space and adequate class-rooms we can go forward in even a greater way.

We are grateful for your help in every way. We shall try to make of this school, with the aid of our fine associates, that which will be an honor to God's name and to the name of southern Baptists.

"And the Desert Shall Rejoice"

THUS Isaiah prophesied (35:1) and thus the ugly, cold conventillo (*tenement*) was changed to our lovely Baptist Seminary at Santiago in Chile, South America. This property had been bought by our Foreign Mission Board for a church to be built but many families lived there still and Sra. Rosa was the keeper and collected the rents. Their saint was in a beautiful rock nook out in the patio, and they believed that it was she who protected all the inmates; many were the candles, flowers and prayers offered to her. The building was only a long series of rooms, some painted black, all very old and unattractive. Soon, however, all this was cleared away and Mr. W. E. Davidson, our first missionary to Chile, now in Palmyra, Missouri, because of ill health, erected a lovely little Baptist chapel there. He personally made the seats and children's tables which are still in use after these twenty-five years. He built so well that his work will always stand and was a solid base on which we could build. There are few like him and our people still love and ask about him and his family. Later, both Mr. Maer and Mr. McGavock added to this chapel rooms and Sunday-school departments for the Second Baptist Church. Half of the property was bare and different plans were discussed for its future use; once, we even sold this half to build some rooms and then rebought it; another time, we borrowed money on it. During those scanty years of crisis, it was used for sports for our young people; then during the summers we used it for Vacation Bible Schools and tent meetings; once we had 352 children in a Vacation Bible School and the patio, the house and this space were all utilized; one was reminded of "The Pied Piper", for there were lovely little children everywhere.

We can safely say that the Seminary and Training School work has been done in various ways in all our stations since the beginning of our Chilean Mission—at times in missionaries' homes, again in church buildings, in a big tent, in night classes—but always teaching both youth and adult to teach and preach. There were excellent institutes in connection with Colegio Bautista and in the McDonald and Hart

homes. Colegio Bautista used the McDonald home while its building was under construction. The McDonalds gave their best for the cause—in Concepcion in the church and home with the Moores, Fernandez and Harts, in institutes and teaching too; in Santiago, with the Davidsons, Maers, McGavocks and Moyes the same was true. Espinoza, Suckel, Guzman, Giordano, Alarcon, Alvarez, Pacheco, Muzzielt, Chavez, Lagos, Cespedes and a host of other men and women studied with the missionaries in home and church. But we so needed a Seminary and Training School building and only God knows how many fine consecrated young workers we lost to His ministry because we could not train more of them.

It had been decided that the Seminary should be located in Santiago because, being such a large city, it gave ample field work for students; then Colegio Bautista was in the south and this arrangement balanced our institutional work, especially as the new mission was opened in Antofagasta much farther north up the coast from Valparaiso. Dr. Love had died hoping to give us a building, the same with Dr. Ray; then Dr. Maddy and Dr. Taylor visited us and definite plans were made. Rev. Espinoza was sent to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to prepare to direct the institution, while Mr. McGavock constructed the building and was acting president for those years. During the building period four students—Arturo Fernandez, Francisco Suckel, Ismael Almendra and Oscar Dogmac—lived in a dark, back room of the Second Baptist Church and studied with Mr. McGavock and Mr. McConnell; they even helped dig the basement; all of them are now graduates of the Seminary and are in full-time pastorates. At last the building was finished—a lovely, modern building, readily the most outstanding building in the district—all this where the ugly tenement had been.

Then something else happened. What? Earthquake? Fire? Something much more powerful—our southern W.M.U. through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering gave money to add a building for young ladies! But where? Plans were studied and blueprints were completed to build on top of the Second Baptist Church next door to the Seminary; so with much ingenuity this wing too was finished with a spacious apartment for a missionary couple. Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn directs Instituto Femenil Bautista and Honorio Espinoza Soto is president of the Seminario Teologico Bautista. Our graduates inspire us to even higher achievements. Requests are much greater than our limited budget can grant, though the students all work very hard to help pay; our enrolment could easily be tripled.

And what about Sra. Rosa? She gradually came nearer and nearer and now for many years has been a member of our Second Baptist Church. Our district W.M.U. in many ways has shown love for our churches and institutions, being grateful to all of you and growing rapidly in service and an enlarged vision of missions. Thus the heaven continues to spread, for we have only begun to touch that great capital city of a million charming and intelligent people.

"And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose!" And your Seminary and Training School stand there as living monuments where once stood the ugly tenement and her saint.—Mrs. J. W. McGavock

Colombian Baptists Are Missionaries

IN what is called the Rebolo section of the city of Barranquilla, where our Second Baptist Church has been erected for about a year and a half, we have an unusually missionary-minded group of people. Because of the lack of workers and the immense amount of activities that have occupied each one of the missionaries, we have not had the time to give to the organization of our Missionary Union as we would have liked. Some months ago, however, we were able to complete the study of the *Missionary Manual* and since that study the women of the church there have occupied themselves and the young people and the men of that church in doing definite missionary work.

This group has now divided itself into what they call the Woman's Missionary

Society and the Men's Missionary Society; each group holds one or two meetings each week in different homes throughout that section. This is a very thickly populated, poor section of the city and these missionary groups are going in all directions and into every part giving out the message of salvation to many souls who have never heard that they may be saved through faith in Christ. Strange to say, the Roman Catholic church is not very busy in that section, so that the majority of the people are without religion of any kind.

Recently in the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society they went into a home where 52 people were gathered and the next week they had 66 present. The main speaker in these meetings is Senora Isolina de Rodriguez. She is one of the finest missionaries that we have ever seen: consecrated, fearless, a friendly personality that attracts people, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. She does not consider herself a public speaker but greatly enjoys dealing personally with any one she meets.

These fine missionary-minded people have contributed almost entirely to the growth of the work there in the Rebozo Church. On Easter Sunday there were 455 people crowded into the building for Sunday-school. The average attendance is about 150.

These Colombian Baptists greatly appreciate what the Baptist people of the south have done for them; and, as they see the two beautiful church buildings and the school building which is now being completed, they are dedicating themselves more than ever to the winning of people for Christ. They do not have much to contribute in a financial way, but they are giving of all their talents and the time that they can to the work of the Lord. We are sure that the Woman's Missionary Union of the south would not consider its contributions to the Colombian work in vain, if all could see the zeal, enthusiasm and consecration of some of these fine people.—
Mrs. H. W. Schweinsberg, Colombia

THIS MONTH CLOSES the RECORDS

Worthy for unnumbered good reasons is the reathing of the Standard of Excellence by each W.M.U. organization whether for women or young people. Since each of these standards is reckoned with the calendar year there is now only this month left for checking up and attaining desired goals. All such is clearly set forth on pages 25-33, 78 of the 1944 W.M.U. Year Book. Earnestly seek to be standard!

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Book Reviews

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

(The books reviewed below may be bought from your State Baptist Bookstore at fifty cents the copy.)

At its recent meeting in Oklahoma City, Woman's Missionary Union voted to add to the optional books for Certificate Courses I and II four new books recently published by the Broadman Press in cooperation with the Foreign Mission Board. One of these, *God and Man in Missions* by Dr. W. O. Carver, was discussed in November *Royal Service*. In this issue we present, briefly, the other three. Any one of these four books will be exceptionally fine for preparatory study for the December Week of Prayer.

Pray Ye by Frances Landrum Tyler

Both women and young people will enjoy this first book, written by our W.M.U. recording secretary. It is charmingly done and abounds in fresh, telling illustrations that drive home the points of its clearly outlined presentation of the more direct Bible teachings on prayer—its initiation, scope, maintenance, effectiveness and practice.

There is perhaps little in this outline that will be new to older readers, but rarely have these familiar truths been more simply and more attractively presented. They do move one to prayer—which was the author's primary purpose in writing.

Give Ye by Frank K. Means

The author of this second book is professor of missions at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth. He makes a real contribution to one's thinking concerning stewardship by analyzing certain positions, too superficially taken by speakers and writers on this subject, and by trying to show the underlying truth. Those who study after him will not agree, perhaps, with all his conclusions but they will be challenged by them to further study.

The book is not as smoothly written as the others of the series and does not as readily hold the reader's attention. Nevertheless, it is well worth the small extra effort it takes to follow the author's discussion of the Old Testament background of stewardship and the New Testament basis of stewardship: stewardship of money, stewardship of life and stewardship of the Gospel. Members of both W.M.S. and Y.W.A. should find its study stimulating and helpful.

Thus It Is Written by Henry Cornell Goerner

In this third book of our series Professor Goerner of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville gives a simple, clear, logical development of the central theme of God's eternal purpose "to bring redemption to all the national groups of earth by means of human witnesses". After verifying this purpose from the Scriptures, he discusses the choice not only of Israel but of such other nations as Greek, Rome, Britain and the United States for definite services in the furtherance of God's will. He shows that Jesus was conscious of His own world mission and that the Holy Spirit came to carry on that mission through the churches. He established by the witnessing of Christians until the consummation of the age. All our women and young women who study it will find it fascinating for its light on the Bible in general and on God's purposes and will for man.



Mission Study

Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence
Southwide Mission Study Chairman

New World A-Comin'

UNDER this title a New York newspaperman, Roi Ottley, has written one of the best books in recent years on Negro life in America. These words sum up the present situation you and I—America and the world—face in the immediate future. More even than at the close of World War I, when the isolationist attitude of the American people killed our participation in the only peace plan offered us, do we, the American people, face today heavy responsibility for this new world that is surely coming. In this responsibility, because we are a democracy, every one of us has a share; and upon our attitudes, yours and mine, depends today the hope for an effective world peace.

This is true in international relations. It is even more true in Christian missions. Upon the intelligent, consecrated, informed attitudes of the Christians of America depends the future of Christian missions at home and abroad.

Realizing this, Woman's Missionary Union has for several years been carefully experimenting with some larger plans for the study of missions, to replace the present Advanced Course which has reached a very small number of our women. It is therefore with keen satisfaction that we announce, effective January 1, 1945, a new and, we believe, much more appealing plan for the wider study of missions, the Missionary Round Table which will, on January 1, 1945, take the place of the Advanced Course. All students in the Advanced Course on that date may continue until they finish, but no more new students will be enrolled.

The new plans were adopted in the semiannual meeting of the Executive Committee of Woman's Missionary Union, February, 1944; details were worked out in the Southwide Mission Study Committee meeting in September, 1944. They come with the freshness and breadth of a new literature utilized and with the appeal of a new realization of the meaning of Christian missions for war-stricken lands.

Briefly, the Missionary Round Tables will be a combination of individual reading with open forum discussions wherever desired. Lists of the books may be secured from your state W.M.U. office on January 1, 1945, as well as a leaflet giving guidance for reading and plans for the forums. *Do not write for them before that date.*

The plan is very simple. The books are to be purchased cooperatively by your Round Table group which may be made up of any women who wish to participate. Women who have completed the Certificate Courses I and II will find that they will get a great deal more out of the Round Tables than those who have not had these studies in missionary fundamentals. But there are no requirements of previous study. Participation in Round Table study need cost no member more than \$2 a year, for which investment there should be at least ten books on the larger aspects of missions made available to each member.

There will be ten different lists from which to choose your books, covering a wide range of missionary interest: problems and opportunities for Christian missions in America; peoples and countries of the world; political, economic and social conditions that help and hinder Christian missions in every land; men and women of all lands whose lives are significant to Christian missions; stories of missions from great writers; fascinating, sympathetic portrayals of how people live by those who know strange corners of the earth intimately.

Here is the wider knowledge we must have if we support world missions intelligently, do our part as citizens of our own nation wisely and have a share in building a world in which war will really be outlawed. Plan now to include at least one Missionary Round Table in your program for 1945.

Centennial Evangelistic Crusade

Dr. M. E. Dodd, Director

Contrition

ON our mission tour around the world, Mrs. Dodd and I were especially eager to see something of the work of grace which was reported going on in the Shantung Province of China. We had heard that marvelous manifestation of the divine presence and power was being experienced by the missionaries and by the Chinese Christian leaders and church members.

When we arrived in Shantung we found that the half had not been told. Dead churches were coming to life. *(There are 6300 such churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, which were too dead to have a single baptism in 1943.)* In the Shantung revival all churches were being revived, members were restoring money to those whom they had defrauded, tithes which had been held back were being brought to the church. The sick were healed instantly, devils were cast out, men and women, even boys and girls were testifying with such manifest power of the Holy Spirit that sinners were crying out for mercy and being saved. It was Pentecost all over again.

We sought the secret sources for such supreme spiritual success. We found them to be exactly what one can find in the Bible. The missionaries and Chinese Christian leaders explained that this great awakening was the result of earnest prayer, faith in God, Bible teaching, much preaching on sin and confession of faults to one another and of sins to God. Everybody wanted to make amends to those whom they had wronged. In all of their group and church meetings they had Bible readings one day on such subjects as "Hate", its ill effects and how Christ frees one from it. The next meeting on "Lies" and then "Stealing", "Covetousness", "Adultery" etc. "What the Bible teaches about each sin was given in a vivid, forceful manner". Revival followed as it always will. Results like these are well worth the cost in contrition, confession and consecration upon which they depend.

The first definite date for the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade has been set by the general staff for Lord's Day, December 31, as a day for making up all differences between ourselves and each other and between ourselves and God. Every member of every Baptist church is asked to go to his house of worship on that day for one or more of the public services or to go privately between services and humbly confess all personal sin and offer himself anew to God. This is necessary to revival.

This procedure has beautiful Bible background. Read Nehemiah, chapters eight and nine, and then return to chapter 9, verses 2 and 3. Dwell upon these verses at length. Read them at the next class or circle meeting: "And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers and stood and confessed their sins". All that would compromise, intimidate, hinder or hurt their influence for God was put out of their life.

New Testament Christians have more light and leading than those Israelites had. And with better promises, better opportunities and better facilities they should do better.

"If we confess our sins He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"—1 John 1:9.



Training School

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Founders' Day at the Training School

IN these times when everyone's heart is turned to the future with eagerness and longing, some with dread, governments are planning for the future, missionaries are planning for the future and Christians in all lands are looking with hope to the future. In these circumstances, it is a good thing for us to pause and renew our link with the past to consider again our indebtedness to those who have served before us and to increase our indebtedness to them by drawing anew from the rich deposits of their service".

These were the opening remarks made by Miss Jane Lide, professor in North China Baptist Theological Seminary at Hwanghsien, as she addressed the student body, faculty and friends at the annual Founders' Day program on October second. Miss Lide was a Training School student in the second year of its organized life. She was the twenty-fourth of thirty-nine students to enroll that year, nine of whom went as foreign missionaries.

It is fitting and fortunate that this noble woman who was personally acquainted with the founders of the School should speak about them. To her they were as five fingers on a hand which served well because God did the calling and training.

Prayerfully and tactfully the index finger, Miss Eliza Broadus, felt out an unmarked trail that stretched before her when Dr. Simmons wrote from China pleading for trained young women to help. The young women appearing in the Seminary classes about this time stimulated her interest.

By her side was that tall finger, Mrs. S. E. Woody, a gay spirit. She presided over the first mass meeting in the interest of a Training School for girls and served as chairman of the Local Board.

The next finger near her was Mrs. George B. Eager, with an interest as genuine as her charm. These two fingers worked close together, patient and free from dismay over opposition to their cherished plan until 1907 when the School was accepted by the southwide Woman's Missionary Union. The following eighteen years they stayed by, as chairman and vice-president of the Local Board until, within a month of each other, God called them Home.

The strong, loving, little finger won for the School the hearts of the Baptist women of the south. That was Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, the southwide president when the School was accepted. She believed in it thoroughly and promoted it with great skill.

In close cooperation with all of them was the thumb, who integrated the activities of the Training School. This was Mrs. Maud R. McLure, the first principal, who served sixteen years. Miss Lide presented her as the gracious friend of the students, the wise counselor and the praying executive.

The secret of these five fingers and others like Doctors Frost, Mullins, Robertson, Carver and Sampey is found in their allegiance to a power outside themselves, their voluntary devotion to the cause of another and their sense of mission to do God's will on earth as it is done in Heaven. Indeed, the audience "had a delightful, informing and inspiring evening. We lived with them again" as Miss Littlejohn expressed it.

Then the Training School Chorus, dressed in white, sang *Dedication*, the lovely song composed by an alumna, Mrs. Rose Goodwin Pool. Although the words and music were written for the Golden Jubilee of Woman's Missionary Union, they afforded a perfect expression of the gratitude in every heart on this occasion.

Miss Doris Knight led the prayer at the opening of the program. She was a former student of the school and coworker with Miss Lide in China.

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Bible Study

Elia Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

The Wonderful Name—Isaiah 9:1-7

THE naming of a child is always a happy occasion. The family name will now continue; and a name already honored and beloved is bestowed upon the little one. The family traditions, hopes and responsibilities lead to thoughts of God's plan and purpose for this new life. Many children are mentioned in the Bible. To Abraham was promised the longed-for son, to found a new nation; to David a son who should build the temple; to Isaiah himself a new son whose name should symbolize swift-coming history: "The spoil speedeth, the prey hasteth". To him presently came a prediction of the Messiah as a wonderful child to be born, whose names are breath-taking. This verse as chanted in Handel's *Messiah* is thrilling. Read quietly and, compared with the promise to Mary, again it stirs us, with one name added, the dearest of all, Jesus, *Savior*. "He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Most High: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: and He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His Kingdom there shall be no end".

Isaiah's words mean more to us than they could possibly mean to the prophet's bearers or readers of his day. A prince, yes, of the house of David; a ruler of an endless kingdom, a kingdom of righteousness and justice; but not a warrior, with garments "rolled in blood". His name shall be called "Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace". Peace is a blessed word, but we have learned that it is a difficult word. A righteous peace, a wise peace, a lasting peace—these can come only from "the mighty God, the everlasting Father".

Look again at verse 2: "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined". When the Messiah did come, He said: "I am the light of the world" (John 9:5). Then he opened the eyes of a man born blind. He said: "I am the resurrection and the life". Then he raised Lazarus from the dead. Again he said: "While ye have the light, believe in the light, that ye may become children of light". "But though He had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on Him". Isaiah had predicted this also: "Who hath believed our report?" This said Isaiah, "when he saw His glory and spake of Him". Some believed but did not confess Him, lest they lose their standing. But Jesus said: "He that believeth on Me believeth not on Me but on Him that sent Me".

People complain sometimes that Jesus is not real to them and say: "Oh, if I could only have seen and heard Him when He was in the world!" But—"He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. . . . But as many as believed Him, to them gave He power to become sons of God, even to them that believe on His name". Isaiah believed, centuries beforehand; and we can believe, long afterwards. Sometimes we too can "behold His glory". And to us as to His early disciples He says: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you. Not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid". Let us share too Paul's benediction to the Philippians: "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus".



Family Altar

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: "When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling"; "Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit saith the Lord of hosts".

"Peace to Israel"

1st Day—1 Chron. 22:7-13;
Rom. 3:21-23, 29, 30
2nd Day—Ezra 4:1-16; Gal. 5:1-6
3rd Day—Ezra 4:17-5:15; 1 Jno. 1:3-7
4th Day—Ezra 5:16-17; Matt. 19:4-6
5th Day—Ezra 6:1-22; Luke 10:38-42
6th Day—Ezra 7:6-28; 11 Tim. 1:3-6
7th Day—Ezra 8:21-23, 31-36;
1 Cor. 7:10-16, 30

"Peace to the Heathen"

8th Day—Zech. 9:9, 10; Eph. 5:22-32
9th Day—Rom. 2:10-16; Eph. 6:1-4
10th Day—Rom. 8:26-39; Col. 3:16-24
11th Day—Rom. 9:30-10:13; 1 Jno. 4:7-11
12th Day—Rom. 14:7-13; 1 Jno. 4:12-21
13th Day—Rom. 16:17-20; Luke 9:57-62
14th Day—Micah 4:1-5; Col. 3:1-4

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 the Christmas angels proclaimed peace

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

Pray for all Christians in the armed forces of the world as they observe Christmas.

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

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

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

Pray that the December 4-8 Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions will be faithfully observed and that its \$310,000 goal will be far surpassed so that the feet of countless people may be guided "into the way of peace".

Intercede that southern Baptists will observe the last Sunday of this year as recommended by the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade.

"Peace When There Is No Peace"

15th Day—Jer. 6:14; Col. 3:5-15
16th Day—Job 27:0-23; Eph. 5:6-17
17th Day—Obad. 3, 7; 1 Cor. 10:23-31
18th Day—Luke 21:5-9; 2-8-12
19th Day—1 Cor. 6:9-11; Heb. 1:1-4
20th Day—1 Cor. 15:33, 34; 1 Jno. 1:1-4
21st Day—11 Cor. 4:1-6; Psa. 71:17-24

"My peace I give unto you"

22nd Day—Jno. 14:27; Psa. 132:1-10
23rd Day—Isa. 60:1-5; Matt. 2:1-10
24th Day—Isa. 61:1-3; 1 Pet. 1:3-9
25th Day—Matt. 1 and 2; 16:13-20
26th Day—Luke 1 and 2; 11 Pet. 3:14-18
27th Day—11 Cor. 5:20, 21; 1 Jno. 3:1-6
28th Day—Eph. 4:32; 4:11-16
29th Day—Psa. 119:165;
11 Cor. 3:7-9, 17, 18
30th Day—Isa. 9:2-7; Eph. 1:3-13
31st Day—Num. 6:24-26; 11 Tim. 4:6-8



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Calendar of Prayer December, 1944

Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

SPEAK to us, Lord, until our hearts are melted
To share in Thy compassion for the lost,
Till our souls throb with burning intercession
That they shall know Thy Name whate'er the cost.
Speak to us, Lord, till shamed by Thy great giving
Our hands unclasp to set our treasures free:
Our wills, our love, our dear ones, our possessions—
All yielded, gracious Lord, to Thee.

—I. M. Fordham in *Regions Beyond*

1—FRIDAY

†Miss Ada Jackson, educational-evangelistic work, Shaki, Rev. and †Mrs. E. M. Howell, evangelistic-medical work, Fort Harcourt, Nigeria

Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee. —Psa. 119:14

2—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. Quinones, Mariel, Rev. A. Espinosa, Jovellanos, Rev. H. Valdes, Martines, Cuba, evangelistic work
We preach Christ crucified. —1 Cor. 1:23

3—SUNDAY

Dr. and †Mrs. W. W. Adams, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Newton, Dr. and †Mrs. T. N. Johnson, emeritus missionaries from China

The Lord will not suffer the soul of the righteous to perish. —Prov. 10:3

4—MONDAY

Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Little Moon Christmas Offering, December 4-8

Come and let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten. —Jer. 50:5

5—TUESDAY

Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Kilgore, evangelistic work, †Miss Beatrice Glass, educational-evangelistic work, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God and serve Him. —Deut. 6:13

6—WEDNESDAY

Rev. E. E. Steele, Atlanta, Ga., Rev. T. P. Farr, Pensacola, Fla., Rev. G. Bellamy, Oklahoma City, Rev. A. L. Lowther, Tulsa, Okla., special evangelistic work in cities
Go in this thy might have not I sent thee? —Judges 6:14

7—THURSDAY

†Rev. and †Mrs. S. A. Baxby, Sao Paulo, †Rev. and †Mrs. S. P. Jackson, Governador Valadares, Brazil, evangelistic work
I was strengthened as the hand of my God was upon me. —Ezra 7:28

8—FRIDAY

That great spiritual blessings may attend the Day of Prayer around the World and for faithful ingathering of the Little Moon Christmas Offering
God loveth a cheerful giver. —21 Cor. 9:7

9—SATURDAY

†Miss Mildred Scarboro, Key West, Rev. A. J. Silva, Tampa, evangelistic work, Mrs. Aurella Baer, educational-evangelistic work among Cubans, Tampa, Fla.

Worship Him that made Heaven and earth and the sea and the fountains of water. —Rev. 14:7

10—SUNDAY

Rev. and †Mrs. S. B. Sears, †Miss Fay Taylor, appointees to China, College of Chinese Studies, Berkeley, Calif., †Miss Miriam Thomas, educational-evangelistic work, Honolulu, Hawaii

The Lord is long-suffering and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression. —Num. 14:18

11—MONDAY

Rev. and †Mrs. G. Wilson, Albuquerque, †Miss Lizzie McSwain, Santa Fe, New Mexico, evangelistic work among Indians
Ye shall walk after the Lord your God and fear Him and keep His commandments. —Deut. 10:14

12—TUESDAY

Rev. and †Mrs. J. F. Mitchell, Tamoco, †Miss Oleta Snel, Santiago, Chile, educational-evangelistic work
That they should be the Lord's people. —21 Kings 11:17

13—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and †Mrs. Loyd Corder, evangelistic work among Spanish-speaking people, Seminary Hill, Tex., †Mrs. Betta Ishibashi Kira, evangelistic work in Japanese Relocation Center, McGehee, Ark.
Now set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord your God. —1 Chron. 22:19

14—THURSDAY

Rev. and †Mrs. J. A. Lunsford, educational-evangelistic work, Salem, Mr. and †Mrs. E. Schmidt, appointees to Brazil
The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright. —Prov. 13:3

15—FRIDAY

Rev. and †Mrs. P. Hernandez, Houston, Mrs. Daria Lopez, Harlingen, Mrs. Luz Diaz, San Antonio, evangelistic work among Mexicans
If any man love God the same is known of Him. —1 Cor. 8:3

Calendar of Prayer for December

16—SATURDAY

Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Patterson, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Webb, Miss Viola Campbell, educational-evangelistic work with the Foreign Mission Board, El Paso, Tex., Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Pierson, evangelistic work, Chihuahua, Mexico.
They believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said —Jas. 1:22

17—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Williams, Miss Annie Rice, medical work, Oghemoshu, Nigeria. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hagood, Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Lindsey, Near East, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hoghey, Russia, appointees. Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister. —Matt. 20:26

18—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Argues, San Antonio de Rio Blanco, Rev. and Mrs. D. Fernandez, Maricao, Rev. L. Gonzalez, Artemisa, Miss Billie Kuykendall, Havana, Cuba, evangelistic work, also Raquel Cardenas, Margaret Fund student (daughter of missionaries who served 17 years). Bless the Lord, all His works in all places of His dominion —Psa. 103:22

19—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Parker, evangelistic work, Talca, Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn, educational-evangelistic work, Santiago, Chile. The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working. —Jas. 5:16

20—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Cobb, Red Rock, Rev. and Mrs. T. Wade, Atoka, Okla., evangelistic work among Indians. Now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation. —II Cor. 6:2

21—THURSDAY

That the Christmas programs and celebrations in Good Will Centers and Mission Sunday-schools may magnify the Name of Christ. They made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this Child. —Luke 2:17

22—FRIDAY

Miss Estelle Councilman, Miss Miriam Willis, Buenos Aires, Mrs. Anne Margaret, Rosario, Argentina, educational-evangelistic work. With the Lord there is mercy and with Him there is plenteous redemption. —Psa. 130:3

23—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Hurtado, Tama, Rev. E. Rubio, Clovis, Rev. F. Dominguez, Arica, Miss Martha Thomas Ellis, Albuquerque, N. M., evangelistic work among Mexicans. And this is love, that we walk after His commandments. —II Jno. 4

24—SUNDAY

Miss Bertha Hunt, emerita missionary from Brazil, Miss Cornelia Leavell, educational-evangelistic work, Honolulu, Hawaii, Misses Mildred Lovegren and Ruby Wheat, appointees to China. Be strong, therefore, and let not your hand be weak: for your work shall be rewarded. —II Chron. 15:7

25—MONDAY

That the "Prince of Peace" may rule and reign in every heart in all the world. We give Thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art and wast and art to come; because Thou hast taken to Thee Thy great power and hast reigned. —Rev. 11:17

26—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. T. N. Clinkcales, evangelistic work, Londrina, Miss Katherine Cozens, educational-evangelistic work, Recife, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Underwood, appointees to Brazil. Let the beauty of the Lord be upon us. —Psa. 90:17

27—WEDNESDAY

Mrs. S. E. McAdory, Union, Miss, Rev. and Mrs. M. Wesley, Red Oak, Rev. and Mrs. L. Hancock, Anadarko, Okla., evangelistic work among Indians. O taste and see that the Lord is good! —Psa. 34:8

28—THURSDAY

Dr. J. H. Miller, medical-evangelistic work, Canton, China. Stand fast therefore in the liberty where-with Christ hath made us free. —Gal. 5:1

29—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Belote, Wahiawa, Miss Hannah Plowden, Maui, Hawaii, evangelistic work. The foundation of God standeth sure. —II Tim. 2:19

30—SATURDAY

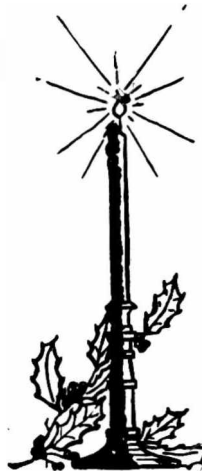
Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Moore, Rome, Italy, Miss Eunice Fenderson, Jerusalem, Palestine, evangelistic work, also Baptist believers in Palestine. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. —Gal. 3:26

31—SUNDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Combs, Miss Darline Elliott, educational-evangelistic work, Barranquilla, Colombia. God is my strength and power. —II Sam. 22:33

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

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 18 of this magazine.)

TOPIC: Our Task Around the World

Devotional Theme: "That repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His Name unto all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem—*Luke 24:47*"

From Missionaries (See pages 6-8 of this magazine.)

Current Events (See page 32 of this magazine.)

The Great Grandmother Church (See article in December issue of *World Comrades*.)

I Clean Up (See article in December issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.*)

When They Return (See article in December issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

Contribution . . . Confession . . . Consecration (See article in December issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*; see also page 11 of this magazine.)

Religious Liberty Today (See article in December issue of *The Commission*.)

Let's Make Missions Real (See article in December issue of *The Commission*.)

An Australian officer, watching a group of natives returning to Moresby, worn out after a long trek to the Owen Stanley Range, turned to a companion and said: "If we do not look after these natives when the war ends, we deserve the justice of God to come upon us, and the fruits of peace to shrivel in our hands".

Business Women's Circles

Prepared by Miss Dorothy DeVault, Tennessee
Student in Missions 162
W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Ky.

Aim: To cause us as Christians to realize anew and to help others to know that the only way of peace is through the "Prince of Peace"

Invitation: Buy some small white cards and stars at the dime store. In the upper left corner of the card paste a star and draw rays from it. Print on the card:

"Peace on earth, good-will toward men!"
When shall this be?

Come to the Business Women's Circle. Date.....Place.....Time.....

Poster: Place in the center of a large piece of white cardboard a picture of the Bible. Above the Bible print these words:

What does this Book say about peace?

Below the Bible write: "He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth"—
Psalm 46:9a.

God's plan of peace through Christ will be discussed at
Business Women's Circle. Place.....Time.....Date.....

Decorations: Use any kind of decorations that bring out the theme of Christmas. In the center of the room have a large table and chairs enough for all the members. On the table place a globe of the world and small flags of the various countries of the world. This shall be the peace table around which the entire program is centered. (For program material see pages 20-27.)

Presentation: One member suggests: "We did want so much to have our boys and girls home for Christmas, but this will not be possible until peace reigns". Another member says: "It seems we are doing a good job of killing our enemies. As soon as we kill enough they will give up and we will have peace". "No!" says the program leader; "Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts!" "Of course peace is our one desire", says one member who discusses topic 1, "Season of Peace". The topic, "The Way of War", is discussed by one who says, "I have been thinking about the causes of war". "But I like to think of 'The Way of Peace'" says another as she discusses this topic. She closes her discussion with a prayer for peace. The program chairman asks, "What have leaders before us said about peace?" The quotations in topic 4 have been written on stars and given to members. These are to be read at this time. "I feel that I, as a southern Baptist, can do much". The topic on southern Baptist work is discussed here. After this the program chairman hands to each member at the table a list of some of the things that individual Baptists can do. She tells them to put it in their Bibles and to read it often, realizing that they have a Christian responsibility. "Can missions help to bring peace?" is asked by one. The topic "Missions and Peace" is discussed. The last topic is introduced by this thought, "Christmas and peace are one". The program chairman asks that they all join hands and pray silently that peace will come and that all men everywhere will learn of our Christ, the "Prince of Peace".

Training School

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A delicious luncheon was served at noon, the gift of the Woman's Missionary Union of South Carolina of which state Miss Lide is a former resident. Guests included Miss Lide, Miss Knight, Mrs. A. T. Robertson, Dr. and Mrs. John R. Sappery, Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Weatherspoon.—Lucile Carter, Missouri

Program Plans

Prepared by Miss Abbie Louise Green, Tennessee
Student in Missions 162
W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Ky.

It is again time to plan a Christmas program. This will probably be the last program of the year and you will want it to be the very best of the whole year and leave a high standard for the coming year. Certainly the very best you can do is none too good for this sweet and joyous Christmas season.

Announcing the Program: Draw on poster board the two hemispheres side by side, leaving a space between. Above and extending into this space draw a cross. At the top of the poster print "World Peace". At the bottom of poster print "Hear about it". Time.....Place.....Date..... Use every means of announcing this program. See that an announcement is put in your church bulletin and, on the Sunday preceding the program, ask your pastor to make an announcement from the pulpit, urging every woman of the church to attend this program. In this way you may reach prospects for the coming year.

To the Program Committee: Programs may be made in the form of a book. Cut oblong sections of blue construction paper, fold and, on typing paper, cut a smaller fold and staple inside. Type "When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendor fling". Below this type the program as outlined on page 20. To make the programs more attractive a Madonna sticker may be placed on the back of the program or a miniature copy of the announcement poster may be mimeographed for distribution. Check to see that program parts are assigned well in advance. See that the committee for decorations begins its work well in advance. Last but not least, urge all responsible for the program to pray for its success. (For program material see pages 20-27.)

Decorations: Silver and blue combined with candles will be effective for making a lovely setting. On five large bells, cut from construction paper, print the word P-E-A-C-E. The letters may be cut from silver paper and pasted on a blue background. A much better effect may be obtained by printing the letters with a small paint brush first dipped in glue; then sprinkle the letters with ground tinsel and let dry. The tinsel may be purchased at bookstores for ten cents an ounce. String the bells on a cord in the position of being rung and hang at the front of the room where the program is to be given. On a table near where speakers stand have a large world globe; above this suspend a lighted cross. To have the room darkened throughout the program would give a beautiful effect.

Suggestions for Presentation: Instrumental music, piano and violin playing Christmas carols while the women assemble for the program. Have those on the program sit at the front of the room, one speaker following the other without announcement if programs are used. Since an allotted time is usually given for the program, choice may have to be made between some of the parts given in the material offered. The leaflet "The Coming Peace" could be ordered from the Sunday School Board and given out with the programs. The leader then would make only the opening and closing remarks on the part, "Southern Baptists and Peace". Try to arrange the manger scene if possible, just as suggested, and place it on a platform so every one may have a good view of the scene. This will be very effective if carefully planned; truly it will be in keeping with the season and will bring the program to a most impressive close.



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: "When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling"; "Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit saith the Lord of hosts".

Hymn—Joy to the World

Bible Study—The Wonderful Name—Isaiah 9:1-7 (Page 13)

Prayer that at this Christmas time thoughts of the significance of the wonderful name of Jesus may bring us to worship Him more devotedly and serve Him more faithfully

Hymn—Silent Night, Holy Night

Season of Peace

—The Way of War

The Way to Peace

Prayer that the world may find the way to peace

Hymn—Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love

What They Say

—Southern Baptists and Peace

Missions and Peace

Christmas and Peace

Hymn—It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Prayer that we may in every possible way promote the cause of peace and by our support of missions hasten the time "when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling"

SEASON of PEACE

"And on Earth Peace"

CHRISTMAS, the season of peace, is here again. Once more we are standing with the shepherds on the Bethlehem field listening to the angels' song of "Peace on earth, good-will to men". Once more we are welcoming the advent of the Christ Child who was hailed "Prince of Peace".

For several years the season of peace has been celebrated in a world at war. As this is being written, we are on the tiptoe of hope that soon at least a part of the terrible world conflict will cease. We are listening every hour for the ringing of the bells announcing that Germany has capitulated, bringing an end to the war in Europe. So, it may be that this Christmas will be once more a season of peace for Europe's stricken lands. Perhaps the English will once more make merry while their yule logs burn with Christmas cheer. Perhaps the children of France will again go to the woods to gather greens for a happy Christmas celebration. Perhaps the children of Holland will again place their wooden shoes in the corner of the fireplace awaiting a visit from Santa Claus. Perhaps even the children of Germany will catch an echo of Luther's "Cradle Hymn" and turn their thoughts to the Christmas message of good-will.

Even the most optimistic of us dare not hope that by this Christmas the war with Japan will be over. So, doubtless this season of peace will still be a season of war for us and many others. Doubtless again the angels' song of peace and good-will will mingle with the roar of fighting bombers. Doubtless the group around many a family Christmas dinner table will be saddened because of absent loved ones still fighting on some far-away battle-field. And the prayer in our hearts at this season of peace will be: "O Prince of Peace, give peace to this war stricken world!"

Peace! The world longs for peace. The world prays for peace. The world struggles for peace.

Peace! It is the desire of all nations, the desire of all hearts. Millions of people pray: "Give peace in our time, O Lord!"

Peace! Is there any hope of peace for this world? Yes, and it is found in the manger where lies the Christ Child, who is the Prince of Peace. All the rattle of warfare, all the noise of battle cannot drown the angels' song of "Peace on earth, good-will among men". Through the world's darkness the star of Bethlehem still shines. Christmas is still a season of peace—bringing its message of peace to the heart of each individual who worships the Manger King and bringing its promise of universal peace when all nations shall build their ideals on the teachings of the Prince of Peace. So, with unfaltering faith and high hopes we at this season of peace turn our hearts to the thoughts of the time

"When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling;
And the whole world give back the song,
Which now the angels sing".

The WAY of WAR

"We looked for peace, but no good came".

"WAR—that mad game the world so loves to play", wrote Jonathan Swift. History proves that the world loves to play the game of war, for it is marked by almost continuous warfare. The gates of the temple of Janus in Rome were always open in times of war and closed in times of peace. It is said that in the three hundred years before Augustus Caesar the gates were closed only once. During the reign of Augustus they were closed three times and at one of these times Jesus was born. Our own nation, in its history covering less than two hundred years, has engaged in eight major wars. In the last century there have been wars and rumors of wars in almost every part of the globe, culminating in the two great wars in which practically all the nations of the world have been involved. Yes, the world loves to play the mad game of war.

This continual warfare is an indication of the depraved nature of men—their selfishness, their ambition, their passion for power, their greed for gain. Through all the ages of history the selfishness of dictators has plunged nations into war and back of every war has been somebody's unholy desire for either power or possession or both. While unquestionably some wars have been fought for righteous causes, always the desired goals could have been attained without bloodshed if men had been willing to pay the price of peace.

Oh, what a price the world has paid for war! The financial cost of World War I was estimated at four hundred billion. Someone trying to translate that much money into terms of happiness and well-being says: "With that sum every family in the United States, Canada, Australia, England, Wales, Ireland, Scotland, France, Belgium, Germany and Russia could be provided with five hundred acres of land worth \$100 an acre, or it a house costing \$2500 and \$1000 worth of furnishings for it. Every city of 20,000 inhabitants or over, in each of the above countries, could be given a \$5,000,000 library and a \$10,000,000 university. The remainder would be sufficient to set aside a sum at 5 per cent interest that would provide a salary for an army of 125,000 teachers and an equal salary for another army of the same number of nurses".

It is too early to estimate the cost of the present war but of course it will far exceed that of World War I. This gives us some idea of the terrible material waste of warfare. But of course that is not to be compared to the cost in lives. It is estimated that 30 million lives were lost in World War I. What the cost of the present war will be in human lives is yet to be learned. When we realize that every one of these, who have died needlessly as victims of war, loved life and could have made a contribution to the work and progress of the world—when we realize that the death of each one caused sorrow to the hearts of others—we can see the terrible cost and

waste of war. Billions of dollars, millions of lives, millions of widows and orphans, millions of homes destroyed, mutilated churches and works of art, destruction, sorrow, suffering—this is the cost and the waste of war! We find ourselves exclaiming: "Why such cost? Why such waste? Why war?" And surely we pray again: "Give peace in our time, O Lord!"

"Oh God of love, Oh King of Peace,
Make wars throughout the world to cease;
The wrath of sinful man restrain,
Give peace, Oh God, give peace again.

"Remember, Lord, Thy works of old,
The wonders that our fathers told;
Remember not our sin's dark stain,
Give peace, Oh God, give peace again.

"Where saints and angels dwell above,
All hearts are knit in holy love;
Oh bind us in that Heavenly chain,
Give peace, Oh God, give peace again."

The WAY to PEACE

"Seek peace and pursue it".

THE world's thinkers—statesmen, military leaders, news analysts, philosophers, preachers and poets—are trying to find the way to peace. Innumerable books are being written, conferences are being held, radios are constantly broadcasting peace talks, plans are being made and all kinds of theories are being advanced for obtaining this thing which all desire—a peace which will last and make future wars impossible. One who attempts to study all these plans and analyze all these theories finds himself in a mystic maze of ideas in which he is lost.

At the end of World War I we rejoiced in what we called the armistice. That was the right name for it; for, according to Webster, an armistice is a "short-suspension of hostilities"; and that is exactly what ours proved to be. An editorial in the *Expositor* contrasts an armistice with real peace: "Armistice is human. Peace is divine. Armistice issues from the conference table, peace from a manger. Armistice brings joy to the victorious only. Peace showers joy on all". What the world wants, what we all want, is not an armistice but, to use the words of Abraham Lincoln, a "just and lasting peace".

Permanent peace cannot be bought. Many times did the Children of Israel pay tribute to stronger nations around them and so staved off war for a time; but tribute produced only a temporary peace.

Permanent peace cannot be won by war. War can win an armistice but not peace. As long as contests of strength determine the status of nations there can be no permanent peace. World War I was supposed to be "the war to end war" but it proved to be only the kindling of the fire to set off a greater and more destructive conflagration. Often during the present struggle it has been said, "We must win the peace". Thus have we recognized the fact that winning the war is not identical with winning the peace.

Permanent peace cannot be legislated. A league of nations, a world federation or some other international organization can make laws but like all the other laws these sometimes will be obeyed and sometimes disobeyed. Surely we are interested in and sympathetic with every effort that will be made by world leaders to form some sort of an organization to obtain lasting peace. Surely we will pray earnestly that some workable plan may be found; and we will continue to pray that whatever method is adopted will be used of God to save the world from another terrible war. However, we know that there is only one real way to lasting peace. Unless this way is found at the peace conference, unless this way enters into the thinking of world leaders there can be no permanent peace.

What is this way? It is the road to Bethlehem, leading to the Prince of Peace. It is the way of the manger where lies the Christ who came to bring peace on earth. It is the way of the teachings of Jesus, the way of the Golden Rule. It is the way of the cross, the way of love, the way of forgiveness. We cry "Peace! Peace!" But there is no peace unless Christ reigns in the hearts of men, unless His teachings are followed in individual and international relationships.

Many present day writers and speakers are pointing to this way to peace. Wallace C. Speers writes: "There is but one postwar plan that will guarantee a better world for the future. It is a very simple one and is not new at all. It is summed up in one phrase, 'Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven'". The English poet, Alfred Noyes, writes: "No statement of peace can be more than a straw in the wind or an election-promise unless it implies a radical change of heart and mind, something far deeper than a glib lip service to the relativities of current ethics. If it is to endure it must come from the shaken depths of the soul, with a new conviction of the eternal truth: 'Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you'".

The Bible clearly points the way to peace. We read: "The work of righteousness shall be peace" and "Righteousness and peace have kissed each other". And again: "Oh, that thou hadst hearkened to My commandments! Then had thy peace been as a river and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea". By these passages from God's Word we see that righteousness and peace go together. First righteousness, then peace, is God's order. We secure peace by enthroning righteousness. We enthrone righteousness by hearkening to the commandments of God.

"There is no peace, saith the Lord, to the wicked". And this applies not only to individuals but to nations. There can be no peace when nations break the fundamental laws of right and justice. It is not right for large nations to tyrannize small ones. It is not right to build up national policies on the vicious principle that "might is right". In a world where such things are practiced there can be no peace.

The way to peace is the way of the God of peace—the way of righteousness, mercy, justice and love. The way to peace is found only in Jesus and His righteousness. As men enthrone Him in their lives and as His principles are practiced in international relationships then can we hope for lasting peace.

It is said that an American artist is painting a great picture to portray the nations at the peace table. On the canvas seated around a colossal table are representatives of the nations of the earth. At the head stands the Christ in the light of His glory. All look to Him, the Light of the World, and every face is illumined.

We cannot hope that all those who sit at the peace table will be Christians. Indeed we may be sure that most of them will not be Christians. But, isn't it possible that the Christians of the world could pray so earnestly and exert such an influence in the matter that Christ would be the invisible person at the peace table and that even non-Christian participants would be led to see that the only way to lasting peace is through the application of Christian principles to international relationships. Surely there is enough of the power of Christ embodied in the Christians of the world to influence the negotiations for permanent peace. So let us not be hopeless but let us pray that Christ may indeed sit at the peace table and that through Him the world may find the way of righteousness, which is the way of peace. "Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit saith the Lord of hosts".

WHAT THEY SAY

"Follow peace with all men".

(The following quotations are brief enough to be written or pasted on a star, bell or other Christmas emblem. These given to women to be read will add a Christmas touch to the program.)

Jesus says: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you".

Paul says: "The fruit of the Spirit is . . . peace".

Peter says: "The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace".

George Washington says: "My first wish is to see this plague of mankind—war—banished from the earth".

Benjamin Franklin says: "There never was a good war nor a bad peace".

Kuskin says: "This world would be a world of peace if all men were peace-makers".

Emerson says: "The real and lasting victories are those of peace and not of war".

Madame Chiang Kai-shek says: "When we come to the peace, there must be no bitterness".

Daniel A. Poling says: "Our sons have not fought and died in a global war to win less than a global peace".

Charles M. Sheldon says: "Jesus would write a peace based upon justice and understanding".

J. M. Ramsey says: "Where good-will abides, there abides peace, the peace the Christmas angels sang".

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS and PEACE

"Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace".

SOUTHERN Baptists are interested in peace. We have helped to fight two world wars and we join all other Christian people in hoping for a lasting world peace. A committee on world peace brought last May to the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta a splendid report which has been published by the Sunday School Board in booklet form under the caption "The Coming Peace". In that report (*which is free from the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.*) we find the following "Statements of Principles":

1. *No Isolation*—We believe that the command of Jesus, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself", is a condemnation of the policy of isolation on the part of any nation. No nation is justified in seeking to separate itself from the rest of the world—its needs, its problems or its life. We are inevitably members one of another.

2. *A Democratic World*—Believing that God has created all men free and equal and has given to them certain inalienable rights which must ever be respected, we assert the right of all nations, both great and small, to self-government and the obligation of the strong to protect the weak, whether small nations, racial minorities or underprivileged people in the exercise of their God-given freedom.

3. *Organized for Peace*—In order to guarantee security for all nations against aggression, invasion or attempted domination by any other nation, we believe an international organization should be set up which by economic sanctions or if necessary by police power shall restrain any such attempt.

4. *Race Relations*—Believing in the worth of every individual, we deplore race prejudices and hatreds as undermining the respect to which every individual is entitled and as destroying the spirit of good-will, which must be the foundation of enduring peace. This is true whether we consider racial tensions in our nation or in international relationships.

5. *Economic Opportunity*—Many nations are retarded in their development because of poverty and lack of economic opportunity. The erection of tariff barriers for the protection and enrichment of stronger nations may be as serious a hurt to weaker nations as military invasion.

6. *Freedom of Worship*—Every principle of Christianity and democracy demands the right of every individual to freedom of worship and the right to follow the dictates of his own conscience in respect to religion. The historic position of Baptists requires that we shall in all ways and at all times be apostles of absolute religious liberty for all mankind. This includes both the right to worship and also the right to evangelize and teach. Religious liberty is an inherent right and is not a privilege granted by governments. We must continue to insist that either toleration or restricted freedom of worship is a denial of this right. We earnestly contend that

no peace terms will be adequate which either deny or obscure the principle of true religious liberty.

Among the suggestions made by the committee on "What the Churches Can Do" was: "They can provide for study groups, such as Brotherhoods, Woman's Missionary Societies, Training Unions, to the end that the whole matter of the peace settlement may be presented in commanding programs which may afford intelligent grasp".

For the individual Baptist the following activities were suggested:

1. You can equip yourself with the best available thought on the subject.
2. You can send the booklet (*as previously mentioned*) to your senator and representative in Congress, together with a personal letter expressing your concern.
3. You can support representatives in the national legislative body who stand for these principles.
4. You can discuss the principles of a righteous and lasting peace with your friends and business associates.
5. You can help to solve the problem of racial or group antagonism in your own community.
6. You can join in persisting prayer for the will of Christ to be done in the world that is to be following the war.

As we join other southern Baptists in this program recommended by the committee and adopted unanimously by the Convention, we can feel that we are doing something definite to bring to the world a righteous and lasting peace.

MISSIONS and PEACE

"How beautiful upon the mountain are the feet of him . . . that publisheth peace!"

WE have reached the conclusion that permanent peace can come only through Christian principles. How can Christian principles prevail, except the people of the world be Christians? How can the people of the world be Christians, except they know of Christ? How can they know of Christ, except missionaries go to tell them? And how can missionaries go, except they be sent? The conclusion of all this is that missions and peace go hand in hand. Christian missions can do more to produce peace than all the conferences and world federations that man can produce. The Christian missionary is the best ambassador of peace. Global missions will produce global peace.

Wars are still possible today because Christian people have been so slow in Christianizing the world. Instead of growing more Christian, the world is growing more pagan every day. The world is growing more pagan because Christians are not giving the Gospel to lost people as they should. Too many Christians share in the world's selfishness, greed, racial superiority and other sins instead of living the separated life of consecrated service. There is enough power in the Christians of the world to make another war impossible. There is enough prayer power in the Christians of the world to overcome the evils that produce war. There is enough money in the tithes of Christians to finance a program of global missions that would give the Gospel to every creature. When Christians become good stewards, devoting themselves and all their possessions to the cause of Christian missions, then will the day of peace dawn.

More than once during these years of conflict Christian love has crossed barriers of hatred. Soon after Japan attacked China, Kagawa addressed to Chinese Christians a poem begging forgiveness for his people. Once Japanese Baptist young people addressed a message of Christian love to a group of young Chinese Baptists to which they responded in like spirit. Southern Baptist young people are today offering themselves for future work in Japan. In our Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings in these war years are included gifts for Japan. Of course these cannot be used until the struggle is over but in that glad day when we shall again send missionaries to Japan we will be able to say: "When you were our enemies we demonstrated Chris-

tian love for you by giving money to send the Gospel to you". This is the spirit of Christ and the spirit of missions which will bring global peace. "Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit saith the Lord of hosts".

CHRISTMAS and PEACE

(Let the following be given as a reading while "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" is played softly on piano, organ or violin. If a curtain is drawn disclosing a manger scene—Mary bending over an improvised manger from which shines a bright light—a splendid effect in keeping with the Christmas season will be achieved.)

IT is Christmas. Again we tell that sweetest of all stories—of shepherds and angels, of wise men and a star, of a baby lying in a manger. In this story we see the world's hope of peace.

In this story is *salvation*. "Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins". This salvation, accepted by the world's people, is a sure hope of peace.

In this story is *love*—the love of God sending His Son, the love of Jesus coming to earth, the love of people expressed in worship and in gifts. It is such love—self effacing, giving and forgiving—that will produce world peace.

In the Christmas story is *equality of opportunity*. The coming of the Christ Child was announced alike to poor peasants and rich kings. Humble shepherds and wise men, Jews and gentiles, priest and prophetess met as equals in their worship of the Bethlehem Babe. This is a picture of world conditions that will produce peace—racial and national superiority forgotten, the small nations sharing with the large in all earth's blessings, equality of opportunities for all.

This is the message of Christmas for a war-torn world. It is a message of love and salvation, of justice and mercy, of peace and good-will, "glad tidings of great joy which shall be to all people".

There is a time of peace coming—perhaps not now, perhaps not any time soon but it is coming, that time foretold by the prophet when "they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more". So at this season of peace, with hope in our hearts, we listen again to the angels' song, knowing that peace will come:

"For lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing".

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the world's desire for peace.
2. Discuss the cost of war.
3. What is the difference between an armistice and real peace?
4. Mention some ways by which peace cannot be attained.
5. Tell how righteousness promotes peace.
6. How may Christians influence the world's peace plans?
7. Give some quotations from great people about peace.
8. What are southern Baptist plans for promoting peace?
9. Discuss missions as a means of promoting world peace.

10. What lessons about peace may be learned from the Christmas story?

REFERENCE MATERIAL

The following list of reference material is the chief source used in the preparation of foregoing program, and credit is hereby given for facts and suggestions derived therefrom as well as for matter quoted in whole or in part. Further interesting help may be found in this listed material and in leaflets as suggested below.

World Comrades	—The Window of Y.W.A.
The Commission	—Southern Baptist Home Missions
State Denominational Papers	
Current Issues of <i>Christian Herald</i> and <i>Expositor</i>	
The Coming Peace.....	S. B. C. Committee
Can We Win the Peace?.....	D. F. Flemming
Christian Missions in Today's World.....	Dr. W. O. Carver

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

How the Williamsons Celebrated Uncle Eb's Birthday.....	3c
Our Land for Christ.....	2c
Peace and I.....	3c
The Devotional Reading of the Bible.....	3c
The Influence of a Tract.....	2c
The Unexpected Christmas Guest.....	3c
What Is the End of Life?.....	3c
Jesus Shall Reign (Pageant: 5 Women, Hidden Quartet; Time about 30 Minutes).....	10c

Nationwide Bible Reading

For lists of passages for daily reading write to *Nationwide Bible Reading, American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York City 22, N. Y.* "This Bible reading emphasis on a scale never before attempted in our country has been undertaken because the American Bible Society has a deep conviction that now is the strategic time to give the Bible a new share in our American life. Many in the armed forces have written asking their families and friends at home to join them in their reading in order to establish a spiritual bond which knows no limits of distance". The selected passages are as follows:

Nov. 23—Psa. 103	Dec. 4—Psa. 46	Dec. 15—Eph. 6
Nov. 24—Jno. 14	Dec. 5—Rom. 12	Dec. 16—Jno. 17
Nov. 25—Psa. 23	Dec. 6—Hob. 11	Dec. 17—Isa. 53
Nov. 26—Psa. 1	Dec. 7—Matt. 7	Dec. 18—1 Cor. 15
Nov. 27—Matt. 5	Dec. 8—Jno. 15	Dec. 19—Jno. 18
Nov. 28—Rom. 8	Dec. 9—Psa. 27	Dec. 20—Psa. 51
Nov. 29—1 Cor. 13	Dec. 10—Isa. 55	Dec. 21—Psa. 87
Nov. 30—Psa. 91	Dec. 11—Psa. 121	Dec. 22—Jno. 1
Dec. 1—Matt. 6	Dec. 12—Phil. 4	Dec. 23—Rev. 22
Dec. 2—Jno. 8	Dec. 13—Rev. 21	Dec. 24—Psa. 96
Dec. 3—Isa. 40	Dec. 14—Luke 15	Dec. 25—Luke 3

Our Young People

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

This Christmas

THE keeping of another "War Christmas" is not easy. Hearts are more tender for personal sorrows but it is difficult to add a concern for the needs of a world of people. We must be constantly reminding our young people that the Christmas message is "unto all people". The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions is a blessing in Christian development to the individuals who pray, as well as in empowering those for whom they intercede. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering gives gracious opportunity to foster a true spirit of Christmas giving among all our young people. *World Comrades* and *The Window of Y.W.A.* for November and December carry the list of objectives in the \$310,000 goal but this is just a beginning of what the Foreign Mission Board hopes we can do for its waiting needs. Last year's offering gives promise that this year could be over three-fourths of a million dollars. That sounds like a big amount but think of what America will spend at stores this Christmas; then think of what we should be doing by a true keeping of Christ's birthday. Lead your young people to this new understanding of Christmas.

You can do it by example of your own giving, by helping them know that Christmas is a holy day, the sacred anniversary of Christ's birth. Can you foresee the value all through the future if all our W.M.U. young people's membership of 327,119 could properly understand Christmas? The angels' chorus would be caught up and echoed and re-echoed jubilantly and triumphantly; peace would come to abide in all hearts because at last actually understanding Christmas; lives would center on His Kingdom; the power of the Holy Spirit would be released freely. Will you see that your young people understand?

Their Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is in one way a measure of their comprehension of Christmas because it shows how much they want to share its good tidings through the missionaries, schools, churches, publications and other agencies the offering will assist. The wise counselor lifts the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering above a casual thing to a real offering in a sincere prayer and worship service. Even the smallest Sunbeam can enter into a brief worship service, realizing that it is a special occasion for Jesus' sake. Read and study the suggestions in the separate program distributed through your state W.M.U. headquarters for each organization; use the additional material you will find in *World Comrades* or in *The Window of Y.W.A.* Do not casually present the program and receive the offering but build up the idea of generous, worthy giving by showing what joy we can give through this Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

The world scope of the prayer service and offering continues in the programs of the month and the consideration of peace and the part of missions in achieving peace is so important that we urge every counselor to use all the program material. You may feel crowded with Christmas coming but your appreciation of Christmas demands careful attention to youth and missions, so do not forego any meetings.

Next year the Standards of Excellence will be lifted to a more commendable plane by requiring twenty-four meetings for all A-1 W.M.U. young people's organizations—two each month. Someone remarked that, with the one-a-month schedule, ours was a "standard of existence", and there was sad truth in the derogatory remark. Juvenile delinquency, youth problems of all sorts show the need for more valuable use of time. War is a sign of need of more sympathetic concern for all people. Our S.B.C. Centennial calls for following the pioneer heroism of former years. Young people always reach the picture show, the ball game, the party to which they wish to go; so in view of these and other considerations, the standard is raised. Begin now to plan to continue your A-1 record or to achieve A-1 if you have not previously done so.

In keeping with Christmas, encourage mothers to give boys and girls gift subscriptions to *World Comrades* and to young women *The Window of Y.W.A.* These two splendid magazines are devoted to the business of Christmas in seeking to spread the "good tidings of great joy to all". They will be gratefully and gleefully received and will be year-round in their pleasure-giving and in their worth. More attractive in appearance now that we have Miss Crittendon to devote her full time to them; even the limitations of the WPB in regard to paper are overcome by changed magazines so that, though they may feel thin now, the magazines still carry as much thought-provoking and mission-interesting material as ever.

through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.
GIVE
magazines for Christmas gifts.

Do you know—

That not one missionary who has come home from imprisonment has said that he is "done with missions"?

That many soldiers who have seen missionary work at first hand are writing that they are planning to be missionaries after the war?

That many young and highly trained missionaries will be needed in the future? Shall we give our sons and our daughters if they feel they are called?

That greatly increased funds are now needed for this work? Should you support the missionary enterprise more fully at home and unto the uttermost parts than you are now doing?

—Adapted from *World Outlook*



Margaret Fund

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

Margaret Fund Students, 1944-1945

THE seventy-seven students listed below have matriculated in colleges and other schools as indicated. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering carries an item of \$16,000 to help in providing the scholarships. Margaret Fund students are thus more closely associated with the missionary work of their parents, are thus more apt to be remembered in prayer by W.M.U. young people and women and are thus a part of the Christian stewardship of every one who contributes to the week's offering. Further information will be found in the Margaret Fund article on page 17 of the W.M.S. Folder of the December Week of Prayer.

ALABAMA

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

FLORIDA

Moore, Ruth Mary (China) John B. Stetson University, DeLand

KENTUCKY

Hart, Sarah (China) W.M.U. Training School, Louisville
Bayer, Helen Reinda (Brazil) Georgetown College, Georgetown
Mads, Margaret (Brazil) Georgetown College, Georgetown
Taylor, Betty (Brazil) Georgetown College, Georgetown
Jacob, Lydia (China) Campbellville College, Campbellville

LOUISIANA

East, Noble (Brazil) Louisiana College, Pineville
Stueber, Miriam (China) Louisiana College, Pineville

MISSISSIPPI

Franchon, Louise (Argentina) Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain
Harris, Cita (China) Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain
Owens, Laurilla (Palestine) Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain
Ware, Emily (China) Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain
McCormick, William (Africa) Mississippi State, State College
David, Elizabeth (Africa) Clarke Memorial College, Newton
Zoniga, Wanda Lee (Ola.) Clarke Memorial College, Newton

MISSOURI

Berry, Bailey Hafford (Brazil) University of Missouri, Columbia
Larson, Ivan Jr. (China) Hannibal-LaGrange, Hannibal

NORTH CAROLINA

Blackman, Mildred (China) Meredith College, Raleigh
Oliver, Emily (China) Meredith College, Raleigh
Johnson, Eugenia (China) Wake Forest College, Wake Forest
Lile, Betty (China) Wake Forest College, Wake Forest
McMillan, Campbell (China) Wake Forest College, Wake Forest
Woodward, Elizabeth (China) Wake Forest College, Wake Forest
Carajado, Daniel (China) Mary Hall College, Mary Hall
White, Geneva Jo (China) Mary Hall College, Mary Hall

OKLAHOMA

Richardson, Lot (Africa) Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee

SOUTH CAROLINA

Peter, Margaret (Brazil) Furman University, Greenville
Savage, Harold Jr. (China) Furman University, Greenville

TENNESSEE

Low, Edith (China) Peabody College, Nashville

TEXAS

Holt, Martha L. Jr. (Argentina) Baylor University, Waco
Bayer, Ruth (China) Baylor University, Waco
Conner, Geneva Bayly (Brazil) Baylor University, Waco
Calderon, Mary (China) Baylor University, Waco
Bates, William (Brazil) Baylor University, Waco
Fisher, Gerald (China) Baylor University, Waco
Judson, Corrie (China) Baylor University, Waco
Lam, Elizabeth (Brazil) Baylor University, Waco
Meady, Carolyn (Louisiana) Baylor University, Waco
Menden, Dorothy (China) Baylor University, Waco
Moore, Ruth (China) Baylor University, Waco
Oliver, Bernice May (Brazil) Baylor University, Waco
Parker, Camille (Brazil) Baylor University, Waco
Johnson, Ted (Brazil) Baylor Medical School, Houston
Rankin, Whitfield (China) Baylor Medical School, Houston
Rife, James (Argentina) Southwestern Seminary, Seminary Hill
Rogby, Priscilla (Brazil) Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton
Lauri, Elvia (Texas) Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton
Lauri, Emma (Texas) Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton
Lauri, Gloria (Texas) Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton
Rita, Ruth (Texas) Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton
Smith, Helen (Brazil) Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton
Mira, John (Brazil) North Texas State College, Denton
Mikula, Sarah (Texas) Howard Payne College, Brownwood
Rodriguez, Eliza (Texas) Schriner Institute, Kerrville
Oliver, Bruce (Brazil) Dallas High School, Dallas

VIRGINIA

Knicker, Betty (Argentina) Westhampton College, Richmond
Crawson, Lydia (Brazil) Westhampton College, Richmond
White, Nell (Brazil) Westhampton College, Richmond
Lee, Margaret (Virginia) William and Mary College, Norfolk

CUBA

Reynolds, Esther (Cuba) University, Havana
Reynolds, James (Cuba) Seminary, Havana
Reynolds, Alida (Cuba) University Branch, Cienfuegos
Calderon, Abner (Cuba) Instituto, Sagua la Grande
Cardenas, Rafael (Cuba) Instituto, Havana
Carajado, Miria (Cuba) Instituto, Matanzas
Fraguela, Rafael Jr. (Cuba) Instituto, Santa Clara
Gomez, Remberto (Cuba) Seminary, Havana
Hernandez, Eliseo (Cuba) Instituto, Santa Clara
Machado, Manuel (Cuba) University, Havana
Negra, Anida J. (Cuba) Presbyterian Institute, Cardenas
Rodriguez, Sami (Cuba) Arts and Trades School, Santa Clara
Rodriguez, Melvyn (Cuba) Arts and Trades School, Santa Clara

MISCELLANEOUS

Bell, Esther (Cand. Zone) Balboa College, Canal Zone
Chambers, Lela (China) Ohio Wesleyan College, Delaware, Ohio

Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

"Good Tidings of Great Joy"—Luke 2:10b

"Joy to the world the Lord is come". "God sent not the Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through Him" "And He said: Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation And as ye go, preach saying, The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons: freely ye received, freely give".

Quoting from *World Outlook* (Methodist): "Someone has said we are now having a new layman's appraisal of foreign missions, conducted by thousands of service men on a tour of our mission fields at Uncle Sam's expense". Following are illustrations in evidence of that fact: In Iran where American service men are rushing vital war material through the back door to Russia the first troops were amazed to find missionaries and an active Christian church in this Moslem land. Christmas, 1943, was a notable day for international Christianity in Teheran when all service men were invited to attend the church gatherings in honor of the birth of Christ. "Many a G. I. Joe will never again need a theoretical explanation of what missionary work is all about. He knows", says a missionary in Iran.

The success of this campaign (*New Georgia*) depended upon the cooperation we received from the natives and that cooperation was given wholeheartedly by these men who a few years ago were savages. A handful of missionaries risked their lives and sacrificed the comforts and luxuries of home to teach these natives Christianity. It cannot be estimated the number of lives saved by the tireless efforts of these men. As a token of my appreciation of the wonderful work these missionaries have done I am enclosing a money order for \$100 with the request that it be used for foreign missionary work. To me this does not seem a gift; rather I consider it a debt of gratitude.—An American Soldier to His Pastor in *Presbyterian Survey*

Says *World Dominion*: Australia is accumulating a vital and somewhat unexpected debt as a result of the fighting in New Guinea. There the natives, who have been called by the troops "Black Samaritans", have given their services and even their lives to save wounded soldiers. A medical officer writes: "Above and over all, surpassing even the piled mountains in their grandeur, are the native stretcher bearers. 'Sorry, taubada, sorry', they say if their burden so much as groans at some unfavorable jar—wiry, fuzzy-haired savages appearing as gentle angels, black Simons of Cyrene helping a one-time blasphemous savior of Australia along his Via Cruces".

There is a plot upon a mound here. It is being filled with those white crosses that mean so much and say so little. One day we found the natives in the cemetery. They were building a chapel overlooking the Pacific. You can't possibly understand what that means. We all look as much alike to them as they do to us. It could be nothing personal. It is just a little shrine built by one people to another because they know and worship the same living God. To the boys that walk there in the evening that shrine means more than they can admit. There is still a lot to be done with these people. The ground work is done but little more. Habits must be changed. Disease must be treated. The work must continue in the name of that unknown man who instilled the love of fellow man into a group of people who knew nothing but the doctrine of biology—survival of the fittest".—From a Soldier in the South Pacific to His Pastor in *World Outlook*

"But when He saw the multitudes He was moved with compassion for them, because they were distressed and scattered, as sheep not having a shepherd. Then He saith unto His disciples, The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He send forth laborers into His harvest".