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## EDITORIAL

### "Let me get my pliers".

SUCH was the well-nigh uniform reply of an exceptionally faithful and capable janitor when asked to do any job in the building; his face glowed with the anticipation of success as he cheerily said: "Let me get my pliers". The dictionary defines a plier as small long-jawed pincers for bending; it is also most interesting to know that the word is exactly the same in French from the Latin root, *plico*, meaning to bend. It is interesting also to remember that the word *ply* is most stimulating in its meaning: "To work at with steadiness, to use with diligence, to go back and forth, to proceed in haste".

Contemplating the plans for and program of the W.M.U. Conference at Ridgecrest (August 7-13) and bearing in mind its world-wide missionary purpose, it is easily conceded that much plying preceded the conference and that its program will inevitably lead many W.M.S. members to apply with steadiness and diligence the practical methods and other information thus gained at Ridgecrest, so that the coming of Christ's Kingdom may be hastened. (*For names of teachers etc. see page 32.*)

Any one returning home from the August 7-13 conference is more than apt to be asked to promote promptly some W.M.U. activity—for instance, to teach a mission study class. In agreeing so to help, she will have a powerful *plier* in her voluminous notes as taken in her mission study class at Ridgecrest. During the class periods at the August 7-13 conference the many missionaries will rotate from class to class, thus supplementing from their personal experiences the facts set forth in the books being taught in the many classes. It is also true that there will be many missionary addresses that will furnish through one's note-book abundant illustrations for the mission study class in one's own church or community.

Another *plier* will be the notes and heart-searchings as to community missions. Having listened at Ridgecrest to the many home and foreign missionaries tell of the ways in which they "go about doing good" and of how people are won to Christ and then become "rooted and builded up in Him", it will be much easier to "practice the presence of Jesus" in one's own community. Surrounding most southern Baptists are many Jews, vastly more Negroes, a goodly number of Italians or Mexicans or French or Indians, even as everywhere in the southland there are unsaved Anglo-Saxons. Friendliness and the distribution of marked copies of God's Word will doubtless be *pliers* used to bend the unbelieving heart to faith in Christ but, preceding and pervading all such Christian zeal, must and will be unceasing prayer. The morning Bible hour, the vesper services, also the joining of the S.B.C. Prayer League and the humble yet triumphant private and public testimony of the missionaries at the August 7-13 conference will confirm one's faith in the fact that intercessory prayer is acceptable unto God. To "establish" others in the habit of daily intercession for a spiritual revival, explain to your circle and society the Home Board's crusade to secure at least one million Prayer League Covenanters; the cards are to be secured free from Baptist Hour, 427½ Moreland Avenue N. E., Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Yet another *plier* that will be more frequently and more firmly used after the August 7-13 conference will be the one that applies to Christian stewardship. It is inconceivable that a W.M.S. member, who is not already a tither, will leave Ridgecrest unconvinced in her mind and cold in her heart to the Scriptural facts that "the tithe is holy unto Jehovah" and that "God loveth a cheerful giver". Many speakers at Ridgecrest are apt to put their marks of approval upon the campaign of this coming fall to persuade at least one million southern Baptists to agree to tithe for three months. The issues of this magazine for the remaining months of 1947 will each carry an article concerning this tithing campaign. Any carpenter will tell you that some things are harder to bend with pliers than are others; any banker and

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## "Why I Volunteered"

### "For It Is God Who Worketh in You"

AS one looks back over one's life it is easy to trace the pattern of God's plan for one. In following this pattern through in my own obedience to God's call, "Go ye . . . and teach all nations", I am impressed by the command "Teach". My favorite childish game was to play as though at school, being the teacher even before I myself attended school. It was fun for my two older sisters to receive my childish orders in imitation of my mother's commanding voice. But it was significant. After I entered school I did all my work under the constant inspiration of my dream to be a teacher. Sometimes in the family councils as to some extra work to be done that meant missing classes I would speak up: "Let Nancy stay. I must not be absent; for I am going to be a teacher". And so it would be arranged during my early school years in the one-room country school.

When an older married sister who lived in Yoakum, Texas, where there was a good university affiliated high school, came home on a visit and found that my two other sisters and I were ready for high school, it was agreed that I should go with her to enter high school—I must learn to be a teacher. Having finished high school at the age of sixteen and having won the merit scholarship to the University of Texas for that year, I immediately wanted to go there. But my brother-in-law with whom I lived was not able to help me do that. He counseled a commercial course. I, however, chose the summer normal which was held that year in my high school. At the close of the normal, I received a First Grade State Certificate and the following September began to teach school.

Let us go back and trace another pattern which makes the background for my teaching preparation stand out in clearer outline. As a Sunbeam I had the good fortune to have a retired missionary for a leader. As she put her own experience into the missionary stories, a desire arose in my childish heart to teach other little children who did not know about Jesus' love for them. I was converted at the age of eight years. That experience, which made a deep impression in my life, and my other Christian experiences during my high school years contributed to the re-awakening of this desire as a Sunbeam to serve. Often I hummed happily as I helped my sister with her house-work: "I'll go where You want me to go, dear Lord, I'll be what You want me to be". At a summer assembly at Palacios, Texas, after my first year of teaching when I was seventeen, I felt the definite call to give my life in service for Christ. But I thought: "I cannot be a missionary without further training and I cannot go to the university as yet"; so I continued to teach for nine years more. At the end of that time I was able to go to the University of Texas and get the coveted degree.

During my junior year at the university, Dr. Charles E. Maddry, who was my pastor during all my university career, preached a sermon on Isaiah's call. Without seeking further excuse for not obeying I walked resolutely forward to give Dr. Maddry my hand, saying through him: "Here I am, Lord, send me". I joined the Student Volunteer Band and the following year took an active part in the church activities. At the close of my university course I was able to go to the W.M.U. Training School in Louisville.

During my first year there in a consultation with the Foreign Mission Board's representative, Dr. T. B. Ray, it was suggested that because of my teaching experience I might fit into a school in Chile; consequently I began to think and pray about that. During this time Dr. W. O. Carver, my missions professor, helped me to interpret God's leading in one's life: I asked Dr. Carver to explain Philippians 2:12 and 13; if one is to work out . . . it is God who worketh in you, just how much is one's part and what is God's part? With Dr. Carver's wise counsel, I seemed to see clearly that "it is God who worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure".

Now I still see in retrospect that it was God working in me and in all my life that made the will to teach, first in the United States and later to teach His message to the youth of the nation of Chile, one of the "all nations". Does it seem easy or is it plain to one? Well, it is much more than I have been able to explain in my experience. With the assurance that it is God that worketh in you there comes a strength to keep on working out what He has worked in one until His work is finished in and through you—and with all there is a deep abiding joy. To Him be all the honor and glory!

(Explanatory Note—The above testimony was written in Colegio Bautista in Temuco, Chile, by Miss Agnes Graham just three days before she entered the Heavenly Home last January.—Kathleen Mallory)

### "So Many Workers Here, So Few Out There"

AS far back as I can remember, in my thinking on mission work, there has never been any division in the work done in the homeland from that done in the far places of the world. The "called out" carry the message to the lost of the entire world. Then one may ask, "How are workers provided for the different phases of the Kingdom enterprise?" Very easily answered—the work is the Lord's and it is He who calls out His workers, indicating to each one where he is to serve. Sometimes the call comes during the early years of childhood, sometimes later in life when responding to the call entails overcoming many difficulties . . . but always God is able to open the way and lead on to the fulfillment of His purpose.

It was during a city-wide revival in Nashville, Tennessee, that the greater need of workers for foreign lands was brought so forcibly to my attention. At that time I was enjoying activities in a wide-awake Training Union in Edgefield Baptist Church of that city and was attending the young woman's class taught by a wonderfully Spirit-led teacher. Two or three friends, my sister and I enjoyed singing in the great chorus of the revival; so interested were we that we attended the meetings in all parts of the city through a period of several months. The evangelist was a marvelous preacher, and his messages not only brought sinners to repentance but also stirred up the Christians to greater activity in the churches. On several occasions, he upbraided the people for their lack of interest, insisting that, with such opportunities of accepting the Gospel, great multitudes in foreign lands would have accepted Jesus as Savior . . . declaring that, if he were younger, he would volunteer for foreign mission work. "So many workers here, so few there!" he said on repeated occasions.

During the months that followed, that phrase kept ringing in my heart. So few willing to go out there where conditions were unfavorable and the work so much more difficult . . . so many to carry the message here in the homeland! Then later on in an encampment, the splendid studies and messages finished the work begun by the revival and, immediately after returning to Nashville, I wrote for information as to entrance, requirements etc. in the seminaries. An opportunity to work in the afternoons in a professor's office, making expenses while I studied, came from the New Orleans Baptist Seminary, and that very year I began my two years of training (including some necessary college work) that resulted in my appointment for work in Argentina. The story of how that college work was acquired and how my appointment was brought about, just before appointments practically ceased for a period of several years, illustrates how wonderfully the Lord guides when one permits Him to guide all the way, overcoming any number of obstacles in the way of carrying out His purpose.

Many times since coming to the publishing work in Argentina, I have realized that God had a purpose for me even during my early years in office work where I acquired valuable experience as well as a wider knowledge of people, that was to be so helpful in the new work. And the Lord's leading does not cease with the answer to His call but goes on and on and is only limited by our human frailties. No one,

who replies to God's call with a "Here am I, send me to that difficult place of service in a new country, among strange people", will fail to feel His guiding hand every step of the way in that far place of the globe; doors of greater service will open as one's will is surrendered to God's will in the little as well as the big things of life.—Miss Minnie D. McIlroy, Buenos Aires, Argentina

## "Lo, I Am with You Always, Even unto the End of the World"

THE members of the Central Baptist Church in a rural community in Holmes County, Mississippi, had gathered for their monthly preaching service one Sunday morning in September, 1909. This being the day designated by the Baptist Convention as Foreign Missions Day, the pastor, J. G. Murphy, brought a missionary message. He was a young preacher filled with a burning passion for lost souls and, taking his text, Matthew 28:16-20, he described the Baptist world-wide missionary program, particularly emphasizing the needs and opportunities in far-away China.

From the beginning of the service, everyone felt the presence and leadership of the Holy Spirit and, there in the stillness and quietness of that Lord's Day morning, they were led to lift up their eyes and see the fields that were white unto harvest and realize as never before that the laborers were far too few. At the close of the heart-searching message, the pastor made two appeals: the first directed to the fathers and mothers, the second to the young men and women and boys and girls in the congregation.

The pastor said: "Are there here today fathers and mothers who would be willing for their sons and daughters to dedicate their lives to definite Christian service should the Lord call them? If so, will you please stand?" There were three men and two women who quietly rose to their feet. It seemed that they were saying: "Silver and gold, dear Lord, we have none; but if you want our children they are yours". Among the men who stood was my father, John Wesley Landrum, and I believe that, had my mother been present, she would have taken her place at his side.

Then in the appeal to the young people, the pastor said: "Is there a young man or woman, boy or girl present who would be willing to dedicate his or her life on the altar of service should the Lord call you? If so, will you come to the front and give me your hand?" Though outwardly calm and quiet, the timid sixteen-year-old girl who sat on the second bench in the choir that day felt a storm of emotion in her heart. The call was clear and distinct, but many doubts and excuses presented themselves in rapid succession. I held onto the bench in front of me to keep from going, yet I wanted to be submissive to God's will. "What would my older brothers and sisters say, knowing how dependent I was? How would I be able to get the college and theological preparation that I would need, since my father and mother had ten children to educate? How would I ever be able to do any work with my excessive timidity and bashfulness?" These and many other excuses passed through my mind. All the while, the pastor in a sweet, clear and impressive voice continued to repeat the words of that precious promise: "And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world". With the words ringing in my ears, I finally surrendered all and said: "If Jesus will go with me, I am willing to go anywhere, be it in the homeland or over mountain or sea". With this decision, I let go my hold on the bench and went to the front, took the preacher's hand and said: "Brother Murphy, if Jesus will go with me, my life and my all are His".

On August 19, 1922, I reached Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to begin my missionary activities. With me was the knowledge that I had been led all the way by the invisible but ever present Hand, which to this day ever guides and supports me.—Miss Minnie Landrum, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

## COMMUNITY MISSIONS

Mrs. Edgar Godbold, Louisiana  
Southwide Community Missions Chairman

### "I Was in Prison and Ye Visited Me"

THROUGH community missions East St. Louis W.M.U. has been privileged to witness to men and women behind prison bars and present to them the plan of salvation. Services are held weekly at the county jail at Belleville, Illinois, with groups from our various churches and missionary societies taking part. Bibles and tracts are distributed and evangelistic services held. Follow-up work is done whenever necessary in the homes of boys and women contacted in jail. Through consecrated women's efforts men and women, who have made shipwreck of their lives, start anew with Christ as their pilot. Many of the boys' mothers have been led to Christ also.

We write letters for the boys, make calls and sometimes furnish clothes for those being released from short terms. At other times it is our privilege, though a heart-breaking one, to take some boy's clothes to his mother as he leaves for state prison to pay his debt to society.

When we make our monthly trip to the state penitentiary at Menard, Illinois, it is a joy to see these boys who were saved in the jail services and hear the chaplain tell of the Christian lives they are living behind cold, gray prison walls. It is inspiring to see the faith they have in prayer. Quite a few have finished correspondence courses from Moody Bible Institute, as well as high school, while serving out their sentences. We claim the words of our Master when He said, "My Word shall not return unto Me void".

At another service a young man was brought in who had committed murder. When asked to kneel with us in prayer he crossed himself and uttered a ritualistic prayer, for that was all he knew. Since he was in jail for nearly a year while his trial was in progress, we came to know him and his parents very well and visited in their home a number of times. When he was finally convicted and given a death-sentence for his crime we knew that even though he must die, through the mercy of our Lord and his acceptance of Him as his Savior, he was ready to meet God. When we were at Menard penitentiary for our monthly service on Sunday before he was executed on Thursday, we were allowed to visit him at his request in the death-cell and bid him good-by. Greatly did we rejoice in his testimony that he would be waiting for us "Over There". We visited in his parents' home after his death and tried to bring some words of comfort, which were greatly appreciated.

Another case I would like to mention is that of a sixteen-year-old boy, also convicted of murder. He is now serving a life-term in Joliet prison. If ever a person could truly say, "No man cared for my soul", this lad could. He was from a broken home. After visiting in the home of his father and stepmother we could see that the boy started his life handicapped because of the sin of his parents. At nine he was put in a school of correction. When released at fourteen he drifted with the wrong crowd without counsel of family or friends. Then he committed murder and was placed behind prison bars for the rest of his life. We thank God he was saved at the county jail; also we give thanks for the faith displayed by several of his Christian cell-mates, when they sat up all night with him on the eve of his trial before sentence was to be passed, praying that he would not be given the death-sentence. Their faith was rewarded and greatly strengthened when he received a life-imprisonment sentence.

Southern Baptist women, let us realize that we are our brother's keeper and no longer hesitate to spread the glad tidings to some mother's boy or girl in need of a Christian helping hand, which we can extend to them through community missions.—Mrs. Elva Woodring, Illinois

## BOOK REVIEW and STUDY SUGGESTIONS

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

### The Way of Missionary Education

ONE of the major interests of women in our missionary societies should be the missionary education of young people—in the home as well as in W.M.U. organizations. This book by Miss Juliette Mather, young people's secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, tells in concrete terms not only why but how to interest children and young people in missions. It gives suggestions about how to enlist them in the various organizations and how to foster these organizations. Every society should study it in the interest of its own work as well as of growing an ever-renewed missionary constituency.

Those who teach this book may take it as their objective to enlist the women of their society in fostering a Full Graded W.M.U. and in providing missionary training in the home for all the children of their church. They should order the guides and standards for all young people's organizations and sample copies of the three young people's magazines. They should prepare the suggested posters and should read the teaching helps in the back of the book. (Order from State Baptist Bookstore, price 50c.)

**Session One.** Start a brief discussion of whether one should teach children religion or let them wait until they are old enough to choose their own. Apply the same reasoning to missionary training. Quote Deuteronomy 6:6, 7.

Show posters illustrating the four W.M.U. age-group organizations. Beside each place a placard giving the time and place of the meeting of this organization in your church. If there are organizations you do not have, use "never" for the time and "nowhere" for the place. With reference to each organization discuss why you do (or don't) have it, what it does (or doesn't) do for your children, how you could improve (or have) these organizations in your church.

Note that these organizations can't do the task alone any more than the Sunday-school can give these same young people all the Bible teaching they need. The home must make up the difference.

Speak of interest and prayer. Give illustrations from chapter 1 and from class experience of how to interest young people in missions and how to lead them to pray for missionaries. Note how interest, information and prayer go along together. Ask five women to discuss, briefly, some ways in which we may foster praying among our young people. Treat Bible reading in the same fashion. Close with prayer for the young people in your own homes and church.

**Session Two.** Through posters and explanations, illustrate several ways of teaching stewardship to young people. Ask the class to give the values of stewardship from the standpoint of the young.

Ask the class to read together the preamble of the constitution of W.M.U. and the two-fold objective it sets forth. From the most recent annual report of the Union, show how much has been accomplished towards the raising of funds for missions.

Lead a general discussion of the Christian attitude towards money and let the class suggest activities which may help to develop such attitudes in the various age-groups. Let the group speak of practical plans by which young people may be taught to tithe. Close with prayer for wisdom, perseverance and power to put a real stewardship program into effect among your own organizations.

**Session Three.** On missionary map of world, point out countries where we have missions, noting that other denominations also serve in these and other countries but that all of us together have reached only a small percentage of the

people. Show that this is true also of the south and of your state and community. Call on students to tell of needs in all these places. Suggest that in spite of all our study and programs our knowledge of these is meager—what of our children's knowledge and interest?

Plan definitely for increasing knowledge and interest in your church. Introduce an exhibit of magazines, books and other helps and tell what they can do. Take subscriptions to the magazines.

Raise the question of prejudice, racial or national, and its effects. Discuss how prejudices are developed. Have someone tell a story that helps to right attitudes along this line and one that hinders. Let several students give suggestions from the chapter.

Review the age-group organizations and make plans for better development of these in your church. Spend a season in prayer for your young people.

**Session Four.** Invite the pastor to attend this session. Read from each of the guide-books for the young people's organizations the section on community missions and seek to apply to your community. See that all understand what community missions is and the attitudes which are acceptable in Christians.

Under the pastor's guidance list the needs of your community—the institutions, racial groups, needy families, lonely and unassimilated persons from other places, shut-ins and the like. List also commercialized amusements, places of special temptation. Plan definitely to meet these needs—what must be done by men, women, young people? What can be done by children? Where should each group start? What ought it to accomplish, this year? Pray for consecration, perseverance, power in undertaking this community effort.

**Session Five.** Discuss "fostering" and show that all the class has been thinking and planning for its young people is a part of fostering, because planning is one of the first steps. The plans must be definite and must lead to action. The first action is to choose, enlist and train leaders. Let the young people's director of your society discuss this important phase of fostering and lead in definite planning needed in your own situation.

Appoint students to discuss the values of young people's camps, focus weeks and banquets. Suggest definite ways in which to help your own young people to have these advantages.

Ask a G.A. girl to explain the Forward Steps in this organization and an R.A. to tell of his Ranking System. On charts or blackboard list the Bible material that must be learned for each step or rank.

Ask a young mother to tell something of the possibilities that lie in recognizing Sunbeam Babies. Close with a recapitulation of the needs in your own church and community and of the steps you will take in enlisting and fostering the young people of your church in prayer, giving and missionary service. Lead all to pray for your young people.

### A Pageant for August in the Quarterly Packet

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## Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

Dr. John A. McKay, president of the Princeton Theological Seminary, after a prolonged journey through thirteen Latin American lands, in an article "Latin America Today" in the most recent issue of *World Dominion*, says: "Evangelical Christianity is the most significant and transforming spiritual influence in Latin America today and the movement whose progress will contribute more than any other to inter-American understanding". He further says: "The evangelical church is emerging in every republic. Its membership, scattered from the Rio Grande to the Magellan Strait, numbers some three million to which should be added half a million German Lutherans in southern Brazil. Already in many lands some very distinguished personalities have emerged from the evangelical communities—outstanding educators, judges, soldiers, statesmen. The influence of evangelical Christianity is far out of proportion to its numerical size".

Again quoting Dr. McKay: "An event of great cultural significance is that, for the first time in four centuries of Spanish culture, the Bible is being promoted by the ecclesiastical authorities in some countries at least . . . . It is surely a fact which cannot be overlooked because of its profound cultural significance and promise. That the first Latin American writer to win the Nobel Prize for Literature is the Chilean poetess, Gracilés de la Maza, one of the very few writers in the history of Latin American literature to have been influenced by the Bible. Latin America's chief cultural need today is that the Bible should become known by its classes and its masses".

According to Dr. Forest L. Knapp, general secretary of the World's Sunday School Association, who early in the year visited Brazil, the protestant and other evangelical churches in Brazil are aiding the government in an extensive campaign against illiteracy. "At the request of the Brazilian government", he said, "the Association is helping to provide Christian education teachers and religious literature for the illiteracy campaign".

Last year Brazil's second congress of evangelical youth met in Sao Paulo. To it went representatives of young people's groups in the Baptist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Methodist and Congregational churches and in the Salvation Army. Delegates were also present from the Christian Students' Union. The congress adopted six principles which included: "The ideal of spiritual unity . . . Loyalty to evangelical ideas (as expressed in daily living) . . . Relief in the value of personal evangelism . . . Realization of the need to help solve social problems . . . Acknowledgment of legally constituted authority . . . Belief that every man should be granted human rights regardless of race, religion, education or social standing".

The United Andean Indian Mission is the United Mission project in which the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. (Northern) and the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. (Southern) share. Recently a man and his wife from Canada were appointed for work in this mission in the Equatorial Andes. The husband, Oliver S. Mabee, will take charge of the agricultural side of the Mission, cultivating a 500 acre farm at 9000 feet altitude, and will seek to give such instruction to the Indians on or near the farm as will improve their methods of agriculture and "tend to provide a more secure basis for livelihood" among the 16,000 mountain Indians in the region.

In Peru, long known as the country most unwilling to grant religious liberty, the political and religious "climate" has changed . . . Protestant lectures are now given a place on the extension program of ancient San Marcos University, now run by a liberal regime. The unanimous opinion of Christian (evangelical) leaders is that religious addresses and meetings have never been better attended than they now are

in all South American countries. There is a religious interest if not a spiritual hunger in these confused and aroused lands.—Correspondent from Buenos Aires to *Christian Century*

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The *World Outlook* of May carries a very beautiful story by its "Roving Reporter" of a truly beautiful life. Briefly it is the story of the Rev. Hippolito de Campos, for thirty years a Methodist preacher in Brazil. As a Catholic priest he was sincere and zealous in his attacks upon the protestants. He sought to refute their teachings in every way, even in seeking to learn what the Methodists believed so that he could attack them more vigorously. While he regarded them as mistaken he recognized that they were sincere. He was impressed by the fact that these protestants practiced Christianity in their daily lives. "They were a small minority group in the town but they accepted criticism with prayers for their enemies. Finally 'Father Hippolito' after a long and sincere study of the 'Protestant Scriptures' in seeking errors to pounce upon, knelt in a long morning prayer and arose with the determination to leave the Catholic church and cast in his lot with the despised Methodists. Afterwards he became a minister and pastor of a Methodist church which he served for thirty years. We are told that no one who ever heard him could fail to feel the fervor of his conviction and the grace of his words as a follower of Christ. The marvel of the story is that even after he had written a strong article, 'Why I Left the Roman Catholic Church', and had served long years as a faithful Methodist minister never failing to defend his new faith, he was never excommunicated so gracious and lovable was this messenger of God and so truly did his Catholic friends love him. It is doubtful", continues the author of the story, "if there was ever a similar case in the long history of the (Roman Catholic) Church".



## STEWARDSHIP

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Southwide Stewardship Chairman

*Explanatory Note:* The following material is the eighth of a series of "Stewardship Month-by-Month Suggestions" as prepared by Mrs. Harold B. Tillman, the Arkansas stewardship chairman. Each month during this year the suggestions are being given in the magazine. It is sincerely hoped that stewardship chairmen will encourage their societies and circles as well as the individual members to profit by them.

### August—Stewardship of the Gospel

I have a stewardship entrusted unto me . . . Woe is unto me, if I preach not the Gospel.—*1 Corinthians 9:17b, 16b.*

Ye shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.—*Acts 1:8b.*

Friends found Gladstone one morning tired and weary; yet, when they said, "Are you prepared?" he answered: "I do not know about my preparation for my speech, but I am the happiest man in the world today. In the small hours of the morning, I taught a little child to die unafraid; I led him to Christ". And that morning Gladstone's argument challenged a nation.

However important the details of your daily life, remember that the "chiefest event that ever transpired in the world is the salvation of human souls". Every non-Christian is in need of the Gospel.



# FAMILY ALTAR

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

## TOPIC: South Americans

### Obedience brings reward.

1st Day—Gen. 18:17-19; Deut. 6:1-9  
2nd Day—Josh. 22:1-6; Prov. 6:20-23  
3rd Day—Matt. 5:13-20; Prov. 23:22-26  
4th Day—Luke 6:46-49; 11:28; Phil. 4:4-13  
5th Day—John 14:15-21, 23-31; Jas. 1:12-17  
6th Day—John 15:14; Matt. 5:43-48  
7th Day—Rev. 22:6, 7, 12, 17-20; Prov. 23:1-15

### Disobedience brings punishment.

8th Day—Prov. 24:1-22; 4:13-27  
9th Day—Prov. 29:1-7, 16, 17, 27; Psa. 24:1-6  
10th Day—Gen. 6:5-8; Prov. 31:10-12, 26-31  
11th Day—Lev. 26:13-20; Prov. 22:1-6  
12th Day—Psa. 95:6-11; Eph. 5:15-21  
13th Day—Luke 13:22-30; Prov. 23:19-21, 29-35  
14th Day—Heb. 12:14-17; Dan. 1:8-20

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

## "Pray Ye"

- That every Christian W.M.U. member will seek to win souls
- That every Community Missions Committee will plan and direct activities that lead to soul-winning and that develop Christian characters
- That reports on community missions activities will awaken redeemed souls to zeal for the lost
- That W.M.U. organizations and members will teach and adhere to the moral standards as upheld by Woman's Missionary Union
- That the bi-racial institutes as held this summer with southern Baptist Negro women will yield definitely Christian results
- That summer camps for W.M.U. young people will lead many to dedicate their lives for definitely Christian service
- That Baptist parents will encourage their sons and daughters to listen for God's call to definite Christian service

That the three mission conferences at Ridgecrest this month will (1) sound a clear call for mission volunteers (2) greatly increase the number of southern Baptist churches (3) lead many to pray daily for a spiritual revival as being sought by the Home Mission Board through the Prayer League

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### "Faith cometh by hearing".

15th Day—11 Tim. 4:1-8; Prov. 20:1-11  
16th Day—Matt. 13:1-15; Rom. 14:16-22  
17th Day—Matt. 13:16-30; 1 Cor. 9:18-27  
18th Day—Jer. 6:10, 16:19; Prov. 12:17-22  
19th Day—Jas. 1:19-27; 11 Sam. 24:18-25  
20th Day—Rom. 10:17; 1 Thess. 5:15-22  
21st Day—Rev. 2:7; Jer. 17:15-11

### "And hearing by the Word of God"

22nd Day—Prov. 13:13-15; Mark 12:38-44  
23rd Day—Isa. 40:6-11; Luke 3:7-14  
24th Day—Heb. 11:1-3; Prov. 13:5-15  
25th Day—John 6:63, 64; 8:31, 32; Eccl. 5:9-11  
26th Day—John 16:1-13; Prov. 6:6-11  
27th Day—Acts 26:1-25; Prov. 24:30-34  
28th Day—Acts 28:16-27; Prov. 10:4-5; 27:23-27  
29th Day—Rom. 12:1-8; 11 Thess. 3:7-10  
30th Day—Rom. 12:9-21; John 4:27-38  
31st Day—Rom. 15:1-11; Jas. 1:22-27



# CALENDAR of PRAYER

August, 1947

Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

GUIDE me to those who need my help; teach me to see their need—  
That I may speak the word that cheers and do the kindly deed;  
And, if the work Thou shalt appoint is what the world counts small,  
Make me content with my lot and faithful in it all.

—Author Unknown

## 1—FRIDAY

Miss Clifford Barratt, evangelism, Miss Harlette King, educational evangelism, Pochow, Miss Addie E. Cox, Wei Shih, Miss Katie Murray, Chengchow, evangelism, Mrs. E. E. Tatum and Mrs. S. J. Townshend, emerita missionaries, China. Mistily saw the Word of God and prevailed. —Acts 19:20

## 2—SATURDAY

Rev. and Miss A. Pasotti, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. York, evangelism among Italians, Timpo, Rev. and Mrs. S. Smith, evangelism among Indians, Dania, Fla. The council of the Lord standeth forever, and the thoughts of His heart to all generations. —Psa. 11:1

## 3—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. R. C. McGlamery, Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Shoemaker, Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Dickson, appointees to Latin America also Baptist World Alliance Congress, Copenhagen. The Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. —Num. 6:25

## 4—MONDAY

Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Stover, publication evangelism, Misses Minnie Landrum, Dorine Hawkins, Minnie Lou Lanier, educational evangelism, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, also T. B. Stover Jr., Margaret Fund student. Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end. —Psa. 119:31

## 5—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. H. Rodriguez, Arriete, Rev. and Mrs. A. Santana, Rejocal, Rev. L. M. Gonzalez, Artimesa, Cuba, evangelism, also Moises Rodriguez, Margaret Fund student. Trust ye in the Lord forever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. —Isa. 26:4

## 6—WEDNESDAY

Woman's Missionary Union of Hawaii. The Lord our God will we serve and His voice will we obey. —Josh. 24:24

## 7—THURSDAY

Women's Missionary Union Conference, including Bishop's Women's Union, Ridgecrest, N. C., Aug. 7-13. The Lord recompenseth His work. —Ecc. 1:3

## 8—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Eaglesfield, Port Harcourt, Miss Ada Lois Newman, Abokuta, Miss Ruth Walden, Benin City, Nigeria, educational evangelism. Whom Kenneth His Word, in Him verily is the love of God perfected. —1 John 2:3

## 9—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Hernandez, Miami, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Williams, Tucson, Ariz., evangelism among Mexicans. The way of Jehovah is a stronghold to the upright. —Prov. 10:29

## 10—SUNDAY

Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week, August 10-16. Abide in Him. —1 John 2:38

## 11—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Bryant, evangelism, Santiago, Misses Ruby Howse and Susan Roberts Ryan, educational evangelism, Temuco, Chile. God is faithful, by whom ye were called. —1 Cor. 1:9

## 12—TUESDAY

Misses Marjorie Bailey, Helen Lintz, Margaret Green, evangelism, New Orleans, La. Believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another. —1 John 3:23

## 13—WEDNESDAY

Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Moore, Rome, Italy, Mrs. Nils Bengtson, Barcelona, Spain, evangelism, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Moore, educational evangelism, Belgrade, Yugoslavia. The Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee. —Deut. 31:6

## 14—THURSDAY

Foreign Missions Week; also Young Men's Mission Conference, Ridgecrest, N. C., Aug. 14-20. Call unto Me, and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things. —Jer. 33:3

## 15—FRIDAY

Annual meeting of Spanish-American Woman's Missionary Union of New Mexico, Aug. 15. Thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the Lord. —Thou shalt

## Calendar of Prayer for August

### 16—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Blair, Rev. and Mrs. N. B. Eaddy, Ft. Worth, Tex., evangelism among Mexicans.  
We know that we have passed from death into life because we love the brethren.  
—1 John 3:14

### 17—SUNDAY

That southern Baptists may reach one million others in the spread of the Kingdom to the glory of God.  
Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the Lord your God.  
—Deut. 4:23

### 18—MONDAY

Selfe and Mrs. R. A. Jacob, Pinato, Misses Olive Lawton and Catherine Smith, Tsinng, China, educational evangelism also Lydia Jacob, Margaret Fund student.  
Let Thy lovingkindness and Thy truth continually preserve me.  
—Psa. 40:11

### 19—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Purson, Kenedy, Rev. P. Cervantes, Brownwood, Rev. J. V. Perez, Basting, Texas, evangelism among Mexicans.  
With His stripes we are healed.  
—Isa. 53:5

### 20—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. V. Koon, Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Stuart, Mrs. C. K. Dozier, evangelism, Honolulu, T. H.  
Surely His salvation is high them that fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.  
—Psa. 45:8

### 21—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. Gomez, Guaymas, Rev. and Mrs. C. Lima, Remedios, Cuba, evangelism also Eduardo Gomez and Samuel Lima, Margaret Fund students.  
If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.  
—Gal. 5:25

### 22—FRIDAY

Dr. and Mrs. S. L. Watson, Petropolis, Rev. and Mrs. P. D. Sullivan, Belem, Brazil, educational evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. Z. J. Deal Jr., Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Kirk, appointees to Latin America.  
I am Thy servant, give me understanding that I may know Thy testimonies.  
—Psa. 119:125

### 23—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Frazier, Conlidge, Rev. and Mrs. L. Johnson, Bapchule, Rev. and Mrs. L. U. C. Kaufman, Nels, Ariz., evangelism among Indians.  
Let your hands be strengthened and be ye valiant.  
—1 Sam. 17:7

### 24—SUNDAY

Rev. and Mrs. F. I. Holmes, appointees to Latin America, Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Pettit, Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Nilesbee, appointees to China.  
With sword-will doing service, as to the Lord and not to men.  
—Eph. 6:7

### 25—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. F. Brantley, Fort Hare, court, Rev. and Mrs. J. S. McGire, Iwo, Mrs. Mary Ellen Wooten, Abokuta, educational evangelism, Mrs. Ruth Womack, medical evangelism, Ogbomoso, Nigeria.  
Fear God and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.  
—Eccl. 12:15

### 26—TUESDAY

All-China Woman's Missionary Union also Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Adams, Mrs. Peyton Stephens, emeritus missionaries, and Rev. Peyton Stephens, S. B. C. missionary to China, 1891-1924.  
Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days.  
—Eccl. 11:1

### 27—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. N. Porter, evangelism Miss Lillie S. Hernandez, educational evangelism, Waco, Rev. and Mrs. S. P. Mizeles, evangelism among Mexicans, Del Rio, Texas.  
Let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.  
—Jas. 1:4

### 28—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Moore, Mrs. Pearl Todd, Chofco, Miss Ola Lea, Sanchon, Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Townshend, Mrs. Olive Rad dell, Kaileng, China, educational evangelism.  
In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.  
—Isa. 40:31

### 29—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Averitt, Miss Mabel Malone, Calvert, Rev. J. C. Reed, Rev. F. Reed, McIntosh, Ala., Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Simpson, Philadelphia, Miss. evangelism among Indians.  
God is able to make all grace abound toward you.  
—1 Cor. 4:7

### 30—SATURDAY

Woman's Missionary Union of South China also Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Tipton, Dr. and Mrs. F. N. Johnson, emeritus missionaries, China.  
The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and His ears are open unto their prayer.  
—1 Pet. 3:12

### 31—SUNDAY

That many souls may be won to the Lord this day through the preaching of the Word also Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Conn, Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Hutton, Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Tharpe, Mrs. Mary Lee Ernst, appointees to Hawaii.  
He which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death.  
—Jas. 5:20

1 Attended W. M. U. Training School  
2 Attended Southwestern Training School  
3 Attended New Orleans Baptist Theol. Seminary  
4 Former Margaret Fund Student  
5 On Furlough

## BIBLE STUDY

Dr. W. O. Carver, Kentucky

### God's Invitation to All the Ends of the Earth

#### Isaiah 45:20-25

IF there seems to be a sameness in our monthly Bible studies it is because we have found ourselves in the central stream of the flow of God's purpose and plan through history and of His revelation of His plan as recorded in Scriptures. Our passage for this study comes to us through Isaiah, the prophet whom God's Spirit lifted to the highest peak of Old Testament vision, to whom He gave deepest insight into the heart and mind of God for man.

This passage has its setting in the heart of history. It has its immediate setting in the midst of the series of messages that fill the sixteen chapters, 40-55. Beginning with 44:24 Jehovah's righteous rule over all nations is exemplified in His use of Cyrus and the Medo-Persian Empire. He preserves His faithful witnesses and through them issues a universal invitation. The section closes with chapter 45, where a new form of the message begins with 46. The reading of all the section 44:24-45:25 will be a great help toward getting the full force of "The Invitation" to which we now give special attention.

1—First God calls for a conference of all that have escaped destruction in a great map-changing campaign of imperial conquest (20-21). It is a conference to find the sources of the present desperate plight and to seek a way of hope. "Assemble yourselves and come: draw near together (to hear a message from the Lord of all lords, the Ruler of all nations), all out of all peoples who have escaped the devastations of the conquest (20a). Your error and your present plight are the outcome of wrong religious ideas. It is spiritually and practically stupid to worship and depend upon gods that cannot save—gods that are the inventions of your own imaginations and creations of your own hands (20b). Now let the representatives of each nation and religion bring forward its facts and its faith. Let them take counsel together. Who has been demonstrating the right way for humanity 'from ancient time'? Who has been declaring it right along from 'of old'? Have not I, Jehovah? And there is no other God besides Me". No other is needed nor can there be another, since Jehovah exhausts all the possibilities of a true God, "a just God and a Savior: there is none besides Me". Here is the one hope, the good hope, the perfect hope (21).

How striking is the parallel to our own time. How fitting is the message for the escaped of the nations" in this actually so terrible and potentially so hopeful world situation.

2—Hear then the gracious, all-comprehending invitation in verse 22: "Look unto Me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth". Dwell on the three items. "Look unto Me". Men have looked and, alas, continued to look elsewhere for deliverance and guidance and continue to stumble and fall, to fight and to fail. "Be ye saved". You cannot save yourselves. No human leader or group of leaders can save you. Salvation must be given and must be received. "Our help cometh from Jehovah who made Heaven and earth" (Ps. 121:1-2). He has "laid help upon One who is mighty" (Ps. 89:19). "Look . . . all ye ends of the earth". None are omitted. God is not willing that any shall perish. None can be omitted if any are to be fully saved, for we are all of one race in God's economy and in God's love. None can except themselves if any are to be wholly saved. Now that ours is physically, socially and economically one world, it must become religiously and spiritually one under the one God and the one Mediator between God and man, Mediator also between man and man.

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## CIRCLE PROGRAM

**EXPLANATORY NOTE:** The following program is submitted for use by the circles this month. Its suggested articles will be found in the following monthly missionary magazines: *Royal Service*, 50c a year from 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham 3, Ala.; *The Window of Y.W.A.*, *World Comrades*, *Ambassador Life*, each \$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 34 of 1947 W.M.U. Year Book and page 17 of this magazine.)



THE SECRET OF WORLD PEACE

### Topic: The Secret of World Peace

**Devotional Theme:** "I am the Light of the World"—John 8:12.

**World Peace . . . Beginning in Christian America** (See article in August issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

**Dear American Friends** (See article in August issue of *World Comrades*.)

**Why I Volunteered** (See pages 4-6 of this magazine.)

**From Missionaries** (See pages 27-28 of this magazine.)

**No Peace without Freedom of the Press** (See article in July-August issue of *The Commission*.)

**I Believe in Tomorrow** (See article in August issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.*)

**The Bible Enters Green Valley** (See article in August issue of *Ambassador Life*.)

**Southern Baptist World Center in New Orleans as a Promoter of World Peace** (Seek usable clothing from circle members and ship prepaid to *Southern Baptist World Service Center*, 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans 16, La.)

**Among the Missionaries** (See article in August issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

Receipts of Annie Armstrong Offering had reached by late in June \$541,042.99—a great and gracious victory!

## Business Woman's Circles

Miss Mary Christian  
W.M.U. Representative

**Preparation:** It would be lovely this month to have an outdoor meeting or picnic in a garden or "patio" with colorful Indian, Spanish or Portuguese mats and napkins for the table and with the fiesta ware for serving the food. If this is done, arrange for a blackboard or easel for display of a large map of South America and a table for any curios or objects of missionary interest. Flags of the South American nations would add color and create interest also.

A map of South America would be excellent on the program cover and then reference could be made to it during the discussion. The flags of the different South American nations where southern Baptists have work would be attractive if drawn on a program cover also. The more artistic members might sketch or copy figures representing the Indians, Portuguese, Spaniards and Negroes that so largely make up the population there. Attractive programs are always helpful.

Arrange the chairs in a semicircle. Ask those participating on the program to read the full program material for a background and understanding of the scope of the work.

**Presentation:** Enlist the help of seven members in presenting this program. Ask them to impersonate missionaries and give their discussion in the first person.

The program chairman should introduce the topic and tell that seven missionaries from the South American countries are present and will answer any questions the members wish to ask. The missionaries will have their names pinned on them so that questions can be addressed directly to them. The program chairman will begin the questions by asking Dr. Everett Gill Jr., secretary of Latin American countries, if he will tell them of the different peoples of the South American countries. See first topic, "Meet the South Americans", for this answer.

Another will ask Dr. W. C. Taylor of Brazil if he will tell them of the Roman Catholic religion there. See second topic, "South Americans and Their Religion", for this answer.

From *The Commission* choose the name of a missionary each in Brazil, Colombia, Chile and in Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay that form the River Platte group or use names of those from your state who are in South America. Let different circle members ask them the following questions; the answers are in the topics, "Baptists in South America" and "Good News of Neighbor Baptists":

1. Which is the oldest Baptist mission field in South America and what about the growth of the work there? (*Answer by Missionary from Brazil*)
2. Which is the youngest mission field there and what about the work? (*Missionary from Colombia answers.*)
3. Will you tell us of the work in the River Platte group? (*One from Argentina, Paraguay or Uruguay answers.*)
4. Introduce us to the missionaries and work of Baptists in Chile, please. (*Missionary from Chile answers.*)
5. Dr. Gill, you have recently returned from a tour of fields in South America, will you tell us what encouraged you about the work there? (*Answer is in topic, "Good News of Neighbor Baptists".*)

Program chairman thanks the missionaries for coming and closes with the devotional service, using the Scripture suggested in the outline on page 20. For program material see pages 20-26.

Preaching mission in needy section of Rio de Janeiro

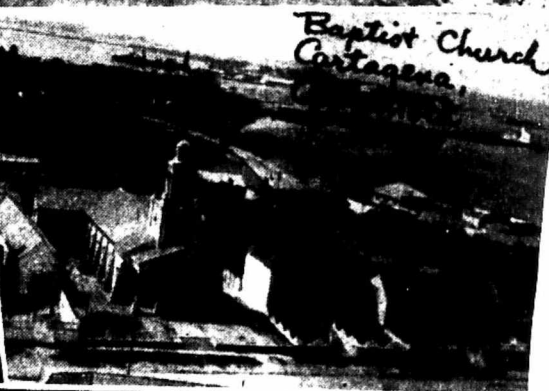


Baptist Girls  
School at  
Recife, Brazil



Alberta Stewart

Baptist Church  
Cartagena



# Program Plans

Prepared by Miss Laura Frances Snow, N. C.  
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**Purpose**—Understanding breeds love and appreciation. To come to a better understanding of our South American neighbors and, through understanding, to an appreciation of their culture and a genuine love for the people themselves, should be the purpose of this study of "South Americans". It should make us aware of the needs of our neighbors and create in us an active desire to respond wholeheartedly to the challenge of this field.

**Publicity Suggestions**—For individual reminders send postal cards saying: "Free Information about South America. W.M.S. Travel Bureau—Location: (*Meeting Place*)—Hours: (*Time of Meeting*)". These should be sent a few days before the meeting. On the church bulletin-board place a large poster made according to the following directions. Cut out a picture of an airplane or ship and mount on a sheet of light blue cardboard. Across the top of the sheet print in bold black letters "Tour South America". Below the picture of the plane or ship print in smaller letters "Consult us for information about our neighboring continent". On the lower part of the cardboard print "W.M.S. Travel Bureau—Location: (*Place of Meeting*)—Hours: (*Time of Meeting*)". Outlining the cut-out picture with black India ink or paint will give a "finished" look to the poster.

**Preparation**—Careful, prayerful preparation is necessary for any program if its purpose is to be accomplished. Parts should be assigned far enough in advance to enable the participants to *tell* the information rather than read it. It would be good to have a get-together to actually go through the program and straighten out the details before the presentation. How shameful it would be to call attention to inadequate preparation when there is such a vital message to be sped. For program material see pages 20-26.

To help the audience see as well as hear the message, secure a large piece of wrapping paper, preferably white, and fold it to resemble a large travel folder. On the front, draw, paint or cut and paste a map of South America and print "See South America" across the page. On the remaining sections of the "folder" paste pictures illustrating the parts of the program—for part 1, "Meet the South Americans", pictures of people of the racial groups found on that continent; part 2, "South Americans and Their Religion", pictures of nuns, priests or cathedrals and a picture of a closed Bible across which has been made a big black X; part 3, "Baptists in S.A.", illustrations of churches, schools, a publishing house or press and a picture of a nurse; part 4, "Good News of Neighbor Baptists", pictures of men or women speaking to a group, a small church from which come yellow streaks of paint representing rays of light, a radio or microphone, tracts or leaflets, large open Bible; part 5, "The Call of Needy Neighbors", an outlining map of South America cut from colored paper across which is printed "91,000,000 in need of Christ". These pictures may be found in current issues of both secular and religious magazines. Other available materials such as pictures, articles or curios should be on display.

**Presentation**—In presenting the program, arrange the participants around a large table on which are placed a globe, several maps and the "travel folder". The leader may introduce the program by saying, "The Woman's Missionary Society Travel Bureau takes pleasure in bringing you information about South America". She will then point out their location on map or globe and briefly plot an imaginary plane or boat trip to a point in South America. Turning to the first speaker the leader will introduce one of the company's "agents" who will tell about the people one may expect to meet. Each speaker will use the pictures on the "travel folder" to illustrate her part. Each part should be presented with the confidence and enthusiasm an agent for W.M.S. Travel Bureau needs in order to sell her product. And what greater product could one represent than that of world brotherhood produced by the firm of which Christ is head?

# PROGRAM MATERIAL

Mrs. C. D. Cressman, Tennessee

**THEME for YEAR: The World's People Today**

**TOPIC for MONTH: South Americans**

Hymn for Year—Hark, The Voice of Jesus Calling

Watchword for Year—"Go ye . . . and make disciples of all the nations"—*Matt. 28:19.*

Bible Study—God's Invitation to All the Ends of the Earth—Isaiah 45:20-28 (See page 15.)

Prayer that we may be diligent in giving God's invitation to all the ends of the earth

Hymn—We've a Story to Tell

Meet the South Americans

South Americans and Their Religion

Prayer that we may realize the need of giving the pure Gospel to South Americans

Hymn—Send the Light

—Baptists in South America

Good News of Neighbor Baptists

They Are Evangelistic

They Are Missionary

They Use the Radio

They Use the Printed Page

The Word Wins the Way

The Call of Needy Neighbors

—Hymn—O Zion, Haste

Prayer for all southern Baptist work in South America

## MEET the SOUTH AMERICANS

**S**OUTH AMERICANS are people of many races and many mixtures of many races. They have been broadly classified in three groups: Indians, whites and those of mixed blood.

First, there are the Indians, the people who lived in the country long before the white man came. The early discoverers found in South America two classes of Indians: naked, barbarous savages and those, like the Incas of Peru, who had built up a remarkable civilization of their own. But none of them were able to stand against the aggression of the white man, and soon all were subdued and enslaved. Even those races that had of their own strength "built civilizations, reared great cities, cut highways through mountains and woven together a great fabric of culture and commerce" were broken under the tyranny of their conquerors. "In their own land and in the midst of the crumbled ruins of their own greatness they became wretched outcasts and tools of their exploiters".

It is estimated that there are about ten million Indians in all of Latin America. In Brazil alone are a million and a half divided into more than two hundred tribes. Most of the Indians of South America live in remote districts, far from the center of civilization and are poor, ignorant and superstitious. Dr. Stanley High says that they are not like the North American Indians. The Indians the early colonists found in North America were indolent and warlike in their nature. The Latin American Indians are industrious and cannot be made to fight except under the greatest provocation. There has been much mixture of Indian and white blood in South America and, among the leading statesmen as well as among the continent's great poets and artists, are those who boast of their Indian lineage.

The white nations, which colonized South America in the early days, were the Portuguese and the Spaniards. To Brazil came the Portuguese and to all other lands came the Spaniards; so it is these two European peoples that have given to the South American countries their racial trends, civilization, culture, customs and religion. The percentage of white people varies in the different countries. Some years ago Dr. Stanley High estimated that about one-fifth of the total population of South America was pure white. Dr. W. C. Taylor says that 44 per cent of the population of Brazil is classified as white. There has been through the years so much mingling of white blood with that of the aborigines as well as with other races that it is difficult to know just how many of the people are of pure white blood.

There are in South America many Negroes. These were brought there, even as they were brought to North America, to serve as slaves of the white people. Writing of the Negroes in Brazil, Dr. Ben Oliver says: "Whereas at first all Negroes were slaves, many soon bought their freedom and, since there was very little in Portuguese law and much less in Brazilian customs and public opinion to degrade either pure Negroes or mulattoes, their place in the life of the nation was secure from the first". In all South American lands there is not as much prejudice against the Negro as in North America, and there is much mixing of white and Negro blood.

Many other peoples help to make up the population of South America. Germans, Poles, Russians, Italians and those of other European nations, as well as Japanese, other Asiatics and people from the United States have gone to live in South American lands. Argentina has been called a "Projection of Southern Europe". To this land in the last half a century have gone five and a half million immigrants. Argentina and Uruguay are more "white" than are other South American lands, for the Negro population is negligible and the Indians number only a few thousand.

We see that in the matter of race South Americans are very much like North Americans. Among both are those of many colors—red and yellow, black and white. On both continents there are the aborigines—all others are immigrants. On both continents there is much mixing of races, though there is more of that in South than in North America. The people of both continents live under free democratic governments, for all the nations in South America are republics, fashioned after the pattern of the United States. Both of the Americas are rich in natural resources. Both are continents of great opportunity.

Yet, South Americans have not developed their continent as have North Americans. No South American nation has become a world power, and all the nations together have very small voice in world affairs. While in some of the cities there is every evidence of modern civilization, South Americans as a whole have a much lower scale of living than North Americans. More poverty, more ignorance, more immorality, more degradation exist among South Americans than among North Americans. There is a reason for this which will be disclosed as we go on in the study of this program.

As we meet the South Americans we must realize that they are our neighbors, linked to us by historical, geographical, racial and political bonds which cannot be severed. The future development, prosperity and safety of North and South Americans are woven together in the fabric of American destiny. So, for the welfare of all, North Americans must share with South Americans that which has made them a stronger, richer and happier people.

## SOUTH AMERICANS and THEIR RELIGION

**T**HE Spanish and Portuguese conquerors of South America were Roman Catholics and brought with them their religion. This they forced on the native people, compelling them to accept "baptism" and to adopt the outward forms of Catholicism but giving them nothing of the spiritual meaning of real Christianity. The conquerors themselves knew nothing of Christianity as a spiritual force—but, bent more on the quest for gold than for God, established on the new continent a church which exploited rather than blessed the people. Noblemen and priests together

formed an aristocracy which grew powerful and rich as the people became servile and poor. Church combined with state enslaved and impoverished the people physically, mentally and spiritually.

With the growth of ideals of liberty and the establishment of republics in the nations of South America some of the power of Catholicism has been lost. But Catholicism is still the predominating religion of all South American lands, and the masses of South Americans know no religion but the superstition and fanatical teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

There are people who consider Roman Catholicism a Christian religion and the Roman Catholic Church just another denomination like Baptists, Presbyterians etc. How can one have that idea when Roman Catholicism includes such things as belief in the infallibility of the pope, purgatory and the practice of the confessional, image-worship and Maryology? One of our missionaries writes: "It is an insult to Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, to call present-day Roman Catholicism Christian. Ask any man or woman who at one time was a Roman Catholic but is now a sincere believer in Jesus Christ, whether Roman Catholicism be Christian. He will tell you with all the conviction of his soul that as a Catholic he had no hope of salvation." Another missionary in answer to the question, "What has Roman Catholicism done for Brazil?" says: "With its polytheistic and idolatrous doctrines, its rank superstitions fostered by the priesthood, its training of a favored few—usually sons of the rich—its failure to spread education and culture to the masses, its eclecticism and immorality, this religion stands condemned today by every Christ-laden cross it has erected by the roadside. Every temple built by ill-gotten wealth, every convent and seminary, every robed priest and nun, as symbols of the spiritual slavery and servitude and darkness which she has imposed upon this fine people, add to the condemnation".

While every South American republic claims to grant religious liberty, it is still the policy of the Roman Catholic Church to suppress any movement that would draw the people away from Catholicism, and persecution is far from being a thing of the past. A Baptist of Colombia writes that the form of "Christianity" in his land "teaches us to persecute and extinguish those of other faiths and to deprive of food and way of subsistence those who read and believe the Bible". A recent letter from a missionary in Brazil tells that, when a revival was being held in a Baptist church, a priest led two processions by the church, with the people chanting and shouting to disturb the worship. One young man ran to the window and yelled to frighten everyone. Others threw stones into the building.

There has been recently an effort to limit and restrict the work of evangelical denominations in Argentina. A missionary writes: "We do not have complete religious liberty in Argentina. It is hardly possible that real religious liberty can exist so long as there is a union between the state and one form of religion. There still continues to exist a government order concerning the teaching of Roman Catholicism in public schools. Children of evangelicals, of Jews and unbelievers may be excused from the classes of religion but such children are easily made the object of persecution by both teachers and pupils".

Roman Catholicism has always tried to prohibit the reading of the Bible, and the most violent persecutions have been against those who gave to the people the Word of God. Sometimes missionaries have given copies of the Gospels to people only to see them later torn into bits and strewn along the roadside. Sometimes the priests gather Bibles, pile them in front of their churches and burn them.

Multitudes of South Americans are turning away from Roman Catholicism. The question is "What are they turning to?" A missionary answers: "Many of them turn to atheism and many to agnosticism. Many become free thinking materialists. Perhaps the largest number are turning to spiritualism". There are enough people outside of Roman Catholicism to make South America a great and challenging mission field.

North Americans and South Americans are neighbors, alike in many ways. And yet—they are different! That difference lies in their religion. North Americans have

had the open Bible and South Americans have not. North Americans have known the Gospel, South Americans have not. If North Americans are to be good neighbors to South Americans they must give to them the one thing they need most—the open Bible with its message of salvation to all people.

#### BAPTISTS in SOUTH AMERICA

SIXTY-SIX years ago, so far as is known, there was not a Baptist in all of South America. Then, in 1881 southern Baptists sent their first missionaries to the continent—Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Bagby, going to Brazil. About a year later they organized a Baptist church with five members, only one of whom was a South American. That was but the beginning of a work that was to be far-reaching and very fruitful. Today there are Baptists in every South American country and missionary work by some Baptist group in every land, except Ecuador.

"Southern Baptists have a cooperative share in the proclamation of the Gospel and the establishment of the Kingdom of God in nine South American countries: through our mission staff in Colombia, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay and Brazil, and through national workers in Guatemala, Honduras and Venezuela". Northern Baptists serve in El Salvador and Nicaragua; Irish Baptists in Peru; Canadian and Brazilian Baptists in Bolivia; southern Baptists have a total of 214 missionaries in 48 different states.

Brazil is our oldest South American field. We have now 109 missionaries in 26 different stations, serving 18 of the 20 states of Brazil. These are engaged in field work and are serving in two seminaries, two training schools, ten academies, one publishing house and the Bible Press. Brazilian Baptists now number about 60,000.

Three South American countries are included in the River Plate group—Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay. In these lands 43 missionaries are at work in eleven stations. In Argentina are 31 of these, working in the churches, in a seminary and training school, a publishing house and a Good Will Center. There are plans for opening two other Good Will Centers in the near future. Three couples are engaged in general evangelistic work in Uruguay, where there are twelve Baptist churches. While there had been missionaries from Argentina serving in Paraguay for some time, in 1945 the first foreign missionaries were sent to that land—one couple, two lady teachers and one nurse. Two new church buildings were dedicated last year, with plans in view for the building of a small Baptist hospital.

In Chile are twenty-five missionaries working in four states. After years of waiting a missionary couple has gone to the great seaport city, Valparaiso. A Baptist seminary and training school and a college are doing a splendid work in education. A new Good Will Center has been opened.

Colombia has been a mission field for southern Baptists for only five years but already we have there four thriving stations with promise of the opening of two new stations soon. Nineteen missionaries are at work in ten churches. Last year, in response to frequent invitations, a representative was sent from the Cartagena Church to Venezuela. "There he found a group operating as a Baptist church. After they had been visited twice and thoroughly examined in regard to their beliefs they were organized into the First Baptist Church of Quebrada Honda. They have no pastor but are dependent on the visits of the missionary from Cartagena for leadership". When we realize that the journey from Cartagena to Venezuela must be made by boat and horseback, taking five days, we see how much missionaries are needed for Venezuela.

This brief survey of our South American mission fields is most encouraging. Wonderful things have been accomplished in 66 years, and still more wonderful things may be accomplished if southern Baptists will but measure up to their opportunities in South America.

#### GOOD NEWS OF NEIGHBOR BAPTISTS

**F**ROM reports and letters written by missionaries comes much good news of South American Baptists. It is news to gladden and encourage and inspire.

##### They Are Evangelistic

Evangelism characterizes the activities of all our South American Baptist churches. As we read the reports of last year's work we see that every Baptist church emphasizes its evangelistic work. One church in Brazil tells of baptizing five and of having "forty more to be baptized soon". On another field, where new work had been opened, 25 were baptized after five months. The leaders in the school at Temuco, Chile, had as their greatest desire "to give the Gospel message to their students. In order to fulfill in some measure that desire, two seasons of revival services were observed—one in the spring and one in the fall. In addition to conversions many rededications were made".

A church in Rio, Brazil, has five "preaching points" in different places and also conducts a Sunday preaching service in one of the biggest parks in the city. The young people do most of the work in all of these places, teaching Sunday-school classes and preaching. A missionary writes: "One of the preaching points is located over the mountain in a place where there is no other church nearer than eight or ten miles. The young people, who go every Sunday from our church, ride about half way on the street car, then walk the rest of the way—four miles more. . . . From these preaching points and from our regular services in the church we have had a number of 'manifestations' of faith this year".

The churches in Colombia are very evangelistic. One of them is assuming the responsibility for evangelizing several neighboring villages. "Each Sunday afternoon a Cartagena church sends out workers two by two, with tracts in a house-to-house evangelistic campaign".

##### They Are Missionary

The South American churches are missionary in spirit. The Brazilian Baptist Convention has a Home Mission Board with fifty missionaries at work among Indians, immigrants and white Brazilians in the remote and needy sections of the country. This Board supports in the interior nine day-schools, a Baptist Institute for training young people, a dispensary and an orphans' home. The Brazilian Convention also has a foreign mission work with missionaries in Portugal.

Argentine Baptists have a Board of Missions which supports national missionaries in northern Argentina and in Paraguay and Uruguay. Of the Colombian churches we read: "Each church has a definite missionary program reaching out to win others to Christ".

##### They Use the Radio

The radio is proving to be a most effective agency for the proclamation of the Gospel in South America. Of the radio's ministry in Colombia we read: "For four years, from a powerful station in Barranquilla, the 'Baptist Half-Hour' has been broadcast at midday each Sunday, to bless lives who otherwise would never know our Christ in saving faith. In one city there is a group of several people who gather in a tailor shop each Sunday to hear this program. Many have been won by this method, and many more introduced to the Gospel by hearing the radio broadcasts. Recently from Caracas, the capital city of Venezuela, another 'Baptist Half-Hour' has taken the air. This program has located many individuals and groups who believe as Baptists do, and they are calling for some one to help them. Soon from Bogota another radio program will go on the air, with the much-needed Gospel message, and will have a fundamental part in the opening of the work in that city".

In the River Plate countries the radio is used most effectively. A missionary writes: "Evangelical radio programs are broadcast by our Baptist pastors each week from Montevideo, Buenos Aires, Bahia Blanca, San Luis and Rosario. Through this

medium numerous people have become interested in the evangelical witness of our churches, and an opportunity to hear the Word of God is afforded to people in areas where they are deprived of weekly church services".

The Home Mission Board of Brazil sponsors regular radio broadcasts. A message in song and sermon enables multitudes to hear for the first time the Gospel message. Many of them are far away from the nearest Baptist church. In the words of Miss Letha Saunders: "We find a country church whose pastor lives so far away that he can visit the church only once in many weeks. Monday night comes and the members meet, either in the church or in the home of one of the members; a deacon or evangelist conducts the service until just before nine, when a radio is tuned in and once more is heard the blessed Gospel message and the beautiful hymns sung by trained musicians. The mayor of an inland city, who has never heard the Gospel, tunes in his radio and 'accidentally' picks up the Baptist program as he seeks the news from London. But the 'news' he hears is so much more interesting, for it brings the story of life and hope. So he and his neighbors become consistent listeners, writing for literature".

##### They Use the Printed Page

All of our missions in South America make much use of the Bible and Baptist literature. The Buenos Aires Publishing House of Argentina distributed over a million tracts last year; the Sunday-school leaflet, "Paths of Light", was sent out weekly to seven thousand subscribers; the official periodical of the River Plate Convention, *The Baptist Expositor*, reached a monthly circulation of two thousand copies. The monthly publication of the Baptists of Colombia, *The Baptist Herald*, has a circulation of five thousand.

Besides the Publishing House, which serves the Brazilian Baptists like our Sunday School Board serves southern Baptists, there is in Brazil a Baptist Bible Press founded to print and distribute Bibles. At the last report it had printed 82,000 Bibles and New Testaments.

A new feature of the work in Paraguay is the combined Baptist Center and the Baptist Bookstore. "This is the only evangelical bookstore in Paraguay. In addition to the selling of books and school supplies, this institution promotes a large extension program which includes the teaching of classes in English, teaching illiterates to read, free distribution of Gospels and evangelical tracts, a children's story hour and a lending library which is patronized by all classes of people".

##### The Word Wins the Way

Through the years many stories have come to us showing the power of the Word of God in South America. A new one, related by Missionary L. L. Johnson, goes something like this: In a country community, at the foot of a range of mountains, a prominent and very religious family maintained a chapel, well stocked with images of all the saints, which received the constant care and admiration of the whole community.

It happened that one of the most enlightened men of the community received a Bible and began to examine it with eager interest. Soon he was led to believe its message. Then eagerly and joyfully he went from house to house reading his precious book. At first the people declined to hear him, fearing that it was the religion of the "new sect" against which they had been warned by the priest on his infrequent visits. But, when they were assured that it was not the religion of some dangerous "new sect" but the very Word of God, many received it with joy.

It was difficult to win the people away from the worship of the saints in the little chapel. The man with the Bible told them that "the saints" should not be worshipped; he showed the people the prohibitions against this found in the Bible. At his suggestions the images were removed from the chapel and placed in the corner of the house. He offered a pretty curtain to cover them; thus did he tactfully lead the people away from image worship.



Up to this time the new believers had not been baptized and had no church. A neighbor evangelical missionary (*not a Baptist*) offered them a book on baptism but they decided to study only the Bible. The result was that they soon sent for a Baptist preacher, were baptized and organized a church. The former chapel of idols was turned into a sanctuary of the living, the true God. Today they have a church of more than eighty members with a flourishing Sunday-school and B.T.U. The Word won the way! It always does!

#### The CALL of NEEDY NEIGHBORS

**S**OUTH AMERICANS are our neighbors. They are our needy neighbors. They need not only the good-will and protection and cooperation of our government, but they also need our Christ. There are ninety-two million South Americans. Less than five hundred thousand of them are evangelical Christians. That means that more than ninety-one million of them need our Christ.

South America was not greatly affected by the war. The missionary work there has gone on uninterrupted. Indeed, during these war years there has been remarkable growth in evangelical Christianity. A spirit of liberty is lessening the power of the Roman Catholic Church. The people's hearts are responsive to the Gospel. They are eager to hear and quick to receive its message. Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Memphis, Tennessee, after a trip to South America last summer wrote: "In truth, the doors to the hearts of the common people of South America are as ready to open to the witness of evangelical Christianity as the petals of a half-blown rose are ready to yield to the effulgent rays of the morning sun".

All of these things make South American lands mission fields of great opportunities, of great challenge. Southern Baptists must answer the call of these needy neighbors with a greatly enlarged program of missionary work in South America.

#### QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Tell something of the people of South America.
2. Compare the development in South America with that of North America and give reason for the difference.
3. Do the Roman Catholics of South America need the Gospel?
4. Tell something of Roman Catholic persecution in South America.
5. How long have southern Baptists had missions in South America?
6. Who were southern Baptists' first missionaries to South America?
7. How many missionaries do southern Baptists have in South America today?
8. Name southern Baptist mission fields in South America, telling something of the work in each.
9. Discuss the evangelistic and missionary spirit of South American Baptists.
10. Discuss the use of the radios by South American Baptists.
11. Tell of the power of the printed page in South America.
12. Discuss South America as a challenging mission field.

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## From Missionaries

### Maruca Ramirez



The judge is saying . . . "A signature is lacking . . . but it has to be all right; sign, Maruca . . ."

The story of Maruca Ramirez of Asuncion, Paraguay, is a touching one. When she was four years old her mother died. She has an older sister and brother. The stepmother was very cruel to them, and they were forced to leave home because of the harsh punishment they were receiving. For some time they lived with the grandmother, then with an aunt. As is to be expected, growing up in a strictly Catholic country, they became staunch Catholics. The two sisters had their first communion together, an experience that impressed them greatly. Thus when Angelica, the oldest daughter, was converted Maruca became angry and reminded her of their first communion together. For some time Maruca fought against her sister and her new found faith but all in vain. Soon Maruca was converted, and the two joined hands and hearts in the forward march for the Lord.

Maruca never missed a Sunday at Sunday-school, and she always received recognition for being the best pupil. She was the frequent winner of the contests in the Young People's Society as well as of those in the Sunday-school.

Since her conversion, Maruca has had the desire to prepare for missionary service. On February 24, 1946, she began to see her dream become a reality for on that day she set sail for Rosario, Argentina, for training in our Girl's School there.

Since Maruca was only sixteen years old it was necessary to have her father's permission for her to go. This was very difficult to secure, but finally he consented; this was a real victory for Maruca. It was a joy to share with her the experiences of securing the required documents and to observe the unusual abilities of this 16-year-old girl. It was a real privilege to sign as directed by the judge, making myself guardian of this beautiful, talented, young girl leaving Paraguay as a minor to go to a foreign country to prepare for missionary service. Maruca will accomplish much for the Lord, for she knows what she wants and how to get it. Her desire is to honor and praise Him in all things.—Miss Estelle Councilman, S.B.C. Missionary to Asuncion, Paraguay.

### Thanksgiving for Missionary-Minded Parents

**I**CAN never cease giving thanks that my parents were perfectly willing for me to go to a foreign land to take Christ's message of love. Because of their willingness for me to answer God's call wherever it might lead, when I left my family, friends, home and church, I had a peace in my heart that took away the fear of leaving them and the fear of going to a strange land among strange people. The peace that I had was the peace that comes only from the Lord. The trust of my parents in the Lord and the fact that they have submitted their children to the Lord's

will wherever that will may lead them helped to give me a peace "that passeth all understanding". Realizing that an appeal for mission volunteers is being made through the parents this year, I felt led to write you this bit of personal testimony, trusting that it will lead other parents to be submissive to God's will for their children.

I arrived in Asuncion, Paraguay, last September 18th and was there about four months before coming to Argentina to continue studying the language. Now I am in Rosario, Argentina, living in an Argentine Christian home where I can hear Spanish all the time and try to practice it. I am fortunate in having a good teacher. I am also fortunate in being in the same city with Miss Sara Taylor, a missionary from my home city and a person whom I have known for several years. We were in high school, university and one year in the W.M.U. Training School together. This year Miss Taylor is acting directress of the Training School here while Mrs. Margrett, the directress, is on furlough.

We covet your prayers, particularly as I study the language and as Miss Taylor has the responsibility of the Training School this year.—Miss Frances E. Roberts

### Bible Study (Concluded from Page 15)

3—God is irrevocably committed to complete success in His saving plan for bringing peace and unity to the human race (23). He has sworn by His own nature, as God. He has announced the irrevocable word which describes the goal of the social order that is to be His Kingdom on earth as in Heaven. That word is "Righteousness". He will never revoke it or compromise it. Every knee shall bow and every tongue swear allegiance to Him and to His righteousness.

4—The Lord's witnesses are thus powerfully constrained to give His message, to accept it for themselves and to practice it (24 and 25). They represent the only One who offers the right goal and has the strength to achieve it. To Him all men must come. They should be powerfully urged to come speedily. All who do not come will be put to shame.

The witnesses to this saving God will be gloriously vindicated in their stand and in their mission. The seed of this Israel will glory in His glorification.

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## OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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### August Centers on Girls

**G**IRLS AUXILIARY FOCUS WEEK comes August 10-16 this year and your Woman's Missionary Union wants to make that a big week for your girls. You don't have a Girls' Auxiliary? Then now is the time to start one. Gather the girls of your church for an afternoon "cooler" with refreshing lemonade and cookies or ice-cream for refreshments or have a real picnic but the actual attraction is the visiting Girls' Auxiliary from a nearby church. They will tell your eager girls about what GA means and does, they will tell about and show their magazine, *World Comrades*, and tell about GA Camps and Houseparties and the Forward Steps and all the plans of GA which help put the miss in her place in missions—whether she's a little miss of 9 or an almost grown up miss of 15.

Your well organized GA will find much to do during this week besides organizing other GAs. *World Comrades* carries many interesting suggestions about participation in Sunday's services, about mission study, community missions, about Coronation Services and so on. Probably the most intriguing different idea is the summer Christmas tree. This month's program topic of South America, with its seasons reversed from ours, makes a Christmas tree in August quite logical. And the desperate need in Europe and the Orient makes it imperative and a happy idea that will spread happiness far and wide.

GAs can write to the Baptist World Alliance Office, Washington, D. C., for the name of a family; they can use the addresses in *World Comrades*; the major necessity is to start the boxes for Christmas very soon, allowing a good three months for delivery. Send clothes and packable foods, some cloth toys, pencils, tablets, combs, wash cloth, soap, towels—well, anything you would like to have if you were any age and had nothing. The people whose names are given in *World Comrades* or by Baptist World Alliance office will divide with others so that dresses, coats, shoes, underwear will find someone waiting to use them. The trouble is there are so many more hungry and scarcely clad than will be cared for. Ask your post-office about sending these packages marked "Gift—No Commercial Value"—and if your post-office does not have facilities for such overseas mailing send your clothes to Southern Baptist World Service Center, 740 Esplanade, New Orleans, La.

Anyway gather so many clothes that you have more than you can pack in several boxes and send them to New Orleans. This center is waiting for clothes to ship by boat-loads; any size, any weight, for any weather; tie shoes together, be sure clothes are mended and clean and send them quick. Girls can phone, they will collect on a given day; they can help sort and pack and start the clothes right on to other girls who need them terribly. Boxes overseas and clothes to New Orleans so numerous and so much that the postal authorities will know that Baptist girls are busy this August and so that in the sticken lands many will give thanks for busy girls here in U. S. A—that will make a glowing GA Focus Week!

### Editorial (Concluded from Page 3)

Your own experience will confirm the fact that sensible people think twice before they invest once. Thus as you join with other southern Baptists this fall to secure the million tithers on the three-months basis, re-study your Ridgecrest notes as to tithing methods and achievements, welding them and your own personal experiences as a tither into an extra strong *plier* in the fall campaign, constantly rejoicing that tithes and offerings are eternal investments.—Kathleen Mallory

## Training School

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

### "Results Seen in Some Statistics"

IN conformity with its basic purpose "of stimulating a missionary spirit and the grace of giving among the women and young people of the churches", Woman's Missionary Union accepted the responsibility in 1907 of maintaining a school whose purpose from the beginning was "to train women for efficient service in foreign, home and city missions and as church and Sunday-school workers". The results of this important decision may be seen in some statistics gathered this year during the Fortieth Anniversary of the Training School.

During these forty years 3032 students have enrolled in the School, 1977 of these being boarding students and 1055 day-students; 253 of these former students have gone as foreign missionaries; 27 others are now under appointment and will go out as soon as the Foreign Mission Board considers it expedient. The School has not been able to keep as accurate records on other workers but, according to the best information available, at least eighty-seven have done city, associational, state and home mission work; 103 have served through the southern and state Woman's Missionary Unions as executive, young people's and office secretaries and field workers; 178 have worked in churches; fifty-two have done Good Will Center work; thirty-two have been affiliated with Sunday School and Training Union Departments; thirty have worked as student secretaries and forty-five have served as faculty and staff members in colleges and special schools; twenty-one have taught in home mission schools and thirty have taught Bible in public schools; seventeen have worked in orphanages and nineteen have gone into some type of social work. Practically all of the 1055 day-students were wives of Seminary students; many of the boarding students have married ministers and are using their special training in and through the churches.

It is inspiring to know that former students have gone to twenty-three countries on every continent except Australia. In the Latin American countries our School has been represented as follows: Mexico, six; Colombia, five; Brazil, twenty-four; Paraguay, one; Uruguay, two; Argentina, eleven; Chile, eleven. To the continent of Africa have gone missionaries to Nigeria, twenty-six; Belgian Congo, three; French Congo, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Tanganyika, one each. In Europe we have had three in Hungary, two in Rumania and one in Yugoslavia. We have sent five to Palestine, six to India and three to Burma. To China has gone a total of 116; to Japan, sixteen; to the Philippine Islands, two; to Hawaii, six.

W.M.U. members can help the School fulfil its purpose by presenting the challenge of world missions to the girls in our churches and colleges and directing mission volunteers to the School for special training after their college work is completed.

### Southern Baptist World Service Center

Packages of clothing or food can be sent in any desired quantity to the Baptist warehouse in New Orleans for shipment to war-impooverished Baptists in Europe and China. Of course all such clothing should be immediately usable, therefore perfectly clean and mended; food should be concentrates or otherwise capable of shipment overseas. Postage, expressage or freight charges must be fully prepaid. The address is: Southern Baptist World Service Center, c/o Rev. Clovis A. Brantley, 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans 16, La.

### "Thirteen-in-One"

(At the W.M.U. Conference at Ridgecrest last August Miss Jo Withaur of Florida paid the following tribute to *Royal Service*.)

Are you interested in bargains? Who isn't? Bargains are very rare in these days of economic inflation. Perhaps an offer of *thirteen magazines each month, for the price of one*, will interest you. A subscription to "*Royal Service*", the W.M.U. magazine, is a subscription to thirteen magazines in one, as follows:

"*TIME*"—Through the fine editorials by the president and the executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, readers of "*Royal Service*" are constantly informed as to events and activities of the times within the Union and the denomination and are led to gain an understanding of the significance of these events and activities in the world of today.

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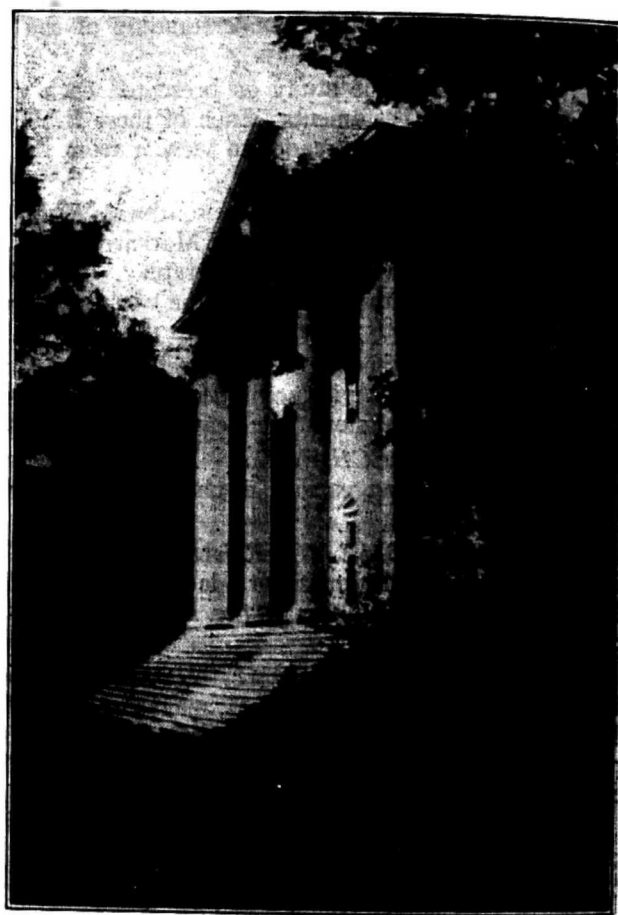
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