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Worthy Work for God's Glory



Mrs. F. W. Armstrong

President of

Woman's Missionary Union, 1933-'45

THE last letters which Mrs. Armstrong and I wrote each other made definite mention of material for this page. On Thursday before the fatal cerebral hemorrhage came on Friday, May 11, she wrote that she felt better and believed she could soon write the editorial even as she had so faithfully and finely done month after month for the twelve years of her presidency. My letter concerning the editorial was written before hers arrived, my request being that she let me substitute this time, with the understanding that when she was quite well again she would furnish double material one month. Now I feel that all such is being fulfilled—she is entirely "well" now and for all eternity; I am writing the words; but her remarkably consecrated life is also inditing them with a power not possessed by mere words.

It is gratifying to many of us that we first met Mrs. Armstrong at the W.M.U. meeting in Kansas City in 1923 when at the request of Mrs. W. C. James as presiding officer and of Miss Juliette Mather as southwide young people's secretary she spoke concerning College Y.W.A. work in which she was then leading in Missouri. Many will also remember at the meeting in 1927 in Louisville her excellent demonstration on tithing; she was chairman of the Southwide W.M.U. Tithing Campaign during that early period of the presidency of Mrs. W. J. Cox. Many, too, will recall her election at Washington in 1933 as president of Woman's Missionary Union, after having been for ten years the president in her own state. Year after year she was reelected, on through the meeting in Oklahoma City last September; thus her term of service was the longest in a consecutive way of any other president and second only to that of Miss Fannie E. S. Heck who gave fifteen years but in three periods of time.

Historians will fully evaluate Mrs. Armstrong's leadership but I want to

mention several clear characteristics and outstanding achievements. As the daughter of a Baptist preacher she learned early the life-principle of friendliness and cooperation; thus in contacts with people in their homes and churches in the southland and on the mission fields she radiated and imbibed the spirit of Christian fellowship; thus also she comprehended and constructively showed others how to understand the value of Baptist polity from within the church on out into the association, the state, the southland, the world. No wonder she was early chosen as a member of the Missouri Baptist State Mission Board, was elected for eighteen consecutive years (during the past ten years as the only woman member) on the S.B.C. Executive Committee and held membership for the last twelve years on the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance.

Another clear characteristic of Mrs. Armstrong's mind and heart was patience to study problems and propositions no matter how difficult or visionary. One example will prove this fact: the moving of the W.M.U. Training School from a congested area in Louisville out to its present excellent suburban site and the leasing of its former property on excellent interest-bearing terms were major problems but she solved them perfectly. For her recognized legal knowledge in this and in at least two other involved transactions Woman's Missionary Union will always be deeply indebted not only to her but also to her husband, Judge Armstrong, for his free but fine counsel, even as we thank him for sharing Mrs. Armstrong most generously in her steady service for our Union. Deeply do we sympathize with him and the other loved ones now that she cannot "return".

Another constructive contribution of our departed president was her suggestion that the \$10,000 as raised during our Golden Jubilee in behalf of southern Baptist Negro woman's work be used for institutes in Negro colleges and churches and that some such plan be perpetuated through the Annie Armstrong Offering of the March Week of Prayer. At our last conference late in April we reaffirmed our mutual faith in such a step toward really Christian bi-racial relationships.

On and on I could write in grateful appreciation of Mrs. Armstrong as our leader and friend. Perhaps it will suffice to say that her three last official acts were so comprehensive as to be regarded now as having been prophetic of her approaching "departure". Late in March she went to Louisville for the annual meeting of the Executive Committee of the Training School's Board of Trustees, there she wisely guided in many decisions, among them being the purpose to ask Woman's Missionary Union to help largely in the securing of the \$100,000 sorely needed by the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in providing at least six new class rooms. Then late in April she went to Washington as a member of the Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance to plan for increasing helpfulness to Baptists and other suffering people in Europe. From Washington she came to Birmingham for many conferences followed by a meeting of the W.M.U. Executive Committee, at which time she analyzed the comprehensive report of the Union's Survey Committee as received at the last W.M.U. semiannual meeting; in her analysis she showed how each recommendation of that excellent committee had either been already put into action or referred to a committee capable of profiting thereby. Surely she had set her house in order, had rounded out her work!

As her coworker in the Mississippi Union, Mrs. Ned Rice has gratefully said: "It was a privilege and joy to serve under her. In our Executive Committee meetings she was especially gifted in her leadership, with a mind that could carry in sequence all the reports whether finished or unfinished, ready for each as it came. She made a wonderful contribution to our work and its progress".

As indicated above, the certainty of her Heavenly summons came on May 11 which was the 57th anniversary of the organization of Woman's Missionary Union. Two days later she answered the summons on Mother's Day when millions were also remembering gratefully the victory in Europe and were interceding for world-wide peace. On the following Friday many of us also prayerfully gave thanks for that date twelve years ago when Mrs. Armstrong became our president; as we thus commended our hearts kept feeling that her life was truly a worthy work for God's glory.—Kathleen Mallory, W.M.U. Executive Secretary

Training School

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

Unto the Uttermost Part of the Earth

SIXTY-SIX seniors with radiant and resolute faces lighted by glowing tapers marched solemnly into the Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial Chapel for their vigil service of prayer and dedication conducted by the principal, Dr. Carrie U. Littlejohn, as the opening event of the thirty-eighth commencement of Woman's Missionary Union Training School. The juniors sat silently watching this procession, feeling in their hearts also the challenge of the hour. There is something about the sanctity and intimacy of this service, to which no guests are invited, that impresses itself indelibly upon all of the students at House Beautiful and makes them treasure the truth that there is a "tie that binds our hearts in Christian love" and know that this fellowship is "like to that above".

At the Vesper Service on May 2 the graduating class, the largest the School has ever had, was welcomed through the rose-covered archway into the Training School Alumnae Association by the vice-president of the Louisville chapter, Miss Helen Falls. The retiring student chairman, Miss Wilmer Peck Peters, presented the charge of senior responsibilities, which were accepted by Miss Edith Arrington, incoming student chairman, representing the new senior class. Mrs. Bill V. Carden, state W.M.U. young people's secretary of Oklahoma and president of the world-wide Training School Alumnae Association, was the guest-speaker. The radiance and consecration of her own life enhanced and illustrated her message as she charged the seniors to "see that thou make everything after the pattern which hath been showed thee on the mount" (Exodus 25:40). She reminded them that life at House Beautiful offers the pattern of Christian fellowship, the pattern of Christian faculty and the pattern of Christ Himself by which they might cut and shape their lives now and in all years to come. After Mrs. Carden's message the seniors placed rose garlands upon the shoulders of the juniors; then the juniors knelt to sing the prayer that every Training School graduate long remembers and which epitomizes the spirit of this Vesper Hour: "For you I am praying; I'm praying for you!"

Many friends and relatives of the graduates were guests at the Senior Luncheon on Thursday, May 3. This occasion also afforded an opportunity to meet personally the commencement guests of the Seminary. Dr. and Mrs. James W. Middleton of First Baptist Church, Atlanta; and Dr. Duke K. McCall of Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, who with Dr. and Mrs. Ellis A. Fuller were present at the luncheon. Thursday afternoon Dr. and Mrs. Fuller entertained at tea, honoring the graduates of the Seminary and Training School.

The words and music of the processionals from the "Pageant of Darkness and Light" as used each year at graduation somehow depict the continuity of Training School commencements. They are not to be separate events, with a year between one and the next, but rather an interminable procession of young women prepared to serve, going forth to "take the Light" of salvation through Christ "unto the uttermost part of the earth". The Training School was honored to have Dr. Anna Canada Swain, president of the Northern Baptist Convention, as the speaker on this occasion. Her very presence, as well as her message, emphasized the oneness which is felt by Christian witnesses around the world as she spoke on the subject, "Our Fears, Our Hopes, Our Aims Are One". The Training School Chorus, under the direction of Miss Claudia Edwards, contributed much to all of the commencement services. Particularly beautiful and appropriate was Gounod's "Prayer" sung by the chorus, following Dr. Swain's address. Dr. Littlejohn then gave the charge to the graduating class, reminding them of the privilege of preparation that had been theirs and leaving them with the challenging question, "What will you make of it?" The degree of Master of Religious Education was conferred upon forty-six graduates, Bachelor of Religious Education upon nine; eleven graduates were presented to those who had satisfactorily completed the two-year course but who had not completed the college work required for a degree. As these graduates marched from the chapel to their posts of service around the world, there arose in the hearts of those who stood watching them a surge of hope and a renewal of faith that

"God is working His purpose out as year succeeds to year;
God is working His purpose out, and the time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea!"

—Miss Miriam Robinson

Book Review and Study Suggestions

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

The Apostle of the Chilean Frontier

FOR twenty-nine years an heroic, determined Scotch Baptist preacher labored almost alone to establish our Baptist work among the people of central Chile. Then, in 1917, help long-sought and long-awaited came with the appointment of our first southern Baptist missionaries to this long land west of the Andes.

This book is the story of the prodigious labors of that Scotch pioneer, William T. D. McDonald, as told for the Chileans by his granddaughter, Elizabeth Condell Pacheco. It has been translated and supplemented by William Earl Davidson who, with Mrs. Davidson, went out as our first southern Baptist missionaries to Chile. It is a challenging illustration of what just one devoted, determined person can do for God in the most hopeless situations—and of the heartaches and disappointments which sometimes must come in the doing. No literary grace adorns this straight, unvarnished story; none softens the blow of personal tragedy which shadowed its end.

Those who teach the book may well take as their objective: to arouse in their classes a greater interest in Chile and in our Baptist work there and to stir up in them a stronger spirit of sacrifice and devotion in their work at home. They will want to supplement the story with further information from *Pioneering with Christ in Chile* by Agnes Graham and with such current sources as may be available to them.

Session 1 (Chapter 1). Open the study with a devotional talk based on Paul's catalog of what it cost him to be a missionary, II Corinthians 11:23-28. Speak of these hardships and distresses as the portion of pioneers in all ages and use the passage as an introduction to "The Apostle of the Chilean Frontier".

Using a large wall map of Chile, "the string-bean country", show its three main divisions—north, central and southern Chile. Mark these boundaries with colored crayon at 32° south latitude for the north, at 42° for central Chile.

Using a series of display cards, each carrying one terse sentence or fact and if possible a typical illustration, present the essential information about this interesting country.—North Chile is barren, desert country famous for nitrate and borax, having near its southern borders rich deposits of copper, lead, manganese and other important minerals. Its climate approximates that of Mexico except for its lack of water. The population is meager and poor.—Central Chile is its garden-spot, fertile, well-watered, temperate in climate, rich toward the south in forests and coal. Its people are energetic and zestful, hence their nickname *yanqui*.—Southern Chile is a vast forest and pasture-land jutting out into the sea in a chain of countless islands from which a vast fishing industry is carried on. The population is sparse, usually more or less isolated, often backward and poor. In the extreme south the climate is cold and stormy. Note that it was in south-central Chile that William McDonald settled in a day when there were no good roads, few large towns and practically no police protection. The people, for the most part, did as they pleased and many pleased to do quite ill.

At this point have a good story-teller describe William McDonald's years in Scotland. The story would include his boyhood, his conversion, training under Spurgeon, marriage and work in Scotland.

Session 2 (Chapters 2, 3). Base today's devotional talk on Acts 16:6-10. Contrast with Paul's experience that of William McDonald in his purpose to go to the United States and the way in which his mind and heart were turned to Chile in South America.

Locate and mark Victoria on the map of Chile. Locate McDonald's home and school with relation to this town and let several members of the class tell of some

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"Give Attention to Reading"

Miss Thelma Brown, Book Consultant
Baptist Sunday School Board

AS those of you who have examined the Missionary Round Tables may have discovered, not all the titles on each list are of equal interest to everybody*. Notice that care has been taken to select variety both in form, subject matter and price. Some are written in popular style; others require attentive rather than cursory reading.

It will be well, before distributing the books purchased for your Missionary Round Table to examine them all carefully and let each member choose for her first book a title suitable to her reading tastes and experience. One member may wish to read about some aspect of the subject, either as to present-day conditions or on an historical period. Another may prefer fiction; others, poetry or biography. Some should start with an "easy" book; others may prefer advanced study.

For instance: if Japan is the theme, Mrs. A who enjoys biography may want to read *Kagawa*, Axling (Harper, \$1). She has heard about this great Japanese Christian and wants to know more.

Mrs. B has never realized that poetry is a part of missionary literature but she loves to read it. Let her choose *Songs from the Slums*, Kagawa (Abingdon-Cokesbury, \$1). She will appreciate the lovely lyrics and will come to share the compassion this gifted Christian has for his spiritually and physically wretched countrymen.

Mrs. C may have a heavy schedule but has time at present for easy-to-read fiction. Let her select *The Arms Are Fair*, Bradford Smith, (Bobbs-Merrill, \$2.50), a beautifully written novel in which a sensitive Japanese student goes through a personal Gethsemane during the present war.

Mrs. D wonders if there can be Christian women in Japan today. Let her read *My Lantern*, Michi Kawaii (Friendship Press, \$2). This woman's life-story embodies the best in her people.

Mrs. E wants to know: "What about the customs of present-day Japan? What about Geisha girls, paper houses and kimono-clad women?" Give her *Traveler from Tokyo*, John Morris (Sheridan, \$2.75). This young English professor in Tokyo University during the years 1939-1942 was free to come and go as he pleased until just before the last trip of the Gripsholm. He writes vividly of what he discovered about the everyday life of the people and tells of his own exciting experiences, first as a neutral, then as an alien.

Mrs. F is interested in the part Japan will play in the political and economic world after the war. In *Nippon: Crime and Punishment* (John Day, \$2.50), a Presbyterian teacher, Willis Lamott, who taught in Japan for nineteen years gives a clear picture of the character of the people and the condition of the country. Not all will agree with his proposals, but all will admit them to be intelligent and fair.

Mrs. G follows regularly the press-reports of military developments. She will appreciate the accurate account Mr. Otto Tolischius has written of the events which led to the Pacific War in *Tokyo Record*, (Reynal, \$3).

For the practically minded Mrs. H suggest *Shadow over Asia*, T. A. Bisson, (Foreign Policy, \$2). It is a rewarding study of Japan's war aims.

Mrs. I, whose son fought on the Marshalls, would like to be the first to read *Japan's Islands of Mystery*, Willard Price, (John Day, \$3).

No one of these books will give complete coverage of the subject treated nor will all of them together constitute a full course on enigmatic Japan; but, after reading and discussing freely all ten books on this list, each member will have a more intelligent grasp of the problems we face in the Orient. She will be better trained to evaluate other books, articles and news-items and especially to appreciate the reports from repatriated missionaries who are eager to return to this walled country for a renewed and enlarged Kingdom service.

*Get your set of fifteen lists free from your state W.M.U. headquarters.

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From Missionaries

Annual Meeting of the W. M. U. of Brazil

THE Baptist W.M.U. of Brazil held its 26th annual convention on the 22nd, 23rd and 25th of January, 1945, in the Rio Baptist College. The opening session was to have been held in Judson Hall, but long before the opening hour the hall was packed to overflowing with more than 600 delegates and visitors. The women had not convened since 1942 because of war conditions and difficulty in travel, so there was an unusually large attendance with manifest interest and enthusiasm. Even the pastors came in to see what the women were about. After the opening devotional period, we realized that we could not carry out even that afternoon's program in such a crowded space, with hundreds standing everywhere; so the assembly moved to the larger auditorium in Love Building, where all were comfortably seated and the session continued. Even though the change of auditorium left all the attractive posters and graphs which Miss Minnie Landrum, our corresponding secretary, had prepared for her annual report, she was not disconcerted and gave her report in the usual interesting and helpful way, showing the growth of our women's work in organizations and offerings during 1943 and 1944. Her statistics now give 601 W.M.S's., 203 Y.W.A's. and 410 S.B's., making a total of 1214 organizations in the 860 Baptist churches in Brazil. Our goal is 2000 organizations, so we still have a great task before us to reach our ideal. As an interesting closing feature of the first session, an informal tea was given to the delegates and visitors in Watson Building.

The most encouraging note of the 2nd session was the increasing interest in home missions. All were profoundly touched with the great need for Christian workers and evangelists in the vast interior of Brazil as Miss Saunders, with flannel pictures, told the story of the Soren Baptist Orphanage at Itacaja and the new Bible Institute at Carolina. In answer to the need, Dr. L. M. Bratcher presented seven new workers for home missions. These he calls "Bandeirantes Baptistas" who will go out into the far interior of Brazil to the difficult places, not to hunt precious stones, as the Bandeirantes of colonial days, but to seek precious lives and tell the story of Jesus and His love. Several of these newly appointed missionaries are products of our Baptist Women's Training Schools in Recife and Rio. Misses Taylor and West gave excellent reports from these two schools at this time; we rejoice to see the great contribution they are making to the cause of Christ. This new sacrificial interest among Brazilians in home missions is a great progressive step that is bringing the Kingdom of Christ in Brazil.

The third and closing session was held in the auditorium of Love Building, where all the messengers to the Brazilian Baptist Convention could attend. The house was packed! No doubt Dona Maria Amelia Daltro Santos, the speaker and the best prepared and most outstanding Christian among Baptist women in south Brazil, was the attraction. The theme chosen for the convention was "The fields are white already to the harvest. Go ye". Every devotional thought during each previous meeting had centered in this theme, such as: "Why go? How to go? When to go?" as each leader tried to show our women how to answer these heart-searching questions. But Dona Maria Amelia in her wonderful address took Mary Magdalene as an example of obedience in Christian service when she followed the Master's command, "Go tell My brethren"; she went and told them she "had seen the Lord" and that "He had spoken to her". Thus Dona Maria Amelia appealed strongly to Brazilian Baptist women to go out in obedience to the Lord and evangelize Brazil. But "how to go" and "when to go" depend upon whether they have seen the Lord and He has spoken to them, for only a Spirit-filled life can go in obedience and tell the story of the Savior's wonderful love to lost humanity. Then our annual assembly closed with a great evangelistic appeal.

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Stewardship Suggestions

Mrs. Clyde V. Hickerson, Virginia
Southwide Stewardship Chairman

Magnify the Stewardship Chairman of Your Circle

AT a recent monthly meeting of a Woman's Missionary Society during the luncheon period all the stewardship chairmen from the various circles were seated at a special table with the stewardship chairman for the society; they were recognized and presented to the society by the president as the honor-guests of the occasion. As they sat together they had opportunity to exchange ideas and make plans for stewardship promotion through their own circles and through the young people's organizations sponsored by the circles.

This group was keenly interested in the \$6,666,666.66 which the southern W.M.U. has set as its goal of the \$20,000,000 goal which has been set for the total non-local gifts of southern Baptists for this Centennial Celebration, the April Centennial Thank Offering being included in this amount. They discussed the goal that has been set for their church and W.M.U. and possible ways for reaching all such. This led to the matter of new titheers and the suggested goal for their society and their young people in this phase of the work.

Titheing is always a live topic in such a group and attention was called to several items in the current issues of southern Baptist and state publications. One alert chairman mentioned that "The Most Unforgettable Character" portrayed in the March issue of *Reader's Digest* is a tither. Some new tithers' cards were turned in that had been signed by members of the Girls' Auxiliary and a few more from the circles.

Stewardship scrap-books are being made in each circle as suggested in the leaflet, "Stewardship Month by Month". One circle is planning to pass on its best scrap-books to the Girls' Auxiliary that it sponsors. This information reminded the chairman from the circle sponsoring the Young Woman's Auxiliary to report that she is teaching "Stewardship and the World Mission" by Simpson to the girls as a part of the circle's sponsoring program. And the chairman from the Sunbeams' circle told about the new chart of cooperative program gifts with stories to explain it and cut-outs to be colored and pasted on it. From the Royal Ambassadors' circle came heartening reports of extra good giving to the Annie Armstrong Offering and of increase in new tithers.

Altogether it was a good meeting. Every circle chairman had a clearer understanding of her own duties and how they related to the duties of the others. She felt anew that she had a real responsibility in keeping our women and young people aware of their stewardship obligations.

The Kingdom advances as we reach out through each smallest unit of the local organization to each individual member to awaken a sense of the duty and privilege of stewardship. All honor to those circle chairmen of stewardship who promote this phase of our work!

From Our Missionaries (Concluded from Page 8)

Dear women of "Sister America", pray for our Brazilian women and girls as they join you in a great evangelistic campaign this year, hoping to win 15,000 souls to Christ, as He leads them. They realize here, as you do there, that truly the fields are white to the harvest. "Pray ye" and "Go ye" are His commands, and we should obey.—Miss Mattie Baker, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Community Missions

Mrs. Edgar Godbold, Southwide Chairman

Ministering to the Wives of Our Service Men

IN our eagerness to serve those who are away from their homes in the service of their country, we must not overlook our responsibility to their families who are left behind and are still in our midst. We have the opportunity of a direct personal service to them.

Many of these wives and loved ones who are left behind are spiritually lost and need our prayers and ministry. Each W.M.S. Community Missions Committee should direct the members in this ministry.

In a visit to a home, where the husband had been overseas for several months, we found the wife very despondent and feeling as though life held nothing worth-while for her. She had shut herself off from the outside world and was spending long hours alone, much of the time in tears. She was on the verge of a nervous breakdown. After we had conversed awhile she began to realize that she was no worse off than millions of other wives and had much for which to be thankful. We finally persuaded her to come to services on the following Sunday; she also consented to give of her time in ministering to those who were less fortunate than she.

In many instances the wives of service men have been won and enlisted through some W.M.S. that invited them to a social event. They become interested in our church and attend services on Sunday and W.M.S. meetings. As soon as it is possible to do so, we find a place of service for them, thus helping them to forget their own worries as they minister to "others". Above everything else we need to manifest a personal interest in these wives and their families and prove that we are anxious to be of help to them at any time, in any way.—Mrs. Golda Jones, First Baptist Church, Vandalia, Illinois

Cottage Prayer-meetings

THE Baptist women of New Mexico, as never before, realize the value of prayer. We ask forgiveness for our neglect. Facing life as it is today, with practically the whole world at war and nearly every family circle broken, we realize our dependence upon God and know that only through prayer can we reach the Heavenly Father and receive His comfort and peace in our hearts.

We as Christians feel the need of getting together to pray and to let not only God but also our friends know the desires and longings of our hearts; thus we come together in cottage prayer-meetings. Our hearts are heavily burdened for the lost. Thank God for the wonderful Centennial Celebration with the goal of a million souls won to Christ! We have lifted our eyes upon the fields and have seen that truly they are ripe unto harvest.

In our cottage prayer-meetings we have studied the map of the world and know that Christ came to save all and we pray for the salvation of all men everywhere. Since our activities for personal work must necessarily be among those about us, we are especially burdened for those lost in this wonderful "Sunshine State". As we realize the responsibility that is ours and see the great mission field with its unlimited opportunities, we feel very humble. We have over 600 unreached communities in our state where the Gospel is not preached in any form. We are trying to present this picture to our women to challenge them to greater efforts in soul-winning. The women who come to the prayer-meetings receive inspiration, courage and increased faith to be about our Father's business.

After studying the cottage prayer-meeting program from every angle in our state school of instruction, with all of the associational community missions chairmen present, we came to the conclusion that we were not reaching the number of people we would like. Some Christians hesitate to come together in a small group to pray because of timidity; also non-Christians and backsliders avoid cottage prayer-meetings. At the suggestion of our city missionary at Albuquerque we have started another type of cottage prayer-meetings, called the "Home Fellowship Service". This is the method by which two or three Christian families in a given community adopt an unenlisted family or a non-Christian family and as a group visit in their home once a week, have some type of religious service, either singing, prayer, Bible-reading or a combination of any two or the three as seems fitting. They continue to cultivate the friendship of this family until they are won to Christ and to active service in the church. This type of service has proven to be more successful in known results than any other.—Mrs. R. T. Baker, New Mexico

Community Missions Statistics for Calendar Year 1944

Number of Members Engaged in Community Missions		Total: 203,800
W.M.S.	124,025	
Young People	79,775	
Number of Organizations Having Community Missions		Total: 18,826
Committee	7,507	
W.M.S.	11,319	
Young People		
Number of Organizations Reporting Community Missions		Total: 22,763
W.M.S.	7,958	
Young People	14,805	
Number of Organizations Engaged in Definitely Evangelistic Efforts		Total: 12,167
W.M.S.	6,678	
Young People	5,489	
Number of Organizations Manifesting Christian Fellowship		Total: 11,292
W.M.S.	5,512	
Young People	5,780	
Number of Organizations Working for Moral Standards Pertaining to Community Life		Total: 9,965
W.M.S.	6,320	
Young People	3,645	



Family Altar

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: Christian Citizenship Today and Tomorrow (Moral Standards)

"Thou shalt not".

1st Day—Ex. 20:1-17; Psa. 19:1-6
2nd Day—Ex. 24:12-18; Gen. 3:1-6
3rd Day—Ex. 25:1-18; Gen. 3:8-13
4th Day—Deut. 4:1-10; Gen. 6:17-22
5th Day—Deut. 5:1-21; 1 John 1:5-9
6th Day—Deut. 6:1-3; 7:6-11; Gen. 8:20-22
7th Day—Deut. 8:11-20; Micah 5:2-4

"I came not to destroy but to fulfill".

8th Day—Matt. 5:17-22; Psa. 103:1-9
9th Day—Matt. 5:43-48; Gen. 12:1-5
10th Day—Matt. 6:23-34; Gen. 12:6-8
11th Day—Matt. 7:1-14; Heb. 11:8-10
12th Day—Matt. 7:18-29; Josh. 1:1-9
13th Day—Matt. 22:35-40; Psa. 25:1-5
14th Day—Rom. 10:4; 1 Kings 8:57-61

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"

Praise Christ that "He is our peace"—Ephes 2:14
Thank God that His Word admonishes: "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts"—Col. 3:15
Rejoice that "the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for them that make peace"—James 3:18
Pray that Christians in every land will let "the peace of God which passeth all understanding guard their hearts and their thoughts in Christ Jesus"—Phil. 4:7
Rejoice that all Christians may have the assurance that Christ included them when He said: "My peace I give unto you"—John 14:27



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Calendar of Prayer July, 1945

Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

SPEAK, Lord, that those who gladly have obeyed Thee
May feel afresh the urge that drove them forth
And yield themselves anew to loyal service,
That lips and lives may tell Thy matchless worth.
—I. M. Fordham in "Regions Beyond"

1—SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hayes, Miss Mollie McMan, emeritus missionaries from China. Thy servant did meditate in Thy statutes. —Psa. 119:21

2—MONDAY

That the Cratonal Evangelistic Crusade may be magnified in all summer camps and assemblies. He that winneth souls is wise. —Prov. 11:30

3—TUESDAY

Rev. S. T. Mayh, Winfield, Rev. J. F. McLelland, West Monroe, Rev. A. N. Murray, St. Joseph, La., rural evangelistic work. He was born to serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling. —Psa. 2:10, 11

4—WEDNESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hall, evangelistic work, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Stamps, educational-evangelistic work, Yanchow, China. I have chosen you and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit. —John 15:16

5—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. D. Cantu, Taylor, Rev. and Mrs. P. Hurlst, El Paso, Rev. V. F. Hughes, Cameron, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans. O Lord, I beseech Thee, let now Thine ear be attentive unto the prayer of Thy servant. —Neb. 1:11

6—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Hardy, evangelistic medical work, Manao, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Tumbler, educational-evangelistic work, Natal, Brazil. The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them. —Isa. 35:1

7—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. F. deArmas, Jacaranda, Rev. and Mrs. E. Gomez, Guaymas, Rev. and Mrs. A. Ramon, Salvador, Ciba, evangelistic work, also Eduardo Gomez, Margaret Fund student. Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister. —Mark 10:43

8—SUNDAY

Miss Fannie Taylor, first Home Board missionary to the Italian Camps, Fla., now living at McAllen, Texas; Miss Emma Leachman, emeritus missionary for the Home Mission Board. Unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time. —Heb. 9:28

9—MONDAY

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Johnson, Kunshan, evangelistic work, Mr. and Mrs. Mary Demarest, Yanchow, evangelistic work, Mr. and Mrs. Irene Jellens, educational-evangelistic work, Yanchow, China, also Eugene Johnson, Margaret Food student. The Father judgeth according to every man's work. —1 Pet. 1:17

10—TUESDAY

Rev. H. J. Nikkhalchuk, Miss Helen Lambert, East St. Louis, Mrs. Ruby McGee, Christopher, Ill., evangelistic work among many nationalities. Our help is in the name of the Lord who made Heaven and earth. —Psa. 124:8

11—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. B. T. Griffin, Abokuta, Miss Ruth Walder, Beelo City, Miss Ethel Harmon, Iwo, Nigeria, educational-evangelistic work. With the Lord there is mercy and with Him there is plenteous redemption. —Psa. 150:7

12—THURSDAY

Rev. R. R. Moore, Memphis, Tenn., Rev. H. Schmitz, Henderson, Ky., Rev. T. Stunff, Little Rock, Ark., Rev. D. C. Stringer, Albuquerque, N. M., city-evangelistic work. Now He, which establisheth us with you in Christ and hath anointed us, is God. —11 Cor. 1:21

13—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Allen, Bello Horizonte, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Sherwood, Campo Grande, evangelistic work, Miss Ray Buxter, educational-evangelistic work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. When Thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. —Isa. 26:9

14—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. Alfredo Cavazos, San Antonio, Rev. and Mrs. R. Garcia, Victoria, Rev. C. C. Rodriguez, San Angelo, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans. Glory ye in His Holy Name. —1 Cor. 10:10

15—SUNDAY

Mrs. W. H. Seann, Miss Elizabeth Res, Mrs. Mary D. Wilford, emeritus missionaries from China. Thou also hast wrought all our works in us. —Isa. 26:12

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Calendar of Prayer for July

16-MONDAY

Woman's Missionary Union of Chile
Strengthened with all might according to His
glorious power, unto all patience and long-
suffering with joyfulness
—Col. 1:11

17-TUESDAY

Rev. R. T. Bridges, Seattle, Rev. and Mrs.
L. Thibodeaux Thibodeaux, La., evangelistic
work among French
I have set before thee an open door
—Rev. 3:8

18-WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Gallowsay, Miss Lora
Clement, via O. Miss Leona Scarlett, For
China evangelistic work, Miss Anne
Sandlin, educational-evangelistic work
China, China
The Lord hath been mindful of us
—Psa. 115:12

19-THURSDAY

Rev. A. D. Dawson, Rev. D. Mann, Jack
Wardle, Rev. B. D. Locke, Melbourne, Rev.
W. L. Rollins, Ocala, Rev. C. L. Watton,
Tampa, Fla., rural-evangelistic work
in nothing be ashamed
—Phil. 4:6

20-FRIDAY

Mr. Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Enloe, Rio de
Janeiro, Mr. Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Harrison,
Porto Alegre, Brazil, educational-evangelistic
work; also Noble and William Enloe, Mar-
garet Fund students
Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord
God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways.
—Rev. 15:3

21-SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Velez, El Paso, Miss
Lydia Mireles, Del Rio, educational-evangel-
istic work, Rev. S. Rivera, Mission Rev.
M. Jimenez, Sweetwater, Texas, evangelistic
work among Mexicans
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with
your spirit
—Phil. 2:1

22-SUNDAY

That members of Woman's Missionary Union
may be conscientious in their privilege of
Christian citizenship
The Lord is a God of knowledge and by His
actions are weighed
—1 Sam. 2:3

23-MONDAY

Mr. Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Blackman, Rev. and
Mrs. M. W. Stuart, evangelistic work, Hual-
ulu, Hawaii; also Mildred Blackman, Mar-
garet Fund student
Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them
that fear Him
—Psa. 33:18

24-TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. C. Villareal, Gallup, Rev.
and Mrs. J. Reyna, Las Cruces, evangelistic

work among Spanish-Americans, Miss Pauline
Cammack, evangelistic work among Indians,
Santa Fe, N. M.
Thine is the Kingdom, O Lord, and Thou
art exalted as head above all.
—1 Chron. 29:11

25-WEDNESDAY

Miss Clifford Barnatt, Miss Alice
Bostick, Pochow, Miss Kate Murray,
Kweichow, evangelistic work, Miss Har-
riette King, educational-evangelistic work,
Pochow, China
I will wait on Thy Name for it is good
before Thy saints
—Psa. 32:9

26-THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Fries, San Antonio de
Los Baños, Rev. and Mrs. F. Hernandez
Cotarro, Cuba, evangelistic work, also Ellen
Hernandez, Margaret Fund student
Thou shalt not fear this glorious and
fearful Name, the Lord Thy God
—Deut. 28:58

27-FRIDAY

Baptist believers in Romania
Grant unto Thy servants that with all bold-
ness they may speak Thy Word
—Acts 4:20

28-SATURDAY

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Connely, Miss
Olive Lawton, evangelistic work, Miss
Bertha Smith, educational-evangelistic work,
Tainingchow, China
I will not be afraid of ten thousands of
people that have set themselves against me
round about
—Psa. 54

29-SUNDAY

Dr. E. O. Mills, Dr. I. F. Ray, Japan; Dr.
R. E. Pettigrew, Dr. J. R. Saunders, China
emeritis missionaries
Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house
—Psa. 84:4

30-MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Pasetti, Rev. and Mrs.
T. H. York, evangelistic work among Italians,
Rev. J. B. Silva, evangelistic work among
Cubans, Tampa, Fla.
The entrance of Thy words giveth light
—Psa. 119:130

31-TUESDAY

Mr. Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Olive, Chinkung,
China, educational-evangelistic work, Miss
Reba Stewart, evangelistic work, Harbin,
Manchuria, also Emily Olive, Margaret
Fund student
Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus
Christ
—Rom. 1:5

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³Attended Baptist Bible Institute
⁴Former Margaret Fund Student
⁵On Furlough

Bible Study

Dr. W. O. Carver, Kentucky

Romans 13

VERY few of the first Christians were citizens of the empire under which they lived. Their new religion was taking its place and making its contribution to the total social life. In his letter to Roman Christians it was appropriate for Paul to give guidance to Christians in their relations to the authority and to the authorities of the state. They needed to define the principles which should guide them now that they were first of all members of the Kingdom of Heaven, citizens of the fellowship and democracy of faith. Their freedom for evangelism and their value as leaven in society would be affected by their attitude toward and their behavior in secular society. The supreme over-all institution of society was the political state. That is true of all societies in all the centuries of the Christian church. While the religion was so new and its members so few it was important that the authorities should know them as helpful and never harmful to the interests of a well-ordered government. In the capital of the empire Christians could do most to get the whole movement understood. But in other writings also Paul sets the Christian standard, as in 1 Timothy 2:1-4, Titus 3:1. Paul's principles are reiterated in 1 Peter 2:13-17.

The Gospel is a morally and socially revolutionary force in life, because it is spiritually regenerative of the individual man. For the Christian the will of God is the controlling center of his theory and action, and the mind of Christ is the conditioning factor in his thinking and conduct. The churches ought to function as the conscience and the moral judgment of society and the state. They must not be political revolution centers nor participate in control of that state by armed force.

All this is especially important in democratic states where Christians are no longer subjects of pagan rulers and systems in whose choice they have no part. Here they are citizens with influence and the powers of ballot and persuasion to share in determining laws, standards and administrators. Now that America is in process of rapid changes in governmental ideas and system our citizenship becomes a most sacred trust. America must share in constituting a new world order and in determining what sort of order it shall be. Every woman as well as every man is now a citizen in our country. The times demand intelligent, faithful discharge of all the duties and privileges of that citizenship.

We must first of all be citizens of the Kingdom of God. This must include and guide our citizenship in the United States. Our American citizenship must be discharged by Christians as being also world citizens, members of the one world of the one human race.

Paul, then, will tell us several things to help us:

1. God is the author of political social order, as well as of the spiritual ecclesiastical order.

2. Existing governments have the authority of God. To be disloyal, law violating and unfaithful is to antagonize God and makes us liable to His judgment as well as to the penalties of civil and criminal law.

3. Rulers and ruled ought to think of the rulers as "ministers of God" for government. And Paul's word for "minister" here is "leader-in-worship". In all forms of government, very specially in a democratic republic, civil political duties ought to be accepted and administered as a way of worshipping God. Paul lays this on us as a matter of conscience (verse 5).

4. The Christian is enjoined to pay his import and income taxes ("tribute") and his assessed taxes ("custom") as a part of his religious worship. What would happen if all church members should in this one year make wholly honest assessments and all pay their taxes in full and without evasion? And if we should all

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Circle Program

EXPLANATORY NOTE: The following program is submitted for use by the circle this month. Its suggested articles will be found in the following monthly missionary magazines: *Royal Service*, 50c a year from 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham 3, Ala.; *The Window of Y.W.A.*, \$1 a year from the same Birmingham address; *World Comrades*, \$1 a year from same address; *The Commission*, 50c a year from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond 20, Virginia; *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, 25c a year from Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta 3, Ga. Each one participating in the following program should have



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

Circle Program Topic: Foundations for Tomorrow's Heritage

(Our Seminaries and W.M.U. Training School)

Devotional Theme: According to the grace of God which is given unto me . . . I have laid the foundation . . . but let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon"—I Cor. 3:10.

Missionaries Are Made in School (See article in July-August issue of *The Commission*.)

Student Missionaries (See article in July issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

Problems of Chinese Youth (See article in July issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

Presenting the American Baptist Theological Seminary (See article in July issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.*.)

A Glance at the Training School (See article in July issue of *World Comrades*.)

The House Called Beautiful (See pictures in July-August issue of *The Commission*.)

"Unto the Uttermost Part" (See page 5 of this magazine.)

Business Woman's Circles

Miss Mary Christian
W.M.U. Representative

THE program this month on *Christian Citizenship* is a discussion of the W.M.U. moral standards. It might well be entitled "Outward Aspects of Christian Life" or "Applying Christianity to Every Relationship of Life". Since it relates so closely to each individual Christian's daily life, there ought to be keen interest in the presentation of it.

This program could easily be built around a poster that would be added to by different members as they participate in brief discussions. The idea for the poster is suggested by a demonstration once given by Mrs. Eureka Whiteker of Cynthiana, Kentucky. At the top of the poster would be printed the words, "Christian Citizens". At the bottom of the poster would be printed the words, "By their fruits ye shall know them". In the center of the poster would be drawn or pasted an attractive picture of a business woman as the Christian citizen. Radiating from each side of the business woman would be five lightly-sketched lines on which the "fruits" would be thumb-tacked as members are called on for them. If no poster is available, a blackboard can be used just as well.

Draw outlines of various fruits and print the words on them as follows: apple with "Speech" on it; peach with "Dress" on it; banana with "Conduct" on it; bunch of grapes with "Total Abstinence" on it; orange with "Sunday" on it; pears with "Industry" and "Child Welfare" on them; lemons with "Education" on them; nuts with "Justice" on them; and grapefruit with "Peace" on it. These should be given to the various members who will put them on the poster at the time called for.

The hymns, calls to prayer and Scripture suggested in the program outline (page 19) would be used to begin the meetings. After a brief introduction by the program chairman as to the topic to be discussed, she should explain the poster and ask for members to present the "fruits" one sees in the life of a Christian citizen. As each places the picture of her fruit on the poster she explains it as follows:

1. A Christian citizen stands for the high standards of speech which this apple represents. (She reads Prov. 25:11; Deut. 5:11; Matt. 12:36, 37; Psa. 19:14.)
2. A Christian citizen stands for high standards of dress which this peach represents. (She reads I Tim. 2:9, 10; Prov. 31:10, 22, 25.)
3. A Christian citizen stands for high standards of conduct which this banana represents. (She reads Ps. 15; I Cor. 15:33b; Rom. 8:4b; Eph. 4:32; 5:2.)
4. A Christian citizen stands for total abstinence, which these grapes represent. (She reads Eph. 5:18; Rom. 13:13; Luke 21:34; I Cor. 6:19-20.)
5. A Christian citizen stands for Christian observance of Sunday, which this orange represents. (She gives the brief discussion on page 22.)
6. A Christian citizen stands for improved industrial conditions and child welfare, which this pear represents, for they often come in "pairs", the first usually bringing on the other. (She gives the further discussion on this in the two brief paragraphs, page 24.)
7. A Christian citizen stands for public health and universal education which these lemons represent. They help give the "right flavor" proper viewpoint to each situation in life. (She discusses this further, using material on page 24.)
8. Two other fruits of a Christian life are interracial and international justice for which these nuts stand. They are "hard nuts" for many of us to crack. (She gives discussion from page 25.)
9. This grapefruit, round like the world and made up of segments which might represent the various races, represents the fruit of world peace. (She gives discussion in program, page 25.)

Hymn of Rededication—Closing Prayer

Program Plans

Prepared by Miss Eunice R. A. Hayes, Mo.
W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Ky.

Poster. This poster will require a cardboard poster background. On it draw or paste a picture of a woman in the center. To her right have a small girl holding an American flag and to her left a small boy holding a Christian flag. Underneath these figures print in bold-faced letters "Christian Citizenship Today and Tomorrow". Beneath these letters print the time, place and date of the meeting.

Invitations: For invitations, draw on a post-card an American flag and a Christian flag, with their flagstuffs crossing. Beneath this print the topic, leader, time, place and date of the program.

Preparation: Since this program is a discussion of the "Moral Standards" of the W.M.U., strive to make each part as meaningful as possible, keeping in mind the ideal moral standards. Encourage each one who is on the program to be able to discuss her part, as the meaning of the part is lost when it is read. (For program material see pages 19-26.)

Make for each member an individual program which she can save as a reminder of the program. These may be made from small flags with the program typed on the back.

Since we remember the things that we see, it would be a good idea to use a flannel-graph in presenting this program. If you do not own a flannel-graph, a large piece of gray or white flannel fastened to a blackboard or to the wall will serve nicely. Prepare for each one on the program a symbol of her part which she will place on the flannel-graph as she gives her part.

For the discussion on patriotism, the leader will begin by placing to the right and the upper part of the flannel-graph an American flag. As she discusses the part and speaks of Christianity and patriotism going hand in hand, she may place to the left the Christian flag. The flags may be drawn and colored, then have flannel pasted on the back so that they will stick to the flannel when pressed against it. When the leader speaks of moral standards, she can press a strip of flannel underneath the flags, on which has been printed *Moral Standards*.

As the first topic, *Moral Standards for Ourselves*, is discussed, the speaker can place to the left of the board and underneath the words, "Moral Standards", a picture of a woman, either drawn or cut from a magazine. This will represent *Ourselves*. To represent *The Family* in the next part, have a picture of a family or a home-scene for the speaker to press on the board to the right of the woman. For the third part, *The Community and the Country*, have a picture of a community pasted within the outline of a map of the United States. For *The World*, use a picture of a globe.

These pictures may be drawn, if the leader has a talent for drawing; but, if not, many pictures may be found in magazines to represent each of these parts. They may be cut out and pasted on flannel. These can be saved and used for other programs you may wish to give another time.

When the flannel-graph is completed, there will be a composite picture of the program. The leader may then lead in a discussion of the questions given at the close of the program. Stress the fact that we should not just talk about what should be done to improve social conditions etc. but that we should also make plans to do something about them. After "Lead On, O King Eternal" is sung and the watchword for the year is repeated, close with a prayer of dedication that we, as Christian women, may be true to our moral standards and that we may strive to be good Christian citizens, an example to others.



Program Material

Mrs. C. D. Crossman, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR:—Facing Tomorrow with God

TOPIC for MONTH:—Christian Citizenship Today and Tomorrow

Hymn—America.

Bible Study—Romans 13 (See page 15.)

Prayer that we may realize the privileges and duties of American citizenship

Hymn—America the Beautiful

—Patriotism

Moral Standards for Ourselves

Prayer that clean lives may prepare us for good citizenship

Moral Standards for the Family

Moral Standards for Community and Country

Moral Standards for the World

Hymn—Lead On, O King Eternal

Watchword for Year (Revelation 14:6b)

Prayer that we may be true to our moral standards and may be good Christian citizens of our country and of the world.

PATRIOTISM

JULY brings the birthday of our nation and directs our thoughts to patriotism and good citizenship. Patriotism is rooted in the human heart. That patriotism is almost universal is expressed in the classic exclamation of Sir Walter Scott:

"Breathes there a man, with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said:
This is my own, my native land?"

We who live in the United States of America can exclaim with pride and joy, "This is my own, my native land", knowing that we have the most wonderful land and the greatest government in the world. As the Children of Israel rejoiced in a land of "milk and honey", we can rejoice in the beauty and bounty of our land. Here life is free, with boundless opportunities for possessing and achieving all that makes life desirable. Here we have the four freedoms and more—freedom of opportunity. Here a rail-splitter may become president, an immigrant boy may become a millionaire—anybody may become anything which he desires and for which he works. We can sing of our land:

"Grand in her rivers and her hills,
Grand in her woods and templed hills,
Illustrious dead, historic fields;
Grand in her past, her present grand,
In sunlit skies, in fruitful land;
Grand in her strength on land and sea;
Grand in her glorious liberty!"

In this month which brings Independence Day, our thoughts turn with joy and gratitude to that great day in American history when the Declaration of Independence was signed and the Liberty Bell rang out its message of freedom, justice and loyalty. At that time John Adams prophesied that the day would be celebrated "with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bon-fires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore". He also said that "it ought to be commemorated as a day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty".

Patriotism and Christianity go hand in hand. The best patriots are Christians and the best Christians are patriots. Good citizenship is the duty of a good Christian. The Bible is clear in its teachings about duty to one's country. The Children of Israel were very patriotic and God approved and encouraged them in the love for the land He had given them. Jesus was a good citizen. He loved His land. He wept over the thought of the destruction of Jerusalem. He paid His taxes. He taught His followers to be good citizens, even though they were under the rule of a despotic nation. When in answer to the question about paying tribute He said, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's", He gave to His followers of all ages a pattern for good citizenship. Those who would be like Jesus and obey His commandments must be patriotic and faithful in their duties to their country.

Patriotism means more than waving a flag or brandishing a gun or shooting firecrackers on the glorious Fourth. It is more than a vainglorious feeling of superiority to other nations. Patriotism is genuine love for one's country expressed in pride in its history, loyalty to its ideals and interest in its welfare. Someone has said, "Patriotism is God's way of training individuals for common action for unselfish ends".

Times of war call for great demonstration of patriotism. Then some must go to the battlefields to fight and perhaps die, for their country; others must "back the attack" by buying bonds, working in defense plants, folding bandages etc. He is a "slacker" indeed who fails in his patriotism when his country is at war; none of us would want to be in that class.

However, times of peace and prosperity may test our patriotism more than times of war. "It is sweet and glorious to die for one's country", wrote Horace, the Latin poet. "We believe that it is just as glorious to live for one's country. Patriotism, that inspires us to give all to our native land, to die for it, ought to teach us to live those same lives in the service that will best help our native land". True patriotism means good citizenship—in war, in peace, day by day, every day in every way, living for the country's good, rendering unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's.

"He serves his country best,
Who lives pure life and doeth righteous deed
And walks straight paths however others stray
And leaves his sons an uttermost bequest,
A stainless record which all men may read:
This is the better way".

Woman's Missionary Union stands for good citizenship. Our missionary ideals and purposes call for good citizenship. We believe that by being good citizens we will further the cause of Christ in our communities, in our country and to the ends of the world. So W.M.U. has adopted certain "Moral Standards" which are but the statement of the ideals of good Christian living and good Christian citizenship which every member of W.M.U. should try to attain. In this patriotic month we are studying these "Moral Standards", seeing how they will help to build up among Baptist women and young people a strong Christian citizenship for today and tomorrow.

MORAL STANDARDS—for OURSELVES

THOREAU once said, "It matters not one-half so much what kind of a ballot you drop into the ballot-box once a year as what kind of a man you drop out of bed into the street every morning". While we think it matters much how we vote we agree that that is not nearly as important as how we live. In fact people usually vote the way they live. So, surely good citizenship depends upon the character and life of the citizen. All the W.M.U. moral standards are individual in that they are ideals for individual Christian living. However, some of them are more personal than others, and these we will consider first.

High Standards of Speech—"Keep thy tongue from evil and thy lips from speaking guile". Who among us has not found to her sorrow that the tongue is an unruly member? How we need to set a guard over our speech! Untrue words, unkind words, unchaste words, irreverent words should never pass the lips of a Christian woman. True words, clean words, helpful words, encouraging words, praising words, witnessing words—these are the words "fitly spoken" which are "like apples of gold in pictures of silver".

*Watch your words and watch them well,
For what you are mere words may tell.*

High Standards of Dress—"That women adorn themselves in modest apparel". Extravagance or immodesty in dress is unbecoming to a Christian woman. We should be good stewards of our personal appearance. To look as well as we can is our duty, for appearance is a part of the personality which should be used in Christian service and the more attractive the personality the more effective the service. However, we must watch lest in our desire to be "in the style" we are led to dress in a way that hurts our Christian influence. A woman who is clothed in the strength of a noble character and in the honor of pure womanhood will have high standards of dress and will clothe herself accordingly.

*The way you look, the clothes you wear
May be a blessing or a snare.*

High Standards of Conduct—"Depart from evil and do good". A Christian woman cannot be too careful about her conduct. The world judges our Christianity by what we do. We need to be particularly careful about our amusements. If there is a question mark after anything we had better leave it off. To abstain from the very appearance of evil is the best plan. A Hindu once said to E. Stanley Jones: "Your Christ is wonderful, but you Christians are not like Him". To be like Jesus and to do what He would do is the only safe standard for the conduct of the Christian.

*Depart from evil, right things do
That Christ may live and work in you.*

Total Abstinence—"Drink not wine nor strong drink". In this day when liquor-stores abound, when restaurants, drug-stores and grocery-stores are permitted to sell intoxicating drinks, when magazines and road-signs are polluted with liquor-advertisements, when over the radio we are urged to drink beer and other intoxicants, when it is the popular thing to serve cocktails, when drinking is played up as a smart thing to do, Christian women need to take a strong stand against all intoxicating drinks. There can be no position other than that of total abstinence for those who would keep fit for Christian living. It isn't how much liquor we can take, for to drink even one drop is dangerous. No one starts drinking expecting to be a drunkard, but many who start out to be moderate drinkers fill drunkards' graves. The woman who serves cocktails to be smartly social is opening the door of a dissipated life for herself and others.

This rule of total abstinence should apply to cigarettes as well as strong drink. Cigarette smoking among women has increased at an alarming rate. Even Christian women are forming this unChristian habit. We call it unChristian because anything that harms the body which is the temple of the Holy Spirit is unChristian, and it is an undisputed scientific fact that cigarettes are very harmful to the body. Certainly they weaken moral character. While doubtless many women who smoke will never drink or dissipate in other ways, certain it is that smoking is an opening wedge through which other sins may enter to ruin the character. Total abstinence from drink and tobacco is the standard for Christian women.

*The thing that harms you never touch,
For a little soon becomes too much.*

MORAL STANDARDS—for the FAMILY

TWO of the moral standards of Woman's Missionary Union suggest ideals not just for the woman herself but for her family. The mother as queen of the home can bless her own life and that of her household by standing for these two things:

Family Altars—"Continue in prayer". "The Christian family is the cradle and fortress of the Christian faith". The family should be the unit of Christian living. The home should be the place where children first learn of God and are taught to worship and serve Him. Wise parents establish a family altar, gathering the household around it once a day for worship. The family altar is a sanctuary for family devotions, a spiritual dynamo for family power, a guiding star for family living, a fortress against the family enemies, a ladder set up in the home reaching into Heaven on which the angels of God's blessings descend on the family. The family altar says: "There is a God. There is a spiritual world. There is a life to come. There is something more important than bread and raiment and material things". The family altar prepares good citizens for the country and for the Kingdom of God. It is tragically true that many sons of Christian parents have learned to pray in fox-holes who should have learned to pray in their homes. A family altar in every W.M.U. home would mean better homes, better children, better parents, better churches, better communities, a better country and a better world.

*Build a family altar where
Your home is sanctified with prayer.*

Christian Observance of Sunday—"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy". One of the most gracious things that God did for human beings was to give them one day in seven as a rest day. Wilberforce exclaimed: "Oh what a blessing is Sunday, interposed between the waves of worldly business like the Divine path of the Children of Israel through Jordan". The early Christians called Sunday "Queen of Days". Some Indians call it "Praying Day". The Hollanders call it "God's Dyke", shutting out an ocean of evils. Another calls Sunday "the green oasis where after the week-day's journey the pilgrim halts for refreshment and repose; where he rests beneath the shade of the lofty palm-trees and dips his vessel in the waters of the calm, clear stream and recovers his strength to go forth again upon his pilgrimage in the desert with renewed vigor and cheerfulness". Physically, mentally and spiritually man needs this day, different from all the other days of the week because work is laid aside and time is given for rest and worship.

God commanded and expected His people to keep the Sabbath day holy. One reason given for Israel's failure as a nation and final captivity was that the people did not observe the Sabbath. We believe that this law still obtains and that there is great danger to our nation in the fact that her people are fast losing their sacred regard for Sunday. Places of business open on Sunday, Sunday baseball games, Sunday movies, all kinds of social affairs on Sunday—these and other desecrations of Sunday which we see all around us make us tremble for the future of our nation.

While Sunday observance lies in the realm of law and is an affair of the community and state, yet in the last analysis it is an individual responsibility. Every person must decide for himself whether or not he will keep Sunday as a holy day. And every individual Christian can have much to do with the making and enforcing of Sunday laws. We have lost Sunday in a large measure because Christian people have lost their regard for the day.

We have placed this moral standard of W.M.U. as one for the family because we believe that as women in our homes we can take a stand for Sunday observance which will influence our families and ultimately influence our communities. Sunday should be different from other days in our homes. It should not be a day of feasting and worldly pleasure. As much of the regular routine of housework as possible should be laid aside. No purchases should be made which would mean that others would be made to work on Sunday. The family will attend no places of amusements. It will

be expected that all members of the family will attend services in the house of the Lord and will spend the day in rest, worship and service. Happy the mother who can lead her family to observe Sunday according to God's plan!

*Sunday in rest and worship spent
Will bring a week of sweet content*

MORAL STANDARDS—for COMMUNITY and COUNTRY

Law Observance—"Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake". As Christian citizens we must stand for law-observance. We are appalled at the increasing lawlessness of our land. We are told that the annual crime bill in the United States is 15 billion dollars, that every year 1,500,000 major crimes are committed. Somebody is murdered in the United States every forty-five minutes. Surely we must do everything we can to see that just laws are made in our communities, states and nation and then do our best to see that they are enforced. We must begin by being ourselves scrupulously careful in the obedience of all laws. We must teach our children obedience to laws, beginning with the laws of the home. We must vote for those for public office that we believe will enforce law. We must do everything possible that our nation may be not the most lawless but the most law-abiding nation in the world.

*All laws are made for public good;
Let us observe them as we should.*

Prohibition—"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise". Prohibition is not a dead issue. There are those who laugh and joke about the "prohibition-era" but thousands of thinking people are seeing that there must be another prohibition-era when laws against the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor will be made and enforced. The orgy of drinking which is engulfing our nation must stop. The annual expenditure of our nation on intoxicating drinks is about 6 billion dollars—enough to build 20 battleships, 10 airplane carriers, 20 cruisers, 250 liberty ships, 1000 heavy bombers, 1500 fighter planes, 500 tanks, 600 landing barges, 10,000 jeeps, 20,000 machine guns with 2 million dollars left for ammunition and other supplies. Every year more Americans die as the result of strong drink than died on the battlefields in the first two and one-half years after the United States entered the war. We hate war and would do anything to wipe its curse from the earth. How about this other curse which is even more deadly than war? Something must be done about it, and we believe that the people of America are fast getting ready to act. Quoting from the last report of the Social Service Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention: "The national dissatisfaction with alcohol's new invasion increases and the strength of the moral forces rising up to control it is increasingly manifest. The liquor-business itself is helping to create a fresh prohibition-sentiment, by its own greed and lawlessness and flagrant disregard of the traditional moral sense of America". Already, especially in the south, many counties are passing prohibition-laws, and in some states there are before the legislatures measures for state-wide referendum on the question of prohibition.

It has been said that prohibition-laws cannot be enforced, that Americans will not obey a law they do not like. The leader of the dry forces, Sam Morris, answers this argument as follows: "How about the income tax? People don't fill out income tax returns and pay on them because they want to. A government that can enforce the income tax law can enforce the prohibition-law if it wants to. A government that can make 120 million people stop buying sugar, gasoline, coffee and shoes can make them stop buying booze if it really wants to. . . . A government that can make 12 to 15 million young men all leave their homes and their fathers and mothers and go out to bleed and die on world battle-fronts wouldn't be overburdened to make a few thousand boot-leggers stop peddling 'hooch' down the back alleys after dark". We believe that prohibition is coming back to be enforced and to stay.

A young soldier was on a bus which stopped to discharge passengers across the street from a tavern in which he could see a young woman standing at the bar, a cigarette in one hand and a bottle of beer in the other. With a look of disgust and distress on his face the soldier said: "Well, I wonder if it's worth it! When you see things of that kind it makes a fellow boil that he should be asked to make such sacrifices for a thing like that". For the sake of those who have fought and died to preserve our American ideals, we must get rid of this evil which threatens to enslave and drag to destruction our nation.

*To save our land from sin and woe
Let's rid her of this greatest foe.*

Christian Americanization—America is a melting pot. Here those of many nations have been fused into one people. However, there are millions of our population who are still foreign—foreign in their language, customs, thinking and loyalties. For the good of these people and for the safety of our nation these must become true Americans. So we include among our moral standards Christian Americanization. Americanizing our foreign population is not enough. They must also be Christianized. Only as they understand and assimilate the Christian principles on which America is built will they become the best type of American citizens.

*Christian ideals of Americanization
From many woes will save our nation.*

Improved Social Conditions—As Christian citizens we desire that all people of our land shall live under conditions which will promote their happiness and general well-being. Thus it will be possible for them to make their contribution to the well of the nation.

Because of the continual conflict between capital and labor we stand for *Improved Industrial Conditions*, which will produce a relationship between employer and employee, promoting the good of both. We long and pray for the time when strikes will cease because there will be no reason for them.

Because we believe that every child should have an opportunity for natural development and growth, we stand for *Child Welfare*. We are against any individual or industry or system that would exploit child-labor for gain. We are for any institution or agency or movement that works for the physical, mental or spiritual good of little children.

Because we know that no people can be happy or useful when they are sick, we stand for *Public Health*. We are back of all agencies that would improve sanitary conditions, that conduct free clinics, that fight moral diseases, that disseminate knowledge about keeping well or in any way contribute to the health of the people of our communities and our country.

Because we know that no illiterate person can live an abundant life and that no nation can rise above the intelligence of its people, we stand for *Universal Education*. We believe that public schools should be provided for all children of all classes and all races, that the educational advantages offered should be as efficient and complete as possible and that parents should be compelled to send their children to school.

Back of all these social conditions we stand with our prayers, our influence and our service. We believe that they are for the welfare of the people of our country.

*To make our land a better land
For good of all we firmly stand.*

MORAL STANDARDS—for the WORLD

CHRISTIAN citizenship must reach beyond the borders of native land. Christian patriotism must not be narrow or selfish. A good Christian citizen is a world citizen, interested in the welfare of all people of all nations. Love for our own country should not blind our eyes to the charms of other lands. Loyalty to our fellow-

American citizens should not blind us to the good in other people. "To be a citizen of the world, to see that no one race has all the virtues and no one land all the beauty and no one nation all the achievements, to have a heart to which nothing is alien—is assuredly a larger vision than a parochial, sectional, national viewpoint". Patriotism is too far becomes nationalism, which has in it a spirit of fear and hatred of other peoples. Such a spirit is largely responsible for the present upheaval among the nations. Such a spirit is not a part of Christian patriotism. So, among the moral standards of W.M.U. are some that have a world application.

International and Interracial Justice—"God is no respecter of persons". As Christian citizens we desire that justice shall prevail between nations and between races. The Christian patriot should not selfishly desire that his nation shall prosper at the cost of others but should wish that all nations shall prosper through mutual regard for one another's rights and liberties. In our nation we have the opportunity to demonstrate interracial justice. Christian citizenship demands that we have the right attitudes toward the minority groups in our midst—Negroes, Mexicans, Chinese, Filipinos and others, granting to them the rights and privileges we desire for ourselves. We have gone forth to fight for American liberty, for American democracy. All the world is watching to see if we practice democracy at home, if we grant American liberties to American people.

We desire not only that justice shall prevail within our nation but also that our nation shall be fair and just in all her dealings with other nations. We desire that the United States shall be a good neighbor to all lands, showing a spirit of friendly concern in their welfare. Years ago Woodrow Wilson made the following declaration of America's policy toward other nations: "Human rights, national integrity and opportunity as against material interests—that is the issue which we now have to face. I want to take occasion to say that the United States will never again seek one additional foot of territory by conquest. She will devote herself to showing that she knows how to make honorable and fruitful use of the territory she has; and she must regard it as one of the duties of friendship to see that from no quarter are material interests made superior to human liberty and national opportunity". This is the spirit which will lead us to grant rights to other nations that we demand for our own.

*An attitude that's fair and square
Will create good-will everywhere.*

World Peace—"He will speak peace". The ultimate outcome of international and interracial justice will be world peace. How we long for it! How we pray for it! How we wish for the time when all fighting shall cease, when all of our service men shall return to their homes and when peace shall reign through all the world! As members of Woman's Missionary Union we commit ourselves with all of our loyalties and all of our powers to world peace. We will begin at home by trying to show a spirit of justice and brotherly love toward people with whom we come in contact. In every possible way we will promote interracial and international justice. And most important of all we will give ourselves to that holiest of all missions—giving the Gospel of the Prince of Peace to all nations.

Christian citizenship means rendering unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that God's. As we do this with all of our power today and as we spread the Gospel of Christ, who gave to the world the highest moral standards and the noblest ideals of Christian patriotism, we will be preparing for tomorrow a Christian citizenship that will be a world citizenship bringing world peace.

*All war and strife shall surely cease
When all men know the Prince of Peace.*

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. What is the highest patriotism?
2. Give Bible teachings on Christian citizenship.
3. Discuss the importance of high standards of speech, dress and conduct for Christian women.
4. Why should all Christian women abstain from intoxicating drinks?
5. Why should Christian women abstain from smoking cigarettes?
6. Discuss the importance of the family altar.
7. How may we aid in the Christian observance of Sunday?
8. Discuss the importance of law-enforcement.
9. What are the prospects of the return of prohibition?
10. How may members of W.M.U. aid in improving social conditions?
11. Discuss the importance of interracial and international justice.
12. How can we promote world peace?

REFERENCE MATERIAL

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

World Comrades	—The Window of Y.W.A.
The Commission	—Southern Baptist Home Missions
State Denominational Papers	
Report of Social Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention	
Current Issues of <i>Christian Herald</i>	
Current Issues of <i>Union Signal</i>	
Alcohol the Destroyer.....	C. Aubrey Hearn
Should Prohibition Return?.....	George B. Cutler

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

A Challenge to Culture.....	
Christianity—Solvent of World Conflict.....	
Man's Relation to the Sabbath Is Fundamental.....	
Our Land for Christ (<i>Poem</i>).....	2c
Quick Gains and Far Values.....	3c
Simplicity.....	
"Something Hidden".....	
To Live As I Pray.....	
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Our Young People

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Vacation?—No!

If ever young people needed their missionary education organizations, they need them this summer. Vacation from school means new hours to use in missionary education, not hours for emptiness or mischief. The world is too full of sadness and serious business for even the Sunbeams to lose a meeting which will help them love God and others. Step up your organization meetings to every week, add on mission study courses every morning or twice a week, fill up time with valuable community missions, quicken interest in Forward Steps and Ranking Systems, encourage reading of mission books and award reading stamps: make missions vital this Centennial summer.

Looking back we rejoice in the blessings of God and in the achievements in His name; but looking back we can see the much we failed to do to evangelize the world. Looking forward we long for peace, for a Christian world in which all men shall claim Christ King. Looking back and looking forward we see past and future meet now in our young people; we must seize upon this present to form tomorrow, but we cannot expect the kind of world we dream of unless today we zealously lead those who will be tomorrow's people.

Study with enthusiasm the heroism and courageous faith of Baptists in the past. *The Westward Way* will give intermediates, both Girls' Auxiliaries or Royal Ambassadors, an understanding of the expanding service of our denomination and help them wake to walk in like devotion. *Heroes of Home Missions* gives biographies of southern Baptist leaders for juniors to know so that they will appreciate their heritage and begin to sense their responsibility also. Copies of *To Be Continued* are available and make splendid historic basis.

There is difficulty in securing mission study books because of the paper shortage, but there are such books. In ordering from your State Baptist Bookstore give first, second and third choices or name a country or subject about which you would like to study, state the organization which wishes these texts and ask your bookstore to make the best selection possible. While the book you ask for may not be available, some other book will be and you can have fascinating mission study courses—not only can, you must—tomorrow demands them. Our young people must know about life in all lands, about the anguish, the lostness, the need for and the triumphs of Christ. The books on the South Pacific are especially interesting now—see them as listed with descriptive comments in your catalogue, *The World in Books*. Your W.M.S. president or mission study chairman most likely has a copy of this illustrated catalog, borrow it; if she does not have one, request a copy from your State Baptist Bookstore. Watch in *World Comrades* and *The Window of Y.W.A.* for announcements of new books just coming from the press.

Use home-from-college Y.W.A.'s as co-counselors this summer. They will want immediate tasks in the home church and will have met on the college campus missionaries and denominational leaders about whom they can tell the young people at home.

Y.W.A.'s especially should not be content with less than usual activity in missions this summer. The plans for "Y.W.A. Camp That Stayed-at-Home", which are set forth in the special folder (distributed through your state W.M.U. headquarters according to customary method in your state) and in July *The Window of Y.W.A.*, should all be used at some period if not during June; the plans are too fascinating and valuable to be missed. You can do something special about putting the miss into missions.

Make this summer worthy of the hundredth anniversary of southern Baptists. We repeat: Make missions vital this Centennial summer.

Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

It has been said that a church is just as strong as the homes in that church and that a community is no stronger than the influence of the churches in the community. Another familiar saying is that a people never rise any higher than its women. Mrs. Bertha G. Judd in *Missions* says: "As wife, mother, sister, aunt or grandmother, woman has a unique part. In the creative witness of the Christian home hers is the place of honor. The children in the home learn from her the first lessons of prayer they receive from her the first intimations of a loving Heavenly Father, who is also the God of righteousness and truth. They are kept from ways of evil and established in the ways of godliness because they have been taught 'Thou, God, seest me'. Her influence extends beyond the home to other children, the friends of her home". Conversely the influence of woman can be other than wholesome. Certain it is that a grave responsibility rests on the shoulders of all women, particularly Christian women, for developing a Christian citizenship.

It is reported that Dr. John Baillie of the Church of Scotland in an address at a meeting of a United Evangelistic Campaign in Glasgow, Scotland, said: "Our society can never recover its Christian tone unless it contains more Christians and unless those Christians it contains receive a new access of Christian faith and zeal. What Scotland needs, what Glasgow needs is a greater number of individual Christians. Perhaps the only way by which there are going to be more Christians is by those of us who already are Christians being much better Christians than we have ever been before". Supplementing the above Dr. Albert Peel, a British Congregationalist, has said: "The Kingdom of God tarries because we Christians are so little different from our fellow nonChristians".

The Executive Committee of the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church considering the advisability of an appraisal of the present religious education system, by authority of the Assembly, has appointed a committee to seek to determine by careful study over a period of time whether or not a change is required to adapt the religious education program to postwar needs. The church, realizing its responsibility for training young people, wants to have a program ready for the post-war period. This committee had its first meeting in Richmond, Virginia, recently.

Having interracial justice in mind as one of our W.M.U. moral standards, the following remark by a Negro preacher in the south proves the wisdom of the remark made by Rev. A. R. Low that "the Negro is not a problem to be solved but a human being to be understood". Says the Negro preacher: "There are two parts to the Gospel: 'Believing it and behaving it'".

On Hospital Sunday in a city in England, Dr. E. E. Claxton preached on the text: "None in the land shall say then: 'I am sick; for all who live there have their sins forgiven'". Medicine, he contended, must not be content to deal solely with man's

physical complaints. The next great advance should be the inclusion of the spiritual treatment. The finest schemes for sanitation, housing and employment will fail unless the root causes of ill health, selfishness, fear and ignorance are dealt with drastically. At night he preached from the text: "Heal the sick . . . and say unto them, 'The Kingdom of God has come nigh unto you'".

In the eleven years since the American people voted for the repeal of prohibition, the consumption of beverage alcohol in the United States has risen from 5.46 gallons to 14.17 gallons per person per year, according to April *Missions*.

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of his experiences in this lawless section. Tell of McDonald's work as a colporteur in Chile. Let someone tell of his venture into Peru and its result.

Using the map, sketch the spread of McDonald's work during his connection with the Missionary Alliance. Treat it as a sort of "Missionary Journey", marking the approximate locations of the churches. Close with the story of the pioneer's break with the Alliance and his efforts to interest southern Baptists in Chile (through page 71 f).

Session 3 (Chapters 4, 5). In connection with this lesson, use Study III in *Pioneering with Christ in Chile*, supplementing the story with facts given there. Open with a devotional talk based on II Timothy 4:5-8.

Tell of the coming of the missionaries from the United States and of their cooperation with the Chilean Baptist Union which had been organized in 1908. Show a picture of the school at Temuco and tell of McDonald's connection with and pride in it. Describe briefly the shadows that beset the pioneer's last days.

Review the highlights of William McDonald's life and achievements and challenge the members of the class to measure their lives against his. If feasible, plan to do something definite for Chile or for some local project, as an outcome of the study.

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do it as worship! Of course this would not hinder us from seeking to bring about honesty and fairness in the assessing, collecting and expending of the revenues. Christians would hold a powerful leverage if it were known that every Christian was an honest and reverent tax-payer and in all ways a law-abiding citizen, respecting the offices and the officers (6-7).

5. The high level of citizenship takes account of all social relations and makes the law of love the ruling principle (8-10).

6. Paul's call in verses 11-14 has very special applicability to our day. For us truly a new day is at the dawn.

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1945 ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING

With a goal of \$225,000 for the rather recent March Week of Prayer Annie Armstrong Offering the twenty states have reported a wondrous victory of \$437,933.95 by April 17. By that same date, the Home Mission Board had received \$405,169.60 which shows that the states were forwarding promptly. Deepest gratitude is expressed to the Heavenly Father and to each W.M.U. organization and every individual that made possible this bountiful help for home missions.

STATE	TOTAL RECEIPTS
Alabama	\$ 25,610.92
Arizona	1,000.00
Arkansas	14,956.51
California	777.09
District of Columbia	1,180.82
Florida	17,748.62
Georgia	33,422.44
Illinois	8,477.81
Kentucky	26,366.32
Louisiana	22,660.55
Maryland	3,131.04
Mississippi	27,199.12
Missouri	20,029.35
New Mexico	2,546.00
North Carolina	38,560.56
Oklahoma	15,536.75
South Carolina	27,122.47
Tennessee	22,826.77
Texas	78,840.21
Virginia	52,000.00
TOTAL	\$437,933.95



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LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING for FOREIGN MISSIONS, 1944 Included in First Table

Reported by State Treasurers as Having Been Contributed by W.M.U. Members

STATES	W.M.S.	Y.W.A.	G.A.	R.A.	Sunbeam Bands	TOTALS
Alabama	\$ 26,529.85	\$ 1,419.44	\$ 853.63	\$ 535.15	\$ 642.23	\$ 31,080.30
Arizona	878.33		4.73		7.75	890.81
Arkansas	26,317.81	903.12	704.31	300.15	590.34	29,004.73
California	1,648.59	26.35	20.30	1.00	8.29	1,714.43
Dist. of Col.	1,963.70	33.00	21.52	8.15	30.36	2,056.73
Florida	18,237.53	278.53	367.44	198.64	202.41	19,284.55
Georgia	50,614.84					50,614.84
Illinois	4,400.50	766.80	765.81	384.42	383.42	6,001.35
Indiana	33,219.47	1,703.22	934.64	385.12	523.17	36,765.62
Kentucky	32,611.24	945.77	816.15	278.68	547.00	35,198.93
Louisiana	3,778.36	355.51	118.57	27.00	80.89	4,360.31
Maryland	27,181.67	5,299.82	2,640.91	1,324.96	662.43	37,099.79
Mississippi	24,485.40	901.02	828.59	496.71	508.28	27,223.40
Missouri	9,130.68	196.42	90.58	47.67	69.61	9,534.96
New Mexico	38,506.57	5,363.60	3,063.58	1,946.21	2,204.09	51,084.05
North Carolina	26,506.33	2,675.00	1,468.90	1,246.50	1,156.82	33,167.55
Oklahoma	32,670.33	2,675.00	1,468.90	1,246.50	1,156.82	38,167.55
South Carolina	46,390.61	2,983.19	1,634.93	1,128.74	1,545.53	53,643.20
Tennessee	38,168.56	2,445.58	1,299.28	695.46	811.25	43,420.13
Texas	276,927.44	3,065.72	2,880.87	1,439.56	1,732.51	286,046.10
Virginia	81,940.76	5,541.40	2,487.71	1,804.51	2,256.37	94,090.75
Miscellaneous	1,972.88					1,972.88
TOTAL	\$819,685.52	\$ 34,906.50	\$ 21,110.45	\$ 12,398.63	\$ 13,972.34	\$902,073.53

Total Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions from 1888 through 1944 inclusive amounts to \$7,256,465.68.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING for HOME MISSIONS, 1944 Included in First Table

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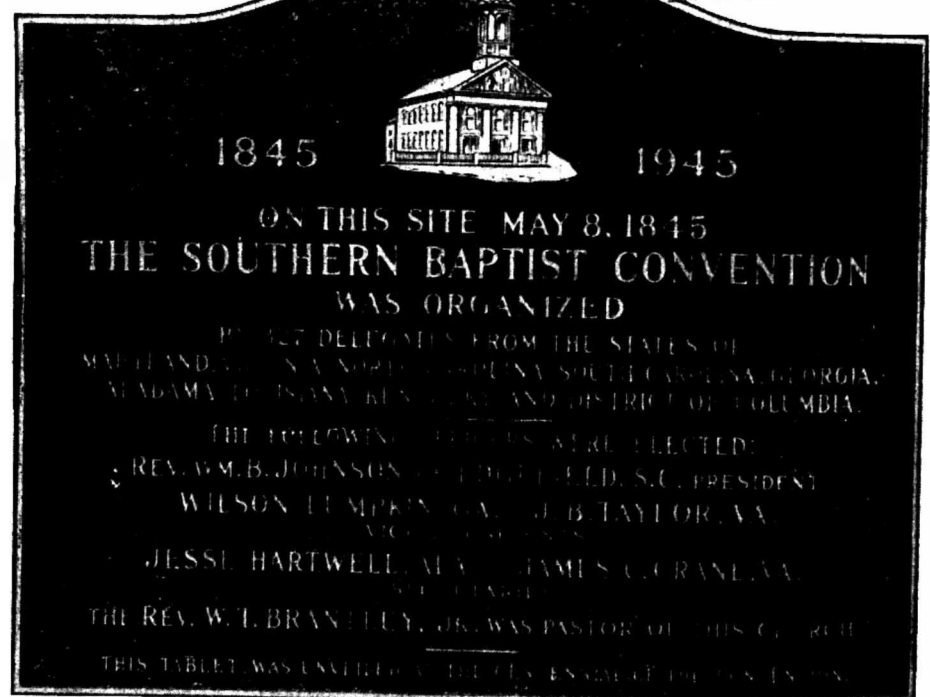
STATES	W.M.S.	Y.W.A.	G.A.	R.A.	Sunbeam Bands	TOTALS
Alabama	\$ 18,261.04	\$ 827.13	\$ 753.22	\$ 363.77	\$ 437.18	\$ 20,642.34
Arizona	1,013.57	6.00	6.61	6.70	4.50	1,037.38
Arkansas	11,763.97	638.55	503.63	297.01	390.64	13,602.79
California	310.77	29.50	11.17	5.65	24.20	381.39
Dist. of Col.	1,015.26	15.10	9.00	2.50	14.63	1,051.39
Florida	14,400.46	208.33	382.82	213.25	182.17	15,387.03
Georgia	27,875.66					27,875.66
Illinois	3,258.66	543.00	543.00	271.56	271.45	4,887.67
Indiana	20,682.10	1,104.15	702.93	321.84	415.39	23,226.50
Kentucky	19,426.60	799.81	742.82	428.38	526.35	21,023.96
Louisiana	1,828.29	262.38	130.28	39.08	66.18	2,352.21
Maryland	20,859.28	4,157.57	2,078.64	1,034.32	973.21	29,103.02
Mississippi	15,817.83	908.60	688.79	409.27	431.61	18,254.05
Missouri	2,754.03	59.25	27.52	14.38	21.00	2,876.00
New Mexico	29,020.13	2,221.42	1,540.21	867.32	1,098.30	34,756.38
North Carolina	9,863.59	1,246.74	1,184.00	989.46	968.50	14,252.29
Oklahoma	10,900.09	1,454.04	1,020.35	743.10	867.28	14,002.86
South Carolina	22,610.23	1,761.63	1,044.80	570.95	605.50	26,593.11
Tennessee	71,919.76	1,227.19	1,662.08	807.61	1,120.61	76,737.27
Texas	34,755.05	2,936.37	1,556.78	1,229.04	1,272.27	41,749.51
Virginia						384.14
Miscellaneous	384.14					384.14
TOTAL	\$347,729.82	\$ 20,406.76	\$ 14,601.35	\$ 8,612.14	\$ 6,730.07	\$407,079.94

Total Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions from 1907 through 1944 amounts to \$3,174,880.25.

**Special Meeting of Executive Committee of
Woman's Missionary Union, S.B.C.
Birmingham, Alabama, July 10-12, 1945**

Article V of the Union's constitution empowers its Executive Committee to fill vacancies in the interim of Union meetings. Accordingly the committee will meet July 10-12 to elect a successor to Mrs. F. W. Armstrong. The Nominating Committee as elected by the Union last September met in Memphis May 29-30; this was done at my request after I was assured that many other members of the Executive Committee craved with me the advice of the Nominating Committee in seeking to fill this vital position. In fact I had hoped that a "miniature" W.M.U. annual meeting of not more than 50 delegates could be held in Birmingham July 11-12 to receive officially the report of the Nominating Committee; the Union's constitution (*by-law 11*) stipulates that the Nominating Committee shall render its report to the Union in annual meeting. Since the "miniature" meeting has been judged to be constitutionally unwarranted and therefore impossible, there will be on July 10-12 a meeting merely of the Executive Committee but to it have been invited the state W.M.U. executive secretaries and the chairman of the Nominating Committee. This would seem under the unusual circumstances to be the surest way of ascertaining the southwide choice for the Union president until the Union in annual session can elect in the accustomed way. Please be much in prayer for this July 10-12 meeting. — Kathleen Mallory, W.M.U. Executive Secretary

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