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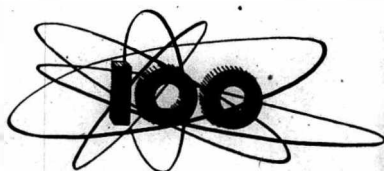
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Southern Baptists exercised great creative strength in their first hundred years of expansion and growth. Among the dynamic forces set in motion was Woman's Missionary Union, organized in 1838. Its official voice, ROYAL SERVICE, goes out each month like an electric current, energizing the Baptist women of the southland and the world for the work of the Kingdom. Do you regularly connect with its power? See directions on this page for renewing or subscribing.

An EDITORIAL

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

"Crowning a Century for Christ"

THE Southern Baptist Convention is a host. A church membership of approximately five and a half million tends to the spirit of boasting. Too many rest in the assurance of the strength of numbers, believing that great and marvelous things will be accomplished with no effort on their part. This one-hundredth anniversary is a test of strength, especially since the usual May meeting cannot be held. Normally it would furnish inspiration and incentive to achieve the Centennial goals. Its cancellation lays added obligation upon each person charged with any leadership responsibility, that all members may be committed to the Centennial purpose: "A million more won, a million more enlisted, a million more taught, rebuilding war's wreckage, reviving Scriptural giving, relieving humanity's need". To attain these goals the great host of southern Baptists must have quickened in their hearts and lives the crusading spirit.

Too long the word crusade has been associated with the futile sacrifice of untold thousands of men, women and little children, who with unlimited zeal joined in expeditions through the 11th, 12th and 13th centuries to rescue from Moslems the tomb of the Lord and the "holy land" around it. Crusade is too meaningful a word to bear this particular association. 1945 offers to southern Baptists opportunity to redeem the word, to interpret in deeds its rightful meaning: "Any remedial enterprise undertaken with zeal and enthusiasm". Certainly the comprehensive Centennial objectives constitute a remedial enterprise—undertaken with zeal and enthusiasm (the spirit of crusade) by five and one-half million southern Baptists! It is an arresting thought: what wonders would be wrought in world-wide service for the Kingdom of God!

"Crowning a Century for Christ" is the slogan adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention. It emphasizes the holiness of the crusade and the fulfillment of the prophecy: "He shall reign". It can be realized only as the members of the churches undertake with sacrificial devotion the varied tasks that are but the expression of the indwelling Christ in the heart of each believer. As Christ is crowned in the individual life, in the homes and churches so will this century of southern Baptist life be crowned for Christ.

Woman's Missionary Union members are members of southern Baptist churches that compose the Southern Baptist Convention. As such they have participated in all the work of the Convention and are voting members when elected by their churches as messengers to any S.B.C. meeting. Through their churches they contribute to all the causes supported by the Convention. By the activities of its organized life, the Union promotes the ideals which the charter of incorporation indicates as the purpose of the Convention: "for eliciting, combining and directing the energies of the Baptist denomination of Christians for the propagation of the Gospel". Through its mission study program, including the missionary message of the Bible; through its prayer life, including Seasons of Prayer for Foreign, Home and State Missions; through missionary education of children and young people; through emphasis upon community mission, with soul-winning as central; through the bringing of tithes and offerings—through its purpose to enlist the women and young people of the churches in all these essential ideals and activities it is a very vital part of the total witness of southern Baptists to the world.

Members of W.M.U. are essential to total victory in the Centennial Crusade. If this century of southern Baptist life is to be crowned for Christ, if it is to be a victorious year, each member must join with holy fervor in the crusade to win, enlist and give. The Centennial Celebration without a great mass meeting is a real test of the strength and devotion of southern Baptists. Applicable to each member, each

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Commemorating the Centennial

Augusta Baptist History

Dr. A. Warren Huyck, Pastor
First Baptist Church

IT IS difficult to realize that preaching the Gospel was a criminal offense for Baptist preachers in Georgia when Baptist work was begun there less than one hundred and seventy-five years ago. As Daniel Marshall concluded the opening prayer in an open air service on Kiokee Creek in Georgia in 1771, the constable said, "You are my prisoner", for the minister was guilty of violating the legislative enactment of 1758 which established religious worship in the colony according to the rites of the Church of England.

Ordered to appear in Augusta the following Monday morning, Daniel Marshall was tried and released under strict orders to preach no more in the Province of Georgia. His reply to the injunction was in the language of the apostles, "Whether it be right to obey God or man, judge ye", and he continued his itinerant preaching.

God has always rewarded fidelity: that constable, Mr. Samuel Cartledge, was so impressed at the trial of Daniel Marshall that he, himself, became a Christian, was baptized by the man whom he had arrested and led to trial and later became a deacon in Mr. Marshall's church in Kiokee, the first Baptist church in Georgia. Thus in the spirit of the Master, "I must be about My Father's business", Baptists began their work in Georgia.

The preaching of Daniel Marshall and his son, Abram, left its mark on all north central Georgia. One tells of going to hear "Father Marshall", as the younger Marshall was affectionately called, preach in the court-house in Augusta. "With a group of young people I went to scoff", she admitted, "but, after hearing Father Marshall, I stayed to pray".

Like all great religious movements, the First Baptist Church of Augusta was conceived in prayer. On the 25th day of March, 1817, eighteen Augusta Baptists constituted themselves into a "Praying Society", looking to the organization of a church, "as soon as it may seem by sister churches about us that we are in a fit state for constitution". That society was organized into the First Baptist Church several months later.

In 1826 Luther Rice visited the city to awaken interest in foreign missions and theological education and was remarkably successful. One woman gave \$250 to the cause, a most generous contribution as money values went in that day. Great interest was manifested in missions in that era of the church's history. A Reverend and Mrs. Ward visited Augusta on the eve of their sailing for Burma to join Adoniram Judson. One woman, in response to Mr. Ward's appeal, placed in the offering basket a carefully sealed package which proved to be all of her jewelry.

But there was opposition to Gospel progress then, too. If we become impatient with ignorance of missionary work now, let the following incident from the history of Hephzibah Association show how ill-informed were many Baptists in those days: "Many were found to give credence to the foolish story that Brother so-and-so, whose word could not be doubted for a moment, on a certain bright morning saddled his horse and rode over to Burma, that he might know of a surety what use was being made of the mission money; that upon reaching his destination he found Mr. Judson, as president of a bank, living in great style and caring nothing for the conversion of the heathen nor for the spread of the Gospel". Dr. Kirkpatrick, author of the history, adds: "Let it be said to the credit of the old brother who had been reported as visiting Burma on horseback that, when he was actually interrogated on the subject, the reply was that it was only a dream of his". The astounding thing about the story is that any person, one hundred and twenty years ago, could be so unenlightened as to conceive of such an incredible story and that anyone else could be

so gullible as to believe it! And yet there are people today who do not believe in missions!

Every church has its periods of spiritual prosperity and also eras when it seems that the heavens have shut their blessings against it. Outstanding ministries of more recent years are those of Dr. Lansing Burroughs, Dr. Ashby Jones and Dr. Paul Caudill.

The plans which were formulated for the celebration of the Centennial have been changed in view of the cancellation of the Centennial Convention in Atlanta. Originally a pilgrimage was to be made from Atlanta immediately after the close of the Centennial Convention, with appropriate services conducted by outstanding Baptist leaders. The present plan is to have Dr. Pat Neff, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, speak from this historic spot on the morning of May 6th in connection with a southwide broadcast commemorating the founding of the Convention. A bronze historic tablet marking this sacred and historic site will be unveiled, followed by a special week of missionary emphasis by our church. It is the hope and prayer of Augusta Baptists that they shall be worthy of the part which they have been allowed to play in the sacred history of the Convention. (For pictures of Augusta First Baptist Church see pages 1, 32.)

Woman's Missionary Society

First Baptist Church, Augusta, Georgia

IN April, 1885, Dr. Lansing Burrows, assisted by Mrs. A. Smith Irvine and Mrs. Isabella Wright Jordan, aunt of Miss Lucy Wright of China, organized the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Augusta, Georgia. Mrs. Jordan was elected president. Article II of the constitution as adopted reads as follows: "Its object shall be, in general, to aid in the work of spreading the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus: and, in particular, to assist in providing homes and other appliances of usefulness for those pious men and women who have given themselves to the work of making the Savior known among the heathen nations of the earth". Definite objects undertaken were: first, a bell to be placed on a new chapel at Chinkiang in China; second, participation in the building of a chapel at Progreso, Mexico; and, later, partial support of a missionary at Havana, Cuba.

In May, 1885, the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in our church. Interest in missions was greatly stimulated.

This society was not unmindful of the needs—local and foreign—on the home field. Working together, Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Irvine, recently come to us from the Eutaw Place Church, Baltimore, Maryland, accomplished the organization of a Sunday-school for Chinese at the First Baptist Church in the fall of 1885. The present superintendent is Deacon Paul Jue. These two women visited outlying communities in this area, creating interest among Baptist women and helping them to organize missionary societies. In these undertakings, Mrs. E. C. Miller of Hephzibah was an able coworker.

At Dr. Burrows' suggestion, the first Sunday in May was set aside for a special missionary program, the extra offering for the day going to the treasury of the society. The first of the special sermons was preached by Dr. F. M. Ellis of the Eutaw Place Baptist Church of Baltimore. Dr. Burrows composed a special hymn for this occasion.

Miss Mary Emily Wright (later, Mrs. Minor Wilbur), a graduate of Shorter College, Rome, Georgia, came home to active participation in church work. The following year (1886-87) she organized a Mite Mission Band, similar to the Girl's Auxiliary of today but also including among its members girls of Sunbeam age. In 1897 Miss Margaret Jordan organized a Sunbeam Band.

Early in the history of Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, Miss Wright became one of its officers. She was its vice-president from Georgia, 1891-1902.

In 1897 Miss Wright launched another missionary enterprise—the Gingerbread Mission—on Sunday afternoons, in a basement room of her mother's suburban home. Here she gathered together a number of colored children. Mrs. Wright's cook was directed to prepare a quantity of gingerbread on Saturdays. A piece was given to each child who attended the Sunday-school.

For many years the packing of a box for the family of a missionary on the frontier was eagerly undertaken each fall. We continue to observe the Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

Dr. M. Ashby Jones was pastor when the opportunity came to our society through the husband of a member, Mrs. S. B. Platt, to take over the Day Nursery of the Sibley Manufacturing Company. The nursery expanded into a Settlement Home with far-reaching influence. Our own capable and efficient Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn came to us in 1916. She was the last worker employed. A change of management in the Manufacturing Company caused a withdrawal of their support; maintenance of the work was no longer possible.

In 1922 our missionary zeal was deeply stirred by the departure of Miss Lucy Wright for China. As nurse for years in Warren Memorial Hospital, Hwanghsien, China, she was upheld by our earnest, prayerful interest. Home on furlough she always brought inspiration and enthusiasm. She has rather recently returned to her beloved China. Her salary is paid by our church.

After the society was reorganized under the present W.M.U. plan the work progressed steadily. The membership now numbers 258. We foster two Y.W.A.'s, two G.A.'s, an R.A. and a Sunbeam Band. Gifts grow larger each year, special emphasis being placed on the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Community missions reaches many phases of need in our city; among them is helping the missionary societies in our colored churches.

In 1935 the society celebrated its 50th anniversary, honoring its noble founders in a beautiful pageant. These pioneers in missionary work were represented in most cases by their children and grandchildren, gowned in the very dresses these women had worn.

The present membership is proud of its noble heritage. We expect, under God, to go onward to greater achievements in the field of missionary endeavor.—Mrs. E. W. Hardy, W.M.S. President



Our Young People

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

YWA Focus Week Historic

YOUNG Woman's Auxiliary Focus Week, May 6-11, comes at exactly the right week for the S.B.C. Centennial celebrations; so, no doubt, many churches will look to their Y.W.A.'s to lead out in proper recognition of the eventful days of one hundred years ago. Suggestions for Sunday, May 6, will be made through a special issue of *The Baptist Program* and other channels; but it is both logical and fitting that celebrations continue throughout the week, certainly on May 8, the opening date of the organizing sessions a century earlier. See the May number of *The Window of Y.W.A.* for suggestions of an appropriate program for this unique occasion. (For three pictures of First Baptist Church of Augusta, Georgia, see pages 1 and 32 of this magazine.)

This entire week could well be devoted to a study of the development of the Southern Baptist Convention since its beginning. The Home Mission Board histories lend themselves to such a study, as do the W.M.U. histories, since all of these include facts and stories related to the life of the Convention as a whole. Y.W.A.'s could supply mission study teachers for their own study of *Epochs of Home Missions* and also for a W.M.S. course and for the different young people's organizations. It would be quite an innovation to have the Y.W.A. teach the W.M.S. course and would be most profitable to the adult women as to the younger women who participate in the teaching. Use your best teaching methods and make the course live with posters, discussions, projects, not at all being content with less than the best in preparation and presentation. It would be quite in keeping with the Mother's Day idea for the young women to offer this mission study help to the mother W.M.S. The mission study chairman could well promote such a plan with the Y.W.A.'s.

Naturally your Y.W.A. would make some social recognition of Mother's Day—a tea or reception is delightful. But since this is the S.B.C. Centennial, why not have a Centennial party and include fathers, grandfathers and grandmothers as guests? Make the plans in keeping with century ago customs in so far as possible: some details are given in the May number of *The Window of Y.W.A.*

With these special features Y.W.A.'s will not forget the purpose of the Y.W.A. Focus Week—to look at one's own organization, measuring its effectiveness, seeking to enlist more members and to increase the valued activities of the auxiliary and to let the church and community as a whole understand what Young Woman's Auxiliary is. During the week newspapers should have articles to publish about Y.W.A. activities; church bulletins should carry interesting paragraphs about the value of our 5169 Y.W.A.'s and the witnessing work of the 65,260 members. Be sure to provide these items for publication.

The week should see some meaningful community missions effort both in direct soul-winning and in community uplift with the soul-winning motive. What worthy project would definitely help to change your community? Let community missions chairman offer suggestions in this phase of Y.W.A. life. There are individual mothers who need cheerful visits from enthusiastic Y.W.A.'s in these times of anxious strain; and there are changes in the community which Y.W.A.'s could help inaugurate—a community recreation center instead of an undesirable place where a gang gathers, a clean-up of the magazine-stand, a mission Sunday-school started, a story hour for Negro children—every community has areas of life that need the lifting impact of dedicated Christian young women.

Make this Focus Week historic in its content of planned activities. Let it be the real impetus to every Young Woman's Auxiliary.

Book Review and Study Suggestions

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

Stewardship and the World Mission

THIS latest book by John E. Simpson is by no means his best. It suffers by comparison with those which he has done better and contributes little that is new to the subject in hand. Nevertheless it shares, with the author's three other books on stewardship, marked simplicity and a certain teachableness which make it an easy textbook for use in the popular streamlined classes of the day. With adequate supplement from other books it may serve, too, as a general guide to a fuller discussion of the general subject of stewardship of money and world missions. The author's purpose, as the teacher's may well be, is to show the complete underlying unity between stewardship and obedience to the Great Commission, between money and missions. This book is now an optional book for credit in W.M.S. Certificate Course I. The price is 60c in paper binding, \$1 in cloth from State Baptist Bookstore.

Session One (Chapter 1). Lead the group to read the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19, 20) as Jesus' marching orders to His followers for a "benevolent invasion" of the whole world. Using a globe or a global map, point out the tiny spot called Palestine and show what an overwhelming task was this which Jesus set for the little band of followers who believed in and followed Him.

Ask six women, previously appointed, to present as dramatically as possible the six general items of discussion from "The Commander" through "The Assurance of Victory". Encourage them to use pictures, maps, charts, costuming or other devices to make these ideas memorable, for it is on them that the success of the Great Commission depends.

Bring the session to a close with pictures and posters illustrating the necessity for sharing material possessions in order to preach the Gospel and to teach the peoples of the world "all things" which Jesus has commanded. By way of review, outline the chapter on blackboard or a piece of cardboard.

Session Two (Chapters 2, 3). Show several sticks of dynamite, if they can gotten. Note dynamite's explosive possibilities but show the need for cap and fuse if these possibilities are to be realized. Suggest Paul's figure of the *dynamic* of the Gospel and note the necessity for the cap of witnessing and the fuse lighted by the Holy Spirit Himself if it is to be effective. Use six women to discuss the power of the Gospel as outlined in the book.

Introduce a group discussion of General Smuts' idea of a new world order, page 26, bringing to the attention of the class the pertinent ideas from chapter 3 as they fit into the discussion. Lead the group to formulate some findings from its discussion. Use this activity as the basis of a brief review of the high points of the two chapters. Close with the story, "Each One a Torch", as a challenge to giving that the Gospel may be spread.

Session Three (Chapters 4, 5). Outline a hand on blackboard or poster. Discuss briefly what is meant by "stewardship". Not many of the group perhaps will agree with the author's limitation of the term—the case has been too well made for the larger interpretation of the term; so make it clear that "stewardship of possessions" is what the author has in mind here.

Develop the hand, as on pages 41-43f, noting a misprint on the drawing and putting "service" on the fourth finger and "stewardship" on the fifth, as the author intended.

Speak of "greed" as a hindrance to stewardship and tell Tolstoi's story given on page 44ff.

Lead in a group discussion of God's stewardship plan for Christians, as developed in the Old Testament and in the New, bringing in some word of its practice in the early Christian centuries.

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"Give Attention to Reading"

Miss Thelma Brown, Book Consultant
Baptist Sunday School Board

Three Outstanding Biographies

IN the annals of southern Baptist history 1945 will go down not only as the beginning of a new century and the attainment of many worthy objectives in a Crusade for Christ but also as the year in which the Missionary Round Tables of Woman's Missionary Union were set up. This new reading plan is meeting with enthusiastic response. "Book Lists" on twelve major aspects of the world missionary enterprise are available free at all state Woman's Missionary Union headquarters. Members of each Missionary Round Table may either select all books from merely one list or from several of these lists. The subjects covered are timely and each list is well balanced.

A good example of how to choose books from several lists would be to decide to use some outstanding biographies of women who have influenced mission work. The three following books might well be selected. Two are about missionary women doctors and one is about a Christian school teacher, each of whom lived a fruitful life of Christian service. All of these books are well written and will hold the interest of the average reader.

Doctors in Mexico, Olive Floyd, 1944, Putnam, \$3. This life-story of Katherine Neele Dale, a pioneer medical missionary in Mexico, not only reads like a novel but also tells much of the land and people of that country and reveals many problems common to evangelical missionaries in all Vatican-controlled countries; it also confirms much that is claimed by Dr. George Howard in *Religious Liberty in Latin America* (Westminster, 1944, \$2).

A Doctor's Holiday in Iran, Rosalie Slaughter Morton, 1940, Funk & Wagnalls, \$3. Here is a many-sided picture of the country once known as Persia—the home of "Peacock Throne" and the empires of Darius and Cyrus—which has become in the space of a few years a modern, progressive nation. The author pictures the Iranian people—the nomads, the villagers, the city dwellers—as they adjust themselves to a new tempo of living; describes the development of Iran under Shah Riza Pahlavi and sums up economic and social changes.

Anna and the King of Siam, Margaret Landon, 1944, John Day, \$3.75. This exciting true story of a British governess in an oriental harem during the 1860's gives sheer reading pleasure. However, it is of importance in this category because of the impact a young Christian widow had upon a pagan despot and the influence her teaching had upon the son who later became king and changed the whole direction of Siam toward Christianity.

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Close with the thought of God's prior claim as the basis of stewardship today. Present the needs of today as a motive for the practice of sharing.

Session Four (Chapter 6). Review briefly the teaching to date, with special emphasis on its bearing on world need for the Gospel.

Cut from a magazine an air map or use a globe and narrow strips of paper to show the foreshortening of world distances by airlift over the North Pole. Develop the thought that only Christianity can ease the strains of such close living among the nations.

Ask your pastor to discuss the centrality of the cross in world conquest for Christ. Dramatize in three episodes the three attitudes one may take towards one's fellows. After episode 1, state briefly Shaw's idea of a gentleman; after 2, tell of John R. Mott's prophecy and its fulfillment; after 3, emphasize love as the motive for obedience to the Great Commission and for the practice of stewardship that Christ's world conquest may be accomplished.

From Missionaries

One of the Million Has Been Won

HOW sad I am as I think of her wasted years, of what she could have done for Him who saved her! How happy I am as I know that her very last years will be for her Lord!

God managed the salvation of this one of the million in this way: three years ago, urged on by my never doubting, ever helping sister, Mrs. E. K. Overstreet, of Georgia, I helped my church to see that we should start a mission in another town. I knew that at least twenty dollars a month would be necessary, even after low ones in the United States had done their part. I knew that my people often lacked food and clothing, but I knew that they loved the Lord, and I knew that He is greater than every obstacle.

So one wintry night, two of us, accompanied by my sister, went to "The Palaces" (the town is not true to its name), a small town, off from the public highway, hidden away among the cane-fields, its geographical location meaning complete Catholic domination. There the mission was started.

The three years have been costly, have been hard. Joys and sorrows have been ours. Cold winds at midnight have made the junction wait almost unbearable. But days when one longed for and needed the shade have made afternoons of visiting almost an impossibility. But Grace has abounded to overcome all these difficulties, and the "One of the Million" makes it all worthwhile, fills our hearts and lives to overflowing.

The first Thursday in December, rushing hither and thither visiting, inviting, teaching, exhorting, I noticed that the house to the right of the church was no longer vacant. At the moment an elderly woman came to the door. I paused, spoke to her, told her I hoped that we would be friends, that I would know her better. For nothing would I have invited her to the night service, she might have been frightened to the extent that she would have moved away.

I went on my way, a prayer for her rising from an overburdened heart. At night we were in the service, I playing the piano, ready in just a moment to turn and give the message. As I rose and faced the people, there to my surprise (for my faith is often very small) sat the old lady. She was so pleased and after service said "I am coming back". Back she did come and for five weeks has not missed a service.

On January 11th I had my first opportunity to be with her alone. Her story runs like a book. It is a book: God's own Book being put into practice. All her life, carried here and there by circumstances, never a chance to learn to read, practicing faithfully all the Catholics diligently taught her, she had always felt that there was something else, had always wondered whether she was pleasing God, had always longed for someone to make her sure that she was right. And now, at seventy-eight years of age, she had come to live by the side of the Baptist Church and, miracle of miracles, had attended without an invitation.

How I prayed as I poured out to her God's plan of salvation! If you could only have seen her with tears glistening in her cataract-covering eyes as she joyfully, eagerly accepted Christ as her only Savior, her only hope! She declared herself from that moment a faithful follower of Him and Him alone.

Friends, I tell you there is no joy like the joy of that moment for the saved and for the one who has had a small part in bringing another to the Christ. With a prayer and a hug and a kiss of delight, I was off again, but this time I did not leave her standing there alone—now with a deep yearning in her soul, a rejoicing, regenerated soul, "One of the Million".

At night in the service I told the eager group of eight Baptists that she too is saved; and she, smiling and nodding approval, was a happy sight to behold. She said she too wants an envelope so she can give her offerings for "I am now one of you". I tell you truly that if after seventy-eight years God has brought this dear one under the eaves of the Baptist Mission in a fanatically Catholic town of Cuba, and made her one of the million souls of the Crusade for Christ, you in that great land of blessings, of a heritage that no other land has, of a future so bright that it dazzles the eyes of the world, will be finding not one but many of the million.

Rejoice with us. Pray with us. Keep this "One of the Million" sure of her salvation. Bring from the Throne of Grace for her courage to withstand all the obstacles that family and friends will create in her way. And keep on helping me as for almost twenty-seven years you have helped me to win souls for our Lord.—Miss Christine Garnett, Consolacion del Sur, Cuba

Training School

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"God save America! Here may all races Mingle together as children of God!"

AS we sing these words, do we ever stop to wonder if we really mean them? Do we really mingle together with all races as the children of God? These lines fitly describe the work done at the Baptist Fellowship Center here in Louisville, for here black and white work together in giving to those who do not know it the good news of Jesus and His love.

The Baptist Fellowship Center is located in a dwelling-house in one of the poorest sections of Louisville and surely ministers to the people of the community. The work is a cooperative project sponsored by the white and colored Baptist churches of Long Run Association with Rev. Victor Glass, a student at Southern Baptist Seminary, as superintendent of the Center, the other workers on the staff being from the colored Baptist churches of Louisville. The volunteer workers are students from the W.M.U. Training School and the Seminary.

Truly a wonderful work is sponsored by the Baptist Fellowship Center. Scout troops, junior choir, cooking club, week-day Bible school, teen-age dramatic club, nursery school, evangelistic services—these are some of the ways in which the Center ministers to those about it. No Sunday services are held, because the people who come to the Center are urged to attend one of the Baptist churches in the city on Sunday.

Let me take you for a visit to Baptist Fellowship on Monday afternoon. As you get off the bus at Tenth and Walnut and walk a block to the Center, you would probably be appalled at the conditions of the dwelling-houses that confront you. Soon you would come to a house where a sign stands out like a light beckoning to all about—"Jesus Saves".

As you enter the building, you would immediately see children beginning to gather for the Monday afternoon junior choir with Miss Black, but your first visit would be in the nursery school. Here are some of the cutest children to be found for miles around. They are most polite and very clean; they would welcome you as their guest and you would be surprised to hear them say: "Yes, ma'am", "Thank you", "Excuse me", really meaning it. These children are getting a foundation which will last throughout their entire lives. They have no consciousness of race or color. One of them asked one of the volunteer workers one day: "Miss Martin, is you white?" You would hear Miss Long telling them Bible stories of Jesus and how He told us to be kind to others; you would see her showing pictures of children being kind. If the day happened to be sunshiny, perhaps you would go with them on an excursion to the post-office to see where the mail is sent out and to write mother or daddy a card.

Of course, you would want to visit the junior choir and hear those boys and girls sing hymns just as we sing them in our own churches—but how those boys and girls can sing! A teen-age fellowship group meets, which is an extension of the week-day Bible school for intermediates. You would find them practicing on a Burmese play of the mission work in Burma, called "Love Is a Seed". While practicing on this play, the girls learn of the love that Christ taught for our enemies.

A tour over the rest of the building would show you a room fitted with equipment for wood work, a kitchen, where the cooking club meets and a small auditorium where evangelistic services are held each Friday night. You would also meet the staff—Mrs. Williams, the full-time secretary who is always ready to welcome you and show you the building at any time; Miss Black, the girls' worker, a student at Municipal College; Mrs. Sykes, the nursery school teacher, especially talented with a lovely voice; and Mrs. Chunn, the Bible school superintendent and a leader in all the churches.

It is now five o'clock and our visit is over. As you leave, you may hear the boys and girls of the nursery school saying to you: "Good-bye, we enjoyed having you visit us. Come again!" —Miss Eunice R. A. Hayes, Missouri

Family Altar

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: Consecrating the Centennial to Christ

"God created".

1st Day—Gen. 1:1-13; *I Sam. 15:13-22*
2nd Day—Gen. 1:14-23; *II Sam. 1:17-27*
3rd Day—Gen. 1:24-31; *Psa. 23:1-6*
4th Day—Gen. 2:1-10; *I Kings 4:29-34*
5th Day—Gen. 2:18-25; 3:1-8;
I Kings 8:22-30
6th Day—Gen. 4:1-17; *Psa. 24:1-10*
7th Day—Gen. 7:1-12; *I Kings 12:16-24*

"In Him were all things created".

8th Day—Col. 1:16-18; *I Kings 12:26-33*
9th Day—Col. 2:1-10; *I Kings 18:36-39*
10th Day—Col. 3:1-11; *II Kings 4:1-7*
11th Day—Col. 3:12-17; *II Kings 10:23-28*
12th Day—Col. 3:18-25; *II Kings 17:5-8*
13th Day—Col. 4:1-6; *Gal. 6:7-10*
14th Day—Rev. 4:8-11;
I Kings 12:1-5, 12-14

Note: The above 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"

In thanksgiving for the goodness of God
In eager yearning for the salvation of lost souls
In petition for the indifferent and unenlisted
In sympathy for the sick and sorrowing
In intercession for war-torn countries
For missionaries and other Christians in every land
Give thanks for the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention one hundred years ago (May 8 in Augusta, Georgia). Intercede for a worthy commemoration through the winning of at least one million lost souls, through the enlistment of the uninterested church members and through the giving of at least twenty million dollars for state and southwide causes.



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Calendar of Prayer May, 1945

Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

I do not ask, O Lord, that life should always be a pleasant road,
I do not ask that Thou shouldst take from me sight of its load,
I do not ask that flowers should always spring beneath my feet—
Too well I know the poison and the sting of things too sweet.
For one thing, Lord, dear Lord, I plead—lead me aright,
Though strength should falter and though heart should bleed,
Through peace to light—*Adelaide A. Proctor*

1—TUESDAY

xxRev. and Mrs. J. H. Ware, xxRev. and Mrs. C. H. Westbrook, educational-evangelistic work, Shanghai, China; also Emily Ware, Margaret Fund student
When the fulness of time was come, God sent forth His Son.

—Gal. 4:4

2—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Josquin, evangelistic work among Mexicans, Ft. Worth, Texas
Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

—Matt. 12:34

3—THURSDAY

Dr. and Mrs. O. P. Maddox, educational-evangelistic work, Bello Horizonte, Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Oliver, evangelistic work, Curitiba, Brazil; also John Maddox, Beulah May and Bruce Oliver, Margaret Fund students

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth good things.

—Matt. 12:35

4—FRIDAY

Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Garrett, Japan; Rev. and Mrs. K. Kakihara, evangelistic work among Japanese, McGehee, Ark.
O satisfy us early with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

—Psa. 103:1

5—SATURDAY

That Woman's Missionary Union may be led to achieve all of its goals for the S.B.C. Centennial observance
That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

—Rom. 15:6

6—SUNDAY

Young Woman's Auxiliary Focus Week, May 6-11

Keep yourselves in the love of God.

—John 21

7—MONDAY

That all souls won to the Lord in the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade may also be led into the churches and live consecrated lives to the glory of God
Go ye therefore and make disciples.

—Matt. 28:19

8—TUESDAY

That the Southern Baptist Convention, organized on this date a century ago, may increasingly advance the Kingdom of God; xxRev. and Mrs. I. N. Patterson, evangelistic work, Abokuta, 14Mins Ada Jackson, Shaki, xxMrs. May Perry, Abokuta, Nigeria, educational-evangelistic work
As thy days so shall thy strength be.

—Psalm 33:25

9—WEDNESDAY

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, all secretaries working with him; also all phases of work promoted by the Sunday School Board

Show forth the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

—I Pet. 2:9

10—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Diaz, Balboa, Rev. and Mrs. R. Mendon, Puntarenas, Costa Rica, Canal Zone, evangelistic work
Be not afraid but speak and bold not thy tongue for I am with thee.

—Isa. 43:10

11—FRIDAY

xxDr. and Mrs. H. H. McMillan, evangelistic work, Soerabow, xxMrs. Isabelle Coleman, xxMrs. Lillie Mae Hundley, educational-evangelistic work, Shanghai, China, also Campbell McMillan, Margaret Fund student until entrance into armed service
Before they call, I will answer; and, while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

—Isa. 65:1

12—SATURDAY

Drs. M. R. and Maria R. Vinyazo, educational-evangelistic work, Havana, Rev. and Mrs. E. Becerra, Sancti Spiritus, Rev. R. Ocas, Santa Domingo, Cuba, evangelistic work; also Esther and Jesus Becerra, Margaret Fund students

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

—II Cor. 3:17

13—SUNDAY

That the ministry in Baptist hospitals may glorify Christ

They strengthened their hands for this good work.

—Neh. 2:18

14—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Bice, Macao, Rev. and Mrs. M. G. White, Bahia, Brazil, educational-evangelistic work; also John Bice and Nell White, Margaret Fund students
God will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able.

—I Cor. 10:13

Calendar of Prayer for May

15—TUESDAY

Baptist believers in Hungary
God, that comforteth those that are cast
down, comforteth us.
—II Cor. 7:6

16—WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Aurora R. DeMorse, San Benito, Mrs.
Edwina Garcia, Raymondville, Mrs. Lamon
Rocha, Mission, Mrs. Alicia Laurel, Laredo,
Texas, educational-evangelistic work among
Mexicans; also Elvia, Emma and Gloria
Laurel, Margaret Fund students
Know that your labor is not in vain in the
Lord.
—I Cor. 15:58

17—THURSDAY

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Leonard, Kahala,
Hawaii, C. K. Dosier, Rev. and Mrs. E. B.
Dosier, Honolulu, Hawaii, evangelistic work
in the Gospel of the Kingdom shall be
preached in all the world for a witness unto
all nations.
—Matt. 24:14

18—FRIDAY

Mrs. E. T. Martinez, educational-evangelistic
work among Mexicans, Albuquerque, Rev. L.
Grant, Gallup, Rev. R. Sieg, Laguna, N. M.,
evangelistic work among Indians
Tell them how great things the Lord hath
done for thee.
—Mark 5:19

19—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. D. M. Lawton, Rev. Miss
Doris Knight, Rev. Miss Lois Glass, educa-
tional-evangelistic work, Rev. Miss O. A.
Gray, medical-evangelistic work, Lichow-Fu,
China
The Lord on high is mightier than the
noise of many waters.
—Psa. 93:4

20—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. J. Lake, Dr. J. V. Dawson,
Mrs. L. W. Pierce, emeritus missionaries from
China
Peace be multiplied unto you.
—Dan. 4:1

21—MONDAY

Mendones Alma J. Barnett; Misselle Graves,
Leona Wolfarth, Miss Gladys Keith and
Amelia Rappold, evangelistic work, New
Orleans, La.
The Spirit also maketh intercession for us
with groanings which cannot be uttered.
—Rom. 8:26

22—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. McGrover, educa-
tional-evangelistic work, El Paso, Texas (with
the Foreign Mission Board), Rev. C. L. and
Dr. Hattie G. Neal, medical-evangelistic
work, Torreon, Mexico
Ye are blessed of the Lord, who made
Heaven and earth.
—Psa. 115:15

23—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Crane, Rev. M. Lopez,
Ft. Worth, Rev. L. Flores, Brown, Texas,
evangelistic work among Mexicans
It is God that girdeth me with strength.
—Psa. 118:32

24—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. P. O'Neal, Dr. R. U.
Northrup, Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Walker,
medical-evangelistic work, Oshonobabo, Ni-
geria
He that hath pity upon the poor
unto the Lord.
—Prov. 19:17

25—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. D. D. Cooper, Rev. V. J.
Zuniga, Shawnee, Mrs. Homer Orlanetti,
Anadarko, Okla., evangelistic work among
Indians; also Wanda Lee Zuniga, Margaret
Fund student
Trust ye in the Lord forever.
—Isa. 26:4

26—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Berry, educational-
evangelistic work, Bello Horizonte, Rev. and
Mrs. E. F. Hallock, Rev. and Mrs. W. C.
Taylor, evangelistic work, Rio de Janeiro,
Brazil; also Thomas and Bailey H. Berry and
Bella Taylor, Margaret Fund students
The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth
and addeth learning to his lips.
—Prov. 16:23

27—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Morgan, Miss Anna B.
Hartwell, China, Mrs. J. H. Rowe, Japan,
emeritus missionaries
For they dealt faithfully.
—II Kings 12:15

28—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. Gonzales, Luyano, Rev.
J. Narango, Aguacate, Rev. and Mrs. F.
Santana, Cotorna, Cuba, evangelistic work
Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the
Lord.
—I Chron. 16:10

29—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Moore, Rev. Miss Pearl John-
son, Rev. Miss Pearl Todd, Cherokee, Rev. Miss
Hattie Stallings, Kweilin, educational-evan-
gelistic work, Rev. O. J. Quick, evangelis-
tic work, Kweilin, China; also Ruth Moore,
Margaret Fund student
His merciful kindness is great toward us.
—Psa. 117:7

30—WEDNESDAY

Rev. J. L. Adams, Birmingham, Ala., Rev.
G. R. Brooks, Rev. W. Tabacott (to his own
Negro race), Baltimore, Md., city evan-
gelistic work
They spoke unto him the Word of God.
—Acts 16:32

31—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. V. L. Sears, Igde, Miss
Susan Anderson, Rev. Miss Kate Baldwin and
Elizabeth Truly, Abeokuta, Nigeria, educa-
tional-evangelistic work
Talk ye of all His wondrous works.
—Psa. 104:2

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²Attended Southwestern Training School
³Attended Baptist Bible Institute
⁴Former Margaret Fund Student
On Furlough

Bible Study

Dr. W. O. Carver, Kentucky

Revelation/ 7:9 - 8:1

THIS is centennial month of the Centennial of our Southern Baptist Convention. In the hundred years southern Baptists have grown from a third of a million to almost six million.

They were organized as a sectional group of Christians in a limited and special-ized social order. In this geographical environment its institutions and ways in life and religion held their devotion. Its provincialism they accepted as a divine heritage and set themselves to cherish and to guard it. Its blessings they would send forth by missionaries to distant lands, while at home they developed the treasures of their own faith and history.

Today they stand a mighty host in the midst of a world from which there is no escape and in which there is no place for protected security in isolated separation. We must face the world. We may face it unafraid if we are secure in faith in God and are to hold in faithfulness to Jesus Christ.

We review our past to adjust ourselves to our future. Two things are called for: vision and consecration. We must see Jesus standing in our midst. We face a world in ruin but hoping for a deliverer. The only Deliverer, compassionate for the world, speaks to us: "Who then offereth willingly to consecrate himself this day unto the Lord?" The satisfaction of Christ Jesus with our Centennial will be in the measure of our dedication of ourselves, in the light of our hundred years of His grace, to the immeasurably greater achievements of the next hundred years.

In an hour of deep tragedy God's seer on Patmos saw visions of God's glory above the dark doom of the world's sin. The power and the plan of God are por-trayed in the vision of Revelation 4:8:1. The mystery of human history in a wicked world is revealed in the breaking of seven seals of the Book of Providence. As each of the first four is broken there appeared one of the four horses symbolizing im-perialism, war, famine, death followed by hell. With the fifth seal the martyrs, "slain for the Word of God and for the testimony which they held", were encouraged to wait for others who would yet be slain in their turn.

Then the sixth seal was broken. Judgment fell in awful terror upon the rulers and leaders and people who were making such a mess of history. But the climax of disaster waited for "the servants of the living God" to be sealed. Symbolically there were first 12,000 from each of Israel's twelve tribes. Then "a great multitude which no man could number, out of every racial group and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, arrayed in white robes and palms in their hands".

All these servants of God unite in a grand psalm of praise:

"Salvation unto our God who sitteth on the throne
And unto the Lamb!"

Then all the angels surround the throne and the Lamb that is in the very center of the throne, for God rules the world in the redeeming Christ. The angels fall on their faces and worship in response to the song of the servants of Christ.

"Amen: Blessing and glory
And wisdom and thanksgiving
And honor and power and right
Unto our God unto ages on end! Amen!"

The vision of this consummation of redemption and of history calls us to full consecration to the Gospel of the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. For we must note that the lead in the universal praise is taken by the faithful witnesses of the Gospel.

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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:



access at least to the magazine in which her article appears. (See also page 38 of 1945 W.M.U. Year Book and page 17 of this magazine.)

Circle Program Topic: A Heritage of the Lord

(Christian Home)

Devotional Theme: "And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house and when thou walkest by the way and when thou liest down and when thou riseth up"—Deut. 6:7.

Home Fellowship Hour (See article in May issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

The Gospel of Beauty (See article in May issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.*)

Claudia B's. Birthday (See article in May issue of *World Comrades*.)

A Missionary's Home on the Frontier (See May issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

War Divides Missionary Homes (See article in May issue of *The Commission*.)

Enlisting Service Men's Wives (See pages 27-28 of this magazine.)

Cottage Prayer-meetings (See pages 28-29 of this magazine.)

Business Women's Circles

Miss Mary Christian
W.M.U. Representative

Listen, Business Women!

The program this month is about the "Centennial Crusade of Southern Baptists" in which we are engaging in this, the 100th, anniversary of the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention. Let's study this program and present it in a challenging, interesting way. As I read carefully the material on pages 19-26, I had pencil in hand and jotted down as follows:

The Centennial Goals

1. A million souls won to Christ
By prayer
By individual witnessing
2. A million more enlisted
W.M.U.'s share is 20,000 new members
3. A million more taught for Christ
Through Christian homes
Through Baptist colleges
Through Sunday-schools, Training Unions and Baptist Bookstores
Through state denominational papers
Through W.M.U. magazines—*Royal Service*, *The Window of Y.W.A.*, *World Comrades*
4. A million more tithers

Twenty million dollars to all Cooperative Program causes, undesignated and designated. W.M.U.'s share is one-third of goal—\$6,666,666.66.

As I looked at my notes I realized I had practically outlined the program and the thing I would like to see tried in a circle would be to give each member a typed or mimeographed copy of this outline; then, after the devotional service that is suggested in the program material, the program chairman or some one designated by her would use this outline for a conference on the Centennial Crusade. Surely every one would participate in some of the discussion.

The chairman who had carefully studied all the available material would watch that the discussions would not be too long on any one topic or goal and would seek to lay on the individual a feeling of responsibility for the success of each goal, by the question: "How can we help meet this in our circle?" or "What is our part in this?"

In the discussion, good enlistment plans should be presented, names of prospects secured, growth of Sunday-school and Training Union in church mentioned, W.M.U. magazines exhibited, need to increase gifts to Cooperative Program stressed because of world rehabilitation.

At the bottom of the mimeographed sheet I would like to put a few of the items on page 25 from the "Centennial Comparisons" as follows:

100 Years of Growth

1845	1945
1. Southern Baptist Convention organized	Southern Baptist Convention celebrates its 100th anniversary
2. 352,950 Baptists—Negro and white	5½ million white Baptists
3. 212 associations	921 associations
4. 4000 churches	25,000 churches
5. 12 Baptist schools	61 Baptist schools
6. 72 W.M.U. organizations	39,648 W.M.U. organizations
7. 22,000 baptized into church membership	1,000,000 souls won is goal

As a close I would display placard, described on page 25, at the end of the program material. I would have one read in an interesting way the last paragraph of the program material.

Program Plans

Prepared by Miss Elizabeth Du Bois, S. C.
Student in Missions 151-B
W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Ky.

Poster: This poster will require brown wrapping paper and a cardboard poster background. Make a large open scroll from the brown wrapping paper. Print "1845" at the top left hand corner of the scroll. On indented lines print the words "Through a Century and On!" If the printing is of Old English type it will add to the attractiveness of the poster. In the lower right hand corner print "1945". Paste or staple the rolled ends of the open scroll on the cardboard background of cream, dull yellow or light tan color. If this is done instead of simply drawing the scroll on the background the poster will be more noticeable. Print the time, place and date of your meeting on the bottom of the cardboard background.

Invitations: Make small replicas of the suggested poster. These could be closed scrolls tied with ribbon, announcing the topic, time, place, date and invitation to the meeting.

Preparation: Strive to make every part of this program meaningful as you keep in mind the possibilities of the ideas you are trying to set forth. Make every song, prayer, Scripture and discussion yield the maximum worth. The group prayers should be definite thanksgiving for definite blessings of God during the century, such as: the growth of our organization and its contribution to southern Baptist life, the response of our people to the great mission offerings, the support of the Training School and the Margaret Fund, freedom from debt, victories of our missionaries. The prayer for a million souls will be more effective if it is made to apply to the part that your society will have in the attaining of that goal.

Because the program sets forth our objectives in "Consecrating the Centennial to Christ" it would be useful to the members of your society if the outline of the program were printed in an attractive booklet. This might be made in the form of a scroll or in the shape of a large "C" with the program title typed on it.

The program will be more vivid if visual aids are used. A large scroll constructed from brown wrapping paper and large sticks is one means of visualization. The several parts of the program may be illustrated on this. Two women would be used to unroll the scroll as the program progresses. The following are suggestions for visualization of the discussions:

For the discussion on the "Centennial Crusade" print the words "The Century 1845-1945" with the key words—"Remember, Review, Return, Resolve, Renew"—following on indented lines.

Portray the discussion on "Evangelism" by picturing the one million goal of southern Baptists. Instead of writing out "1,000,000 Souls in 1945", draw stick figures to represent people in each decimal unit of the one million figure. The different means of evangelism as set forth in this discussion may be drawn on the scroll or appropriate pictures may be pasted on to represent the various methods such as radio, bus, hitch-hike, revival, person to person etc.

The discussion on "Enlistment" will come to life if the figures given in this discussion are represented on the scroll in graph form.

The discussion on "Education" may be represented by pictures suggesting the home, church, school, Sunday School Board, the covers of S.B.C. missionary magazines, state papers and our W.M.U. magazines.

"Enlarged Giving" offers many possibilities for originality. Picture the Cooperative Program in the most graphic way possible. One suggestion is to use an outline of a church, an outline map of your state and an outline map of the southland. Place these in a triangular position. Under each print the goals for the Centennial.

With the scrolls completely open have the two women holding the two placards as suggested for "Centennial Comparisons" stand at either end of the scroll and give the comparisons. The woman with the poster suggested at the conclusion of the "Centennial Comparisons" will enter and sum up the whole program. (For program material, see pages 19-26.)

Program Material

Mrs. C. D. Cressman, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: Facing Tomorrow with God

TOPIC for MONTH: Consecrating the Centennial to Christ

Hymn—Faith of Our Fathers

Bible Study—Revelation 7:9-8:1 (See page 15.)

Prayer praising God for a century of glorious achievement

Hymn—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

The Centennial Crusade

—A Crusade for Evangelism

Prayer for God's blessings on the evangelistic crusade that a million souls may be won to Christ

A Crusade for Enlistment

Hymn—Come, Women, Wide Proclaim

A Crusade for Education

—A Crusade for Enlarged Gifts

Centennial Comparisons

Hymn—Lead On, O King Eternal

Prayer that all members of Woman's Missionary Union may faithfully do their part in the Centennial Crusade

The CENTENNIAL CRUSADE

It was in the lovely month of May, 1845, that the Southern Baptist Convention was organized. So this lovely month of May, 1945, is Centennial month for southern Baptists. During this month especially our thoughts will turn back to May 8, 1845, when the small group of Baptists from nine southern states made their way to Augusta, Georgia, where in the First Baptist Church the organization was consummated. We will remember the events of those May days a hundred years ago with a deep appreciation of the courage, the faith, the wisdom and the vision of those who formed an organization through which the Baptists of the south could unite in a program of world-wide missions. As we review the history of this century we will rejoice in the wonderful growth, development and achievements of southern Baptists; we will find in our hearts the desire to return to the spiritual fervor of our forefathers, to renew our own consecration and to resolve to give ourselves wholly to the cause for which our Baptist ancestors organized one hundred years ago.

We are calling this celebration of our hundredth anniversary "The Centennial Crusade". Webster defines a crusade as "any enterprise undertaken with zeal and enthusiasm". This definition makes crusade a fitting word to connect with our Centennial, for southern Baptists have entered into the program of activities planned for this year with great zeal and enthusiasm, determined to crown the century with the greatest year of spiritual victories that they have yet known.

Dr. J. E. Dillard says of the Centennial Crusade: "The S.B.C. Centennial Crusade is an all-out, all-inclusive, all-year-round, sustained and cooperative effort to worthily complete, celebrate, climax and crown a century of organized service for Christ. It also seeks to prepare the way and inaugurate another century of increased devotion to Christ and His cause. This is the greatest spiritual undertaking in the history of southern Baptists. All our denominational causes are included, all the local, state and southwide forces are expected to cooperate—each for all and all for each."

Surely this is a fitting time for such a crusade. Not since the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention has the world been so sinful, so bewildered, in such piteous need. Again quoting Dr. Dillard: "Modern messiahs, modern ideologies, modern militarism and machinery have well-nigh broken and bankrupted our world physically, economically, socially, spiritually and every other way. Something must be done. Little plans, little faith, little efforts, little sacrifices will not do. The situation demands heroic measures. Hence the Centennial Crusade."

How better can we express our devotion to Christ and our gratitude for a century of glorious history than by entering into this crusade with its great fundamental aim of giving His message to more of earth's lost people? We know that Christ is the only hope of a lost world and of every soul in it. He is the only hope for world peace, the only hope for world joy, the only hope for eternal salvation of the world's lost millions. Then let us consecrate the Centennial to Christ, giving ourselves to those plans which aim at crowning Jesus King not only in the lives of individuals but also in every area of life and in every realm of this world's activities.

A CRUSADE for EVANGELISM

FIRST in importance, in the program of the Centennial, is the "Crusade for Evangelism". The goal is one million lost souls won to Christ by southern Baptists in 1945. Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Shreveport, Louisiana, is the leader of this evangelistic crusade. Many months before the dawn of the S.B.C. Centennial Dr. Dodd began his great task of marshaling all the forces of southern Baptists for this, the greatest evangelistic effort of their history. These plans include every possible effort for evangelism of which Dr. Dodd and other southern Baptist leaders have been able to think. Among these plans are schools of evangelism in all the organizations of the churches, preparing the people for personal soul-winning; city-wide and association-wide evangelistic campaigns; revivals in small town and rural churches; Vacation Bible School evangelism; extension meetings in churchless communities; evangelistic meetings in each Children's Home, Baptist Hospital and Good Will Center in the south; suggestions for revival services in penal institutions; open air, tent and street meetings; airplane, railroad, bus and ship evangelism; hitch-hiking, tract and victrola evangelism; southwide radio evangelistic services—in short, evangelism whenever, wherever and however individual southern Baptists or groups of southern Baptists can find or make opportunity for soul-winning.

A million lost souls won to Christ in a year by five and one-half million southern Baptists does not seem to be a high goal. That is just one for every five and one-half people, which should be an easy goal to reach. But an examination of our past record reveals the fact that never in our history have we won souls to Christ in a percentage as large as this goal. In 1943 we baptized 202,301 which was about one for every twenty-seven southern Baptists. We are told that 6000 southern Baptist churches reported no baptisms in 1943. That means that the 20,000 churches which reported one or more baptisms averaged only ten per church for the year or less than one baptism per month. To win a million souls to Christ would be an average of only forty to a church. So we see that the goal is not too high and the fact that it seems difficult to reach is but an evidence of the low-ebb of spiritual power among the masses of southern Baptists.

Woman's Missionary Union with her slogan, **Consecrating the Centennial to Christ**, must consecrate all of her powers to the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade. With three words beginning with "P" we suggest things which every member of W.M.U. should emphasize:

Prayer—Prayer is the power of soul-winning. Once when the disciples of Jesus had failed to heal the epileptic boy at the foot of the Mount of Transfiguration, in answer to their question for an explanation of their failure, Jesus said: "This kind can come out by nothing save by prayer". Southern Baptists' failures in evangelism must be attributed to their lack of prayer. Members of Woman's Missionary Union should use every prayer plan with more than the usual faithfulness and should take advantage of every prayer opportunity with more than the usual earnestness during this evangelistic campaign.

Cottage prayer meetings furnish splendid opportunities for soul-winning. Let us search out the homes where there are lost people and go into them in pairs or in groups for prayer. Such prayer meetings will more than likely open opportunities for personal work which may mean the salvation of the lost. Only those who live in the attitude of prayer can know when and how to do personal work. Only those who pray without ceasing can have power in soul-winning.

First in W.M.U. plans in this S.B.C. Centennial is "Concert of prayer and constant zeal for the conversion of the lost". Constant zeal for the salvation of the lost must find its first expression in constant prayer and, if that constant prayer can be a concert of prayer as two or more unite their petitions, the power of prayer will be all the stronger, for Jesus promised: "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father who is in Heaven". In no better way can the members of Woman's Missionary Union consecrate the Centennial to Christ than by consecrating their prayers on behalf of the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade.

Personal Soul-winning—We cannot leave this evangelistic crusade to the pastors and evangelists alone. Every individual Baptist should feel responsible for doing his or her part which means that every one should be a soul-winner. Woman's Missionary Union, through community missions, tries to enlist every member in soul-winning. By community missions we mean being missionaries in our own communities, which involves the personal work of contacting individuals and trying to win them to Christ. Few if any of us need to look far to find those who are without Christ. They may be in our own households, among our own relatives or personal friends, among our neighbors or business associates, in our Sunday-school classes, in the foreign quarter of our town, in the Negro section, on the other side of the railroad tracks. They are here in our midst—those for whom Christ died and who have not given their hearts to Him. Unless they accept Him they are eternally lost. They may never accept Him unless we present Christ to them. Oh what a responsibility is ours! Will a one of us fail to do her best to win the lost this year?

A slogan of the crusade is "Two Win One". The suggestion is that we shall each find a partner and thus by twos pray, visit and engage in soul-winning. It is perhaps a good plan for each pair to settle definitely on one person, never to give up until that person is won. How glorious it would be to know that all over the southland members of W.M.U. were thus working, two by two to win the lost. If members of W.M.S. and Y.W.A. should do this they would win to Christ almost one-fourth of the desired million. Let's get busy and do it!

Participation—Members of W.M.U. can help in the evangelistic crusade by participating in as many of the plans of the crusade as possible. When our churches have their revivals we must be faithful with our presence, our prayers and our personal work. When extension meetings are held—in institutions, in camps, in schoolhouses, in brush arbors—let us be there doing our part. Let none of us say: "Let Dr. Dodd do it. Let the preachers do it. Let somebody else do it". But may each of us realize that this is a crusade in which every southern Baptist should engage and each one be found faithfully doing her part.

Dr. Dodd presents the evangelistic crusade as a challenge, saying: "Southern Baptists are challenged by all that is high and holy; we are challenged before God and angels and men; we are challenged by all that the world thinks of us and by all that we claim for ourselves; we are challenged in conscience and in will; we are challenged by all the love and loyalty which they bear to Christ and the church to do this grand and glorious thing of winning a million souls during 1945".

A CRUSADE for ENLISTMENT

THE weakness of southern Baptists lies in the great host of the unenlisted. We boast of our 25,000 churches but must acknowledge that 6000 had no baptisms last year, about 1000 of them have no Sunday-schools, about 11,000 have no Training Unions and about 12,000 have no W.M.U. organizations. Of our five and one-half million members of southern Baptist churches perhaps less than two million are enlisted in any active service.

These unenlisted are a great challenge to southern Baptists. Without doubt some are unenlisted because they have never been converted. Their names are on our church rolls but their hearts have never been changed. However many others are Christians who are not enlisted because no one has tried to enlist them. They are true children of God who have not been given the opportunity of serving. They are trees that bear no fruit. They are salt that has lost its savor. They are laborers

that have not answered the call to help gather the harvest. Ours is the obligation of laying on their hearts the opportunity and privilege of Christian service. We must enlist them for their own sakes, that they may not miss the joys of working for the Master. We must enlist them for the Kingdom's sake, for God needs every Christian in the great work of spreading His Kingdom to the ends of the earth.

The Centennial is a splendid time for a crusade of enlistment. The achievements of a century should appeal to all members of southern Baptist churches, giving them confidence in the organization and program of the Southern Baptist Convention. The rejoicing of the celebration should find some echo of spiritual responsibility in their hearts. The goal of the Centennial should arouse them to a desire to participate in so great a crusade. The program of the Centennial should inspire us to strive with all possible earnestness to win these inactive Baptists to active participation in all Kingdom work.

Of course the special enlistment task of Woman's Missionary Union is to enlist more W.M.U. workers. This can be done by forming new organizations and by adding new members to existing organizations. When we realize that about half of the churches are without a single W.M.U. organization and that many more do not have a Full Graded W.M.U., we can comprehend something of the organizational task still before us. While we are proud of our more than 700,000 members we must realize that there are still a great host of Baptist women and young people not enlisted in any W.M.U. organization. These challenge us to a great enlistment crusade during the Centennial.

It is far easier to see the need of enlistment and to talk of the importance of it than it is to tell how to do it. In the enlistment task we have to fight all the allurements of the world and all the forces of evil working in the hearts of Christians, robbing them of their spirituality and making them indifferent to the great obligations and opportunities of Christian service.

Yes, the enlistment task is difficult, but it is not impossible. The difficulties are not as great as our indifference and our unwillingness to face them and overcome them. Many a person could be won with just one invitation which has not yet been given. Without question a majority of the unenlisted could be won by a well organized, persistent enlistment program. There may be some who can never be enlisted but we should be slow to place any one in that class. "Possibilities" is the shining word in the enlistment vocabulary. But "impossibilities" is the dark word we use entirely too often. "You can't get her to come. She is just impossible", we say. We should look on each of the unenlisted as a possibility, one who can be enlisted if we go about it in the right way.

Surely there is a key to every heart. Let's find the right key to the heart of that "impossible" woman. It might be just friendliness, expressing itself in a cordial invitation; it might be offering the means of transportation to the meetings; it might be showing interest in her children, her flowers or some other thing close to her heart; it might be discovering a talent and asking her to use it; it might be showing sympathy in time of sorrow; it might be a direct appeal to her loyalty to Christ; it might be just inviting and inviting her to come to the meetings until she decides she had better try it one time. Just getting one to attend one meeting does not finish the enlistment task. Unless the program is interesting, the fellowship cordial and the meeting meaningful, spiritual and satisfying in every way, she may decide that she doesn't want to come again. We must help these unenlisted women and young people to become a part of our organizations, regular in their attendance and participating in their activities. Only when this is true can we claim that we have really enlisted them.

We remember again that a crusade is an enterprise entered upon with zeal and enthusiasm. Let us enter upon this Centennial Enlistment Crusade with a zeal and enthusiasm that will find the keys to the hearts of our unenlisted women and young people and use those keys until all join the ranks of the enlisted.

Give us a good word for the year,
A word with purpose high and clear,
A word to thrill us and inspire
And call us to attainments higher,
A word to rouse us from our rest,
To work and pray and do our best.
The word is given; let none resist;
This good word 's ENLIST, ENLIST!

A CRUSADE for EDUCATION

THE Centennial is a crusade for education. The slogan is, "A Million More Taught of Christ!"

As we think of the agencies of southern Baptists for education the home comes first. We realize that much of our present day juvenile delinquency is caused by the lack of the right parental care and the right training in the home. We hope that during the Centennial many of our Baptist homes may be aroused to their responsibility in the Christian nurture of their children. We hope that Bible reading, teaching and family altars shall be established in at least a million Baptist homes.

The church itself is a great educational institution. Through the century southern Baptists have developed in the churches educational organizations: the Sunday-school for teaching the Bible; the Training Union for training in church membership; Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood for distinctive missionary education and training. Dr. W. R. White has said of these organizations: "The membership of each should be augmented very materially before, during and immediately following the crusade. Each church should set very definite goals for each and then drive relentlessly to attain them. All the educational functions of these agencies of the church should provide an all-time teaching program according to the nature and purpose of each".

Our Baptist schools and seminaries are great educational agencies of southern Baptists. On these southern Baptists must depend for leadership in another century, even as they have in the past. While only a fraction of our boys and girls go to Baptist colleges, around 85% of our denominational leadership comes from them. During the Centennial much will be done to strengthen these schools.

Our Sunday School Board is a great educational force. Marvelous in both volume and value is the literature which is published and distributed. In 1943 the circulation of all periodicals was over twenty-two million; from May 1, 1943, to May 1, 1944, the Board manufactured volumes of 202 titles of books. The Sunday School Board is putting forth every effort during this S.B.C. Centennial to emphasize its educational work not only through its literature but also through its splendid program of training in Sunday-schools, Training Unions, Vacation Bible Schools and Baptist Student Unions.

Our Home and Foreign Mission Boards also have their splendid programs of education. The two mission magazines, *Southern Baptist Home Missions* and *The Commission*, are great forces for informing our people about missions. A much enlarged subscription to these magazines would be a splendid Centennial achievement. Also these two Boards are constantly writing and publishing books, giving our people opportunities to be intelligent about all phases of the work. The Centennial program includes some splendid historical books.

In each of our states is a Baptist paper. These are a great influence for the education of southern Baptists. They are touching more than a million lives now and it is hoped that their circulation will be increased this year to reach a million more.

Woman's Missionary Union has a large share in the educational work of southern Baptists. From the beginning of our history our strength has been in the fact that we have disseminated missionary information. We have not trespassed into the field of the other educational organizations of the churches but have kept to our one task of giving missionary education. Through our mission study department our women and young people are led to study the missionary message of the Bible, books

on stewardship, prayer and soul-winning and books on every phase of our missionary work. Our three magazines—*Royal Service*, *The Window of Y.W.A.*, *World Comrades*—supply program material and current reading about southern Baptist and other missionary work. Subscriptions to these in 1944 totaled over 200,000. In this Centennial we must join the crusade for education as we strive to obtain more subscribers for our magazines, have more mission study classes and enlarge every educational phase of our work.

To all of these educational agencies we must consecrate our Centennial efforts, that they may render their service of informing and training southern Baptists. Thus we shall be more nearly "furnished unto every good work".

A CRUSADE for ENLARGED GIVING

OUR Centennial Celebration would not be complete without a special effort in giving. The goal for the year is twenty million dollars for all causes of the Cooperative Program—ten million for state causes and ten million for southwide causes. This is a larger sum than we have ever given in one year and is therefore a real challenge to southern Baptists. This money is to be given in two ways: through the regular undesignated Sunday by Sunday gifts to the Cooperative Program and through special gifts. Any special gift to any southern Baptist school, hospital, orphanage or to any phase of our missionary work will help to reach this goal.

A cause especially appealing at this time is the rehabilitation in foreign missions. The war has brought destruction to our missionary property in China. Dr. Rankin tells us that there will be at least one hundred missionary residences which will have to be reconditioned, that many school buildings will have to be rebuilt and re-equipped, that new buildings must be erected for the three hospitals which have been destroyed and that at least five of the seven hospitals must have new equipment in full, including beds, drugs, operating instruments, x-ray machines and other scientific equipment. This phase of rehabilitation will take at least two million dollars. Besides this the Christian nationals have been so impoverished by the war that they cannot give as they once did, so our Foreign Board must assume for some years a much larger financial support of the work. To quote Dr. Rankin: "Indeed we shall have to help the Christians themselves to re-establish their productive capacities. This will call for large amounts of money to be used for personal rehabilitation of destitute Christians". Add to this the fact that our missionary force must be greatly increased to meet the needs at the end of the war and we can see something of the financial responsibility which must be faced by the Foreign Mission Board. Already they have begun the creation of the reserve fund and we are hoping that during the Centennial it will reach the desired goal of five million dollars.

Woman's Missionary Union always does a worthy part in reaching all financial goals of southern Baptists. Of course during this Centennial we will not break our record. The first goal adopted by W.M.U. for the Centennial was a \$500,000 increase in undesignated gifts to the Cooperative Program. This was adopted before we knew of the \$20,000,000 goal of southern Baptists. Usually W.M.U. tries to raise about one-third of all southern Baptist goals. One-third of \$20,000,000 would be \$6,666,666.66. At the joint session of the semiannual meeting of the Executive Committee, state executive and young people's secretaries of W.M.U. this larger financial goal for the Centennial was adopted. This means almost a 33-1/3% increase in W.M.U. gifts to the causes of the Cooperative Program, including both designated and undesignated gifts. This is a challenging goal, but it is one which W.M.U. can and will reach. To do this we must first of all greatly increase our regular Sunday by Sunday undesignated gifts to the Cooperative Program. We must greatly increase our offerings during the Seasons of Prayer for state, home and foreign missions. We must give to all special offerings which may be promoted in our state for the Centennial, being careful that all such offerings made by members of W.M.U. organizations are credited to the W.M.U. Surely as we make this large Centennial contribution to the cause of Christ we will be in accord with our slogan, "Consecrating the Centennial to Christ".

Included in the Centennial plans is a stewardship crusade with the purpose of reviving Scriptural giving. A million more tithers is the goal. Woman's Missionary Union, through its splendid stewardship department, must enter into this crusade and enlist many more tithers among women and young people during this Centennial. Our 150,000 tithers reported in 1943 is less than one-fourth of our membership. The enlisting of a large number of tithers will help greatly in reaching our large goal in gifts.

CENTENNIAL COMPARISONS

(Woman stands on right side of platform holding placard bearing the date 1845 while one stands on left side holding placard bearing date 1945.)

- 1845—In 1845 the Southern Baptist Convention was organized.
- 1945—In 1945 the Southern Baptist Convention is celebrating its Centennial.
- 1845—In 1845 the Southern Baptist Convention numbered 352,950 including both white and Negro Baptists.
- 1945—In 1945 there are over five and one-half million white Baptists and three and one-half million Negro Baptists in the south.
- 1845—In 1845 there were fourteen state conventions and 212 district associations.
- 1945—In 1945 there are twenty state conventions and 921 district associations.
- 1845—In 1845 there were 4117 churches.
- 1945—In 1945 there are 25,790 churches.
- 1845—In 1845 there were 1212 Sunday-schools.
- 1945—In 1945 there are 24,503 Sunday-schools.
- 1845—In 1845 there were twelve southern Baptist schools and colleges with 600 students.
- 1945—In 1945 there are sixty-one southern Baptist schools and colleges with over 20,000 students.
- 1845—In 1845 there were six state Baptist papers.
- 1945—In 1945 there are twenty state Baptist papers.
- 1845—In 1845 there were only two southwide boards—the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board.
- 1945—In 1945 there are four southwide boards—the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board, the Sunday School Board and the Relief and Annuity Board.
- 1845—In 1845 there were no hospitals, no orphanages, no Baptist Training Union, no Woman's Missionary Union, no Brotherhood and no Baptist Student Union.
- 1945—In 1945 there are nineteen hospitals, eighteen orphanages, about 49,000 Training Unions, over 38,000 W.M.U. organizations, 3000 Brotherhoods and Baptist Student Unions in all Baptist schools and in many state schools.
- 1845—In 1845 all the Baptists in the United States gave only \$160,584.82 to all missions and benevolent causes.
- 1945—In 1945 southern Baptists hope to give \$20,000,000 to all educational, benevolent and missionary causes.
- 1845—In 1845 southern Baptist churches baptized 22,891 converts.
- 1945—In 1945 southern Baptist churches hope to baptize at least 1,000,000 converts.

(W.M.U. woman enters carrying placard with words Consecrating the Centennial to Christ printed across the top, in the center the words Through a Crusade for, with a large E reaching from top to bottom of placard followed by the other letters to spell the words: Evangelism, Enlistment, Education, Enlarged Giving. She stands in center, between two holding date-placards, and speaks as follows:)

From 1845 to 1945—a wonderful century of growth and achievement for southern Baptists! Inspired by this glorious past may we this year enter the "Crusade for Evangelism, Enlistment, Education and Enlarged Giving" and so consecrate the Centennial to Christ!

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the Centennial as a crusade.
2. Why is this a fitting time for such a crusade?
3. What is the goal of the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade?
4. Who is the leader of this crusade?
5. Mention some of the plans for the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade.
6. Mention some things which members of W.M.U. can do for the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade.
7. Discuss the need of a crusade for enlistment.
8. Mention some things we can do to win new members for W.M.U. organizations.
9. Name some southern Baptist agencies for education.
10. Discuss the educational work of Woman's Missionary Union.
11. What is the goal in gifts for the Centennial?
12. Give the W.M.U. financial goal for the Centennial and discuss plans to reach it.

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.

The Window of Y.W.A.	—World Comrades
Southern Baptist Home Missions	—The Commission
Last Minutes of Southern Baptist Convention	
Southern Baptist Centennial Crusade Handbook	
Southern Baptist Handbook, 1944	Dr. E. P. Alldredge

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

A Religion of Power	3c
The Moments of Her Days	3c
Third in a Great Succession	3c
Sketch of Dr. I. T. Tichenor	2c
When the Reaping Time Comes	3c
Why Back the Church?	3c
"One Sacred Effort" (Pageant-Play: 7 Young Women for Speaking Parts; 15 Young People for Tableau; Time about 35 Minutes)	15c

"Every man can do his duty and that is something no other man can do. The other man can do only his own duty and, if any man leaves his duty undone, undone it is and God's original and best plan is just so far frustrated", so says Dr. Robert E. Speer.

Community Missions

Enlisting Service Men's Wives

AND it was said of Joseph, "Behold the dreamer cometh!" Well could this be said of literally thousands of young women today. They have dreamed their dreams. They have established their homes and, behold, the cruel hand of war has shattered those dreams.

They have come to our communities. Some will stay indefinitely. Some will stay only temporarily. Each needs to be ministered to. Each needs to be assisted in piecing this dream back together. Each needs to have loving arms of compassion placed about her and loved in such a way that this great void and emptiness will be lessened.

Before these young women can be mothered they must be found. We of the First Baptist Church here are using the block system to find all newcomers. The names are given to the circles in whose section of the city the newcomers have moved. They are visited.

After these wives of service men are found they are enlisted. The most permanent form of enlistment is utilization. Although some of these ladies feel that they are not permanent enough to join a circle they appear on the circle programs as guest speakers. Others are presented and give special parts on the regular W.M.S. program at the church. One of our active workers brought a young bride who was rooming in her home. All hearts were warmed and elated as we listened to her presentation of a portion of the program.

Others who are more timid are asked, "How about helping me serve the Sunbeams?" or "We need someone to play the piano for the Royal Ambassadors". Just today a bride of two weeks, married to the son of a Baptist preacher, inquired: "Have you a piano at your church?" She was elated when she was asked to play for a group of our boys and girls.

One of our Business Women's Circles is using the wives of service men who are living here for the duration for circle leader, treasurer, secretary and mission study chairman. This circle gave more to our recent Lottie Moon Christmas Offering than did any other one circle.

One young lady who lives with her family and whose husband is over seas is counselor for a chapter of R.A.'s. They love her with an undying devotion. She is giving to this group her love and her time and her energy which would normally be placed in her home.

I speak as a service man's wife. I also speak as an educational director. Let us visit, let us enlist, let us utilize "the dreamer who is within our gates" in order that a true missionary spirit may abound and we may be worthy of our name—Woman's Missionary Union.—Mrs. N. H. Eudaly, Gulfport, Mississippi



Recruiting Service Wives for Christ

RECRUITING is a much used word today as men and women are enlisted in service for their country. Greater effort should be made to recruit for Christian service the wives who are left at home. Daily we come in contact with people from various states and countries. War has moved the world closer to us. The same Lord is over all and our opportunity to proclaim Him is greater than ever. It is possible, now, to be a home and a foreign missionary and never leave our community.

Civic and social clubs and others exert great effort to attract and entertain service men and their wives. What these strangers in our towns want most is personal friendliness and Christian fellowship. Visitation is the first step in recruiting for Christ. Call to welcome those who live in your immediate neighborhood. Invite them to your home for tea or a meal; tell them of near-by places of interest. Courtesies, however small, mean much to one away from home. Send those in your neighborhood flowers from your garden or a card when there is illness. Welcome the one next door, across the street, down the road from you. No matter how short a time they may be in your locality, make them feel as welcome and as happy as possible.

Lasting friendships may be made by little kindnesses and service. A nephew wrote that the people in Mississippi had been ever so nice to his bride from another state. He said: "They invited her to church. She joined one of the circles and assisted in the Christmas program. She is so busy that she does not have time to be lonely". Arizona W.M.U. has been benefited by the talent for leadership discovered among wives of service men. They have many helpful ideas and are glad to take part on the monthly *Royal Service* program when invited to do so. A box is sent to one of the husbands each month.

A circle composed of women in your church whose husbands are in service will be attractive to others whose husbands are away temporarily in your community. The circle may be called "Friendship" or "World Peace" or any name you select. Be alert to meet and invite to the circle all who visit your church or community.

Have a supper once a month sponsored by W.M.S. Let members pay a small fee to cover expense of the meal; guests may be served free. Send written invitations to attend the supper and the *Royal Service* program. Occasionally have a "State Night". Have as many as possible from any state and let one speak on the merits of her state. Another time have birthday tables; all whose birthdays are in the same month will sit together. Decorate the tables appropriately for the season.

Each one bring one! Each one win one! Enlist wives of service men in consecrating the Centennial to Christ! *Luke 2:14—Mrs. J. W. Chappell, First Southern Baptist Church, Tucson, Arizona*

Cottage Prayer-Meetings

IT IS Wednesday morning and 9 o'clock; the Christian women of our community are meeting for prayer. They have left busy homes where there was much to be done, but the need for prayer and Christian fellowship was greater than the need for the tasks to be performed. These women realize what Paul said to the Galatians could well be said to us: "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

We meet and hear the needs of our community and our church and also about the latest plans for southern Baptists. We read God's Word and take it literally; we kneel together in prayer. We take God's promises at face-value. He gives us a peace in our hearts which passeth all understanding; He gives us strength for those unfinished tasks we left when we went for prayer; He gives us tact and wisdom to approach the unsaved and unenlisted in our community. We go, from this praying together, with a willingness to serve. We feel that, when we part from household duties to meet with God, we can meet our families and friends on a higher plane. Bunyan said: "Prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God and a scourge to Satan."

We are not telling you what day or hour to have your cottage prayer-meeting, but we are earnestly beseeching you to choose the day and hour that is most convenient for your women and we beseech you to go in Christ's name, relying on His promises. You will find added joy and strength.

Now comes a challenge to southern Baptist women—a challenge we must face and meet. If ever we wanted to win a million souls for Christ, it is now! "How can I help?" is probably your question. Let us give a few suggestions. Take God's Word and read it prayerfully: "If My people which are called by My name shall humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven and forgive their sins and heal their land". Did you notice that God said, "If you humble yourselves"? Now may we say with the psalmist: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts!" After we have given our hearts a real searching, purging and humbling, may we listen to our Savior as He says, "Go ye". It may be in our own home, across the street, down the road to tell the Good News about the Savior. If we will whisper a prayer to Him and say, "Give me any task but help me and send me anywhere but go with me", and if we then place our hand into His pierced hand we may be assured of His work being done.

Only God knows what devout, prayerful Baptist women can do about this Centennial Evangelistic Crusade. "Prayer availeth much". —*Mrs. A. L. Goodrich, Mississippi*

Woman's Part in the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade

WOMEN have had a large part in soul-winning throughout the history of Christianity. They have had a large part by prayer. That is why the W.M.U. has been asked by the general staff of the Crusade to assume responsibility for cottage prayer-meetings as their part of the plan in their own churches. Every community has its quota of unreached, both young and old. This presents a problem; cottage prayer-meetings have proven helpful in reaching this group. To endeavor to reach people by means of prayer-meetings in homes is not a new idea. Every W.M.S. which has conducted them can give testimony of souls won and lives dedicated to the Lord. The plan here suggested has been tried and proven successful and can be followed by any W.M.S.

1. Divide the community, either urban or rural, into sections and arrange for at least one meeting to be held in each section every week or two weeks depending on local conditions. Place the responsibility of leadership upon a consecrated, dependable woman in each section. She shall lead or provide a leader for the meeting.
2. Go over each zone or section carefully, choosing places to meet; seek out the lost and uninterested to invite. The houses of the lost certainly present a challenge for place of meeting, and the worker chosen for each section will seek for invitations to such homes.

3. Harmonize every part of the program with the main objective, soul-winning. Select hymns in keeping with this purpose, Scripture reading relative to God's plan for the lost, brief testimony by Christians of their own salvation.

4. Pray earnestly for the lost who are present—remember always to keep it a prayer-meeting for the lost, whether present or not. Be careful to keep the purpose of the meeting clear. Keep the conversation free from topics that distract the mind—criticism of the church, its leaders etc. The lost can never be won in such an atmosphere. Claim God's promises before the meeting and results can be expected. Do not be discouraged if the meeting is an apparent failure. Get an invitation to return. Let the lost know you are really interested in them and their salvation and they will become interested. Be patient and, above all, "pray without ceasing" —*Mrs. W. T. Waring, Illinois*

Royal Service Renewals and New Subscriptions

State	Received in 1944	Quotas for 1945
Alabama	9,518	9,905
Arizona	267**	280
Arkansas	3,821**	4,015
California	483*	510
District of Columbia	324****	340
Florida	5,853***	6,150
Georgia	14,497**	15,225
Illinois	2,439*****	2,565
Kentucky	9,627*	10,110
Louisiana	6,404****	6,725
Maryland	885**	930
Mississippi	7,743**	8,130
Missouri	8,564****	8,905
New Mexico	1,208***	1,270
North Carolina	17,468*****	18,345
Oklahoma	5,273**	5,540
South Carolina	10,601***	11,450
Tennessee	10,969****	11,520
Texas	15,172**	15,935
Virginia	13,645**	14,330
Miscellaneous	807	
TOTALS	145,870***	152,360

Star (*) by state record indicates that quota was reached in 1944. It will be noted that eight states have thus achieved for the past two years, three for the past three years, four for the past four years and two for five years. The 1945 quotas indicate a 5% increase for each state.

Bible Study (Concluded from Page 15)

When the seventh seal was broken and the full revelation of God's work in history was seen "there followed a silence in Heaven"—a silence of reverence and rest. The work of God was finished, the work of the Gospel was fulfilled. The consummation of consecrated service is sharing in the glory of the Lord. First place in this universal song of glorious praise to the God of history and to the Christ of redemption belongs to those who have given themselves in absolute devotion to the work of the Gospel for mankind.

"O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all!"

Editorial (Concluded from Page 3)

society, each church are the words of the patriotic oath as expressed by Edward Everett Hale:

"I am only one,
But I am one;
I can't do everything,
But I can do something.

And what I can do
That I ought to do.
And what I ought to do,
By the grace of God, I will do!"

Verily Victorious



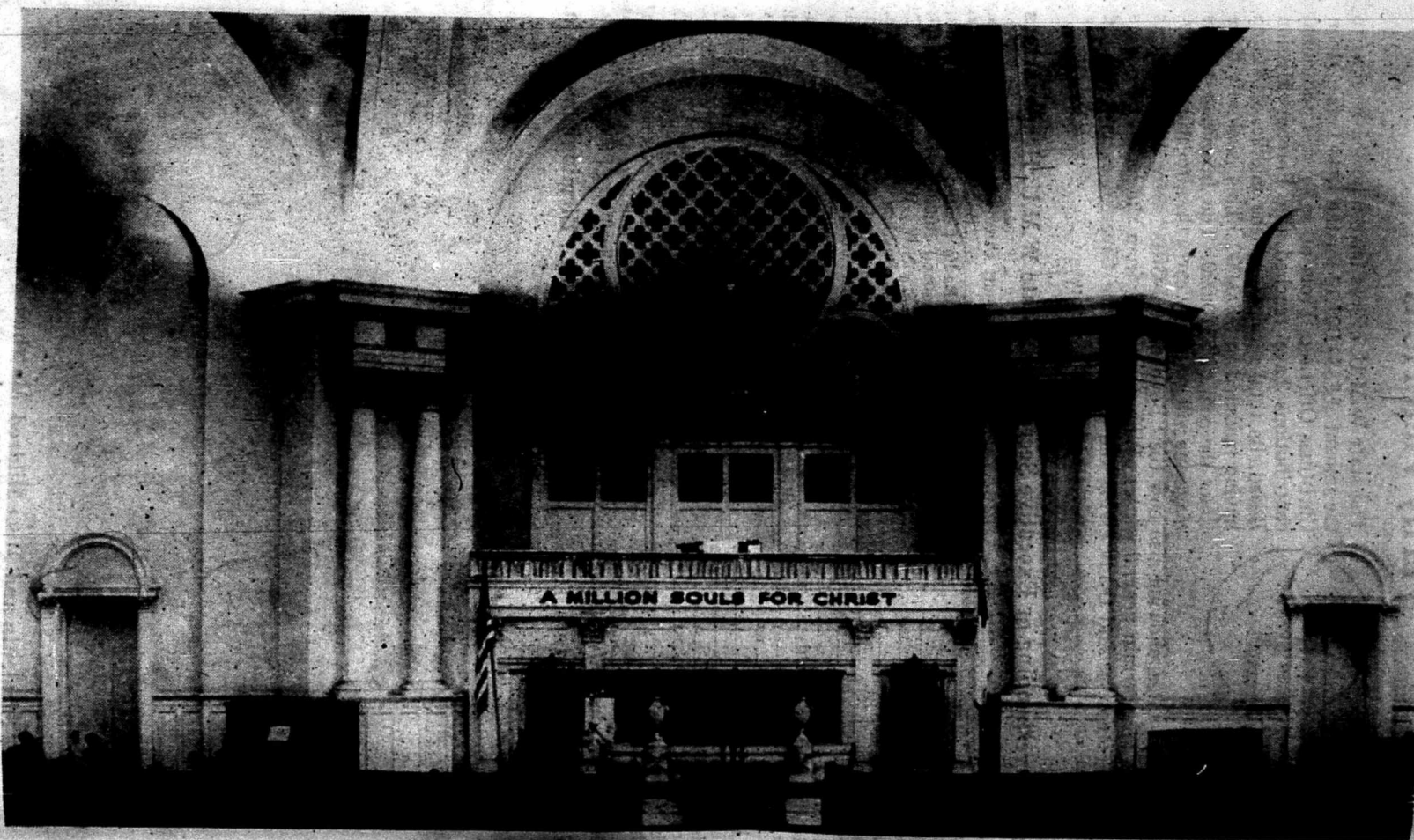
The state W.M.U. offices have reported receipts to the amount of \$887,007.13 for the 1944 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. From other sources additional contributions have reached the Foreign Mission Board, its total receipts by the middle of March having mounted to \$900,000. This is almost three times the goal of \$310,000. The June issue of this magazine will gratefully carry the altogether gratifying record by states, showing also how the "Beyond-Goal-Gifts" were distributed as to countries and certain general causes. With one accord from the hearts of donors and receivers now ascend thanksgiving and praise to "the Giver of every good and perfect gift".

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