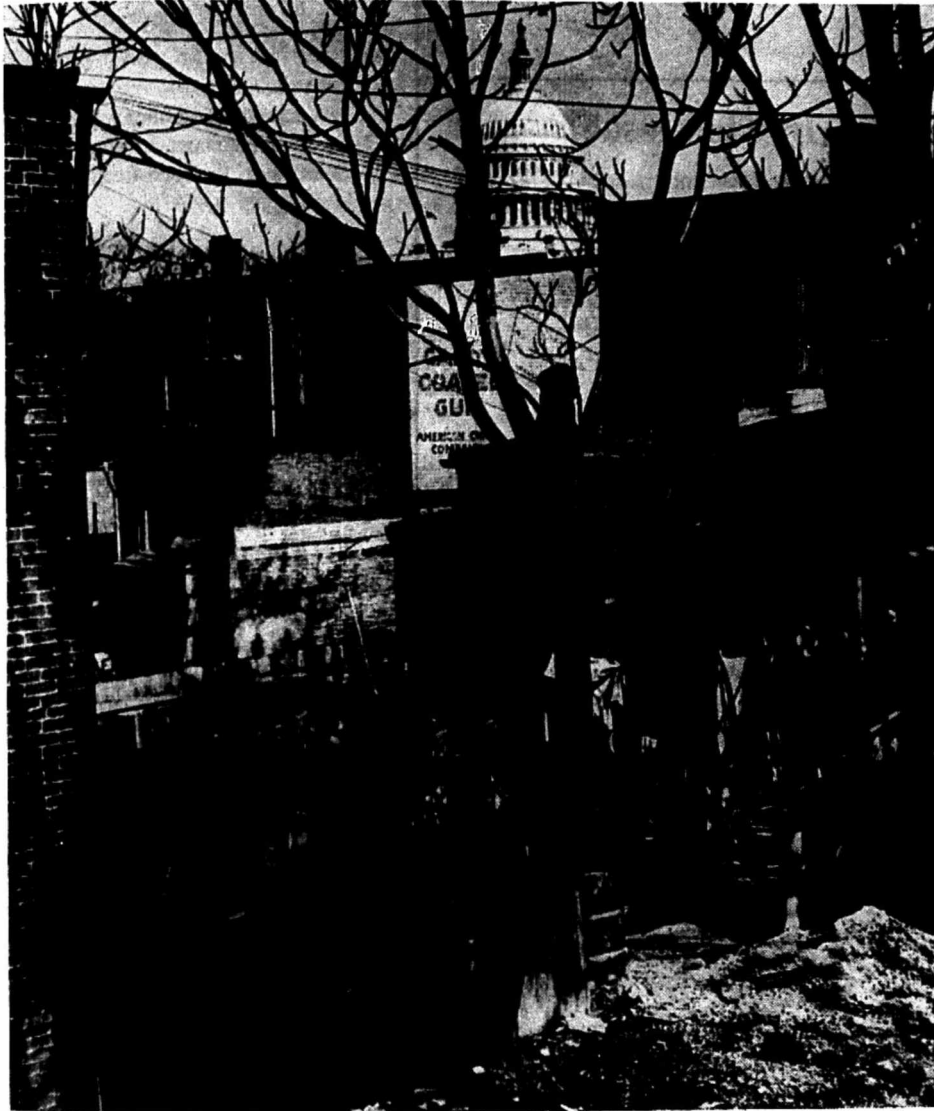


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EDITORIAL

"That Glory May Dwell in Our Land"

CONTEXTS are usually very essential to a full understanding of quoted parts. Rich is the reward for the careful study of the context of first one and then another selected Scripture verse. The title of this editorial is from the ninth verse of Psalm 85 which has the general caption: "Prayer for God's Mercy upon the Nation". Among the many wonderful thoughts in the psalm are the following:

"Jehovah, Thou hast been favorable unto Thy land.
Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of Thy people.
Mercy and truth are met together.
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Jehovah will give that which is good.
Surely His salvation is nigh them that fear (reverence) Him
That glory may dwell in our land!"

However, the psalm contains such warnings as:

"I will hear what God Jehovah will speak, for He will speak peace unto His people.
But let them not turn again to folly".

As with the people of the psalmist's day, so with our nation today—God has been favorable. He continues to give that which is good. In the midst of exceptional prosperity, will our nation now do as the psalmist's favored people did "turn again to jolly"? As a warning, Woman's Missionary Union is again preparing to observe the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 1-5 inclusive. For the smallest Sunbeam Band to the largest Woman's Missionary Society programs have been carefully arranged and are being distributed through the state W.M.U. offices. Any organization that does not receive its program material and offering envelopes by or early in February will do well to write to the state office.

As indicated on the programs, much of the success of the March Week of Prayer will depend upon careful assignment of the several parts and upon faithful preparation by each participant. Of course no unprepared program yields full returns; it is also true that in proportion as any participant prepares there is not only the general benefit but also the individual blessing to that particular person.

Another necessary preparation for the March Week of Prayer is the determination to safeguard it from conflicting engagements either in one's home or church. A reminder toward such precaution is on page 23.

Exceptionally important also is anticipation of the offering. The 60th Anniversary article on page 4 graphically shows how essential is the Annie Armstrong Offering to the direct mission work of the Home Board. Last month the editorial on this page tried to show how individual members and their organization can enable the Union to reach the high goal of \$800,000 by determining to give 60% or 3/5ths more than they gave toward the \$500,000 goal of last March. For instance if the gift then was \$1, purpose to let it be \$1.60 this March; if it was \$5, let it become \$8; if \$10, let it be \$16; if \$25, bring it up to \$40; if \$50, raise it to \$80; if \$100, let it be \$160; if \$1000, plan so it will be \$1600. In this, Our Commemoration Year, we can convince our minds and can mellow our hearts so that our purchases this spring will be so carefully considered that we shall be able to do an exceptional part by the Annie Armstrong Offering.

In so doing, we can be assured that the home mission work which it will sustain and project will be for the glory of God and that our southland and Cuba, Panama and Costa Rica will be greatly blessed. Thus will the prayer be assured, "that glory may dwell in our land".—Kathleen Mallory

OUR COMMEMORATION YEAR

Strengthening the Home-base

HOME missions and foreign missions have always been "alternate heart-beats" of Woman's Missionary Union. Significant it is, then, that in *Our Commemoration Year* no special anniversary offering has been launched but rather that increased mission gifts are to be directed through the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. Never has the Union accepted so high a goal for its Home Mission Offering—\$800,000—yet never has there been such imperative need.

Always W.M.U. emphasis has been on the current program of the Home Mission Board. In 1946, approximately 41% of the current work of the Board was maintained by the Annie Armstrong Offering. This year again the emphasis is in that same direction. Study the list of allocations found in the program material of the March Week of Prayer for Home Missions and note the variety of direct mission work, the number of language groups, the missionary salaries, the institutional opportunities which our gifts will touch. The very scope of this ministry is a call to faithfulness.

We must not be satisfied with our previous levels of giving. Today's opportunities call for larger gifts and for gifts from more women and young people. During the forty years in which separate records have been kept, over \$4,600,000 have been ingathered through this offering for home missions. We face now the challenge of bringing nearly one-fifth of that amount in one year's offering. In days of financial crisis, similar gifts kept our home mission work intact; in these days of international crisis, we must dedicate far greater funds to the strengthening of the home-base for world evangelization. Within the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention there are more lost people than ever before. Thirty-one million are unchurched. No missionary heart can ignore the call for a redeemed homeland.

A far cry these days are from the time of Female Mite Societies when needles were plied and gifts sent to Indian missions and frontier missionaries, when Negro slaves were an immediate mission opportunity. A far cry they are even from the early days of Woman's Missionary Union when, in addition to similar opportunities, the field of domestic missions began to expand to include scattered groups of foreigners, mountain school work, loans for church buildings and work in Cuba, all of which the Union played a significant part. Yet, in *Our Commemoration Year*, we need to recapture the spirit of faith and fortitude of those intrepid women of the past in whose hearts were deep stirrings of missionary impulse and who translated that impulse into action. Mission gifts and boxes which blessed many a frontier missionary home became a means of deepening the realization of women of the societies as to real self-denial for the salvation of America.

Therefore it is not surprising that, when in 1894 these early women sought to increase gifts to missions through observance of a special week of prayer and gifts, they voted for a Week of Self-denial. A few months later, an appeal from the secretary of the Home Mission Board, Dr. I. T. Tichenor, for funds to relieve the Board's increasing debt, resulted in designation of the offering for home missions. Thus our March Week of Prayer Home Mission Offering was begun. In 1922, the name was changed to Thank-offering; in 1934, to the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions, in loving tribute to one so largely responsible for W.M.U. interest in home missions.

Providential purposes of God have placed America in a strategic position today. In the spirit of the women of sixty years ago, motivated by gratitude, love and a deep sense of Christian responsibility, we must meet the challenge of this hour—*Miss Ruth Provence, North Carolina W.M.U. Executive Secretary*

The Evangelistic World-wide Movement

Dr. J. Dean Crain, Pastor
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THE need of a revival no one doubts. The psalmist asks an important question: "Wilt Thou not revive us again that Thy people may rejoice in Thee?" We need a revival in our own souls. "Right before ready"! It is the need of the very life of our churches. Such a revival will refresh the Christians. "That Thy people may rejoice in Thee!" The soul-winner is the only person that God Himself has called wise. He is trying to save the only thing in the world like God and the most important thing in the world. A human soul is worth more than the whole world.

A revival will restore the thrill of Christian living and witnessing. After Jesus prayed, something took place. Whatever He prayed for happened. Intercessory praying leads to vicarious praying. It puts God's work in His hands. It purifies both message and messenger. Intercessory prayer becomes vicarious faith. The four men that carried the man that had the palsy to Jesus made his case their case. We find that soul-birth has both the human and divine in it. It makes the need of another your need. The Cross of Christ is the evidence of a throne founded upon suffering: "He was made sin for us". Moses said: "If You are not going to save Israel blot me out first". Paul said that he could wish himself accursed for his people. We realize that the spirit of unbelief is cast out by prayer and fasting. Christ started everything by prayer and carries on the completion of salvation by intercessory prayer. The United States mobilized about ten million men to whip Hitler and Japan; every believer in Christ ought to pray for the defeat of Satan, both God's and man's arch enemy.

Repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ are the needs of the hour to save even civilization as well as souls. We must hear Jesus as John did (*Rev. 3:20*): "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with Me". This calls for the closest kind of cooperation because it is part of the great evangelistic program. "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them".

SINCE the day of Pentecost prayer has been the basis of all revivals. We need a passion for prayer. "Lord, teach us to pray!" The twelve saw that they were neglecting both prayer and the Word and called the disciples and said: "We will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the Word". The weakness was found in the neglect of intercessory prayer and the ministry of the Word. We cannot hope to function in evangelism without the Word. The Holy Spirit does not work until the Word is preached; "the Word is the sword of the Spirit". God commissioned the church and that alone to make Him known and obeyed throughout the world and guaranteed that His church would not fail.

Evangelism must be carried on by men and women who have "died and risen again". Dying daily made Paul a power. We must become more willing to sacrifice in seeking the lost. (*Judges 5:18*) "Zebulun and Naphtali were a people that jeopardized their lives unto the death in the high places of the field"; (*Acts 15:26-27*) "Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ". The power of Christ's resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering and conformity to His death were Paul's slogan for a revival (*Phil. 3:10*): "That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death". Wholehearted surrender of the churches to the will of God can carry on the orders of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

(Concluded on Page 13)

COMMUNITY MISSIONS

Claiming Opportunities in the Master's Name

ONE of the most worth-while projects we have undertaken in Greensboro, N. C. is our interracial work. This is the third year we have sponsored this particular phase of community missions. All of the Baptist churches participate. We divide the expenses proportionately among the various churches and all contribute. The Negro churches provide the workers with room and board.

After praying for divine guidance, we called the colored pastors into conference and sought their cooperation. The first year we used a student worker from Shaw University, who conducted three Vacation Bible Schools and leadership conferences for the adults. The several Negro churches provided teachers and other leadership. We first carried on the schools with one worker who spent two months here but more recently we have used simultaneously for one month two workers, graduates of Shaw.

The G.A.'s and Sunbeams like to have a part in this project; so they bring crayons, paper, scrapbooks etc. From time to time we visit the groups, and we attend the commencement exercises. Last year the colored workers brought a group of the children to a meeting of the Business Woman's Circle Federation. Their program-participation so delighted the business women that they immediately planned a treat for the children on the last day of the school.

The spirit has been fine. I have had letters of appreciation from the colored pastors, who note improvement in their work. Mrs. Brown, the Negro field worker for North Carolina, is greatly pleased with the marvelous growth throughout the state within the last year. Over ten areas were reached. Mrs. Brown says her dream is to close each conference in the various communities with an interracial meeting. One such was held this summer with splendid results.

By using the graduates from the Religious Education Department of Shaw University, we link our project with our state W.M.U. work. For several years, \$1000 has been contributed annually to this department from our Heck-Jones Memorial Offering.

Another thing we did last summer was to make two surveys for our associational missionary in different sections of our rapidly growing city. It is a very simple thing to do when a society has circles. The general community missions chairmen in all the city churches were called together and assigned definite territory which had previously been mapped out by a smaller group. This systematic planning gave each circle chairman a certain number of homes to visit. In turn, these chairmen enlisted their own members in the visitation program. Our missionary was grateful indeed for the helpful information received. As a result, we had an excellent Vacation Bible School on one of the lots, using two young student workers from the Home Mission Board, assisted by local helpers.

Another work we are trying to promote is the sending of *The Mediator* into Jewish homes. Our own society has not made much progress along this line, but some others have gone ahead in a great way. A year's subscription to *The Mediator* is sent to a Jewish friend with a prayer that it be used of God to open the eyes and heart of the recipient.

We have a large trailer camp near our city. Our society has made a survey of this which proved enlightening and has, we feel, brought results.

One essential form of community missions which almost everyone can engage in is personal visitation. Newcomers, the unsaved, the sick, the shut-ins and bereaved, all need us and can be enlisted if we make the right approach through personal contact.

Every society should find its own specific avenues for community missions and then go forth to claim these opportunities in the Master's name.—Mrs. C. W. Moseley, Community Missions Chairman of Piedmont Association, Greensboro, North Carolina

BOOK REVIEW and STUDY SUGGESTIONS

The Word of Their Testimony

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

THIS is a revised edition of one of the most popular of the Home Mission Board's mission study texts. Written and revised by Una Roberts Lawrence, it is in essence a series of stories showing the impact of the Bible on those, who hear or read it for the first time—stories well worth telling again and again to each new generation of W.M.U. members. Along with the stories, there is a wealth of good, solid, fundamental information about home missions in general and the work of the Home Mission Board in particular. Both for reading and for study it is highly recommended. (*The price of the book is 60c from your Baptist Bookstore.*)

Session One—Chapter 1. The two-fold purpose of this first class session may well be to stir the heart with some realization of what it might be like to make contact with the Word of God for the first time and to give the students a thorough understanding of the scope of our southern Baptist home mission efforts. Open the session with a devotional talk based on the story of the horseman of Bejudal and the Bible passage involved (*prologue*). Introduce the study by describing three types of people with reference to Bible knowledge. Appoint five women to present the five types of "fields"; use maps, posters or other devices to make their presentations effective. Using the blackboard present the general summary on page 30f and conduct a brief quiz on the fields. Close with the story "The Word of Salvation" and a period of intercessory prayer for the unsaved on these various fields.

Session Two—Chapter 2. The two-fold objective for the session should be to show first, how the Gospel spreads and, second, how home mission work is done. Use the section "How the Gospel Spreads" as the basis for the day's devotional period. Trace briefly the route of the Gospel from its beginnings down to us. Note that all of the early Christians went everywhere witnessing. That seems to have been part of the New Testament plan. Appoint two women to present the spread of the Gospel through home missionaries and through preaching; use such aids as will make the presentations most effective. Let the one with the latter assignment try to fit the class members into the program of witnessing; she may do this by suggesting needy places within easy reach where they may witness, as well as the opportunities offered by the Season of Prayer for Home Missions and the Annie Armstrong Offering. Lead a general discussion of the quite simple and natural ways in which missionary work is done. Draw on sections II and III for specific information and on sections IV and V for stories to illustrate the main points. Close with prayers for our missionaries and those to whom they minister, for a worthy home mission offering during the approaching season of prayer and for consecration to the tasks that each of us can do.

Session Three—Chapter 3. The objective for this session is to help the members of the class to feel afresh the wonder of the atonement and to renew their faith in the power of Christ to save from sin. By way of devotions, conduct a reverent and earnest Bible study on the subject of the atonement, adding to the texts suggested in section I others which you deem pertinent. Follow with a circle of prayers of thanksgiving for the saving work of Jesus and for the members' own salvation.

Session Four—Chapters 4, 5. The purpose of this session is to stir the hearts of the women with inescapable witness to the fact that God not only can but also does save—here and now, in this generation—those who hear His Word and call on Him for help. Ask each member of the class to come prepared to tell one of the stories in the two remaining chapters or others like them gleaned from the magazine. (*Concluded on Page 28*)

BIBLE STUDY

Dr. W. O. Carver, Kentucky

The Always Unfinished Task

Joshua 13:1-7; 18:1-7

MEN never complete any worth-while undertaking. That is partly because we are human. Humans are as a rule limited and lazy. We get tired or discouraged. We seek ease before we achieve the task before us. If we are truly alive to our meaning and to our work we never undertake little tasks unless they are part of larger tasks that will call for more labor and more time. Every good work completed makes more work. Every problem solved introduces us to new problems. We come into work provided for us and we do our work for those who are to work with us now and for those who will carry on when our task and we are done. This is all the more significant if we work for God and with Him. "If you will work with God make your plans large", for they are fragments of God's great plan. Jesus said: "One soweth and another reapeth"; "He that believeth in Me the works that I do will he do also and greater . . ."

Moses labored and left Joshua the task of making Moses' work worth-while. "So Joshua took the whole land . . . and gave it unto Israel . . . and the land had rest from war". Those words in the last verse of chapter 11 are followed by a detailed list of "the kings of the land whom the children of Israel smote and possessed their land . . ." This catalogue fills chapter 12. Then comes a break in the story. The task was far from complete. The people were weary. They accepted a partial achievement. They rested.

As the years went on the unfulfilled task grew. Now, at length "Joshua was old and well stricken in years and the Lord said unto him: Thou art old and well stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed". This declaration of 13:1 is followed by a paragraph defining the lands not yet possessed, verses 2-6. Then the Lord went on to say: "Now therefore divide the land for an inheritance unto the nine tribes and the half tribe of Manasseh", verse 7. From this point through chapter 17 the details of the sections assigned each tribe are given.

At chapter 18 with the whole congregation assembled at Shiloh and with the tent of worship set up in the midst of them, Joshua first scolded them for their laxness and failure: "How long are ye slack to go in and possess the land, which Jehovah, the God of your fathers, hath given you?" What God "gives" us He means for us to "get"! He then offered them a definite plan for completing the task of taking what their God was giving them (verses 1-7). It is good to read immediately after this: "And the men arose and went". They accepted the plan and entered upon executing it. Still we know how they again failed and continued to fail to carry through to the completion of what they might have done.

All this is a meaningful story. It has in it principles and meanings for all our Christian tasks. For these, too, are always unfinished. We are challenged to take in full seriousness what is our part, in our time, of the work of the Lord. Note these items:

1. There must be recognition of the fact that the work is unfinished and that we have not done all that rightly falls to us. That is where God began with Joshua in 13:1.
2. There must be acceptance of the responsibility. Joshua began with this, and he succeeded in getting the people to accept the duty.
3. There must be wise, workable, promising plans. This stands out in our story in both passages.
4. Leadership is required in making plans and in organizing the forces and pushing the work. This we see in chapter 18 and on to 21:43-45, when we have the summary of fulfilment when "the Lord gave unto Israel all the land . . . and rest . . . and all came to pass that He had spoken unto the house of Israel".

FAMILY WORSHIP

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: The Unfinished Task in Our Homeland

"Revive us again".

- 1st Day—Psa. 85:1-13; Isa. 53
- 2nd Day—Deut. 26:1-11; Phil. 2:1-11
- 3rd Day—Deut. 26:18-19; Col. 1:9-20
- 4th Day—Zech. 8:20-22; John 18:33-40
- 5th Day—Hab. 3:2, 18, 19; John 6:30-40
- 6th Day—Acts 2:1-21; John 10:7-18
- 7th Day—Acts 2:22-47; 2:29-36

" . . . Our Nation"

- 1st Day—Luke 7:2-10; John 11:1-9
- 2nd Day—Luke 9:1-6, 10-17; II Pet. 1:16-21
- 3rd Day—Luke 10:25-37; John 3:1-8
- 4th Day—Prov. 14:34; Rom. 8:9-17
- 5th Day—I Kings 4:21-34; John 11:22-27
- 6th Day—Psa. 47:1-9; I Cor. 12:4-13
- 7th Day—Psa. 48:1-14; Gal. 5:22-26

"In your patience possess ye your souls".

- 15th Day—Luke 18:1-14; Eph. 6:10-20
- 16th Day—Luke 18:15-27; Matt. 18:15-20
- 17th Day—Luke 18:31-43; II Cor. 5:1-9
- 18th Day—Luke 19:1-28; I Cor. 12:12-17, 26, 27
- 19th Day—Luke 19:29-48; Heb. 10:19-25
- 20th Day—Luke 20:1-26; II Thess. 1:1-5
- 21st Day—Luke 20:1-19; John 17:20-26

"Peace be within thy walls!"

- 22nd Day—Psa. 122:6-9; Eph. 4:1-6, 11-13
- 23rd Day—Psa. 137:1-9; Luke 15:1-7
- 24th Day—Isa. 62:1-12; Matt. 10:5-16
- 25th Day—Jer. 8:4-13; Acts 16:4-12
- 26th Day—Jer. 8:14-22; Acts 13:44-52
- 27th Day—Rom. 5:10-21; Eph. 3:3-12
- 28th Day—Rom. 14:17; 15:13; 15:24-33
- 29th Day—Gal. 1:3; 5:22; Rom. 10:8-15

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"

Giving thanks for God's goodness to our country
Intercede that our country will accept the warning of Scripture that "righteousness exalteth a nation but that sin is a reproach to any people".

Pray for total abstinence.

Pray that W.M.U. members will faithfully anticipate the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 1-5 inclusive.

Ask that every W.M.U. member be eager to contribute as generously as possible to the Annie Armstrong Offering, helping the goal of \$800,000 to be far exceeded.

Intercede for a deepening of the spiritual life of W.M.U. members through their soul-winning efforts.

Intercede daily for a world-wide revival.

Plead through the Prince of Peace for permanent world-wide peace. Pray also in international decisions there may be the guarantee of religious liberty for all peoples.

Intercede for world-wide observance, beginning in your church, of Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 1.

Pray for those preparing for W.M.U. and S.B.C. meetings in Memphis in May.



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Missionary Selections in Daily Bible Readings in February

NOTE: The following Scriptures of more or less missionary import have been selected by Dr. W. C. James of Virginia from the February daily Bible readings according to Dr. John R. Samberg's plan. The book-marks in the use of this plan may be ordered from the W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham 3, Ala., price 5c per set or \$4 per 100 sets. This page is prepared for easy detachment to keep with the book-marks.

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| 2—Ex. 15:26 Psa. 24:1-6 Mark 5:19 | 12—Ex. 35:5, 21, 22, 29 Ex. 36:5-7 Psa. 44:1-8 Mark 15:21 | 21—Psa. 62:11, 12 Luke 8:39 |
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CALENDAR of PRAYER

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Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

SEND forth Thy heralds, Lord, to call the thoughtless young, the hardened old. A scattered, homeless flock, till all be gathered to Thy peaceful fold. Send them Thy mighty Word to speak, till faith shall dawn and doubt depart. To awe the bold, to stay the weak and bind and heal the broken heart.

—William Cullen Bryant

1—SUNDAY

That Christians around the world may unite in prayer for a World-wide Spiritual Revival this year in the hearts of the children of God.

That men may know that Thou, whose name alone is Jehovah, art the most high. —Psa. 83:18

2—MONDAY

Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Canning, medical evangelism, Ebu, exRev. and *Mrs. W. H. H. Condon, educational evangelism, Miss Elbel Harman, evangelism, Iwo, Nigeria

That make mention of the Lord keep not silence. —Isa. 62:6

3—TUESDAY

*Mrs. W. C. Tyler, recording secretary, Mrs. J. Furlin Lee, assistant recording secretary, of Woman's Missionary Union. We are unto God a sweet savor of Christ in them that are saved. —II Cor. 2:15

4—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. Arnes, Roundrock, Rev. and Mrs. I. Valdivia, Harlingen, Miss Estelena Trejo, San Antonio, Texas, educational evangelism among Mexicans

Christ is preached, and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice. —Phil. 1:18

5—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Quarles, evangelism, Merioka, Rev. and *Mrs. C. O. Gillis, educational evangelism, Buenos Aires, Mrs. K. F. Elder and Dr. S. M. Sowell, emeritus, Argentina, also Jobo D. Sowell, Margaret Fuad student

Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. —Eph. 4:7

6—FRIDAY

Dr. M. R. and Maria R. Vivanco, educational evangelism, Havana, Mercedes M. N. McCall and H. R. Moseley and Miss Kathryn Sewell, emeritus, Cuba; also Samuel Rodriguez and Daniel Rodriguez Robinson (Vivanco), Margaret Fuad students

There remaineth, therefore, a rest to the people of God. —Heb. 4:9

7—SATURDAY

Rev. and *Mrs. J. Melo, educational evangelism, Recife, (Dr. and *Mrs. D. Melo, Aracaju, Rev. and *Mrs. R. L. Kolb, Teresina, Piaul, Brazil, evangelism, also Margaret Melo, Margaret Fuad student

Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received of the Lord, that thou fulfill it. —Col. 4:17

8—SUNDAY

Young Woman's Auxiliary Focus Week, February 8-14

Continue in prayer and watch in the same with thanksgiving. —Col. 4:2

9—MONDAY

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary of the Home Missions Board, all secretaries, superintendents, field workers and state board members associated with him

Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor and to thy needy in thy land. —Deut. 15:11

10—TUESDAY

*Miss Marie Conner, educational evangelism, Yangchow, Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Bryan, (Rev. and *Mrs. C. L. Culpepper Jr., College of Chinese Studies, Peking, China

That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you and ye in Him. —II Thes. 1:12

11—WEDNESDAY

Woman's Missionary Union Training School, Louisville, Ky., (Dr. Carrie D. Littlejohn, principal, the board and faculty and students. The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge. —Prov. 15:14

12—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. D. Calzancit, Las Cruces, Rev. and Mrs. J. Segura, Tucuman, evangelism, Rev. and *Mrs. L. M. Roebuck, educational evangelism, Bernalillo, New Mexico (among Mexicans)

Thou art a gracious and merciful God. —Neh. 9:31

13—FRIDAY

Dr. and Mrs. F. P. Lide, Shanghai, exMisses Florence and Jane Lide, Hwaugh-sien, educational evangelism, Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Evans and *Miss Blanche Rose Walker, emeritus, China; also Nina and Frank P. Lide Jr., Margaret Fuad students

Ye shine as lights in the world, holding forth the word of life. —Phil. 2:15-16

14—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Santos, Hondo, Miss Irene Anderson, San Antonio, Miss Ora Covington, San Angelo, Miss Gladys McLanahan, El Paso, Texas, educational evangelism among Mexicans

They commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed. —Acts 14:23

Calendar of Prayer for February

15—SUNDAY

That those who became new tithers for the three months' tithing campaign will continue to follow God's plan for the financial support of the missionary enterprise.

Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end.
—Eph. 3:21

16—MONDAY

†Miss Hattie Gardner, Shaki, xx†Miss Ada Jackson, Fide, educational evangelism, Miss Amanda Tinkle, medical evangelism, Shaki, Mrs. E. G. MacLean, emerita, Nigeria

It is lawful to do well on the Sabbath day.
—Matt. 12:12

17—TUESDAY

Woman's Missionary Union magazines: *Royal Service*, *The Window* of I. H. A. Ambassador *Life*, *World Comrades*, their editors and associate editors.

This is the day of good tidings.
—1 Kings 7:9

18—WEDNESDAY

xxRev. and Mrs. W. E. Craighead, evangelism, xxRev. and Mrs. R. F. Starmer, educational evangelism, Bucharest, Rumania, also Mary Anne Albert and Eugene Craighead, Margaret Fund students.

Prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day and grant him mercy.
—Neh. 1:11

19—THURSDAY

Misses Mildred Matthews, Celia Perez, Josephine Silva, educational evangelism, Havana, Cuba; also Mrs. G. I. Phelps and Miss Grace Clifford, emeritus missionaries of the Home Mission Board.

I have not forgotten Thy law.
—Psa. 119:61

20—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. H. P. McCormick, evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Ramsour, Miss Martha Morrison, educational evangelism, Honolulu, T. H.

Let your hands be strengthened and be ye valiant.
—1 Sam. 2:7

21—SATURDAY

Rev. T. E. Hopkins, Washington, D. C., Rev. J. Kelly Jr., Harper's Ferry, W. Va., Rev. C. S. McCall, Richmond, Va., Rev. W. M. Singleton, Tyler, Texas, educational evangelism among their own Negro race.

That they may offer sacrifices of sweet savour unto the God of Heaven.
—Ezra 6:10

22—SUNDAY

That Christians may stand firmly for total abstinence concerning alcoholic beverages. Thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you.
—Josh. 7:13

23—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. L. R. Brothers, xxMiss Lena Lair, educational evangelism, xxMiss Vivian Nowell, secretarial evangelism, two, Dr. and Mrs. George Green, emeritus missionaries, Nigeria

I know also, my God, that Thou triest the heart and hast pleasure in uprightness.
—1 Chron. 29:17

24—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Efferson, Jeanerette, evangelism among French, Miss Amelia Rap-pold, evangelism, New Orleans, La.

He which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death.
—James 5:20

25—WEDNESDAY

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Taylor, evangelism, Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Crabtree, educational evangelism, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. All things come of thee, and of Thine own have we given thee.
—1 Chron. 29:14

26—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Calleiro Sr., Maricao, Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Calleiro Jr., Yaguajay, Rev. and Mrs. N. Rodriguez, Melena del Sur, Cuba, evangelism, also Abner Calleiro, Margaret Fund student.

If ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.
—Gal. 5:18

27—FRIDAY

Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Culpepper Sr., Misses Elizabeth Hale and Fay Taylor, educational evangelism, Shanghai, China. He that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about.
—Psa. 37:10

28—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. Leach Jr., San Saba, Rev. and Mrs. W. Lee, Brownwood, Texas, evangelism among Mexicans. Grant unto Thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak Thy word.
—Act. 4:20

29—SUNDAY

That all church programs will give way for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and that faithful emphasis be given to the importance of the Annie Armstrong Offering, March 1-5.

Offer unto God thanksgiving and pay thy vow unto the Most High.
—Psa. 50:14

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Circle Program



EXPLANATORY NOTE: The following program is submitted for use by the circles this month. Its suggested articles will be found in the following monthly missionary magazines: *Royal Service*, \$1 a year from 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham 3, Ala.; *The Commission*, 50c a year from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond 20, Virginia; *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, 25c a year from Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta 3, Ga. Each one participating in the following program should have access at least to the magazine in which her article appears. (See also page 35 of 1948 W. M. U. Year Book and page 14 of this magazine.)

TOPIC: Financing the Kingdom

Scripture: Luke 12:13-23

Our Commemoration Year (See page 4 of this magazine.)

Allocations for \$600,000 (Discuss list on pages 30, 32 of this magazine.)

Book Review (Discuss suggestions as on page 7 of this magazine.)

Meet Your Missionaries (See article in February issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

"That Glory May Dwell in Our Land" (See page 3 of this magazine.)

The Evangelistic World-wide Movement (See page 5 of this magazine.)

Kingdom Facts and Factors (See article in February issue of *The Commission*.)

Evangelistic Movement (Concluded from Page 5)

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins". Purity before power!

Business Woman's Circles

Miss Mary Christian
W.M.U. Representative

Aim: To help each B.W.C. member see the mission task in the homeland and accept her responsibility in meeting the demand

Preparation: Since February brings George Washington's birthday, patriotic decorations will be in all the stores. These will be most appropriate for the place of meeting this month as the circle studies the mission task in the homeland. The Social Committee might be asked to take charge of the decorating, using the Christian flag along with the flag of our country and map of the southland.

The program covers would carry the same patriotic theme. Small gummed stickers of the American and Christian flags and of the Bible may be secured from your Baptist Bookstore and easily pasted on the program covers. A circle with an artist member might plan more elaborate programs, perhaps having on it an outlined map of the southland on which is drawn in their proper places figures representing the various nationalities discussed in the material.

Ask the Music Committee to make careful preparation for the music for the meeting. See hymn suggestions in the program (page 16).

Urge those participating on the program to read the entire program material (pages 16-23). For information regarding the Freedom Train write to the American Heritage Foundation, 17 East 45th Street, New York 17, New York, or refer to September, 1947, issues of current magazines in the city library, such as *News Week*, September 22; *The American City*, *New Republic*, *Life*, September 29.

Ask the secretary to send cards to members reminding them of the meeting. On the card give the time and place where the meeting will be held.

Presentation: Have those participating sit around a table at front of the room. On table are mission magazines and others they used for reference in preparing the program. The program chairman says she has read about the Freedom Train and is most interested in it; she hopes to get to see it. Another quickly asks her what it is and she explains that it is a train of several cars painted red, white and blue that started September, 1947, on a tour of our country carrying over one hundred precious documents basic to American democracy. Another asks her the purpose of the Freedom Train to which she replies that it is to make every citizen understand and appreciate the development of his heritage of freedom and to make him realize he must take an active part in the daily life of democracy.

They mention some of the precious documents on the train, such as Jefferson's Bill for Religious Freedom, the Emancipation Proclamation, George Washington's private copy of the Constitution etc. Then the program chairman says that in this marvelous country of ours, where there is freedom, people are still in bondage—the bondage of sin—and we are conscious of that as we look at our mission program this month. One of the members replies that she was impressed by the need as she read *Royal Service*; she then tells of the need as given in the topic, "The Task Unfinished".

Another asks how we can meet the need, for it is such a big task. The chairman tells of the work of the Home Board and of its missionaries as given in the topics, "The Home Mission Task" and "Working at the Task".

Another says she has come to realize how urgent the task is and gives discussion in topic, "The Urgency of the Task". She adds that the Freedom Train must represent for us also the need of millions here to be freed from sin.

Announcement should be made of the Home Mission Week of Prayer and Offering that comes next month (March 1-5) and the opportunity to help meet the need farther through gifts then. Close with the suggested Scripture and prayer given in the program outline.

Program Plans

Prepared by Miss Erleen Gaskin, N. C.
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Purpose: The thought of the program is centered around our total home mission task. Because we are commissioned to carry out God's world plan, we must deepen our sense of love and responsibility toward our brothers who live so near in order to help in this unfinished task in our nation. It is the purpose of this program to make a deeper imprint upon our minds of our unfinished task and to realize what a great responsibility we have as "laborers together with God".

Publicity Suggestions: For invitations you may care to use this suggestion, using note-paper: "Dear You are a citizen of a wonderful land. It is a beautiful country, a rich land with its many mineral resources, fertility of soil and climatic conditions. It is an aggressive nation, a free land and a country that is considered Christian by other nations of the world. Because you and I are who we are, we have a responsibility. Won't you please come to (time and place) and let's decide what we will do personally about this great responsibility of ours? In royal service for Him,". On the envelope place an American flag or a map of the United States, also the name and address of the member. As an opportunity to use the young people, you might have Royal Ambassadors to deliver these "special delivery letters". Give them a pad on which the individual who receives the letter may sign. If there are more than two circles, have them delivered during the circle meeting preceding the general meeting. Have each circle member sign the pad. Be sure each member receives an invitation.

Preparation: Carefully study each part, thinking and praying about the program before any assignments are made (for the program material see pages 16-23). Assign the parts early with prayerful consideration and stress the importance of a well-prepared program. A rehearsal will add to its meaning. To make it more interesting, place on a placard the statistics used in "The Home Mission Task". Hold the placard before the group as you talk about the statistics. In "The Task Unfinished" make a large poster or use wrapping paper and crayons to show the comparisons which are given; also keep this before the audience and refer to it. Select an individual to represent each phase of our home mission task to tell about the unfinished task, what is being done and what are the needs. The program chairman can find human interest stories from the home mission fields in current home mission study books. If those on program will dress similar to the field they represent, it will add to the meeting. Some one will give the challenge and use an outline map of America which has a large question mark in the center and small ones around it. Above the outline have in large letters "Christian". As the members come in, each may be presented a booklet which has its cover patterned after the outline map suggested above. The booklet will consist of pictures representing home missions with the commission of Jesus under each. On the last page have excerpts from "The Urgency of the Task".

Presentation: Have at the front of the room a large home mission map; it may be that your society has received the map as being provided by the Home Mission Board for use during the March (1-5) Week of Prayer for Home Missions. Around the room have posters made from the pictures collected from our W.M.U. magazines and from *Southern Baptist Home Missions*. If possible, exhibit souvenirs from the fields. As "representatives" of the fields give their parts, each will take hold of the streamer which is attached to her field on the map and will stay there until the program is completed. As one member concludes with the challenge, "The Urgency of the Task", she will use the large outline map of our nation.

Hunger and lack of clothing are the plight of many Europeans. From your state W.M.U. office you can secure addresses. See also 7th paragraph on page 24.

PROGRAM MATERIAL

Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: One World — One Savior — One Task

TOPIC for MONTH: The Unfinished Task in Our Homeland

Hymn for Year—Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Watchword for Year—"That at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow"—*Phil. 2:10*

Bible Study—Joshua 13:1-7; 18:1-7 (See page 8.)

Prayer that this program may help us to realize the magnitude and importance of our home mission task

Hymn—America the Beautiful

Our Country

Hymn—America

The Home Mission Task

The Task Unfinished

Prayer that our home mission work may be enlarged to meet many of these urgent needs

Working at the Task

Urgency of the Task

—Hymn—Loyalty to Christ

Prayer that we may realize the urgency of the home mission task and give the greatest possible support to our Home Mission Board

OUR COUNTRY

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

WHEN we who live in the United States of America say, "This is our own, our native land", we have more reason to speak with pride and joy than any other people in all the world. Ours is indeed a wonderland, a land to stir every patriotic drop of blood in our veins to ecstasies of admiration, joy and loyalty.

Ours is such a *beautiful* country! Her lakes are as shining diamonds, her rivers are silver threads winding over the green of the landscape, her mountains are majestic and glorious whether they be the bare peaks of the Rockies or the wooded highlands of the Appalachians. With fields and forests and fruit and flowers, with caves and canyons and cactus, with prairies and plateaus, with beaches and bayous, with hills and rills, with trees and seas, our country is wondrously beautiful.

Ours is such a *rich* land! In mineral resources, in fertility of soil, in climatic conditions she is unsurpassed anywhere on earth. Wealth descends from her mountains, grazes on her plains, springs from her soil, grows on her trees, floats on her rivers, gushes from her oil-wells and is dug from the rich veins of her mineral deposits. The sun in its journey around the earth looks down on no country as rich as ours.

Ours is such an *aggressive* nation! Her people have discovered and developed her natural resources. They have built great cities, great factories, great railroads, great highways, great business enterprises, great institutions. Our land has given to the world some of its greatest scientists, inventors, artists, musicians, financiers, industrialists, educators and statesmen.

Ours is a *free* land. In the United States, as in no other land, the right of the individual is respected. Here a rail-splitter may become president; a boy born in a

Negro cabin may become a famous singer; an immigrant lad may become a famed millionaire. Americans have a voice in government, enjoy freedom of religion, of speech and of press and, more than any other people, are free from want and fear.

Ours is a *Christian* land! She is not as Christian as she should and must be, but she is as Christian as any nation in the world. She was founded on Christian principles. Her laws are based on Christian ideals of ethics and justice. Her leaders in all periods of her history have been Christian men. While there are blots on her record, for the most part her dealings with other nations have demonstrated the altruistic spirit of Christianity. At the present time her effort on behalf of world peace and her concern for the welfare of other peoples are evidences of the strength of her Christianity.

How wonderful is our country! We rested without fear through last night; we enjoyed a good breakfast this morning; our children went happily to school; we thrilled over a good football game at Thanksgiving; we attended on Sunday the church of our choice and worshiped as we desired; we will this year help to elect the man who will stand at the head of our government; we hope, with reason, to see our sons and daughters rise to positions of success and honor—all because of the blessings which our country gives to us. Surely such a country demands our love, our loyalty and our service!

"O beautiful, my country!

Round thee in love we draw;

Thine is the grace of freedom.

The majesty of law;

Be righteousness thy scepter,

Justice thy diadem;

And on thy shining forehead

Be peace the crowning gem".

The HOME MISSION TASK

WHAT do we mean by our home mission task? You will perhaps say quickly: "The answer to that question is easy. Home missions is giving the Gospel to our homeland". Careful thinking reveals the fact that this answer is not definite enough. All evangelical Christian churches, all state mission boards have as their purpose giving the Gospel to the people in the homeland, yet we do not call the work of these home missions. By home missions we mean the group of activities carried on by the churches through a general agency for people in the homeland or closely allied to it. There are groups of people in our homeland who, because of geographical, racial, social or other barriers, cannot be reached by local churches. In some states need for missionary work is much greater than in others; and usually the greater the need the weaker are the Christian forces. Therefore a general agency is necessary through which the denomination can work to reach especially needy groups. With southern Baptists this general agency is the Home Mission Board.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, secretary of our Home Mission Board, writes: "The task of the Home Mission Board is to take the Gospel to those who have it not, in those isolated and neglected regions or areas outside the normal reach of the local church". Again he says: "Home missions, strictly speaking, is that group of missionary and evangelistic tasks which, whether because of their nature or their size and difficulty, can best be handled by a southwide denominational agency". Of the function of the Home Mission Board Dr. Lawrence says: "It is a missionary board, a board of survey, a unifying agency for southern Baptists and a connection board through which the impact of the entire denomination can be brought to bear upon the missionary tasks which are Convention-wide in their nature".

Through the Home Mission Board all southern Baptists have an opportunity of participating in giving the Gospel to people throughout the southland as well as in their own states. Through home missions the stronger states have an opportunity of aiding the work in those states where the need is great and the Baptist forces are weak.

While the basic, indispensable function of home missions is evangelism, it must be remembered that "the process of evangelism is not confined to the oral proclamation of the Gospel but involves education, social uplift and many secondary activities which become inevitable expressions of vital Christianity transmitting itself". It is the purpose of our home mission program not only to proclaim the Gospel, that people might be evangelized, but also to organize the saved into churches and to develop those churches until they become self-supporting and themselves evangelizing and missionary forces.

Home missions looks not only to the evangelization of the homeland but also to world evangelism. It is the avowed purpose of home missions "to evangelize the homeland and to marshal the evangelistic forces of the homeland for work and conquest for Christ". The strength of foreign missions depends on the home base. As the stakes are strengthened the cords may be lengthened. So the home mission task becomes world-wide in its scope and of supreme importance in the Christian task of giving the Gospel of Jesus to a lost world.

For southern Baptists the task of home missions began when the Southern Baptist Convention was organized (1845), for then the Home Mission Board (at that time called the Board of Domestic Missions) was organized and began its work. The record of this work for more than a century is very gratifying. We are indebted to Dr. Courts Redford, assistant secretary of the Home Mission Board, for the following facts:

"The Board has had an average of 456 missionaries in the field every day since it was organized. This is equivalent to more than 23 workers in the field continually since the resurrection of our Lord.

"These missionaries have reported 874,944 conversions. These converts, if gathered together, would equal the total present Baptist membership in Virginia, Maryland, Louisiana, New Mexico and Florida.

"The total receipts of the Board since its organization have been \$31,742,896; this is an average of \$311,204 per year. The missionaries were able to report one baptism for every \$36.25 invested in home missions.

"The Home Mission Board has helped to organize 9499 Baptist churches. This is more than one-third of all the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention".

These facts help us to realize the value of the work of the Home Mission Board. They lead us to a renewed interest in and consecration to our home mission task.

The TASK UNFINISHED

A STUDY of the religious condition of America today reveals both encouraging and discouraging facts. Dr. H. C. Goerner in his recent book, *America Must Be Christian*, gives the rather surprising fact that the percentage of church members in the United States today is greater than at any time in the past. Yes, not in the days of the Puritan Fathers or in any other "good old days" have there been as many members of churches as there are today. Three years ago 52.5 per cent of the population claimed membership in a religious organization either evangelical, Catholic or Jewish. In 1790 this figure was 5%; it was 15.5% in 1850; it was 35.7% in 1900; and in 1910 it was 43.05%. This is all the more encouraging when we take into consideration the increase in population. In 1790, with a population of about 4,000,000, there was only one church member out of twenty persons; while in 1945, when the population numbered 138,000,000, one out of every two was a church member.

Of course, a little over half counted as church members is not a high percentage in a country called "Christian". And we must know, too, that this percentage includes over 4,000,000 members of Jewish congregations and nearly 2,000,000 others classified as neither Catholic nor evangelical. So, the number of those claiming to be Christians was only 47%—less than half. We must remember, too, that 23,000,000

of these so-called Christians are Catholics, making the percentage of evangelical church members still smaller.

There is so much in American life that is not Christian that we fail to be too much elated by the encouraging statistics. We are told that in 1945 the American people drank 190 million gallons of whiskey, 81 million gallons of beer and 110 million gallons of wine, at a cost of over 7 billion dollars. In this same year crime increased 12.4%. An average of one criminal offense took place every twenty seconds. Our divorce rate has increased 500% since the War between the States. Now one out of every three marriages ends in divorce.

As long as our nation is spending each year \$5,000,000,000 for education and \$15,000,000,000 for crime, \$21,541,000 for foreign missions and \$2,970,000,000 for cigarettes, more than twice as much on sports and four times as much in gambling as is given in a year for all religious purposes, we cannot but see that the home mission task of the nation as a whole is unfinished.

To judge the special home mission task of southern Baptists we must consider conditions in the southland. We find that there are 25 million unchurched people in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. This is more than twice the number of our armed forces at the peak of the war. This unchurched group would fill ten states the size of Mississippi, six states the size of Georgia, eight states the size of Alabama, eleven states the size of Florida, three states the size of Texas and twenty states the size of New Mexico. This group numbers more than the entire population of Old Mexico, one-half the population of France, one-half the population of Brazil and four times the population of Chile.

An unfinished task? Yes, we think so!

There are in the southwest 1,750,000 Mexicans and other Spanish-speaking people. Only one out of every 130 is a Baptist, and a very small per cent belong to any evangelical denomination.

An unfinished task? Yes, we think so!

In southern Louisiana are 700,000 French people. Only one out of every 155 is a Baptist.

An unfinished task? Yes, we think so!

Altogether there are 8,500,000 in foreign language groups of the south, 95% of whom are unevangelized.

An unfinished task? Yes, we think so!

There are 250,000 Indians in the southern Baptist territory. While many of them are Christians, thousands are unreached by the Gospel. Of the 19 pueblos in New Mexico, 10 are unreached and thousands of Navahos, many of the Apaches and hosts of others have no missionaries.

An unfinished task? Yes, we think so!

There are in the south 2,300,000 mountain people, 70% of whom are unchurched. There are approximately 7,000,000 share-croppers, displaced persons and mill-hands, many of whom have no religious ministry.

An unfinished task? Yes, we think so!

The sixty larger cities of the south have a population of 15 million. Six out of every ten of these people are unchurched and only one out of every thirty-four is a Baptist.

An unfinished task? Yes, we think so!

Over half of the Jews of the world live in America. Over half a million of these live in the southern states. Only one missionary under the Home Board and a few others here and there are at work to win these Jews to Christ.

An unfinished task? Yes, we think so!

Because Baptists outnumber any other denomination in the south they are in large measure responsible for the evangelization of the southland. There are in the southern states 9,000,000 Baptists; 3,000,000 of them are Negro Baptists, 6,000,000 are white Baptists. This makes the southland the strongest Baptist territory in all the world. In the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention one person out of five is a Baptist, one out of nine is a white Baptist; while in the territory of the Northern Baptist Convention only one person out of fifty is a Baptist. Surely then on southern Baptists rests in large measure the responsibility for the unfinished home mission task. Six million southern Baptists ought to be able to reach 25 million lost people. A great unfinished task challenges us. We must do our best.

WORKING at the TASK

SOUTHERN Baptists are working at the unfinished home mission task. The Home Mission Board is now operating in twenty fields of service, touching every group in the homeland and reaching into every field of need. More than nine hundred home missionaries are at work, giving the Gospel to lost people in the homeland, in Cuba, the Canal Zone, Panama and Costa Rica. In 1946 these reported 27,474 won to Christ.

Indians—Southern Baptists' first home mission work was among the Indians and among them we are still at work with 95 missionaries, 72 churches and 2 mission centers. Indians make good Christians and good Baptists. We must help more of them to learn to walk in the "Jesus Way".

Mexicans—Our largest group of home missionaries is among the Mexicans in the southwest, 193 missionaries serving in 204 churches and missions and 27 kindergartens. These workers reported last year one convert for every three members of the churches which they served.

French—In the French field of southern Louisiana the Board has 23 missionaries, 22 churches and missions and 8 chapels. Reports and statements from these missionaries say that the French people are responding to the Gospel message as never before.

Italians—Among the thousands of Italians our Board has only four churches and missions and fourteen missionaries. These are in the states of Florida, Alabama, Illinois and Maryland.

Chinese—The Home Board is working among Chinese with four missionaries, eight missions and three chapels. This work is centered in Virginia, Texas, Arizona and California.

Deaf—Among the deaf are nine centers and seven missionaries.

Negroes—Our work among Negroes is in the field of ministerial education and Christian training. We are also establishing mission centers in the larger cities.

Jews—Our one missionary to the Jews is working to arouse and enlist local churches for the evangelization of the Jews in their communities.

Rescue Homes and Mission Centers—The Home Mission Board has twelve mission centers and two rescue homes. The Rescue Mission and Woman's Emergency Home in New Orleans are ministering to thousands of unfortunate men and women and winning many to Christ.

Cooperative Work—The Home Board cooperates with the state mission boards in carrying on extensive rural and city mission programs in the different states. Nineteen states are engaged in the rural program, with the result that hundreds of country churches are being revived and hundreds of new churches are being organized. It is the purpose of our rural workers that the day shall come when in all the Southern

Baptist Convention there shall not be a quarter-time church, and that every rural field shall have a resident pastor.

The city mission program is now in operation in forty-five of our southern cities. Through this work, special city-wide campaigns for evangelism and Schools of Missions are being conducted; services in institutions and for Jews, Negroes and foreign-speaking peoples are being held; new mission stations are being opened and new churches organized.

A most needed type of cooperative work is being done in New Mexico, Arizona and California. These are the states where the Baptists are the weakest and the needs are the greatest. The Home Mission Board helps the respective State Board by providing a general field secretary and aiding in the support of the 20 field workers in the three states. The results of this work are most gratifying, for thousands of people are being reached and churches are being organized at a rapid rate.

Beyond Our Borders—The Home Mission Board reaches beyond the borders of the southland to do work in Cuba, Panama, the Canal Zone and Costa Rica. In Cuba we have 120 missionaries, most of them Cubans, at work in 200 churches and mission stations. There is a strong, active convention with Sunday-school, Baptist Training Union and Woman's Missionary Union organizations. In Central America we have 25 missionaries at work in 21 stations. On this field in 1946 there were baptized 569 converts.

Summer Workers—A fruitful type of home mission work is that of the student summer field workers. Students in our colleges are sent out to different home mission fields for work during their vacations. Last summer 285 students engaged in this service. The purpose of this plan is to help the student mission volunteers to find themselves by actual experience on the mission fields, to discover desirable missionaries, to get as much mission work done as possible during the summer months and, through the testimony of these summer visitors, to give publicity to the work and to the opportunities on our home mission fields.

This is a brief summary of the present-day work of the Home Mission Board. All these statistics may seem uninteresting; but we must remember that back of these "dry figures" are interesting people, interesting places, interesting experiences, daring deeds, heroic living and unselfish service. Yes, the home mission task is a thrilling one: it is one in which we may all share by our loyal support of the Home Mission Board.

The URGENCY of the TASK

THE world is at a crisis. Of that fact we are being continually reminded on the radio, through both the secular and religious press by news analysts, scientists, statesmen and preachers and by our own consideration of world conditions. The very existence of the earth is at stake. We are in a new era, "The Atomic Age". Forces have been discovered and are in the hands of men which could, the scientists tell us, destroy the whole earth in a few moments. Scientists, statesmen and preachers alike agree that the only hope for the world is that the spirit of man shall be right, that men shall choose to use the power in their hands for good and not evil. This means that the only hope for the world is that Christian ideals of right, justice and brotherly love shall prevail among the nations.

In the midst of this world crisis stands our country. "Her position is crucial. Upon her as a nation and upon her behavior in the midst of the nations, largely depends the future of our civilization". Because ours is the most powerful land in the world and the most Christian land in the world, it is our nation that must lead in saving the world at this crisis. Even un-Christian peoples recognize that only Christian ideals are adequate for this situation; these people as well as Christians are looking to America to demonstrate those ideals in her dealings with other nations and to lead all the world in the practice of those ideals.

If our nation is to be the example and promoter of Christian principles, then **America must be Christian.** Quoting Dr. Goerner: "America must be Christian not only in name but in national behavior or our civilization will perish and our own nation with it . . . America *must* be Christian in this crisis or it may be the world's last crisis!"

We have a wonderful opportunity at this crisis to show the world what Christianity is. By sharing our plenty with earth's starving millions, by showing that we would not use the power we have in the atomic bomb for our own aggrandizement and the destruction of others, we will be demonstrating true Christian behavior among the nations and may lead others to follow our example for the safety of all nations.

If America is to be Christian and play the Christian part in world affairs, more and more of her people must accept Christ as their Savior and live the Christian life in America. A nation's ideals are the ideals of a majority of her people. We cannot expect our nation to act Christian unless her people have Christ in their hearts.

This brings us to the urgency of our home mission task. Through home missions we are giving Jesus to America's lost people. Through home missions we are helping to make Americans Christians and thereby are helping to make America Christian. Surely then, at this time of crisis it is imperative that we shall be busy at this most important task. If America *must* be Christian we *must* do all we can to make her Christian by making her people Christian.

As powerful as our nation is, she cannot solve all the world's problems. She cannot, by herself, preserve the safety of the world. Therefore not only America but also the whole world must be Christian to the extent that Christian principles shall prevail everywhere. And again we face the fact that Christian principles can prevail only when Christ is in the hearts of at least some of the people. Therefore in this crisis world evangelism looms as the most important task. Again quoting Dr. Goerner, "It is a matter of world conversion or world catastrophe".

But the strength of world evangelism depends upon the strength of American Christianity. "Foreign missions waits on home missions". The more we do to win America to Christ the more powerful will be our efforts in winning the world to Christ. "We must save the world to save America; we *must* save America to save the world, because it is one world". Then, oh how urgent is the home mission task! We must not delay! World safety waits on world evangelism! World evangelism waits on home evangelism! Home evangelism waits on you!

No time to loiter, none to waste!
This urgent task requireth haste!

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QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the blessings of living in our country.
2. Define the home mission task.
3. Tell of the achievements of the Home Mission Board since its organization in 1845.
4. What percentage of the population of the United States today claim membership in evangelical, Catholic or Jewish organizations?
5. Discuss conditions in American life which indicate that America is not Christian.
6. Tell of conditions which prove that the home mission task in the southland is unfinished.
7. In how many fields of service is the Home Mission Board operating and how many missionaries are at work?
8. Tell something of the work of home missions on the different fields.
9. What is the cooperative work of the Home Mission Board?

10. Discuss the value of the summer student field workers.
11. What home mission work is done beyond the borders of our country?
12. Discuss the urgency of the home mission task.

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| Shining Like the Stars..... | Harold E. Dye |

Avoiding Conflicts as to March 1-5 Inclusive

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

Books Commended for Reading and Studying in Our Commemoration Year

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| The Bible (Using Dr. John R. Sampey's Plan and Emphasizing Missionary Message in Daily Reading) | |
| Stewardship (and Christmas) Stories | \$1 |
| Author: Mrs. Carter Wright | |
| In Royal Service..... | .75c |
| Author: Miss Fannie E. S. Heck | |
| Following in His Train..... | .60c |
| Author: Mrs. W. J. Cox | |
| To Be Continued..... | .25c |
| Author: Lonnie Benson Thomas | |

(Order these listed books and all others as recommended by your state W.M.U. office from your Baptist Bookstore. Order for 5c a set \$4 per 100 sets from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham 3, Ala., the Bible Book Marks with Explanation of the Sampey Plan.)

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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

Valentine Greetings around the World

WOULDN'T it be a wonderful relief if the world woke up some morning and said to itself all the way around, every people to every other people: "I love you"? Well, it could and it can, when we are all Christian enough!

That's why young people's work is so valuable and so essential. That's why YWA Focus Week is so important this very month of February (8-14). This week points up Young Woman's Auxiliary activities so that church and community and young women themselves are stimulated to more zeal in enlisting and encouraging young women in missions.

Every Young Woman's Auxiliary should study carefully the article, "An Open Letter", in February *The Window of YWA*. It carries many suggestions about investing this week so profitably that it will bring rich return for the Master and His Kingdom. There should be special effort in enlistment, a real mission study course taught, worthy witnessing done in carrying out community missions plans.

You say those are just regular YWA plans. Yes, they are but in Focus Week they are more fascinatingly carried out than heretofore and so they are always more interesting in the future weeks.

There are suggestions in *The Window of YWA* for a Valentine banquet and for an evening of games for mother and father and their YWA daughters. When has your church featured that trio together? But isn't it vital that those three be devoted together to the church of the living God? Then try these happy plans and see what develops. There are other sparkling ideas in the YWA magazine for this YWA Focus Week.

WMU Literature Committees would help YWA enthusiasm swell if they would encourage and take subscriptions for *The Window of YWA* so that every YWA member would have her own magazine. Reading it every month would deepen world concern and love so that "I love you" would begin to echo more clearly around our weary world.

This Valentine month young people's organizations can still be demonstrating love for people across the two great oceans as they continue to gather and send to Southern Baptist Relief Center (740 Esplanade Ave., New Orleans 16, La.) the clothes and bedding still so critically needed in Europe and the orient. If you prefer a single family to "sort of" adopt, write to the Baptist World Alliance, 1628 Sixteenth Street N. W., Washington, D. C., and ask for name and address of a Baptist family. You could supply clothes, food, books and (to some degree) household furnishings, according to their deepest needs. This would assuredly be saying "I love you".

WMU young people's directors will not neglect other missionary education organizations while particularly emphasizing YWA's but will keep cultivating and organizing Royal Ambassador Chapters, Girls' Auxiliaries and Sunbeam Bands. Getting a good start here at the beginning of 1948 will help them feel the stimulus of this Commemoration Year. We want to reach the high goals for advancement and development indicated in our 1948 WMU Year Book (pages 7-8). These goals are not for self-glorification but are an expression of our love for Christ and our endeavor to proclaim that love now and in the lives of tomorrow's adults whom we are leading into missions as young people today.



Training School

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

Student Volunteer Activities

THE call of God has been ringing in the hearts of men since the dawn of time. This call is just as real today as in the days of Abraham, Samuel or Isaiah. When the youth of our land rise up to follow, they are not hearing an empty echo from the distant past nor seeing a mirage. They are following the living Christ whose vision of promise gives them a faith that conquers. This vision has been kindled faintly within the hearts of many southern Baptists today and speaks to them of the world mission of His Church. This we familiarly call the "Missionary Spirit".

The Student Volunteer Band at the Training School and Seminary might well be considered the essence of this "Southern Baptist Missionary Spirit". It is among this group of consecrated students that one finds the greatest combination of zeal and intelligent preparation for missionary service evident in our southland today. Through its activities the organization offers many opportunities for further study, inspiration and service. These are made available through two channels.

The Training School Volunteer Band, which has a membership including approximately thirty-five per cent of the student body, meets twice each month. One of these meetings is given exclusively to prayer for our missionaries, needs on the various fields and world conditions as they relate to our larger purpose of winning the world for Christ. This group also has charge of Monday chapel services in the Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial Chapel, at which time a committee composed of young women interested in one particular continent or country plans a program presenting the needs and opportunities of that land. During the year we have had many interesting and informative programs concerning both home and foreign fields. Quite often we are fortunate enough to secure the services of visiting missionaries who make missions live for us as they relate their experiences on the fields in which we are so vitally interested.

The campus-wide Volunteer Band, including students from both the Training School and Seminary, also meets twice a month, alternating with the Training School group. Sons and daughters of missionaries, nationals from other lands and students from all parts of North America meet together for inquiry, fellowship and prayer. After sharing experiences, all are strengthened and go back to their tasks richer for having met with God and each other.

This organization would be worth while had it no other purpose than to broaden the vision of mission volunteers and Christian workers. However, it is not an end within itself but seeks channels through which its members may serve the immediate needs in the city and surrounding territory. Missionary teams are formed to carry information to interested churches. At present a study is being made of the language groups in Louisville and the opportunities for service which they offer. Some of our foreign students can do excellent work with them. In these ways students are seeking to follow the plan Jesus presented in Acts 1:8. The needs in "Jerusalem" give experience and serve as preparation for the larger task in "Samaria" and "the uttermost parts of the earth".

Through practical experience and intelligent investigation of the problems the students outgrow the idealistic conception of missions and find in Christ and His teachings the solid foundation for a life of service. The call is real, the task is exacting but the promise of His presence is sufficient. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world".—Miss Lois Linnenkoht, Georgia, '48

From MISSIONARIES

"Little Charity"

IT is raining in the small mission town of Palacios where we are celebrating Vacation Bible School. Forty eager children have been attending now (August) for three days, bringing their sacrificial pennies and nickels for the children in Tampa, Florida, talking of Missionary Silva and how we can help him buy Bibles for his Vacation School. But today it is raining and there are just three days left. "So few days", I think, "and today we will miss the joy of teaching the children because it rains". Suddenly I found myself praying that the rain-clouds might be dispersed and the sun come out again. Little did I know that "Little Charity" was praying the same thing yonder in her tiny two-roomed house; I found it out later when they told me the story. Here it is just as the little girl told it, as she gleefully came to the church with her teacher after the rain had ceased:

"How good God is to us when we pray! When it began to rain I went to the side of the bed and kneeled and asked God to take away the rain so the other children and I could go to Vacation Bible School. When I opened my eyes, it was still raining and I wondered why God did not answer me. Then I looked up and saw the image of the Virgin Mary that my mother has over the bed, looking down at me and I knew that that was why God did not stop the rain. I went to the kitchen and prayed again; and this time, when I went to the window, the rain had stopped and the sun was shining".

Who is "Little Charity"? Eight years old, pretty, smart, sister of three younger children all of different fathers, a happy little worker in all of the Sunday-school activities, born on the day that Cuba gives to the Virgin of Charity—hence her name, "Little Charity".

To this Virgin of Charity all honor and thanks were given for the surrender of Japan! I saw that with my own eyes and heard heart-breaking words as the great image of this virgin was raised over the rolling water of a lovely Cuban seashore resort, while hundreds of kneeling women and men attributed to this "mother" of theirs the victory.

And so "Little Charity" from tiny childhood has been a worshiper of this image too. Now we have her in our hands, working and praying that she may come to Jesus and may bring others.

Thus goes the work of our mission at Palacios where long trips, tropical sun, hearts enslaved in Catholicism, heavy expenses make the work very difficult. Sometimes in the late hours of the night—hot nights, cold nights, rainy nights, balmy tropical nights—as we wait for a Cuban bus—which may mean game-roosters, discourtesy, noise, dirt and maybe just standing room for the hour's trip—our courage almost fails us but always morning brings renewed hope and we press on toward the goal. Our hope runs high now as we think that the Board will buy some property there, a large grocery-store with strong foundations. Then we vision a fine future church in remodeling, though we may have to wait some time for this last step. Just twelve Baptists in Palacios, in the midst of scoffing, indifference, opposition! But surely God has "a people" there, and we will keep at the task till we find some of them and bring them to the Master's feet.

How we and our church in Consolacion, that carries the expenses mostly, and "Little Charity" do need your constant prayers!—Miss Christine Garnett, Consolacion del Sur, Cuba

"Like a Mighty River"

SOME 35 years ago my husband and I attended a Northern Baptist Convention in Portland, Oregon. After the Convention we took a trip through western Canada and re-entered the United States at Minnesota. It was there I saw the Mississippi River near its source—a modest little stream, with no hint of what it might become on its long, long way to the open sea.

I saw that river again at Memphis, Tenn., but how it had grown! Other rivers had come to its aid, the Missouri from the west and the Ohio from the east.

Then some three months later we met again, the river and the two missionaries; this time at the city of New Orleans, where one of the beautiful vessels of the United Fruit Company's "Great White Fleet" was anchored in our river, now become the great "Father of Waters", bearing on its bosom numberless huge ships out to the Gulf of Mexico. And so we returned to our work, and our home, in Cuba.

I have often thought of that trip. I find in the growth of the Mississippi River a prototype of what I saw happen on Cuban mission fields during my thirty-eight years' residence in that lovely island.

Southern Baptists had been working in Cuba long before we arrived in 1899, at the close of the Spanish-American War. That war had been preceded by the Ten Years War, Cuba's long struggle for freedom from the yoke of Spain. There followed in its wake suffering, pestilence, famine. But Christian friends from overseas had come offering the Water of Life freely to thirsty souls. These, having tasted, told others, and soon a little Gospel stream was flowing. There were many obstacles in the way, but the stream leaped over them, reaching out and through the four western provinces of the island.

When we arrived, we found organized Baptist work in these four provinces, and Cuban Christians were carrying on in spite of all the difficulties, dangers and interruptions. At that time, our Baptist river had about reached the proportions and power of "Ole Man River", say, at Memphis. Something to be reckoned with.

Now the northern Baptists came (1899) and became responsible for the eastern end of the island and also Porto Rico. So with Baptists working at both ends of the island, and in between—so of course things began to happen.

Some of you saw for yourselves when you visited us after the 1946 Southern Baptist Convention in Miami the great Baptist Temple in Havana with 1421 members, our day-school with over 200 students, the bright young preachers crowding our Seminary, the attractive girls in our Missionary Training School. We regretted very much that limited time prevented you from seeing more of the work outside of Havana. There is progress everywhere and along all lines. During 1946 eight new churches were built. More are needed, especially chapels for smaller towns where we have mission stations.

I know of no more promising mission field anywhere than Cuba. Its very geographic location is strategic: between North and South America and near the entrance to the Panama Canal. Its capital city has been called "the port of call for all the world".

And I know of no finer body of consecrated Christian youth anywhere than we have in Cuba today. Many of them I have known from childhood. Others I have taught and worked with in various mission stations. All I have loved. And I am not afraid to "fling the torch" to them. They will "carry it high". And may the King Eternal lead them onward and upward.—Mrs. H. R. Moseley, Home Board Missionary Emerita

Your Trip to Scotland via Granite City, Illinois

DID you know you went to Scotland? *Yes, you did*, and I will tell you how. This is one of many fascinating stories which show how far-reaching home mission work is and proves the fact that the sooner we win the people of the homeland for Christ the sooner will the people across the waters be won for Him.

There is a large Army Depot just three houses from the Baptist Mission in Granite City, and during the war some of the soldiers stationed there attended our services. Several were saved and one boy from Oklahoma was baptized before being transferred. Since the war some of the boys have been coming to the Mission. A Czecho-Slovakian soldier from Pennsylvania was gloriously saved and was to be baptized before being sent elsewhere; but, the Saturday before the Sunday he was to be baptized, he was suddenly transferred. During our last revival a boy from Georgia was saved and another one from Georgia surrendered for special service. He said he was saved when he was thirteen years old but had been fighting the call to special Christian service.

One young soldier who came to the Mission during the war was a Mexican from Texas. He had been saved and baptized through home missions in Texas and was a zealous witness for Christ while among us. After several months he was sent overseas. One day we received a letter from him, telling us that while he was in Scotland he met a girl who had asked for a Bible. He said he would have given her his own Bible, but it was quite old. He wondered if our Mission people would send this girl a Bible. We read the letter to each W.M.U. organization in our Mission and all were eager to contribute. We sent her a lovely Bible and wrote a letter, enclosing a Gospel and some tracts, telling her how to be saved if she were not a Christian. We also sent her a picture of our V. B. S. which had just closed and told her that thirty-two had accepted Christ as their personal Savior. These things were sent with prayers that God would use them to help win her for Christ if she had not been born again. How we did rejoice the day a letter came from this girl—Agnes Quinn—thanking us for the Bible and, best of all, saying "Since receiving your Gospel I have taken Jesus as my Savior. I am like the thirty-two in your V. B. S." There was a note of joy throughout the letter. In a more recent letter she made us praise the Lord again, relating her joy in being baptized and her happiness in the activities of the church.

You won the boy from Texas. You won the people in Granite City Mission because you prayed for and gave to home missions. Thus you went to Scotland. You "sowed and watered and God gave the increase".

In 1946 we asked W.M.U. to pray that more foreign parents would permit their young people to follow Christ in baptism, and we are happy to tell you that in 1947 ten foreign mothers and fathers gave their consent to the baptizing of their boys and girls. We also asked one year for W.M.U. to pray that it would soon be possible for us to have a larger building. How we thank W.M.U. for allowing God to work through them to help answer those prayers! We thank you, dear W.M.U., for your gift of money given us for a larger building.

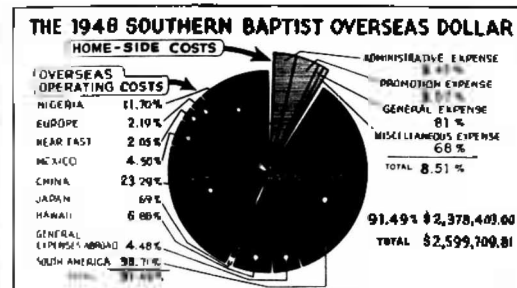
Now material is hard to secure, but we know all things are possible with God. So please pray that soon God will make it possible for us to purchase building material. When W.M.U. prays, God does!—Miss Helen Lambert, Illinois

Book Review (Concluded from Page 7)

zine *Southern Baptist Home Missions* or, if the class is too large for this, appoint women to tell these stories. As the basis of a closing devotional talk use the Scriptures and the story of the epilogue. Distribute envelopes for the Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions and announce plans for the season of prayer. Close with a period of directed prayer for home mission objects, for the coming season of prayer and offering and for the unsaved whom you can reach and those to whom you can only send.

A Cuban Serving in Panama

To her former teacher, Miss Mildred Matthews of the Baptist Training School in Havana, Cuba, Miss Raquel Prado wrote from Panama last summer: "As you already know we arrived in Panama on June 10. The church members had prepared a reception for us and the day was enjoyable for me. But what terrible days I had after that for I was so homesick for Cuba! In spite of all that, I realized how much this country needs the good news of salvation; I have prayed much and the Lord has helped me; now I feel much happier. If you could only see the great need here for the Gospel; I thank my God because He has brought me here. There are only two Spanish-speaking Baptist churches in Panama and you can imagine what a great mission field it is and how necessary it is to give the Gospel to these people. How happy I am because I can be useful in the Lord's work in this country. I remember with such affection the Training School, my teachers and classmates. I am sorry that I can't be with you now in order to continue receiving your counsel but I am already active in the work here. I make missionary visits and distribute tracts. In the W.M.S. I am teaching a book; in the Sunday-school I am the secretary; in the Training Union I am a group captain, quiz leader and librarian. The fact is, I am busy all week in the activities of the church".



Compare this cut with the ones on page 57 of the 1948 W.M.U. Year Book. If your state gives 50c of every undesignated Co-operative Program dollar to southwide causes, then foreign missions gets 23c of that dollar. The many interests set forth on this cut are urgent appeals for multiple dollars.

"Casting All Your Care upon Him"

At the last meeting of our Woman's Missionary Society of the Sing Ming Church before I was going home on furlough, a woman said to me: "I am going home with you". I had never seen her before and I realized right away that her mind was not right. She had on a lovely ivory-colored silk garment and bore the marks of a woman of culture and refinement. We started out together, her private ricksha following mine; but soon her ricksha man turned in the direction of her home and I saw her no more.

When we returned to China from the furlough there were in our Woman's Missionary Society new members who had come in during the years of Japanese occupation; among these members was one whose face was not new, yet I was not sure just where to place her. Several weeks later our Bible woman, Mrs. Koo, told me of a Mrs. Tsu who had been troubled and uncertain in mind; Mrs. Koo explained that Mrs. Tsu came regularly to all our church services, saying: "I want to go where Jesus is worshiped". Thus I realized that the particular new member was the lady who had spoken strangely to me just before our furlough. Upon further inquiry I learned that Mrs. Tsu continued coming to the church services during those trying years of war and mental anguish. She did not seek Jesus in vain, for now her mental powers are fully restored and there is no one whose influence as a Christian is more felt in our church than hers. We know that to express unto Jesus her gratitude for what He has done for her is her very life. Her husband, who attended the University of Shanghai, and their three attractive children are united with her in their gratitude and love to Jesus.—Mrs. H. H. McMillan, Soochow, China

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Annie Armstrong Offering Allocations

(See also page 32.)

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| 21. Indian: | |
| Dania, Fla., Chapel for Seminoles | 10,000 |
| Arizona Indian Chapels | 10,000 |
| 22. French: | |
| Golden Meador, Lot and Church Building | 1,000 |
| 23. Mission Center: | |
| Granite City, Ill. (Additional) | 2,500 |
| 24. Church Buildings: | |
| New Mexico, Arizona and California | 100,000 |
| Total for Buildings | \$167,500 |
| TOTAL ALLOCATED for LISTED CAUSES: | \$600,000 |

Note: It is eagerly anticipated that an additional \$200,000 will be raised for this Annie Armstrong Offering. The causes to be helped by the additional \$200,000 will be allocated after the observance of the Week of Prayer.

Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia
"Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people"—Proverbs 14:34.

An article appearing in a recent issue of the *Christian Century* entitled "Tocqueville on American Destiny" and calling attention to words of this intelligent and perceptive Frenchman in his book *Democracy in America*, published more than a century ago and forecasting certain situations whose outlines seem taking shape today, reminded this editor of certain statements he made in that great book which seem like a clarion call to the Christians of America today to be true to their heritage in the endeavor to do all possible to give the Gospel of the Son of Righteousness to all the people throughout our broad land. Alexis de Tocqueville had been sent by his government to study the penitentiary system in the United States but while here he made a close study likewise of the social and political institutions of the country. Impressed by the fact that the United States had become such a great and powerful nation in so brief a time he sought earnestly for the cause and the following is his conclusion: "As I searched for the secret of America's greatness I found that it was not in her mighty rivers and her great forests. I did not find it in the great prairies nor the resources of her mines. I did not find it in her educational institutions nor in the greatness of her men. But, when I went into the churches of America and found them crowded with the people listening eagerly to their preachers preaching mighty sermons on righteousness, I found there the secret of America's greatness. America is great because America is good, but when America ceases to be good she will cease to be great".

November last brought a tragic centennial in American home missions. On November 29, 1847, Dr. Marcus Whitman, medical missionary of the Congregational Board, his wife and twelve other persons associated with the mission he had established near the present site of Walla Walla, Washington, were brutally massacred by Indians he had crossed the continent to help. The party trekked the entire distance on horseback and in covered wagons. The region was then known as Oregon Territory. "Today the states of Oregon and Washington owe their greatness and prosperity in part to a self-sacrificing, heroic company of American home missionaries", so observes the editor of *Missions*.

The Department of Home Missions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church has established its first "air parish" in western United States with a recent installation of the Rev. Norval G. Hegland, minister and licensed pilot, as pastor with headquarters at Lemmon, South Dakota. Pastor Hegland will fly by plane among five established congregations and numerous preaching centers in a 5500 square mile area.—*World Outlook*

The Presbyterian (U.S.) Program of Progress calls for an investment of \$1,500,000 (\$300,000 annually for a period of five years), over and above the normal budget income which is required to sustain the work. The General Assembly has fixed a salary standard of \$2400 and made for each of the ministers serving home mission fields. "Home missions", says the editor of the *Presbyterian Survey*, "offers to every member of the church one of the great channels through which he may share in making America Christian".

We are told that there are more than 15,000 foreign students in our American institutions of learning. Most of them pay their own expenses. Many are supported by civic or industrial groups or by their own governments. Some of them are here on Kellogg, Mayo, Rockefeller and other foundation scholarships. A small number are supported by Foreign Mission Boards that feel that American university and theological training will qualify them for more effective service in their own countries. It is estimated that these students come from 105 different countries and from every continent and that they are enrolled in 886 colleges and universities in all 48 states. These youthful foreign ambassadors (and in future years thousands more with the return of normal conditions) constitute an immense force for good-will and understanding", says the editor of *Missions*. What an opportunity! What a responsibility!

"Worth noticing", says Richard T. Baker in *World Outlook*, "is the new chaplain at Columbia University. His name is Shunji F. Nishi, an Episcopalian. And while you are noticing him, take a look at the new pastor of the 114-year-old First Baptist Church of Chicago: his name is Jitsuo Morikawa".

In his report to the International Missionary Council meeting in Canada, Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, professor of missions and oriental history at Yale University, said: "The rise of the United States and the decline of western Europe mean that, at the next stage of the church's history, the expansion of Christianity is probably to come mainly from the United States. Because of the country's high population and wealth, the churches are likely to have a dominant role in the spread of the faith to the generation or more which lies immediately ahead of us and perhaps for a much longer time".

Allocations for \$600,000 of

1948 Annie Armstrong Offering \$800,000 Goal

(To Have Precedence in Order Herewith Listed)

For Current Operations:

| | | |
|---|---|------------------|
| 1. General Work | | \$ 18,100 |
| | Mrs. Irvin Lawrence (Salary \$2400, Secretary \$1920, Expense \$300) | 4,620 |
| | Miss Emma Leachman (Emerita) | 900 |
| | Miss Irene Chambers (Salary \$2400, Expense \$900) | 3,300 |
| | Miss Bertha Wallis (Salary \$2220, Expense \$900) | 3,120 |
| | Miss Vena Aguillard (Salary \$2220, Expense \$900) | 3,120 |
| | Miss Nancy Cooper (Salary \$2220, Expense \$900) | 3,120 |
| 2. Margaret Fund | | \$ 10,000 |
| 3. Salaries of Missionaries among Language Groups | | 123,000 |
| | Mexican and Spanish-speaking | \$61,000 |
| | Indian | 34,000 |
| | French | 9,500 |
| | Italian | 7,500 |
| | Chinese and Japanese | 5,000 |
| | Deaf | 3,000 |
| 4. W.M.U. Field Workers among Spanish and Indians (Salaries and Expense) | | 4,140 |
| | Mrs. J. L. Moye, Spanish | |
| | Mrs. Homer Grimmitt, Indian | |
| 5. Cuba (Salaries) | | 80,000 |
| 6. Boys' Work in Cuba | | 2,000 |
| 7. Panama, Canal Zone and Costa Rica | | 25,000 |
| 8. Good Will Centers | | 40,540 |
| | River Front, New Orleans, La.—Rachel Sims, Toledano, Bowen (8 Salaries \$11,040, Expense \$1500) | 12,540 |
| | Friendship House, New Orleans, La. (2 Salaries \$2640, Expense \$300) | 2,940 |
| | Key West, Fla. (2 Salaries \$2400, Expense \$300) | 2,700 |
| | Baltimore, Md. (1 Salary) | 1,500 |
| | Ensley, Ala. (2 Salaries \$2640, Expense \$600) | 3,240 |
| | Tampa, Fla. (2 Salaries \$3000, Expense \$1000) | 4,000 |
| | Christopher, Ill. (2 Salaries) | 2,760 |
| | West Frankfort, Ill. (1 Salary) | 1,440 |
| | Granite City, Ill. (2 Salaries) | 2,880 |
| | East St. Louis, Ill. (2 Salaries \$2820, Expense \$600) | 3,420 |
| | Good Will Center Field Worker (Salary \$2220, Expense \$900) | 3,120 |
| 9. Rescue Mission and Emergency Home (Salaries \$8880, Expense \$6000) | | 14,880 |
| 10. Negro Teacher-Missionaries and Negro Centers | | 50,000 |
| 11. Negro Institutes (Handled by Woman's Missionary Union) | | 2,000 |
| 12. Summer Student Mission Workers | | 20,000 |
| 13. Scholarships | | 13,000 |
| | Mexican: Ida Pearl Bell | \$ 4,000 |
| | Beagle | 1,000 |
| | Negro | 5,000 |
| | Minority Groups (French, Italian, Chinese etc.) | 1,000 |
| | Indian | 2,500 |
| 14. Jewish Work | | 2,400 |
| 15. Migrant Work | | 10,000 |
| 16. Spanish American, Mexican, Indian, Negro Missionary Literature | | 3,500 |
| 17. Institutes and Conferences—Mexican Kindergartens, Mexican-Texas W.M.U., Good Will Centers) | | 3,000 |
| 18. Visual Education | | 3,000 |
| 19. Evangelism | | 10,000 |
| Total for Current Operations | | \$432,140 |

For Buildings:

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| 20. Spanish: | | |
| | San Benito, Tex., Mexican Baptist Church | \$ 15,000 |
| | Las Cruces, N. M., Church for Spanish-speaking | 15,000 |
| | (See also page 30.) | |