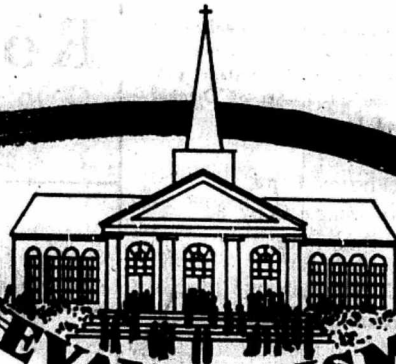


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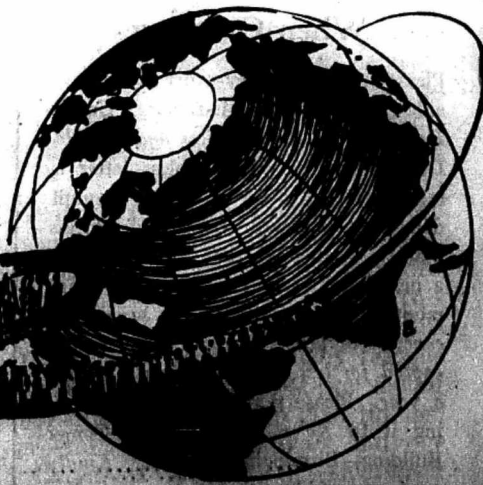
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Editorial

"The Assembling of Ourselves Together"

THE past four years have presented problems which definitely hindered the fulfillment of the Scripture (*Hebrews 10:25*) from which the guiding thought and title of this editorial have been selected. The preceding verse seems to depend for its fruition upon the stabilizing and oftentimes corrective power of Christian fellowship. Certainly during the past four years the members of Woman's Missionary Union have longed for the privilege of meeting in their many associational, district, state and southwide gatherings just as they had done when automobile and railroad transportation was not congested. Of course there have been meetings in the associations and districts but the attendance has been relatively small and rather local.

Now it is no longer difficult to travel by automobile, even as in many sections it is relatively easy to get accommodations on trains and buses. Therefore, it is good to call to mind the admonition from the writer of Hebrews: "Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together".

The district meetings which I have attended this fall have been refreshing to my mind and heart and soul. I have gotten new ideas as to methods of mission study and community missions as I have listened in conferences to women who are seeking to match today's opportunities with their utmost ability; for instance, many of them have grasped the opportunity of deepening their missionary background by joining a *Missionary Round Table* and others are frankly agreeing that they must make a survey in order to plan effectively for their community missions. At these district meetings my heart has been warmed as I saw many hands raised when the audience was asked who had sent this past summer or fall a box or boxes to suffering Baptists in Europe. Even deeper was the blessing of the district meetings when prayers and talks interceded for souls and gave Biblical and present-day reasons for "going out into the highways and hedges and constraining" lost souls to secure salvation through our Savior.

The first week of December presents a cherished occasion for "the assembling of ourselves together" because it is the time (*December 3-7 inclusive*) for the observance of the "Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions" which calls forth the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Abundant literature for the women and the graded young people has been provided through the state W.M.U. offices; every W.M.S. and Y.W.A. member has been urged to use as a book of deepening background information and inspiration "From Victory unto Victory"; the offering envelopes are presumably distributed, one to each woman and younger person. Now for "the assembling of ourselves together!" Hear again the Scriptures urging us "not to neglect" such opportunities to "lift up our eyes and look on the fields"; such opportunities to "pray without ceasing—to pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers into His harvest"; such opportunities to "give good measure, pressed down, running over!"

The goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is one million dollars. It will be very readily reached if all W.M.U. members, whether young people or adults, will give one-ninth more than they gave last December when the offering exceeded nine hundred thousand dollars. "The assembling of ourselves together" during this December week (3-7) will reveal many reasons why a million is sorely needed this year, many reasons why "it is more blessed to give than to receive", many reasons why this year after four years of awful war since December 7 of 1941 we should covenant with Christ and with each other to do our utmost to "publish glad tidings, tidings of peace", many reasons why by our programs and our prayers and our dedicated possessions we should observe this "Christmas for Christ!"—Kathleen Mallory

Appeal for 1945 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Dr. M. Theron Rankin, *Executive Secretary*
S.B.C. Foreign Mission Board

WE shall try to let the world make its own appeal for the 1945 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

The Foreign Mission Board received early last summer the first direct message from Hungary in more than three years. It was relayed to us by Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke of England and read as follows:

"Hungarian Baptist Union informs your Board (*that*) seminary, orphanage, two church buildings in Budapest bombed. Great misery. Urgent help needed".

This message only indicates the tragic condition which will be revealed throughout Europe and Asia as the blackout of war is lifted from the world. Calls such as this will come to us from cities reaching half-way around the world from Madrid in Spain to Shanghai in China and to Fukuoka in Japan.

A suffering world is calling for help. To the millions of men who have been permanently injured in the armed forces must be added the unnumbered millions of civilians whose bodies have suffered severely from the war. In these countries there will be, for at least another year, millions of hungry and even starving people. As a result of years of malnutrition, disease is running rampant in the war-wrecked areas.

A broken world is calling for help. "Seminary, orphanage, two church buildings in Budapest bombed"! That message, in one form or another, can be repeated hundreds of times. In many of the cities, which were centers of our missionary work, few buildings have been left standing. The lands are strewn with broken pieces of things—broken homes, broken church buildings, broken school-plants, broken hospitals, broken lives and spirits. The world calls us to help build up the broken places and heal the broken-hearted.

A lost world calls for help. In the distress of suffering and the confusion of broken things, people and nations have not found the way of life. They are lost. They can find the way only as they find God in Christ. "How shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?"

The call of a lost world comes to us not only from the countries which have been wrecked by war. Southern Baptists have responded to this call also in seven Latin American countries, in Nigeria and in the Hawaiian Islands. Altogether we have been serving in eighteen separate areas or nations of the world. We will soon open work in Arabia and we hope to be able to enter Russia. Other areas are calling to us for help.

In order to answer the calls, the Foreign Mission Board must have larger resources than we have ever had before. In addition to an annual over-all budget of \$3,000,000, we shall need a special fund of \$2,000,000 to reproject missionary work in the war-areas and \$3,000,000 for strengthening and enlarging our world-wide program.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of approximately \$950,000 for 1944 enabled the Board to meet calls during 1945 which we could not possibly have undertaken without that offering. In 1946 we shall have to depend even more heavily on the 1945 offering.

God is calling us to help a lost world!



My Part in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Dr. Kyle M. Yates
Pastor, Walnut Street Baptist Church
Louisville, Kentucky

IT is a genuine thrill to know that I may have a part along with thousands of southern Baptist men and women and young people in raising sufficient funds to make possible a new program of missions the world around. I find no opportunity during the entire year that gives me quite as much joy as the privilege that comes at Christmas time to make a sacrificial offering to help send missionaries and provide equipment so that many thousands of unsaved people may come to know the Christ.

My church is vitally interested in this great venture. I am hoping that this year all of our people may be stirred by the realization that millions of dollars are needed to provide adequate equipment, to restore destroyed homes and schools and churches and to send workers in every district of the mission fields with the burning message that will transform them from dead individuals into living Christians. I am so happy that even the youngsters may come up against this realization and that it may set them on fire to have a part in the great program as initiated and kept going by our faithful women. Personally I shall do my best to save out enough money so that the offering can be a worthy one. I want every member of my family to do the same thing. I am venturing to hope that the members of this great church will set aside a worthy amount week by week until we may come at Christmas time with an offering that will bring more joy to our hearts than we have ever known, that will astonish those who hear the glad news and that will awaken the notes of the joy-bells in the hearts of nations beyond the seas. Surely our missionaries who have sacrificed so willingly and have given themselves in a wholehearted commitment of life-service will be cheered to know that at last a group of people have caught the vision of what can be done with money that is dedicated to the Lord.

Because I give, souls will be saved. Because I give, hospitals and schools and churches and missionary homes can be put back in order again. Because I give, doors of opportunity will be opened in many countries. I will gladly put aside a sum that I might use for some other cause in order that it may reach out a loving hand of ministry to the islands of the sea and the nations of the earth in bringing to waiting hearts the glorious news of salvation.

Gratitude compels me to make this possible for the Lord as I become conscious of the fact that the war has ended, that peace has come, that our boys and girls are coming home from the battle-fronts of the world. I am constrained to pour out a thank-offering to my God. When I consider also that our own nation has not suffered the tragedies incident to an invasion while the mission fields in many instances have been scourged and ruined by the ravages of war, I have within my heart a deep sense of obligation to help restore to something like a normal state those lands where bombs and shells have done their worst. Surely I can have a vital part in this thank-offering to bring joy to the heart of my Lord and to bring new hope to men and women who have suffered much and lost all.

I am happy to have the privilege of being pastor of the best church in all the land and to have, also, the privilege of trying to stir my people to provide adequately for these sacrificial souls who lay themselves on the altar for God. Surely He will smile His glorious approval upon us in this mighty effort and empower those who with His message with a new power to present truth effectively to hearts that will die without it. Thank God for our women who have laid upon our hearts this responsibility and who have opened for us such doors of opportunity! May we who had others be able to bring about a response that will bring joy to the heart of our Savior!

From Missionaries

The Day of Prayer around the World as We Celebrate It in Cuba

TODAY is the 7th of December. It is called "Dia de Luto" here or "Day of Mourning" because forty-eight years ago today one of America's greatest warriors for the cause of freedom fell on a Cuban field while leading his forces against the enemy of his nation's independence. General Antonio Maceo has gone down in history by the side of other heroes and patriots. It is also the anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

But it is also an important day in the history of the Cuban Woman's Missionary Union. For years we have been observing the Day of Prayer around the World on the seventh of December. Since it is a day of mourning and all the places of business and the schools are closed, we find it more convenient to meet always on the seventh. At any rate there is so much difference in time around the world that we feel assured that we are meeting at the same time that some other groups meet, even if it is not always the day announced by southern W.M.U.

So today here in Havana and in occidental Cuba we have met for worship and prayer. We met this morning at ten o'clock and continued our meeting until twelve. Then this afternoon at two o'clock we met again and continued until we had finished our program. It has been a day of rich experiences and blessings. Everybody who was to take part on the program was on time. The members of our Woman's Missionary Society and the Y.W.A. were present for we had planned the program with the girls. During the morning, when we thought of the orient, Europe and Nigeria, our hearts went up to the Heavenly Father as our women and girls here prayed for their sisters and brothers across the seas. We were very much impressed with the way two of the women gave their parts on the program. Sra. Esther Gutierrez has been a Christian only a few months and she told her part and then led in prayer in public for the first time. Sra. Marianela Gallardo has just recently been converted and is awaiting baptism. She too led in prayer for the first time.

This afternoon we thought about and prayed for North and South America. We do not have sufficient funds to translate and publish all the material which you have in your programs. As I liked the stories sent from South American fields I asked four of the Y.W.A.'s who can read English to translate their parts and tell them in Spanish. As they held in their hands the papers written in English and told them beautifully in Spanish I was very thankful that we have girls who can read English and translate their parts and tell them without having me to translate the parts for them.

Tonight at the supper table one of the Seminary boys who had attended the meeting said, "I believe that we really learn more about what Baptists are doing in the Woman's Missionary Union than in any other organization of the church." He was very much impressed with the amount that was given last year and commented on the goal for this year. We had the goal this year on a poster on the wall and we prayed that the goal would be reached and even surpassed.

We do not know how much our offering will be this year for we will be gleaming for many weeks. Last year it was \$78.48. That may seem small in comparison to the whole amount but we know that it was given sacrificially and prayerfully and with hearts moved by the needs of a lost world. We are glad that today in Cuba we could unite our prayers with yours as we prayed for the work and workers around the world.—Miss Mildred Matthews, Havana



Hawaii Mission

IN the family of S.B.C. foreign mission fields Hawaii is the baby, yet before celebrating its fifth year it has grown so successfully that its mother must be proud of her child. We are young and not very well known, yet on the map we are called "The Cross-roads of the Pacific"; this is certainly appropriate because those of us who live here are never surprised when a childhood friend or neighbor appears at church.

Our mission is on a group of eight small islands, the largest being Hawaii from which we get our name; yet it was not on this island that our work was started because Honolulu is on Oahu, the third in size. From Honolulu we have spread to four of the other islands and now we have five organized churches—three on Oahu, one on Kauai and one on Maui.

The war both helped and hindered the work here, for as service men poured through our church doors war restrictions cut down on the local growth in membership and caused abnormal situations in church activities. Our churches and Sunday-school plants are tents, remodeled tin sheds and stores for there is no building done except that which is absolutely needed, but God has so blessed the work that our churches and Sunday-schools are busy, active ones. Now that peace has come, there will be in time church buildings of which southern Baptists will be proud.

Our people are mostly of Japanese ancestry yet if you should step into one of our church services and not know where you were you would have a hard time deciding because the people around you would be speaking English yet would be from almost every race. In one of our mission kindergartens there was a little fellow who has an ancestry that is Russian, Hawaiian, Portuguese, Filipino and Welsh; this year in the same kindergarten we have a little boy who speaks only Chinese and yet he and the other boy live less than a block apart. Even though English is the official language and the American dress the style, the people are largely oriental and still carry on many of their eastern customs; in their homes you will find many habits that are as Asiatic as in the heart of China or Japan. We can never quite decide whether we are in America or the Far East.

The last week in August we had the island's first G.A. Houseparty to which fifty-two children turned out. It could last only one night and it was a very new thing for them but they all enjoyed it and want one that will last a week next year; as one girl put it, "If we can learn this much in one day just think how much we could learn in a year".

A large part of our work is among the children and other young people but through these youth the Gospel is getting into the homes. One mother came and asked for the words of a song her child kept singing—the song was the prayer song the child sang every day at the kindergarten.

A girl gave her heart to Christ yet her mother would not let her be baptized and would tease her and laugh at her when she bowed before eating to thank God for her food. The other day that girl was baptized and the mother was there to see her. I believe that in time that girl will lead her mother to Christ.

The other Sunday the beginners were talking about Jesus when He was twelve years old and how Mary and Joseph had found Him in the temple. They had a picture and each person was being pointed out; as the last person was located on the picture one little girl asked, "And where was God?" That child's question is the question that is in many a heart out here and that is our business—to point the way to God.—Miss Cornelia Leavell, Honolulu

"Train Up a Child"

AT this time of year in Chile, when we are celebrating a season of prayer in memory of Him who is our Savior, who is our all in all, one can see children of junior age in large groups, small groups and singly wending their way to the nearest cathedral or chapel. The little girls are dressed as brides, carrying their lilies and prayer-book; the little boys are dressed in white or dark suits. This for them is a special season set aside in memory of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and these are the children who go in large numbers each year in the Roman Catholic countries to take their first communion, after having finished a period of instruction.

There came to our Baptist Seminary in Santiago in 1941 a young lady who had spent many years drilling and training the girls of junior age in preparation for this first communion. There was visiting one day in the home of this young lady a young man who was the friend of her sister. This young man was an evangelical and so spoke to them about Jesus and the plan of salvation. Cristina, who was a most devout Catholic, was horrified and did not wish to listen longer to the "foolishness" of this young man. However, he was engaged to her sister, and as he came to visit in the home he kept talking to them of the Gospel. The seed that he had sown took root in Cristina's heart and she could not get away from the things that he told them. Little by little the seed grew, and in her own heart she became eager to know more about this new faith that showed Jesus to her in a new light. Finally the love of Christ blossomed forth in Cristina's heart, and she gladly gave herself to Him. Henceforth her life would be different from that spent in the Catholic school preparing little girls for their first communion. She would be preparing them for a personal experience with Christ and instructing them in the Christian principles. First of all, however, she must prepare herself in this new faith that had brought such joy and comfort to her own heart. She had met and fallen in love with a young man who was a member of a Baptist church and was going to prepare himself to preach. After uniting with that Baptist church she made application to the Seminary that she might be admitted to study with the men for one year, since the Training School had not then been opened. The Seminary had not admitted young ladies before, but special permission was granted to Cristina along with another young lady to study with the men during that year. The following year Cristina and Oscar were married and continued their study together, both graduating in 1943. Cristina was the first young lady to receive her diploma from the Training School which had been opened in 1943.

Upon graduation, Cristina went with her husband to the church at Osorno, where they have been serving for two years. During this time she has organized many Woman's Missionary Societies in the regions around Osorno in south Chile and now, instead of preparing little children for their first communion, she is teaching them of Jesus, the True Way, and of His love for little children everywhere.

The Roman Catholic Church has made the statement that if it can have the child during the early, impressionable years, anyone might have him for the rest of his life. It is truly a wise saying found in Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go and, when he is old, he will not depart from it". Christian women and especially Baptist women of the last century have realized the truth of this and have provided the opportunity for the Christian missionary spirit to be implanted in the hearts and minds of the little children. Chilean Baptist women, who are far-sighted and progressive, are no exception, having made possible many years ago the missionary training for small children through the Sunbeam Band and in recent years for junior boys and girls in their organizations, Girls' Auxiliaries and Royal Ambassador Chapters. Young women who are preparing themselves in the Training School in Santiago are going out to take their places as leaders and teachers of these groups to help lay a firm foundation for the progress of His Kingdom in Chile. As we ponder in our hearts "What manner of child shall this be?" may we pray that many thousands of children in Chile may become the children of light. May we

pray also for these young people who are already working with our children and who will in future years work with them that they may prepare them—not for a formal, external participation in the church—but for a deep, spiritual experience with Christ and for a life of service in His Kingdom.—Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn, Chile

Sixty-five Baptized at One Service

ALL the Christians in the small villages near the larger one of Denro were up very early on that sunny September morning of last year, for on that very morning all the candidates for baptism from these small churches were to meet at Denro where the missionary and the pastor were awaiting them. Denro had sent members like Michael into all these little villages where they had faithfully preached and taught God's Word, else how could illiterates hear and believe?

Already a crowd had gathered when the missionary family, the pastor and the Christian teacher arrived. There was great excitement everywhere. The church was filled with members and visiting Christians. The bamboo seats placed outside under the flowering trees were occupied by the candidates. The Denro women gathered around the fires over which cooked the savory soup to be served their guests at noon. The passers-by, walking to markets ten miles away, stopped to look and wonder: "What could be the meaning of such a gathering?"

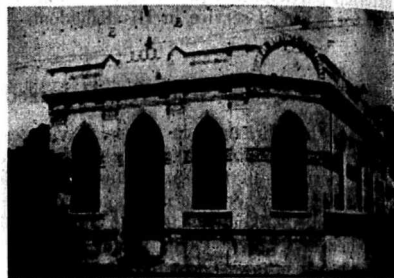
As the morning service got under way, those to be examined were called outside where the missionary and the teacher took one group, while the pastor examined another. Slowly and carefully each young woman and each young man were questioned: "Who was Jesus in whom they believed? How was He able to save them from sin? Did they believe in idols? Did they expect to follow Jesus and Him alone? Did they believe in polygamy? Could they read God's Word?" Over and over they had to admit sadly that they couldn't but that they would learn if some one would teach them. Sorrowfully those who seemed not to understand the way of salvation were rejected but at the same time were urged to go back to their villages, to attend services more regularly, to come again later.

There was a short period for lunch and fellowship. No southern hospitality can exceed that in an African village. Then the examining continued—hours of it—until five-thirty o'clock came and the work was ended. Yes, candidates and church members alike agreed to proceed with the baptismal service in a stream a mile away, else there might not be another convenient time soon. Joyfully they sang as they walked along that dusty road. Quietly and reverently the church members took their places along the banks and on the small bridge as the missionary stood in the stream and awaited the candidates. A hush fell and the "little ones", the children, were baptized first. Then followed the women and finally came the young men, each candidate quietly whispering to the minister his newly chosen Christian name—John, Alice, Ezekiel, Daniel, Joseph etc. And just as the sun was setting, those newly born children of God formed a long line along the winding African road to receive from their fellow Christians the right hand of fellowship. There they stood with faces shining with joy and clad in their "Sunday best". It was a happy sight. First along that line moved the older church members, shaking hands and fervently praying God's blessings upon these younger ones. Then came the pastor saying: "May the Lord make your feet to stand firmly". Next was the missionary: "May the Lord give you daily strength". Last of all was Michael through whose humble efforts many of these had found the Lord. And, as he shook hands, he counted each one, his final count being sixty-five!

Cannot your hearts understand why the missionary's weariness is of the happy kind after such a grand experience? Cannot you understand a part of the yearning that follows after these new sons and daughters in the Lord? Is it enough to bring them to the Lord or shall we not put forth further efforts to teach them more perfectly in the ways of His Kingdom?—Mrs. I. N. Patterson, Nigeria

Capunga Church Helped

CAPUNGA Baptist Church, located directly across the street from the big gates of the American Baptist College in Recife, Brazil, has a unique ministry. The 300 boarding students who reside in the two big dormitories on the campus come from all eleven states of north Brazil. They range in age from kindergarten children to college seniors and represent a good cross-section of Brazilian social classes. They come from the homes of governors, bankers, plantation owners, pastors, merchants, teachers, doctors, lawyers, government employees and laborers.



It is an interesting sight to see the 70 or 80 girls in their dark red skirts and white monogrammed blouses fill up the front left side of the church auditorium while in the front center section the boys' grayish colored uniforms with bands of red make a pleasing contrast. Toward the back and the right side, the members of the church take their places for services.

The students are an inspiration and a challenge to the preacher. Some of them are second and third generation Christians; others come from homes where the Bible is unknown and where the message of salvation by grace has never been heard. During the two revivals held each year and often at regular Sunday or midweek services there are conversions and rededications.

One Sunday night after the pastor had exalted the name of the Lord Jesus without waiting for the invitation one of our best prepared college teachers rose from his place in the auditorium and came down the aisle to the preacher. This was his testimony which he asked to give to the church that night: he had made a public profession of faith while a high school student and thought that he would have heart-ease; he never united with the church but while correcting Miss Vineyard's translation in the Portuguese language of Mrs. Lawrence's beautiful biography of Lottie Moon he realized that he had never been saved; there was no force in his life such as she had that would lead him to make the ultimate surrender. He began to ask God to show him the light and so on that Sunday night as Pastor Munguba preached he had been really and truly saved. Now he is Sunday-school superintendent as well as church clerk.

It was Capunga Baptist Church that paid the traveling expenses and the salaries of our first two missionaries to the uncivilized Indians of north Brazil, opening up work which later the Home Mission Board of the Brazilian Baptist Convention took over. Today one of the church's own boys is an outstanding missionary of our Home Mission Board; Helcias Camara was converted, baptized and supported by the church while a student in the Seminary. He became pastor of one of the largest churches in the city of Rio de Janeiro but he and his wife felt the Lord calling them to the evangelization of the Indians of north Brazil so they forsook all for Christ's sake.

The church had outgrown its small building; the members were praying and saving toward a new building. In 1943 the church received from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering \$10,000 toward the new building. The members were overwhelmed with gratitude and asked me to express their love and thanks to the Woman's Missionary Union for this beautiful and generous gift.—Miss Mildred Cox, Brazil

"Strengthen Me in Your Thoughts and Prayers"

A YOUNG man said "goodbye" to me just before he set out on the adventurous journey from Occupied China to Free China. The young man had recently graduated from the University of Shanghai. He had received all his college education in a crowded downtown office building, the university being deprived of its campus during the war. He had become a Christian, had been baptized into the church and had dedicated his life to Christian service during the years he was a university student. Three years after he said "goodbye" to me in Shanghai, a letter came to me in America from which excerpts follow:

"At the end of that year (described as one of service among the soldiers, with a Y.M.C.A. unit) I went back to Chungking to meet Chang Jun-Yuan, whom you might remember is also a graduate of our university; we got married in Chungking in January 1943. After our marriage we were dispatched by the National Committee of the Y.M.C.A. to do student work among the college students here (Kunming, a center for thousands of wartime college students).

"Since that time I have gradually built up a student service center with the help of both the community leaders here and the National Student Relief Committee in Chungking, which in turn got its funds largely from United China Relief. Now our center has seven buildings on a site of about one-half acre. Of course you will not imagine these buildings as being anything like what we had in Shanghai; these are just shacks and mud-brick houses. Yet, ours are the best buildings on the campus.

"We carry out relief service and religious and recreational programs in the few buildings. We provide breakfast for 800 poor students, drinking water for everybody, shower baths at a nominal cost, soy-bean milk for ill-health students etc. We have a reading room, conference room, tea room and devotion room in the center. We have worship service on every Sunday and morning devotions on every Wednesday.

"I have been devoting all my time and energy in this work for the past three years, and I have found it very worthy of my effort. From time to time people offered me some other job that would pay me more and enable me to have a better material life. But my wife and I decided that we should stay on this work to serve our Lord and to be His shepherd among the young people. Nevertheless, oftentimes when I am confronted with some tremendous difficulty in our daily living, I sometimes waver and am tempted to go along a way of least resistance. Please strengthen me in your thoughts and prayers."

And so, we will pray for such individuals as that builder among students. Also we will give that they may have better temples of brick or wood in which to build the "temples of God" for "we are laborers together with God"—Miss Juanita Byrd, China

SAFEGUARDING DECEMBER 3-7

"Earnest effort by the W.M.S. to guard against the holding of study courses or other activities during the Seasons of Prayer"—*Thus is set forth an established policy and purpose of Woman's Missionary Union. If your church or association is planning to use December 3-7 for emphasis other than that of the W.M.U. Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, please promptly endeavor to get all such plans changed so as not to divert attendance upon and earnest interest in this immediate Season of Prayer.*

Centennial Evangelistic Crusade

Dr. Fred C. Eastham
Secretary of Evangelism
Home Mission Board

WITH the coming of peace it is evident that in the near future demands will be made upon our Foreign Mission Board which will exceed all its immediate resources. The opportunity for world missions will be the greatest in our history. How timely and appropriate is the ingathering of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering during the month of December by our Woman's Missionary Union. The chief concern of our W.M.U. during the month of December is therefore to secure the greatest offering in the history of the organization.

Whether it be home or foreign, the word "missions" is the very life of southern Baptists, and only as we attempt to carry out the Great Commission to the limit of our ability and material resources will God bless us. It is equally true that our success on the foreign fields depends upon the strength and loyalty of Baptists in the homeland.

I receive a thrill each time I think of the glorious opportunity southern Baptists have to cooperate in a program of world missions through the Cooperative Program and the budget of the local church. In my twenty-five years as a pastor I have always found that the W.M.S. organization in the churches had but one desire and goal which was the promotion of missions around the world. There was never a desire to emphasize the importance of W.M.U. work at the expense of some other organization in the church. The W.M.U. did not seek the first place but, as a unit in the life of the church, it never failed to carry on successfully its task as a great mission force in the church. If the Sunday-school had a study course planned, the W.M.U. cooperated. If the Training Union had a special week of study, the W.M.U. cooperated. In like manner each of the organizations cooperated with the W.M.U. in its weeks of prayer and special campaigns. It was a fine demonstration of all the organizations pulling together for the promotion of the local church program and the promotion of Kingdom work.

Therefore every organization of our Convention will consider it a privilege to cooperate with our Woman's Missionary Union in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. As secretary of evangelism, I pledge the wholehearted cooperation and support of my department in bringing to a triumphant conclusion this worthy offering.

Constant requests have been made: "Tell us what progress we have made toward our goal of one million souls won to Christ in 1945". We have asked that question through letters, cards, telephone calls, telegrams, articles in papers, magazines and journals and through personal contacts, pleading for reports. From some states we have heard nothing; others have sent in meager reports; still others have written comprehensively and enthusiastically. It would be impossible even at this late date to give any accurate figures but we can assure you that, even though we fail to reach our goal of one million souls, the final report will reveal that our efforts were not in vain and that we won many more to Christ in 1945 than in 1944.

Only December remains in our Evangelistic Crusade for 1945. The women of our Southern Baptist Convention will not fail us. With its 381,655 members in 12,651 Woman's Missionary Societies, this great army of consecrated women can do more to help us bring to a successful conclusion our Evangelistic Crusade than any group among southern Baptists.

The efforts for 1945 will only serve as a spring-board for a greater Evangelistic Crusade in 1946. Next year we must surely win a minimum of one million souls. Therefore, may I urge the women of our Southern Baptist Convention to make this month the greatest in its history, not only in material offerings but also in the number of souls won to Christ?

"Give Attention to Reading"

Miss Thelma Brown, Book Consultant
Baptist Sunday School Board

TWO years ago, while the hopeful V... sign was flashing back and forth among the Allied Nations, some European refugees were being interviewed by a group of sympathetic college students. When reference was made to assurances for our victory, a young Czechoslovakian girl burst out: "I don't care about victory, what I want is peace!" In our hearts peace was what we all wanted, although many of us seemed to think that with victory peace would follow.

Some of us seem confused. We think, because we can get meat without points and because nylons are back, that peace is here. Yet we know that isn't so. A glance at the headlines, a twist of the dial, eyewitness reports and our own experiences accumulate proof that V-Days didn't automatically bring peace and good-will among men and nations. Solutions for peace are being advocated by heads of governments and by the man on the street—still hungry babies cry and men shoot each other down.

In spite of the teachings of Christ, which have been repeated over and over again for two thousand years, men are still trying to make peace with the old formulas that have always failed. They are trying to effect peace without an inward change and to enforce it without justice. "Hark the herald angels sing: Peace on earth, good-will to men!" This refrain is being resung this season and its message repeated with continued hope. It is the only peace that cannot fail, this peace that Jesus warned us was "His Peace", not as the world giveth peace.

What an appropriate time to read some books on this subject. Why not start a *Missionary Round Table* (write your state W.M.U. headquarters for the leaflet explaining how to set one up) using books that illustrate and discuss the way to a just and lasting peace? The following titles, while representing many angles of thought, all testify to the power of Christ for peace among men and nations:

Unconquerable, Leber, Revell, \$1.50

The Great Answer, Runbeck, Houghton Mifflin, \$2

Burma Surgeon, Seagrave, Norton, \$3

Pathfinders of the World Missionary Crusade, Eddy, Abingdon-Cokesbury, \$2.75

One Destiny, Asch, Putnam, \$1.50

From a Japanese Prison, Heaslett, Morehouse, 60c

The Unquenchable Light, Latourette, Harper, \$2

Christian Missions in Today's World, Carver, Broadman, \$1.50

Into Action, Chirgwin, United Church of Canada, 50c

Many Creeds, One Cross, Storrs, Macmillan, \$1.75

The Predicament of Modern Man, Trueblood, Harper, \$1

The Church and World Conditions, Pierce, Revell, \$1.50

You will find them described under the subject *Christian Missions and World Peace*, in the new revised *Missionary Round Table* book list. Write your state W.M.U. secretary for this list, specifying the revised copy.

Bible Study

Dr. W. O. Carver, Kentucky

Isaiah 48:1-11

THE only way to escape tomorrow is to die today. We must go into it face forward or be drawn into it either hesitating or unaware. Tomorrow for the world has in it much to frighten, much even to terrify, if we enter it merely on the tides of history or under the lead of merely political statesmanship or any form of human wisdom. With God we can face tomorrow with courage and assured hope. This is true of us as individuals, as a denomination, as a nation, as the human race. The tragic fact is that, in the main, people and nations and religions have generally allowed the future to come upon them without preparation for it. When they have sought to plan for it they have not first learned God's plans. If we are to face tomorrow with God we must first get with God. He has His plan for tomorrow. From Genesis to Revelation His plan is presented, tested, rejected or ignored with the unfailing result of disaster. With each disaster God has again declared and defined the direction in which He is moving and the goal at which He is aiming and has invited men to move into tomorrow with Him, under His grace and by His power.

The Bible is largely the story of God offering to lead men along all the ways of life, to move with them out of each crisis in history on into the making of a better tomorrow. This on the one hand—and on man's part: pride, self-will, self-sufficiency so that men go their own way without accepting God. Thus human history becomes a succession of failures plunging into calamity. Then each time God again says to man: "This is the way, walk ye in it".

Isaiah throughout (especially in the section from chapter 40 to the end) pictures a series of just such offers and pleadings of God, which Israel rejects or ignores to plunge herself in tragedy after tragedy under God's judgment. Each time God comes with a rebuke, forgiveness and a new offer to use His people. In the light of this fact of history Paul exclaims (Romans 11:22): "Behold then the goodness and the severity of God".

The forty-eighth chapter of Isaiah brings to us the climax of the teaching of the principle we have stated. In it we see the patience and the persistence of God. We see also the patience of God with Israel reach its end. God will persist in His holy and good purpose but by a new method. To the middle of verse 6 He tells Israel how He has done everything to make them His messengers, how their obstinacy and infidelity and hypocrisy have caused them to fail of duty and of destiny. They have refused to be His witnesses and would not learn under the punishment of their calamities. "Thou hast heard it", He says; "you see it all, yet you will not declare it." The rest of the verse shows that the first half is not a question (as in most translations) but a condemning judgment.

Now (verses 6b-11) God will inaugurate a new method. He will make a new start because He will never be defeated in His purpose to effect an order of righteousness in the earth. His name and honor are involved. By repetition and reiteration He stresses this in verses 9-11.

At the middle of verse 6 God announces that He will introduce a new method. No longer will He depend on and use Israel as His only nation or a chosen race. He will find leaders and people who will serve His purpose of righteousness, chosen on the basis of their availability and faithfulness, not on the ground of their claim to have been His people. From this point in Isaiah on, the personal Servant of God comes more and more definitely before us until we see Him distinctly, in chapters 49 and 53, in terms of an atoning redeemer and spiritual leader. By His sacrifice He will save and create a spiritual people with whom He can go forward into each new era, to meet each significant tomorrow.

In the next paragraph (12-16) God says that with Him this is not a new plan. Always all people have been included in His purpose and He was free to choose and use them. Now (16) His servant will be the man or people who can say, "The Lord Jehovah hath sent Me and His Spirit". So said Jesus in His day. And He commanded His followers to go into their tomorrows only as led and empowered by His Spirit.

In verse 17 of our chapter God speaks the word to His people as they face any tomorrow, to us as we face our challenging tomorrow: "Thus saith Jehovah, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel (i.e. of the true Israel): I am Jehovah thy God, who teacheth thee to (your) profit, who leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go."

Shall tomorrow be God's day in our world? Will southern Baptists go with God tomorrow, go all the way?

Calendar of Prayer December, 1945

Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

I WOULD not sigh for worldly joy or to increase my worldly good
Nor future days nor powers employ to spread a sounding name abroad;
'Tis to my Savior I would live, to Him who for my ransom died—
Nor could all worldly honor give such bliss as crowns me at His side.
His work my hoary age shall bless, when youthful vigor is no more,
And my last hour of life confess His saving love—His glorious power!
—Philip Doddridge

1—SATURDAY

Mrs. Aurelia Beer, Tampa, Fla., Miss Alaida Brown, Regia, Miss Genoveva Gonzales, Cienfuegos, Miss Silvia Silva, "Miss Jewel Smith, educational-evangelistic work, Havana, Cuba
Knowledge is easy unto him that hath understanding. —Prov. 14:6

2—SUNDAY

Rev. and "Mrs. J. H. Hagood, evangelistic work, Nazareth, Palestine, Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Lindsey, Miss Rebecca Violet Long, Palestine, Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Hughey, Russia, appointees
Mercy and truth shall go before thy face. —Psa. 89:14

3—MONDAY

That southern Baptists may "Crown the Century for Christ" in souls won and lives enlisted in the churches during the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade; also the Work of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Dec. 3-7
Having the everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth and to every nation and kindred and tongue and people —Rev. 14:6b

4—TUESDAY

Dr. and "Mrs. W. J. Williams, Ogbomoso, Miss Annie Rines, two, medical-evangelistic work, Rev. and "Mrs. J. B. Adair, educational-evangelistic work, Lagos, Nigeria
The Lord is high above all nations and His glory above the heavens. —Psa. 113:4

5—WEDNESDAY

Rev. L. Becker, Carbondale, Rev. B. Starwalt, Charleston, Ill., Rev. M. W. J. Richardson, Tallahassee, Rev. D. W. Tabb, Tifton, Rev. L. A. Watson, Durant, Oklahoma, rural-evangelistic work
Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I have believed Thy commandments. —Psa. 119:66

6—THURSDAY

Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Kilgore, "Miss Estelle Councilman, Buenos Aires, "Mrs. Abne Sowell Margrett, Rosario, educational-evangelistic work, Miss Miriana Willis, Rosario, medical-evangelistic work
I am Thy servant; give me understanding that I may know Thy testimonies. —Psa. 119:125

7—FRIDAY

That the Day of Prayer around the World may bring a sense of Christian fellowship among all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ
All seasons shall come and worship before Thee, for Thy judgments are made manifest. —Rev. 15:4

8—SATURDAY

Miss Martha Thomas Ellis, educational-evangelistic work, Albuquerque, Rev. P. Dominguez, Nison, Rev. E. A. Hammock, Espanola, Rev. and Mrs. A. Hurtado, Taos, New Mexico, Mrs. Luz Diaz, McAllen, Rev. and Mrs. F. Becerra, Navasota, Texas, evangelistic work among Spanish-speaking people
To preach the Gospel not where Christ was named. —Rom. 15:20

9—SUNDAY

Mrs. T. C. Britton, emeritus missionary from China; also that there may be faithful ingathering of the Lottif Moon Christmas Offering and that the goal may be far exceeded
That they may offer sacrifices of sweet savor unto the God of Heaven —Ezra 4:10

10—MONDAY

Rev. J. W. Colman, Oklahoma City, Okla., Rev. V. Glan, Louisville, Ky., Rev. K. B. Hicks, Baker, La., Rev. L. L. Worlde, Little Rock, Ark., educational-evangelistic work among their own Negro race
Thou shalt provide out of all the people able men such as fear God, men of truth. —Ex. 18:21

11—TUESDAY

Rev. and "Mrs. T. N. Clinckscale, Londrina, Rev. and "Mrs. J. A. Lunford, Belem, Rev. and "Mrs. J. B. Underwood, Redfield, Miss Alberta Stewart, Jaguapara, Brazil, educational-evangelistic work
Be thou for the people to Godward. —Ex. 18:19

12—WEDNESDAY

Rev. J. T. Davis, Miss Selma Rhodes, New Orleans, Rev. and Mrs. M. Salemi, Pofet on Chien, evangelistic work among French, Miss Mary Pucclarelli, Tampa, Fla., evangelistic work among Italians
Be of good comfort: rise, He calleth for thee. —Mark 10:49

13—THURSDAY

Misses xxi Georgia Mae Ogburn, "Oleta Sueli, educational-evangelistic work, Santiago, Chile
What say God saith, that will I speak. —II Chron. 18:13

14—FRIDAY

Miss Lizzie McSweeney, Santa Fe, Rev. and Mrs. H. H. King, Isleta, Rev. and "Mrs. G. Wilson, Albuquerque, N. M., evangelistic work among Indians
Ye are the children of the Lord your God. —Deut. 14:1

Calendar of Prayer for December

15—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. C. W. McCullough, Call.
Rev. and Mrs. G. Riddell, Cartagena, *Miss
Darline Elliott, Barranquilla, Colombia.
evangelistic work

Let your heart therefore be perfect with the
Lord. —1 Kings 8:41

16—SUNDAY

(Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Colpepper Jr., *Miss
Mildred Lovgren, China, Rev. and Mrs. J. S.
McGee, Nigeria, Rev. and Mrs. K. Schmidt,
Brazil, appointees

The righteous Lord loveth righteousness. His
countenance doth behold the upright. —Psa. 11:7

17—MONDAY

Rev. A. J. Silva, evangelistic work among
Cubans, Misses Sara Frances Diaz, Francis
Curb, Rebecca Tarry, educational-evangelistic
work, Tampa, Fla.
Godliness with contentment is great gain. —1 Tim. 6:6

18—TUESDAY

xxDr. and Mrs. W. D. Moore, Rome, Italy.
xxMiss Eunice Pederson, Jerusalem, Palest-
ine, evangelistic work; also Baptist be-
lievers in Palestine
The Lord will not cast off His people, neither
will He forsake His inheritance. —Psa. 94:14

19—WEDNESDAY

Rev. G. Bellamy, Oklahoma City, Rev. A. L.
Lowther, Tulsa, Okla., Rev. E. A. Ingram,
Braumont, Tex., Rev. F. Lambert, Raleigh,
N. C., Rev. E. E. Steele, Atlanta, Ga.,
city-evangelistic work

Let Thine hand help me. —Psa. 119:173

20—THURSDAY

Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Patterson, *Miss
Viola Campbell, educational-evangelistic work,
El Paso, Texas (Foreign Board), Rev. and
*Mrs. A. P. Pierson, Chihuahua, Rev. and
*Mrs. J. D. Crane, Guadalajara, Mexico,
evangelistic work

This is love, that we walk after His com-
mandment. —1 John 6

21—FRIDAY

Rev. L. W. Benedict, Louisville, Rev. J. A.
Ivey, Frankfort, Ky., Rev. J. A. Chambers,
Montgomery, Ala., Rev. N. R. Green,
Baynesville, Rev. C. K. Rand, Hagerstown,
Md., Rev. H. A. Zimmerman, Philadelphia,
Ark., Rev. and Mrs. B. J. Carpenter, Reles,
N. M., rural-evangelistic work

Seek ye out of the Book of the Lord and
read it. —Isa. 34:16

22—SATURDAY

Rev. E. Chavez, Paoetas, Rev. A. Espinosa,
Jovellanos, Rev. J. L. Garcia, Vueltas, Rev.
and Mrs. E. Leon, Santa de las Lajas, Rev.
and Mrs. H. Valdes, San Juan y Martinez,
Cuba, evangelistic work

I am come to thee in the Name of the
Lord of hosts. —1 Sam. 17:45

23—SUNDAY

Rev. R. A. McKay, Watnedge, Md., Mrs.
H. B. Simmons, Carnabelle, Fla., evangelistic
work in military areas, Rev. E. Carter,

Gillespie, Ill., Mrs. G. L. Johnson, Balti-
more, Md., evangelistic work among many
nationalities

Whatever ye do, do it heartily as to the
Lord and not to men. —Col. 3:23

24—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. P. Molina, Pearall, Rev.
and Mrs. E. Rios, Mesard, Tex., evangelistic
work among Mexicans

Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. —Mat. 13:30

25—TUESDAY

That Christmas Day may be observed with
thanksgiving and honor to the Prince of
Peace, Christ Jesus

How beautiful upon the mountains are the
feet of Him that bringeth good tidings,
that publisheth peace! —Isa. 52:7

26—WEDNESDAY

xxRev. and Mrs. S. A. Bagby, evangelistic
work, San Paulo, Miss Katherine Cozens,
educational-evangelistic work, Recife, Brazil
Endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus
Christ. —1 Tim. 2:3

27—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. L. Hancock, Anadarko, Rev.
and Mrs. V. Kaurtbe, Oklahoma City,
Rev. and Mrs. T. Wade, Aloha, Rev. and
Mrs. M. Wesley, Red Oak, Rev. and Mrs.
B. Wind, Okemah, Okla., evangelistic work
among Indians
Whosoever will be chief among you, let him
be your servant. —Matt. 10:17

28—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. Paret, Buena Vista, Rev.
and Mrs. M. Quintana, Marle, Rev. and
Mrs. D. Fernandez, San Jose de las Lajas,
Cuba, Rev. F. H. Linton, Panama City,
Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Duncanson, Almirante,
Panama, evangelistic work; also Eleanor
Quintana, Margaret Fund student
Preach the Word. —1 Tim. 4:2

29—SATURDAY

Mrs. Elsie Guinn, Donis, Rev. D. O. Jeral-
gan, Okeechobee, Fla., Rev. Solomon Kent,
Perkins, Okla., evangelistic work among In-
dians

The wise in heart shall be called prudent. —Prov. 16:21

30—SUNDAY

Misses xAtlee Huey, xMiriam Thomas,
Honolulu, xMiss Hannah Plowden, Kahului,
Maui, Hawaii, evangelistic work
In the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. —Isa. 26:4

31—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. P. Hernandez, Houston, Mrs.
D. Lopez, Harlingen, Texas, evangelistic work
among Mexicans
Glory ye in His holy Name. —1 Chron. 16:10

1Attended W.M.U. Training School

*Attended Southwestern Training School

1Attended Baptist Bible Institute

1Former Margaret Fund Student

1On Furlough

Family Altar

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: Facing Tomorrow with God

"The Lord shall reign forever and ever".

"When the Fullness of the Time Was Come"

1st Day—Ex. 15:18; Luke 18:18-24

2nd Day—I Chron. 29:11-13;

James 2:15-16; 5:1-6

3rd Day—Psa. 93:1-5; 100:1-5;

Prov. 14:27-28, 31-34

4th Day—Psa. 96:1-13; Matt. 5:17-20

5th Day—Psa. 99:1-9; Matt. 5:43-48

6th Day—Isa. 52:7-10; 1 Pet. 2:13-17

7th Day—I Cor. 15:25-28; Titus 3:1-3

15th Day—Gal. 4:4-6; Eph. 1:15-23

16th Day—Isa. 40:1-11; Phil. 2:5-11

17th Day—Isa. 43:1-7; Luke 2:8-15

18th Day—Psa. 19:1-14; 1 John 4:9-14

19th Day—Psa. 20:1-9; Luke 2:25-32

20th Day—Psa. 80:1-7; 117:1, 2;

Matt. 3:13-17

21st Day—Psa. 118:1-29; John 14:8-14

"Thou Bethlehem . . . out of thee shall
He come forth".

22nd Day—Micah 5:2; 7:18-20; Col. 1:9-12

23rd Day—Matt. 1:1-17; 2:7-12

24th Day—Matt. 1:18-25; 28:18-20

25th Day—Matt. 2:1-12; Psa. 72:1-11

26th Day—Matt. 2:13-23; Acts 10:1-8

27th Day—Luke 2:21-25; Acts 10:9-16

28th Day—Luke 2:36-39; 3:23-38;

Acts 10:44-48

29th Day—Luke 4:1-13; Gal. 3:26-28

30th Day—Luke 4:14-24; 1 John 3:7-11

31st Day—John 3:16-21; Ex. 1:8-14

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

"Pray Ye"

Give thanks that the Christmas angels proclaimed
peace.

Rejoice and give renewed thanks that World War II
is over.

Pray that all disputes between nations may be settled
by conferences, thus avoiding wars.

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

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

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

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

Pray for all Christian missionaries, giving thanks that each of them "publisheth peace".
Pray that the December 3-7 Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions will be faithfully
observed and that its million-dollar goal will be far surpassed so that the feet of
countless people may be guided "into the way of peace".



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Circle Program



EXPLANATORY NOTE: The following program is submitted for use by the circles this month. Its suggested articles will be found in the following monthly missionary magazines: *Royal Service*, 50c a year from 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham 3, Ala.; *The Window of Y.W.A.*, \$1 a year from the same Birmingham address; *World Comrades*, \$1 a year from the same Birmingham address; *The Commission*, 50c a year from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond 20, Virginia; *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, 25c a year from Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta 3, Ga. Each one participating in the following program should have access at least to the magazine in which her article appears. (See also page 39 of 1945 W.M.U. Year Book and page 19 of this magazine.)

Circle Program Topic: The World—Our Field

(Foreign Missions)

Devotional Theme: "And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth"—Acts 17:26

One in Christ (See article in December issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.*)

We Must Lengthen the Cords and Strengthen the Stakes Now (See article in December issue of *The Commission*.)

Christ Our Authority (See article in December issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

"Something to Get Excited about" (See article in December issue of *The Commission*.)

Music's Melody for Truth (See article in December issue of *World Comrades*.)

Portents of World Revival (See article in December issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

From Missionaries (See articles in this magazine, pages 6-11.)

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WORLD COMRADES

Boys and girls are eager for this one.



The WINDOW of Y.W.A.

Y.W.A.'s delight in this one.

Each subscription \$1 a year from

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Gift card with name of giver sent on request.

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Business Woman's Circles

Miss Mary Christian
W.M.U. Representative

WE are grateful to Miss Willie Carrico, B.W.C. member of Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., for the following helpful program suggestions this month.

Plan for Your Meeting: Have a dinner meeting if possible with Christmas decorations on table. Invite your W.M.S. president and friends who are prospective members. Emphasize attendance. There is inspiration in numbers.

Arrange Place of Meeting Attractively: Sprays of cedar sprinkled with tinsel over doors, windows and pictures give a pretty effect. A table at front center of room on which are eight candlesticks and an open Bible will be needed for the program. Have in full view a large calendar with December 1945 on it and, underneath that, January 1946.

Prepare Program Well: Secure eight of your members to participate. Urge each to be able to give a brief but interesting discussion of what has been assigned her. Let them enter the room separately, each carrying a lighted candle which she places on the table as she begins to speak.

Music for the Program: Familiar Christmas numbers are to be played softly for instrumental selections.

Scripture Reading: Use Christmas story from Matthew or Luke.

The Program: Facing Tomorrow with God

1st Speaker: *The End of a Great Century:* Looking backward and remembering "Hitherto hath the Lord led us" (page 21). (She points to calendar, indicating that close of 1945 marks end of a century of Baptist work and that the candle signifies we have been led by light of God's Word.)

2nd Speaker: *The Beginning of a New Century:* Looking forward to an "Unfinished Task" (page 22). (She lifts up December 1945 from calendar and shows January 1946.) Yesterday lights the way for tomorrow.

3rd Speaker: *On—to Strengthen the Home Base, Our Church* (page 23). The light of our churches must shine brightly.

4th Speaker: *On—to an Enlarged Home Mission Program* (page 23). For the brighter the torch burns in the homeland the brighter it will shine on foreign fields.

5th Speaker: *On—to an Enlarged Foreign Mission Program* (page 24). The Light must shine around the world.

6th Speaker: *On—to Minister to Physical Need* (page 25). "For in as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me." "Lighted to lighten!"

7th Speaker: *On—to More Faithful Stewardship* (page 26). Lest we forget "the tithe is holy unto the Lord". Send others to carry the Light.

8th Speaker: **CROWNING the CENTURY for CHRIST:** (page 26). (As this speaker finishes, the pantomime of "O Little Town of Bethlehem" may be given as a closing prayer.)

Pantomime—O Little Town of Bethlehem (Use five women for pantomime and three to sing last verse only of "O Little Town of Bethlehem".)

O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray.

(Heads uplifted, arms outstretched, palms upward)

Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.

(Heads uplifted, hands on breast, fingers interlaced as in prayer)

We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell.

(Left hands to ears, right arms out slightly to right, palms upward)

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

(Heads bowed, resting on hands clasped in prayer form)

(Pantomime group and singers withdraw to strains of instrumental music, "Silent Night, Holy Night", making a most effective ending.)

Benediction: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" (sung by audience)

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Program Plans

Prepared by Miss Frances E. Roberts, South Carolina
Student in Missions 151-B
W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Ky.

Aim for Program: To lead women to realize their individual responsibility in projecting the message of the Gospel into all phases of life as southern Baptists begin their second century

Personal Invitation: Across the top of a card write the words, "Hitherto—Henceforth". Then write: "How can we help southern Baptists in greater service as we enter a new century of work? Come to W.M.S. meeting". Then indicate date, time and place. At the bottom of the card write: "Hitherto the Lord hath led us, henceforth will we serve Him".

Poster: In the center of white posterboard paste either the picture of a young woman looking at a world globe or a profile or silhouette of a young woman. At the top of the poster print the words, "What of Tomorrow?" At the bottom of the poster print "W.M.S. Meeting" and give time, date and place.

Program Presentation: Have a flannelboard at the front of the room. On a strip of posterboard print the words, "Facing Tomorrow with God", and have this on the flannelboard as the women gather. A piece of flannel pasted to the back of the cardboard will cause the cardboard to stick to the flannelboard. This will stay up until the first part of the program. For program material see pages 21-28.

"The End of a Great Century"—Remove the above cardboard and at the top of the flannelboard place a strip of cardboard with the words, "Hitherto—1845-1945".

"The Beginning of a New Century"—At the bottom of the flannelboard place a cardboard strip with the words, "Henceforth—1945-1946".

"On to a Greater Future"—Place a large star in the center of the flannelboard. This can be cut from cardboard.

• "On—to Strengthen the Home Base"—Place a picture of a church (preferably a picture of the local church) at the lower left point of the star.

"On—to an Enlarged Home Mission Program"—Place at the upper left point of the star a picture showing some phase of home mission work.

"On—to an Enlarged Foreign Mission Program"—Place at the upper central point of the star a picture showing some phase of foreign mission work.

"On—to Minister to Physical Need"—Place at the upper right point of the star a picture of a sick person or a nurse or doctor.

"On—to More Faithful Stewardship"—Place at the lower right point of the star a picture of some phase of stewardship.

(These pictures can be found in the W.M.U. magazines and in *The Commission* and *Southern Baptist Home Missions*. Instead of using the pictures, the words *Home Base*, *Home Missions*, *Foreign Missions*, *Physical Need* and *Stewardship* can be printed on cardboard and placed at the points of the star as the parts are given.)

"Crowning the Centennial for Christ"—Place a cardboard strip with the words, "Give Him First Place", across the star. (A thumbtack will probably be necessary to make this stick to the flannelboard.)

Each one taking part on the program should place her object on the flannelboard before giving the part. The program will be more effective by using a flannelboard but, if that is not possible, the cardboard with the words and the star can be thumbtacked to a beaverboard or cloth screen.

Program Material

Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: Facing Tomorrow with God

TOPIC for MONTH: Facing Tomorrow with God (*Projecting Southern Baptists into Their Second Century*)

Hymn—Lead On, O King Eternal

—Watchword for Year

Bible Study—Isaiah 48:1-11 (*See page 14.*)

Prayer that this program may prepare us for enlarged service as we enter a new century of southern Baptist history

Hymn—Joy to the World

The End of a Great Century

The Beginning of a New Century

Prayer thanking God for a century of achievement and invoking His blessings on southern Baptists as they enter a new century of work

On to a Greater Future

On—to Strengthen the Home Base

On—to an Enlarged Home Mission Program

On—to an Enlarged Foreign Mission Program

On—to Minister to Physical Need

On—to More Faithful Stewardship

Hymn—Loyalty to Christ

Crowning the Centennial for Christ

Hymn—O Little Town of Bethlehem

Prayer that we may at this Christmas time consecrate ourselves to the service of Christ and give ourselves wholly to His work during the coming year

The END of a GREAT CENTURY

WE are in the last month of the S.B.C. Centennial. A great century of southern Baptist history is nearly ended. The tale is almost told. The curtain is falling. This century has become a part of that past which will never return.

Shakespeare once said: "It is greatly wise to talk with our past years". This Centennial has given us occasion to talk with our past years as we have reviewed a century of southern Baptist history. And we have come to see how rich are southern Baptists in the heritage of a hundred years of glorious achievement.

In this century, by organizing churches and evangelizing and baptizing converts, southern Baptists have come to number five and a half million members of twenty-five thousand churches. This makes the Southern Baptist Convention the largest such group and one of the largest denominational bodies in the world. Their material wealth, their native and developed abilities, their accumulated power of personality give them an influence not surpassed by any religious group on the globe.

In this century southern Baptists have developed within the churches organizations for the spiritual teaching and training of members that they might be "completely furnished unto every good work". In these organizations southern Baptists have learned to study, to pray, to give, to serve and to use their powers for the extension of the Kingdom of God.

In this century southern Baptist churches have united in associations, in state conventions and in the Southern Baptist Convention with a great program of education, benevolence and evangelism. All such begins in the local community and reaches unto the ends of the earth.

In this century southern Baptists have built church edifices, schools, hospitals, office buildings and publishing houses not only in the southland but also in many

foreign countries. On all southwide buildings and institutions and on all work and property of the mission boards there is not one cent of debt.

In this century southern Baptists have built a great denomination—great in its numbers, great in its organizations, great in its institutions, great in its material possessions, great in its program of benevolent, educational and missionary service, great in its evangelistic zeal and in its power to bring lost people to a saving knowledge of Jesus.

All of this is the heritage of us who constitute the membership of the Southern Baptist Convention today. We are heirs of a hundred years of daring conquest, of unwavering faith, of unceasing toil and of unswerving devotion. The sun of this great century is set, but we stand in its golden afterglow clothed in honor and crowned with diadems of victory. In our gratitude for this heritage we cry, "Hitherto hath the Lord led us". To Him be the honor and the glory!

THE BEGINNING of a NEW CENTURY

AS southern Baptists we stand today between two centuries. The door of one century is closing but the door of another century swings open, inviting us to enter. As we have celebrated the Centennial we have been looking backward through the closed door of a century past to review our history. But now we must look forward through the open door of a century just beginning to resolve to make tomorrow greater than yesterday has been. Someone has said, "God's Hitherto carries His Hencethrough wrapped within it". The glorious *hitherto* of southern Baptists must lead us to go *hencethrough* into a second century of far greater achievements.

It has been said that the past must not be a pattern but a prologue. We feel that the past of southern Baptists is both a pattern and a prologue. There is much in the past for us to emulate. We would do well to use the vision and faith, the wisdom and consecration of our Baptist fathers as a pattern for our future work. But we would not be limited by any traditions or goals or ideals of the past. The vision of southern Baptist future must be longer, the faith must be stronger, the wisdom must be higher, the consecration must be deeper. We must use the successes of the past, we must avoid the mistakes of the past, we must improve the methods of the past. We must make yesterday a prologue to a more successful tomorrow.

In a Christmas radio address, made in 1943 by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to officers and soldiers in all military hospitals, two significant phrases were used: "Transmit the past" and "Create the future". In the beginning of this new century southern Baptists must transmit all the good from the past and then give themselves with all their powers to the creation of a better future. As we face a new century of southern Baptist work we find many conditions to challenge us and to lead us to increased effort in our denominational program.

There is *world need*. There is physical need, psychological need, spiritual need. Uncounted millions of people in almost every land on the globe are homeless, helpless, hopeless, hungry and heart-broken. They need food and fuel and raiment and shelter. They need higher standards of physical living and higher ideals of spiritual living. They need the four freedoms. They need faith and hope and love. They need sympathy and solace and salvation. They need the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There is far greater need of the Gospel at the beginning of this century than there was at the beginning of the first century of southern Baptist history. Dr. Alldredge tells us that the world is growing pagan at the rate of six million a year. That means that Christian people are not spreading the Gospel fast enough. Great world need demands that we enter the new century determined to move faster in our program of giving the Gospel to a lost world. Only thus can we give the groping world a way of life that will satisfy. Only thus can we hope to keep the peace that has been won at such a cost.

There is *world opportunity*. Since one hundred years ago our opportunities for spreading the Gospel have multiplied. We know far more about the world today than our fathers knew a hundred years ago. Means of obtaining missionary information are much more abundant. Means for training missionaries are now provided. Means of transmitting the Gospel are multiplied. The travel of missionaries to far-away places is greatly facilitated. The doors of nations, the hearts of people are opened to the Gospel message. Moreover, after such a war as was never dreamed of a hundred years ago, the world is at peace, weary of conflict and ready to receive the message of the Prince of Peace. Baptist ideals of liberty and democracy have prevailed and millions are waiting to know the truth that shall make them free indeed.

At this propitious time for Gospel expansion the door of this new century swings open. Southern Baptists must enter with a missionary program large enough to meet world need, to measure up to world opportunity and to be worthy of a people who have the heritage of a century of glorious achievement to strengthen and inspire them.

ON—to a GREATER FUTURE

AN unusually successful man was once asked to give three rules for attaining success. His answer was: "My first rule is ON. My second rule is ON. My third rule is ON". It is impossible to stand still on the road to success—one must either go onward or he will go backward. If southern Baptists are to attain success in the second century they must go ON, ON, ON in every phase of their benevolent, educational and missionary work.

ON—to Strengthen the Home Base

If we are to extend the realm and power of our service we must begin by strengthening the home base. First in importance in southern Baptist work is the local church. Our churches must increase in number and in spiritual power and influence. Through evangelism new names must be added to our church rolls, and through enlistment of church members in service new strength must be added to our church influence. Organizations within the church must become more powerful and far-reaching in their influence. New churches must be organized in places where they are needed. Associations and state conventions, with all their agencies and institutions, must function with increased activity. Every school, every hospital, every orphanage must plan improvement and enlargement during the new century. All of the boards, agencies and institutions of the Southern Baptist Convention must increase in strength and enlarge their spheres of influence. Already our four seminaries are launching building campaigns in the interest of enlarging the number of students and increasing teaching facilities. The Relief and Annuity Board is dreaming of greater benefits for southern Baptist retired ministers. The Sunday School Board is planning a greatly enlarged program in all phases of its ministry. The new building erected on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of this Board in 1941 was planned with the idea of adding ten stories as future enlargement of the work would make more space necessary. Our mission boards are making greatly enlarged plans for the future. Woman's Missionary Union is working on plans suggested by a survey committee for making its work more effective and far-reaching in the century to come. So are southern Baptists strengthening their home-stakes that the cords of their service might be lengthened and their tent of missionary endeavor stretched forth in an ever expanding program to meet the needs and opportunities of a new century.

ON—to an Enlarged Home Mission Program

There are today in the southland twenty-five million unchurched people, which is almost four times as many people as there were in the south when the Southern Baptist Convention was organized. At least twenty million of these are over ten years of age. Dr. Lawrence reminds us that this unsaved host would make ten

states the size of Mississippi. Imagine ten states without a church—without a Christian! Add to these at least twelve million on home mission fields in Cuba, Panama and Central America and we have some idea of the size of our home mission task.

The Home Mission Board, in preparing for future work, has been making a survey of the whole home mission field, studying the needs and the opportunities. Dr. Lawrence says that these surveys "show that every field where the Home Mission Board has been laboring through the years is ripening for a larger harvest and calling for more workers". We have now an average of only one missionary to every 35,000 on home mission fields. In groups among whom we have had missionaries for many years only a small per cent of the people have been reached. For illustration: there is only one Baptist to every 100 Mexicans in the southwest, only one Baptist to every 700 French people in Louisiana and Illinois, while there are practically whole tribes of Indians in New Mexico and Arizona as pagan as they were when our fathers settled this country.

The plans of the Home Mission Board for the new century include the strengthening of all mission stations already established. This means that new missionaries must be sent to every group, that adequate chapels, missionary homes and other equipment must be provided. While city mission work is as old as the Home Mission Board itself, it has recently been revived and greatly enlarged and in the new century this will be one of the most important phases of our home mission program. Rural work which aims at reaching many destitute country sections of the south will be much enlarged. Plans are in mind for an expanded Negro work, with the opening of Negro mission centers in every large city.

Then in this expanding home mission program there are new groups to be reached. There are the migrants who will soon again be moving from place to place in search for means of livelihood. We should have at least a dozen trailer-missionaries to give the Gospel to these neglected people. Then there are seven million share-croppers who need attention in our home mission program. There are the mountain people still needing special attention in evangelism and education. In Central America the people of the different republics are begging for missionaries to come to establish Baptist churches. All of the ten nations of Middle America are potential home mission fields for southern Baptists. All of these and many other challenging new home mission fields should be entered. If America is to be Christian in the next century southern Baptists must help to make and keep her Christian by launching and supporting a home mission program larger than any ever dreamed of in the past.

On—to an Enlarged Foreign Mission Program

After a century of southern Baptist foreign missions the evangelization of the world is still a great unfinished task. Vast areas of the earth's surface are absolutely untouched by the Gospel. On fields where we have had missionaries for many years only a small part of the multitudes of lost people have been reached. A billion of lost people around the world call to southern Baptists to strengthen their foreign mission enterprise.

In response to this great need our Foreign Mission Board has stupendous plans for a second century of southern Baptist foreign mission work. These plans include first of all the strengthening and reinforcement of mission stations established during the last century. All of these are important, all are needy. It would be tragic to abandon any of them or to lessen our interest in and our support of any one of them. This applies to those areas where work has not been interrupted by the war. There are Latin American fields with unlimited opportunities. They have not suffered seriously from the war and their capacities for development are enormous. There is Nigeria, greatly in need of a much enlarged work. There are the Hawaiian Islands where the results of a small work have amazed us. On all of these fields the work must be enlarged to meet the ever increasing opportunities.

Then certainly we must reoccupy, rebuild and reproject Baptist work in war-stricken areas. We must return to their fields missionaries who were forced away from China, Japan, the Near East and European lands because of war conditions and new missionaries must be sent to help them. Property which has been destroyed must be restored. Scattered Baptist congregations must be rallied and helped. Churches must be reorganized. Schools, hospitals and publishing houses must be repaired and reopened. Missionary homes must be rebuilt. This work of rehabilitation will not be easy. A vast amount of patience, sympathy and love as well as money will be required. The Foreign Mission Board has set aside two million dollars for this work. Every cent and more will be needed. Dr. Rankin estimates that half of the physical equipment of our Foreign Mission Board has been destroyed. To restore it is absolutely necessary if the work is to go on. Not to restore it means the loss of much that we have accomplished during a century of work. Dr. Rankin thinks that it is probable that by rebuilding on the foundations already laid we can accomplish more in the next decade than we could accomplish in a century of new undertakings.

In the new century new fields must be opened. So many needy and still unoccupied areas challenge us. Dr. Gill tells us that there is no Baptist witness in three of the South American Republics and therefore they are a challenge to southern Baptists. Our Nigerian field is a very small part of Africa; other needy fields on that vast continent are open to us. Dr. Sadler says we must think in terms of a great continent, not just of Nigeria. The vast areas of the Sudan, the Gold Coast, Sierra Leone and perhaps Nyasaland Protectorate must claim our prayers and a goodly portion of our missionary personnel. Chinese migration westward has opened up many new fields in China and at least a hundred men are needed to occupy them. In Japan, too, there will be opportunities to establish new stations. Great territories in south-east Asia are potential mission fields. Islands which have been occupied by Japan while partially evangelized during the past century are largely missionary lands today. We are told that in the Middle East there are at least four Arabic nations unreached by the Gospel. There is well founded hope that Russia will be a future missionary land for southern Baptists. Surely, with so many open doors, we must greatly enlarge our field of foreign missions for the new century.

With the opening of these new fields and the retirement of some of the older missionaries, many new missionaries will be needed. Dr. Rankin thinks that we should plan for the near future a missionary force of not less than 750. Standards of requirements for foreign missionaries will be even higher in the new century than in the one just past. Only those men and women well prepared by natural endowment and education will be able to cope with situations in foreign lands which are so involved in international diplomacy and new world ideologies. How earnest and faithful we should be in the missionary education of our young people, for it is from the Baptist youth of today that the increased missionary force of tomorrow must be obtained! How zealous we should be in making our Baptist colleges, seminaries and training schools as strong as possible, for it is in these institutions that these missionaries must be prepared!

While this enlarged force of missionaries will be necessary in the future, without question the new century will bring a change of leadership in foreign missions. More and more Christian nationals will take places of leadership in churches, schools, hospitals and in all phases of the work. It is the Christian nationals who will probably enter many new fields adjacent to their lands. However, our missionary force will be needed to train these nationals and to direct much of their work. So we must think in terms of more and more missionaries for many years to come.

On—to Minister to Physical Need

Jesus, by His many miracles, taught us to minister to physical needs. We believe that He would have us follow His example by feeding hungry multitudes and ministering to those sick and suffering with divers diseases. In this day of so much physical need southern Baptists must go on with their program of world relief. In recent years we have through our Foreign Mission Board given thousands of dollars

to feed people in China and in Europe. While the war is ended the need for such relief is still acute and will remain so for some time to come. So we must increase rather than lessen our gifts for world relief and must welcome every opportunity to minister to those less fortunate than we are, both in our own communities and in lands suffering from the ravages of war.

Kits for Russia and gifts made this year to members of our own Baptist churches in Italy have been of untold benefit to suffering people. Dr. Dewey Moore quotes the acting secretary of the Italian Woman's Missionary Union as writing: "The subjects for our conversations is our packages from America. With eyes shining, with cheeks flushed with returning health, with lips which speak a benediction each one tells to the others what she has received in her package arrived from America and how it represents to her an answer to prayer". Doubtless many other such opportunities will be given to us to help suffering people in other lands. As our missionaries return to their fields we will have opportunity through them to minister to the physically needy. We remember that, after World War I when we were first entering our new European mission fields, our first work was to minister to poverty-stricken Baptists. Doubtless we will find it necessary to repeat that experience on a much larger scale.

Let us go on with our ministrations to the physically needy. In so doing we shall remember that inasmuch as we do it unto them we do it unto Jesus.

On—to More Faithful Stewardship

This enlarged program for the new century will require enlarged giving. Southern Baptists as a whole have never begun to measure up to the requirements of good stewardship of possessions. In 1944, when gifts to all causes were unusually large, our per capita gifts for missions were only \$3.05. The tithe for the year, estimated very conservatively, would have been at least \$200,000,000. We gave to all causes at home and abroad in round numbers \$76,000,000 which, as we see, is far less than half of our tithe. Of this amount only \$17,000,000 or less than one-tenth of our tithe went to all educational and benevolent and missionary causes. If we would measure up to the opportunity which will be ours in the second century of southern Baptist history, our standard of giving must be raised. More southern Baptists must be enlisted for the support of the whole program and more must join the list of good stewards by faithfully paying their tithes and bringing their gifts into the treasury of the Lord.

CROWNING the CENTURY for CHRIST

ON December 31, when the clock strikes twelve and the bells ring out the old year and ring in the new, the Centennial of southern Baptists will have ended.

In spite of some disappointments because war conditions made impossible the holding of our Centennial Convention and the carrying out of other plans, it has been a glorious year, marked by much rejoicing over the victories of a century of southern Baptist history and by special efforts to reach worthy Centennial goals. A few days of the Centennial remain. There are still things we can do to bring to a victorious culmination this challenging anniversary of southern Baptists and so crown the Centennial for Christ.

First, we can still work toward reaching Centennial goals. Have we done our very best in enlistment, in giving and in evangelism?

There is still time to invite some woman to join the missionary society, to organize a new young people's organization in your church or to help some other church with the organization of a new W.M.U. organization. The host of southern Baptists who do nothing for Christ call for one more enlistment effort in 1945.

There is still time to make an additional gift to the Cooperative Program, to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering or to some other urgent cause. Any gift made before or by December 31 will help W.M.U. reach its goal of \$6,666,666.66 and the Southern Baptist Convention its goal of \$20,000,000 to all causes of the Coopera-

tive Program during the Centennial. Let not the end of the year find us with any of the Lord's tithe in our pocketbooks. Let not the Centennial close without all of us making a worthy Centennial gift.

Then there is still time for more effort in evangelism. Have we done our best in the Centennial Crusade to win a million souls to Christ? In these days that remain let us be on the lookout for evangelistic opportunities and try to win one more man, woman or child to find salvation in Jesus before the Centennial ends.

In the second place, we can crown the Centennial for Christ by entering into all plans for projecting southern Baptist work into another century. Our boards and agencies can advance only as individual southern Baptists advance in their consecrated support of the work. Each one of us must resolve that with increased faithfulness we will study more, pray more, give more and work more for the advancement of the Kingdom in the future. The part of the second century of southern Baptists that concerns us now is the coming year. In these last days of 1945 we can get ready for a greater second southern Baptist century by planning to enlarge our work in 1946. As individuals and as W.M.U. organizations, let us formulate our plans on a basis that will make next year the greatest we have ever known and a fitting beginning of a new century of surpassing southern Baptist achievements.

This is the Christmas month when we are celebrating the birth of Christ. We can crown the Centennial for Christ by giving Him first place in this Christmas. We are glad that at this Christmas, which is Centennial Christmas for southern Baptists, the world is at peace. For the first time in many years we can listen to the angels' song, "Peace on earth, good-will to men", with joyous thanksgiving in our hearts because there is at least a temporary spirit of good-will among nations and an effort to formulate plans for promoting permanent world peace. We know that the more the world knows of the Prince of Peace the greater will be the possibility of lasting peace and good-will among men. So, as we seek to crown the Centennial for Christ we will make Christ first in this Christmas by worshiping Him, offering unto Him our best gifts and devoting ourselves to the mission of sharing His tidings of great joy with all people. Our prayer at this Centennial Christmas for ourselves and for the whole world is

"O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in—
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel".

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Review briefly southern Baptist achievements of the last century.
2. Discuss our heritage in southern Baptist history.
3. Discuss the necessity of the forward look in our Centennial celebration.
4. What world conditions call for enlarged southern Baptist work?
5. How can we strengthen the home base?
6. Tell of some plans for the enlargement of our home mission work.
7. What new home mission work should be opened?
8. Tell of plans for the enlargement of foreign mission work.
9. Discuss the need for rehabilitation on foreign fields.

10. What new foreign mission fields should be entered?
11. Discuss the need for continuation of world relief.
12. Why does the enlarged program of southern Baptists call for more faithful stewardship?
13. What can we still do toward reaching Centennial goals?
14. How may we crown the Centennial for Christ by making Him first in this Christmas?

REFERENCE MATERIAL

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

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Southern Baptist Home Missions	—The Commission
State Denominational Papers	
Epochs of Home Missions	Joe W. Burton
Christian Missions in Today's World	W. O. Carver

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THIS MONTH CLOSES the RECORDS

Worthy for unnumbered good reasons is the reaching of the Standard of Excellence by each W.M.U. organization whether for women or young people. Since each of these standards is reckoned with the calendar year there is now only this month left for checking up and attaining desired goals. All such is clearly set forth on pages 28-32, 54-55, 106-107 of the 1945 W.M.U. Year Book. Earnestly seek to be standard!



Memorial Tribute

PERSONALITIES often defy description even as do many exquisite scenes in nature. Such a personality was Mrs. A. J. Aven of Mississippi. Exquisitely refined, she nevertheless served gladly in any capacity to advance the work of her community, her church and denomination. Highly educated, she patiently taught in the Sunday-school and W.M.U. organizations the Word of God and His work throughout the world.

For fourteen consecutive years (1920-34) Mrs. Aven was a member of the W.M.U. Executive Committee as vice-president from Mississippi. In this capacity she served on many of its very important sub-committees which called for a large outlay of her strength and time. It is gratefully attested that her fidelity and ability in all such committee work were recognized and emulated.

Another outstanding contribution rendered by Mrs. Aven to southern Baptist work was her exceptional devotion to the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans. Early in its history she became (1922) a member of its W.M.U. Advisory Board of which she was the chairman for eleven years (1923-34).

Mississippi Baptists will cherish her memory for countless other reasons such as her constant helpfulness in behalf of their educational institutions, particularly Mississippi College at Clinton where she made her home. Also they are indebted to her for her wise leadership as president for many years of the Woman's Missionary Union of their state. Admired and honored by all, she was devotedly loved and gladly followed by those who were most closely associated with her.

Four days after the "passing" of Mrs. Aven on October 14 another beloved and highly useful W.M.U. leader went to be "forever with the Lord". She was Mrs. J. B. Savage of Roswell, New Mexico. For nineteen years (1926-45) she joyously served as her state's member of the Margaret Fund Committee. It is a sweet privilege to recall her attendance upon its meetings during the years and her eagerness to learn how her state might serve the interests of Margaret Fund students. Who knows but what she was welcomed into Heaven by a grateful group of such students led by Col. Dwight Deter?

Sincerest sympathy goes forth to the loved ones of Mrs. Savage and Mrs. Aven. It may comfort them to know that Woman's Missionary Union grieves also.—Kathleen Mallory

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Christmas Giving

SOMETIMES we think of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering as a required activity pressing upon us. We would do well to consider from the reverse angle what a blessing it is to have this observance and opportunity to give for we might otherwise forget the true deep meaning of Christmas.

Children and young people frequently are so enthusiastic about Santa Claus, Christmas tree, Christmas presents they want that the plans for praying and giving which are presented in W.M.U. organizations from Sunbeam Band up become a wonderful development in right thinking about Christmas. This year, with the relief from war's shadow, there may be a tendency to extreme gaiety and reckless spending; but young people in W.M.U. organizations have the continual reminder of the "Good Tidings" intended for "all people" to help steady their thinking and planning and make this Christmas for Christ.

Every Sunbeam Band leader, every Girls' Auxiliary, Young Woman's Auxiliary and Royal Ambassador Counselor should through November's preparation and the early December observance of the Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering lift the hearts and minds of our young people to new planes of fervent prayer and of generous giving. Emphasis on praying is predominant in each program suggestion sent out to you through state W.M.U. headquarters. Better for this meeting will be a shorter period of prayer, than a customary longer meeting devoted to learning missionary facts. Accumulated information, that given in preparatory programs, and brief summaries to recall clearly the objects for which to pray should make praying intelligent and definite for needs clearly known in the young person's mind and heart.

Giving should not be casual. It is customary to give careful thought to selection of Christmas gifts and Christmas cards; shall we then offer a trivial unconcerned bit of change in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering? Certainly not! Leaders and counselors will set example in their own sacrificial giving and will, according to the age of the group, use this occasion as a time of growth in understanding of the joy of really honoring the Christ of Christmas in their gifts. Be sure that each member brings a worthy gift. Help each to see the wonder of the \$1,000,000 goal and its objectives as a personal Christmas list formed out of love for Christ the World's Savior. Use the material in *World Comrades* and *The Window of Y.W.A.* and elsewhere to keep young hearts mellow to world needs. The future Christmas of thousands depends on our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for through it physical life will be sustained and through it the Gospel of Christ will be made known in many lands.

Beyond the Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering your Literature Committees can help parents to see the value of continued missionary reading, putting *World Comrades* and *The Window of Y.W.A.* in every home where there is a boy or girl for *World Comrades* or a young woman to read *The Window of Y.W.A.* Missionary reading books also are charming Christmas gifts and can be selected from *The World in Books* or from other lists mentioned in the missionary magazines.

Christmas giving can be blessed to giver and receiver if done in the thought of Christmas for Christ. Lead the young people in realizing this.

(For announcement as to magazines see page 18.)

Training School

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

Training School Founders' Day

FFOUNDERS' Day was celebrated at the W.M.U. Training School in Louisville, Kentucky, October 1-2. This happy occasion, which will surely be long remembered by all the Training School girls, faculty members and visitors, proved a particular high point in the lives of the new students at the School, for it was then that the portraits in the Training School took on a new meaning to us and we began to entwine our lives into the "goodly heritage" which we came to appreciate and understand as our own.

One of the main features of the celebration was the special chicken dinner on October 2. This was a much-appreciated gift of the W.M.U. of South Carolina.

The Founders' Day service was held in the Fannie E. S. Heck Chapel in the School on the evening of October 1. There was a certain symbolism manifested there as the rain and thunder and lightning swept across the darkness outside while we prayed and sang and listened with growing appreciation to the challenge of our heritage.

Dr. W. O. Carver, beloved professor emeritus and friend of the Training School from its beginning, led the opening prayer, after which the audience sang the Training School Alma Mater Hymn, written by Rose Goodwin Pool for the dedication of House Beautiful in 1941. Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, Training School principal, summarized the contributions of the five women who are considered the founders of the School: Miss Eliza Broadus, Mrs. S. E. Woody, Mrs. George B. Eager, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck and Mrs. Maud Reynolds McLure. Miss Littlejohn then introduced Mrs. George R. Martin of Virginia, president of Woman's Missionary Union. The audience rose in a body to greet the speaker.

Mrs. Martin began her talk in "looking back to review the past and measuring our present activities against this goodly heritage in order that we might launch a future worthy of our past". She quoted the beautiful poem by Angela Morgan, "I Am Aware", and asked, "Are we really aware of life and of our responsibilities as American Christian women?" Mrs. Martin testified that her own awareness was intensified as she studied the life of one of the Training School founders, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck.

"Her life", said Mrs. Martin, "was lived by that holy trinity of love, service and sacrifice". Miss Heck lived in a time of crisis, Mrs. Martin explained: she lived in the days of the reconstruction period which followed the War between the States and she was aware of her responsibilities in such a world. Having no children of her own, she mothered the Sunbeam Bands of the south, the speaker pointed out; having no sons and daughters to send to college, she organized the boys and girls of the southland for missionary education. Mrs. Martin said that she was particularly impressed with six outstanding characteristics of Miss Heck—her loyalty, her vision, her spiritual power, her belief in the forgiveness of sin by her Lord, her role as a soul-winner and her faith. The speaker further noted that in thinking of the many wonderful experiences crowded into the life of Miss Heck, she was reminded of the story of the widow who helped Elijah by serving him with the little bit of oil she had. "And when she began to pour out", Mrs. Martin suggested, "God began to pour in". Mrs. Martin ended her inspiring message with the prayer-thought: "Lord God, use me in making a better world!"

As if in answer to the speech, the Training School chorus, under the direction of Miss Claudia Edwards, sang the Dedication Anthem by Rose Goodwin Pool. As the Training School girls left the chapel, their hearts echoed the last words of the chorus: "O God, send us forth!"—Miss Ann Huguley of Alabama

Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

I came that they may have life and may have it abundantly—*John 10:10b.*

Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself
—*Matt. 28:19a.* —*Matt. 22:39b.*

The *Watchman Examiner* is responsible for the statement that, "Following the example of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Methodist Episcopal Church will devote a year to evangelism." We read in the *Methodist Woman* that their Year of Evangelism was to begin September 1, 1945, following their church year rather than the calendar year and that their goals are: 1. One million additions to the membership of the church; 2. Daily devotions in every Methodist home; 3. The organization of at least five hundred new churches.



The Norwegian Lutheran Church of America will have fifteen missionaries at work in the Chinese provinces of Honan and Hupeh before the end of 1945, the church officials announce. In a recent statement Daniel Nelson, the Chungking representative of the Lutheran World Convention, declares that there will be need for 1000 Lutheran missionaries in China as soon as conditions permit their entry.



An interdenominational campaign in central London was planned for September in which members of most of the evangelical churches would participate. Sir William Dobbie, the famous defender of Malta, was to take the lead. Says the London correspondent of the *Christian Century*: "Sir William is ready to make his confession of faith and plead with others to accept the Gospel." He quotes Sir William as saying: "In days in which we talk much about getting man's relationship with his fellowman right and about the brotherhood of nations, we must be careful never to lose sight of the thing that is even more important, and that is man's relationship with God."



From Australia come two vitally interesting items: 1. "The Methodist federal department of overseas (foreign) missions has embarked on an interesting project of missionary propaganda. Beginning this month (September) some twenty radio stations, covering all six of our states, are presenting dramatized episodes illustrating the work of Methodist missions in the southwest Pacific." 2. "Chaplains and physicians who served in the recent war are receiving a handsome compliment from discharged service men; theology and medicine are the most popular courses among those offered veterans under the Australian government's reconstruction training scheme."



While many other countries have had a part in the effort to maintain foreign mission fields whose support by European churches was cut off during the war, the churches in the United States furnished the major support of these so-called "orphaned missions". According to the latest annual report churches of the United States contributed for the three calendar years (1942, 1943, 1944) \$3,367,665 of the total of \$3,816,893.



According to a report presented to the United Church Canvass the following denominations are proposing to raise for postwar programs of world relief, restoration and reconstruction \$112,000,000. The Methodists have already raised their quota of \$26,000,000. Other goals are: Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., \$27,000,000; Northern Baptists, \$14,000,000; Southern Baptists, \$10,000,000; Lutherans, \$15,000,000; Protestant Episcopal, \$5,000,000; and Congregational Christian, \$4,500,000. These amounts are over and above the regular giving of the churches.

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Margaret Fund

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

Margaret Fund Students, 1945-46

THE eighty-one students of the Margaret Fund herewith presented have matriculated in the schools and colleges listed below. There are fifty-eight renewals and twenty-three new students. Thirteen of the new students are the sons and daughters of foreign missionaries and ten of home missionaries. Three prospective students plan to reach the States before the next quarter. Usually there are unexpected entrants who increase the total number for the scholastic year. These earnest young people preparing for lives of service are a challenge to prayerful, personal, loving interest in their welfare.

ALABAMA

Hankins, Amie Vary (Argentina) Judson College, Marion
Pucciarrelli, Ross Lee (Alabama) Judson College, Marion
Woodward, Adell (China) Judson College, Marion
Woodward, Glenn (China) Judson College, Marion

ARKANSAS

Berry, Bailey (Brazil) Ouachita College, Arkadelphia

FLORIDA

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

GEORGIA

Littleton, Mary (Africa) Toccoa High School, Toccoa

KENTUCKY

Shepard, John W. (Brazil) Sna. Bapt. Theo. Sem., Louisville
Hart, Sarah (Chile) W.M.U. Training School, Louisville
Hayes, Helen Loda (Brazil) Georgetown College, Georgetown
Parker, Betty Lou (China) Georgetown College, Georgetown
Taylor, Betty (Brazil) Georgetown College, Georgetown
Jacob, Lydia (China) Campbellsville College, Campbellsville

LOUISIANA

Strother, Miriam (China) Louisiana College, Pineville
Strother, Wallace (China) Louisiana College, Pineville

MARYLAND

Mein, Margaret (Brazil) Johns Hopkins Nursing School, Baltimore

MISSISSIPPI

Cooper, Mary Beth (Argentina) Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain
Freeman, Louise (Argentina) Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain
Owens, Laurella (China) Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain
Sullivan, Betty Jane (Brazil) Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain
Ware, Emily (China) Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain
Harris, Clara (China) Mississippi State, State College
McCormick, William (Africa) Mississippi State, State College

NEW MEXICO

Jojoia, Lupita (New Mexico) Eastern New Mexico College, Portales
Parker, Wendall (New Mexico) University of New Mexico, Albuquerque

NORTH CAROLINA

Johnson, Eugenia (China) Wake Forest College, Wake Forest
Lide, Betty (China) Wake Forest College, Wake Forest
Woodward, Betty (China) Wake Forest College, Wake Forest
White, Geneva Jo (China) Mars Hill College, Mars Hill

OKLAHOMA

Richardson, Lois (Africa) Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee

SOUTH CAROLINA

Morgan, Constance (China) Furman University, Greenville
Savage, Harold E. Jr. (China) Furman University, Greenville
Jackson, Richard E. (China) University of South Carolina, Columbia

TENNESSEE

Hipps, Jackson S. (China) Vanderbilt University, Nashville

TEXAS

Blackman, Mildred (China) Baylor University, Waco
 Cowart, George B. (Brazil) Baylor University, Waco
 Culpepper, Mary (China) Baylor University, Waco
 Eeete, Noble D. (Brazil) Baylor University, Waco
 Enote, William W. (Brazil) Baylor University, Waco
 Fielder, Gerald (China) Baylor University, Waco
 Hardy, Dorothy Jean (Brazil) Baylor University, Waco
 Koon, Victor Lee (Brazil) Baylor University, Waco
 Lamon, Ivan V. Jr. (China) Baylor University, Waco
 Moore, Betty Ruth (China) Baylor University, Waco
 Morgan, F. A. R. Jr. (Brazil) Baylor University, Waco
 Oliver, Benale May (Brazil) Baylor University, Waco
 Porter, Celeste (Brazil) Baylor University, Waco
 Rankin, Whitfield (Brazil) Baylor University, Waco
 Blair, Judson (China) Baylor Medical School, Houston
 Bagby, Priscilla (Argentina) Southwestern Seminary, Sanbury Hm
 Laurel, Elvie (Brazil) Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton
 Laurel, Emma (Texas) Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton
 Laurel, Gloria (Texas) Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton
 Smith, Beles (Texas) Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton
 Mireles, Sarah (Brazil) Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton
 Mireles, Olga (Texas) Howard Payne College, Brownwood
 Rodriguez, Elias (Texas) Howard Payne College, Brownwood
 W'Boon, Trudie Lee (Brazil) Howard Payne College, Brownwood
 Crouch, Edward (Brazil) San Marcos Academy, San Marcos
 Oliver, Bruce (Brazil) Dallas High School, Dallas

VIRGINIA

Bowdler, Betty (Argentina) Westhampton College, Richmond
 Lee, Margaret Jung (Virginia) Virginia Medical College, Richmond

CUBA

Beerna, Esther (Cuba) Havana University, Havana
 Calleiro, Abner (Cuba) Institute, Sagua la Grande
 Cardenas, Raquel (Cuba) Institute, Havana
 Corujedo, Daniel (Cuba) Havana University, Havana
 Corujedo, Mirra (Cuba) Institute, Matanzas
 Ferrer, Eunice (Cuba) Havana Normal, Havana
 Fraguela, Rafael Jr. (Cuba) Institute, Santa Clara
 Gomez, Eduardo (Cuba) Seminary, Havana
 Machado, Moises (Cuba) Havana University, Havana
 Machado, Esther (Cuba) Havana University, Havana
 Machado, Ruben (Cuba) Havana University, Havana
 Lima, Samuel (Cuba) Institute of Remedios, Santa Clara
 Negria, Annie (Cuba) Presbyterian Institute, Cardenas
 Prado, Raquel (Cuba) Training School, Havana
 Quisiana, Eleazar (Cuba) Institute of Artemisa, Pinar Del Rio
 Rodriguez, Moises (Cuba) Arts and Trades School, Santa Clara
 Rodriguez, Raul (Cuba) Arts and Trades School, Santa Clara

MISCELLANEOUS

Chambers, Lois (China) Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio
 Olive, Emily (China) Pratt Institute, New York City

Current Events (Concluded from Page 32)

A practical form of relief begun in 1942 which has been developed by the Church of the Brethren and the Mennonites, "peace" churches whose membership is largely rural, is the project of sending young milk cows to areas where children are starving or are near starvation and where dairy herds have been destroyed or decimated. The UNRRA is now engaging in such a project.



The King and Queen of Great Britain and Field-marshal Bernard Montgomery have all sent gifts for the \$4,000,000 fund sought by the British Committee for Christian Reconstruction in Europe. For relief needs of churches in Europe the amount of \$125,000 (approximately \$625,000) has already been paid in.

Greetings from Our Mission Fields

Explanatory Note—Anticipating a meeting of Woman's Missionary Union in 1945 the following greetings were received for incorporation in the minutes of such a meeting. Since the meeting was necessarily cancelled, the highly appreciated greetings are herewith presented.—*Kathleen Mallory, W.M.U. Executive Secretary*

Chungking, China

WE are very happy to be able to send greetings to you. As you know, we are a group of refugee Baptist women, living in Chungking. We have come from many parts of China, some of us being from Kweilin and Kweiyang. We are glad to tell you that, although we met many difficulties on the way, God was with us and brought us safely here.

Our W.M.S. was organized on December 8, 1944, after we had observed the Day of Prayer around the World, using the material you sent out to us. We are still a very small group and, because of the inconvenience of transportation, we meet only once each month. There was no organized Baptist work in Chungking when we arrived. First, we organized our W.M.S. and now we have a Baptist Fellowship that meets each Sunday afternoon for worship. We hope soon to have a fully organized Baptist church here in China's war-time capital. We thank you for sending us by air-mail the program material from *Royal Service*, which we translate and use in our meetings. We hope you will pray for us. May God bless you.—*Mrs. Ruth Chen, President*

Greetings from Brazil

CENTENNIAL! One hundred years of labor and victories! The W.M.U. of Brazil is a product of this centennial or consecrated service and with gratitude to God joins in with you in a song of praise: "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad!"

The year 1944 was a blessed one for us. We saw marked progress in all phases of our work. It seems that in a time of affliction and distress God's people are more ready to wait before Him and can more clearly see His plan and purpose work out.

The W.M.U. report presented at our annual meeting last January showed that we now have 601 missionary organizations for women, 203 for young women and 410 for children with 22,374 members in the 860 Baptist churches in Brazil. The women and girls reported 518,564 evangelistic visits and conversations and the distribution of 350,011 pieces of evangelical literature. Of the 14,620 W.M.S. and Y.W.A. members, 7916 were titheers.

Good reports came from the Training School in Recife and from the Workers' Course in Girls' School in Rio. There were 15 to graduate from the latter; three of these left in February to do missionary work in the interior of Brazil.

The Y.W.A.'s. of Brazil for some years have paid the salary of a teacher in Maranhap, Brazil. Plans are now being made for them to continue with this home missionary work and also support a foreign missionary either in Portugal or Bolivia.

Our Union's three days of prayer were observed last year as usual and the offerings, in spite of high cost of living and other inconveniences brought on by the war, were better than in any other year. The societies reported having raised \$16,500 in their local societies; this does not include their tithes and offerings paid directly into the church budget.

Your greetings were read at our annual meeting and we shall remember you in our prayers, as you gloriously and victoriously crown one hundred years of service for Christ. Indeed it is a precious link that binds us together, the love of our Lord and Master. The glory belongs to Him.—*Miss Waldemira Almeida, Rio de Janeiro* (Greetings from other countries will be presented in January issue.)



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