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Women—400,464; Gain—18,809

Young People—338,896; Gain—1365

TOTAL TITHERS 177,871; Gain—6694

Women—126,393; Gain—1646

Young People—51,478; Gain—5018

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Women—860; Gain—223

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Young People—23,383; Gain—1023

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EDITORIAL

"God Gave the Growth"

YOU are familiar with Paul's explanation (1 Corinthians 3:6) that, while he planted and Apollos watered, the multiplying power came from God. The King James Version and the American Standard Version word it thus: "God gave the increase". Goodspeed translated it: "It was God who made the plants grow"; the more recent Revised Standard Version furnishes the wording used for this editorial—"God gave the growth". Just three verses further on is the phrase which is our Union's watchword: "Laborers together with God". Now that the W.M.U. records for the calendar year of 1945 have been compiled it is gratifying to study them in the light of these two verses. (See page 1.)

As "laborers together with God" it is easy to believe that a vast host of W.M.U. members worked untiringly—some as leaders in the states or districts or associations or churches, some without any office but with a zeal for more knowledge of the missionary enterprise and with ready response through their prayers and gifts and witness in their own communities. To all such leaders and followers Woman's Missionary Union is deeply grateful but it may be confidently asserted that in being thanked each of them would humbly and yet triumphantly reply: "It was God who made the plants grow!"

Certainly there was great growth in the number of organizations whether for women or young people. However in the Southern Baptist Convention nearly half (42,479) of the churches do not have even one W.M.U. organization. Because an increase is shown in the number of churches (2990) which have the Full Graded W.M.U. also in the number (1563) which have three of our organizations and in the number which have two (1454), we know that an increasing host of southern Baptist women and young people are functioning finely in and through their graded missionary organizations. Also we give thanks for the 1951 S.B.C. churches that have four W.M.U. organizations each, our earnest desire for them being that during this year all of them will form and maintain the respective organization now lacking to complete their Full Graded W.M.U. Eagerly too do we long for each of the 4539 churches now having only one W.M.U. organization to add another and yet others. All the while it must be our individual and united purpose to extend the missionary program into churches whose women and young people are missing the joyful satisfaction inherent in and resultant from a missionary organization.

In all such unselfish extension service there will be increasing zeal to enlist another woman, to lead another young person. During 1945 there were great gains in membership among the women and young people but it is easy to understand that the 194,860 W.M.U. members are less than one-seventh of the membership (1,586,784) of southern Baptist churches. Fortunately and of course purposely the various W.M.U. activities, which are combined in our Standards of Excellence, are either efforts toward or evidences of enlistment. Therefore, any of our organizations which work steadily on their respective standards are almost certain to enlist new members even as the zeal of those already enrolled is quickened.

Last year we had 4898 organizations to attain every point on their standards, which was one in 8.4 organizations. Excellent as this was, the more excellent record of the preceding year was one in seven. Now that homes and churches are being freed from the strain of war, the opportunities are more favorable for the reaching of one's standard, an extra reward of which is the steady showing of the growth. Great was the growth shown last year in the number of mission study classes, whether for the women or young people. In a unique and yet in a comprehensive sense "knowledge is power" when it is possessed by an earnest promoter of missions. Was there ever a more promising era than now for enlisting through mission study

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STEWARDSHIP

Mrs. Clyde V. Hickerson, Virginia
Southwide Stewardship Chairman

How Much?

AMERICA today enjoys an abundance of blessings that ought to send us to our knees in humble gratitude. We have our problems of peace, no doubt, but in comparison with other parts of the world we are greatly favored. Since we are among those "to whom much is given", it follows that we are also of that group "of whom much is required".

Spontaneously the question arises, How much?

How much has been given? Everything!

How much is required? The same answer, everything!

But in a special sense there is a certain proportion of time and of money that we are commanded to devote exclusively to God. We are not left to wonder what this proportion is, for our Bible clearly teaches us that one day in seven of time and one-tenth of our material possessions in money belong to God.

When Jesus came He corrected a false interpretation of the Pharisees about Sabbath observance and said, "The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath". He also corrected a false emphasis on the law of the tithe but He plainly said of tithing even the smallest garden herbs, "These things you ought to have done". Many times He spoke of material gifts and commended generosity. We recall His appreciation of the gift of precious ointment and His commendation of the poor widow who "cast in all that she had". Paul wrote frequently to the early Christians about the "grace of giving". To the Corinthians he said: "Upon the first day of the week, let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper"—clear instructions for regular and proportionate contributions.

In the light of so much definite teaching in the Bible with reference to giving it is amazing to know what a small per cent of the income of American Christians goes for the promotion of Christ's Kingdom. Dr. Ernest Thomas tells us that in America in 1944 "only a little more than one-tenth of one per cent of the income of professing Christians was given for the support of God's work at home and over the world". Sums of money contributed during the past year are so large that one's first feeling is one of exultation that the generosity of Christians has increased so much. Careful study will reveal that "there is strong evidence however to indicate that believers in Christ are offering God less today in proportion to their income than at any other time in the history of the church". It is to help meet this situation that southern Baptists are majoring on STEWARDSHIP as we have launched a new century for Christ.

A goal of a **MILLION TITHERS** has been set for the denomination. When one considers the plain teaching of the Scripture about regular and proportionate giving, with the tithe as a minimum, a goal of **ONE MILLION TITHERS** from nearly **SIX MILLION BAPTISTS** seems exceedingly small. Nevertheless, when one compares the goal with our past record, it is so large as to challenge our best effort.

Woman's Missionary Union has accepted responsibility for securing 333,334 of the **MILLION TITHERS**. In 1945 with a total W.M.U. membership of 739,360 there were 177,871 tithers reported, approximately one-fourth. In order to reach our goal we must have almost twice that many.

Consider your own W.M.U. organization and ask yourself these questions: How many have we on roll? How many of them have already signed a **STEWARDSHIP COVENANT CARD**? How were they impressed to become tithers? Why did the others not respond? What can we do about it?

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"Who Will Go for Us?"

Dr. Courts Redford, Assistant Executive Secretary
S.B.C. Home Mission Board

THE Word of the Lord to Isaiah of old rings out anew to the Baptist youth of our southland: "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" (Isaiah 6:8.)

There seems to be a dearth of consecrated and trained missionaries for both home and foreign service. Youth has either not heard or he has not answered God's call.

A survey of the needs in the home mission fields indicates a need of three hundred and eighty-nine additional workers. These are imperative needs. We now have only one missionary couple for an average of 12,689 Spanish speaking people, one for 31,500 of the French and Italian people and one for 65,000 in Cuba, Panama and the Canal Zone.

Other fields are just as needy. The population of our Convention territory has increased 4,000,000 since 1940. From a standpoint of population this is equivalent to adding two states the size of Arkansas and South Carolina to our Convention. There are more lost people in this area today than the total population was fifty years ago. Missionaries are needed among the foreign groups, among the Indians, among the underprivileged, in pioneer fields, in mountain regions, among the Jews, among the Negroes, for the deaf and for work in Cuba, Panama and the Canal Zone.

The principal task of the Home Mission Board and its missionaries is to make and baptize disciples. We are to do our utmost to take this southland for Christ.

We must have missionaries who understand and accept this challenge. Every missionary appointed by our Board must be a consecrated Christian who has a concern for the lost. This is the first and great qualification. Then each must be conscious of God's call to this service.

Our missionaries should have college and seminary training. We prefer to make appointments between the ages of twenty-five and forty. The applicants must be sound in doctrine, loyal to their churches, cooperative in denominational service and considerate of fellow-workers.

The task of the home missionary is not an easy one. It lacks some of the glamor of foreign service. Visible results are often few and far between. Some workers are isolated far-away from friends and loved ones. Salaries are low. Hardships, difficulties and problems are numerous. Only the call of God should make anyone want to be a home missionary.

But for the God-called man or woman the task is glorious. The rewards are permanent and satisfying. Many of the happiest people I have found anywhere are our missionaries who have discovered the glories of sacrificial consecrated service.

Even the most difficult fields are yielding a rich harvest in conversions and transformed lives. And in most cases the missionaries know that their proclamation and demonstrations of the way of life will be someone's only opportunity to find God. There is no wonder that the missionaries develop a love and concern for people that far surpass that of the average worker.

The missionary is supported in a special way by the prayers of our people. This may be the secret of far more of spiritual power than we now realize. Certainly it is the source of great satisfaction and comfort.

Special benefits accrue to our Home Board missionaries. They have the aid of the Margaret Fund in educating their children. They share the benefits of a retirement income. They are often honored by their fellow-workers and by our Baptist constituency. They are associated with one of the most loyal and consecrated groups of workers in the world.

Best of all, the missionaries have the satisfaction of doing the will of God. They are coworkers with God. They are God's ambassadors. They are God's chosen representatives to those who have no other chance.

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COMMUNITY MISSIONS

Mrs. Edgar Godbold, Southwide Chairman

From a Small Beginning

YOU will probably be interested in some community missions activities which have proved to be of practical and far-reaching value. A few years ago, Mrs. S. G. Posey in Austin, Texas, became greatly concerned about community missions possibilities and responsibilities in her own city. Under her leadership, as community missions chairman, a Good Will Center was established in Austin, and I was for a time director of that institution.

Since a day-nursery was provided for children who needed such care, I was appealed to by a friend to receive for full time three motherless Mexican children from San Antonio, Texas. The Board of Directors granted this request and the children (four, five and six years old), lived for some time in the Good Will Center as their home and as my children. These little curly-haired girls—Gloria, Margaret and Mary Louise Hernandez—looked precious in the lovely dresses and pinafores which the Austin women made for them. They proved to be very bright and learned to speak English in a remarkably short time. They early showed interest in the Gospel; Dr. Posey has now baptized all three of them.

In 1943, it seemed advisable for various reasons not to keep children overnight in the Good Will Center in Austin. Because of my deep concern for them and my love for them I took the three Mexican orphan girls back to San Antonio to talk with Dr. J. L. Moye about the problem we were facing. Providentially this was at the time of the annual meeting of the San Antonio Association. Mrs. E. J. Lyons, who was associational community missions chairman, offered to present these pretty little girls in connection with her community missions report. The children stood before a strange congregation and repeated without an error the One Hundredth Psalm and sang "Oh, How I Love Jesus!" The appeal was irresistible!

Omitting many interesting incidents, the result is the new Mexican Baptist Orphans' Home, which has been needed for so long; for it the Mexican Baptists of Texas and other American friends have so long prayed. I am house-mother and now have six little girls, five of whom have been baptized. As soon as our cottages can be erected we shall have many more children. Thus, as the proverbial pebble dropped in the water sends out wavelets in larger and larger circles, so it is impossible to imagine the full influence of community missions efforts in behalf of our first three motherless, Mexican girls.—Mrs. Nannie Tynes Bailey, San Antonio, Texas

Stewardship (Concluded from Page 4)

W.M.U. Year Book carries practical suggestions and plans for securing tithers. All our Baptist publications are this year emphasizing **STEWARDSHIP** and are carrying helpful articles for the promotion of tithing. For W.M.U. members this is especially true of *Royal Service*, *The Window of Y.W.A.*, *World Comrades*, *Ambassador Life* and the two S.B.C. missionary magazines, *The Commission* and *Southern Baptist Home Missions*. Free literature may be secured from your state W.M.U. headquarters. Priced material may be ordered from our W.M.U. Literature Department, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama. Keep a supply of the **STEWARDSHIP COVENANT CARDS** on hand and give an opportunity often for new signers; order these free cards from your state W.M.U. office.

Most practical and important source of help is **PRAYER**. Pray for wisdom and tact to present effectively this vital phase of Christian living. Pray for courage to keep on working toward the goal until it has been attained. This is God's work for the advancement of His Kingdom. With His help we can do this thing for Him.

CALENDAR of PRAYER

June, 1946

Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

Faith is not merely praying upon your knees at night,
Faith is not merely straying through darkness into light,
Faith is not merely waiting for glory that may be.
Faith is not merely hating the sinful ecstasy—
Faith is brave endeavor, the splendid enterprise,
The strength to serve whatever conditions arise.

—S. E. Kiser

1-SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. S. W. Vance, 1st Baptist Church, Blanche Bradley, medical-evangelistic work, Misses 1st Pearl Caldwell and 1st Bonnie Jean Ray, evangelistic work, Plaquemine, China. As thy days so shall thy strength be. —Deut. 33:25

2-SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Lowe, Mrs. L. W. Pierce, Mrs. Peyton Stephens, emerita missionaries from China, also Rev. Peyton Stephens, S.B.C. missionary, 1893-1924. I will be my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation. —Psa. 61:1

3-MONDAY

That the Holy Spirit may lead many qualified young folk, during this year, to volunteer for missionary service. Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister. —Matt. 20:26

4-TUESDAY

Rev. N. M. Carter, Mobile, Ala., Rev. S. E. Grindstad, Nashville, Tenn., Rev. W. T. Watts, Oklahoma City, Okla., educational-evangelistic work among their own Negro race, Rev. L. F. Maynard (white), evangelistic work among Negroes, Mobile, Ala. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. —John 14:27

5-WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. I. Negron, Cruces, Miss Cecilia Dominguez, Portorillo, Miss Genoveva Gonzalez, Cienfuegos, Cuba, evangelistic work; also Anole Negron, Margaret Fund Student. Be sure of this, that the Kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. —Luke 10:11

6-THURSDAY

Baptist believers in Yugoslavia. The Lord shall guide thee continually. —Isa. 58:11

7-FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. B. T. Griffin, educational-evangelistic work, Abeokuta, Nigeria. Our help is in the Name of the Lord who made Heaven and earth. —Psa. 124:8

8-SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Handcastle, Lubbock, Rev. M. Leach Jr., Brownwood, Rev. I. Gama, Abilene, Rev. A. Lopez, Gonzalez, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans. With the Lord is mercy and with Him is plentiful redemption. —Psa. 130:7

9-SUNDAY

Rev. and Mrs. O. P. Maddox, Dr. R. E. Pettigrew, Mrs. C. A. Baker, emerita missionaries from Brazil. The Lord will not cast off His people, neither will He forsake His inheritance. —Psa. 94:14

10-MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. Z. P. Freeman, evangelistic work, Tucuman, Miss Vada Waldron, Mandan, Miss Beatrice Glass, Buenos Aires, Argentina, educational-evangelistic work; also Louise Freeman, Margaret Fund student. This is love, that we walk after His commandment. —1 John 6:6

11-TUESDAY

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, and all secretaries working with him; also all phases of work promoted by Sunday School Board. Be ye strong therefore and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded. —1 Chron. 15:7

12-WEDNESDAY

Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp, Kalamazoo, N. C., June 17-20. Follow after righteousness, faith, love, patience, meekness. —1 Tim. 3:13

13-THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. Barnett, Mrs. Minnie Graves, Mrs. Leona Woolforth, Miss Gladys Keith, Miss Amelia Rappold, evangelistic work, New Orleans, La. Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name be glory. —Psa. 115:1

14-FRIDAY

Rev. V. D. Freese, Batesville, Rev. E. D. Bates, Pine Bluff, Rev. J. Fitzgerald, Jonesboro, Rev. C. C. Roberts, Bentonville, Rev. H. A. Zimmerman, Little Rock, Rev. H. A. Zimmerman, Philadelphia, Ark., rural-evangelistic work. Love ye therefore the stranger. —Deut. 10:19

Calendar of Prayer for June

15—SATURDAY

xxDr. and Mrs. H. M. Harris, xxMiss Josephine Ward, educational evangelistic work, xxMrs. W. E. Saller, evangelistic work, Kailong, China, also Cita Harris, Margaret Furd student.
Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
—11 Tim. 2:1

16—SUNDAY

Rev. C. I. and Dr. Hallie G. Neal, Mexico, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Adams, Manchuria, Dr. J. F. Ray, Japan, emeritus missionaries. The Lord liveth and blessed be his Rock.
—Psa. 144:1

17—MONDAY

That the redeemed of the Lord may be diligent in soul-winning.
Be not therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord.
—11 Tim. 1:8

18—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Bow, Mexico, Rev. and Mrs. M. G. White, Bahia, Brazil, educational evangelistic work.
Open Thine mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law.
—Psa. 119:34

19—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Dier, Rev. F. I. Jones, Bahia, Canal Zone, Rev. R. Mendoza, Puntica, Costa Rica, evangelistic work.
Walk as children of light.
—Eph. 5:8

20—THURSDAY

xxMrs. J. W. Moore, xxMiss Pearl Johnson, xxMiss Pearl Todd, educational evangelistic work, Cheloo, China, also Ruth Moore, Margaret Furd student.
Hold up my goings in Thy paths that my footsteps slip not.
—Psa. 125:5

21—FRIDAY

Rev. G. Threadgill, St. Petersburg, Rev. C. Walker, Tampa, Fla., city evangelistic work.
Let the heart of them refuse that seek the Lord.
—1 Chron. 16:10

22—SATURDAY

Woman's Missionary Union of interior China. Seek the Lord and His strength, seek His face continually.
—1 Chron. 16:11

23—SUNDAY

Dr. J. R. Saunders, Mrs. W. H. Sears, Miss Elizabeth Rea, Miss Mary D. Willeford, emeritus missionaries from China.
Cause me to hear Thy loving kindness in the morning, for in Thine do I trust.
—Psa. 143:8

24—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. F. Rodriguez, Houston, Rev. L. Flores, Belton, Rev. M. Grimaldo, Brownwood, Rev. S. Martinez, Beeville, Rev. J. Solis, Brownwood, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans.
If any man be in Christ Jesus, he is a new creature.
—11 Cor. 5:17

25—TUESDAY

Mexican Baptist Women's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to Mexican Baptist Convention of Texas, San Angelo, June 25.
Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto Thy Name.
—Psa. 140:13

26—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. F. A. R. Morgan, educational evangelistic work, Sao Paulo, xxRev. and Mrs. W. R. Sherman, evangelistic work, Campo Grande, Mrs. D. P. Appleby, educational evangelistic work, Beltsville, Maryland, Brazil, xxJ. A. R. Morgan Jr., Margaret Furd student.
He that believeth on the Son of God, hath the witness in himself.
—1 John 5:10

27—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. L. Smith, Pineville, Rev. M. Radon, Thibodaux, Miss Vera Aguilard, Crowley, La., Rev. and Mrs. C. McLean, Beaumont, Texas, evangelistic work among French.
Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.
—Gal. 5:14

28—FRIDAY

xxDr. and Mrs. A. S. Gillespie, xxRev. and Mrs. W. W. Lanton Jr., xxMiss Olive Riddle, educational evangelistic work, Lufkin, xxMiss Addie Estelle Cox, evangelistic work, Wei Shih, China.
The Lord is not slack concerning His promise.
—11 Pet. 3:9

29—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. Cabrera, El Paso, Rev. and Mrs. D. Bejarano, Artesia, Rev. and Mrs. V. Meeks, Torrance, New Mexico, evangelistic work among Spanish Americans.
Be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot and blemish.
—11 Pet. 3:14

30—SUNDAY

That the cause of Christian education may grow in power in the life of young people throughout the land.
Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it.
—Prov. 16:22

xxAttended W.M.U. Training School
xxAttended Southwestern Training School
xxAttended Baptist Bible Institute
xxFormer Margaret Furd Student
xxOn Furlough

FAMILY ALTAR

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: Living Up to Our Moral Standards

"In your faith, supply virtue" (A.S.V.)

1st Day—11 Pet. 1:5-11; Psa. 91:1-9
2nd Day—11 Pet. 3:8, 9, 18; Psa. 121
3rd Day—Phil. 4:8, 9, 13; John 4:24-38
4th Day—Judges 6:11-16, 36-40; Phil. 1:3-11
5th Day—11 Kings 5:1-14; Mark 6:7-13
6th Day—Eph. 6:1-9; Matt. 17:14-20
7th Day—1 Cor. 16:13, 14; Matt. 26:47-55

"In Your Knowledge, Self-control" (A.S.V.)

15th Day—1 Cor. 9:1-14; Matt. 19:27-30
16th Day—1 Cor. 9:15-27; Matt. 6:9-15
17th Day—1 Cor. 10:1-13; 1 John 1
18th Day—1 Cor. 10:23-11:1; John 13:31-35
19th Day—1 Cor. 12:1, 2, 4-14, 28-31; Rom. 1:8-13
20th Day—Prov. 16:32; Acts 2:42-47
21st Day—Rom. 8:33-39; Acts 12:11-17

"In Your Virtue, Knowledge" (A.S.V.)

8th Day—1 Sam. 2:1-10; Luke 10:17-20
9th Day—11 Chron. 1:7-12; John 14:12-17
10th Day—Prov. 1:7-33; Matt. 5:43-48
11th Day—Dan. 1:8-21; Luke 9:57-62
12th Day—Luke 1:67-79; Matt. 7:24-27
13th Day—Rom. 11:33-36; Matt. 11:24-30
14th Day—Col. 1:9-23; Matt. 10:34-40

"In Your Self-control, Patience" (A.S.V.)

22nd Day—Rom. 15:1-6; 11 Thess. 2:13-3:5
23rd Day—Heb. 12:6-17; John 15:1-12
24th Day—Jas. 1:2-17; Luke 24:44-49
25th Day—Jas. 1:19-27; Matt. 2:32-36
26th Day—Jas. 2:14-26; Acts 3:1-10
27th Day—Jas. 3:1, 2, 6-18; Acts 8:26-35
28th Day—Jas. 4:1-3, 7-17; Acts 8:5-17
29th Day—Jas. 5:7-11, 19, 20; Acts 10:34-48
30th Day—Luke 21:19; Acts 13:46-49

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

"Pray Ye"

In adoring thanks that from everlasting to everlasting
"The Lord God omnipotent reigneth"

For wisest possible use of S.B.C. and W.M.U. reports

In Christian humility yet assurance that we "can do
all things through Christ who strengtheneth"

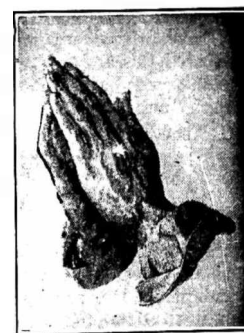
In earnest intercession that all Christians as "laborers
together with God" will "serve their generation
according to the will of God" through prayer,
stewardship of tithes and offerings, missionary
education of youth and community missions

For faithful participation in local and associational meetings, seeking to make per-
manent the emphasis given to them

For Southwide Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgcrest, N. C., June 12-20

That a host of Baptist business women and other W.M.S. members will arrange to
attend the W.M.U. Conference at Ridgcrest, N. C., August 8-14

For world-wide peace through allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ



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BIBLE STUDY

Dr. W. O. Carver, Kentucky

Matthew 5:12-20, 48; Ephesians 5:6-14

WHEN we seek in the Bible for teaching on any major topic of life, passages cry out to us from all parts of it. When we think of our Christian standards and the importance of living up to them it almost seems that that is the one thing the Bible is about.

Christianity is the religion of perfect standards, of standards of perfection for those who profess it. It has to be so. For it comes from the God of all righteousness and binds us in worship and in character-ideals to the perfect God. It is founded in and was originated by Jesus Christ, in whom was no sin and in whom are all perfections.

The Sermon on the Mount is Jesus' manifesto of the Kingdom of God. It therefore announces social standards, the ethical standards for men in relation to each other. But the Kingdom of Heaven is constituted of and by "the sons of the Kingdom", redeemed persons, committed wholly to the aims of Jesus. Therefore He opens His manifesto by telling what sort of persons the men of His Kingdom must be. He sets up personal standards. For social standards are the behavior patterns, the ethics of Christians in human relationship.

Jesus emphasizes the high demand of righteousness for His followers: "I say unto you that except your righteousness shall be superior to that of the scribes and Pharisees (the highest then known in the world) ye shall by no means enter into the Kingdom of Heaven (20)". As this is the starting point of His Kingdom teaching, so it is much the most extensive section of the Kingdom Sermon (all chapter 5).

Dealing with the inner motive, the heart source of living in relation to men, He illustrates it in matters of murder, adultery, oaths, reactions to wrongs and wrongdoers. Then He climaxes it all (verse 48) by saying: "Ye therefore shall be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect". He could have said nothing higher. He could not have offered any lower standard. A small boy was amazed when his father presented this and said, "Jesus tells us He wants us to be as good as God is". "I couldn't ever be as good as that", the boy said in tones of awe. "No", said the father, "but isn't it great that Jesus wants us to be like God?"

Then, through Paul (Rom. 8:29) God says He has set out to make us like His Son, indeed to make us children along with Jesus in His divine family. (See also Eph. 2:19.)

In verses 12-15 of the Sermon Jesus tells why He wants His people to be such as He describes—at least one great reason for it. It is because the world's standards are so low and sinful, because God desires to convict men of sin and of righteousness in order to save them. So His people must be prophets, declaring God's standards and demands; must be salt to check the moral decay of human society and institutions and so save the earth; must be light and so expose the evil of humanity and its evils, shine reproof upon them for their sin and corruption, so exhibit the light of God's love and righteousness that others "may see your (our) good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven". They will glorify Him by turning from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive remission of sins and an inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith in Jesus (Acts 26:18, Paul's commission).

The Ephesian passage emphasizes most strongly the importance of the Christian standard of morality and ethics in all matters of sex. It means everything to have the light of Christian chastity and purity, by its light, reprove the unfruitful works of darkness. Christians must let no man deceive us by the "empty words" of pagan theories on this subject (or on any subject). The plain, inescapable truth is that

"because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the sons of disobedience". "Be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds that ye may prove (to yourselves and to all) what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Rom. 12:1-2).

The Bible brings us to the Christian standards in all matters of ethical theory and conduct, social, economic, political; personal standards and community standards; standards within the church fellowship and within all social relations. And it appeals to us on the basis of the highest sanctions, by the character of God and His holy purpose for men; appeals to us on the basis of our experience of redemption by Christ, in regeneration. It appeals to us by our present salvation and our hope for the future. "Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made clear what we shall be. We know that when it is made clear we shall be like Him. . . . And everyone, who has this hope fixed on Him, purifies himself so as to be as pure as He is" (1 John 3:2 after Weymouth).

Bible Study Topics for Woman's Missionary Union, 1947

Arranged and to Be Developed by

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January: One God and One World—Acts 17:22b-31

February: The Holy Spirit Begins the Universal Gospel—Acts 2:1-12

March: God's Pledge to His Suffering Servant—Psalm 22:26b-31

April: Transcending Provincialisms—Acts 15:14-21

May: An Anthem of Universal Witness—Psalm 67

June: A Song of a Universal Religion—Psalm 96

July: A Poem of Universal Vision—Psalm 98

August: God's Invitation to All the Ends of the Earth—Isaiah 45:20-28

September: The Unchanging Method for Evangelizing the World—Isa. 66:18, 21, 23

October: The World Seen in the Light of the Eyes of the Lamb—Revelation 5:1-14

November: Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Has Come—Isaiah 59:20-60:5

December: God's Hope of Glory in Human History—Colossians 1:24-29



W.M.U. Missionary Program Topics for 1947

General Theme: The World's People Today

January—The Eternal Message for All People

February—Jews and Arabians

March—Russians

April—Other Peoples of Europe

May—Japanese

June—American Negroes

July—Chinese

August—South Americans

September—American Indians

October—Mexicans

November—Peoples of Africa

December—Challenge for Service

BOOK REVIEW and STUDY SUGGESTIONS

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

Following in His Train

TO SAY that Mrs. W. J. Cox wrote this book, the third official history of Woman's Missionary Union, is sufficient praise. It was prepared for use in the Golden Jubilee Celebration (1938) and is required for certificate I in the recommended mission study courses. It is organized in five well articulated units each of which will require at least one full session's study.

Those who teach will want to consult the two preceding histories, "In Royal Service" and "Decade of W.M.U. Service", as well as other pertinent historical materials. The teachers will find it worth while to go through the book and mark those gems of thought and expression with which it is studded, that the class may not miss them. They will need to collect pictures of persons, maps of areas mentioned, costumes, anecdotes, mementos and other interesting materials. They may well prepare a chart for each unit showing events they expect to emphasize, based on the chronological chart on pages 213-217. (Order the book, price 60c, from State Baptist Bookstore.)

Session One. Introduce the study by telling a little about the book and author, see "Introduction". Ask a student to lead a devotional period on "The Universal Savior". Assign to various members for report various "Missionary Giants", using pictures, maps, incidents from their lives and assessing their contributions. Ask the class to visualize the situation under "The Power of an Endless Life", (page 20). Using a large map of colonial America trace early Baptist missions in America. Taking the chronological chart as a guide, let the class dramatize the prayer-meeting at Kettering and ask individual members to tell of Carey, illustrate in a chalktalk the Haystack Prayer-meeting, tell of the conversion of the Judsons and the work of Luther Rice culminating in the Triennial Convention. Note the early missionary organizations and southern landmarks. Let one student tell of the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention and a second, of various women's organizations leading up to a southwide movement.

Session Two. Supplementing the present account with Miss Heck's from "In Royal Service" tell of the organization of Woman's Missionary Union. Conduct a quiz on matters treated in Section I. Review the more important ones, using the chronological chart. Show pictures of the officers and speak of their outstanding contributions. Some of the class members may be able to contribute incidents about these early leaders. Discuss and illustrate with posters and charts the working plans of W.M.U. Divide the class into three groups each with a chairman and ask each group to present briefly one of the epochs of Union history, its leaders and history. Using the chronological chart emphasize the events in each epoch.

Session Three. Using a large globe, speak of the world wide need for missions which activated the newly organized Woman's Missionary Union. Recall the close relationship between early leaders and Doctor Tupper, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board (page 46). Note the beginnings and success of the Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, showing on a chart the figures for the first year, for the first fifty years and for 1945 (see page 1 of this magazine). Note the Week of Prayer, Day of Prayer around the World and W.M.U. funds for use in foreign lands which have grown up around it. In like fashion speak of Miss Armstrong's lasting interest in home missions and of early W.M.U. work for this cause, with its self-denial offering which has grown into the Annie Armstrong Offering with a goal of five hundred thousand dollars a year. Note the relation of the Home Mission Board to state and city mission endeavors and mention the state mission W.M.U. offering each fall. Speak of other W.M.U. emphases on giving and of the Calendar (Concluded on Page 29)

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"GIVE ATTENTION to READING"

Miss Thelma Brown, Book Consultant, Baptist Sunday School Board

Preparing for News

NEWSPAPERS, radios and magazines report news as it occurs, usually compressing it to give accent to some particular incident or circumstance. These modern means of communication must take for granted either that we know facts that lie behind the specific news-story or have access to sources of information.

Missionary messages, programs, texts and even articles in this and other missionary magazines have to concentrate principally upon the religious aspects of a people or country. These too assume that we know more about them than the authors have time to tell us.

All of us realize that in both secular press and missionary reports there are many unanswered questions about the countries mentioned; yet, most of us have such crowded schedules that it is a physical impossibility to study exhaustively all that we would like to know about every part of our fast-moving, tumultuous world. In the *World in Books* there are listed a number of booklets which give us reliable, well organized and intelligent summaries of the historical and current affairs from many areas of our world neighborhood both where Baptists have missionaries and also where we do not.

For instance—if you are puzzled over the tangle in India, read the pamphlet *Twentieth Century India*, American Council, 40c, by Kate Mitchel and Kemar Goshal, both noted authors on India. In a half hour you will better understand this mysterious and bewildering land that is no longer just a British affair. If you want to know more about the caste system, Ghandi, religion and other problems in India which are of vital importance, read the pamphlet *Speaking of India* by Miriam S. Farley, American Council, 25c.

China has become a world power almost undercover of enemy attack during nine years of exhaustive war. This fact is more understandable when we discover that during the past twenty-five years her literacy has grown by leaps and bounds. The marvelous story of China's mass education movement is found in a booklet, *Talks with James Yen*, John Day, 25c. For years now this quiet hero has been busy teaching his countrymen to read by a method which short-cuts the former lengthy process. As years come we hope and pray that Chinese and American friendship and mutual helpfulness will grow. An exciting account of the whole Chinese-American relations, from the early times when traders plowed the seas to the recent war when Flying Tigers swept the skies, is told in *The Dragon and the Eagle* by Delia Goetz, Foreign Policy Association Inc., 40c.

It has been difficult to understand all that has happened in proud little Korea since the collapse of Japan. *Korea Looks Ahead*, American Council, 25c, A. J. Grajdanzev, is a small but reliable book telling about these neglected people and their future possibilities.

Africa, so huge, so complex, so changing, presents an especially difficult problem as we read about conditions there. Very helpful is a compressed account by Franklin Mack, *This Is Africa*, Friendship Press, 25c. It has many pictures, maps and graphs to accompany a concise text on African background, history, personalities and Christian mission service.

Among other titles available for a better understanding of Europe before, during and since the recent war be sure to read *Human Dynamite* by Henry C. Wolfe, Foreign Policy Association Inc., 25c. This concise book tells the story of Europe's minorities, how they came to exist and why they must play a big part in the future peace or conflict of the world.

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Our Young People

Miss Juliette Mather, W.M.U. Young People's Secretary
June A, B, C's

June is the month of A, B, C's this year—Adjusting, Beginning, Continuing.

Adjusting—*World Comrades* is making many adjustments with the beginning of *Ambassador Life*. There is more space left for Girls' Auxiliary and Sunbeam Band material, more space for stories and pictures and features, more space so that we can have a corner for counselors and leaders. This all means that *World Comrades* will be more valuable than ever, so merits an increase in subscriptions to compensate for those of Royal Ambassadors transferred to *Ambassador Life*. Send in your questions or good ideas for the counselors' exchange. Send in a longer list of subscriptions to *World Comrades* than ever before from your Girls' Auxiliary or your Sunbeam Band.

Beginning—*Ambassador Life*, a world outlook for Baptist boys, begins with June, 1946, Volume 1, Number 1. Everyone is going to be thrilled with this new venture which will give impetus to Royal Ambassador work and so awaken our boys more than ever to the imperative bigness of missions. Mr. Bishop as RA secretary and Miss Colvin as W.M.U. art editor are presenting a good looking magazine with many pictures accompanying excellent articles and stories. Every page is up-to-the-minute in appearance and content.

Don't let the boy in your home or the boys of your Royal Ambassador Chapter miss even the first number. Send your \$1 for a year's subscription at once. If your boy is a subscriber to *World Comrades* or if you wish to transfer your chapter's subscriptions, write *World Comrades*, telling the name of the subscriber or as to the transfer, stating that you wish to transfer to *Ambassador Life*. If your society subscribes for a bulk number of *World Comrades*, make clear how many are to be transferred to *Ambassador Life*. For example: suppose a certain church receives 90 *World Comrades* each month and distributes them to its young people; it would want to transfer magazines for boys to *Ambassador Life*; so it would write giving name and address, saying, "Please transfer 29 of our 90 *World Comrades* subscriptions to *Ambassador Life*"; or better yet, it would have that many more *World Comrades* to give to girls who have been enlisted since the subscriptions were sent in and would order 29 new *Ambassador Life* subscriptions for the boys. Delay in subscribing or transferring may miss this first edition, so act now.

Continuing—Last summer we all missed Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest but after the one year's lapse we continue Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest, June 12 to 20, once again. The program is full of unusual promise. Dr. John L. Slaughter, pastor of First Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, will be our daily Bible Hour speaker. Our Board secretaries will be with us for at least one message each: Dr. M. T. Rankin, secretary of Foreign Mission Board; Dr. J. B. Lawrence, secretary of Home Mission Board; Dr. T. L. Holcomb, secretary of Sunday School Board; Dr. T. J. Watts, secretary of Relief and Annuity Board. We will have missionaries or nationals from every continent where southern Baptist work is done and from different phases of our home mission life.

"A mountain is a vantage point from which to see" and Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp plans to offer clear world-visions which intelligent Christian women must have to live safely and courageously in this atomic age. We must continually remind ourselves and our young women that nobody ever lived in a world like this before and that nobody can live in this world unless everybody who knows Christ comes with haste to be convincingly Christian in all relationships. Y.W.A. Camp will prove a blessing, we believe, in undergirding faith and quickening zeal. Send Y.W.A.'s and other young women who ought to be Y.W.A.'s to Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest. Write your state W.M.U. young people's leader for travel plans and reservations.

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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 Ala.; *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 43 of 1946 W.M.U. Year Book and page 16 of this magazine.)



CIRCLE PROGRAM TOPIC: Missionary Volunteers on Home Mission Fields

Devotional Theme: Good Tidings—Isaiah 40:9

"Who Will Go for Us?" (See page 5 of this magazine.)

Testimonials on Summer Work (See items in June issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

My Experiences in Rural Mission Schools (See article in June issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

Home Mission Service Needs Volunteers (See article in June issue of *The Commission*.)

From a Small Beginning (See page 6 of this magazine.)

That Boy Angelo (See story in June issue of *World Comrades*.)

Elizabeth Hale Is Home Again (See article in June issue of *The Commission*.)

How Much? (See page 4 of this magazine.)

"God Gave the Growth" (See page 3 of this magazine.)

Business Woman's Circles

Miss Mary Christine
W.M.U. Representative

The Aim: Again we have a program that we want to present so attractively and impressively that every one hearing it will be moved to aggressive Christian action both to attain and to maintain high moral standards in America. See page 20-27 for the program material.

Preparation includes choosing or deciding on an interesting method of presentation, securing the help of those needed to present the program, arranging a unique printed program and decorating the room appropriately.

Presentation: One method that would be well adapted to this program material would be that of a panel discussion on the topic, "Are the forces of evil stronger than the forces for good in America?" or "Will America be weighed in the balance and found wanting?" or "Is the downward pull of evil stronger than the upward push for good in America?" Any of these questions that might appeal to the program chairman would relate to the program material.

Any number desired might be used in the discussion but seven could carry it out well. The program chairman would be one of the seven. She would introduce the program by using the material included in the topic, "A Nation's Morals", and present the question she has chosen for the topic of discussion, such as "Are the forces of evil stronger than the forces for good in America?", and also present her panel of speakers to discuss the topic.

The speakers should be seated about a table at front of room. On the table should be placed a set of scales; the kind that would show to best advantage would be those with a swinging bowl on each side in which objects to be weighed are placed. As objects are placed in the bowls of the scales the audience can see how it gets out of balance, which side is up, which down.

Let five of the speakers discuss the "Conditions That Alarm", each taking one of the topics—"Crime, Gambling, Divorce, Alcoholic Drinks, Delinquency". As each discusses her topic, using information from program material, she places in one bowl of the scale a small black object with the name of her topic on it. As these five finish there will be in that bowl of the scales five black objects that pull down character and throw life out of balance.

Choose one forceful speaker to present the effort to overcome the forces of evil. She will use as her background material that is in topic, "Living Up to Our Moral Standards". As she mentions each item of W.M.U. moral standards she places in the empty bowl of the scales small white objects to represent the forces for good and thus with power to overcome the downward pull of evil. If it isn't practical to use scales, a poster with scales drawn on it could be used and the names of the forces for good and evil placed on it during the discussion.

The Scripture suggested for the Bible study would have more direct application perhaps if read after the program discussion as a closing meditation, asking each to listen carefully in the light of what she has heard and to apply it to her life. (See page 20.)

The programs should have on the cover page a picture of scales with the swinging bowls. Under the picture should be written the question used in the panel discussion. Inside the program would be the program outline.

Ridgecrest B.W.C. Conference, August 8-14 Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C.

Plan to be there. Write for room reservations now. Excellent program of recreation and inspiration awaits you. This B.W.C. Conference is an exceptionally important part of the week's W.M.U. Conference. See page 17 of this magazine for full announcements.

For W.M.U. Conference at Ridgecrest, August 8-14



THE goals as set forth below were arranged after a comparative study of the latest statistics concerning the number of Woman's Missionary Societies and Business Woman's Circles in the given state; consideration also was given to the number of B.W.C. members who attended the 1944 B.W.C. Conference at Ridgecrest; and the respective distance from Ridgecrest was likewise a gauge. Among those in attendance this summer it is eagerly hoped that a large number will be state, district and associational W.M.U. leaders as well as women who are interested in their own societies. The next two issues of this magazine will set forth the program features.

State	B.W.C. Other W.M.S.			State	B.W.C. Other W.M.S.		
	Members	Members	Total		Members	Members	Total
Alabama	45	50	95	Mississippi	20	50	70
Arizona	1	1	2	Missouri	12	48	60
Arkansas	10	20	30	New Mexico	3	1	4
California	1	1	2	N. Carolina	100	120	220
D. C.	3	2	5	Oklahoma	7	35	42
Florida	15	30	45	S. Carolina	45	90	135
Georgia	45	110	155	Tennessee	45	65	110
Illinois	8	12	20	Texas	10	90	100
Kentucky	20	70	90	Virginia	100	65	165
Louisiana	5	35	40				
Maryland	5	5	10	TOTALS	500	900	1400

Ridgecrest Rates

All rates are per day per person, with meals. Reservations must be made in advance.

Pritchett Hall: \$2.75; with bath \$3.50
 Hillside Annex: \$3.50 with bath
 Crestridge: \$4 with bath
 Springdale Annex: \$2.25
 Lakeview: with connecting bath \$3; private bath \$3.50
 Crystal Springs Lodge: \$2.75 and \$3; with bath \$3.50 and \$4
 Kitasuma Cottages overlooking Royal Gorge: with bath \$3.25; with connecting bath \$2.75

Florida Cove: with bath \$3.25
 Cottage Rooms: \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$3, according to location
 Cabins: \$2
 All rooms with bath—\$3.25 to \$4
 The management reserves the right to place more than one person in each room.
 Cottages for housekeeping at \$18 per week and up, according to size, capacity, equipment and location

Registration fee \$1 per person for each conference; Y.W.A. Camp \$2. All fees are to be paid on arrival. The \$1 fee for W.M.U. Conference includes B.W.C. fee.

For information, write Mr. Perry Morgan, Manager, Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

Program Plans

Prepared by Miss Adeline Zachert, Ga.
Student in Missions 151-B
W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Ky.

Purpose: To picture the moral conditions in America today, to point out personal habits that lead to serious problems and to show the high moral standards which strengthen Christian character and improve the welfare of our country.

Poster: On a large piece of poster paper draw or paste a picture of a ringing alarm clock. Below the clock, place the words: "Wake up to alarming conditions!" Then give the date, time and place of meeting.

Personal Invitation: Use the same idea as portrayed on the poster but shape the front of the invitation like the regular face of a clock; on the back (or inside, if double) have the words: "Wake up to alarming conditions". Give the place, time and date of meeting.

Preparation: Take a large piece of poster paper and draw a face of a clock replacing the numbers with the words: crime, gambling, divorce, alcoholic drinks, delinquency, profanity, irreverence, cigaret smoking. Put the word *alarm* between the center of the clock and where the number twelve would ordinarily appear. Place the word *clock* on the lower half of the face. For the hands of the clock: draw the shorter hand pointing to the word *alarm*; use a paper brad to make a movable long hand. At the top of the clock have a cardboard strip of double thickness with fourteen holes in it and a rounded top to resemble the silencing button on an alarm clock. Connect this stem to the clock by use of a paper brad through the bottom hole. Place the clock at the front of the room on a table or chair low enough to be reached by those participating in the program but visible to audience.

Presentation: For program material see pages 20-27. The program chairman will introduce the program with the discussion, "A Nation's Morals", after which she will present the members who will give the remaining discussions. Those taking part in the discussions, "Conditions That Alarm" and "Habits That Harm", should move the hand of the clock to the word representing their respective subject. Those discussing "Living Up to Our Moral Standards" should bring out the idea that, if we declare our purpose as Christian citizens to stand for the thirteen various things discussed, this will help to "shut off" or stop the alarming conditions in our country. As each topic is discussed, lower the stem of the alarm button a notch. At the conclusion the alarm button should be entirely in (behind the face of clock except for the rounded upper end). An added attraction for the discussions, "Conditions That Alarm" and "Habits That Harm", would be to have an alarm clock ring just before each subject is discussed. Close the meeting with the hymn for the year and with prayer that we may live up to our moral standards.









"Give Attention to Reading" (Concluded from Page 13)

These and other booklets, marked RC in the *World in Books*, are included in Woman's Missionary Union's Reading Course which we have discussed on this page for the past two months. Be sure to order each of these books by title, author and price from the Baptist Bookstore serving your state and mention that you saw them listed in this issue of *Royal Service*. They will be good "firsts" for your Reading Course.


Our Young People (Concluded from Page 14)

Continue sending boxes of food and clothing to Baptists in Italy and Jugoslavia. Names will be supplied by state W.M.U. headquarters. Packages may also be sent through general Christian relief agencies such as United Church Service Center in New Windsor, Maryland, or in Modesto, California.









Keep up with A and B and C in June.

Building Up the Walls



"Let Us Rise Up and Build" Neh 2 18.

PROGRAM MATERIAL

Mrs. C. D. Cressman, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: Let Us Now Prepare to Build

TOPIC for MONTH: Living Up to Our Moral Standards

Hymn—Jesus Calls Us

Bible Study—Matthew 5:12-20, 48; Ephesians 5:6-14 (See page 10.)

Prayer that we may let our Christian light shine in a dark world

Hymn—Higher Ground

—A Nation's Morals

Conditions That Alarm

Crime

Gambling

Divorce

Alcoholic Drinks

Delinquency

Prayer that our country may be saved from the evils which threaten her

Habits That Harm

Hymn—Yield Not to Temptation

—Living Up to Our Moral Standards

Hymn for the Year—We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

Watchword for the Year—Isaiah 45:22

Prayer that we may live up to our moral standards

A NATION'S MORALS

NO nation can rise above its moral standards. No people can advance beyond their ideals. "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people". "By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked". Not famine nor pestilence nor even the terrible scourge of war has ever been able to destroy a nation. Moral cancer is the disease that brings great nations to naught. "Nations are not destroyed, they commit suicide". "No nation has ever died of old age. Every nation thus far has died of a rotten heart".

History abounds in illustrations of mighty nations falling because of the immorality of their people. It was in the hour of drunken revelry that Belshazzar read in the handwriting on the wall a message of doom for his nation. Israel was taken into captivity because her people disobeyed the commands of God and gave themselves over to sinful indulgence. Alexander the Great, after conquering the whole world and weeping because there were no more worlds to conquer, lost his power through dissipation and died drunk at the age of thirty-three. The drunkenness and lust of the Romans led to the downfall of the Roman Empire. An example of more recent date is found in the fall of France in 1940, for the verdict of the French government was that "alcoholism was the chief cause of the French armies' moral collapse" which brought the fall of the nation.

So we see that a nation's welfare and indeed its very existence depend on the nation's morals. And we must remember that a nation's morals are the sum total of the moral standards of the individuals who make up the nation. "No nation can be strong unless its individual members accept the principle of the decalogue and the Sermon on the Mount as a fundamental charter of the state and the rule of life of the citizens who support the state".

As we see how other nations have fallen because of the breakdown in the morals of her citizens, our minds turn to our own nation. Is there a chance that the United

States, so great today, will fall tomorrow? America stands out among the countries of the world as a nation of righteousness, built on principles of Christian rectitude, its people basing their conduct on high moral standards. Is America truly a moral nation? Is America safe because she is righteous? How can we help to preserve the high moral standards which have made America great? These are some of the questions which we shall face and try to answer as we discuss the topic of this program, "Living Up to Our Moral Standards", and may we realize that in this discussion we are dealing with a matter of utmost importance not only in the strengthening of our own Christian characters but also for the welfare of our country.

CONDITIONS THAT ALARM

A STUDY of conditions in America today reveals facts that alarm and bring serious thoughts about our own country's morals. We have to face the fact that in the past two decades there has been a great tumbling of the moral standards of the American people. We lamented greatly because of the financial crash which followed World War I but far more disastrous to our nation and to the whole world was the crash of morals. Never has the world had more vice and wickedness, never as great a moral sag as now.

Crime

Crime is increasing at a terrific rate. J. Edgar Hoover, F.B.I. director, tells us that in the first nine months of 1945 there was a 10.3 per cent increase in major crimes over the first nine months of 1944. He says: "The F.B.I. files reveal a criminal army of six million who have been arrested and finger printed. One out of every twenty-three in the United States is a criminal". A murder is committed every forty minutes, a robbery every ten minutes, a burglary every two minutes and a crime of some kind every twenty-two seconds of every day. The crime bill of the nation is over fifteen billion dollars a year. Mr. Hoover very wisely says: "America's progress to days of greatness will be slowed if we allow our strength to be sapped by criminals".

Gambling

The United States is fast becoming a nation of gamblers. The gambling bill of the nation is seven billion dollars annually. It is estimated that paid admissions at American race-tracks this year will total twenty million dollars, that race-track gambling will involve more than a billion dollars, while illegal track gambling will involve from two to three billions. There has even been a proposal that a national lottery be conducted to increase the national income.

Divorce

The rapid increase of divorces is an evidence of the lowering of our national moral standards. At the close (1865) of the War between the States there was one divorce in twenty-three marriages, in 1900 one in twelve, in 1928 one in six, in 1941 one in five. We cannot know what the percentage will be this year but the indications are that it will be higher than ever before. Hasty war marriages, the separation of young married couples, the general unrest caused by the war are partly responsible for these divorces but even more are they caused by the fact that marriage is no longer held sacred by a vast host of Americans. The tragedy is that divorce is not only not considered a disgrace but that it is not even looked upon with any degree of regret. Many young people marry carelessly because they know they can get out of it easily. Without doubt Hollywood is partly responsible for this situation, for most of the movie stars who are the idols of many of our young people "continue to drag our ideals of Christian marriage in the mire with their multiple divorces and re-marriages". Surely the divorce situation is a dangerous omen for the nation, for it means the disruption of the American home which lies at the foundation of our American safety.

Alcoholic Drinks

The greatest evil which threatens the safety of our nation is the liquor traffic. There is an Arabic legend that one day the devil presented himself to a man and said: "You are about to die. I can save you from death in any one of three ways—kill your servant, beat your wife or drink this wine". "Let me think", said the man. "To kill my faithful servant is impossible; to mistreat my wife is ridiculous; I will drink the wine". He drank the wine and, being drunk, beat his wife and killed his servant who attempted to defend her. It is much like that with liquor in our country for most of our moral troubles can be traced to the influence of strong drink.

In 1944 seven billion dollars were spent in the United States for booze. That means \$54 for every man, woman and child in the United States. Someone has estimated that if all the liquor drunk in 1944 should run into a one-inch pipe, that pipe would go around the earth at the equator 10,319 times. If it should run out of the pipe at one cubit foot a minute, about the same as a house faucet at full blast it would require 5468 years for the last gallon of that liquor to run out.

The eighteenth amendment closed 177,000 saloons. The twenty-first amendment has opened about 500,000 saloons. It is estimated that one-fifth of the fatal accidents and one-third of those occurring at night are caused by drinking. The increase in crime can be attributed to the increase in drinking. A supreme court judge says: "Most of the crime in every state is caused by the retail of intoxicating liquors". An English judge says: "Nine-tenths of the criminals who come before the bar are made so by the saloons".

A serious aspect of the liquor situation today is the effort to make drinking attractive, respectable and popular. Many of the leading magazines carry liquor advertising, all of them made as attractive as possible. There are drinking scenes in nine-tenths of the moving pictures. It is almost impossible to find a story in a magazine where drinking is not a part of the action, even the most attractive heroes and heroines drinking just as a matter of course. Writing of our changed attitude toward drink, Dr. Clovis Chappel says: "In 1928 the liquor question was a supreme issue in the presidential campaign. It was voted down by an overwhelming majority. Liquor at that time was a disgraced outcast. It had no social standing at all. But today all that is different. Liquor is now welcomed into so-called best society. No scene in the movies is complete without a drink. This miserable bum has become a second Cinderella. From being despised it has become as popular as Santa Claus. But while our attitude toward liquor has changed, there is one something that remains the same. That is liquor itself. It still bites like a serpent and stings like an adder. It still lowers our physical vitality, blunts our intellect and kills our inhibitions. It blasts modesty and tends to change the timid and innocent girl into the bold and brazen bussy. Our attitude toward liquor has changed, but liquor remains the same deadly thing that it has ever been".

As dark as is the picture there are some bright spots in the liquor situation. There is evidence that people of the United States are getting tired of this drinking orgy. Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, tells us that prohibition is winning in the United States. She says: "Many places are being dried up by local option and there is evidence of an upsurge of revolt against the high pressure methods of the liquor interests. In 1945 there were 4703 bone-dry areas and the number is increasing all the time". There is a new organization called the National Temperance Movement whose purpose is to "voice and make effective the demand of the American people for the moral regeneration of the American way of life and for a Christian solution of the beverage alcohol problem". "Alcoholics Anonymous" is a helpful movement. "This may be compared with evangelistic personal work. Men who have been delivered from the habit of drink undertake in personal friendship and counsel to help men who are trying to throw off the habit. The results of this movement are increasingly gratifying, and it is spreading rapidly. In almost every city and town its members stand ready to come to the assistance of pastors in dealing with men and women who want to be

free". Surely we should rejoice in every movement against the liquor business and should do all in our power to bring a day of world-wide prohibition.

Delinquency

A tragic side of the moral situation is the large number of young people who are drinking, committing crimes and living on a low moral level. Juvenile delinquency has increased until it is a national problem. J. Edgar Hoover tells us that more seventeen-year-old boys and girls are arrested than any other age group. He says: "Youths under twenty-one account for more than one-fifth of all arrests. They commit sixty-two per cent of all automobile thefts, thirty-five per cent of all robberies, fifty-one per cent of all burglaries and twenty-five per cent of arson offenses. Since 1939 there has been a 375 per cent increase in arrests of girls under eighteen for prostitution and other sex offenses". The "pick up girl" has become more of a social problem than the commercial prostitute. In a southern state two boys, nine and ten years of age, derailed a train. In a western city shoplifting by "Bobbie Sockers" became a problem to the police officials. A twelve-year-old girl was caught with \$150 worth of sweaters, bracelets and beads in her shopping bag.

All students of juvenile delinquency place the blame on the homes. Parental delinquency is responsible for juvenile delinquency. Accounting for the youthful crime wave, Mr. Hoover says: "The home and its teaching of proper conduct have broken down in America". Another writer says: "The whole problem of juvenile delinquency stems from parents who have no sense of parental responsibility. Many factors appear in the complete story of juvenile delinquency—working parents, broken homes through divorce, homes where no discipline is maintained, homes where children are given too large a weekly allowance with no duties to perform and a corresponding idleness, homes where there is no religious training, where there is no attempt to encourage children to be loyal to the church—all these must enter into the complete picture of the lost generation of youth. But remember, all these factors originate in an adult generation which itself is lost".

Ross L. Holman, after making a study of the juvenile court in Nashville, Tennessee, wrote in the *Christian Herald*: "The most widespread cause of delinquency found in Nashville is the failure of parents to surround children with a moral atmosphere so essential to clean development". He discovered that out of 2700 boys and girls tried in the court only seven had a record of regular Sunday-school attendance and that five out of these seven were not guilty of the crimes with which they were charged. He concluded: "If these figures mean anything at all they show that, as far as the Nashville records are concerned, mother and dad are almost unanimously to blame for what their indifferent religious attitude has brought upon their children".

Judge Camille Kelly, the famous woman judge of the juvenile court in Memphis, attributes much juvenile delinquency to quarreling and nagging in the home. She says: "A child would rather take a whipping any day than to hear his father and mother quarrel".

What America needs more than anything else is real Christian homes. Mothers in overalls must go back to the nursery. Mothers must think more of their daughters than of their bridge-parties. Fathers must think more of their sons than of their business. Cocktail drinking mothers and booze drinking fathers are apt to have delinquent children. Parents must both teach and demonstrate in their daily living the moral principles of the Ten Commandments. Parents must take their children to the services of the church, sharing with them the teaching and worship privileges offered. A family altar in every Christian home in America would do much to solve the juvenile delinquency problem. Children brought up in Christian homes where they are nurtured in Christian love and Christian principles of right are seldom found in a juvenile court. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it" is an old Scriptural admonition and it will work—even in this evil day.

HABITS THAT HARM

LET us turn our attention to some personal habits that, while they may not seem as serious as gambling and drinking and committing crimes, yet are harmful and if persisted in may break down resistance and lead to the worst evils.

Profanity—God places among the Ten Commandments one against profanity "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain". He did not indicate that to break this is any less a sin than to break any of the others and yet so many people, even Christians, indulge in profanity and think nothing of it. Someone has said: "Of all the dark catalogue of sins there is not one more vile and execrable than profaneness. It commonly does—and loves to—cluster with other sins". Another writer calls profaneness a "brutal vice" and then asks of those guilty of this vice "Whose name is it you so lightly use? The name of God! Have you ever pondered its meaning? Have you ever thought what it is you mingle with your passion and your wit? It is the name of Him whom the Heaven of Heavens cannot contain".

To use profanity brands one as being unrefined, lacking in culture and failing to give God the honor due to His name. And certainly it is the most foolish sin a person can commit. If a man steals he is at least getting something that he wants. If he kills he gets rid of somebody he doesn't like. But, when he curses, he makes an ugly spectacle of himself and gets nothing. There is a tradition that the Jews use the name of God only once a year. We are glad that we can feel free to use His name when talking of Him and His work, but always when His name is on our lips there should be a feeling of reverence in our hearts. And we must remember that many bywords and slang expressions come very close to profanity and the habit of using them can easily lead to taking God's name in vain. There are so many beautiful words to say—why use any word which may even remotely show lack of respect for God and sacred things?

Irreverence—Sometimes those who would not take the name of God in vain are irreverent in other ways. Many of us are irreverent in the house of the Lord. So often in our spirit of friendliness with each other we forget that we go to church not primarily to mix and mingle with friends but to worship God. If we are really worshipful in our spirit we will be reverent in our attitude. Reverence not only shows to others the attitude of our hearts but also develops within our souls a rich, beautiful relationship with God. "Reverence for God lies at the very foundation of even common morality". Reverence for His day, His house, His book and His name is a beautiful evidence that the Christian's heart is right toward God.

Cigaret Smoking—The Department of Agriculture recently reported that in 1945 civilians smoked one hundred packages of cigarettes for every man, woman and child in the United States—a fifty per cent increase over pre-war smoking. And it must be said to the shame of American womanhood that a large per cent of these cigarettes were smoked by women. A New York cigaret manufacturer found by a recent survey that women were smoking sixty-nine per cent of the total civilian supply. We wish that not a man nor a woman in all the world would ever again smoke a cigaret, for we know that they are harmful to the body of everyone who smokes them—both men and women. But especially do we regret that so many women, even Christian women, have or are forming the cigaret habit. We would not say that a woman who smokes cannot be a Christian. Neither do we say that all women who smoke will be led thereby into other sinful indulgences. But this editor believes that smoking is unbecoming to a refined Christian woman, that a Christian woman who so indulges is compromising with sin, at least so far as extravagance is concerned, that thereby she loses a large part of her Christian influence and that smoking may break down her resistance and lead to other sins. The cigaret is a little thing—but oh, how ugly, how harmful it is in the mouth of a woman, especially a Christian woman!

LIVING UP TO OUR MORAL STANDARDS

AT the close of His ministry our Lord prayed to the Father for His disciples: "I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil". His people of all times were to be in the world but not of the world. They were to live in a world of evil without yielding to its spirit and life. In a wicked world they were to be as saving salt, as light shining in darkness.

Certainly we are living in a world of evil today—"of evil men, evil customs, evil ambitions". Our environment is bad but Jesus has left us here "to stay the putrefaction of evil with the saving salt of Christian strength and to banish the darkness with the light of Christian truth".

Woman's Missionary Union includes annually some moral standards in its Year Book as a part of its Plan of Work. These constitute our W.M.U. charter of personal living, ideals to guide our attitudes and conduct in many matters relating to our daily life in an evil world. These have been adopted not only to help us live a separated life but also to lead us to strive to better evil conditions in the world and make it a safer and happier abiding place for all people. In this statement of our moral standards we declare our purpose as Christian citizens to stand for:

Family Altars—We believe that the family altar is the highest expression of a Christian home, the best safeguard for the ideals of the home and the best antidote for juvenile delinquency. Therefore we urge the establishment of a family altar in every W.M.U. home.

Total Abstinence—Not temperance but total abstinence is the only safe attitude; this applies not only to alcoholic drinks but also to cigarettes and all things that harm. We *ourselves* must be total abstainers—no cocktails or spiked fruit cake for us! And we will teach others to leave harmful things absolutely alone.

Christian Observance for Sunday—We believe that Sunday is God's Holy Day, given to us for rest and worship. Not to observe it according to His laws is dangerous to the welfare of our bodies and our characters and also dangerous to the welfare of our homes and our nation. So we *ourselves* will observe Sunday—no grocery shopping or picture shows or ball games for us! We will make the day sweetly quiet and reverent in our homes and will do our best to see that Sunday laws are made and observed in our communities.

High Standards of Speech, Dress and Conduct—The world is judging our Christianity by the way we look, what we say and how we act. Therefore we will watch our dress that it be modest and becoming to our Christian womanhood. We will watch our words, being sure that nothing impure or profane or untruthful or hurtful passes our lips. And we will watch our conduct, living day by day according to ideals of Christian purity, righteousness and love.

Law Observance—We believe in law. We believe that only in obedience to law is there safety for our nation; therefore we *ourselves* will be careful in obeying all laws, even traffic regulations! And we will add our influence to all forces working for law enforcement.

Improved Industrial Conditions—We see in the conflict between capital and labor a great menace to our nation. So we stand for everything that will produce a better understanding between employers and employees. We stand for fair wages, right division of profits, humane working hours and other conditions conducive to health and the maximum output of the laborer. On the other hand we believe that the laborer should give his best in service and loyalty to the management that provides the means by which he can make a living.

Child Welfare—It is our desire that every child in our country shall be well born and well nourished physically, mentally and spiritually and shall be prepared to fill well his place in life as a Christian American citizen. So we stand against child labor, child exploitation and child neglect; and we stand for baby clinics, day nurseries, kindergartens, supervised playgrounds, good schools, compulsory education, tightly enforced and everything else that promotes child welfare.

Public Health—Only the physically strong can build a strong nation. We believe it is our Christian duty to keep our own bodies strong and to aid in every possible way all public health projects. City and county health departments, public nursing, sanitation measures, campaigns against tuberculosis, cancer etc. should have our interest and support.

Patriotism—We believe that patriotism is a Christian duty. We love our country and strive in every way to promote her welfare. We fight for her when necessary, but we prefer to show our patriotism by living for her day by day. We believe that we best serve her welfare by living up to these moral standards.

Prohibition—We still believe that prohibition is the best way to solve America's liquor problem. We believe that the only way to get rid of alcoholic drink is to prohibit its manufacture, sale and drinking and that such prohibition is no more infringement on personal rights than laws against murder or theft. We repudiate the slurs that are continually cast upon the prohibition era, knowing them to be the false propaganda of the liquor forces. We believe that prohibition is coming back—this time to be enforced and kept; and to this end we will continually declare our convictions, use our influence and cast our votes.

Christian Americanization—If America is to maintain her ideals of freedom and is to be truly a Christian nation the many foreigners among her population must be Americanized and Christianized. We can help by demonstrating the friendly spirit toward our foreign neighbors, showing them the best side of American life, inviting them to our churches and winning them to Christ.

Universal Education—We regret that a sizable per cent of American citizens are still illiterate. We stand for the best possible educational opportunities for all children regardless of race or station. We believe in compulsory education for children and in fostering whenever possible classes in adult education.

World Peace—We stand for world peace, based on international and interracial justice. We repudiate the idea of racial superiority. We do not believe in the exploitation of the weak for the benefit of the strong. We work and pray for the time when righteousness, justice and brotherly love shall prevail throughout the earth, when all peoples shall "beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks and when the nations of the earth shall learn war no more".

These are our moral standards. They are high enough and far-reaching enough to challenge us to truly noble living. As we strive to live up to them, we will be better Christians, better home-makers and better citizens of our communities, our nation and the world. Yes, and we will be more missionary too, for there is a close connection between morality and missions. By living up to these moral standards we are demonstrating the teachings of Jesus and so are paving the way for the message to reach the hearts of lost people. It works the other way, too, for only Jesus in the heart can produce the highest type of morality; so as through our missionary work we give His Gospel to the lost we are doing the best possible thing to help the world solve its moral problems.

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the importance of a nation's morals.
2. Give illustrations of nations that have come to destruction through immorality.
3. Discuss the crime condition in the United States.
4. How much is spent in our nation every year for gambling?
5. Give reasons for the increase in divorce.
6. Discuss alcoholic drink as our nation's greatest curse.
7. Tell of bright spots in America's liquor situation.
8. Discuss juvenile and parental delinquency.
9. What is the effect of profanity on the character of an individual?

10. Discuss the evil of cigaret smoking by women.
11. Discuss the importance of living up to W.M.U. moral standards.
12. How are morals and missions related?

REFERENCE MATERIAL

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Southern Baptist Home Missions	—The Commission
State Denominational Papers	
Last Report of S.B.C. Social Service Commission	
Current Issues of the Christian Herald	
Current Issues of the Quarterly Review	
Signs of the Times	Una Roberts Lawrence and Others
The Eighth Fear	William David Akers

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In Loving Memory

EVERY memory of Miss Mary Kelly of Du Quoin and Christopher, Illinois, is made all the more tender because of the love that was exceptionally natural in one's feeling toward her. Perhaps other missionaries have had experiences rather similar to hers but certainly her record is remarkable—not converted until she was 23 years of age but a zealous Christian for the remaining 71 years of her life; nursing her invalid mother and yet during that vigil of 25 years serving actively in the home church, then in 1902 entering the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago from which she graduated in 1904 at the age of 52; a missionary among the Indians for nine years and from 1911 until only a few years ago the tireless and beloved missionary of the S.B.C. Home Mission Board among the many foreign-speaking people of southern Illinois. Just twelve days after she was 94 she entered the Heavenly Home. Gratefully lovingly will she be remembered.—Kathleen Mallory

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A Vision of the World

The WORLD. These two words are rich with meaning because of my two years at the Training School. Through study, through associations and through experiences has come a world-vision.

From the study of the missionary message of the Bible has come the promise, the commandment: "In thee shall **all the families of the earth** be blessed". As I learned of the requirements for the forward steps of Girls' Auxiliaries and for the ranking system of Royal Ambassadors, I realized for the first time how important missionary organizations are for developing within our young people a knowledge of and love for missions.

Another great means of stimulating a world-interest has been association with world-minded, spiritual teachers. Missionaries, leaders and laymen with world-outlooks have spoken in our chapel and at Missionary Day services. In the Mission Volunteer group have been students who possessed a keen interest in **the world**. Living one year with a volunteer, who is now in Buenos Aires, hearing her pray for missionaries throughout the world and sharing in the excitement of her being appointed by the Foreign Mission Board created within me a new interest in missionaries and their work.

Because of the opportunity of teaching twelve-year-old boys at the Mission for Negroes and seeing one of them joyfully accept Christ as his Savior, I realized even more than I had before that the love of God is not limited to one race but is abounding to **all peoples**. To hear the challenges of home missionaries as they represented the different foreign-speaking groups in our homeland impressed upon me the truth that right here in our country is **the world** and aroused within me the desire to do summer work with the Home Mission Board. After three months' experience with the French in south Louisiana, I returned for another year of training. In the fall the topic which was assigned to me for worship service in chapel was "Christ Is My Master When I Extend His Cause", using the Scripture "Go ye into all the world". I narrowed the subject to "Go ye into all the world" by going to the different peoples of the world in our homeland. Another chapel experience which has meant much has been praying for those listed on the prayer calendar of *The Window of V.W.A.*

This new world-vision has manifested itself in my attitude toward political events, in my prayer life and in the choosing of my life's work. In news-broadcasts, to which I listen now with more interest, I see events in the light of their effect on missions. I realize that God chooses nations and men today as He chose Cyrus, king of Persia, who did not know Him, to carry out His divine purpose for **the world**.

Before I came to the Training School, as I read the devotional thought each day, I would stop when I came to the list of missionaries for whom to pray but I did not know how to pray for them. But now because of having contacts with so many missionaries and hearing and reading about them, the names of the missionaries have begun to live. One of the greatest joys of my prayer life now is to pray for missionaries—home, foreign, emeritus, active, appointees. Also, there has grown a desire to pray for leaders of the nations as their leadership determines the destiny of the world.

I have learned to pray that God would reveal to me the purpose which He has for me in His great world. One of my most frequent prayers is in the words of the hymn: "God, save America! Here may **all races** mingle together as children of God".—*Nina Belle Holaday, Missouri*

Editorial (Concluded from Page 3)

It is also opportune now—just as it has been through all the ages even prior to the Mosaic law—to teach the principle of tithing and to appeal for free-will offerings. The Union's total of contributions for non-local causes in 1945 was far in excess of any previous year's record, excellent gains being shown in behalf of all causes except one; this exception was due chiefly to the fact that in a previous year one state gave over three-fourths of a million to that cause which it did not similarly favor in 1945. Now that the Southern Baptist Convention has a goal of one million titheers of whom Woman's Missionary Union is seeking to enrol at least one-third, the financial records of this present year can but be glorious. This must surely be one of God's plans to give growth.—*Kathleen Mallory, Executive Secretary*

Book Review (Concluded from page 12)

of Prayer on the "other side of giving" which is the praying that makes it effective. Devote the rest of the session to the three items under Section II, appointing a committee to present each in the most original way possible.

Session Four. Use in connection with this chapter "The Way of Missionary Education" and "Telling You How" by Mather. Begin with the story of Amati and Stradivari (page 154) and apply to young people's work. Note Jesus' interest in children and tell of early organizations for training them in His service. Dramatize a Sunbeam meeting with "Uncle George" Taylor. With charts show the development of V.W.A. in its several branches and activities. Develop rather fully the work of the R.A. and if possible invite a group of boys to demonstrate their work. Ask a group of girls to do the same for the G.A.'s., showing how they crown their queens. Using the chronological chart, review the dates of all these organizations. Develop a brief skit, introducing the literature and aids provided for these younger organizations. Close with a talk on the importance of missionary training of the young to the on-going of the whole missionary enterprise. Work toward a full-graded organization in your own church.

Session Five. Ask a Training School girl to speak on the history and work of the W.M.U. Training School. Supplement her remarks with material from Section I, from Mrs. Mullin's "House Beautiful" and from "In Royal Service". In like fashion develop the history and present status of the Margaret Fund. Note that it offers scholarships to the children of home as well as foreign missionaries and that its funds are a preferred item in the Lottie Moon Christmas and Annie Armstrong Offerings. Using a map, trace the spread of W.M.U. organizations all over the world. Hold a "spelling match" review of the main items which have been emphasized throughout the study. Close with "Following in His Train" presented in devotional spirit by the most capable person available.

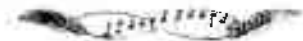
Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

Power can never be the custodian of moral values; it should and must always be the servant of moral values.—Rev. Mark A. Dawber in *Missions*



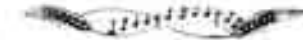
From a tract entitled "Worshipping with Our Children", by Dr. T. Dahlberg and published by the Home Mission Society, the *Watchman Examiner* quotes: "There are three realms of worship to bear in mind as we teach children to practice the presence of God. First, the child's personal worship when alone; second, the child's worship with the family; third, the child's worship with the community, as expressed in the fellowship of Christian churches".



Prof. Goodwin B. Watson, "psychologist extraordinary and searcher of the public mind", predicts a general collapse for this country by the end of 1950. He believes it will be accentuated by a shortage of husbands, an increase in the divorce rate and the increased employment of women. The *Christian Herald* commenting reminds us that we have always been in fear of moral collapse but says there are two things that we must do to prevent any further degeneracy: go to work on the motion picture, which all too often encourages immorality; and strengthen the arm of the church, which has stood for the decent and the wholesome from its birth.



The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the University Methodist Church, Austin, Texas, may have started something", says *The Christian Advocate*. "At least we hope that this is the case. In a dignified statement which indicates a tolerance of mind and a strict determination, they have addressed the moving picture producers on the subject of the portrayal of liquor in current cinema productions. 'We are aware', say these women, 'of the psychological effect on our young people, even those who have had unimpeachable moral training in home and church, of constantly witnessing as an accepted social usage casual drinking scenes in homes (or glamorized drinking in any place)'. A difficult but courageous undertaking" adds the editor, "but the motion picture industry is sensitive to public opinion if the opinion is aggressive enough. We remember the notable victory won by Roman Catholic women when they attacked something of this same evil. There is no reason why protestants can't do as effective work".



We learn that the Christians in Boston, Massachusetts, acting together, forced dog-racing promoters to abandon their plans for a new track in the Hyde Park section of the city. This form of gambling, we are told, is growing popular in many sections.

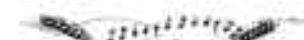


One phase of the Volunteer Service of the Methodist Youth Fellowship is Brotherhood Builders. Each individual becoming a Brotherhood Builder accepts the following covenant: "I volunteer, as a Brotherhood Builder of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Seeking God's guidance I covenant to work against the injustices heaped upon my brothers of various social groups, races and nations and to work for a Christian brotherhood. This I will do by beginning with myself and my own community as indicated in the steps outlined above".—*Methodist Woman*

An interesting experiment in religious radio was undertaken in February in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, when several of the larger Negro churches requested and received time for broadcasting regular morning services of worship over Station WCEA. Ministers of these churches expect to demonstrate that dignity, good music and sermons of quality are quite as typical of Negro religious expression as are some of the emotional programs which make commercial use of radio time.—*Christian Century*



"The price of liberty is more than eternal vigilance. It is also the eternal acceptance of responsibilities of liberty" says Sumner Welles; and from the Apostle James (1:25) we have these words: "But he that looketh unto the perfect law of liberty and so continueth, being not a hearer that forgetteth but a doer that worketh, this man shall be blessed in his doing".



The Bible has one recurring refrain from the mouths of its poets and prophets and records, one ever recurring historical fact: that great civilizations perish when men turn from God and fail in the paths of righteousness, justice and mercy.—Dorothy Thompson in the *Christian Herald*

Who Will Go for Us? (Concluded from Page 5)

I believe our youth today will accept the challenge of this task, the privations and hardships that accompany it and the discipline of soul and body that is required, provided only that they recognize the voice of the Lord as He says: "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" Perhaps some reader who has heard this call and who is prepared or is willing to make preparation for such service will say in the quiet of the soul: "Here am I, Lord, send me".



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STATES	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Ministerial Relief	Christian Education	Hospitals	State Causes	W. M. U. Training School	Margaret Fund	Totals	Coop-erative Program
Alabama.....	\$ 86,997.43	\$ 42,339.50	\$ 6,082.44	\$ 10,127.49	\$ 1,367.17	\$ 142,690.54	\$ 2,133.15	\$ 782.37	\$ 202,520.09	\$ 133,045.92
Arizona.....	1,501.47	1,300.71	66.20	162.46	23.68	4,391.10	118.50	30.00	7,594.12	3,784.98
Arkansas.....	54,165.22	24,025.74	6,242.30	5,227.63		92,314.23	746.47	78.14	182,799.73	82,099.41
California.....	3,517.93	733.99				8,349.09	108.75	38.40	12,748.16	6,211.36
District of Columbia.....	2,329.33	1,431.82				3,878.31	135.00		7,774.46	
Florida.....	78,671.54	30,552.87	4,727.19	7,448.26		112,361.86	993.52	778.32	235,533.56	129,249.95
Georgia.....	126,414.22	58,007.53	10,098.77	15,885.53		224,387.87	8,343.07	1,958.80	445,095.79	243,145.96
Illinois.....	31,591.43	13,086.63	2,555.95	9,983.13		71,261.99	846.24	85.16	129,410.53	49,148.74
Kentucky.....	91,034.07	59,570.83	10,233.46	14,007.86	2,179.43	147,376.87	214.09	1,113.38	325,729.99	204,588.60
Louisiana.....	69,349.93	37,425.83	5,350.21	10,248.84	1,010.00	150,371.55	500.00	767.38	275,023.74	173,205.02
Maryland.....	12,585.75	6,660.26	1,053.05	406.09	1,092.56	8,414.90	425.00	77.00	30,717.61	27,910.69
Mississippi.....	82,829.99	49,903.61	9,184.88	15,524.12		169,009.50	2,377.00	300.00	330,029.10	119,307.49
Missouri.....	73,667.31	37,350.63	6,831.98	11,061.58		133,107.52	2,526.45	666.22	265,211.69	135,178.36
New Mexico.....	12,080.21	5,287.16	1,777.64	1,214.00	7.75	38,837.83	75.00	100.00	59,379.59	29,595.46
North Carolina.....	217,060.64	82,882.93	17,182.62	27,159.62		289,200.28	3,400.00	1,310.13	638,196.22	387,864.05
Oklahoma.....	103,490.21	37,001.71	11,144.89	14,002.76	4.90	191,124.93	2,300.00	825.80	359,894.40	131,665.04
South Carolina.....	132,466.12	57,303.92	12,820.87	18,825.76		174,885.16	2,101.00	336.00	308,738.83	275,717.71
Tennessee.....	127,100.65	64,766.39	15,357.40	21,004.97	3,269.63	208,251.29	4,700.00	259.50	444,709.83	310,378.22
Texas.....	492,402.61	131,215.61	38,258.65	28,772.34		625,409.44	1,600.00	1,381.66	1,319,040.51	540,111.49
Virginia.....	260,373.92	108,711.07	25,077.96	39,664.38		317,854.23	2,580.00		754,261.56	487,380.20
Miscellaneous.....	2,716.23	196.13							2,912.36	
TOTALS.....	\$2,062,349.21	\$ 849,754.87	\$ 184,046.46	\$ 250,727.02	\$ 8,955.12	\$3,114,378.49	\$36,223.24	\$10,887.46	\$6,517,321.87	\$3,469,588.65