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EDITORIAL

Where Thy Heart—There Thy Treasure

ARE you surprised at the arrangement of the words in this article's title? When Jesus used those words He was discussing the use of one's money, so He spoke first of it (*Matt. 6:21*): "Where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also". Tithers and free-will givers have proved over and over to themselves and to others that where their tithes and gifts are invested there are their hearts with their love and prayers and increasing interest. Few months in the year present such a perfect opportunity to prove and to experience personally this Christ-given axiom as does the month of March so far as W.M.U. members are concerned. This is true because March is the month for the ingathering of the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. The goal of \$800,000 is higher than in any previous March, the major reason being that in this 60th Anniversary of Woman's Missionary Union there is the extra urge from hearts thankful for God's blessings on home missions all during the Union's history. In fact the Union was organized for the purpose of helping the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. As the various home mission interests have been studied—work among the Indians and foreign-speaking people, in the mountains, in Cuba and the Canal Zone—the hearts of W.M.U. women and young people have been touched, have become tender and therefore the Annie Armstrong Offering has been increasing year by year. Thinking along this line, the wording of this article's title was arranged as it is: "Where Thy Heart—There Thy Treasure".

As set forth in the January issue (*page 3*) of this magazine, the 1948 Annie Armstrong Offering goal is 60% higher than the 1947 goal. It may be reached rather easily if every organization will give 60% more than it gave last March, such victory being more easily attained if most of the members give on the same high ratio. Preparation and perseverance will be essential in this effort.

The study of home mission books and of the week's program material will be one excellent way to prepare. Then too the facts learned in such study will be not only personally strengthening but will also be useful in persuading other people to enter wholeheartedly into the observance of the Week of Prayer (*March 1-5*).

True too is the fact that where your heart goes forth in earnest prayer there will your treasure be invested in proportion to the need and to your ability in each instance. Turning to the 4th verse of Psalm 109, you will see how in great danger David confidently turned to prayer. According to the American Standard Edition the latter part of that verse reads: "But I give myself unto prayer". Oh, that W.M.U. women and young people will now do the same as they realize the great dangers encamped around the home mission fields! Turning to the 44th verse of Luke 22, you will see how "in an agony Christ prayed more earnestly". Oh, that W.M.U. women and young people will sense Christ's agony for the unsaved people in our southland and will pray more earnestly than ever before! Turning to the 4th verse of Acts 6 you will see how the disciples realized their need of prayer and announced: "We will continue steadfastly in prayer", the blessing being quickly felt: "The Word of God increased and the number of the disciples multiplied exceedingly". Oh, that W.M.U. women and young people will continue steadfastly in prayer that God's Word may be proclaimed all over our southland and that multiplied thousands may turn unto the Lord! W.M.U. members will thus give themselves to steadfast, more earnest prayer if they believe that their hearts control their gifts.—Kathleen Mallory

OUR COMMEMORATION YEAR

"Sing Many Songs"

"**W**AKE sweet melody, sing many songs", says the prophet Isaiah. This year of commemoration gives us added cause for praise and thanksgiving. Those undaunted women of earlier years met each new experience and challenge "singing unto the Lord".

In his letter to the Corinthians Paul speaks of singing and praying and of both he says to do it "with the spirit and with understanding also". The words of our missionary hymns have been written on occasions of great missionary undertakings and endeavor. We will do well to store in heart and mind the words of these hymns so that our singing will be "with the spirit and with the understanding also". The chorister of your Woman's Missionary Society could wisely use a few minutes each month in the general missionary meeting to give facts concerning one of the great missionary hymns. There are many splendid books on hymnology that would yield a wealth of such material. The chorister might call attention to the words of the hymn; a good reader might read or give from memory the words of the hymn.

Paul said: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God". This year as we are setting ourselves to read God's Word through, may we let it dwell in us richly! "Jesus Shall Reign", the hymn for this Commemoration Year, was one of the hymns used often in the early years of Woman's Missionary Union's organized life. The hymn gives our hearts added assurance of the known fact that Jesus shall reign. Sing the hymn with spirit and understanding—joyously and positively—with movement in keeping with the spirit of the song. It is a transcription of the Seventy-second Psalm. Isaac Watts transformed it from an Old Testament lyric into a distinctively New Testament one, imitating a psalm of David in the language of the new faith.

Let us heed Isaiah's admonition and sing many songs. Study the listing of the missionary hymns in your hymnal—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"—praise to His name: "Jesus Saves"—our message for the world: "O, Zion Haste"—remembering that the work of the Lord requireth haste; "Lead On, O King Eternal"—recognizing God's leadership in the task. These hymns and many others of like spirit will help us give expression to the allegiance of our lives in the great missionary task.

This year as we pause to remember that we may commemorate, "let us come before His presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful poise unto Him with psalms" as we sing many songs. Among the hymns often used by Woman's Missionary Union during the past sixty years were the following:

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Jesus Shall Reign
Christ for the World We Sing
O Zion Haste
The Morning Light Is Breaking

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations
The Son of God Goes Forth to War
Send the Light
The Kingdom Is Coming
The Light of the World Is Jesus



Ten Effective Strategies against Liquor Evils

W. Earl Hotalen, Field Director

National Temperance Movement, Inc.

One—Remember that your home is *more than a home*: it is the most powerfully influential *church* that your children will ever know, and it is the most lastingly impressive *school* they will ever attend. In your home *teach your children the facts about alcoholic beverages!* The book "Alcohol the Destroyer", by C. Aubrey Hearn, is ideal as textbook for the use of parents as teachers and of children as students; it costs 75 cents (*study book edition is only 50c*) at any Baptist Bookstore.

Two—Commit every member of your family to a covenant of total abstinence from alcoholic beverages. Remember, as Xenophon (400 BC) so accurately defined it: "*True temperance consists in the moderate use of things wholesome and abstinence from things harmful—as wine*". Write the following pledge on the fly-leaf of your family Bible and after prayer for help in keeping it have every member of your family sign it: "*We do hereby covenant, God being our Helper, never to drink whiskey, wine, beer or any other intoxicating beverage and always to use our influence to persuade others to abstain therefrom also*".

Three—Allow no beverages containing alcohol to be served in your home on any occasion whatever. Do not give the approval of your presence at any social functions where intoxicating liquors are served. Let your reasons therefor be known bravely and graciously!

Four—Patronize only those grocery stores, drug stores and restaurants which do not sell alcoholic beverages of any kind. Let local merchants know why you are a discriminating buyer!

Five—Subscribe only to those magazines and newspapers which do not advertise alcoholic beverages of any kind. Tell the publishers why!

Six—Carefully guard your sons and daughters from keeping company with members of the opposite sex who drink. Make sure that when your children marry they do not wed themselves to the hazards and sorrows inseparable from both heavy and moderate drinking of alcoholic beverages.

Seven—Employ no one who drinks even moderately. Tell them why!

Eight—Be sure that every adult member of your family qualifies under the laws of your state to vote *and does vote* in every city, county or state election. This is a vital part of being a good citizen and effective Christian!

Nine—Protest against the liquor-associated evils which corrupt government, threaten youth, pollute the community and war against the Christian way of life. Protest by letters to your local newspaper, by letters and telegrams to state and national lawmakers and by attending temperance meetings of your church and community. Make the weapon of protest a thing to be reckoned with by evil-doers!

Ten—Every W.M.U. member should contribute financially—either as an individual or through her society—to the support of some effectively working temperance organization. The WCTU will appreciate your membership participation and financial support. Also your missionary spirit of helpfulness to embattled temperance forces on a vast and surely advancing anti-alcohol war-front can make a splendid investment by sending financial contributions to the National Temperance Movement, Inc., 1321 Chicago Temple, 77 West Washington Street, Chicago 2, Illinois.

Baptists believe ardently in the separation of church and state but they do not believe in separating God from the affairs of state. An ancient prophecy says: "*For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder. . .*" (Isa. 9:6). Devout Christians labor and pray to achieve that ideal of social organization which has government resting on the shoulders of Him, whom they worship as the Son of God, Savior and Lord, and not upon the supports of liquor tax revenues and liquor traffic partnership.

Let every W.M.U. member enlist in the war against liquor evils!

STEWARDSHIP of TITHES and OFFERINGS

How Women Can and Do Tithe

IT WAS almost time for members of X church to sign tithers' pledges. Through the teaching of the consecrated Sunday-school teacher, every woman had seen that "we are not our own", that we are only trustees. In recognition of that fact, God requires that one-tenth of what we make belongs to Him and should be brought into His storehouse. She had said that to know the truth and not to do it was sin.

Here came the questions from would-be tithers: How can I tithe when I have no income? How can I, when my husband gives me just enough to pay the bills? And I, when we have a joint account at the bank? How can I, when we are in debt? The teacher listened quietly, then told them that God does not require the impossible, that it is He who established the home and made woman a helpmate to her husband; so there must be some way to obey God's command without causing discord in the home. They went away to talk to their husbands about whether they as housewives had any part in making the income. They went away to pray and think and plan.

The next Sunday they came with solutions rather than questions:

1. Mrs. A, a widow, after deducting the taxes, insurance and upkeep, figured the last year's income from the house she offered for rent. She would give a tithe of this until she knew what her income from it would be next year (she did not deduct these expenses on the house in which she was living). To this she would add a tenth of all gifts from her relatives.

2. Mrs. B prayed definitely for God's message to convince her husband. She triumphantly reported that one-tenth of the entire family income would be set aside. Of this, she would give one-third and her husband two-thirds.

3. Mrs. D had an allowance designated to buy food and clothes. Her non-Christian husband refused to tithe. With gladness on her face she reported: "God shall have His tithe of what I handle, even if we need to do with less".

4. Mrs. E would give one-tenth of what her selfish, unreasonable husband took a notion to give her. He wouldn't listen to a systematic handling of the family income, but she would be faithful with hers. The children, too, would tithe what he gave them.

5. Mrs. F handled her husband's entire income, paying all debts and giving him money as he requested. He objected to tithing, saying they must pay all debts and then give. That month she first took a tithe to the church and then paid other bills. When he asked for money the last week she explained it was all gone and that she had paid only debts: God's first, then the merchants etc. He saw what it meant to get the "left overs". Said he: "You are right; we do owe Him first of all!"

6. Mrs. G's generous husband opened a joint account but refused to tithe. She said timidly: "I draw checks for what I really want and need, so I'll keep account of the amount I check out and I'll draw out one-tenth of that amount for the Lord. I want and need to give to Him".

7. Mrs. H, a farmer's wife, had only egg-money as her own. Not satisfied to give only a tithe of that, she asked her husband to add to it one-tenth of the amount he spent on her and the children—to cut down on expenses if necessary. When he saw her earnestness and determination he consented.

Women may not have salaries, but they do have incomes. They may be small, they may be great; but as to tithing, we can if we will.—Mrs. E. C. Kolb, South Carolina

COMMUNITY MISSIONS

Every Christian a Soul-winner

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, President
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A YOUNG physician opened his office in New York as an eye specialist. He was unknown, and his practice came slowly. One day he saw an old peddler almost blind from cataracts on his eyes. He took the old man to his office, operated on his eyes and restored his sight. The peddler was profoundly grateful but had not one penny to pay. The doctor made no charges whatever, he only asked the peddler to tell everybody he saw all about his doctor and the operation. That physician soon developed a lucrative practice, because he had a good witness to his skill. That is like what Jesus meant when he said, "Ye shall be My witnesses". That means soul-winning.

Not every Christian can become a great preacher or give vast sums. But every Christian can tell others about how Christ saved him and about how Christ helps one to live victoriously. If a Christian knows anything good about Jesus, surely he can tell someone else.

Qualifications for Soul-winning

People will believe on Christ in multitudes if enough Christians with the right qualifications will witness for Him. First, a witness must have an experience of conversion. The blind man of John 9 could witness worthily for Christ because he could say, "One thing I know: that, whereas I was blind, now I see".

A second qualification for soul-winning is a genuine love for Christ. Along with vital love for Christ goes a deep love for souls, a yearning to win souls, a pleading with souls.

The next qualification is a consistent consecrated character. Consecrated Christian character is the cutting edge of soul-winning. One cannot lead another closer to Christ than he himself lives. Like Goldsmith's "Village Preacher", a soul-winner must "allure to brighter worlds and lead the way".

Another qualification essential for soul-winning is trust in the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit stands beside a soul-winner, not only aiding him with wisdom and power but also working conviction in the heart of the lost person.

Scarcity of Soul-winners

Jesus knew! Jesus knew that the greatest difficulty about soul-winning is not that of persuading the lost to turn to Christ: it is to get Christians to try to lead them to Christ. Jesus said to pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest. Alas, it was ever thus: "Harvest plenteous . . . laborers few!"

The harvest is abundant. Lost people are everywhere. One can find them if he is looking for them. They are in many homes. Lost people bring the mail or groceries or telegrams. They are found in school, at church, in business and in places of amusement. A religious census always reveals multitudes of lost people. They are tragically more plentiful than soul-winners.

It would do all Christians good to ask themselves these four questions:

- (1) How much do I care?
- (2) How sincere is my prayer?
- (3) How much of Christ do I have to share?
- (4) How far am I willing to dare?

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BOOK REVIEW and STUDY SUGGESTIONS

Miss Wille Jean Stewart, Tennessee

The Story of Missions

IN this Sixtieth Anniversary of Woman's Missionary Union, one naturally finds the mind turning toward the past and the thought of missionary beginnings. This book by Edwin W. White is a good one with which to begin one's study. It is the recommended text on the History of Missions under the Kingdom Builders series of the W.M.U. mission study courses; it traces briefly the spread of the Gospel from apostolic days until now. One does not need "a strong historical sense" to find the story a fascinating and informing one, an excellent background for a more detailed study later of the work of southern Baptists, particularly of Woman's Missionary Union. Order from your Baptist Bookstore; price, paper 50 cents; cloth 75 cents.

Session One—"A Word Before the Story" and Chapter 1. Speak briefly of the author's plan and purpose for the book (p. v). Conduct a brief devotional period on the subject "And the Gospel Came to Me", using such verses as Acts 1:8; 2:5-12; 8:4 and going on to show how happy it is for us that, even before their own lands were Christianized, missionaries went out to tell those of other lands of Jesus and thus the Gospel came to us. Now it is ours to do for others what they have done for us.

Using maps of the ancient world and of Paul's journeys, trace the spread of Christianity by individuals to the Mediterranean world—which was the only accessible world to the Christians of that day (pp. 10-13). Contrast Christianity with other oriental religions also spreading and show the power of the Christian's steadfastness under persecution, of the purity of life and of the impact of the high ethical standards and morality of the Christian religion on a corrupt society.

Appoint four women to discuss contributions to the preparation of the world to receive Jesus made by Rome, Greece and the Jews, also the practical demonstration of the need for redemption (p. 27). Show the appeal of a spiritual religion based on love. Describe the simplicity of early church life and trace the gradual development of ecclesiastical systems. In closing, sum up the progress of Christianity in the Roman world and show how the need then parallels that of today. Lead in earnest prayer for mission money to match the offered lives of southern Baptists today.

Session Two—Chapter 2. Base the day's devotional talk on Zechariah 4:6. Show how this has applied again and again in the spread of the Gospel.

Let members of the class tell of the work of Severinus, Ultilas, Clovia, Martin of Tours and the three kings (pp. 44, 45) with their mass accessions. Contrast with this the faithful witnessing of individual Christians.

Illustrate with a poster the work of the monks and monasteries and show the importance of a settled, long-time demonstration in a heathen world. Compare with Christian homes of missionaries, today.

Discuss the moral conditions of Europe and the state of the church (Catholic) in the days before the reformation. Call on the class to tell of the work of Patrick, Columba and Columbana and others like them and of Gregory. Note the work of Anskar among the Norsemen and the sporadic efforts in eastern Europe and in Russia.

In closing show what Europe owes to Christianity. Pray for a great, sweeping revival among the nations of the world.

Session Three—Chapters 3, 4. Base the devotional talk on Psalm 33:12, speaking of America as God's place for what was to the world a new experiment in freedom of worship and the political freedom that goes with it. Show that, whatever other motives there may have been, freedom to worship was one of the moving reasons that led to the early English settlements in our country. In contrast with

this, show the influence of Catholic missions on the settlements in South and Central America and Mexico and the southwest. Appoint women to sketch briefly the religious influences in each of the early American colonies, using a map. Summarize as on p. 91 ff. Discuss the work for Indians and Negroes during this period.

Note the westward spread at the time of and after the American Revolution. On a map of the United States trace its course to the Mississippi and thence westward to the Pacific and to Hawaii.

In a general discussion bring out the various facets of home mission work, then and now for the Indians, Negroes, Jews, immigrants, migrants etc. Discuss what it means to the rest of the world that America is as Christian as it is. Pray that she may experience a great revival and become more Christian.

Session Four—Chapters 5, 6. Base the devotional talk on Matthew 28:19, 20. Note the lapse of missionary effort with the growing temporal power of the church. Show conditions at the time of the beginning of the modern missionary movement (pp. 145-151). Using a map show early efforts of protestants with emphasis on Spener, the Danish Halle Mission and the settlement at Herrnhut.

Ask good story-tellers to give the stories of the call and work of William Carey, Robert Morrison and the Judsons. Discuss the work of the Moffats and Livingstone in Africa.

Using a chart show the beginnings of the great missionary organizations. Omitting the statistics of chapter 6, which are out of date, list the types of mission work done in the various lands and its effectiveness. From general reading supply some idea of the problems confronting missions today in all lands. Close with earnest prayer for a genuine revival of the missionary spirit in all our churches.

Mark your calendar, please!

ENCIRCLE with red the week of May 17. At that time southern Baptists will be assembled in annual session in Memphis, Tenn. Woman's Missionary Union sessions will commence that Monday morning, the closing session being scheduled for Tuesday night, May 18, before the Southern Baptist Convention is called to order on Wednesday, May 19. In ample time this magazine and other denominational publications will explain when and how to make hotel reservations.

ENCIRCLE with red the following summer weeks: during the week of June 1-8 the Home Mission Board will conduct its conference at Ridgecrest; then during June 17-23 inclusive the Y.W.A. Camp will be held at Ridgecrest; commencing with a night session on Thursday, July 29, and closing with the night session of Wednesday, August 4, the W.M.U. Conference including the B.W.C. Conference will be held there at Ridgecrest, after which will occur the Foreign Missions Conference and the Young Men's Missions Conference, August 5-11. Watch this magazine for further notices but begin now to be at Ridgecrest this coming summer.

Community Missions (Concluded from Page 7)

A Program for Soul-winners

Every Christian should formulate a definite program of soul-winning for himself and discipline himself in performing it.

Every soul-winner should have a prayer list, a prayer place and a prayer time. Many have prayer partners and team mates in soul-winning. Try to set aside a definite time each week, say Thursday afternoon or evening, to be kept sacred for soul-winning only. It is a good self-discipline for soul-winners to set goals, such as endeavoring to speak to at least one person every week about his salvation and trying to win not less than a given number of souls each year. Will you join with thousands of others in setting up a specific program for soul-winning during the year just ahead?

BIBLE STUDY

Dr. W. O. Carver, Kentucky

God and the Family

Psalm 78:1-7; Deut. 6:7

ONE of the unique features of the Hebrew religion was the family. It was different from the family in other religions and cultures. In the Hebrew conception and practice of the family is to be found one of the most powerful factors in the long continuity of that religion and of race. We may almost say that fathers and prophets are the human perpetuators of the purpose and presence of God through the centuries from Abraham to Jesus. We see this exemplified in the patriarchs and studiously provided for in the teaching of Moses.

There can be no substitute for the family as the channel for the manifestation of God and for instruction in His ways. That is why the disintegration and the perversion of the family in our American society today are such fateful symptoms of degeneracy and danger of calamity. Good and essential as they are, our church schools of all grades and types cannot do for the members of the family—children especially and adults also—what the teaching of God and His Word in the home would do. It is well that we give attention this month to the teaching function of parents and to genuine family religion. Of the many Scriptures which bring to our attention this matter of primary importance we select two.

The 78th Psalm is among the largest. It traces in many paragraphs God's great acts and teachings in the history of Israel. These all are given as examples of the lessons which are to be taught and impressed in the homes, generation by generation. Thus the awareness of God was to be the very atmosphere in which the people live and His words and will the very law of existence for them. The first paragraph, eight verses, introduces all the rest.

Verse one calls for close attention to the law and the life of God in the history of the people and of the world. As God's people we must give ear to His law and close heed to the words which He speaks. That call God sounds all through the experiences which make up the story of the Old Testament. By pictures in parables and by piquant mysteries that arouse the imagination through curiosity, children and older people alike are to be instructed, verse 2.

Verses 3 and 4 stress the importance of the continuity of teaching from generation to generation. Thus the accumulating manifestation and message of God will prove the core of the curriculum of a people's culture. We tell what we have heard along with what is known to us. What our fathers have told us we will not hide from our children. We will train the oncoming generation in praising the Lord, making them know His strength manifested in the wonderful works He has done.

Such was the method inaugurated by God when He "established a testimony to Jacob" through the word of Abraham and Isaac and when He "appointed a law in Israel" through Moses and other prophets. And He commanded that all should make these laws and commands known to their children, verse 5. Verse 6 is impressively beautiful in its stress on God's wish for unbroken continuity of such teaching. Thus each oncoming generation would get to know, for as yet unborn children would be born into this family-school of God. As each generation arose they would make it their joy to tell their children the wondrous story. The great comprehensive religious purpose of all this plan is that all should "set their hope in God nor ever forget His works but guard themselves in His commandments", verse 7.

Marvelously beautiful and impressive is the paragraph in Deuteronomy 6:4-7. There Moses shows how we are to love God with our whole being and (verse 7) diligently in all sorts of impressive ways and connections teach our children the words of God until the whole of life will be enveloped in God.

Missionary Selections in Daily Bible Readings in March

NOTE: The following Scriptures have been selected by Dr. W. C. James of Virginia as having missionary import from the March daily Bible readings according to Dr. John R. Sampey's plan. The book-marks in the use of this plan may be secured 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 perforated for easy detachment to keep with the book-marks.

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| 1—Luke 17:1-10 | 13—Psa. 103:19-22 | 22—Deut. 9:5 |
| 2—Psa. 82:8 | Psa. 104:33-35 | Deut. 10:12-22 |
| Luke 18:1-14, 29, 30 | John 5:19, 36 | Psa. 121:1, 2 |
| 3—Psa. 83:18 | 14—Psa. 105:1-8 | Psa. 122:1, 2 |
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| 9—Psa. 95:3-5 | Deut. 4:6-8 | 27—Psa. 132:3-5 |
| Psa. 96:3, 10-13 | Psa. 115:1-8 | John 19:4, 5, 20 |
| John 1:1-18 | Psa. 116:12-14 | John 19:38-40 |
| 10—Num. 21:4, 9 | John 11:39a, 41a | 28—John 20:21-23 |
| Psa. 97:1, 4, 5, 9 | John 11:47, 48 | 29—Deut. 23:21-23 |
| Psa. 98:3, 4, 9 | John 11:51, 52 | Psa. 135:5, 6 |
| John 2:5, 15, 16, 23 | 20—Deut. 5:29 | Psa. 136:1-3, 25, 26 |
| 11—Num. 23:3, 5, 8, 12, 16 | Deut. 6:4-9 | John 21:15-17 |
| Num. 23:20, 21, 26 | Psa. 117:1, 2 | John 21:19-23 |
| Num. 24:12, 13 | Psa. 118:22, 23 | 30—Psa. 137:5, 6 |
| Psa. 99:1-3 | John 12:20-22 | Psa. 138:4, 5 |
| Psa. 100:1, 2 | John 12:31-33 | Acts 1:1-26 |
| John 3:16, 17 | 21—Deut. 7:6-8 | 31—Deut. 28:1-14 |
| 12—Psa. 102:15, 19-22 | Deut. 8:3 | Psa. 139:17, 18 |
| John 4:21-24 | Psa. 119:11, 18, 63 | Acts 2:1-47 |
| John 4:35-38 | Psa. 119:98-100 | |
| | John 13:12-17 | |

SPRING cleaning and March are akin. In doing such cleaning please remember that outmoded but still usable clothes, whether winter or spring ones, will be a blessing to suffering Europeans. So please get all such all clean again and ship by parcel post or prepaid express to

Southern Baptist Relief Center
740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans 16, La.

FAMILY WORSHIP

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: The Christian Home, Our Immediate Task

A blessing comes to a family.

Duties in the Home

1st Day—I Chron. 13:14; 1 John 1:1-4
2nd Day—John 11:5-7, 11-24; Acts 7:52-58
3rd Day—John 11:25-45; Col. 3:1-11
4th Day—Acts 16:13-15, 27-34; Col. 3:12-17
5th Day—Psa. 127:1-5; Matt. 15:21-28
6th Day—Prov. 17:6; 23:22; Matt. 2:1-12
7th Day—Prov. 20:7-11, 27-30; Acts 26:19-23

15th Day—Gen. 18:19; Matt. 13:31-34
16th Day—I Cor. 7:10-16, 39, 40; Matt. 13:47-52
17th Day—Ex. 20:12; Luke 18:15-17
18th Day—Josh. 24:14-18; Luke 18:18-27
19th Day—Psa. 101:1-8; Luke 14:15-24
20th Day—Eccl. 12:1-13; Luke 12:31-40
21st Day—Eph. 6:1-9; Isa. 60:1-3, 10-14

The Child Jesus

22nd Day—Luke 2:1-20; John 11:19-27
23rd Day—Luke 2:21-40; 1 Cor. 15:1-11
24th Day—Luke 2:41-52; 1 Cor. 15:12-20
25th Day—Luke 3:1-22; 1 Cor. 15:50-58
26th Day—Luke 4:1-15; John 16:27 to 17:1
27th Day—Luke 5:1-11; 11 Pet. 3:8-13
28th Day—Luke 5:12-26; John 10:7-16
29th Day—Luke 9:49-62; Eccl. 1:1-3
30th Day—Luke 11:1-13; Eccl. 2:1-7
31st Day—Luke 12:8, 9; Eccl. 3:4-11

The Child Samuel

8th Day—I Sam. 1:1, 2, 8-18; 1 Cor. 6:12-20
9th Day—I Sam. 1:19-28; 1 Cor. 9:19-27
10th Day—I Sam. 2:1-11; Prov. 23:29-35
11th Day—I Sam. 2:18-26; Matt. 5:21-26
12th Day—I Sam. 3:1-21; Titus 2:1-8
13th Day—I Sam. 9:1-27; John 13:5-15
14th Day—I Sam. 10:1-13; 1 Pet. 4:1-5

"Pray Ye"

Thank God for Jesus Christ and that through Him "whosoever will" may have eternal life.

Ask God's guidance in national, state and local governments, praying for those who make and administer the laws, that righteousness may prevail.

Intercede for lost souls in the southland and for Christians who are seeking to win them to Christ, remembering especially the revivals and cottage prayer-meetings.

Pray that the observance of the Week of Prayer, March 1-5 inclusive, may greatly promote home missions, asking that each W.M.U. member and every society will give with unusual generosity toward the goal of \$800,000 for the Annie Armstrong Offering.

Intercede for the S.B.C. meeting commencing May 19 in Memphis, asking God's guidance for its president and program committee, for Memphis pastors and committees in preparatory activities. Pray too most earnestly for southwide W.M.U. meeting also in Memphis, starting Monday morning, May 17.

Pray for summer meetings, especially for W.M.U. Conference at Ridgecrest, July 29-August 4 inclusive, the B.W.C. Conference being coincident.

Plead for a world-wide spiritual revival and for the establishment of world-wide peace according to the will of God.

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CALENDAR of PRAYER

MARCH, 1948

Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

BE STRONG! We are not here to play, to dream, to drift; We have hard work to do and loads to lift; Shun not the struggle—face it; 'tis God's gift. Be strong! Say not "The days are evil, who's to blame?" And fold the hands and acquiesce—oh shame! Stand up, speak up and, bravely, in God's name. Be strong! It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong, How hard the battle goes, the day how long; Faint not—fight on! Tomorrow comes the song.

—Malbie D. Babcock

1—MONDAY

That the women and young people may faithfully observe each day of the Week of Prayer and give generously to the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions, March 1-5 Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the people. —1 Chron. 16:8

2—TUESDAY

Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Williams, Misses Martha Franks and Isabelle G. Coleman, educational evangelists, Shanghai, China, and Mrs. C. G. McDaniel, emerita, China. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light and there is no occasion of stumbling in him. —1 John 2:10

3—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Allen, Carthage, Rev. E. W. Willis, Philadelphia, Miss., evangelists among Indians. Let Thine ear now be attentive and Thine eyes open, that Thou mayest hear the prayer of Thy servant. —Neb. 1:6

4—THURSDAY

Woman's Missionary Union of Central Chile. That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty. —Josh. 4:24

5—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Carson, evangelism, Fort Hancock, Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Howell, medical evangelism, Eku, (Miss Josephine Scuzz, educational evangelism, Potokran, Nigeria). Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing. —Eccl. 8:5

6—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Lopes, Sebastian, Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Lowry, Beaumont, Rev. and Mrs. C. Wickham, Ballinger, Texas, Rev. and Mrs. M. Lopez, Santa Fe, N. M., evangelism among Mexicans. Let us not be weary in well-doing. —Gal. 6:9

7—SUNDAY

That evidence of a World-wide Spiritual Revival may be seen in all S.B.C. churches, particularly among lay members. Forgive Thy people that have sinned against Thee and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against Thee. —1 Kings 8:50

8—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Bagby, Goyaria, Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Oliver, Curitiba, evangelism, Rev. B. H. Foreman, industrial evangelism, Larcene, Brazil; also Bruce Oliver, Margaret Ford student. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. —1 John 3:11

9—TUESDAY

State Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting: North Carolina, Greensboro, March 2-11. That ye may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost. —Rom. 15:13

10—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. R. Machado, Havana, Rev. and Mrs. F. Santana, Catorre, Cuba, evangelism; also Esther, Moses and Reuben Machado, Margaret Ford students. The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty. —Zeph. 3:17

11—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Owens, Rafia, Rev. and Mrs. Ellen Grover, Nazareth, Palestine, Rev. and Mrs. M. P. Callaway, Bahrain, Persian Gulf, Arabia, educational evangelism; also Laurella and Rosalind Owens, Margaret Ford students. Fear not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God. —Isa. 41:10

12—FRIDAY

Woman's Missionary Union Executive Committee, state executive and young people's secretaries; also state departmental chairmen. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! —Isa. 52:7

13—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Brantley, evangelism, New Orleans, La.; also Miss Emma Leachman and Eva Smith, emerita. The Lord is the true God, He is the loving God and an everlasting King. —Jer. 10:10

14—SUNDAY

That family prayer may be consistently offered for the little children in missionaries' homes. To seek of Him a right way for us and for our little ones. —Ezek. 34:21

15—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Harrison, Porto Alegre, Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Johnson, Rev. and Mrs. Belle Taylor, Recife, Brazil, educational evangelism. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. —Matt. 12:34

Calendar of Prayer for March

16—TUESDAY

State annual Women's Missionary Union meetings: Alabama, Mobile; Georgia, Savannah; Virginia, Lynchburg, March 14-18. Happy are these, Thy servants, that stand continually before Thee and that hear Thy wisdom. —1 Kings 10:9

17—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. Becerra, Sancti Spiritum, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Garcia, Regia, evangelism, (Miss Christine Garnett, educational evangelism, Consolacion del Sur, Cuba. Blessed are those servants whom the Lord, when He cometh, shall find watching. —Luke 12:37

18—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Ware, Misses Hannah Fair Salter, Pearl Johnson, Mary Lucile Sanders, educational evangelism, Shanghai, China, also Emily Ware, Margaret Fund students. Those that wait upon the Lord shall labor in the earth. —Ps. 127:9

19—FRIDAY

Prof. and Mrs. F. E. Buldalo, Waco, Mrs. Elizabeth Jacobo, San Antonio, Miss Concepcion Rivera, San Marcos, Texas, educational evangelism among Mexicans. Seek the Lord and His strength, seek His face continually. —1 Chron. 16:11

20—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Bowdler, Cipolletti, Rev. and Mrs. V. L. David, Cordoba, evangelism, Mrs. P. J. Fowler, Mendoza, Argentina, also William Bowdler and Ray S. David, Margaret Fund students. The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, which is given to us. —Rom. 5:5

21—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Moore, Chiba, Rev. and Mrs. A. Hutton, Brazil, Miss Ethel Guert, Nigeria, apoplexics. Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord. —Ps. 11:34

22—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Landro, Dallas, Texas, Rev. L. H. Gune, Oklahoma City, Okla., Rev. J. W. Gardner, Hollins College, Va., evangelism among deaf. Behold! My servants shall sing for joy of Me. —Isa. 45:14

23—TUESDAY

State annual Women's Missionary Union meetings: Florida, Ocala, Tennessee, Nashville, March 23-25, also annual meeting of Cuban W.M.U., March 21. I will meditate also of all Thy work and talk of Thy doings. —Ps. 77:12

24—WEDNESDAY

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Pool, educational evangelism, Misses Ruth Kersey, Oxbombado, and Tere Sanders, Jr., medical evangelism, also Mrs. L. M. Duval, emerita, Niagra. The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: Thou maintainest my lot. —Ps. 16:5

25—THURSDAY

Baptist believers in Spain. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. —Ps. 91:1

26—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. I. E. Gonzalez, educational evangelism, Corpus Christi, Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Miram, Brownsville, Rev. A. R. Carrasco, Laredo, Texas, evangelism among Mexicans. Let us hold fast our profession. —Heb. 4:14

27—SATURDAY

Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Wood, evangelism, Misses Georgia Mae Ogburn and Ethel Singleton, educational evangelism, Santiago, Chile. He that winneth souls is wise. Prov. 11:30

28—SUNDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. Medina, Guanabacoa, Rev. and Mrs. A. Martinez, Cardenas, Rev. and Mrs. D. Hernandez, Guines, Cuba, evangelism, also Marie Esther Hernandez and Otoniel Martinez, Margaret Fund students. Be not slackful but followers of them who through faith inherit the promise. —Heb. 6:12

29—MONDAY

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hippa, Misses Rose Marlowe and Arthur Telford, Shanghai, Miss Sophie Lannau, Soochow, China, educational evangelism, also Jackson S. Hippa, Margaret Fund students. God giveth is a man, that is grieved in His sight, wisdom and knowledge and joy. —Eccles. 2:26

30—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. Mojica Jr., San Antonio, Rev. and Mrs. A. Ortiz, Honda, Rev. and Mrs. D. M. Regalado, Rio Grande City, Tex., evangelism among Mexicans. Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only. —James 1:22

31—WEDNESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Patterson, Miss Virginia Hagood, educational evangelism, Lagos, Rev. and Mrs. I. N. Patterson, evangelism, Abenokuta, Nigeria. God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you. —1 Sam. 12:13

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

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 Window of Y.W.A.*, *Ambassador Life* and *World Comrades*, \$1 a year each from same Birmingham address; *The Commission*, 50c a year from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond 20, Virginia; *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, 25c a year from Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta 3, Ga. Each one participating in the following program should have access at least to the magazine in which her article appears. (See also page 35 of 1948 W.M.U. Year Book and page 17 of this magazine).

TOPIC: Tares in the Kingdom (Evils in America)

Scripture Study—*Luke 12:35-40*

"Rescue the Perishing" (See March issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

For a Christian Homeland (See March issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

A Christian Home for Transjordan (See March issue of *The Commission*.)

Turn On the Lights (See March issue of *The Commission*.)

Something to Think About (See March issue of *Ambassador Life*.)

Maybe They'll Believe (See March issue of *World Comrades*.)

We Want a Campaign—Will You Join? (See March issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.*)

Ten Effective Strategies against Liquor Evils (See page 5 of this magazine.)

Every Christian a Soul-winner (See page 7 of this magazine.)

For March 1-5 Inclusive

You will be on the alert that no meetings in your church or association conflict with the observance of the WEEK OF PRAYER for HOME MISSIONS, MARCH 1-5, INCLUSIVE. Seek to have a program every day and to have each of the W.M.U. young people's organizations also carry out its program finely.

Program Plans Prepared by Mrs. James L. Monroe, Alabama W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Ky.

Purpose: To give inspiration, motivation and technique in building a home of real worth and eternal value

Publicity: Place on the church bulletin board a large poster announcing the meeting. You might use white cardboard on which has been pasted a picture of an attractive young lady, plus a clean-cut young man, plus a picture of Christ, equals a picture of a beautiful home. Print under the pictures **Mother + Father + Christ = Christian Home**. Near the bottom print "Our Immediate Task"—Date _____ Time _____ Place _____

Mail out several days in advance on small white personal cards the following individual invitation (*giving also date, time and place*).

You are cordially invited to attend
A wedding shower for a friend.
Miss Ima Christian, the bride-to-be,
Will be honored in a way you must see.

Prepare individual programs, using a heavy white paper or cardboard. Fold paper double and cut in shape of a house. Cut door and windows so they will fold back. The program outline should be found when the door and windows are opened. (*For program outline and material, see pages 18-24*)

Presentation: Present the program in the form of a bridal shower for Miss Ima Christian, who is soon to establish a home with Paul Trueheart. If you wish, the shower can be formal, with the ladies dressed in colorful formal. The stage setting should be a comfortable living room. Assign parts early, so the program may be given in a conversational manner, making it apply personally to the bride. As the guests arrive, there is laughter and gaiety. The program chairman, as hostess, introduces the program as follows: "In the midst of all this gladness we wish to introduce a solemn note. The wedding of Miss Ima Christian and Paul Trueheart has been planned. They are pledged to each other for a deep and sacred purpose, the founding of a Christian home. Because we know this home is of utmost importance to them, our party is dedicated to the immediate task of symbolizing those things which will be needed to make theirs a Christian home".

Explain that some friends could not attend but sent cards. Have the bride open and read aloud greeting cards on which have been printed the poems on "Home" at the beginning of the program. As the part "Home Sweet Home" is being given, present to the bride a wall placard of "Home Sweet Home". If desired, all the gifts may be attractively wrapped; the bride may open them while the individual parts are being given. Other gifts for "Home Sweet Home" could be a young man's picture, signifying companionship, and something useful in entertaining, signifying experiences. At the conclusion of this first part, without announcement, have soloist sing "Home Sweet Home". The one discussing "The Influences of the Home" might present as a gift an attractive scrap-book of homes of our great men. Turn the pages as though on them were the pictures of homes of Washington, Jefferson, Truett etc. In giving "Building Christian Homes" present to the bride the Bible and copies of *Open Windows* and *Home Life*. The gifts to be presented during discussion of "The Home and Missions" should be copies of *Royal Service*, *World Comrades*, *Ambassador Life* and *The Window of F.W.A.* Assign each statement "For Home" to individuals already on program. It would be impressive as each quotes her statement from "For Home" to stand and give it as a charge or toast to the bride. Have soft music as background. At the conclusion the honoree might thank them for the inspiration and beautiful symbolism of the meeting and resolve that her home will be a light that will shine out in the darkness.

Suggested Visual Aids (Order from your Baptist Bookstore.)

For building devotional or worship service around colored slide use
Cc551 Copping—Jesus and the Children price 60c
Cc547 Uhde von—Welcome Guest price 60c
Cc750 Muller—Holy Family price 60c.

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Business Woman's Circles

Miss Mary Christian
W.M.U. Representative

We are grateful to Mrs. Anita Ponder of First Baptist B.W.C., Baton Rouge, La., for the program suggestions this month.

THE programs, which my circle seems to enjoy most and those that put over the subject matter most effectively, are the ones that are carried out in playlet style.

The most successful of these are those that are informal and natural, with each person knowing what she is going to say but saying it simply in her own words. The main character in the playlet must of necessity have poise and versatility and be able to fill in where necessary, because the smoothness and the success of the entire playlet will depend upon her. Such a person, with the cooperation of other members, can produce a playlet that will hold the interest of the circle and will impart the message in a way that an ordinary program could never do.

Advance Preparation:

(1) *Invitations*—Postal cards may be used for these, on which is a drawing of a house or a sticker of a house, also the words, "The Christian Home Our Immediate Task". At the bottom of the card may be placed the date, time and place of meeting.

(2) *Programs*—These may be made of construction paper in the shape of a house with topic and sub-topics listed inside.

(3) At the front of the room in which the playlet is to be held, or on the platform if there is one, arrange a typical family living room. Six women may be used, one to represent the B.W.C. program chairman who has called five others together to help her plan the program for the next circle meeting. (*For program material see pages 18-24*).

Presentation:

"Home Sweet Home" may be played softly while the program chairman is preparing the room for her guests, placing chairs, arranging flowers etc. She explains that the Program Committee is coming to plan the March B.W.C. program and that the topic, "The Christian Home", is most important. After the five women arrive and are seated at the table with *Royal Service* and other missionary magazines before them, the program chairman stresses the importance of presenting this program well, using the material in the topic, "Home Sweet Home", as she talks. She asks them what each would like to discuss. One, looking at *Royal Service*, says she sees the topic on "The Influence of the Home" and that she would like to take that. They have an informal discussion of this with the one choosing it taking the lead. Another says she notices that Christian homes and missionary interests are closely related; using the topic, "The Home and Missions", she links it up in the discussion on the influence of the home. The program chairman says she wants to know what can be done to make homes Christian; another replies by using the topics, "Building Christian Homes" and "For Home".

After the discussion, the hostess could thank the others for coming, stating that she felt the program at the next circle meeting would be most helpful and interesting; she asks that they have a prayer that they will do all they can for their own homes, their neighbors' homes and the homes of the whole world. While this prayer is going on, a medley of "Jesus Shall Reign" and "Come, Women, Wide Proclaim" may be played softly.

Program Plans (Concluded from Page 16)

For interpretation of pictures see *Christ and the Fine Arts*.
For open forum or discussion use following film strip
The Christian Family: price \$2.50.

PROGRAM MATERIAL

Mrs. C. D. Cressman, Tennessee

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

TOPIC for MONTH: The Christian Home, Our Immediate Task

Hymn for Year—Jesus Shall Reign

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

Bible Study—Psalm 78:1-7; Deuteronomy 6:7 (*See page 10.*)

Prayer that we may realize the importance of the home in the education of the child

Hymn—I Love to Tell the Story

Home, Sweet Home

—The Influence of the Home

Building Christian Homes

Prayer for God's blessing on our homes

Hymn—The Solid Rock

—The Home and Missions

For Home

Hymn—Come, Women, Wide Proclaim

Prayer that we may do all we can for our own homes, our neighbors' homes and the homes of the whole world

HOME, SWEET HOME

"Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home".

"East and west, at home the best"

"Home, my own home, tiny though thou be,
To me thou seemest an abbey".

"The home is the place nearest Paradise on earth,
A hint of the Eden of the past
And a prophecy of Paradise regained".

"One spot alone on earth
Is fair to me—

There centers all the mirth,
There I would be.

There, only there, God's sunlight pierces through
And all the Heaven paints with stainless blue".

"You praise this land as fair,
Its streams, its bowers;

The common weeds are there
As rarest flowers—

The fields elysian. Ah, why should we roam?
One spot alone enchants—we call it home".

—Helen T. Churchill

THUS have different writers expressed their sentiments about home. The love of home is universal. Poets write about it, musicians express it in song, artists paint it into their pictures. Be it a cottage or a castle, a tent or a tenement, a hogan or a hut, a penthouse or a palace, a farmhouse or a flat, home is sweet to those who live there.

Home was the first institution given by God to man. Long before there was a state, a school or a church, there were homes. Before sin entered the world there was a home—a perfect home. When sin came the shamed man and woman, driven from their Eden home, went out to establish a new home, not perfect as the other had been, but their one hope for something still good in the world.

Home is sweet because of its companionships. Family ties are closest. We live in a home with those nearest and dearest to us. We share the same joys, the same sorrows, the same desires, hopes and fears. What happens to one is the concern of all. All are much alike in tastes, habits and manner of life.

Home is sweet because of its experiences. Much of life is lived in the home. There we eat and sleep, work and play, read and write, study and rest, entertain our friends and prepare for our excursions into the outside world. The sweetest experiences of life are in the home—weddings, new babies, birthdays, Thanksgiving feasts, Christmas gatherings, entertainment of guests, just the every-day comings and goings of the family. Even the sad experiences make the home sweet, held in sacred memory because within its walls loved ones have suffered and passed away. "It takes a heap o' livin' in a house to make it home".

Home is sweet because of its associations. The house itself, the furniture, the pictures on the wall, the front yard, the garden, the flowers, trees and shrubs—all are precious because associated with the experiences of life. That tree under which we played as children, the picture over the living room mantel at which we have looked a thousand times, the lamp by which Father sat to read the evening paper, the yellow bowl in which Mother mixed her cookies—all associated with happy memories which make home sweet home.

For home to be truly sweet it must be the right kind of a home, where love and unselfishness prevail and the Golden Rule is law. To be truly sweet the home must be truly Christian. Because there are so many homes that are not Christian, because even our own homes may not be as Christian as they should be, we are devoting this program to a study of the topic, "The Christian Home, Our Immediate Task". Surely it is our desire that all homes where men and women live and little children grow shall be made sweet by the presence of God.

"Home, sweet home"—

Your home sweet to you,

My home sweet to me!

O God make all the homes

As sweet as they should be,

Blessed by Thy presence

And kept in sanctity.

THE INFLUENCE of the HOME

"If the homes are happy the world is happy".

"A church within a church, a republic within a republic, a world within a world, is spelled by four letters—home! If things go right there, they go right everywhere; if things go wrong there, they go wrong everywhere. The door-sill of a dwelling house is the foundation of the church and state".

A HOME can be such an influence for evil. A young man convicted of murder was visited in his cell by his mother. He said to her, "If it had not been for you I should never have been here". She exclaimed, "I'm sure I never told you to do any harm". He answered, "I'm sure you never told me to do any good". A religious worker, who interviewed all prisoners condemned to the electric chair in a state penitentiary over a period of years, said that without exception they held their homes responsible for their lives of crime.

The problem of juvenile delinquency is rooted in home delinquency. A recent "This Is Your F.B.I." broadcast told the sad story of the effect of home neglect on the life of a high school girl. This girl begged her mother to go to school to see a

play in which she had a prominent part. When the mother refused, saying that she would spend the afternoon at a matinee instead, the girl, disappointed and bitter because her mother never had time to do anything with her, went out that evening with evil companions, became involved in a car theft and landed in a juvenile court. It is said that three-fourths of our delinquents and criminals are from broken and irreligious homes. J. Edgar Hoover writes: "The career of practically every delinquent can be traced back to parental neglect, which in turn usually originates in divorce". When mothers think more of cards than of their children, when fathers think more of business than of their boys, when the fumes of the wine cellar and the cocktail bar and cigarette smoke pollute the atmosphere of home, when the home becomes just a place where the family drops in occasionally to change clothes and snatch a bite to eat, when growing boys and girls spend more time in the back alley and the corner drugstore and the movies than they do with their parents, the home condition of our country is becoming serious.

The home may have a wonderful influence for good. Indeed the home is the greatest institution for good in the world. The school and the church make wonderful contributions to the development of character, but without the cooperation of the home their work is difficult and often futile.

Great homes make great men. Many men of prominence attribute much of their success to the early training in their homes. Washington, Lincoln and many others pay tribute to the influence of their homes. William Jennings Bryan said that before he was ten years old his mother planted in his heart aversion to drinking, swearing and gambling with the result that he fought those things all of his life. In the home of the great preacher, Andrew Murray of South Africa, eleven children grew to adult life. Five of the six sons became ministers and four of the daughters became ministers' wives. In the next generation, ten sons became ministers and thirteen became missionaries. This is a striking example of the influence of a Christian home for good.

Great homes make great nations. "Christian homes have ever been the bulwark of our nation. The day the home wanes the nation begins to decay". A noted judge writes: "Let's get the home back where it belongs. It's a human relationship based on a high moral and religious standard, and its preservation is vital to every one of us".

Over our land are a few old houses preserved and open to the public, because they were homes of some of our nation's greatest men. Such is Mt. Vernon, the home of George Washington; Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson; the Hermitage, the home of Andrew Jackson; Hyde Park, the home of Franklin D. Roosevelt. In North Carolina is a little house that must be placed with these others. It has no lofty columns across the front. There is no antique furniture displayed within. It is a simple little farm-house kept and loved by southern Baptists because it is the birthplace and boyhood home of Dr. George W. Truett. Many will remember that in his sermons Dr. Truett often mentioned this home and delighted to pay tribute to his parents—simple mountain folk who built a real Christian home. Gratefully it is realized that they gave to the world one of its greatest preachers.

Such homes are the bulwark of the nation.

Such homes are the hope of the world.

BUILDING CHRISTIAN HOMES

A TASK of supreme importance today is the building of Christian homes. "If we fail here, we fail everywhere. If we fail here, no state endowed colleges and universities can possibly perpetuate the life and genius of Christian culture, and no number of imposing cathedral churches can possibly insure a basic Christian character among our people. If we fail here, the Tree of Liberty will be severed at its roots, democracy will be outlawed and freedom exiled".

Family Worship—No home can be as Christian as it ought to be without family worship. Many Christian parents are failing at that point. The usual excuses of-

fered are, "Everybody too busy". "No time when the family can be together". These are not good excuses, for no family should be too busy to pray, and nothing in the life of the family could be more important than worshiping God together. The real reason for not having family worship is usually that parents have not realized its importance and have made no effort to include it in the life of the home.

Some families do not have family worship because the parents hardly know how to go about it. The father may be timid and unaccustomed to raising his voice in prayer. Both parents may be inexperienced in finding suitable Bible passages for worship. For such families there is abundant help. In *Royal Service* is a "Family Worship" page, suggesting Bible readings for each day of the month. Both the Sunday-school and Training Union quarterlies carry suggested daily Bible readings. The Sunday School Board publishes quarterly a little magazine *Open Windows* in which are found suitable readings and devotional thoughts for each day. In our Baptist Bookstores may be found books with devotional readings for each day in the year. For aid in prayer nothing is more useful than W.M.U. Calendar of Prayer, found in all of the W.M.U. magazines. Also in *Royal Service* is a "Pray Ye" department giving objects of prayer.

There is an old story of a dying young man who said: "Father, when I am dead bury me by the path that leads to the horse lot and, when you pass it, say: 'There lies the body of a boy who never heard his father pray'". We wish that no child in a southern Baptist home could ever say, "I have never heard my father or my mother pray".

Family Reading—A family ought to read. In no other way can its members be intelligent, mentally alert and up to date on the affairs of the world. Every member of the family should read. The children should be taught to enjoy reading. But oh how important it is that each member of the family should read the right things! There is so much to read these days—papers, leaflets, magazines and books of every description—some of them good, some of them unspeakably bad.

The writer of this program, while waiting in the railroad station of a city in one of our states recently, looked over the books offered for sale in the newsstands. She was so shocked at the titles that she wrote some of them down, and here they are: *Skeleton's Rattle, Terror at Twilight, Death Goes Fishing, The Leatherman Murder, The Corpse Grows a Beard, Death Visits the Apple Hole, Murder at Two Rivers, Hell in Paradise Valley, A Shroud for Shylock*. She asked the middle-aged saleswoman, "Do any people really read these books?" The woman acted almost as if she had been insulted as she exclaimed: "Of course they do. That's the kind of reading I like and other people like it too". We wonder if there is any literature like that in Baptist homes. We fear so!

Much good literature is available for our homes today. There is our denominational literature, abundant and splendid in every way. A denominational magazine of great help to the home is *Home Life*, published monthly by the Sunday School Board. This furnishes good reading matter for the whole family, discusses home problems and holds up the highest ideals in home building. Then of course there are many good secular magazines. Every family should have some of these. However, we would suggest that these be selected with great care, being sure that both the advertising and reading matter is fit reading for the young people of the home. Then every home should have a library. So many splendid books are available for every age group. The Baptist Bookstores in the different states will furnish a list of books suitable for a family library. It is a good plan to buy a few books at a time until there is in the home plenty of the kind of books which a Christian family ought to read.

Of course the most important book for the home is the Bible. Most of our American homes have plenty of Bibles in them, but too often they are not read. A Christian home must be built on the teachings of the Bible, therefore the Bible should be the best read and the best known book in the home.

Family Example—To build a Christian home the parents must furnish an example of Christian living. Once a boy was converted in a revival. With enthusiasm he set about to win others to Christ. First he went to his own mother who, when asked if she would accept Christ, explained: "I'm already converted". With an astonished expression the boy said, "First I'd knowed about it". A sad type of Christianity it is if those in the home do not know about it!

Parents must live their Christianity day by day in their homes. Their dress, their speech, their conduct, their habits must all be consistent with their profession of Christianity. This means that there must be no profanity, no vulgarity, no deception, no quarreling, bickering and nagging. Parents must not only require obedience from their children but must also by their unselfishness, integrity and strength of character inspire such obedience. The spirit of the home should be against cheap and debilitating amusements. The night club, the dance hall, the bridge table, the majority of movies have no place in Christian family life. A juvenile judge recently said that most parents want clean water, good food and the latest gadgets for their children but are notoriously blind and indifferent as to what enters into their minds and emotional life.

Parents should set the example of faithfulness in Christian duties. The proper observance of Sunday, regular attendance at church services, loyal support of the church, rendering some form of Christian service through the church—all of these should be in the pattern of Christian living observed in the home. Children need to learn from their parents that loyalty and devotion to their church are most important. From the action of some parents, children would get the impression that the secondary loyalties—the club, the lodge, the social group—are more important than the church of Jesus Christ. Families need to go to church together. "The worship unit on Sunday mornings should be the family—father, mother, child".

Tragic it is when parents are not Christians. Of course such a home cannot be completely Christian. Surely we who realize the importance of Christian homes should be faithful in introducing Christ to those households, where He is not known, and thereby lay the foundation on which Christian homes must be built. When a home is built on faith in Jesus Christ (using the words of John Oxenham):

"The cornerstone in truth is laid,
The guardian walls of honor made.
The rock of faith is built above.
The fire upon the hearth is love,
Though trains descend and loud winds call.
This happy home shall never fall".

The HOME and MISSIONS

SAID a faithful member of a Business Woman's Circle of Woman's Missionary Union: "We've had missions for breakfast, dinner and supper in our home ever since I can remember". In a recent issue of *Home Life* on-pages facing each other a mother and daughter told of the missionary influences in their home. On one page Mrs. Paul S. Etheridge, now president of the Georgia W.M.U., told something of how she and her husband had included missions in the teachings of their home. On the other page her daughter Mary, now missionary to the Chinese in El Paso, Texas, told how that teaching led her to become a missionary. Two missionary homes—one made a good missionary business woman, faithfully paying her tithes and giving her offerings and service for the cause of world-wide missions; the other made a missionary, giving herself to service on a home field.

Truly the influence of missionary homes is great. From such homes come many missionaries. From such homes come leaders and promoters of missions. From such homes comes money for the support of the missionary enterprise.

Homes are made missionary by missionary information. It is important that every southern Baptist home should have our missionary magazines. The mother should have *Royal Service*. The boys and girls of Sunbeam and G.A. ages should

have *World Comrades*. Boys of R.A. age should have *Ambassador Life*. The young daughters of the home should have *The Window of Y.W.A.* These should not only be in the home but should be read. Then of course there should be in every home missionary books, the latest and best for every member of the family.

Homes are made missionary as the family prays for missions. By use of the Calendar of Prayer in family devotions every member will not only become familiar with Baptist causes and names of missionaries but will also have the satisfying sense of feeling that he or she is having a vital part in all of our missionary work.

Homes are made missionary through contacts with missionaries and missionary-minded people. Of course not every southern Baptist home can have missionary visitors, but whenever opportunity is offered the doors of homes should be open to receive missionaries and other denominational leaders, that the children might be blessed by knowing those devoted to the service of the Lord. Certainly parents should make every effort to have their children go to meetings, camps etc. where opportunities for personal contact with missionaries are afforded.

Homes are made missionary by parents who believe and practice Bible stewardship. Children should see the doctrine of the tithe demonstrated by their parents, should know about the family tithe and how it is used in the promotion of the Kingdom of God from the local church to the ends of the earth. Moreover, the financial arrangement of the home should be such as to give to the children the opportunity of practicing tithing with their own money.

Homes are made missionary as members of the family participate in the missionary organizations of the church. With the father in the Brotherhood, mother in the Woman's Missionary Society and all the children in the W.M.U. young people's organizations, missions is certain to become a part of the very atmosphere of the home. All too often mothers are indifferent about their children participating in the missionary organizations. "I will send Susie to the Sunbeam meeting if I have time to get her ready". "Oh, I forgot to remind Mary of the G.A. meeting". "Johnnie can go to the R.A. meeting if he wants to". "I think Margaret will have to give up the Y.W.A. now that her college activities keep her so occupied". These are typical remarks of the indifferent mothers. If mothers had that attitude toward school their children would never get an education. They need to realize that missionary education is even more important than that received in school.

A little girl from a truly missionary home would come home from her Sunbeam Band meeting to be asked by her mother, "What was your program about today?" "It was about the little children of Africa", the child would reply. "Oh", the mother would exclaim, "I know a story about a little girl in Africa". The story would be told, and that night at prayer time there would be a prayer for African children. Often through the week mother and child would talk of Africa with more stories told and more prayers made. Then when the Sunbeams met again another program would turn their thoughts to some other country and people. So it was through childhood, girlhood and young womanhood—the home helping the church with the missionary education of the child. Today that child is a most attractive young woman, her whole personality glowing with intelligence, world interest and love for all people. And, with her young husband, she is in a foreign land devoting her personality to winning lost people to Christ. That is what a missionary home can do for a child and for the cause of Christ.

For HOME

WOMEN love home. They should, for they make homes, and in their homes they are queens. Every Christian woman should be interested in all that concerns home—her own home, the homes of her neighbors, the homes of the world. A Christian woman cannot confine all her efforts in behalf of home to her own household. What happens in the world is felt within the walls of her home. So, for the sake of her home she must be interested in world conditions and events and must do all she can to make the world a place fit for homes—her own and others.

For home the Christian woman must be a good citizen, interested in public issues, alert for law enforcement, casting her vote on behalf of righteousness.

For home the Christian woman must stand against all evil influences. Cigarettes, intoxicating drinks, roadhouses, honky-tonks, bad movies, gambling devices—all are enemies of the home, and against such the women interested in building Christian homes must fight with all their might.

For home Christian women must hold to high moral standards, their dress, speech and conduct always measuring up to the highest ideals of Christian womanhood.

For home the Christian woman must be interested in public education. The school is the great ally of the home. Christian parents and other Christian people should work together in the great task of building Christian character.

For home the Christian woman must be faithful to her church, not only utilizing every influence of the church for the spiritual benefit of her own family, but also adding the power of her influence and service to the good which her church can render to other homes.

For home the Christian woman must be missionary, aiding in every possible way the cause of world missions. She must realize that only by being missionary can her home give its maximum of service to the world. She must realize too that, as through missions she helps to build Christian homes around the world, she is safeguarding her own home against the evils of the world.

"For God and Home and Every Land" is the special slogan of "Our Commemoration Year". For God and His Kingdom in every land, let us build strong Christian homes in America.

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. What makes a home sweet?
2. Discuss the influence of homes for bad.
3. Discuss the influence of homes for good.
4. Discuss the importance of building Christian homes.
5. How does family worship aid in building Christian homes?
6. Mention some aids in family worship.
7. Discuss family reading as a help in home building.
8. Mention some good literature which should be in every home.
9. Discuss the importance of parents as examples in Christian living.
10. How may the home aid the missionary cause?
11. How may homes be made missionary?
12. Mention some things which Christian women should do for the sake of homes.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

The following list of reference material is the chief source used in the preparation of foregoing program, and credit is hereby given for facts and suggestions derived therefrom as well as for matter quoted in whole or in part.

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State Denominational Papers	—Ambassador Life
Southern Baptist Home Missions	—The Commission
Current Copies of Home Life	
Special Day Sermons.....	Dr. Millard Allford Jenken
Building Christian Homes	Martha Boone Leavel

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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

Homes and Home Missions

EVERY W.M.S. will be sure that all its young people share in the united praying and giving for home missions, March 1-5 inclusive. The Annie Armstrong Offering this Sixtieth Anniversary has all the appeal of immediate need and inheritance of pioneering courage and example; these are too precious for our young people to miss. Be sure to let the young people's organizations borrow your copies of the blue and white display folder sent to your W.M.S. through state W.M.U. headquarters. It sets forth pictorially in clear fashion the work of our Home Mission Board and its use of the Annie Armstrong Offering.

There is a second urge to every society in conjunction with the March program discussion of the Christian home. In the Y.W.A. Fortieth Anniversary plans a charming and meaningful "Ceremony for the Presentation of a Gift Bible to a Y.W.A. Member Just before Her Marriage" was published. When any one of your Y.W.A.'s is marrying, plan to secure this leaflet (*free on request from your state W.M.U. headquarters*) and in this service, with participation by pastor and W.M.S. president and all the Y.W.A.'s., impress the necessity for a time of family worship as you present a Bible to be used in reading God's Word together daily. Can you see what an influence this can be? And how it will help Christian home life in America? And incidentally, but not inconsequentially, how it will help young married women to move on up to W.M.S.? This plan has been used most effectively and you will like it also.

Again, has your home been blessed by the W.M.U. young people's magazines? Your son will be thrilled to have *Ambassador Life*. If he does not have the advantage of a Royal Ambassador Chapter, he will still want the stories, features, handicraft and recreation directions in this Baptist boys' outlook. Young women are eager for *The Window of Y.W.A.* G.A.'s and children watch for the mail-man to deliver their own copies of *World Comrades*. Home becomes more blessed as one reads the right literature. No liquor advertisement, no smoking allure, no wrong appeals are in our missionary periodicals: just the appeal of the biggest business of the world—missions as interpreted to different age groups in their own magazines. Send each subscription, each \$1 a year, with name and address of your son or daughter to 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama.

The homes of America build up or handicap the total picture of home missions in our country. What does your home add or subtract?



It is time to begin
planning for your Y.W.A. to be represented at
Y.W.A. Camp, Ridgecrest, N. C.
June 17-23 inclusive.



Training School

The Training School Y.W.A.

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INFLATION has even found its way into the schedules of the students at the Training School! With already busy days of study, field work and recreation, the girls have found time for several Y.W.A. activities.

A Fortieth Anniversary Tea was given in honor of the faculty during the first two weeks of the school term in September. This was a birthday party for both the Training School and the Y.W.A., since each had its beginning in 1907. Lucille Grubbs, social chairman, was responsible for the celebration on the Armstrong Terrace and the clever skit reviewing the history of events since 1907, including the cycle of women's fashions.

October found us sharing our money to buy food to be sent to Europe on the Friendship Train. Within one day \$56 was raised in the School to buy cases of macaroni, Louisville's contribution.

During November our relief chairman, Johnni Johnson, guided our attention and interest as we sought to collect clothing to be sent to Europe. Although it was a campus-wide project—including the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and School of Church Music—much of the 5900 pounds shipped was contributed by Training School girls. That month our general program was on prayer, emphasizing the need of our praying for world leaders. Information and lists of our United Nations delegates were secured and distributed, so that each girl had at her disposal names to be remembered daily in prayer.

The first few days in December found us actively participating in the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Erlene Paulk, general chairman, arranged the series of daily chapel services centered around foreign missions. Our Lottie Moore Christmas Offering amounted to \$500.

The new year has found us in the second part of the relief drive—cooperating with our Seminary in the effort to raise \$2500 to buy a station wagon to be given to the Hungarian Baptist Theological Seminary; it is needed to transport food into that Seminary from the outside areas. January found us presenting a relief program to the Long Run Associational Y.W.A. quarterly meeting on the 27th of that month.

But these special things do not take the place of the monthly projects carried on by the members. The 114 girls are able to work more effectively because they have been grouped in seven circles, named after well-known leaders or graduates of the School: Mary Lee Ernest, Hazel Moon, Nella Dean Whitten, Sophia Nichols, Mary Ellen Wooten, Inabelle Coleman, Kate Ellen Gruver. With a rotating system for activities, monthly each circle is busily engaged in one of the following: assisting the program chairman, Texie Sowers, with the monthly program; giving special attention to those girls confined to the infirmary; making tray cards for patients at General Hospital; writing personal letters to missionaries; enjoying a small social among members; collecting and adding to the Y.W.A. scrapbook; playing hostess to the specially invited guests of our general monthly meeting. At the Christmas season over 500 tray cards were made for the patients at the General Hospital and many Christmas cards were mailed to missionaries, sick people and other friends.

The Y.W.A. at the Training School has sought to become a service organization in its activities, a world-minded group in its outlook, a mission-conscious auxiliary in its aim, an aid to "love the world through Christ" in its theme.—Nancy Parker, Florida, Y.W.A. President

From MISSIONARIES

Off to School

"OH, girls, we are so excited", cried Amelia and Divina as they encountered a group of their friends on the large veranda of the Central Baptist Church in Barranquilla, Colombia. "They tell us we can go to Mexico". "To Mexico", exclaimed the group of girls in unison, "what for, and who says you can go?"

"Why, the missionaries say we can go. You know", said Divina, "that for several years it has been my earnest desire to enter into full-time service and now I'm sure that God has not only put that desire in my heart but He is also opening the way for me to go to the Baptist seminary in Torreón, Mexico, to study so I can be better prepared to serve".

Amelia also offered her reasons for being so thrilled about getting to go. "You know girls", she said, "even before I finished my normal training three years ago, that it was my desire to give myself wholly to the Lord and to His service. I was so unhappy my last year at school, for I had heard during my vacation in Barranquilla the wonderful message of salvation through Christ, and I knew that going to mass and entering into the religious routine to which we were obligated in school were not satisfying my soul. As soon as it was possible for me to get back to Barranquilla, you remember how anxious I was to confess before all my faith in Christ as my Savior and to be a part of the church. Now, during these three years that I have been teaching in our Baptist school, I have been happy, but I have wanted so much to study more and to be better prepared for the Lord's work. God has really granted my desire in making it possible for me to go to the Baptist seminary in Mexico to study".

"But girls", replied one of the friends after Amelia had given her testimony, "how long will you be gone, and it's so far away too, won't you be terribly homesick?" Divina replied that they would be gone three years, but both asserted that they did not think they would be homesick for they would be so busy studying and in the activities of the school that they would not allow themselves to be lonely.

"But what about Hugo, Divina?" remarked one of the friends. "He will surely miss you a lot, like all the rest of us will".

"Well", replied Divina, "he says that next year when he has received his A.B. they have promised to try to get him to Mexico, also".

And certainly it has been a thrill to see these young people so eagerly accepting the great challenge their own country offers and their desire to be better prepared to serve the Lord. Each of them is so talented—Divina with her naturally beautiful soprano voice has been outstanding as a soloist in the churches of Barranquilla and on the radio programs as well; Amelia with her ability to teach and win the love of children has been outstanding also. Each of them is equally capable and intelligent and, with the training offered in the Baptist seminary in Mexico, we do not doubt that they will be among Colombia's finest Baptist leaders in the future.

As for Hugo—the tall, dark, handsome fiancé of Divina—he also is one of the most promising workers for Colombia. A leader in his classes, in athletics and all the activities of his college, he promises much as a leader for the Lord and His cause. Hugo has had a definite call to preach and already in his short experience is able to stand in the pulpit of the church where he was converted some four years ago and give a message almost equally as good as that of the pastor.

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Society Methods

The W.M.S. of Crabtree Corners

SALLY SMITH was a member of a very small country church in Crabtree Corners. It boasted of a pastor, two services a month and a Sunday-school. That was all. Mrs. Smith was very content and well pleased with her country church and its activities until one week when she went to the city to spend a few days with her cousin, Fanny Baker.

First of all, she was confused when Fanny suggested Sunday morning that they go to Sunday-school and church because "here it was the first Sunday of the month and everybody, who knew anything, knew that the second and fourth Sundays were the Sundays when they had preaching". Well, she found out that she had a lot to learn. She never dreamed that anyone could belong to a church that had services every Sunday and twice a day at that.

However, the greatest shock came on Monday, which is always wash-day in Crabtree Corners. Of course, Fanny's washing machine facilitated matters. Even so, Sally was usually so tired in the afternoon, after washing in the morning, that she just could not imagine anyone having energy enough to go somewhere. Well, anyway, Fanny announced that they were going to W.M.S. Sally did not know about that but, when she was informed that the church sponsored it, she hesitatingly consented.

It wasn't long after they arrived before Sally was sure that she wanted to have a W.M.S. in Crabtree Corners. There was a sad fact, though—think of the girls that worked all day that could not come. Oh, they could all meet at night. No, that would not do! She could not go at night and very few of the other married ones could. On their way home, she mentioned this perplexing problem to Fanny who immediately calmed her fears.

Fanny: Why, Sally, that's simple. You can have a B.W.C. for the working girls.

Sally: Fan, there you go again using those confusing initials. What's a B.W.C?

Fanny: A B.W.C.? Sally, that's a Business Woman's Circle.

Sally: These are just working girls, but I guess they might like a "high sounding" name like that and it would be nice for them to get the advantage of all of this Fanny, what would I do to organize a W.M.S.?

Fanny: Well, first, I would consult my pastor. Not only does he have a right to know but, since he's in the Seminary and has been a pastor before now, he is sure to be able to help you. Then, I'd meet with my women and see if they want a W.M.S. and get them to organize.

Sally: That's all well and good, but I don't know anything about organizing.

Fanny: That's where your state and southwide headquarters come in. You can get all kinds of free literature from your state W.M.U. headquarters and you can buy other helps such as your Standard of Excellence Chart from the W.M.U. Literature Department, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama.

Sally: Fan, that's wonderful. You know, I don't believe I'll stay the rest of the week. Our preacher comes next Sunday and I want to get back home and start to work.

Fanny: Didn't you tell me that you had some good country ham at home? I think I will go with you! Since I am an experienced "W.M.Ser", I might help you in organizing. I would just love to.

When Sally got back and approached her pastor she found, to her amazement, that he not only had heard of a W.M.S. but also that he was all for helping to

organize one and entered whole-heartedly into the plans. He suggested that they contact the associational superintendent or field worker and see if one or the other would come and help. A letter assured them that the associational superintendent would be glad to come, so they set a date for a meeting of the interested ladies of the church. Those, who wanted it and were willing to do their part in helping, voted for it.

They then selected a Nominating Committee and, as each office was mentioned, each woman who was suggested for that office was "familiarized" with the job, as to her duties and responsibilities. However at the initial meeting, before a committee was nominated or anything else was done, they planned an inspiring missionary program. This was what made the ladies enthusiastic about the whole program. After the women had voted to become members and to perfect the organization and after all of the officers had been elected, the secretary immediately notified the state W.M.U. headquarters, giving names and addresses of the officers of the new society. When the working girls heard about the B.W.C., they were so excited that they could hardly wait for their first meeting.

The W.M.S. found that the best method for enlisting and training all women members of the church was the Circle Plan. Sally did not realize they had so many women in Crabtree Corners. Why, there were enough women for two circles! The circles were grouped according to neighborhoods, for Fanny informed Sally that she had found that method worked best. Then, each circle selected officers corresponding to those of the W.M.S. There were a chairman and three co-chairmen whose duties were the same as the society president and three vice-presidents, a secretary, treasurer, mission study, stewardship and community missions chairmen, with others as needed to promote all phases of W.M.U. work in the circle. Sally found that written reports should be made quarterly to their state W.M.U. office. To go even farther, Sally found that they should have at least two meetings a month, the circle meeting alternating with the business and general missionary meeting of the society. They have a wide-awake B.W.C. Not only that, but they can soon officially be called a W.M.U., for they are making careful plans to foster missionary organizations for the young people.—Miss Grace Lovelace, Mississippi Student at W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Ky.

From Missionaries (Concluded from Page 27)

The preparation of these young people is our future hope for Colombia. Missionaries come and go; but these trained, national workers go on year after year doing a better work. Colombia needs its own Baptist seminary. Other young people have accepted the challenge and all cannot be sent away to study. We cover the prayers of friends in behalf of this great need—that, in the near future, Colombia may be blessed with a school of preparation for these future Baptist leaders.—Mrs. H. W. Schwab, Colombia



Red Cross beneficiaries in 1947 were legion. Nearly 100,000 persons received emergency help and rehabilitation following disasters. Red Cross disaster relief appropriations in the first 10 months were approximately \$9,500,000. Financial assistance to veterans, servicemen and their dependents totaled \$11,944,365. Numberless persons were served by Volunteer Special Services workers, who gave 25,000,000 hours of their time.

Events of the year 1948 are uncertain and unpredictable. Yet standing by, ready for any emergency, is the Red Cross with millions of organized workers to carry on its manifold services. Remember—this year greater gifts are needed! Give generously!

Thanksgiving and Praise

Left-hand column shows receipts through state offices as of January 7, 1948, for 1947 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Right-hand column shows record of ROYAL SERVICE renewals and new subscriptions in 1947.

\$60,560.00	Alabama	13,944*
1,770.85	Arizona	492
38,025.84	Arkansas	5,037
3,295.11	California	1,128*
1,512.96†	District of Columbia	630*
31,489.67	Florida	8,458
65,804.26	Georgia	17,916
9,863.01	Illinois	3,201
41,444.37	Kentucky	11,689
35,303.28	Louisiana	7,805
5,235.82	Maryland	1,281
37,291.57	Mississippi	9,894
29,104.00	Missouri	10,473
8,510.28	New Mexico	1,421
139,000.00	North Carolina	22,365
41,306.02	Oklahoma	7,193
40,261.81	South Carolina	13,001
35,329.61	Tennessee	13,897
209,675.30	Texas	21,597
135,090.00	Virginia	16,253
	Miscellaneous	1,197
\$969,873.76	TOTAL	188,872

†A like amount was sent to Northern Baptist Convention
*This state exceeded its goal.

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Proposed Revisions in Constitution and By-Laws of Woman's Missionary Union, S. B. C.

The following revisions are to be voted upon at the Union's annual meeting in Memphis, May 17-18, 1948. Every delegate is asked to study each revision most carefully.

Constitution

Article III—Officers

Add "an editorial secretary". The article would then read:

The officers shall be a president, a vice-president from each cooperating state, an executive secretary, a treasurer, a recording secretary, an assistant recording secretary, a young people's secretary and an editorial secretary.

Article IV—Committees, Boards and Institutions

1—Executive Committee—Delete the words: "the chairmen of southwide committees".

2—Board of Managers—Change "seven" to "nine"; change "three" to "four"; add the words: "and the principal of the Woman's Missionary Union Training School for Christian Workers". The clause would then read:

2—Board of Managers—The Woman's Missionary Union shall be incorporated and shall have nine trustees who shall be known and designated as a Board of Managers. Such Board of Managers shall be composed of the president, four vice-presidents, the executive secretary, the treasurer and the recording secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union and the principal of the Woman's Missionary Union Training School for Christian Workers.

By-laws

1—President—Omit the following words: "the chairmen of southwide committees".

8—Board of Managers—Change "four" to "five" for quorum. not less than five members shall constitute a quorum. . . .

12—Elections—In first sentence, change "seven" to "nine". the nine members of the Board of Managers. . . .

Books Commended for Reading and Studying in Our Commemoration Year

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

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Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

The items quoted below which, in the opinion of this editor, are representative of much of the best thinking current today, will serve, we hope, to reinforce what our program editor has to say in this issue of *Royal Service* concerning the predominant and lasting influence of the home in shaping the life of the individual and the vital need of the Christian home in its every aspect in the life of today that there may be a better world tomorrow.

Thoughts gleaned from an editorial in a recent issue of one of our large and most popular secular dailies in which the editor calls attention to the contrast between the word "organism" and organization:

"The idea that human nature can be reformed by organization is not peculiar to America; it has become a world-wide fallacy. . . . No matter what the objective, we have a childish faith in organizing, incorporating, adopting by-laws, electing officers and naming people to committees. That having been done the members subside and submerge, with a glow of accomplishment and a sublime trust in the organizational structure *per se* to get things done . . . unless those chosen to guide the activities have the good sense to see that the individual member is constantly reminded of the need for individual effort. . . .

"This is true in the organized attempts to improve the education of our children, which all too often ignore a basic truth—namely, that education of the children begins and must be continued in the home itself, the intimate environment where influences are inevitably reflected in the mental and moral development of the child. . . .

"The survival of democracy depends upon each individual's morals and 'mores', as well as the extent to which he can intelligently translate latent moral force into action for the common good. Unless you plant good seed, tilth of the soil will not produce a good crop".

Methodist Woman: "The home is the cradle of human personality. Each person, from the moment of birth, is deeply influenced by the people around him. From a warm, loving, stable family the child learns that people are friendly, worth knowing and can be depended upon. When a family is cold, despairing, rejecting or neglectful, the child learns distrust, hostility or hatred of people". (Mrs. J. D. Bragg, President of the Woman's Division of Christian Service)

"Because a child has a highly developed power of imitation, the example of the parents is far-reaching. Parents must not preach religion and not practice it. In your desire to round out the social and religious training of your child by regular church attendance, you cannot hope for success if you fail to accompany your child to church". (J. Edgar Hoover)

Presbyterian Survey: Dr. H. H. Thompson, director of evangelism, in an article on "Evangelism in the Home" asks: "What school? What teacher? What scoutmaster could lay claim to having built into the very fiber of such men as Joseph, the psalmist David, John Wesley such sterling qualities that each became 'not only the man of the hour but a man of the ages'? The school and the Sunday-school have largely had their birth, growth and maturity since these men lived and served, but the order of procedure for producing Godly character is still the same: first the Christian home"—

"Behind the congregation as a worshipping, witnessing, working and recruiting fellowship stands the family, the primary unit of Christian culture. It is in the home that the basic foundations are laid in Christian attitudes, in the habits of prayer and giving, in familiarity with the Scriptures and in faith as exemplified daily in the lives of father, mother, sister and brother". (Dr. Lamott)

"If we wish our children to live tomorrow as Christians we must furnish them the atmosphere today where they absorb the habits of Christian thinking and living". (Helen Hardy Morison)

"Within a week I can tell the type of home from which each child comes", said a teacher of a one-room country school. A young mother was much impressed. She never forgot the statement and she did something about it. She and her young husband were endeavoring to conduct theirs as a Christian home. The church, grace at the table, an honest effort at exemplary living, the family altar were focal points. In due time from the fires of that home altar ten other altars were kindled. (Evangelism in the Home)

"The church should dedicate all its resources to each young couple who come to receive the 'rites' of marriage. They need to see to it that it is important to seek first the Kingdom of God . . . The wedding ceremony should be a rich experience of worship. The church should guide them in a dedication of their home and in laying its spiritual foundation". (Roy A. Burkhardt)

Last November the people of Great Britain sought in many ways to pay loving tribute to Henry Francis Lyte, author of the hymn "Abide with Me", on the one hundredth anniversary of his death. Lyte's other great hymn, "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven", was chosen by Princess Elizabeth to be sung during her wedding service.