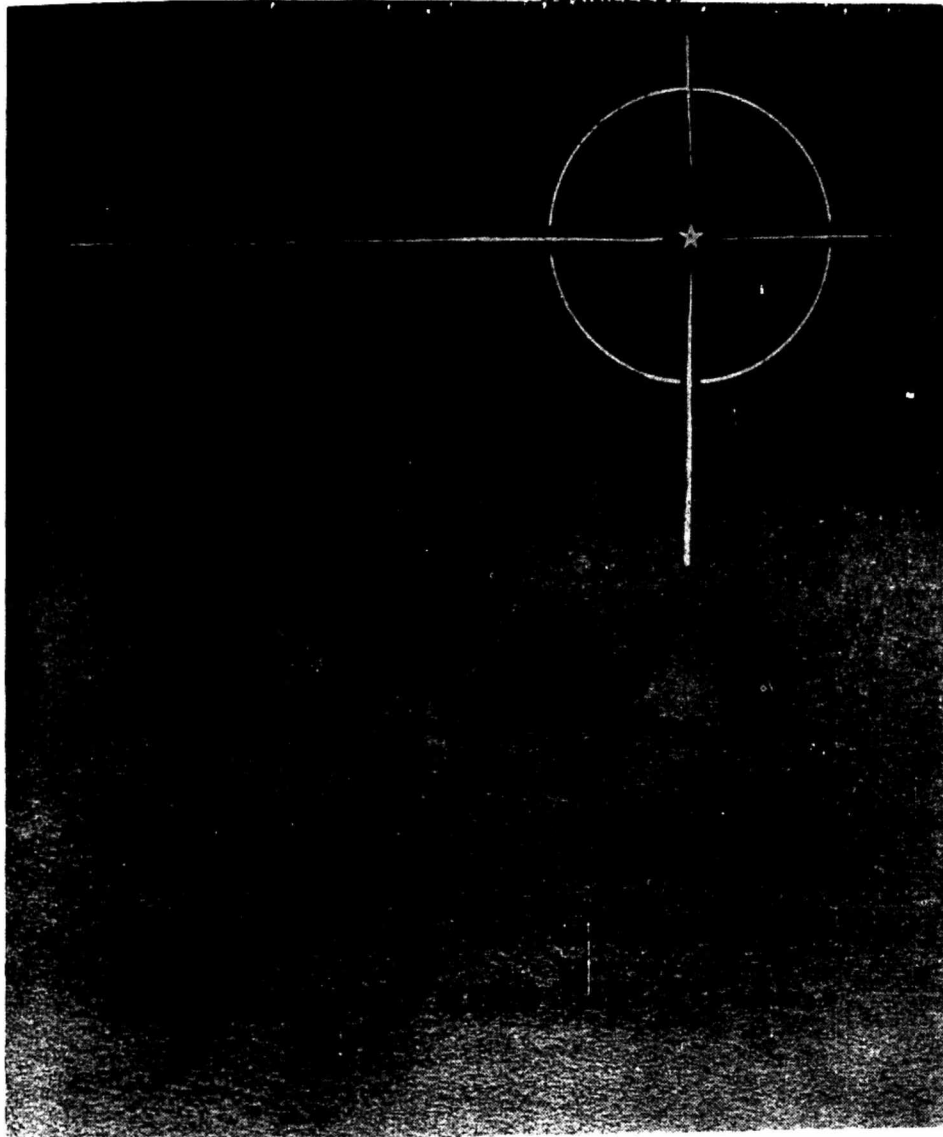


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EDITORIAL

Christmas for Christ

Mrs. George R. Martin, President W.M.U.

SOON we shall be coming to our Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions! Soon we shall be bringing our birthday gifts to our King! The sincerity of our prayers and the size of our gifts will depend largely upon the motive which prompts our coming together.

Three words stand out in the Christmas story. They have become familiar and precious around the world.

The Star

The Bethlehem Star shone down upon a world of darkness and despair. The Bethlehem Star was a star of hope. Jesus came to earth that first Christmas Day because the world was lying in darkness. His was the first light which could penetrate that dense darkness. To-day we see a midnight world. Millions of souls are still in darkness, with no knowledge of the Light of the World. Five hundred and sixty-five southern Baptist missionaries have gone into eighteen dark areas with the Light. What a privilege is ours of supporting them with our prayers and gifts as they seek the lost ones in China, Japan, Africa, Europe, Near East, Latin America and Hawaii! For each lost soul this Star shone; and to each of us the Christ of Christmas is saying: "Go ye!"

The Song

Christmas brought to the sad and joyless world a song with a message of joy, gladness and love. The story of Christmas is vibrant with songs of joy and praise and blessings. Today, each breeze that sweeps the ocean brings tidings of evangelistic opportunity. In China the people are turning to God. One of our few missionaries in Japan tells how the native Christians are faithfully carrying on and how the heart-hungry people of Japan need Christ. Christians in Europe say that never before have they seen such interest in the Gospel. In Africa, God is holding open the door of opportunity and the tribes are finding that Christ can banish their fears and satisfy their longings. South America is yearning for the message. Hawaii presents amazing opportunities for evangelism. How long God will hold open the doors of opportunity we cannot tell. To-day, earth's lost millions join in their cry for the Christ of Christmas as they beckon to us: "Come over!"

The Savior

The word "Savior" shines out with a brilliance that transcends the glory of the guiding star of hope. The music of that word is sweeter far than the songs of angels. The thought of a Savior is imbedded in the very heart of Christmas. To-day, above all else, the world needs a Savior. Because of our unmatched numbers, because of our great wealth, because of our manifold blessings, because we know the blessings of salvation we must share this knowledge with a waiting, needy world. We have peace in our land. We have peace in our hearts. What would we do if no Christmas Star had ever shone in our sky? If no Christmas Song were heard in our homes and churches? Because of these blessings, let us come at this holy season and humbly kneel with the "Kings from the East" and the shepherds of Judean hills, worshipping Him who is the Hope of the World. Shall we say: "Send me?"



Appeal for 1947 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Dr. M. Theron Rankin

Executive Secretary of S. B. C. Foreign Mission Board

THE appeal for the 1947 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering comes not from the secretarial staff of the Foreign Mission Board but from missionaries and national Baptists around the world. It comes from Latin America, beginning at Mexico and extending all the way to Argentina. It comes from Nigeria and the Gold Coast in Africa. It comes from the Hawaiian Islands. These are the lands of wide open doors of opportunity today, the lands where Christian missions did not suffer the disruption and destruction of war, the lands where the growth of Baptist work has been so rapid that national Christians cannot provide the essential funds and workers to keep up with the ever enlarging opportunities and needs.

The appeal comes with a note of tragic urgency from Europe, from the Near East, from China and Japan. National Baptist groups in all of these lands that have endured the suffering and loss of the years of war are struggling courageously to re-establish churches, schools, hospitals and other forms of Baptist undertakings that were disorganized by war. These fellow Baptists are tired, their resources are depleted and their load of responsibility is exceedingly heavy.

The appeal comes from our missionaries thinly scattered in these countries around the world. They are so few in the midst of so many who need so much. In all countries prices are soaring because of inflation. Frequent increases have to be made in all appropriations to meet increases in costs of all kinds which in some cases amount to as much as one hundred per cent within a period of three months. Without additional help the work of many of our missionaries would collapse.

The appeal comes from more than three hundred missionary volunteers who are in our seminaries and training schools expecting appointment by the Foreign Mission Board. On the basis of our present income the Foreign Mission Board cannot appoint all of these volunteers. It is probable that in 1948 we shall have to decline as many as fifty missionary candidates because of insufficient funds.

Above all else, the appeal comes from God as He looks with compassion on a needy world. May He lead us to respond in terms of His compassion!

Missionary Map of the World

From your Baptist Bookstore you can secure at the quoted price your choice of a missionary map of the world. The size of each is 40x29 inches. Mission stations are in red. Religious predominance is in various colors. The prices are:

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Our 60th Anniversary

Mrs. Frank Burney, Georgia

Chairman of 60th Anniversary Committee

SOON after Mrs. George R. Martin became president of Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention she realized that May 11, 1948, would mark the 60th Anniversary of the organization of southern Baptist women. In June, 1946, Mrs. Martin appointed a committee to begin to make plans for this memorable occasion. The members chosen for this committee were Miss Ruth Provence of North Carolina, Miss Edwina Robinson of Mississippi, Miss Blanche S. White of Virginia, Miss Juliette Mather of Alabama, Mrs. A. F. Crittendon of California, Mrs. J. M. Dawson of District of Columbia and Mrs. Frank Burney of Georgia. Mrs. Burney was asked to serve as chairman.

The committee desired that the observance of this historic event, during this 60th year, should be different from the Jubilate, the Ruby Anniversary and the Golden Jubilee celebrations. We desired that it be called *Our Commemoration Year*.

Just as the children of God on their march toward the Promised Land were commanded to take time out and recall God's goodness and blessings all along the way and just as they gathered stones and piled them as a reminder to the coming generations of the power, wonder, glory and goodness of God, so should we now pause, pick up some "stones" on which our organization was founded, cement and polish them anew that our generations to come may know that "hitherto the Lord hath led" our Union and that His goodness, greatness and glory have been revealed in this work through these years.

Sixty years ago the women believed the challenge, "Go tell," given to Mary on that first Easter morning, was the challenge to every Christian woman. Accepting that challenge they began to organize into a Union the few scattered societies. This Union seems to have been unusually blessed and used of the Master in developing the spirit of missions and the art of giving in the hearts of women and young people who have become members of the Union.

The records of the first meeting of southern Baptist women almost 60 years ago show that, after the singing of the doxology, "Jesus Shall Reign" was sung. During 1948 Baptist women will sing that song with fervor and faith for we know that Jesus does reign in the hearts of multiplied thousands because the Baptist women and young people of the southland joined with their great denomination in a world missionary program.

But—not all women members of our churches are enlisted in this missionary organization. Not all churches of our Southern Baptist Convention have a W.M.U. organization. Not all Baptist homes have family worship. Not all southern Baptists observe the Lord's Day as a holy day. Not all southern Baptists tithe.

Our committee feels that we must strengthen our stakes. We must emphasize anew the program of study, prayer, service, giving and training, for on these "stones" our women 60 years ago laid a firm foundation.

We are launching no new big program but quietly, reverently we desire to strengthen the foundation on which this great organization has builded. "Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness!" We call all women and young people to come with us.



STEWARDSHIP

Mrs. Clyde V. Hickerson, Virginia
Southwide Stewardship Chairman

Your Tithe Will Open Up a Two-Way Street of Blessings

Dr. Duke K. McCall, Executive Secretary
S.B.C. Executive Committee

AS a channel of blessing the tithe is a two-way street. Blessings flow from God to the tither. Blessings also flow from the tither out to sin-cursed, sorrow-laden, suffering men.

God challenged the Jewish nation, through his prophet Malachi, to bring the whole tithe into the storehouse. He attached to that challenge His personal pledge of a blessing beyond not only the expectation of the tithing people but even beyond their capacity to receive it. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse", He said, "and prove Me now herewith . . . if I will not open you the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (*Mal. 3:10*). Never has he rescinded either the challenge or the promise.

For every non-tither who quibbles about the kind of blessing a good steward may expect from God there are two radiant Christians who would testify that God has suited a gracious blessing to the life and need of each of them. Having been swept out on the sea of sacrificial service by the high tide of some great spiritual experience, these Christians would not consider giving up the practice of tithing. They have found the almighty God of Heaven and earth able to provide the very blessing of most value to them. They have heard the benediction of Jesus: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord"

The blessings of tithing not only flow in; they also flow out. Tithing breaks down the road-block of selfishness and opens a channel of blessing into the lives of others. Without changing one thing about the income of southern Baptists or the organization of southern Baptists or the percentage tables by which our Cooperative Program gifts are divided, a tithing denomination would have not 650 but 4500 foreign missionaries. See how in that way alone new channels are opened up for all of the blessings of the Gospel to reach and redeem the men and women in the far corners of the world. In like manner, every orphanage, every hospital, every school, every home for the aged would become a wider channel of blessing if we all tithed.

December is the last month of the three-month "Prove Me" tithe appeal. It is the last month of the year. It is the last chance we have to reach our 1947 goal of "A Million Southern Baptist Titheers for Christ". To hesitate or falter in the challenge of every member of every Woman's Missionary Society to tithe means we will close the year at low tide.

We must not allow the noble impulses which have quickened the hearts of southern Baptists during recent months to evaporate without a positive decision by every individual for larger participation in Christ's program of world redemption. The theme of tithing must continue to run through our programs until not one out of every six southern Baptists but every one of six million southern Baptists is committed to the stewardship of personal possessions.

There are many individuals now in our midst who are "almost persuaded" to begin tithing. The personal testimony of someone who has found this two-way channel of blessing will seal the conviction. Another opportunity to sign a tithing pledge or otherwise to give concrete expression to the decision will enlist someone else. To stop now would be to lose much if not all that has been said and written and planned and done.

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services month by month, the chapter title being A Stewardship Vignette for the New Year.

STEWARDSHIP and Christmas STORIES

is the meaningful title of Mrs. Gordon Ussery's compilation of the notes left by her mother, Mrs. Carter Wright. The first chapter gives three of the most popular of Mrs. Wright's "stories": *The Unexpected Guest*, *How the Williamses Celebrated Uncle Eb's Birthday*, *The Elder Brother*. Chapter II consists of four "talks": *The Wedge of Gold*, *The Temple Eternal*, *Back to Bethel*, *Not to Pay but to Prove*. The third

chapter consists of twelve very brief messages particularly appropriate for devotional services month by month, the chapter title being *A Stewardship Vignette for the New Year*.

So that you and your circle and your society will not only start the New Year aright but will also have enriching material for all the days ahead, secure your copy now and encourage others to do likewise. The book will make a beautiful, a blessed Christmas gift. The price is only \$1 from your Baptist Bookstore.



December—Stewardship of Special Offerings

And when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts—
Matthew 2:11b.

This poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: for all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living—*Mark 12:41b, 44.*

There came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box and poured it on His head . . . Jesus said: . . . She hath wrought a good work . . . She hath done what she could . . . this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.
Mark 14:4-9.

The wise men brought their gifts to the infant King "and worshiped Him". The poor widow cast in her gift, "all that she had", and was rewarded by the partnership that it gave her in promoting the temple service. She very likely never knew of the Master's praise or that what she had done was an inspiration to those who saw it. Certainly she little dreamed that it would provoke more giving perhaps than any other one gift on record. The alabaster box of ointment "very precious" was given in loving thanksgiving and has been "spoken of for a memorial of her" who gave it down through the centuries. Special offerings for worship, for service, for expression of loving gratitude are as acceptable now as they were then. At this Christmas season, with hearts made tender as we recall the coming of the King of kings to a stable in Bethlehem, may we too bring worthy offerings to Him.—*Mrs. Harold B. Tillman, Arkansas*

Tribute to Mrs. Frank R. Chambers

THIRTY-SEVEN years ago when I became secretary for Alabama Woman's Missionary Union I met in her Montgomery home Mrs. Margaret Waller, who was the highly esteemed and much beloved mother of Mrs. Chambers. Soon I realized that these two ladies were the chief reason why Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention had at Greenville, South Carolina, the "Margaret Home" for S.B.C. home and foreign missionaries' children. A few years later I had the privilege of going with the Union's president, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, to the Bronxville, New York, home of Mrs. Chambers to discuss with her the advisability of selling the "Margaret Home" and of establishing with the proceeds the "Margaret Fund". The proposition so completely pleased Mrs. Chambers that she eventually got a rather similar fund started by the Reformed Church. Through the years the minutes of Woman's Missionary Union carrying the report concerning the Margaret Fund have been sent to Mrs. Chambers, in the assurance of her continued interest.

Her honored name has now, however, been removed from that mailing list because on Sunday, October 5, Mrs. Chambers joined her mother and many other loved ones in the Heavenly Home. Can't you see the missionaries already "Over There" as they are now meeting her and are personally thanking her for what the Margaret Home and the Margaret Fund meant to their and other missionaries' children? Also can't you imagine her interest there in Heaven meeting such Margaret Fund beneficiaries as Alice Shepard, Martha Dawes, Gordon Herring, Scott Patterson, John Rowe, Richard Chambers and Lt. Col. Dwight Deter?

Surely Mrs. Chambers will "live on in the hearts of those who loved her" and her world-girdling generosity. Woman's Missionary Union and in particular its Margaret Fund Committee will gratefully cherish her memory—*Kathleen Mallory*



New Year's Eve Services

EVERY southern Baptist church is being asked "to join together (with the other 26,400) in the mightiest prayer meeting ever held by our people". The date set is New Year's Eve, which this year is on Wednesday, the time of our mid week prayer services. Believing that this is providential, the churches are urged to have their services different from the usual Wednesday night prayer-meeting by setting no time limit, by emphasizing praise and testimony and prayer, by getting pledges to win souls and by interceding for the following:

- 1—A revival in the heart of each one present
- 2—A revival in each church
- 3—A revival among southern Baptists
- 4—A spiritual awakening in the world
- 5—Pastors, evangelists, religious leaders, home and foreign missionaries
- 6—Power of the Holy Spirit upon all leaders
- 7—State-wide Evangelistic Conference
- 8—Southern Baptist Convention of May, 1948
- 9—Hearts burdened for a lost world.

From MISSIONARIES

Cuba Bears Fruit in Spain

LATE in August Mrs. John D. Hughey of Barcelona, Spain, wrote that Mrs. Elmira Vallmitjana had been employed by the Spanish Baptist Mission to promote the work among the women and young people. Mrs. Hughey said: "Mrs. Vallmitjana has lived in Cuba and was associated with woman's work in the churches there. She speaks a little English which is a help. At present she is living in Castellon, a city in which there is no evangelical work; it is our hope that she can start a Sunday-school there and perhaps a group of 'seekers' and 'believers'. Another duty of hers will be to help me with the work with the women, helping to get societies organized and on the right track. We are anxious to get the junior organizations under way as soon as possible. At present I am encouraging the younger and older women to organize together since in many churches it is only among the very young women that leaders can be found."

Last summer Mrs. Vallmitjana in turn wrote as follows to Miss Mildred Matthews of the Cuban Baptist Mission: "For a long time I have wanted to write you. You may be sure that I have thought much about you. Both you and Miss Eva Inlow were so good to my husband, Alfonso, and me. In 1937 he went to be with the Lord; although I am glad because of his happiness I can't be accustomed to being without his love but I am willing to accept the will of the Lord whom I love with all my heart and I am willing to serve Him with all that I have. During these years that I have been a widow I have had many trials but God has kept me from evil and I have thanked Him over and over. Now with the arrival of the American missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Hughey—so gracious and so optimistic, full of zeal and enthusiasm for the enlargement of the work here in Spain, they think that I can help with the work for they know that although I have had to make my living by dress-making I have also done missionary work. My joy is to take souls to the feet of Christ, our Savior. Now I can dedicate all my time to this work. But what a great responsibility it is for such an insignificant person that I am—but we know that God does not leave us nor forsake us!"

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BOOK REVIEW and STUDY SUGGESTIONS

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

Lottie Moon

LOTTIE MOON has suffered much at the hands of her friends. All unwittingly perhaps but none the less surely, they have made her very delightful and human personality into almost a legend. Even in this book one must sometimes read between the lines of great admiration to find the real woman. Yet the book itself is both interesting and revealing—an inimitable blending of history and biography in Una Roberts Lawrence's own highly individual, effective style. Order for 75c from your Baptist Bookstore.

Mrs. Lawrence starts out with rather too much awe of Miss Moon, her distinguished ancestry and family. As she goes on, the subject gets a stronger grip on her imagination and the book gets better and better. In the end she rises to deeply moving and challenging heights.

The book is one to read and enjoy, rather than to make lessons of. Yet there is every reason why it should interest and inspire any group of women who chose to talk it over together and share with each other their feeling about the real Lottie Moon and the life she lived as a pioneer in north China.

Session One—Prologue and Chapter 1. Try to present the youthful Lottie Moon as the real, fascinating person she was—gay, vivid, mischievous, full of fun, daring, often inconsiderate and disobedient, taking delight in her own reputation for naughtiness, a care to her mother and a problem to her teachers—yet a brilliant student and just the kind of person whose presence is a delight and a blessing. Numerous anecdotes may be garnered to show that, in spite of hardships and unspeakable loneliness, she kept on being this same kind of person as long as she lived.

Let members of the group tell briefly of Miss Moon's ancestry, home-life, schooling, romance and professional career. Speak of her two missionary sisters.

Tell the story of Miss Moon's religious background and her conversion. Ask the group to read Mrs. Hatcher's statement on page 46. Go on to tell of her call and surrender for China.

Session Two—Chapters 2, 3. Select for class discussion those incidents which add to the picture of Miss Moon herself or that show most vividly the situation in which she worked. Tell briefly of the voyage, the storm at sea and Miss Moon's attitude toward impending death. Ask members to tell of her home-life with Edmonia, her first impressions of China and her return to Virginia.

Make a chart of Miss Moon's home at the little cross-roads and tell of her home-life there through the years. (See page 170, especially.) Let the group read her letter to the *Religious Herald* (page 77).

Tell of her schoolwork and her decision that this was not the best investment of her time. Let a member of the class tell some of her experiences in country work and another of her decision to move to Pingtu.

On a map show Chefoo, Tengchow, Hwanghsien and Pingtu, the scenes of Miss Moon's life in China. Tell of the success in Pingtu and her plea for reinforcements. Bring in her scholarly interest in the language and customs of the Chinese.

As a side-light on her character tell the amusing incident of the tempest in a teapot over women's participation in Mission conferences and also her interesting solution of the problem of teaching them. Close with letter at the bottom of page 145.

Session Three—Chapter 4. Show Miss Moon's utter devotion and her wisdom in planning.

Read together the letters on pages 148, 149 and discuss. Try to imagine the feeling at home when they came—was it weariness for her much pleading or genuine distress?

Discuss Miss Moon's connection with the organization of Woman's Missionary Union and read her letters of the period, showing her sagacity in planning (top p. 153) and her suggestion for a week of prayer and offering for home and foreign missions (p. 152). Tell of Miss Annie Armstrong's reaction and the success of the first offering.

Ask a student to tell of the success at Pingtu resulting in the first Baptist church there and the resulting persecutions. Close with Miss Moon's joy in the coming of reinforcements and the growing success of the work.

Session Four—Chapter 5. Miss Moon's courage and tenacity and her relationships with persons are the points for special emphasis here.

Tell of Miss Moon's activities at home on furlough and the welcome she received on her return to China. Describe her home-life there.

Discuss incidents of Miss Moon's experiences during two wars and of her work in Japan. Note her prediction concerning Russia (p. 203) and the result of her punctiliousness in the observance of Chinese etiquette (p. 231ff).

Speak of her joy at reinforcements at last and at the breaking down of walls at Tengchow. Close with excerpts from her beloved Thomas à Kempis (p. 246f).

Session Five—Chapter 6. Emphasize the toll of overwork and loneliness. Tell of the joys of another furlough and the premonition of trouble ahead in Miss Moon's physical condition.

Tell of the dream come true in the schoolwork at Tengchow. Lead the class to discuss missionary problems noted throughout the book, as well as the effect of loneliness and the counter-pull of country work, visiting and the schools.

Speak of Miss Moon's relationships with the single women missionaries and with the children of the Mission. Discuss the hard times following the war, the slow spread of famine throughout north China and the indifference at home toward it. Let someone tell of Miss Moon's sacrifices for the debt on the Board and for the famine sufferers. Tell of her Home-going and the life that has lived on after her (epilogue).

Close with the thought of Lottie Moon's Christ and her devotion to Him. Challenge the members of the class to "follow the gleam" and give their best to Him, through gifts of self and substance at this Christmastime.



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FAMILY ALTAR

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: Challenge for Service

"The Lord knoweth the way of the righteous".

1st Day—Psa. 1; *III John 1-8*
2nd Day—Psa. 23; *III John 9-11*
3rd Day—Psa. 33; *I Cor. 1:1-9*
4th Day—Psa. 40; *Phil. 1:1-7*
5th Day—Psa. 46; *Phil. 1:8-21*
6th Day—Psa. 84; *Phil. 1:22-30*
7th Day—Psa. 18:30-35; *I Cor. 1:10-17*

"Whoever Shall Do the Will of My Father"

15th Day—Psa. 1; *Isa. 9:2-7*
16th Day—Psa. 14:4, 9; *Luke 2:1-7*
17th Day—Rom. 14:17-19; *Luke 2:8-11*
18th Day—Eph. 5:16-19; *Isa. 2:1-5*
19th Day—*I John 1:1-7*; *Psa. 37:1-11*
20th Day—*II Chron. 7:14*; *Luke 10:1-12*
21st Day—*Luke 13:34*; *John 14:23-11*

"Now When Jesus Was Born"

22nd Day—Psa. 1; *Psa. 145:1-13*
23rd Day—Matt. 1:18-20, 24, 25; *Isa. 7:14*
24th Day—Matt. 2:1-23; *Rev. 21:1-5*
25th Day—*Luke 2:8-20*; *Rev. 21:10-21*
26th Day—*Luke 2:25-35*; *Rev. 21:22-27*
27th Day—*Luke 2:40, 52*; *Rev. 22:1-5*
28th Day—*Luke 6:12-23*; *Rev. 22:16-17*
29th Day—*Luke 6:27-38*; *John 20:20-31*
30th Day—*Luke 9:18-26*; *Heb. 2:1-4*
31st Day—*Luke 9:46-48*; *I John 4:7-12*

"But the Way of the Ungodly"

8th Day—Psa. 1; *Rev. 1:1-6*
9th Day—*Prov. 14:12-25*; *Rev. 1:9-18*
10th Day—*Prov. 21:2, 3, 21, 23, 24*; *Acts 10:22-31*
11th Day—*Gen. 18:20-33*; *Rev. 3:14-22*
12th Day—*I Kings 21:20-22, 27-29*; *Rev. 2:1-10*
13th Day—*Luke 13:1-9*; *Rev. 3:7-13*
14th Day—*Luke 16:19-31*; *Rev. 7:9-17*

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"

Give thanks that the Christmas angels proclaimed peace.

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

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

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

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

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

Pray for all Christian missionaries, giving thanks that each of them "publisheth peace".

Pray that the December 1-5 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions will be faithfully observed and that its goal of \$1,100,000 will be far surpassed so that the feet of countless people may be guided "into the way of peace".



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CALENDAR of PRAYER

DECEMBER, 1947

Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

THE earth has grown old with its burden of care.
But at Christmas it always is young.
The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair,
And its soul full of music breaks forth on the air
When the song of the angels is sung.
This, this is the marvel to mortals revealed
When the silvery trumpets of Christmas have pealed
That mankind are the children of God.

—Phillips Brooks

1—MONDAY

That the Three-Months Fasting Campaign shall reach the goal of One Million Tithers and that the blessings of obedience shall constrain them to continue in this grace, also for December Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions (1-5)

A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day. Deut. 11:27

2—TUESDAY

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Pool, Ogburnoche, Rev. and Mrs. C. Robinson, Two, Nigeria, educational evangelism; also that all S. R. C. missionaries may magnify Christ in their teaching.

Go ye therefore and teach all nations, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. Matt. 28:19, 20

3—WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Jeannette Reul, Miss Alda Grayson, Toluca, Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Ryan, appointees to China, medical evangelism; also that medical missionaries may serve with a Godly compassion for the lost.

They departed and went through the town, preaching the Gospel and healing everywhere. Luke 9:11

4—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Espinosa, Jovellanos, Rev. and Mrs. R. Parei, Buena Vista, Cuba, evangelism; also that the Spirit of the Lord shall be upon those who preach His Word.

Jesus said unto him: Go thou and preach the Kingdom of God. Luke 9:40

5—FRIDAY

Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Kilgore, Itzazingo, Mrs. Anne Sowell, Margaret, Rosario, Argentina, educational evangelism; also that the Day of Prayer around the World may unite Christian hearts in fellowship and consecration of purpose.

That every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil. 2:11

6—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Cassidy, Denning, Rev. and Mrs. D. Gomez, Anthony, Miss Martha Thomas Ellis, Albuquerque, N. M., evangelism among Mexicans.

God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble. 1 Pet. 5:5

7—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Fawcett Jr., Miss Irene Brunson, Chioa, Miss Lucy Fuelle, Brooks, Miss Mary Ellen Vanczy, Nigeria, appointees.

Prepare your hearts unto the Lord and serve Him only. —I Sam. 7:3

8—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. Aguillard, emeritus missionaries of Home Mission Board, Misses Agnes Sutherland and Evelyn Stansford, Monticello, La., evangelism among French.

For follow that which is good. 1 Thess. 5:15

9—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Lindsey, Mount Kahire, Franklin, Rebecca Violet Long, Jerusalem, Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Graham, Nazareth, educational evangelism; also Baptist believers in Palestine-Syria.

That the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest. Deut. 14:29

10—WEDNESDAY

Mrs. L. Diaz, educational evangelism, McAllen, Rev. and Mrs. J. Garcia, Cameron, Rev. and Mrs. J. Garza, Abilene, Rev. and Mrs. M. E. O'Neill, Nacogdoches, Texas, evangelism among Mexicans.

Know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Cor. 15:58

11—THURSDAY

Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Esteron, publicational evangelism, El Paso, Tex. (F.M.S.), Miss Viola Campbell, Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Webb, educational evangelism, Torreon, Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Pierson, evangelism, Chihuahua, Mexico.

Speak thou the things which become sound doctrine. Titus 2:1

12—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. V. Kanubbe, Oklahoma City, Rev. M. Wesley, Red Oak, Rev. and Mrs. H. Wind, Okemah, Oklahoma, evangelism among Indians.

Walk worthy of God, who hath called you into His Kingdom and glory. —I Thess. 2:12

13—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Mitchell, Temoco, Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Calverley, Santiago, Chile, educational evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. C. W. McCullough, Cartagena, Rev. and Mrs. G. Riddell, Bogota, Colombia, evangelism.

A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things. —Matt. 12:35

Calendar of Prayer for December

14—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. S. G. Rankin, Wuchow, China, medical evangelism. *Mrs. C. W. Morison, Chickling, China, Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Whitten, Medellin, Colombia, evangelism. I have chosen you and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit.—John 15:16

15—MONDAY

Rev. J. W. Coleman, Langston, Okla., Rev. C. T. Epps, Memphis, Tenn., Rev. H. Roland, Charleston, S. C., Rev. R. W. Wynn, Dallas, Tex., Rev. L. L. Winkle, Little Rock, Ark., educational evangelism to their own Negro race, also Rev. J. Conley, Louisville, Ky. Trust in the Lord and do good.—Psa. 37:3

16—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Jester, educational evangelism, Calomote, vs. *Mrs. Annie Rhoads, medical evangelism, Iru, Nuevo, also David Jester, Margaret Ford student. O, satisfy us early with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.—Psa. 90:14

17—WEDNESDAY

Rev. E. Chavez, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, Rev. and Mrs. E. Vanque, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, evangelism. Where your treasure is there will your heart be also.—Luke 17:34

18—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Hammett, evangelism among Mexicans, Brownfield, Tex., Miss Doris Christensen, evangelism among Indians, Santa Fe, N. M. That ye might fear the Lord your God.—Josh. 4:24

19—FRIDAY

*Mrs. Lois Jordan, Ft. Pan, Yuc., *Miss Lucille McKinney, Phoenix, Ariz., evangelism among Chinese. I will trust and not be afraid for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song.—Isa. 12:2

20—SATURDAY

Rev. I. Anselmo, San Benito, Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Cuesta, El Paso, Rev. and Mrs. P. Molina, Pearland, Rev. D. Taylor, Brownwood, Tex., evangelism among Mexicans. Let us consider one another, to prevent unbelief and good works.—Eph. 10:34

21—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Hatcher, Barcelona, Spain, Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Lawton, Rome, Italy, evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Jennings, Europe, appointments. The very God of peace sanctify you wholly.—1 Thim. 5:23

22—MONDAY

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Belote, Compa, *Miss Jennie Alderman, Tsinan, evangelism, *Miss Grace Wells, Chickling, *Miss Wanda Weeks, Tsinan, China, *Miss Hamrah Plowden, Honolulu, Hawaii, educational evangelism. That thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.—1 Thim. 3:10

23—TUESDAY

*Miss Winifred Anderson, Granite City, Miss Tula Robinson, West Frankfort, Ill., evangelism among many nationalities, Misses *Martha Keen and *Vivian Thompson, educational evangelism among Italians, Ensey, Ala. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.—1 Tim. 1:15

24—WEDNESDAY

Rev. J. T. Davis, Misses *Mary Hines and *Helen Stumpert, evangelism, New Orleans, La. Blessed be the Lord: for He hath showed us His marvelous kindness in a strange city.—Psa. 137:3

25—THURSDAY

That the observance of Christmas Day may cause people to realize the unapproachable love of God. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John 3:16

26—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Chaplin, *Miss Pearl Gifford, evangelism, Baltimore, Md., Rev. L. H. Goss, evangelism among deaf, Oklahoma City, Okla. Teach me Thy way, O Lord: I will walk in Thy truth.—Psa. 86:11

27—SATURDAY

Rev. A. J. Silva, evangelism among Cubans, Tampa, Rev. and Mrs. M. B. Leach, evangelism among Indians, Sacaton, Ariz. I will bear what the Lord shall speak.—Psa. 25:8

28—SUNDAY

That the homes of the missionaries may bear a rich testimony for the power of Christianity and their little children may be reared to the fear and admonition of the Lord. Thy life shall be for a prey unto thee because thou hast put thy trust in Me, saith the Lord.—Jer. 38:18

29—MONDAY

*Mrs. K. J. Schmidt, Rio de Janeiro, Rev. and *Mrs. T. S. Clark, Los Angeles, *Mrs. J. A. Lunsford, Jacksonville, educational evangelism, *Miss Jo Withner, publication evangelism, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Freely ye have received, freely give.—Matt. 10:8

30—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. F. Herrera, Wadara, Rev. and Mrs. P. A. Hernandez, Houston, Rev. and Mrs. J. Lugo, Charlotte, Tex., evangelism among Mexicans. God, having raised up His Son Jesus, will bless you.—Acts 3:26

31—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. Campos, Alajuela City, Costa Rica, Rev. and Mrs. J. Pardo, Panama City, Panama, evangelism, also for a world-wide revival. They went forth and preached the Lord working with them.—Mark 16:20

Attended W. M. U. Training School
Attended Southwestern Training School
Attended New Orleans Baptist Theol. Sem.
Former Margaret Ford Student
On Furlough

BIBLE STUDY

Dr. W. O. Carver, Kentucky

God's Hope of Glory in Human History

Colossians 1:24-29

WE have moved all the year under the challenge for service, and at the year's end we face that challenge for the future and shall hear it in our souls on to the end of the way. One set of ideas has constituted the framework of all our studies. We have been gathering about the one theme of the Bible. Here in the passage from Colossians it comes to us again, comes as the personal confession of the great master missionary of the first Christian century.

In the first paragraph of salvation Paul comes as a missionary, which is the Latin of apostle in the Greek. And he is writing for the faithful people of Christ. He is thinking of the spread and the growth of the Gospel as he has seen it through his many years as its missionary. He is rejoicing in the Colossian saints, in their hope which comes to them in "the word of the truth of the Gospel, which is come unto you, even as it is in all the world" (3-6). He is thinking of the marvel of God's grace and is "giving thanks unto the Father because He made us fit to be sharers of the inheritance of the saints in light, who rescued us out of the power of the darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of the Son of His love" (12-13). He thrills in the thought of the glorious Christ in whom it was the good pleasure of His Father that all the fulness should dwell and through whom all things on earth and in Heaven are to be reconciled and harmonized. What a marvelous work God is doing through His Christ! Surely we cannot be "moved away from the hope of the Gospel which we (ye) heard, which was (designed to be) preached in all creation under Heaven" (1). (See verses 14-23.)

Paul now proceeds to give us his own personal reaction to this wonderful movement of God in Christ. Yet he so gives his personal experience and attitude to make this paragraph one of his very strongest challenges to service for us all.

He has so identified himself with Christ and with the work of Christ as to be "filling up in his own body what remains of the afflictions of Christ for the sake of the Church which is Christ's body". In this he rejoices, because he realizes that only by the vicarious sufferings of Christ are any saved and that we must suffer in carrying forward the word and work of the redeeming Savior (24).

Paul was made a minister (servant) of the Church, by the grace of God. His ministry was given him as a stewardship (meaning of the word "dispensation") to be discharged in behalf of others and among them all so that God's word in mankind can be carried on to fulness (25).

This plan "has been God's secret through long ages but is now made fully clear for God's saved saints, since to them God was pleased to make it known. He makes His secret known to us because He wants it to be made known by us among the gentiles, unto the riches of His glory (26-27).

Here then is God's very simple, very great plan, in which rests the hope of the riches of His glory: "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (27). It is very important that we get Paul's thought here. He is not at all thinking now of the fact that our hope of glory in full salvation rests in having Christ in us working out His good will for us as individuals. He is thinking now of God's getting His own glory in humanity, by achieving the salvation of mankind, getting "a new Heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness". God's hope for that lies in Christ realizing Himself in believers, as we serve as agents and instruments of the universal Gospel. God saves men through Christ Jesus. God makes the Savior known and effective through men and women in whom Christ dwells and works.

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Circle Program



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.)

TOPIC: "Unto the Uttermost Part"

Devotional Theme: "Thy Kingdom come!"—Matthew 6:9, 10

Pray Ye for Them (See article in December issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.*)

Jerusalem Is Calling (See article in December issue of *Ambassador Life*.)

Christmas on the Amazon (See article in December issue of *World Comrades*.)

Christmas with the Chinese (See article in December issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

A Good-will Christmas (See article in December issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

Wings to the Uttermost Parts (See article in December issue of *The Commission*.)

Misery Unrelieved (See article in December issue of *The Commission*.)

Editorial and Other Data in This Magazine (See pages 3, 4-11.)

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Have you included in your Christmas list "Relief for World Sufferers"? If not, please do so; thus you and some one or ones who are hungry and cold in Europe or the orient will feel the glow and the goodness of your Christmas good-will. By acting promptly, even as the Christmas spirit has its innate way of working, you can get shipping directions and an Italian Baptist address or a Japanese Baptist address from your state W.M.U. executive secretary; thus informed you can rush your Christmas good will over seas. Also you can send by prepaid express or parcel post a package of clean and usable clothing to

Southern Baptist Relief Center

740 Esplanade Avenue
New Orleans 16, La.

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Business Woman's Circles

Miss Mary Christian
W.M.U. Representative

Purpose: We come to the last program of this year, in which we have studied the peoples of the world month by month, and find that it not only reviews for us the various people about whom we have studied but also gives definite suggestions as to what each business woman may do to help meet the need of the world's people today. With this in mind we might state the purpose of this program as follows: To endeavor to get each B.W.C. member to realize that the application of the W.M.U. fundamentals in her life is a means of helping to send the Gospel to the world's people today.

Preparation: Read the full program material carefully (see pages 19-27). Have ready for display your world map and flags of the nations you have been using each month. Prepare, for use during program presentation, paper dolls representing the people of the world. These can be drawn from models in books of costumology at public library or can be obtained from your Baptist Bookstore for nominal price. Mimeograph programs on Christmas program folders from your Baptist Bookstore or on regular Christmas cards that may be found with Star of Bethlehem on them.

Plan with chairman of Music Committee for appropriate music. Also arrange with chairman of Poster and Publicity Committee for announcements in church bulletin, in local paper and for cards to individual members if that seems best. Likewise plan with Social Committee for room decorations and fellowship period. Confer with members who are to participate so that each may understand the full program.

Presentation: In presenting the program enlist the help of two B.W.C. members, the W.M.U. young people's director or the counselor of the organization your circle fosters, the Y.W.A. president or a Training School graduate who may be working in your church or community. Ask one of the B.W.C. members to lead the devotional service, using as background material the explanation on page 15.

The program chairman using the first topic, "People", will give a map talk as an introduction to the program. During her talk she will thumbtack on the map the paper dolls representing the people of each country. As she finishes she will ask the question, "How can we help these people of the world?" A B.W.C. member comes in saying she can give some suggestions. She carries in her hand a large five-pointed star. On the different points are written *Prayer, Study, Community Missions, Tithes and Offerings, Missionary Education of Young People*. Using the material in the topic, "A Star of Service", she explains how through observing these fundamentals we are helping the people of the world. She thumbtacks the star over the map as she finishes her talk.

The program chairman explains that new missionaries are needed and asks the young people's director to tell how we are training the young people through W.M.U. organizations; see topics, "Youth in Kingdom Service" and "Calling Out the Called". The young people's director presents the Y.W.A. president who uses the topic, "Forty Years Old", as she tells of Y.W.A. work and of the W.M.U. Training School where young women go for further missionary training. The program chairman closes the program with the topic, "To All People".

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Safeguarding December 1-5

"Earnest effort by the W.M.S. to guard against the holding of study courses or other activities during the Seasons of Prayer"—This is an established policy and purpose of Woman's Missionary Union. If your church or association is planning to use December 1-5 for emphasis other than that of the W.M.U. Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, please promptly endeavor to get all such plans changed so as not to divert attendance upon and earnest interest in this immediate Week of Prayer.

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Program Plans

Prepared by Mrs. Pat H. Hill, Florida
W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Ky

PURPOSE: The thought of this program should be centered around the Star of Bethlehem. We should be made to reflect upon the people in the world who have not yet seen this star; we should be made conscious of the ways through which we might lead others by the light of this star; and we ought to be made aware of our responsibility to direct young people to this star. This program should make us realize that the first giving that we do at this season should be to give of ourselves in service to Christ.

PUBLICITY SUGGESTIONS: If any of last year's Christmas cards are available they could be used very nicely as meeting-reminders by pasting inside an invitation to the special Christmas program, giving the time, date and place of meeting. A poster that would attract attention and at the same time be a good reminder could be made as follows: on a large piece of cardboard, glue firmly a gift-box that has been wrapped in bright Christmas wrapping paper with bright ribbons and stickers on it. On this package should be stuck a card on which are these words: We've a Christmas presentation for you. Come to (place, time and date) and receive it.

PREPARATION: In assigning the parts, the program chairman should see to it that the person taking the part recognizes her responsibility to learn and present her part to the best of her ability. If she can't give her best to it, then she shouldn't agree to take it. It is the least that she can do, in the way of giving, this Christmas. This program should be rehearsed at some time; probably the best time would be just before the meeting when the preparation for the program has been completed. Since the thought of this program centers around the Christmas star, it would be very effective to have that star placed in its original setting over the city of Bethlehem. A large Christmas scene could be made out of colored cardboard or drawn with pastel chalk. By looking at some Christmas card an idea can be gotten for the general plan of this scene. It would be easier and just as effective to make the camels and "Wise Men" in black on a foreground of tan and a background of dark blue. The city could also be in black with little squares of yellow pasted on it to represent the city lights. Instead of putting the whole star, just put the hub of a star with the word Christ written on it. This should be made out of gold or silver paper. The points of the star should be made of the same material and have these words printed on them respectively: *prayer, study, community missions, tithes and offerings, missionary education of young people.* In case the Christmas scene can't be made, then perhaps just a large star could be used on a dark background, adding each point as it is discussed on the program. For program material see pages 19-27.

PRESENTATION: In presenting part two, in place of having the women enter with posters have each carry a point of a star and, before each starts her talk, have her put her point of the star next to the hub which is already there. This could be stuck on with scotch tape. This star could be referred to throughout the entire program. For example: in part one, where only the hub of the star is seen, use this to show how there are people who have seen no star at all. Then in part two it will be seen that the star is formed and that through its rays of light others are served; then in parts three and six it will be seen how people may be drawn to see that star.

December Closes the Records

WORTHY for unnumbered good reasons is the reaching of the Standard of Excellence by each W.M.U. organization whether for women or young people. Since each of these standards is reckoned with the calendar year there is now only this month left for checking up and attaining desired goals. All such are clearly set forth on pages 16-19, 37, 46, 94 of the 1947 W.M.U. Year Book. Earnestly seek to be standard!

PROGRAM MATERIAL

Mrs. C. D. Cressman, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: The World's People Today

TOPIC for MONTH: Challenge for Service

Hymn for the Year—Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

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

Bible Study—God's Hope of Glory in Human History—Col. 1:24-29 (*See page 15.*)

Prayer thanking God for the coming of Jesus as the hope of the world

Hymn—Joy to the World

People

—A Star of Service

Prayer that we may be faithful to W.M.U. ideals

Hymn—Come All Ye Faithful

—Youth in Kingdom Service

Prayer that men and women may be led to dedicate themselves to become leaders of
W.M.U. young people's organizations

—Calling Out the Called

Forty Years Old

—Hymn—O Zion, Haste

To All People

—Hymn—Silent Night

Prayer that we may make this Christmas a time for the reconsecration of ourselves
to the joyous task of training young people for missionary service

PEOPLE

*Wherein once more we make survey
Of peoples of the world today.*

IT is December—the last month of the year. That means that this is the last program on the year's theme, **The World's People Today.** In the study of the program topics from month to month we have had brief glimpses of the different races of people who live in the world today.

We have met two ancient peoples—the Arabs and the Jews—viewing the deplorable conditions in which most of them live today; grieving because of the straits between them; despairing over what seems to be their insoluble problems.

We have met the Russians—marveling at their great strength, fearful of their growing influence, wondering what their communistic ambitions and distorted philosophies of life will do to Europe and to the rest of the world.

We have met the other peoples of Europe—those of many nations, millions of them suffering from the ravages of the late war, millions of them still displaced and hungry and hopeless, millions of them victims of false ideals of government and religion.

We have met the Japanese of today—so different from the Japanese of a few years ago, now in the shadow of defeat, their pride as a world power gone, their hopes for world rule gone, their belief in a divine emperor and a divine destiny for the nation gone, yet a people still aggressive, still ambitious, still intelligent, still energetic, enjoying a new freedom and learning a new way of life.

We have met the American Negroes—not just the servants and those of a considered inferior race who have been our neighbors all our lives but millions of

people living in our midst with ambitions, attitudes and achievements which startle us, presenting our nation's most serious race problem.

We have met the Chinese—those people who comprise the largest and oldest nation in the world, so scarred by the effects of ten years' invasion of a hostile people, so burdened with the superstitions and fallacies of their heathen religions, yet with native characteristics and abilities which make them great, with a new unity, a new hope and a new strength which make them ready to become a new power among the world's nations.

We have met the South Americans—those of many neighbor republics, like the people of our own land in many ways and yet vast numbers of them so superstitious, so ignorant and so degraded because of wrong religious ideals.

We have met the American Indians—those first Americans to whom we owe a debt of gratitude for the land in which we live, now occupying a very small part of this land, most of them on reservations, wards of the government, most of them poor and ignorant, most of them with religious ideals and practices that keep them degraded and hopeless.

We have met the Mexicans—both in Mexico and in our own border states, those people who share with us many of the traditions and much of the early history of the North American continent and yet, even though they are our nearest neighbors, many of them are far from us in their religious ideals and manner of life.

We have met the peoples of Africa—those dark skinned people, most of whose lives are also dark because of their fears, superstitions and sins and also because of the exploitation of other stronger peoples who have robbed them of their lands and their rights.

People! People! People! Millions of people! Over two billion people living in the world today! People of many colors, many conditions, many climes! People of many races, many places, many faces! We have met them, and the meeting has helped us to realize some things about these people of the world today.

We have found that all people are much alike, with the same instincts, the same innate desires, the same heart longings. All people have their lovable traits and their unlovable traits of character. In all are some things to admire and some to despise. All people have their ambitions, their cultures, their talents. All people are making their contributions to the world and are linked together in the world's destiny. All people are religious and, with their varied forms of worship, are trying to find God. All people are sinners and need a Savior.

After this study of the world's people we can have, to some degree, an understanding of the heart of God, who "so loved the world (*all the people of the world*) that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever (*any one of the world's people*) believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life".

For God so loved the world, not just a few.
The wise and great, the noble and the true
Or those of favored class or race or hue.
God loved the world. Do you?

God loved the sinful world, not just the good;
Ah, none were good till they had understood
His love for them and felt the power that could
Make all of life anew.

God loved the world. He saw that we might be
Made like Himself. He stooped to set us free
And did not spare the cost of Calvary.
God loved man so. Do we?

Grace E. Uhler

A STAR of SERVICE

*Wherein through five points of a star
We learn to serve both near and far*

(W.M.S. Woman enters with several copies of the year's *Royal Service* in her hand, takes seat in center of platform, turns through copies of *Royal Service* and begins speaking.)

W.M.S. Woman: Through the *Royal Service* programs of this year I have met the people of the world today. I have met them in their houses, their hogans and hovels, in their cottages, cabins and compounds, in their palaces and pagodas. I have seen their faces—red and yellow, black and white. I have heard them speak in their many tongues. I have seen their loves and hatreds, their longings and ambitions, their problems and cares, their wants and needs. I am one of them—one of the world's people today. But I am a very privileged person. I know God. I have found Him through His Son Jesus who came into the world that all people might be saved from their sins. All the people in the world should know Jesus. He can solve all their problems and supply all their needs. Surely I, as a privileged woman, should share my knowledge of Jesus with others. I seem to see in all these people of the world a challenge to service. I seem to hear in their needs a call to share with them my Christ. What can I do to meet this challenge, to answer this call?

(*Woman with Star* enters carrying a large star made from silver or gold paper and stands to right of W.M.S. Woman.)

Woman with Star: This is the Christmas month when we are thinking of the Star of Bethlehem with its message of hope to all people. I invite you to think of a star with five points, each one suggesting a way by which you can answer the call and meet the challenge of a world of needy people. The Star of Bethlehem led wise men to Jesus. This star will lead you in the paths of service whereby you can help the world's people of today to find the Christmas Christ. One point of this star suggests that you may pray.

(*Prayer*, represented by a woman, carrying a prayer poster or a placard with the word *Prayer* on it, enters and stands to left of W.M.S. Woman.)

Prayer: Through prayer you may have a part in giving the Gospel to the world's people. In prayer, as you carry the needs of all people to the throne of grace and as you pray daily for the missionaries who on various fields are giving the Gospel to the world's people, you are serving in the most powerful way. Prayer changes things. You can change the world as through prayer you change the lives of many of the world's people.

Woman with Star: Another point in this star suggests that you can study.
(*Study*, represented by a woman carrying study placard or poster, enters and stands to left of W.M.S. Woman.)

Study: Study of missions and the missionary message of the Bible will help you to be missionary minded and missionary hearted and will lead you to give yourself in missionary service. As you know about missions, you will glow with missionary zeal, go in missionary service and grow in missionary graces.

Woman with Star: This point suggests that you may serve with your tithes and offerings.
(*Tithes and Offerings*, represented by a woman carrying placard or poster, enters and stands to left of W.M.S. Woman.)

Tithes and Offerings: As you pay your tithes and give your offerings you are helping to send the Gospel to many of the world's people. Wonderful it is that your money, a material blessing, can be used to bring spiritual blessings to many people in many places. The Kingdom of the Christmas King goes forward on the gifts of His faithful stewards.

Woman with Star: Another point on this star suggests community missions. (*Community Missions*, represented by woman carrying placard or poster, enters and stands by others.)

Community Missions: Part of the world's people today live in your own community. Through community missions you can be a missionary to them. It is a blessed privilege to be able by personal contact to tell others about Jesus. You can do this and so aid in the work of giving the Gospel to all the world's people.

Woman with Star: The last point on the star suggests the missionary education of young people. (*Missionary Education*, represented by woman carrying placard or poster, enters and stands by others.)

Missionary Education: You can meet the challenge of a world of needy people through the missionary education of young people. As you enlist the interest of young people in missions, inspire them with zeal for missions and prepare them for missionary service you are multiplying your own service many times and through them you will live and serve on after your own days of active usefulness are over.

W.M.S. Woman (rises and takes the star): This is a wonderful star. I recognize it as the star of Woman's Missionary Union, for these five points are the fundamental ideals of the organization. This is a star of service for me, for through these ideals I am led to share the blessings which I have in Jesus with all the world's people. Following these five points of service I may turn many to righteousness and so shine as the stars forever and ever.

YOUTH IN KINGDOM SERVICE

*Wherein we see the wondrous might
Of leading youth in paths of light*

CHRISTMAS time is youth time. All of our Christmas festivities center in children and young people. Surely this is right, for Christmas is the celebration of the coming of a child into the world. Yes, God's Son, the Savior of the world, came to earth as a baby and never became an old man. All of His mighty deeds were done while he was still young. The Kingdom which He established places a little child in the midst. His work goes forward on the feet of young people.

Missions is a youth project. To be sure there is a place for the aged in Kingdom work. A person never becomes too old to have a part in the salvation of a lost world. But, few there are whose interest in missions is aroused after they are old. Those who become interested and are trained in missions while they are young grow old in the work and continue their usefulness as long as they live. But it is while they are young that their interest must be aroused and their training given. One generation must enlist and train another generation if the blessed work of world evangelism goes on.

Among the fundamental ideals of Woman's Missionary Union is missionary education of young people. This is more than just an ideal. It is a functioning part of Woman's Missionary Union. The four organizations—Sunbeam Bands, Royal Ambassador Chapters, Girls' Auxiliaries and Young Woman's Auxiliaries—provide a place of missionary training for the children from the cradle till the period of adulthood is reached. Of the total of members of W.M.U. of the south, almost half are members of young people's organizations.

Splendid are the plans for these organizations, graded to appeal to the interests and abilities of the growing child of both sexes and designed not only to prepare the young people for future service in the Kingdom but to enlist them in active service at every period of their advancement from babyhood to adulthood. These plans follow the pattern of the fundamentals of the W.M.U.

There are *prayer plans*—a Calendar of Prayer, participation in the seasons of prayer, books and programs on prayer and other means by which young people are led to form habits of praying.

There is *study*, with programs, study classes, reading, magazines and other literature designed to interest and to give the information to the different ages which will prepare all for missionary service.

There is training in *stewardship* by which young people are not only taught principles of Bible stewardship but are led to pay tithes and give offerings in the days of their youth.

There are plans for *community missions* whereby young people are led to feel a responsibility for people around them and are encouraged to be missionaries in their own communities.

To stimulate maximum study and effort in the work of the organizations there are the *Forward Steps for G.A.'s* and the *Ranking System for R.A.'s*. Through these, as they advance step by step and rank by rank, the girls and boys memorize much Scripture, learn many facts about the Christian life and the work of the denomination, study and review many mission books and engage in many helpful missionary projects.

Of course frequent meetings of the church organizations are necessary. Programs must be rendered, stewardship education plans carried out, mission study classes held, drills in the Forward Steps and Ranks given, special seasons of prayer observed. All of these activities mean that the members of the organizations must get together frequently. The Standard of Excellence requires two meetings a month, one devoted to a missionary program and the other to the work of the Forward Steps and Ranking System and to stewardship education plans. It is better still when the organizations meet every week, for that provides also for mission study and other programs.

A most helpful plan for promoting W.M.U. young people's work is the summer camps. In several states camp sites have been obtained and necessary buildings have been erected that the young people might have the best possible places for these summer assemblies. Oh how the young people do love these camps! They attend by the thousands. Every year large numbers are won to Christ and many dedicate their lives to special Kingdom service.

All of these plans for missionary education of young people are just as splendid as they can be. There is only one trouble about them—not enough of our Baptist young people are in these missionary organizations. Thousands of our churches do not have a single W.M.U. young people's organization. Many others do not have all of them. In churches where there are all of the organizations, often only a small per cent of the church young people are enlisted. What is the trouble?

We believe that the chief trouble is lack of leaders and that the solution to the problem lies in the right kind of leadership. We believe that any church could have all the young people's organizations if there were leaders ready and willing to give the time, thought and work necessary to make the organizations go. The young people want the organizations and enjoy them when somebody works to make them attractive. Surely in every church there are men and women whom God would have to lead these organizations. The trouble is that those who should be leaders are refusing to give themselves to the task. What is needed is a spirit of consecration which will make the women of our missionary societies willing to become leaders of Sunbeam Bands, Girls' Auxiliaries and Young Woman's Auxiliaries and will lead the men of our churches to become leaders of Royal Ambassador Chapters.

This is the Christmas season—the time when our hearts are tender toward our children. It is the time when we want to give them everything we can, when we want to do everything possible for them.

This is the Christmas season—the time when we are thinking about the Christ Child and the meaning of His coming into the world. It is the time when we should be reconsecrating our lives to His service.

At this Christmas season it would be wonderfully fitting for some of us to say: "I will give to the Christ Child—and to the children of our church—the gift of my service as I offer myself to be a leader of a young people's organization". If we do this, we will make our best gift to Jesus this Christmas. God gave His Son as a Christmas gift to the world. We should give our sons and daughters and ourselves as a Christmas gift to Him.

CALLING OUT the CALLED

*Those, who special work would do,
Must have the special training, too*

ONE purpose of all missionary education of young people is to provide new recruits for the mission fields. Many of our missionaries are getting old. As they retire or pass to the Heavenly-home, there must be young missionaries to take their places. Of course it is God who calls young people to be missionaries, but through missionary education we can help them to hear and answer God's call. That is the great primal purpose in all the program of W.M.U. missionary education of young people. Children who are taught missions from their babyhood up have hearts attuned to God's voice and when He speaks are ready to say, "I'll go where You want me to go". Many missionaries on state, home and foreign fields today testify that they heard God's call through their work in the Sunbeam Band, G.A. R. A. and Y.W.A.

The especially called must have special training. This is absolutely necessary. More and more our mission boards are making higher and higher the educational requirements of new missionaries. They must have college degrees and they must have special training in our seminaries and training schools. Southern Baptists have three theological schools: the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, the Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth and the New Orleans Theological Seminary. While all of these are, first of all, seminaries for the education of preachers, they also make provision for the training of those called to definite Christian service other than the ministry. All of them offer opportunities for young women to prepare for definite service.

So have southern Baptists provided for the training of those young people who will in a few years be our preachers, missionaries and denominational leaders. Important as these seminaries are they would soon cease to function but for the work among the young people of the churches. It is the "called ones" who go to the seminaries and training schools. It is in the church organizations that the young people usually receive the impressions that lead to this call to definite service. So, as we work with the little children and the growing boys and girls, we are helping to keep the seminaries and training schools full and to have groups of young people continually ready to go to places of service on the mission fields.

FORTY YEARS OLD

*Wherein we call to memory
Some years of thrilling history.*

THIS year has marked the Ruby Anniversary of two phases of our W.M.U. activities: the Young Woman's Auxiliary and the W.M.U. Training School. Forty years ago the name "Young Woman's Auxiliary" was adopted for the missionary societies of young women of the churches and this organization became an increasingly important part of Woman's Missionary Union. Forty years ago the school for young women in connection with the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, which had been tenderly nurtured by the Louisville Baptist women for

three years, was officially adopted by Woman's Missionary Union and became our W.M.U. Training School.

The Y.W.A. anniversary has been celebrated with fitting ceremonies and goals. A movie depicting the history of the Y.W.A. has been made. An anniversary broadcast was made from the Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgcrest, at the Baptist Hour on June 22. High goals were adopted for the organization of new Y.W.A.'s, the enlistment of tithe, new subscribers to *The Window of Y.W.A.* and the enlargement of the gifts by members of Y.W.A. We do not yet know how many of these goals have been reached, but we feel sure that the anniversary celebration has been an impetus to the work of the Y.W.A. and that the organization will be stronger because of this year's special effort.

The growth and service of the W.M.U. Training School are the joy of our hearts. Starting in 1904, with four students found living in a boarding-house room that they might attend classes at the Seminary, it has come to be a school with so many students each year that the capacity of its commodious building is taxed. This second "House Beautiful" was erected and paid for six years ago by W.M.U. and is conservatively valued at \$391,000.

The first four students in '04 were the forerunners of a forty year long procession that outgrew four school buildings". The first two buildings were rented by the Louisville women who were the first sponsors of the school. When the W.M.U. adopted it in 1907 a building was bought. Then in 1917 the first "House Beautiful" erected by the W.M.U. was ready for use. And in 1941 the school moved to its present "House More Beautiful", located adjoining the campus of the Seminary. In building, furnishings, equipment and location the school is ideal—just the place needed for the training of our Baptist young women who feel called for special service.

But, it is the students and not the building which make the forty years of Training School history shine with glorious light. During these years 3032 students have been enrolled. Of these 1055 have been day-students. Students have gone from the Training School to serve in many places; 267 have been foreign missionaries; 87 have done city, associational, state and home mission work; 103 have served through W.M.U. as executive, young people's and office secretaries and field workers; 178 have done special work in local churches; 52 have worked in Good Will Centers; others have worked in Sunday-school and Training Union departments, as student secretaries in schools and hospitals, in orphanages and in other places of service.

The watchword of the Training School is "We Would See Jesus". Commenting on the fittingness of this verse as a watchword for our Training School, Dr. W. O. Carver writes: "The school exists to learn Jesus Christ and to serve Him and to cause every student to learn Him and become a revealer of Him. It is a cloister of study, a laboratory of experience in learning the Savior and Lord, the Companion and Friend, the Helper and the Commander of every soul. It is then a doorway out through which the school would send its every daughter into a world that is in deep need and dire distress just because it does not know Him"

TO ALL PEOPLE

*How the Christmas message sweet
We should to all the world repeat.*

ONCE a little girl came to her mother saying, "I have forgotten the other half". "What do you mean?" asked the mother. Then the child explained that she was to repeat a verse on the Christmas program of the church. "I remember the first half", she said. "It is, 'Behold I bring you glad tidings of great joy', but I have forgotten the other half". As the mother helped the child to remember the forgotten half of the verse, "Which shall be to all people", she was reminded of how many people celebrate the birth of Christ with half of the Christmas message forgotten.

May this be for us a Christmas when not only the "you" but the "all people" of the angels' song will be remembered. May we realize that the glad tidings of Jesus' birth were to all people. May we know that Jesus came to save all people from their sins. May we resolve to celebrate His birth by consecrating our lives anew to the task of telling all people about His love!

"To all people!"
The carol which the angels sing,
The joyous tidings that they bring,
The message of a new born King
Is for all people.

"To all people!"
The star that shines throughout the night,
With guiding ray and glory bright,
Is sent to fill the world with light
For all people.

"To all people!"
The glory of the Christmas skies—
The child who in the manger lies,
With light of Heaven in His eyes,
Is for all people.

"To all people!"
The tidings on the Christmas air
Are for earth's peoples everywhere;
We must the glad sweet message share
With all people.

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Give a resumé of the people whom we have met through this year's *Royal Service* programs.
2. Discuss the need of all people for the Gospel.
3. Discuss the W.M.U. Star of Service.
4. Discuss the importance of missionary education of young people.
5. Give names of W.M.U. organizations for young people.
6. Discuss plans for W.M.U. organizations for young people.
7. Tell something of the value of young people's camps.
8. Discuss the importance of right leaders for W.M.U. organizations.
9. Discuss the importance of training those who are called for special service.
10. Name the institutions which southern Baptists have for the training of those called to special service.
11. Tell something of the celebration of the Fortieth Anniversary of Young Woman's Auxiliary.
12. Tell of the growth and service of the W.M.U. Training School during the forty years of its history.

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The Way of Missionary Education.....
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Bible Study (Concluded from Page 15)

Paul proclaims this Christ, with persistent fidelity, at all costs, with all sacrifice, under any suffering, because He longs to see "every man perfect in Christ". He toils and strives, not in His own strength or capacity but "according to the energy of the one who is putting forth His energy in me with might" (28-29). That was Paul's challenge. He passes it on to me, to you. God's hope of glory lies in us. That is His plan. His plan is our calling.

Current Events (See page 30.)

Mr. Cochrane had little to say about the situation in the western hemisphere but he did say. "We began our review with the 'Land of the Rising Sun'. Of the 'Republics Where the Sun Sets' it is difficult to write without excitement. They will have an influence for good or ill that cannot be estimated." Finally he says: "If a few million Christians would give five dollars a week each, instead of the present average of five cents, for world evangelization the material resources would be provided. . . . If a few million Christians would agonize in prayer, the windows of Heaven would be opened to water the thirsty land. Literally it is: evangelize or perish; accept Christ or chaos!"

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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

Real Christmas Joy

It will be impossible for a thoughtful person to let Christmas be merely a gay sort of day. The desperate world hunger, the shivering thousands, the heartbroken children of the world tone our Christmas merriment into earnest desire that all people have a chance to see the Christmas star.

Observing the Week of Prayer and gathering the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will help our young people to share in the real joy of Christmas. Every W.M.U. young people's organization should have its prayer service; suggestions for this went out through your state W.M.U. headquarters. Every counselor should help individual young people to make this "Christmas for Christ". Knowing her members, the counselor can guide them to give more through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering than they spend on all other Christmas gifts or more than on any one other gift. Consider what experiences of joy would come as a result of real sacrifice in giving for world missions. Prayer that is definite will be accompanied by generous and worthy giving.

Additional joy will come as boxes are packed to go direct to those who will receive and distribute in Europe or Japan or to go to Southern Baptist Relief Center, 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans 16, La., for forwarding to Europe or the Orient. Either plan puts clothes and bedding at once on their way but food stuffs are not sent via New Orleans. No matter how much your organization has sent, you can still give more and the need is still gauntly waiting.

A Christmas remembrance that will give joy now and in years ahead is the *Anniversary Album* (price 25c from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham 3, Alabama). Every Y.W.A. member wants one of these charming brochures to treasure. There are new and reprinted mission story books coming from the press ready for Christmas gifts of value. *Outriders for the King* and *Handmaidens of the King* (price 60c each) are collections of stories of pioneer missionaries which G.A.'s and R. A.'s would rejoice to have. *Ann of Ava* (price 75c) is a "must" for every girl's library, along with *Lottie Moon* (price 75c) and *A Pioneer for Jesus* (price 60c), the story of Henrietta Hall Shuck. Order these books from your Baptist Bookstore.

The mission magazines are a year-round delight to their readers and every young person should have a subscription as a gift from parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle or fostering W.M.S. Boys want *Ambassador Life*; children and G.A.'s are eager for *World Comrades*; the alert young woman wants *The Window of Y.W.A.* Each magazine is \$1. What an amazing gift bargain! A gift card is sent with the signature you designate when you send your dollar with the name and address and state which magazine is to be sent.

Yes, a sad Christmas merits worthwhile remembrances. Also it claims the joy of sharing in gift and prayer for all the world.

Stewardship (Concluded from Page 6)

Now is the time for each one who has not already done so to pledge to tithe. By so doing we will accomplish three things: first, we will adopt a standard of Christian stewardship acceptable unto God; second, we will enable the forces of Christ to bind up more effectively and more quickly the wounds of the world; third, the joyous Christian life resulting from the blessings of God will set us as an example in our church and community to encourage others to become tithing stewards.

The gate of the two-way street of blessings is within your heart. Is it open?

Training School

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

"A Great Purpose Makes a Great Life"

THE blue haze of Indian summer was beginning to drift over Louisville on that bright morning in early October which was our Founders' Day. October 2—a significant date for world missions because it marks the beginning of the modern missionary movement with William Carey in 1792—is also an important date for all Training School girls, past and present, for on October 2, 1907, the W.M.U. Training School was officially launched.

One of the enjoyable features of the day is always the Founders' Day luncheon, provided for us by the W.M.U. of South Carolina. The fellowship of this hour was deepened for us by our appreciation of the thoughtfulness of these South Carolina friends.

Every year it is said that the Founders' Day service is the "best yet", and so we felt this year. The opening prayer was led by Mrs. Anne S. Margrett, the principal of the W.M.U. Training School in Rosario, Argentina. The address of the evening was given by Mrs. Roy J. Farmer, president of the North Carolina W.M.U. She spoke to us on the life and service of Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, whom she had known personally.

She recounted several recollections which she had of Miss Heck, but the one which seemed to stand out was the two weeks which Miss Heck spent at Meredith College while Mrs. Farmer was a student there. She said: "The greatest blessing came from the visits of the students to our distinguished guest in her room. . . . She managed to inspire in each of us a desire to be better students, more worthwhile friends, more useful Christians". Certainly, the winsomeness of Miss Heck's personality and the influence which she exerted in her contacts with people must have been among her outstanding characteristics.

Miss Heck was made the first president of North Carolina Woman's Central Committee in 1886, then similarly as its first W.M.U. president (1891-1915). When barely thirty, she was also elected president of the southwide Woman's Missionary Union and for fifteen years held both these positions concurrently, except for two brief periods. In addition to these responsibilities, she took an active part in the work of her own church and held many positions in civic organizations in Raleigh, N. C., her home.

Her last year was one of intense suffering. She spent many months in the hospital and was at last brought home when it was evident the end was near. On August 25, 1915, she quietly slipped away, even as she had wished.

As Mrs. Farmer reminded us, "a great purpose makes a great life", and she continued by saying: "One secret of Miss Heck's greatness was the purpose which motivated her whole life—that the world might be brought to the Savior, so that the Father's name would be glorified". Two other characteristics of Miss Heck's life, stemming from this dominant purpose, were her dependence on prayer and her unreserved dedication of all that she had to her Master.

Mrs. Farmer expressed the belief that there could be no more fitting memorial in the Training School to this beloved president of W.M.U. than the chapel in which we were meeting. The training of young women for the Lord's service was the dream of her life.

But the most worthy and lasting memorial to Fannie E. S. Heck is the love and remembrance and gratitude which live in the hearts of southern Baptist women and children. Truly, "to live in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to die" and, as we rose to leave the chapel, we knew that Miss Heck was living as a real person in our hearts because she had been pictured to us so vividly by our speaker—Miss Velma Darbo, Registrar and Secretary to Principal.

Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

John 3:16

As the topic for study by our W.M.U. organizations in December is "Challenge for Service" and since our program editor gives us in the program material (pages 19-20) a brief survey of the glimpses we have had from month to month in our programs of the different races of people in today's world, it seems not inappropriate to this editor to give you on this page a digest of an article entitled "The World Situation" as written by Mr. R. G. Cochran for a recent issue of *World Dominion* of which London magazine he is editor.

"The challenge of the world situation was never so great as it is today and the only way to meet it is by evangelism with a world outlook. . . . Christian character is the world's greatest need, and the practicing Christian the world's greatest asset. I use the phrase 'challenge of the world situation' and by this I mean the challenge which the unevangelized presents to the Christian church. The extent of this challenge is so little realized that I would like to attempt briefly to describe it by a hasty trip around the world.

"Japan—The 'Land of the Rising Sun' (is) a literate nation with a population of 70 millions which is largely unevangelized. Christians number less than a half of one per cent. *The Korean Peninsula*—This little country is of great importance because of its evangelistic fervor. After fifty years' work Korea had more Christians than there were in the Roman Empire at the close of the first century of the Christian era. *Manchuria*—A country two and a half times the size of Japan, strategically placed, (is) has about one per cent of its population of 31 millions Christian. *Mongolia*—Twenty-one times the size of Great Britain, sparsely populated but potentially rich, (is) has only one Christian in 5500 of the population.

"Chinese Turkestan, Russian Turkestan and Tibet comprise a territory thirty times the size of Great Britain, all of it under the darkening shadow of communism and without a missionary. *China*—Forty-five per cent is unevangelized. Before the war there was an average of twelve missionaries to the million. A rapid spread of Christianity would affect for good the situation in all Asia.

"Malaya is a racial melting pot but little or nothing is being done among the Malays who are hard-shell Mohammedans. *Siam* is beginning to recover from Japanese occupation and, although there are 11,408 Buddhist temples or monasteries, there is religious freedom for the Christian church which exercises a considerable amount of influence. *Burma* is 85 per cent Buddhist. The hopeful factor in Burma is the virile Christianity among the tribes, especially among the Karens with a Christian community of half a million.

"And now what shall we say about the great islands of the Pacific? In *Formosa* work among the savages has only recently begun. *The Philippines*—The twelve missionary organizations are at work again in these islands. In *New Guinea* much work is being done, but large sections are still unexplored. In *Indonesia* there are 40 millions still unreached.

"India is only one per cent Christian. The majority of its 650,000 villages are still unreached. *Baluchistan's* thousands of villages are still outside missionary effort. *Bhutan, Nepal* and *Afghanistan* are closed to missionary effort. *Arabia*, the center of the Moslem world, covers a million square miles. It is estimated that in this vast land there is only one Christian in 304,348 of the population. Medical mission work is beginning to make itself felt.

"In *Syria* and *The Lebanon* Christians number one in every 413. In *Transjordan* protestants number one in 500. In *Turkey* there are only 75,000 Christians. In *Iran* educated Persians are beginning to speak of Islam as a foreign religion. In *Iraq* eight missions are at work. Here and there in the *Balkans*, as well as in some other parts of Europe, in spite of Russian pressure, there are hopeful signs which communism may not be able to suppress.

"Immense regions of *Africa* are unevangelized. *North and Northwest Africa* are under the sway of Islam. In *Egypt* evangelical Christians number one in 283 of the population. If *Egypt* dominates the *Sudan*, Islam will spread".

(For other items see page 27.)

Mark 16:15

Margaret Fund

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

Margaret Fund Students, 1947-1948

THE scholastic year 1947-48 marks the thirty-first year in the granting of Margaret Fund Scholarships. The 109 students listed below have matriculated in the colleges indicated. Seventeen of this list are new students entering college for the first time, eight being from the homes of Home Board missionaries and nine from the homes of S.B.C. foreign missionaries. The remaining ninety-two are renewals, a number of these being mission volunteers preparing for foreign and home service. These young people need your love and your prayers as they prepare to live in a world grim with misunderstanding and hunger, in a world where whole countries are moved by suspicion and fear. Let us guard well that which has been committed to our trust.

ALABAMA

Avenitt, Jane (Ala.) Judson College, Marion
Bawkins, Annie Vary (Argentina) Judson College, Marion
Hawkins, Mary Jo (Argentina) Judson College, Marion
Woodward, Glenn (China) Judson College, Marion

ARKANSAS

Betty, Bailey (Brazil) Ouachita College, Arkadelphia
Sullivan, Betty Jane (Brazil) Ouachita College, Arkadelphia

GEORGIA

Lindem, Mary (Nigeria) Toccoa Falls School, Toccoa

KENTUCKY

Bratcher, Edward B. (Brazil) Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville
Craighood, Albert (Romania) Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville
McMillan, Archibald M. (China) Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville
Payne, Linda (Brazil) Georgetown College, Georgetown
Joner, David L. (Nigeria) Georgetown College, Georgetown
Parker, Betty Ann (China) Georgetown College, Georgetown
Parker, Joseph E. (China) Georgetown College, Georgetown

LOUISIANA

De Vito, William Berkman (La.) Louisiana College, Pineville
Strother, Wallace (China) Louisiana College, Pineville
Strother, Joyce Carolyn (China) Louisiana College, Pineville
Ware, Emily (China) Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge
McGowan, Margaret (Cuba) New Orleans Baptist Theological Sem., New Orleans
Purcell, Lucille (Ala.) New Orleans Baptist Theological Sem., New Orleans
Moore, Robert (Cuba) Tulane Univ. School of Med., New Orleans

MARYLAND

Mein, Margaret (Brazil) Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore

MISSISSIPPI

Craighood, Mary Anne (Romania) Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain
Owens, Lucille (Palestine) Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain
Owens, Rosalind (Palestine) Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain
Wolfford, Charles (La.) Holmes Junior College, Goodman

NORTH CAROLINA

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