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An EDITORIAL

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

"C" Your Country

IN THE Centennial goals adopted by Woman's Missionary Union the very first is: "Concert of prayer and constant zeal for the conversion of the lost". March is definitely directed to prayer for our own country and its associated home mission fields. The direct outgrowth of study and prayer is the offering which provides messengers and equipment that combine to seek the conversion of the lost and their Christian witness in every area of life.

The programs for the Week of Prayer (March 5-9) invite you to "C" your country, help you to be conscious of its countless needs and summon you to be concerned for the people without Christ. When you thus "C" your country you will be moved to fervent prayer, to constant zeal and to sacrificial giving to help in making America Christian.

Lift up your eyes and "C" the fields: seven thousand Chinese, relatively few having access to Christian churches or missions, but most of them American citizens engaged in prosperous business; the Japanese-Americans in Relocation Centers; a million and a half Mexicans, filtering in through the southwest, nomads of labor, many returning to their homeland and kin; six hundred thousand Italians, scattered through our great cities, ignorant of the Gospel in its purity; seven hundred and twenty thousand French; two and a half million other Europeans of varied lands. "C" also the eleven million Negroes who need our prayers and help. Lift your eyes and "C" also the millions in Cuba, Panama and Central America. The programs, faithfully followed, will be the telescope through which you may "C" the fields white unto harvest.

"C" your country, called Christian America. "C" its sin and indifference and crime and vice. "C" it classed as pagan in world records because less than half of its total population is reported as Christian. "C" its gay following of worldly pleasure, its extravagant self-indulgence, its disregard for sacred things. "C" your country and pray as you have not prayed before, remembering that "righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people".

"C" also the only remedy: "Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring". Remember that He said, "I am the light of the world". Light dispels darkness. He said also, "Ye are the light of the world. Let your light so shine that men may see . . . and glorify your Father in Heaven". It was Helen Barrett Montgomery who told the story of the students of a Christian college for young women in caste-bound India. Choosing for their emblem the little earthenware lamp, which was carried about the house to lighten dark corners and help find lost things, these young women had chosen as the motto for their Christian school "Lighted to Lighten".

Contemplate the heritage of your country, founded in longing for religious freedom, grounded in prayer, established in faith, preserved through blood-sacrifice. It was designed of God to be a lighthouse among the nations. Only as Christians rededicate themselves and their homes to the purposes and principles they espoused when first they accepted Christ as Savior and Lord, only as they magnify the place of the church in personal and community life, only as they recognize the missionary enterprise as of paramount importance, will America take its God-ordained place in the life of the world—a world in gross darkness.

"C" your country. "C" the Centennial as it offers you the opportunity for a concert of prayer for your country and its varied groups. "C" that your society and its auxiliary organizations for young people observe fully and effectively the Week of Prayer. "C" the great needs and resolve to give sacrificially to the Annie Armstrong Offering. "C" the Home Mission Board as the southern Baptist agency for reaching the multitudes that need to know Jesus Christ. "C" yourself and your part in this important observance.

W.M.U. and Centennial Crusade

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

YOU can count on the W.M.U. helping mightily in the Centennial Crusade. Its leadership has ever been sympathetic and cooperative in every denominational endeavor and its members have always responded in a way that surprised and gladdened our hearts and made the rest of us ashamed of ourselves. Recall how the W.M.U. came to our relief in the dark days of debt and disaster; recall how they helped us to be debt-free in '43. It will be the same way this time; the W.M.U. is true to its name and claim, it is the auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

What can the W.M.U. do to help in this Crusade? Much every way; I stress two things: (1) the W.M.U. can help win a million souls for Christ; and (2) it can help raise \$20,000,000 for the rehabilitation, support and enlargement of our work.

Women for Women

We are working and praying for a million souls in our Centennial. If we reach them we shall find that the most of them will be women and girls. If we reach the women and girls our women will do the largest part in reaching them.

Women with the help of God can reach women. They can do it more easily and more effectively than men can. Women know women; they can speak their language. They know their problems and difficulties. They can sympathize and love and lead. They can weep and rejoice together. They can put arms around each other and together go on their knees to Jesus.

Personal Work

The work of women in winning to Christ must be personal work. This is the way it is and this is the way it ought to be. This is the work that tells quickest and lasts longest. This is the work in which Jesus and the early Christians specialized. Jesus won most of His disciples by the personal appeal. While Peter preached on the day of Pentecost, the other apostles did personal work. Peter himself was led to Jesus by his brother Andrew. Personal work gets the largest and best results, and this is the work that women can do best.

Women may hesitate and shrink from pulpit and platform but they need not hesitate about personal work. In fact, they have been doing such work all along. We want our women to accelerate; we want more women winning more women for Christ. The opportunity is great; the need is dire.

Women Can Find Women

There are many women who need Christ, want Christ and are just waiting for someone to help them find Christ. They are timid and bewildered and they hesitate. They have cares and burdens and hindrances. Jesus can help them, and you can help them find Jesus.

Yes, you can find them. Ask the members of your W.M.S. for names; ask the Royal Ambassadors and the girls and the young women in their Auxiliaries and the Sunbeams about their mothers; go carefully over the church and Sunday-school rolls; call on the sick, the stranger, the neighbors, the newcomer. Yes, you can find them and you can follow them up. Get information; then give inspiration and help.

List and Enlist

Have a prayer list; of course this will be a calling list, too. Keep in touch with them; talk with them; pray for them and with them; take them with you to church and W.M.S. Tactfully inquire about husband and children; tell them what

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Centennial Evangelistic Crusade

Dr. M. E. Dodd, Director

Confident of W. M. U. Cooperation

Dr. Fred C. Eastham, Wichita Falls, Texas
Secretary of Evangelism for Home Mission Board

AT a recent meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, of the state directors for the Evangelistic Crusade our hearts were made to rejoice and we received the thrill of a lifetime as we listened to each report. The enthusiasm and earnestness with which they were presented revealed the fact that our state directors have done a wonderful job and we are happy to report that the task of mobilization and organization is about 85% complete. For over eight hours we sat in one conference room listening to these reports with but thirty minutes for our lunch period. All of us considered it a day of history making for southern Baptists. No one could listen to these interesting reports without catching the enthusiasm, zeal and determination of these men who for months had planned and prayed. Through the united effort of every organization and district and association they had touched the smallest church in their respective states with plans for the Evangelistic Crusade. Without exception each state director paid tribute to the marvelous cooperation given by each W.M.U. in bringing to a successful conclusion the organization and plans for winning a million souls to Christ in 1945.

The director of evangelism for New Mexico, the Reverend B. I. Carpenter of Albuquerque, revealed the fact that each W.M.S. in his entire state had agreed to give one circle meeting each month to the Crusade. Instead of the regular circle meeting they will meet for prayer and, with a list of prospects in hand, go out to win some lost soul to Christ. This plan received the enthusiastic endorsement of their state president, Mrs. D. C. Setser.

Our southern Baptist women have always responded to every call of our Convention and have loyally and faithfully supported every cause sponsored by southern Baptists. If a goal was assigned them they always exceeded that goal. In soul-winning, training and missionary endeavor you have a marvelous opportunity and you will not fail us in this great campaign. Seventy-five percent of our Sunday-school teachers and Training Union leaders and workers in the local church are women. The task of inspiring youth with a true vision of missions is yours and you are doing a grand job.

What a wonderful work the local W.M.S. can do among the 6000 churches in our Southern Baptist Convention that failed to win at least one soul to Christ last year. It is true that many of these churches do not have a missionary organization but somewhere near-by you will find an active W.M.S. ready and willing to assist our weaker churches in soul-winning.

I shall never be able to repay the women of my generation for the part they had in directing my footsteps aright. My mother led me to Christ, my Sunday-school teachers and Training Union leaders were women; my Royal Ambassador leader was a woman. In fact, I attribute my desire to serve Christ to the consecrated leadership and example of Godly women whose lives were a constant inspiration and challenge. Through my high school days it was a woman who encouraged Sunday-school, Training Union and church attendance.

In this crucial hour in the world's history let me plead with every woman of our Woman's Missionary Union to empty her hatcher of possibilities for her Lord. A soul won for every member of the Woman's Missionary Union!

I covet your prayers as I serve as secretary of evangelism of the Home Mission Board. Let us join hearts and hands and make this the greatest year for the winning of souls to Christ. One million is our goal and, led by His Spirit, we shall reach it.

Community Missions

Miss Mary Christian, Southwide Chairman

Crusading for Christ in a Cottage

IN THIS Centennial of the Southern Baptist Convention its Evangelistic Crusade can get no greater emphasis or power by God's Spirit than through cottage prayer meetings. It is earnestly urged that they be conducted by Woman's Missionary Societies; in many instances this can be done most readily through their circles as a vital phase of their community missions.

The real purpose and heart of community missions is evangelism. When Peter had been released from prison by the angel of the Lord, he went straight to a cottage prayer meeting in the house of Mary, the mother of John. Down through the ages, even until now, the homes of many Christians have been glorified by such gatherings for prayer, these meetings having ever been a means of grace.

There are at least two reasons why such meetings should be held: the informality of the gathering appeals to the hearts of the women and others who attend; the spiritual life of the society and church is deepened. Many a person has been won to Christ by increased interest in souls engendered around a neighbor's fireside.

W.M.S. cottage prayer meetings have usually been held for members unable to attend the regular meetings. The time has come to go a step further—a cottage prayer meeting for the entire neighborhood, many of them at the same time. Plan yours prayerfully with your circle leaders. Choose your places for such meetings prayerfully and carefully. Have as many as the circles feel are expedient. Make each a *meeting of prayer*. Use as leaders those who have been prepared by prayer. State the purpose of the Centennial Crusade, emphasizing that we are wholly dependent upon the person, the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit and that we must dedicate ourselves to personal work.

Who should attend your cottage prayer meetings? Every member of your Woman's Missionary Society! Your neighbors; uninterested, unenlisted and unconverted neighbors will respond to a neighbor's invitation! Assign to the nearest circle the inviting of the unenlisted women members of the church. Have each circle through its Community Missions Committee survey its territory for newcomers, unenlisted Baptists and the unsaved. Your pastor may be planning such a survey; if so, rejoice to work accordingly. Then in your follow-up visiting in each home give the invitation to the nearest prayer meeting. Such visiting may well be done by the circle members going "two by two". The crusade's slogan is "Two win one".

It is hoped that the societies will have these cottage prayer meetings weekly for at least a month. Let your first one be for spiritual preparation of your members. The next might well be for those especially invited because of the neighborhood survey. The third meeting could have real spiritual fellowship through definite prayer for power as soul-winners. Another could strengthen the family altar life within your membership. The seventy, as sent out two and two by Jesus, must have gathered the families into many a quiet hour of cottage prayer. Engage your Woman's Missionary Society in consecrated community missions by crusading for Christ in the cottage prayer meetings.—Mrs. George E. Davis, South Carolina

Enlisting Service Men's Wives

WHEN the wives of service men first began to appear in such large numbers in our churches the Woman's Missionary Societies were almost overwhelmed by the opportunities to reach them and by the difficulties in carrying out

the plans. However, soon the signs of progress began to take shape, and certain facts became obvious.

First, we realized that the societies that were divided into circles were the most successful. Many of them already had circles composed of young women, so they found an open field for their enlistment efforts as they sought to bring the temporary members into the society.

Other organizations, feeling that the newcomers would respond more quickly to a circle composed of young women with almost identical interests, started new circles just for the wives of the service men. Some of these have been most successful, and all signs point to continued interest in W.M.U. after the war is over and these wives of service men return to their homes.

One thing we have learned, and that is that these young women must be sought and lovingly enlisted. The experiences they are facing are new to them; loneliness such as they never knew existed walks beside them. One society, realizing a very real need must be met for these young women, fixed up a lovely parlor for them in the church. It is a place where they can meet and read or write—or just come! It resulted in renewed interest on the part of the regular members and increased interest on the part of those being sought. There is always the time-honored banquet or tea, where the regular members now bring as guests the wives of service men.

Unquestionably, the problem of enlisting these young women is a very real one. However, it can be met successfully if the women of the societies are willing to make the effort that is required. The results will be the most satisfactory that could ever be desired.—Miss Eva Inlow, Albuquerque, New Mexico

THE Woman's Missionary Society of Carrabelle is justly proud of the Christian Service Center of the First Baptist Church. This center was created for the fostering of entertainment and church interests of service men and their families.

There are thousands of soldiers at Camp Gordon Johnston, located about five miles from Carrabelle, and at Camp Bell, located within the city. Training is usually limited to about six weeks; therefore the wives of the soldiers do not remain in the community very long at a time. It is difficult to have any definite program of enlisting these women in our society but they are encouraged to attend.

Last year our W.M.U. had as a definite project for the year the building of a library in the Service Center. As a result we have a splendid library, which is still enlarging and which has been a blessing to the soldiers and especially to their wives.

Invitations and cards urging the women to come to our W.M.S. have been sent out, and the response has been splendid. We have given to some of the men's wives some definite work to do in our auxiliaries as well as in our Vacation Bible School; they seem to enjoy the service they render and even seem grateful to us for asking them to take part.

Surely our task here is great, but the need is even greater. We plan to have a more definite program this new year for these wives of our service men, so that they may enjoy the blessings that come from being within a group of Christian women, doing things for the Master and for humanity.—Mrs. H. V. Campbell, Fla.

AVOIDING CONFLICTS as to MARCH 5-9

"Earnest effort by the W. M. S. to guard against the holding of study courses or other activities during the Seasons of Prayer"—This is set forth an established policy and purpose of Woman's Missionary Union. If your church or association is planning to use March 5-9 inclusive for emphasis other than that of the W.M.U. Week of Prayer for Home 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.

Stewardship Suggestions

Mrs. Clyde V. Hickerson, Virginia
Southwide Stewardship Chairman

Snap Up the Bargains

LOOK therefore carefully how ye walk, not as unwise but as wise; *redeeming the time because the days are evil*—Ephesians 5:15, 16. "Snap up the bargains" is the vivid phrase of one translator in an effort to make clearer the text of Paul's admonition to the Ephesians. We are more familiar with the words "redeeming the time". Still another gives it, "buying up the opportunity". Strangely enough, Paul gives as his reason for such instruction: "because the days are evil". If then his advice is for "evil days", we may well stop to consider it, for certainly this world has arrived at such a time. An intelligent appraisal of the situation will also reveal that, like the Ephesians, we too may take advantage of "bargains" that exist because the "days are evil".

War and post-war times bring sorrow and suffering, hurt hearts and injured bodies, stark starvation in the midst of desolated homes. But hearts made tender by trouble are prepared hearts, ready to receive the comfort of God's love. Neglected children, fed and cared for, can more readily receive the Jesus who said: "Suffer little children to come unto Me". Young people whose plans have been disrupted, facing chaotic conditions, need to be led to seek and follow the will of God for their lives; they need to know that some things are stable and steadfast in this changing world. So, needy humanity presents the bargains to be snapped up, the opportunities in which we may invest for Jesus' sake.

But investment implies capital. What is the capital that a Christian holds to invest for his Master? How may one today "snap up the bargains"? One coin of the realm is *time*. Now is the only part of it that we can spend. Twenty-four hours a day are allotted to each of us with the privilege of using, abusing or losing the time. A faithful steward will consider seriously the matter of dividing his time. He will recognize that he cannot grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ unless he takes time for prayer and meditation and Bible study. He will remember that Jesus Himself took time away from the multitudes for refreshing of soul. Good religion is not always active. The psalmist said, "In quietness and peace shall be your habitation". Time invested in quiet meditation is time well spent. Time invested in rest and recreation is time not wrongly but rightly used, in order that the time spent in actual service may be most effective.

What else may one invest in the Kingdom enterprise? All of us have twenty-four hours a day but to each one has been given a different portion of talents. Just what constitutes a "talent"? The first meaning of the word was to denote a sum of money. Later it came to have the sense of "mental capacity", "eminent ability", "skill", "cleverness". Sit down and, as Paul advises in Romans 12:3, "think soberly" about yourself. Where is your skill? About what are you clever? There are some wrong ideas abroad in the land as to which gifts or talents are great and which are small. Is your talent for faithfulness, for friendliness, for every-day neighborliness? Do not despise it. Use it. The world has large need for just such gifts today. Do you like to tell a story? Do you love little children? What a bargain you may buy for the Master as you invest your talent for Him! Do you sing? Or can you lead a program or plan one? Do you make posters or prints? Do you write a heartening letter? Be sure that none of us has been left without *any* talent. If you feel your lack in one line, look carefully in another direction. A mother once wrote to her daughter who was distressed over a poor grade in Latin: "Everybody shines in his own line. Maybe Latin isn't yours!" You have a gift. Invest it. Snap up some of the current bargains!

Just as our talents differ, so the amount of money that has been given to us to invest differs. One tenth of that amount, whatever it is, belongs to God to be used directly in the advancement of His Kingdom; and the other nine tenths must be spent wisely, remembering our stewardship. To see one's material possessions transmuted by Divine alchemy into Heavenly treasures is a miracle that has been going on through the ages; but it is just as evident and just as wonderful today as it has ever been. A good steward will snap up some of these bargains in Heavenly treasures by investing in schools and hospitals, in churches and missionaries' salaries, in rebuilding devastated areas where the war has gone, in feeding hungry children, in clothing the destitute. Out of such use of money come transformed lives, Christian communities, a changed world.

"Buy up opportunity", said Paul, "because the days are evil". Invest your capital of time, talents and temporal treasure in those whose hearts yearn for the Savior whom you love and trust. Snap up the bargains for Jesus' sake.

—Amy Compere Hickerson (Mrs. Clyde V.)

W. M. U. and Centennial Crusade (Concluded from Page 4)

your Savior and your church mean to you; go with them for a talk with the pastor; sit with them in the preaching service; go forward with them when they want to confess the Savior and unite with the church. You can count on our women helping to win a million souls for Christ.

W.M.U. and Financial Goal

The W.M.U. will greatly help us reach our Centennial financial goal of \$20,000,000. Here is why I think so:

1. Because our W.M.U. will stress tithing more than ever. There are large possibilities here. Only one in about five W.M.U. young people and women members are actually enrolled as titheers. They will do much better this year.
2. W.M.U. members will increase their offerings through the Cooperative Program. We need approximately 50% increase in our regular offerings. I prophesy that the women will come nearer making this increase than the men.
3. They will surpass their high mark of last year in the offerings of their three seasons of prayer.
4. Some of our women out of great love for our causes will make large gifts for buildings, equipment, scholarships and endowment. This will all count on our goal.
5. Every W.M.U. organization and member will want to express gratitude and love to God for His blessings upon our denomination through a century. They will make a great sacrificial Centennial Thank-offering on April 15 or the nearest convenient Sunday. This is for postwar work; the money will be divided according to cooperative percentages unless otherwise designated. We hope to realize at least \$1,000,000 for our southwide postwar fund from this thank-offering.
6. Many W.M.U. members will deny themselves and set aside money for this special thank-offering. The most enthusiastic and exemplary W.M.U. worker I ever knew says she expects to give one-third more this year and this one-third will doubtless include a Centennial Thank-offering from her.
7. The W.M.U. members will pray and plan and sacrifice this year as never before because they want to have a large part in

CROWNING a CENTURY for CHRIST!

From Missionaries

ONE of the saddest experiences that comes into any one's life is the experience of death. When a Chinese woman of less than thirty-five years of age is faced with the loss of her husband and the responsibility of rearing and providing for three children under eighteen, despair and desolation are inadequate words to describe her condition. Besides the bereavement is the handicap of language, customs and country. For the Chinese woman living in America is still somewhat sheltered; although she may have a fair knowledge of the language, she is still a "stranger in a strange land". Tradition has a mighty hold upon her; superstition and ignorance well-nigh overwhelm her. She cannot understand this thing which has happened to her. In her bewilderment she knows not where to turn or what to do. Because she knows not the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior and Comforter through the Holy Spirit in her heart the future is dark and ominous. There is little left for which to live. In the first hour of bereavement her first thought is for her own oblivion—suicide—with no regard for the fatherless children, except that her burden for them is too great for her to bear and her responsibility more than she can carry. Her grief is great because of her loss. Her despair is immeasurable because of her superstitious beliefs. For such a one as this there is but one solution: *Jesus Christ!* The missionary to the Chinese in El Paso three times has met death in three families, the father and husband in each case being the one to go. Twice the mothers left were professing Christians. In the case described above the mother is not a believer.

Can the reader imagine herself in a strange land, among strange people with customs so different from her own, traditions binding her to the past, superstition and ignorance filling her heart with fear, war threatening to take her oldest son before he is a man; and the unknown future for herself and her children looming ahead holding she knows not what—and above all else having no faith in Jesus Christ? If the reader can thus imagine, then perhaps the reader can enter into a sympathetic understanding of the experience through which this young Chinese mother is going.

This story has been related that the beloved women of Woman's Missionary Union might during this Season of Prayer for Home Missions pray for the Chinese women who have come with their husbands to America; pray that they may see their need of Christ and give Him their lives and hearts. Pray for this mother in particular that she may find salvation and all of the blessings which salvation brings may be hers. Pray for the missionary that she may be faithful to the supreme task—that along with the practical and physical ministries to these beloved Chinese she may bring the greatest happiness which comes from a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus who said to one in her great loss: "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth on Me, though he die, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth on Me shall never die!"—*Miss Mary Etheridge, Chinese Mission, El Paso, Texas*

Victorious Victoria

THE first contact that Victoria had with the Gospel was when she was a little girl. She was taken to Sunday-school by Asuncion Diaz, the sister of Alberto Diaz who was the first Cuban Baptist. She remembers attending the wedding of Clotilde Diaz, another sister of Alberto's who married Amadeo Pujol and whose daughters are now active in our church here in Havana. But after a little while Victoria moved away from the neighborhood where the Sunday-school was held and did not have another contact with the Gospel until she was grown.

After she was grown she had another friend who afterwards became a Baptist but, when they were such good friends, neither one of them was a Baptist. This

friend was Maria Suarez. After some time they too were separated and did not see each other for several years. Then Maria was converted through the work of Josefa Munoz who was then our Bible woman.

One day on the street Maria and Victoria happened to see each other again. Maria had some good news for Victoria: she had accepted Christ and had been baptized in the Baptist church. Then Victoria remembered the Sunday-school that she had attended as a child and asked Maria to tell her more about her religion. Maria thought that Josefa could explain it to her better than she could, so she sent Josefa to see her. After several visits Josefa enlisted Victoria in the Home Department. Victoria did not realize that there was anything else connected with the church at that time except the Home Department and the obligation to study her lesson and read her Bible every day.

In the meantime Victoria's little girl was growing up. One day when she was seven years old Victoria said to Maria: "Isn't there some place where I can take Olga so she can learn about our religion?" Maria then told her about Sunday-school and promised to go by and get her the next Sunday, but for some reason Maria did not go by. When Victoria saw that Maria was not coming she dressed herself and Olga and they went to Sunday-school. That was the first time that she knew that there were classes for all ages and that she could sit in the women's class while Olga stayed in the Primary Department. The next Sunday she took other children in the neighborhood; that was the beginning of a great work that Victoria has done, carrying other children besides her own little daughter to Sunday-school. While in her class she also heard the announcements for church services and the next Sunday found her at the early morning service which is now our radio service. Victoria remembers quite well the day that she was converted: it was March 15th, 1932. How happy she was that day to take Christ as her Savior!

Then came the long struggle. When she asked for baptism and was told that she could not be baptized until she was legally married she received the disappointment of her life. It was true that she and her husband were not legally married but he had been faithful to her and the only reason that they were not legally married was because the priest charged so much they could not pay it. Victoria was even afraid to suggest marriage to her husband for he was not a Christian and she was afraid he would not understand. When she did mention it to him he thought she was foolish and said: "Haven't I been faithful to you all these years? Why should we be married now?" But Victoria did not give up. She prayed and asked others to pray for her, although few knew why she had not been baptized.

Then Olga was converted and baptized. Many times she asked: "Mother, why don't you be baptized and why can't you take the Lord's Supper?" One day in 1942 Victoria said to Dr. McCall: "I am so burdened that I feel that I must have some help. Won't you pray with me that my husband will understand and will marry me so I can be baptized?" In less than a month God had heard their prayers. Without her having mentioned it again, the husband suggested that they get married. So they went quietly to the court and were married, and not even the daughter knew about it at the time. That was the day on which we have our mid-week prayer services. So when Dr. McCall greeted her that night she said: "Dr. McCall, I have fulfilled the requirements now, and I can ask for baptism." Her faith had won the victory! The next Sunday she was baptized, on Mother's Day of 1942. She requested that we sing: "There is sunshine in my soul today, there's music, there's spring-time, there's gladness". But the fact that she was now baptized was hardly noticeable so far as her activities were concerned, for she was already a worker in the Woman's Missionary Society, in the Sunday-school and Extension Department and was a faithful attendant at all of the services of the church.

As I write this, Victoria lies in a plaster-cast with a broken hip. Again she is victorious for it is a joy to visit her and let her tell you about how good God is to her while she lies there on her bed of affliction. Her life has indeed been victorious in spite of difficulties; her name was well chosen, for she has gained many victories as a Christian.—*Mrs. Mildred Matthews, Havana, Cuba*

Study Suggestions

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

"Thus It Is Written"

THE theme of the book is "The missionary motif in the Scriptures". Students will want to study it, Bible in hand. They will find it helpful to consult one or more of the books listed in the bibliography.

Plan for at least five sessions. Make a direct study of the Bible and call for group discussion of the passages read and the points the author makes. If possible, have separate groups for each twelve or fifteen students and use the same leaders throughout the study. If sessions must be separated by a week or more, make assignments to keep up interest through the intervening days.

Arrange a globe or world map, a Bible and a lighted candle on a table before the group. If possible let the students sit about the table for the study.

Session I. Give out books and speak briefly of the author. If anyone knows him let her tell more about him.

Pray for the light and guidance of the Holy Spirit in this study. Call attention to the fact that it is a study of God's Word.

Turn to the author's preface. Read the verse from Luke from which the title is taken. Picture, vividly, Jesus studying the Hebrew Scriptures. As a matter of interest, pause for theories the class may hold as to when Jesus became conscious of His Sonship and entered into that fuller knowledge of the Father that was His alone, but do not become involved in controversy or extended discussion. Read the italicized findings of Jesus and mention what the author says about those for whom the book is intended.

If possible have an outline of Chapter I on a blackboard or card where all can see it. To introduce the study, read the latter part of the long paragraph on page 2 beginning "Only God . . ."

Note that mass treatment failed with God, as it so often does with us. God then started fulfilling His purpose with *one man*. Read Genesis 12:1-3.

Discuss briefly points 1, 2, 3 of I in the outline. Put especial emphasis on part 4. Read the two passages noted under II and discuss very briefly. Follow with III.

Combine IV-VII. Call on the persons assigned beforehand to read as many selected passages as you feel your time will permit. Close with the final paragraph of chapter I as a summation of the teachings of the session.

Assignment. Ask each person to write a brief resumé of what she considers the most important teaching of the first chapter. Ask that she be prepared to support or challenge these teachings at the beginning of the next session.

Session II. Prayer. Call on several to read their resúmes of the first chapter. Let others give the supporting arguments or challenge any statement. If no assignments were made, read the author's resumé in the first paragraph of chapter two.

Introduce the idea of "election" and speak of the misunderstandings common among those who do not find God's real purpose in it. Go on to study that purpose in considerable detail, as in I and II. Apply briefly the principle of election to other nations as in III. Take up "election" in the New Testament as in IV. Close with the idea of Israel's failure and God's plan for a "new Israel" to take its place.

Assignment. Choose some character in history, religious or otherwise, and show how he or she fits into God's elective principle. Privately, apply that principle to your own life and face the issue of whether or not you are failing in God's purpose.

Session III. Prayer. Call on several to report on the first assignment for the last lesson. Note that those who failed were put aside; there had to be a new beginning. This beginning was found in the work of Christ and carried on by those He won.

Study first the common, nationalistic conceptions of Christ's Messianic mission and the Scriptures on which they are based. Give especial attention to pages 74, 75.

Study Jesus' own conception of His universal mission as in I, II, III, IV with especial emphasis on the last two. Do not try to use all the passages. Choose and have read the ones most influential on your own thinking. Close with V.

Assignment. In the light of chapter three, justify or challenge the feeling that we have enough to do here in America and ought not to send missionaries to others until we have Christianized our own land.

Session IV. Prayer. Reports on assignment. Read the first two paragraphs of chapter IV. Present Christ's commission, I, and the coming of the Holy Spirit, II, with special emphasis on passages showing the work of the Spirit.

Study the spread of the Gospel in III, IV, V, VI. Note especially the inclusion of the gentiles and the relationship of this fact to Jesus' conception of Himself as studied in the last session. Close as on pages 138, 139.

Assignment. Raise the question: What relationship do you see between the teachings of this chapter and God's purpose as stated in the first chapter?

Session V. Prayer. Report on assignment. Sum up the answers with the first paragraph in chapter 5. Present the idea of the "New Chosen People" as in I.

Study the responsibility of the local church, II, and of the individual, III, with emphasis on the latter. Present the thought of the consummation of God's purpose in IV. Use it as a challenge to the group. Close with prayer. Give an examination of comprehensive rather than factual type.

"As a Memorial"

FIFTEEN years ago I had the great privilege of visiting many mission stations with Mrs. George W. Bottoms, during our trip to four countries in South America, to Panama and Cuba. Gratefully welcomed at each place and by each missionary, she was especially honored in Rio de Janeiro and in Havana. In the former capital she had given over \$100,000 toward the erection of the commodious building of the First Baptist Church in which the Congress of Latin American Baptists was then meeting. In Havana there was also unmeasured appreciation shown her because of the many and really large advances made possible by her beneficence and vision. In many other parts of the world and in our southland she conscientiously gave, thus winning the appreciation and affection of countless people. As the word of her passing on to Heaven on December 22 was received there was natural grief in losing earthly contact with her but there was also the assurance that she had entered into a very rich reward. One could almost hear the Christ saying of her gifts to His Kingdom: "That also which this woman hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her".

Gloriously true too must this have been of the welcome given Miss Willie H. Kelly when she entered Heaven on January 22. For over half of the century of the Foreign Mission Board she had been its increasingly honored missionary in China, chiefly at Shanghai. There I was her guest in the winter of 1923-24 but neither weather nor work at her church deterred her from being a guide to me in my urge to see countless points of interest. As I gratefully think of her help then and during the other 35 years that she blessed my life in W.M.U. work, I give thanks that she was a leader in such work in the Central China Mission and that the strong Woman's Missionary Society as founded by her in 1895 in her church in Shanghai is the oldest one with a continuous history among Chinese Baptists.—Kathleen Mallory

Family Altar

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: The Things Which Make for Peace in Tomorrow's World

"Truth"

1st Day—John 1:1-14; Luke 18:9-14
2nd Day—John 8:28-32; I Pet. 5:1-11
3rd Day—John 14:1-16; 13:1-16
4th Day—John 16:13; 18:36-39;
Phil. 2:1-11
5th Day—Eph. 4:25-32; Matt. 19:16-22
6th Day—Eph. 5:1-21; Matt. 6:19-24
7th Day—Eph. 6:10-18; I Tim. 6:9-19

"Faith"

15th Day—Mark 11:32-25; Rom. 13:8-14
16th Day—Luke 17:1-10; 16:28;
Matt. 25:1-13
17th Day—Rom. 5:1-11; Matt. 25:14-29
18th Day—Rom. 8:1-11, 18; Matt. 25:31-46
19th Day—Rom. 8:28-34; Matt. 2:1-12
20th Day—Rom. 8:35-39; Matt. 5:1-12
21st Day—Eph. 2:4-10; Matt. 9:35-10:1

"Love"

22nd Day—Lev. 19:1-4, 16-18, 35-37;
Matt. 15:21-28
23rd Day—Deut. 6:4-25; Matt. 21:1-11
24th Day—Luke 7:36-50; Matt. 27:27-44
25th Day—John 5:39-47; Matt. 28:16-20
26th Day—John 15:9-17; Psa. 2:6-12
27th Day—Eph. 3:14-21; Matt. 28:1-10
28th Day—II Thess. 3:5; John 20:11-18
29th Day—John 13:35; 14:21;
Luke 24:13-24
30th Day—I Cor. 13:1-13; Luke 24:25-35
31st Day—Jude 21; John 21:15-19

"Righteousness"

8th Day—Psa. 4:1-8; Luke 12:13-21
9th Day—Psa. 37:16-40; II Cor. 6:1-10
10th Day—Psa. 65:22; 119:105-112;
Luke 9:57-62
11th Day—Matt. 5:6; 25:31-46; Psa. 50:7-15
12th Day—James 2:14-26; Matt. 22:34-40
13th Day—James 3:6-18; 2:5-13
14th Day—James 4:1-17; Rom. 13:1-7

Note: The references in italics are furnished by the "Committee on Improved Uniform Lessons of the International Sunday School Lessons". The references in heavy type are in keeping with the month's missionary topic and with the denomination's emphasis on soul-winning.

"Pray Ye"

Thank God for Jesus Christ and that through Him "whosoever will" may have eternal life.

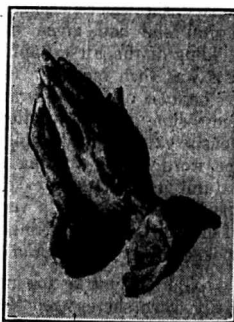
Ask God's guidance in national, state and local governments, praying for those who make and administer the laws, that righteousness may prevail.

Intercede for lost souls in the southland and for Christians who are seeking to win them to Christ, remembering especially the revivals and cottage prayer-meetings as promoted by the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade.

Pray that the observance of the Week of Prayer, March 5-9 inclusive, may greatly promote home missions, asking that each W.M.U. member and every society will give with unusual generosity toward the goal of \$225,000 for the Annie Armstrong offering.

Intercede for the S.B.C. Centennial meeting commencing May 8 in Atlanta, asking God's guidance for its president and program committee, for Atlanta pastors and committees in preparatory activities. Pray also most earnestly for southwide W. M. U. meeting in Birmingham, May 5-6.

Plead for peace according to the will of God.



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Calendar of Prayer March, 1945

Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

GIVE us this year frontiers that are unconquered,
That lie uncharted in the human breast;
Oh let us stand again, dear God, on Sinai,
Flesh bruised by thorns, hearts vallant in the test.
Lead us through wilderness, dear God, and bring us
This time next year to gay, braver days,
When we shall come again as grateful children,
Whose hearts are tuned to richer hymns of praise.

—Helen Weishimer, NEA Service

1—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. Garcia, evangelistic work,
Nicoya, Costa Rica
He hath made Him to be sin for us, who
knew no sin.

—II Cor. 5:21

2—FRIDAY

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Moore, Belgrade,
Jugoslavia. xxiMrs. Ruby Daniel, Buda-
pest, Hungary. xxiMrs. Kate Ellen Grover,
Haifa, Palestine, educational-evangelistic
work

We are troubled on every side, yet not dis-
tressed; we are perplexed but not in despair.

—II Cor. 4:8

3—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Brantley, Rev. and
Mrs. B. A. Hawkins, evangelistic work,
New Orleans, La.
Blessed are those servants whom the Lord,
when He cometh, shall find watching.

—Luke 12:37

4—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. D. H. LeSueur, Dr. G. H.
Lacy, Mrs. J. H. Benann, emeritus mission-
aries from Mexico

Where your treasure is, there will your
heart be also.

—Luke 12:34

5—MONDAY

God's blessing on all who engage in the
Centennial Evangelistic Crusade and Week
of Prayer and Annie Armstrong Offering for
Home Missions, March 5-9

Having the everlasting Gospel to preach
unto them that dwell on the earth and to
every nation and kindred and tongue and
people

—Rev. 14:6

6—TUESDAY

Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Nichols, Tsunyi, Dr.
and Mrs. G. W. Strother, Kuoming,
China, educational-evangelistic work; also
Miriam and G. Wallace Strother, Margaret
Fuad students

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of
Jacob is our refuge.

—Psa. 46:1

7—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Callero, Sagua La
Grande, Rev. and Mrs. A. Martinez, Car-
denas, Cuba, evangelistic work; also Abner
Callero, Margaret Fuad student

The week also shall increase their joy in
the Lord.

—Luk. 29:10

8—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Crouch, Rev. B.
Foreman, Corvinto, xxiMrs. Marie Baker, Sao
Paulo, Brazil, educational-evangelistic work
All the gods of the heathen are idols; but
the Lord made the Heavens

—Psa. 96:5

9—FRIDAY

That the women and young people of
Woman's Missionary Union shall learn new
depths of prayer in the Day of Prayer for
Home Missions and that the Annie Arm-
strong Offering may far exceed the goal
That the name of the Lord Jesus Christ
may be glorified in you and you in Him

—II Thess. 1:12

10—SATURDAY

Rev. F. D. Hemphill, Durham, N. C., Rev.
W. E. Wood, Covington-Newport, Ky., city
evangelistic work

Take heed to the ministry which thou hast
received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.

—Col. 4:11

11—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Evans, Dr. T. W. Ayers,
emeritus missionaries from China
Unto everyone of us is given grace accord-
ing to the measure of the gift of Christ.

—Eph. 4:7

12—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Dalley, Sabanalarga,
Rev. and Mrs. T. L. Neely, Cartagena,
Colombia, evangelistic work
That ye may approve things that are
excellent

—Phil. 1:10

13—TUESDAY

State W.M.U. annual meetings—Alabama,
Birmingham; Georgia, Atlanta; North Caro-
lina, High Point, March 13-15

Blessed be the name of God forever: for
wisdom and might are His.

—Dan. 1:20

14—WEDNESDAY

Rev. T. Camo, Greenville, Rev. J. Gon-
zalez, Lubbock, Rev. and Mrs. S. Villarreal,
Pharr, Texas, evangelistic work among Mex-
icans

A good name is better than precious silver
and gold.

—Eccl. 7:1

Calendar of Prayer for March

15—THURSDAY

Woman's Missionary Union of Central China
Behold! I am the Lord, the God of all
Flesh: is anything too hard for Me?
—Jer. 32:27

16—FRIDAY

Dr. and Mrs. H. P. McCormick, Iwo,
Miss Kathleen Manley, Miss Eva Sanders,
Oxbomoshio, Nigeria, medical-evangelistic
work; also William McCormick, Margaret
Fund student
He that walketh in a perfect way shall arrive
Me
—Psa. 101:6

17—SATURDAY

Dr. and Mrs. A. T. Bequer, Cienfuegos,
Miss Christine Gurnett, Consolacion del
Sur, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Sanchez, Vaque-
jay, Cuba, evangelistic work
We will praise Thee, O God, among the
people.
—Psa. 108:3

18—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. E. G. McClean, Mrs. W. T.
Lumley, emeritus missionaries from Africa
They that feared the Lord spoke often one
to another and the Lord hearkened and
heard it
—Mal. 3:16

19—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. D. F. Askew, Patana, Rev.
and Mrs. J. C. Quarles, Mendoza, Argen-
tina, evangelistic work
That all the people of the earth might
know the hand of the Lord that it is
mighty
—Josh. 4:24

20—TUESDAY

Baptist believers in Spain
I will trust and not be afraid, for the Lord
Jehovah is my strength and my song
—Isa. 12:2

21—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. O. Foulon, Greenville,
Miss Mary Headen, West Frankfort, Ill.,
evangelistic work among many nationalities
Thou dost faithfully whatsoever thou doest
to the brethren and to strangers.
—III Jno. 5

22—THURSDAY

xxDr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Mewshaw, Miss
Thelma Williams, medical-evangelistic work,
xxRev. and Mrs. J. A. Hering, evangel-
istic work, Kwelin, China; also Dorothy
Mewshaw, Margaret Fund student
The trying of your faith worketh patience.
—Jas. 1:3

23—FRIDAY

Rev. R. B. Hooks, Paducah, Ky., Rev.
D. P. Hathcock, Rev. B. N. Lummus, Los
Angeles, Calif., rural evangelistic work
O Lord, God, behold . . . there is nothing
too hard for Thee!
—Jer. 32:17

24—SATURDAY

xxDr. and Mrs. R. C. Moore, evangel-
istic work, Miss Anne Laster, educational-
evangelistic work, Temuco, Chile; also Ruth
Mary Moore, Margaret Fund student
Pray now unto the Lord our God for us.
—Jer. 32:13

25—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. C. G. McDaniel, Mrs. W. W.
Lawton, emeritus missionaries from China
I have declared Thy faithfulness and Thy
salvation.
—Psa. 40:10

26—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Pucciarelli, evangelistic
work among Italians, Birmingham, Ala.; also
Lucille Pucciarelli, Margaret Fund student
As thy days so shall thy strength be.
—Deut. 33:25

27—TUESDAY

State W.M.U. annual meetings—Tennessee,
Memphis; Virginia, Roanoke, March 27-29;
also Woman's Missionary Union of Cuba,
March 27
Blessed be Thy glorious name, which is
exalted above all blessings and praise.
—Neh. 9:3

28—WEDNESDAY

xxRev. and Mrs. W. Fielder, evangelistic
work, xxDr. and Mrs. J. H. Humphrey,
medical-evangelistic work, Chengchow,
China; also Gerald Fielder, Margaret Fund
student
The Almighty shall be thy defence.
—Job 22:25

29—THURSDAY

State W.M.U. annual meeting—Illinois,
East St. Louis, March 29-30
We will remember the name of the Lord
our God.
—Psa. 20:7

30—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Hancock, McAlester,
Rev. and Mrs. W. Iron, Pawbush, Okla.,
evangelistic work among Indians
I will sing praises unto Thee among the
nations.
—Psa. 108:3

31—SATURDAY

xxRev. and Mrs. H. Smith, evangelistic
work, xxRev. and Mrs. A. I. Bagby, edu-
cational-evangelistic work, Porto Alegre,
Brazil; also Helen Smith, Margaret Fund
student
Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in
all generations.
—Psa. 90:1

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

Bible Study

Dr. W. O. Carver, Kentucky

Psalm 85; James 3:16-18

THE world was never so hungry for peace, never so weary of war. We are hear-
ing much about "the basis for a just and durable peace". Never before did
churchmen and churches seek so extensively to guide national thinking into
the ways of peace. Christian leadership of national policies and international rela-
tions has not been unanimous or very influential. Churchmen as such are not rightly
responsible statesmen; and they cannot become statesmen without turning aside from
their higher function of prophets of the God of all the earth and evangelists of the
Savior of all peoples.

Yet Christians know the God of peace and serve the Prince of Peace who came
to guide the feet of men into the way of peace (*Romans 16:20, Luke 1:78*). The
Bible has much to say about peace. The eighty-fifth psalm combines in brief com-
pass much of the teaching from God of the conditions of peace for the children of
men. Its great ideas are presented in a succession of stanzas.

1. The first stanza (*verses 1-3*) recognizes that the sins of men and of nations
bring their troubles. It confesses also that deliverance and peace come from God
in His mercy and His forgiveness of their sins. Peace with God is ever the first
need of men and of nations. And peace with God is based on righteousness. "There
is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked" (*Isaiah 57:21*). War is sin; but it is not
the first sin. It is the tragic result of sins. When Israel's enemies came upon them
with war they cried unto God in confession and sought forgiveness. Even the destruc-
tion of their nation and their captivity they came to see were due to their sin against
God.

2. In the second stanza (*verses 4-7*) our psalmist pleads with the "God of our
salvation" to "turn us" and to "receive us again", so "that Thy people may rejoice
in Thee". Unity with God in purpose, attitude and living is the first great peace
which men need and is the prior condition of "peace among men". Peace with God
will not always issue in peace with men, for some men are against God. But no
nations can long be at peace until they are first at peace with God.

3. Now the psalmist pauses for guidance (*8-9*). "I will hear what God Jehovah
will speak; for He will speak peace unto His people and to His saints". But "let them
not turn again to folly". That is what America and the other nations did after the
Peace of Versailles, what they have always done after a little time, whenever God
has given them peace. When God gives peace let not the people allow Satan to
dictate the new relations among men. God is at hand with "salvation" and with
"glory" for "them that fear Him".

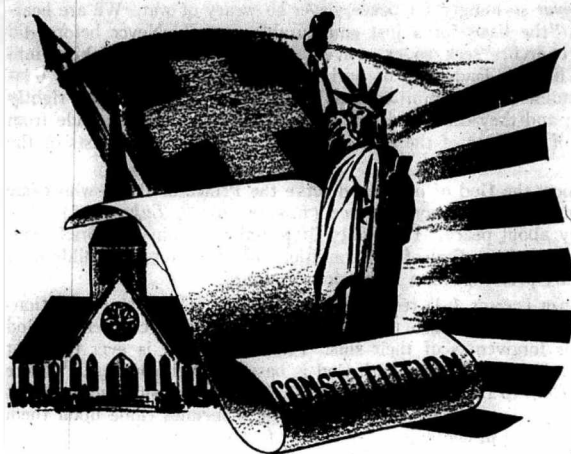
4. The fourth stanza (*10-11*) brings us to the very center of the way to true
peace. "Mercy and truth" must meet and combine. "Righteousness and peace" are
companions. They must "kiss each other". The righteousness that "looks down from
Heaven", God's gift, must meet "truth springing out of the earth", man's response.
Apart from these conditions no peace can be more than suspension of hostilities.

5. In a last stanza (*11-12*) we recognize again that from the Lord alone comes
that which is good, and prosperity blesses our land. The Lord Himself follows
righteousness and demands it of us. His footsteps mark the road for us.

Now all this is summed up by James in his Epistle (*3:16-18*). Strife, with
"confusion and every low action", comes from jealousy and faction. Wisdom from
above makes men first of all pure, then gives all the qualities that cause men to live
helpfully together. Peace can be sown only in righteousness, and it will be sown
only by real peacemakers. War is a by-product of sin, selfishness, arrogance, greed,
pride. Peace is a by-product of righteousness, Godliness, brotherliness. God gives
peace to the upright; He sends war to those who make the conditions of war.

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 38 of 1945 W.M.U. Year Book and page 19 of this magazine.)

Circle Program Topic: Inheritance of Religious Liberty

(Our Homeland)

Devotional Theme: "As good stewards of the manifold grace of God"—1 Peter 4:10b

What We Fight for, Live for (See article in March issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.*)

Shall We Have Another War? (See article in March issue of *World Comrades*.)

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

Building New Testament Churches on the Frontier (See article in March issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

The Believer and His Church (See article in March issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

President's Message (See page 3 of this magazine.)

Enlisting Service Men's Wives (See page 6 of this magazine.)

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Business Women's Circles

Prepared by Miss Nina Belle Holaday, Mo.
Student in Missions 161-B
W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Ky.

Publicity

Poster—In the upper left and right hand corners respectively of a large sheet of white poster-paper place pictures illustrating World War I and World War II. In the center place an attractive portrayal of peace. Under the picture of World War I print "Yesterday"; under the picture of World War II print "Today"; under the picture of peace print "Tomorrow". Under these three representations print: "How can we have peace tomorrow? B.W.C. Meeting. Date..... Place..... Time....."

Invitations—Cut doves from white construction paper. On one side write: "The dove of peace sings in my heart". On the reverse side write: "Righteousness and peace have kissed each other—Psalm 85:10b. B.W.C. Meeting. Time..... Date..... Place....."

Preparation

Programs—On the inside page of a 6x9 folder made from pastel construction paper write the program outline (for outline and program material see pages 21-28 of this magazine). On the front of the above mentioned folder copy the following quotation from the "Commission to Study the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America":

Preamble of the Statement of Guiding Principles

As members of the Christian Church we seek to view all problems of world order in the light of the truth concerning God, man's and God's purpose for the world made known in Jesus Christ. We believe that the eternal God revealed in Christ is the ruler of men and of nations and that His purpose in history will be fully realized. For us He is the source of moral law and the power to make it effective.

Atmosphere—At the left front of the room place a table holding a collection of materials used in war, such as: helmet, uniform, shrapnel, kit. At the back and above the collection hang a newspaper bearing large headlines of the war. Near the table sits a woman clothed in the black garment of "War", seated at the table is another woman to discuss "Things That Make for War". At the right front of the room place another table with a Bible, a hymnal, Christian literature, a good novel and a poster bearing the words: "Peace on earth, good-will among men!" Have this poster suspended behind and above the materials. Seated near are two women: one dressed in the white robe of "Peace"; the other to discuss "Things That Make for Peace".

Presentation

Have two women read the Scripture: one reading Psalm 85:1-7 and James 3:16; the other presenting the Bible study and reading Psalm 85:8-13 and James 3:17-18. As the topic "Peace for Tomorrow" is discussed, the speaker should project herself toward the peace table as she speaks of peace and toward the war table as she speaks of war.

Preceding "Things That Make for War", play or sing "Tenting on the Old Camp-ground". "Spirit of War" and the speaker stand during the discussion. Follow the same procedure for "Things That Make for Peace", using a vocal number, "Years of Peace" from "Sicilian Mariner's Air" (found in 357 *Songs We Love to Sing*, published by Hall and McCreary Company, Chicago, 50c). Prayer that the world may find the way of peace—

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Poster: Draw a large globe on the poster, over which draw an open Bible with a cross placed on it, large enough to extend over on the world. On the pages of the open Bible are written the words, "Peace for Tomorrow's World". Underneath the globe will be printed, "What about Peace for Tomorrow's World? Let us discuss it in our Peace Conference. Time..... Date..... Place....."

Personal Invitation: Make the invitation in the shape of a globe or else draw a globe on a postal card. On this write: "We are discussing the plans for peace in *Tomorrow's World* at our *Peace Conference* in our W.M.S. meeting. Come and take your part in this discussion". Give date, time and place of the meeting.

Program: For the cover of the program, use the same design that is on the poster. The front can be made of construction paper or some heavy paper. The program questions may be typed or printed on a second sheet. This will make the discussion easier to follow.

Preparation of the Room: This program may be given in the form of a peace conference. Have a large table in the room around which all the members will be seated. The program chairman and the president will be seated at the head of the table. In the center place a large globe with a label around it on which will be printed in large letters, "Tomorrow's World". On the wall behind the leader will be hung flags of different nations and in the center will be a large poster on which the question is written, "How can we have peace in *Tomorrow's World*?" If there are those who are representing other nations on the program, have them dress in native costumes if they are available. This will add more color to the program.

Presentation: This is a program in which all the women should be encouraged to take part and to do some creative thinking, since this is a subject that is vital to all of us. Use the questions given at the end of the lesson material, giving one to each woman beforehand, so that she will have opportunity to prepare an answer to her question. Have the Scripture read and follow it with a prayer that the discussion will lead us to strive for the things which make for peace. Then sing the hymn, "How Firm a Foundation", as suggested. The program chairman will act as the leader of the conference. It would be interesting to have the entire group divided into various countries (*China, Japan, England, United States* etc.) and, after each question is answered, a representative from each group will try to express the attitude of "her people" on this subject. (For program material see pages 21-28.) Do not allow the discussion to lag so that it will become uninteresting to the group. Make it a vital discussion. Pause after the twelfth question and stand to sing "O Zion Haste". After the two remaining discussions sing, "Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love", read the "Prayer for Peace", by Francis of Assisi (program material) and close with a prayer, as suggested, including also a request for the guidance of those who will be making the peace after this war is over.

Business Women's Circles (Concluded from Page 19)

"Peace be in our hearts and no evil thought!
Peace be in our actions and no evil deed!
May the Lord hasten the day when the whole earth
Shall be full of peace and all men live as brothers!"

After a group-discussion of the questions, use Numbers 6:24-26 as a benediction; use "Hear Our Prayers, Oh Lord" as a response. This response is exceptionally beautiful when rendered as a violin solo or a vocal trio. Investigate the possibility of using "Peace Symbols"—41 pictures in a film strip obtainable for \$2 from the Religious Film Association, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

Program Material

Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: Facing Tomorrow with God

TOPIC for MONTH: The Things Which Make for Peace in Tomorrow's World

Hymn for Year—Lead On, O King Eternal

Watchword for Year—(Rev. 14:6b)

Bible Study—Psalm 85; James 3:16-18 (See page 17.)

Prayer that this program may lead us to follow after the things which make for peace

Hymn—How Firm a Foundation

Peace for Tomorrow

Things That Make for War

—Things That Make for Peace

Prayer that the world may find the way of peace

Jesus Makes for Peace

Hymn—O Zion, Haste

—Peace within

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

Prayer that we may do all in our power to give to people of all nations the peace of Christ in their hearts and to promote the cause of world peace

PEACE for TOMORROW

FOR tomorrow's world we desire peace—peace in the hearts of individuals, peace between individuals, peace between nations, peace between races. "Peace on earth, good-will among men!"

Yesterday we had war. The history of the world is the story of one war after another. "Time walks ankle deep in the tears and blood of continuous warfare. It is said that in all the millenniums since the world began there have been only forty-one years when there was not a war in some part of the world". "Peace, peace", we have cried, and through the ages there has been no peace—never more than an armed truce. "Always the race has been marching in or toward war. Always the latest armed conflict has planted the seeds for the next bloody harvest".

Today we have war—the bloodiest, the most barbarous, the most universal that the world has ever known. "Red lie the habitations of man. Crimsoned by hate, bigotry, envy, strife, destruction, rapine, mass murder, flood-tided rivers of blood go rushing down to the sordid seas of sin". As we face tomorrow we desire a better world than we have had in the past or than we have in the present—a world free from the terrible curse of war.

War is *woe*. It brings starvation, sorrow and suffering, terror, torture and torment, danger, destruction and death. It turns men into maniacs, women into wretches, brothers into brutes. It wrecks homes and hearts and happiness. Coleridge described it as follows:

"War is a monster all with blood defiled,
That from the aged father tears his child;
A murderous fiend, by fiends adored
Who slays the sire and starves the son,
The husband slays and from her hoard
Steals what his widow's toil hath won,
Plunders God's world of beauty, rends away
All safety from the night, all comforts from the day".

War is *waste*. Great is the cost of war in money and with each war this is multiplied. Where it cost Napoleon less than a dollar to kill an enemy

in the present war it costs us \$50,000 to kill one man. Greater than the cost in money is the cost in *men*—the millions of men who die on the battlefields, the other millions who are maimed in body and mind for the rest of their lives. But still greater than the cost in money and men is the cost in *morals*. War leaves its lasting moral scars on the souls of earth's peoples at it lowers standards, debases culture and retards civilization. And the tragic part about it is that this terrible cost of war is waste. "Save vice nothing is as wasteful in the world as war and the preparation for it". It is waste because nothing is accomplished by war which could not be better attained by peaceful means. Napoleon said: "I doubt if war ever really settled anything. It unsettles everything".

Certain it is that there have been wars for righteous causes and perhaps every war has its righteous side. We feel that our nation today fights for a righteous cause, that our democracy, our liberties and our Christianity itself are the precious things for which our sons willingly die on the battlefield and to save which we are willing to make any sacrifice. We feel that war is a necessity now but we can look back and see the things which could have prevented its necessity. Our liberties, our democracy and our Christianity could have been saved without this terrible carnage if only the nations had been as willing to pay the price of peace as they are to pay the price of war.

War is wickedness. "War is murder in uniform". War is man's crowning crime. War is sin at its worst. War is unChristian and anti-Christian, "devilish in its devisement, hellish in its brutality, pagan in its persistency". "War means everything that Jesus did not mean and means nothing that He did mean". We rejoice in stories which come to us from the battlefields indicating that sometimes the dangers of warfare turn men's hearts toward spiritual realities. We are glad to know that from fox holes, floating rafts and flying planes men's hearts rise to God in prayer. We are glad to know of the great desire of fighting men for copies of the Bible. We are glad to know that under the preaching of consecrated Christian chaplains thousands are accepting Christ as their Savior. But none of this indicates that there is anything Christian about warfare. God can use the wrath of men to praise Him but that wrath is not Godly, never has been and never will be.

For tomorrow's world we desire not war—woeful, wasteful and wicked. For tomorrow's world we desire peace, holy, happy, Heavenly—sweet peace that the human heart craves.

Lord, for tomorrow this our plea:
O give us peace;
May all the nations turn to Thee
And fighting cease.
Give us peace, O Lord we pray,
And so make glad tomorrow's day.

THINGS THAT MAKE for WAR

THE causes of war may be found in the sinful nature of man. Men delight in war because their hearts are evil.

Wrong Attitudes—The sinful nature of men leads them to form wrong attitudes toward each other. These attitudes find expression in extreme nationalism and race prejudice. Because of difference in color, in customs or civilization one man feels himself to be superior to another, one nation feels superior to all others. The German people consider themselves a super-race, therefore they must conquer and rule the world. The Japanese think themselves to be of divine origin, therefore "inferior peoples" should have the privilege of being under their domination. This idea of superiority of race is by no means confined to the Japanese and Germans. People of almost every race have a superiority complex. The people of white races are particularly strong in their conviction of superiority. Voltaire once referred to the

French as the "whipped cream of Europe". Cecil Rhodes said of the English, "I contend that the British race is the finest which history has yet produced". We in the United States are certain that we are the greatest people in the world. Our national history reveals many instances of disgraceful race discriminations. Our treatment of the Indians, the Negroes, the Chinese, the Japanese, the Mexicans and other minority groups in our population reveals racial attitudes unfitting in a nation that claims to stand for equality of rights, freedom of opportunity and brotherly love. Not only these facts of history but our racial attitudes today are the propaganda used by our enemies to stir up among peoples of the colored races antagonistic attitudes toward the white race. As long as wrong attitudes exist between nations and races there will be war.

Wrong Ambitions—Wrong ambitions on the part of men lead to war. Greed for power and greed for money have caused all the world's wars. When a man or nation is fired with the unholy desire to rule other men and nations the spark of ultimate war is kindled. Dictatorship and totalitarianism are not new in the world. They are the same spirit of despotism that has through the centuries left its trail of blood on the pages of history. Along with the greed for rule is the greed for riches. It is sadly true that sinful men will enrich themselves with the price of their brother's blood. Not so long ago even our own government permitted avaricious men to sell scrap-iron to the Japanese and today that iron is found in the dead bodies of American soldiers. As long as men value gold more than God, mammon more than men, power more than people, war will continue.

Wrong Aggression—Wrong attitudes and wrong ambitions lead to aggression on the rights of others, which is always wrong. One nation's rights end where another's begin. When one nation steps into the rights of another there is created a situation of injustice that plants hatred in the hearts of the oppressed and often leads to conflict. "The existence of war always implies injustice in one at least of the parties concerned". The present war began with a series of wrong aggressions. Italy aggressed on Ethiopia. Japan aggressed on China. Germany aggressed on neighboring European nations. And so was the whole world plunged into deadly warfare. The exploitation of minority groups is sin. The aggression of larger nations on smaller nations is sin—the sin that leads to war. Our own nation has been guilty of this sin in the past. May she be saved from this sin in the future!

These are the things that make for war. These are the things that the nations of the world have followed after, and so we have had war in the past and so are we having war in the present. Shall we follow these things and have war in the future? Or shall we follow after the things that make for peace?

THINGS THAT MAKE for PEACE

PAUL writing to the church at Rome says, "Follow after the things which make for peace". Today much thought is being given to the things which make for peace as leaders of peace loving nations strive to find a way to prevent another catastrophic war. There is a verse in the Bible which points the sure way to peace: "The work of righteousness shall be peace". Again we are told: "The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace". Peace is a by-product of righteousness. A peace which is not based on righteousness is a false peace and cannot last. "Peace without purity is a peace of the devil's palace". After all, our chief concern should be not so much for peace as for truth and justice and righteousness. If we have these, peace will result. It is not Christian to desire a peace based on anything but truth, justice and righteousness.

Right Attitudes—The work of righteousness will produce right attitudes. Only such attitudes can bring permanent peace. All race prejudice, all national superiority, all hatred based on difference in color, class and country must be lost in a spirit of brotherly love. Modern discoveries and inventions have brought the people of the world so close together that they must love or they will hate each other. There are no people in the world who are not lovable if we will just look for their good.

instead of their unlovable traits. There is no race which is not superior at some point. There are no people who cannot make a contribution to the world's welfare if given a chance. So our attitude must be one which shall recognize the value and the rights of all people as individuals, as nations and as races.

Southern Baptist peace plans, as adopted by the Convention in Atlanta last May, include an expression involving race attitudes: "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".

Right Actions—Right attitudes must express themselves in right actions. The nations must be just in their treatment of each other. Only principles of universal justice applied to international relations can bring universal peace. An editorial in a recent issue of *The Commission* on "Patterns for World Peace" declares "that moral law must govern world order, that the rights of the individual must be assured, that the rights of oppressed, weak or colonial people must be protected and that the rights of minorities must be secured".

Our southern Baptist peace plans outline some principles of actions in our treatment of the people of the world. Under the heading "No Isolation" the statement is made: "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". Under the heading "A Democratic World" is this statement: "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".

The southern Baptist peace plans also take a firm stand for economic opportunity and freedom of worship not only for our own nation but for all the nations of the world. If all would act upon these principles adopted by southern Baptists, world peace would result.

Right Arbitration—The civilized way to settle disputes is by arbitration rather than by arms. Years ago Benjamin Franklin said: "If statesmen were more accustomed to calculation, wars would be much less frequent". Statesmen need to calculate the comparative cost of war and peace, then arbitrate to prevent war by paying the price of peace. All people concerned with the problem of peace realize the necessity of some sort of an organization through which the nations can arbitrate. As yet there is no agreement as to just what kind of an organization will be most effective in maintaining permanent peace. Shall it be another "League of Nations", another "World Court", an "International Police Force" or what? Our southern Baptist peace plans include a paragraph with the caption "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".

These are some of the works of righteousness which make for peace. These are the things which, if the nations of the world would follow, would bring that dreamed-of time of universal peace, when nations "shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks . . . neither shall they learn war any more . . .". Longfellow pictures for us the time "when war shall be no more":

"Were half the power that fills the world with terror,
Were half the wealth bestowed on camps and courts
Given to redeem the human mind from error,
There were no need of arsenals and forts.

"The warrior's name would be a name abhorred!
And every nation, that should lift again
Its hands against a brother, on its forehead
Would wear forevermore the curse of Cain!

"Down the dark future, through long generations,
The echoing sounds grow fainter and then cease;
And like a bell, with solemn, sweet vibrations,
I hear once more the voice of Christ say, 'Peace!'

"Peace! and no longer from its brazen portals
The blast of war's great organ shakes the skies!
But beautiful as the songs of the immortals,
The holy melodies of love arise!"

JESUS MAKES for PEACE

JESUS is the only way to lasting peace. He was proclaimed in prophecy as "Prince of Peace". He came to earth on a song of peace. He said to His followers, "In Me ye may have peace". Peace was His first word in resurrection life to His gathered disciples. Paul said of Him, "He is our peace". His Gospel was preached as "good tidings of peace". Sweet peace is the gift of God's love and it comes only through the gift of God's Son. Men may meet in Dumbarton Oaks peace conferences; world leaders may discuss ways to win and keep world peace; representatives of nations may, at a peace table, make peace treaties and form peace organizations but all of this will be effective only as it is based on the principles of peace proclaimed and exemplified by Jesus. "No pattern of peace will be complete or effective that leaves out the Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Only when leaders of nations acknowledge and lead their people to acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord and seek to do His will, shall we have a just and enduring peace".

Those of us who realize that Jesus is the only way to peace have a great responsibility in this day when the world is seeking the way to peace. We suggest three things we can do to measure up to this responsibility.

First, *we can live for peace*, as we follow in our own thinking and daily conduct after the things which make for peace. We should be sure that our attitudes, our ambitions and our actions toward all people are Christlike. We should see that our Negro neighbors receive just treatment. We should show the Christlike spirit toward the Jews in our community. We should demonstrate Christian love toward any foreigners or other underprivileged groups with whom we come in contact.

During the twelfth century in southern France was a guild known as "Bridge-building Brothers". Its membership included noblemen, clergymen and artisans and on the garb of membership was the picture of a cross and a bridge. Their mission was "to clear dangerous and difficult roads; to unite separated communities; to assist pilgrims and particularly to build all sorts of bridges over rivers, brooks, treacherous precipices and dangerous ravines". By our Christian attitudes and actions we can be "Bridge-building Brothers", building bridges of love across the chasms of misunderstanding, prejudice and hatred which cause war. Let the "Prayer for Peace", once voiced by Francis of Assisi, find expression in our lives:

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
 To be consoled, as to console;
 To be understood, as to understand;
 To be loved, as to love.
 For it is in giving that we receive;
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
 It is in dying that we are born to eternal life!

Second, we can give the Gospel of peace to earth's lost millions. People who have the peace of God in their hearts can be counted on to follow after the things which make for peace. As we, through our missionary program, lead people of many nations to find peace in Christ, we are doing much toward bringing the world to a state of lasting peace. This time of war is the time when we should be most in earnest about our missionary work. A certain man said to his pastor, "I'm just going to lay my Christianity on the shelf for the duration". Are any southern Baptist women, because of defense work or Red Cross work or any other war effort, laying their missionary work on the shelf for the duration? We hope not, for we know that the Kingdom of God and His righteousness are still of first importance. Missions today will help to bring peace for tomorrow. Missions tomorrow will make that peace permanent.

Third, we can pray for peace. "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem", sang David. We should pray for the peace of Washington, of London, of Moscow, of the whole world. The prayer of Christ's people should unite with such power as to influence the thinking, the discussions and the decisions of those who will make the peace plans. We should pray that the principles of the Prince of Peace shall be the foundation on which world diplomats shall build a just and lasting peace. We should pray that Christ shall sit at the peace table, directing those whose plans shall make either for war or for peace in tomorrow's world.

Between Argentina and Chile stands the statue, "Christ of the Andes", as an emblem of peace between those two countries. At Rio de Janeiro is a statue of Christ, an emblem of peace between Brazil and Argentina. In El Paso, Texas, is a statue of Christ, the work of a Mexican artist, placed there as an emblem of peace between the United States and Mexico. Someone has wished that there might be erected on the Rhine another statue of Christ as an emblem of peace between Germany and France and England. We wish for something better than that—that there shall be in the hearts of the people of Germany and France and England and Russia and China and Japan and the United States and all the world the spirit of Christ that shall speak peace. Thomas Curtis Clark expressed it as follows:

"Hatred and greed and pride shall die,
 Cannon and sword prostrate lie;
 Warring shall end, the world shall cry—
 For He shall speak peace.

"Rivers shall never more run red,
 Terror shall hide his bloody head,
 Life shall no more for lust be shed—
 For He shall speak peace."

"They shall not strive in earth again,
 Honor will come to dwell with men;
 Children will bide in safety then—
 For He shall speak peace!"

PEACE within

THERE are two kinds of peace—peace within and peace without. And yet they are one and the same thing, for there can be no peace without unless there is peace within. The most priceless possession of the human heart is this peace within—the peace which Jesus gives to those who trust in Him. "The soul is sure cased in peace when it is folded in the arms of Jesus".

"Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin!
 The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.
 Peace, perfect peace, with sorrows surging round,
 On Jesus' bosom, nought but calm is found".

"Peace is love reposing. It is love on the green pastures; it is love beside the still waters. It is that great calm which comes over the conscience when it sees the atonement sufficient and the Savior willing. It is unclouded azure in a lake of life. It is the soul which Christ pacified, spread out in serenity and simple faith and the Lord God, merciful and gracious, smiling over it".

"Peace is only the first link of a golden chain which binds us to the throne of God. It is the first gem out of Heaven's cabinet, the first fruit of the tree of life, the first taste of the water of life. Peace comes to the forgiven sinner like a radiant angel from the skies; but she brings along with her a happy troop of young sisters, every one of whom is his constant companion from the wicket-gate to the crystal battlements".

In these beautiful words have writers tried to describe the wonder and the blessing of peace. But this peace within cannot be described. It is the peace that "passeth understanding". It is "sweet peace, the gift of God's love".

This peace within is undisturbed by turmoil without. A soldier, who had been shot through a shoulder and a leg and had also lost an arm, was still radiant with joy as he exclaimed: "Oh, my wounds are nothing. I can bear them all. I have peace within". "Peace does not dwell in outward things but within the soul; we may preserve it in the midst of bitterest pain if our will remains firm and submissive".

It is this peace within that we want to give to the people of the world whose souls are not at rest. As we share with them the Gospel of the Prince of Peace we will be giving them this peace within. And as more and more people, of every tribe and of every nation, have the peace within there will be more and more peace without.

"Peace! What holy and gentle delight is associated with the very name of peace!

"Peace resting upon our bosom and soothing all of its cares!

"Peace resting upon our households and folding all the members in one loving embrace!

"Peace resting upon our country and pouring abundance from her golden horn!

"Peace resting upon all nations and binding them together with a threefold cord of a common humanity, a common interest and a common religion!"

Lord, for tomorrow's world give us peace—peace within and peace without—the peace that Jesus gives, the peace that passeth understanding!

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the world's need of peace.
2. Tell of the woe, the waste and the wickedness of war.
3. Is war ever necessary?
4. How do wrong attitudes lead to war?

5. How do wrong ambitions lead to war?
6. Show how wrong aggression led to the present war.
7. What is the connection between righteousness and peace?
8. How will right attitudes bring peace?
9. Tell of some "right actions" which may lead to peace.
10. Discuss the need of a world organization for peace.
11. Discuss Jesus as the way to peace.
12. Mention some things we can do to produce peace.
13. Tell of the importance of having peace within.
14. How does peace within produce peace without?

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
The Coming PeaceS.B.C. Committee
Can We Win the Peace?D. F. Flemming
Christian Missions in Today's WorldW. O. Carver

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

Can We Abolish War?2c
Christianity—Solvent of World Conflict3c
Free Schools for All Alike4c
God Cares! Do We?2c
The Church (Poem)3c
We Pray for a Just Peace2c

Victorious Entry into Centennial

SURPASSING its excellent past ROYAL SERVICE entered the Centennial with a 10,770 victory over its 1944 goal which was a 5% increase over the 1943 total. The record-breaking total in renewals and new subscriptions achieved in 1944 was 145,870. As soon as the goal for 1945 has been accepted by the states this magazine will gratefully publish it. Unmeasured thanks are accorded each and all who made possible this past year's victory for and through ROYAL SERVICE.

Our Young People

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

The Opportunity of a Thousand Years

A GAINST the world background so dark with distress and hate we welcome the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 5-9 inclusive. This is no selfish praying we do for our own United States of America: it matters tremendously to the entire world what progress we make in living the way of Christ. Our prayers should be earnest and fervent, really prayers of penitence and of faith. Do not let "Observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions" be simply another program presentation. On your Standard of Excellence record it is in addition to the two regular meetings for March and in your planning it should be not only a third gathering but also a true prayer service. The suggestions distributed through your state W.M.U. headquarters for these young people's prayer meetings stress the actual praying. Do not overlook this when the program committees plan with counselors and leaders. Writing "Prayer" on the suggested plans looks very small but it is the biggest part of your meeting, so pray. The facts and incidents given are to prompt hearts to pray.

The minimum objectives of the Annie Armstrong Offering are given on the back covers of February *World Comrades* and *The Window of Y.W.A.* Young people like to see definitely where their money goes. Expect a worthy offering—not just a casually dropped-in coin. Talk about generous and large giving as you distribute the offering envelopes; set a goal that will show the anticipation of self-denial and joyous giving. Our young people are handling more money than ever; they must learn to look at it all as a trust, not as selfishly for their own whims. This is basically a Christian need and a world consideration because Americans' attitude toward money will affect the peace for which we yearn.

But March brings not only the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and the Annie Armstrong Offering, it brings also the end of the first quarter of significant 1945. How will your report stack up?

Some need a revival of the spirit of southern Baptist pioneers to undertake bravely larger plans, more frequent meetings. Fortunately 100 years ago our Baptist people did not say at the suggestion of new and larger endeavor: "We can't"! They stepped forward in faith—so must we. One hundred years from now people will look back to see what we did in our day. God looks day by day to see if we serve Him to the best of our ability. Have your counselors studied their manuals, the G.A. and R.A. counselors studied their guides? Have young people's directors taken the new Correspondence Course outlined especially for them? (See page 93 in the 1945 W.M.U. Year Book.) Has your entire society studied *The Way of Missionary Education* (included on W.M.S. Certificate Course II) as a means of securing additional counselors and having counselor personnel in reserve?

A Chinese Christian leader recently said: "The opportunity of a thousand years is upon us; we must not miss the tide!" The opportunity of forming the future is upon us; we must not miss the praying and giving and serving which March offers.

Springtime Sowing

Are you planting missionary reading habits in the lives of your boys and girls and your older daughters? Subscribe to *World Comrades*, monthly missionary magazine for Royal Ambassadors, Girls' Auxiliary and Sunbeams; to *The Window of Y.W.A.* for older daughters.

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1945 Class Roll

AS WE approach the end of another school year we begin to think in terms of another class of graduates who will soon be ready to take their places in the fields of service that are in desperate need of capable, intelligent, well-trained, consecrated workers. As you read the 1945 class roll, will you pray that these young women will find God's will for their lives and, in finding it, find also that God's wisdom and God's strength are available in full measure to all who seek it for unselfish ends?

Graduating with a Master's Degree

Grace Bland, N. C.; Anna Bell Brame, Mo.; Ethel Brown, N. C.; Mable Camp, Ga.; Doris Carruth, La.; Lucille Carter, Mo.; Jean Clark, Ky.; Dorothy Clinkenbeard, Mo.; Nell Cochran, Ga.; Alma Cox, Ky.; Martha Dawson, Ala.; Dorothy DeVault, Tenn.; Martha Bill Easley, Tenn.; Lucile Hammett, S. C.; Evelyn Hampton, N. C.; Marian Lee Harden, Va.; Helen Heagerty, Mo.; Bernice Horne, Fla.; Frances Hudgins, Va.; Zubie Ingle, N. C.; Minnie Lou Lanier, Ga.; June Lockhart, Va.; Violet Long, S. C.; Martha McGinty, Mo.; Sara Martin, S. C.; Helen Mathis, Fla.; Sara Moses, Ga.; Caralie Nelson, Va.; Daphne Penny, N. C.; Wilmer Peck Peters, Va.; Crea Ridenour, Tenn.; Lou Will Satterly, Ky.; Dora Page Scarlett, N. C.; Hazel Smith, Okla.; Olivia Stephenson, Va.; Sara Taylor, S. C.; Anna Frances Todd, Ky.; Ann Weaver Armstrong (Mrs. Louis) N. C.; Josephine McWhorter Calloway (Mrs. Edgar) S. C.; Betty Johnson Daily (Mrs. Eugene) Ill.; Frances Sharp Jennings (Mrs. George) Tenn.; Natalie Reeves Powers (Mrs. T. J.) S. C.; Winnie Sims Aldridge (Mrs. J. T.) Ala.

Graduating with a Bachelor's Degree

Marjorie Galloway, Ill.; Susie Mae Lewis, Ga.; Harriett Orr, N. C.; Clarice Satterwhite, Va.; Thelma Sorrow, Ga.; Edna McDowell Estep (Mrs. W. R. Jr.) Iowa; Marjorie Douglas Olive (Mrs. Howard) Mo.; Frances Currey Parker (Mrs. H. F.) Ala.; Ruth Mayhew Parks (Mrs. Kenneth) Mo.

Receiving Certificates

Abbie Louise Green, Tenn.; Sarah Holyfield, Va.; Elaine Neeley, Ky.; Arrie Smith, S. C.; Fannie Terrell, N. C.; Katharin Tiefert, Okla.; Gordie Vaughter, Okla.; Martha Ward, Ill.; Frances Winstead, N. C.; Dorothy Pound, Ky.; Frances Vickers Young (Mrs. R. K.) N. C.

"One of the things that has made a lasting impression on our fighting men in the Pacific is the hardihood and selfless service of the missionaries who have devoted their lives to bringing the Word of God to the natives of the islands", writes an editor in the New York *Journal American*. "The missionaries", he said, "are carrying on, fighting the battles of the Lord as valiantly as our boys are fighting for the cause of liberty and freedom. But they cannot do it alone. They need your help. Your contribution to the missionary cause will help these intrepid fighters for righteousness to rebuild their devastated missions and aid them in their task of spreading the Gospel".

Current Missionary Events

Things Which Make for Peace in Tomorrow's World

"For He is Himself our peace. He . . . has broken down the barrier that kept us apart . . . in order to . . . create out of two parties one new man uniting them with Himself"—Eph. 2:14, 15 (Goodspeed).

"Christ after Chaos" is the title of the mission study book to be used by the Methodists in their Crusade for Christ now underway. "A Crusade of a New World Order" was launched by two bishops of the Methodist church. Over two million Methodists wrote to Congress to express their desire for a world organization to make for a secure peace. Following that Crusade came the Crusade for Christ in which it is hoped that more than \$25,000,000 will be raised for post-war work in Methodist missions at home and abroad. The study book sets forth the foreign policy of the church and seeks to show what has happened in the war-devastated areas and what must be done about it.

Plans have been laid for launching at once a joint effort for the evangelization of Portugal in which the Presbyterian Church of Brazil, the Presbyterian Church of U.S.A. and the Presbyterian Church U.S. (South) will participate. This new enterprise begins under conditions of much promise and coincides with a new attitude of interest and sympathy toward evangelical Christianity on the part of thousands of people in Portugal.—*Presbyterian Survey*

A heartening story comes from Prof. Edgar P. Dickie of Edinburgh, Scotland, who is serving with his church's butts in France. He tells how a mobile hut, staffed by three young Scottish ministers, crossed on the Seine close on the heels of our forward troops and was able to serve the men in the newly won bridgeheads. At night they turned on their radio and found a program in hymn singing in progress. Soon they realized that in the darkness others were gathering round. They were French people of the near-by farms who had left their shelters and were joining softly in some of the hymns in their own language. They were protestants and some of them had friends in Scotland with whom they had corresponded regularly up to 1940.—*Edinburgh Correspondent in Christian Century*

The Student Volunteer Movement, being convinced that the demand for missionaries immediately after the war will be greater than ever before, has a large group of traveling secretaries who are now visiting the colleges and universities of our country seeking to enlist students for post-war foreign mission service.

From the 25th annual report of the United Stewardship Council we learn that the giving of protestants in the United States and Canada for benevolences increased 21.7 per cent during the past year and that for local congregational expenses 10.4 per cent. Total giving was \$441,868,327, the fourth consecutive year of gain.

Who dare doubt that the power of the Living Word, as proclaimed by Spirit-filled men, will change the spiritual map of the world and prepare the way for the coming of the King?—*World Dominion*

"Pray without Ceasing"—March 5-9

EACH Woman's Missionary Society and W.M.U. young people's organization are supposed to be fully supplied by now with program material and offering envelopes for the finest, most prayerful observance possible of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 5-9 inclusive. If your organization or your Business Women's Circle has not been fully supplied please promptly contact your state W.M.U. headquarters.

This is the Golden Jubilee Year of the March Week of Prayer, for the custom thus to help with added prayer and study and gifts the Home Mission Board was inaugurated by Miss Annie Armstrong in March of 1895. Why not as organizations, circles and individual members think in terms of grateful "Golden Jubilee" giving this March? This will be gloriously done if each and all "pray without ceasing".

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1945 Red Cross Fund

PRACTICALLY every American home is indebted for direct help by the Red Cross Society in these days when the sons and daughters of these homes are in the armed forces of the country. The Red Cross record of last year shows that in addition to its unusual as well as its customary aid in America it shipped 10,800,000 food parcels and additional packages of clothing and medical supplies, thus aiding American and United Nations victims of the present world disaster. That similar and if necessary larger aid may be furnished this year, the month of March has been designated for the nationwide effort to raise the necessary funds. So, please generously, gratefully

