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When winter floods made refugees of thousands of Japanese, powdered milk purchased with funds from American churches was rushed in to feed homeless, hungry infants. This mother feeds one baby while its twin, strapped to her back, cries impatiently for a turn at the bottle. The gratitude for this Christian help shows in the mother's face.

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EDITORIAL

"And a Number of the Principal Women"

FROM the Goodspeed Translation of Acts 17:4 the title of this article has been selected. The Revised Standard Version expressed the thought as follows: "and not a few of the leading women". The American Standard Version and the King James Version translate it thus: "and of the chief women not a few". It is a part of the wondrous story of Paul's journeyings from city to city: "They came to Thessalonica and Paul reasoned with them from the Scriptures. He convinced some of them and they joined Paul and Silas, along with a great many devout Greeks and a number of the principal women".

Among the high goals of Our Commemoration Year is the effort to have a total of 600,000 members in Woman's Missionary Societies. At the time of the writing of this article the statistics for the past calendar year are not available but in 1946 the W.M.S. enrolment reached the high mark of 420,592. "Supposing" that the 1947 W.M.S. total went to 450,000 there will be cause for great gratitude but also tangible proof that far finer enlistment plans will need to be carried out if the 1948 W.M.S. membership enrolment reaches the anniversary goal of 600,000. In facing this proposition it is stimulating to repeat the Scripture: "a number of the principal women".

Are all the women of your congregation members of your Woman's Missionary Society? If so, are all the women of the various Baptist churches in your association members of the Women's Missionary Society of their respective churches? Until each of these questions can be answered in the affirmative, "a number of the principal women" of your church or of your association or of both await enlistment in this phase of organized missionary endeavor. To find them and to bind them with cords of love to the task set forth in the Great Commission will bless you and them.

Many such women are "cumbered with much serving" in their own homes. A neighborly gesture of "lending a helping hand" may mean not only the early finishing of the chores but the acceptance of an invitation to the W.M.S. meeting. Once in such a meeting the fact is almost certain to be realized that the average member there has in one way or another overcome the hindrance of "cumbering cares".

Many non-members of Woman's Missionary Societies are out in the business or professional world. One proven way to enlist them is through the W.M.S. Business Woman's Circle. The associational and state W.M.U. leaders stand ready to assist any society, that does not have a Business Woman's Circle, to organize one even though it might start with only four or five members. Perhaps because as business women they understand how to approach people, B.W.C. members are usually very alert in enlisting other women but it is also true that a vast host of Baptist business women are not yet enrolled in Business Woman's Circles. It will take concerted action by the entire society to win all such in its church.

Some such business women and some of the home-bound women are new in the church and community. Remembering from personal or general experience the cumulative value of early visits or telephone calls upon such newcomers, every Woman's Missionary Society is urged this Sixtieth Anniversary and each succeeding year to contact early and to cultivate earnestly the women who yet feel strange in the community and church.

The value of new members is truly invaluable, so great being the influence of every life, so vast the possibilities of a Christian who faithfully prays and studies and teaches by word and deed. Looking down through the decades to another anniversary of Woman's Missionary Union, it is fascinating to think of the influence which through the years can be exerted by business women and homemakers who are enlisted this year in Woman's Missionary Societies. Picture it now to them! Let them see themselves being developed into real intercessors for the Kingdom of God, faithful stewards of their material possessions, informed and informing students of the progress of missions, counselors of young people who in turn will promote and support the missionary enterprise. Truly there are "a number of principal women" awaiting enlistment in Woman's Missionary Societies.—Kathleen Mallory

OUR COMMEMORATION YEAR

A Parable . . . Reviewing Our History

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

IT CAME to pass in the year 1948 that a host of missionary-minded and missionary-hearted southern Baptist women stood on a high peak. It was the Sixtieth Anniversary of their organized life. They were reminiscing about the things that had happened along the way they had come. Some remembered faintly the early days . . . the failures and successes . . . the tragedies and the triumphs. Under brush-arbors or in near-by schoolhouses or in hurried conference at noon while the brethren were at lunch, those courageous women presented and perfected local, associational and state organizations, in spite of the scornful expressions hurled at their devoted heads. Others remembered the days of the Jubilate and eagerly told of those days when Woman's Missionary Union paused to give thanks for twenty-five years of service. Many told of the Ruby Anniversary which will ever be a glowing chapter in our history. Great was the number who, ten years ago, looked back over fifty years of service. They told how in the Year of Jubilee they stood at the mile-stones, which marked their journeyings, and sang hymns of praise and thanksgiving that Divine guidance had been given to them along the way.

And it came to pass that as these women talked of their victories and blessings, suddenly they realized that in the years since the Golden Jubilee many new women and young people had joined their ranks. What of them? Did they not need to know something of the glorious past? How could they evaluate the present without any knowledge of past experiences? Should they not learn something of the priceless heritage, which was theirs? Facing the complicated, bewildered pattern of the present day problems surely these women and young people must learn of God's dealings with southern Baptist women and their young people in days gone by. And so it came to pass that word went out to all the people that in this Commemoration Year—this Sixtieth Year—every woman and young person in the company of Woman's Missionary Union should study the history of the Union, thus preparing themselves with seriousness of purpose and joyous abandon for the responsibilities and opportunities and blessings of this holy year.

And it came to pass that these women began to study "*In Royal Service*". Their hearts were stirred with the thrilling story of the beginnings of the Union in those early years. Studying such a masterpiece they became fascinated with its author and longed to know more intimately this woman of God. Almost immediately they set their minds to an earnest study of the great biography, "*Fannie E. S. Heck*". One of the outstanding blessings of the Year of Jubilee was the release of the Union's history, "*Following in His Train*". A study of these three delightful books enabled the women to evaluate their precious heritage. Not only so, but they decided to enrich it and share it with others. And these women purposed in their hearts that they would inspire and encourage other women to a similar study and that they would guide their young people in studying their histories, "To Be Continued" and "Five Times Ten".

And it came to pass that the long annals of history were unrolled and the story of Woman's Missionary Union became a Divine poem of which the history of every decade is a verse and every woman a word. Its strains have been pealing along down these sixty years and, though there have been mingled the discords of depressions and world wars, yet to the humble listener there has been a Divine melody running through the song which speaks of hope and faith and love—and brighter days to come!

ANNUAL MEETING

Welcome to Memphis

Mrs. H. Mahon Crawford, *Chairman*
Memphis W.M.U. Committee

SINCE Cain, the eldest son of the first man, built a city centuries ago, human hearts have never extended a warmer or more genuine welcome than the women of the fifty-nine Baptist churches of Memphis and Shelby County desire to manifest to all who, in service to Christ, will come our way for attendance May 17 and 18 upon the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union. (See page 32 for time schedule and meeting place.)

Ancient Memphis, the capital city of Egypt, never sought to give a heartier welcome to any king or queen, than we seek to give you during the few fleeting and busy days that are ahead. And the short time you are to be in our city reminds us of the shorter time we are to have this year to transact our Father's business. There will be only six sessions, instead of the usual eight, thereby putting us under obligation to use wisely every minute of every hour of the time, living intensely, putting all of Heavenly things we can into those brief earthly hours.

We regret to announce that only three hundred rooms could be obtained in the headquarters hotel for our women, but rooms in homes will be provided. And, certainly, lack of hotel room space is no evidence of lack of room in our hearts for one and all. (The chairman of the committee for securing rooms in homes is Dr. Mark Harris, 601 North Bellevue, Memphis, Tenn.)

With joy we are remembering that this is Our Commemoration Year. It is our 60th year—a year when we shall recall in thought and word God's goodness and guidance. His use of millions of noble women through the years—a year when we shall strive not for display but for dedication, not to let the words we speak and bear fall on barren soil but to translate all wise words into Christ-like deeds—a year when our women must dedicate themselves to make another year and other years as fine in service and sacrifice as any that have gone before.

Memphis has a population of 403,000, many of whom are not Christians. Over this tragic fact we sorrow but we also pray that, because of your being here, some may come to know Him as Savior.

Our transportation facilities make Memphis a favored city, as to entrance and exit. We have eight airlines, six bus lines, ten railroad systems and some river travel. We pray that your coming in and going out shall be under God's protective care and that "journeying mercies" shall be vouchsafed unto you.

Memphis is proud of her 46 parks with an area of 1488 acres and her 10 golf courses and many beautiful drives. Believing, as we do, in play as well as work, in physical exercise along with spiritual development, we trust that, if time permits, you can avail yourselves of the opportunity to participate in such outside activity.

Memphis has excellent advantages in academic, professional and scientific fields, beginning with the kindergarten on through the university. We hope that this May meeting will bring to us an increase of knowledge as to the things of God.

Our city on the mighty Mississippi, close to the center of the United States, is a "first city" in many ways—first in that it is the world's largest cotton market, the world's largest inland hardware market, the largest producer of cottonseed products, the city with the largest artesian water system, America's largest producer of hardwood floors. On and on we might go, telling you with pride about our city. But it is our desire that, when our meeting is over and all the reports have come in, we will stand "first" in the eyes of our God as to our behavior, first in the eyes of our city as to our cooperation, first in the eyes of non-Christians as to our being worthy subjects of the King whom we serve.

Humbly to this great city do we welcome you—welcome you with warm hands, prayerful hearts, sober minds and sincere words.

COMMUNITY MISSIONS

Evangelism

Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, President

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville

THERE is nothing, from the human viewpoint, comparable in importance and value to evangelism. The destiny of man and the dream of God are dependent upon it. For that reason Christians cannot afford to allow evangelism to become a commonplace duty in their thinking. It is extraordinary in every way. The word itself should electrify their souls, inflame their imaginations and stimulate their wills to resolute purposes when they take it upon their lips.

Tears must flow in floods down the Master's face because of the false interpretations and selfish uses that men make of evangelism. It is not a mere human effort to add numbers to our church rolls, nor is it a spotlight of fame, nor is it a means to make a livelihood. It is a divine assignment to the redeemed of this earth to become fellow-workers who belong to God in delivering lost souls from the realm of darkness and translating them into the Kingdom of the Son of His love.

The fact which makes evangelism indispensable is so horrible that men are loath to believe it. Christ told us that He came to seek and to save the lost. In that statement He explains why His indescribable sacrifice upon the cross was a necessity. The world was lost. It did not have the slightest opportunity to live in fellowship with God. It was doomed to a hopeless and endless separation from God and truth. Jesus knew this, but many of the professed followers of Jesus do not seem to believe it. Oh, what can we do to stimulate all believers to a vivid realization of that fact! So many Christian parents, who do everything within their power for the physical comfort and material progress of their children, seem to be utterly oblivious to the fact that an eternity of utter hopelessness and despair awaits their children unless they are redeemed by the grace of God. Not for anything would I criticize my brother preachers but I am amazed that we, who have been redeemed by God's grace and love, can become so apathetic toward the "lostness" of those who know not Christ as Savior.

Because of the horrible fact that the world was lost, "Christ Jesus died for our sins". The New Testament teaches so plainly that, aside from the salvation provided for lost men through and by the death of Christ Jesus, there is no hope for the human race. The Gospel, "The Good News", is based solely upon our Lord's death and resurrection. In dying He saves us. In rising He justifies us. No man can be a New Testament evangelist who does not believe this glorious truth. He may be a reformer, a revolutionizer, a teacher, a leader and disbelieve the great truth of redemption through Christ Jesus, but he will never be an evangelist. The fact that men are lost without Christ and the other great truth that they may be saved in Christ are the only reasons for Christians to become evangelists. Their zeal in this ministry is directly proportional to their faith in these two great facts. When a Christian actually believes them, he is driven to strenuous, fervent and untiring evangelistic effort. A father, who sees his child trapped in a burning building and sees also a way of escape, is willing to give his life if necessary to bring the lost child to safety through the one and only way of escape.

Now evangelism is the telling of the good news to those who need to hear it. It is just as simple as that. Evangelists themselves can save nobody, but they can tell the good news to all people. In our land today there are multiplied thousands who are hopeless sufferers from the terrible disease of cancer. If some scientist should discover a sure cure for cancer, it would be good news. Those who would take this good news to the cancer sufferers would be evangelists. It is just as simple as that.

When Jesus said to the trusting few just before He ascended to the Father, "Ye are the witnesses of these things", He not only laid upon them a solemn obligation

but also pointed out to them their most glorious privilege. He knew that only those who had experienced the saving grace of God could tell the good news. He also knew that their redemption meant so much to them that they would pass the good news along to others even to the ends of this earth. Out of sheer gratitude for what God had done for them and out of a genuine love for lost men, they would go as happy heralds of the good news that Christ had died to save the world.

Christians are stewards of the mysteries of God's grace. As much as we need to preach from every pulpit that every Christian should be at least a tither, we must not fail to emphasize that it is even more important that every Christian recognize the stewardship of his own tongue to testify to the grace of God. Christians fail in all things if they fail to give their witness to the saving grace of God in a spirit of glad-some triumph and persuasive love.

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Clinics That Brought Results

AT a meeting of the field workers for Tennessee I volunteered to give my time and help to promote community missions in any manner that the field workers should request. Mrs. A. B. Clark, general missionary for Tennessee, asked me to give two weeks in west Tennessee to hold clinics for community missions. These were to be association-wide and held at a central church. The two weeks' itinerary called for "The Guide for Community Missions" to be taught. The time was last September.

The meetings were well planned and much interest was shown in the undertaking. This was due to the efforts of Mrs. Clark and the divisional and associational superintendents. The results were that we contacted 9 associations representing 86 churches, 269 women were present, 86 copies of "The Guide for Community Missions" were sold and many tracts, prayer cards, printed suggestions and month-by-month outlines were given out.

This group of meetings touched a rural section in our state rather than urban groups. In the morning the time was given to the discussion of the book, spending a great deal of time on the 1st and 2nd chapters. In the afternoon we used 20 women to answer questions that had to do with meeting the needs, looking at your community or dealing with the 3rd and 4th chapters of the book. The last chapter was covered on several occasions. A consecration service closed the meeting.

The most startling fact to me was how eager the women were to carry out the community missions program but how little information, plans and objectives they had. To be sure, many W.M.U.'s had fine programs, seeking to enlist their own members to give of their time to enlist the unsaved, the needy, the fallen and those of other races. These efforts were being carried on by prayer meetings in homes of unsaved, unchurched and unenlisted Baptists and by prayer groups praying definitely for ones on their prayer lists.

Then, we found an activity that created interest among the members of the W.M.U. That was filling sunshine baskets for shut-ins and going in groups to deliver the baskets, tarrying awhile to read the Bible and sing for the person visited. This type of community missions can be applied to inmates of institutions, the aged in our homes and the blind. We found the youth especially liked this type of community missions. One group of R.A.'s reported a son was won and a Y.W.A. reported a daughter won, as results of this type of community missions.

Another activity reported as being helpful to the youth organizations was the making of scrapbooks and taking them to the clinic in the small town. There was no hospital but a great host of children passed through the clinic. Of course, the G.A.'s put the name of the organization and the church name on each book.

One group of Intermediate G.A.'s reported their community missions project as being baby sitters for the young matrons so they might attend circle meetings. Those girls give their services which makes it more commendable.

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From MISSIONARIES

The following letter was received by Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Craighead who are on enforced furlough from Rumania. It is from the British Zone in Berlin. My dear Friends:

Yesterday was a wonderful day for me. I had the great happiness to receive no less than sixteen parcels, all quite respectable in size and some looking quite formidable. I had received a telephone call from an office a considerable distance away that some parcels were there for me; so off I went, fortunately with a big truck, although I did not have any idea how big and numerous the parcels were.

They were soon all at my flat, and when my faithful German driver arrived—he is a fine Christian—we tackled the big but joyful task (in this case the bigger the more joyful) of getting out the contents. I never had such treasure-trove in my life, so much and such fine quality, and among the clothing we found candy, soap etc. In one consignment there were two magnificent cans of sugar, one of which came through intact, but the other was slightly bulged. I think we saved practically every grain of the precious sugar. I think all the time we were competing in ejaculations and thanksgiving.

Well, to make a long story short, this is what we did. I leave you to imagine how we thanked God audibly and in our hearts as we labored against time, for we had to get nearly all the things out the same night, as I have little storage space and cannot afford to risk burglaries. We took out some outstanding things, such as men's suits, a fur coat, men's underclothing, some excellent women's stockings and a few other items in the same category, which I shall give to known cases of individual need. The soap, candy and a few more things were also retained for the same purpose and will be handed out in the same way, also the above mentioned sugar. When all was set aside, it was quite a lot, as much as I could store. Then we filled four big containers (really military hold-alls) and I telephoned to the Rev. Jacob Meister, president of the German Baptists, who is a fine spiritual man with the great advantage of being a Swiss of neutral outlook. Then we drove there. I leave the donating ladies to imagine the joy of Frau Meister, who is an equally fine woman. They are in touch with the Soviet Zone and will easily be able to get all things into it, where they are terribly needed. In that way we (that is, you kind American donors and myself, the British intermediary) need not figure too prominently less the Russians object in some way. As soon as the car came back, the rest of the things, this time filling three containers, went to the well-known Friedens Horst Homes in Berlin (some of you may have heard of Mother Eva's work) which also have an establishment in the Soviet Zone, where all manner of poor and destitute refugees are relieved, while their souls' needs are also taken care of. The women waited up to receive the gifts and were loud in their exclamations of joy and thanks to God.

I have not yet asked you to thank all the kind Christian friends who helped. I shall try to do justice to that in a subsequent letter a little later.

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Another activity that led into definite good for all was that of a W.M.S. sponsoring a Vacation Bible School for Negro children. They found a very promising Negro girl and "adopted" her, sending her to a Christian camp and looking after her in various ways.

Yes, we gained a larger vision of community missions through two weeks of work and found that trays, cards, flowers etc. are good and needed but that prayer, visitation, enlistment and interracial work will enlarge the vision of the individual and bring in the Kingdom of the Lord, which is the purpose and aim of community missions. This will change our service from the "Swinging Door" type into "Satisfying Discipleship".—Mrs. R. J. Edwards, Tennessee Community Missions Chairman

Training School

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

Training School Students, 1947-48

JUDGING by the volume of requests that come to our office, it is evident that the readers of *Royal Service* are interested in knowing our students by name. The following is the list as of February 1 (addresses at Manly Hall, Judson Hall etc. refer to Southern Baptist Seminary; otherwise where no city is mentioned they refer to Louisville):

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BOOK REVIEW and STUDY SUGGESTIONS

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

In Royal Service

THIS is a fascinating book. Written thirty-five years ago, it is as fresh, vivid and timely as any book of today. Indeed, few mission study writers of any day have equaled its easy simplicity and charm of style, and none has told a more interesting story than this brief history of the first twenty-five years of W.M.U. by Miss Fannie E. S. Heck. It is particularly appropriate, in this Sixtieth Anniversary, that a new and somewhat streamlined edition should be presented as a major mission study emphasis. It is hoped that the daughters and granddaughters of that earlier generation of W.M.U. workers may enjoy and profit by it and find renewed interest in and understanding of the various aspects of W.M.U. life of which it tells. (Order for 75c from your Baptist Bookstore. From same store for 15c may be secured the "Teaching Helps".)

Session One—Chapter 1. Use heirlooms from the early nineteenth century as decorations. Base the devotional talk on I Corinthians 1:26-31. Tell something of the book and its author.

Let an informal group, in costume if possible, discuss the "news of the day"; showing what it was like to be a woman of 1830 or earlier; describing church meetings, female mite societies, Juvenile Cent Societies; reporting persecutions of their pastors, growth of the work in the revivals initiated by Whitfield and Wesley and the travels of Luther Rice with resulting organization of associations, the Triennial Convention and later the State Conventions. Call on someone to discuss Baptist contributions to religious liberty in America.

Let a small woman in a wheel-chair tell a friend of her organization in Boston of the first Woman's Missionary Society and of such growth in the work that she corresponds with one hundred and twenty such societies. Discuss early work for Indians and white women's care for the spiritual welfare of their slaves. Tell of the rise of interest in foreign work beginning with Carey, the Judsons, Onken. Note the organization of those early societies of special interest to the group.

Suggest a "scavenger hunt", listing the following items: a large key, a chandelier, a large cheese, a needle, a piano, a box of old clothes, a 25-pound bag of tobacco, a godless organ. The first to find each item (pages 5-57) tells briefly the part it played in Baptist life.

Close with a brief summary of the period. Give a challenge to match the courage, conviction and faithfulness of these women. Have earnest prayer.

Session Two—Chapter 2. If possible present the chapter as a pageant-play. If not, use the episodes as a teaching outline, supplementing it with maps and pictures.

Episode 1. Informal group discusses character of period—new inventions, unrest, growth, schools for girls.

Episode 2. Mission Work of Mrs. Annette Bledsoe

Episode 3. Dr. W. B. Johnson reminds his wife of organization of Triennial Convention, explains reason for withdrawal and describes organization of Southern Baptist Convention.

Episode 4. With a large map show status of mission work at home and abroad.

Episode 5. Church Service at Raleigh, N. C., (p. 86), and Missionary Preaching to Confederate Soldiers

Episode 6. Work of Mrs. Ann J. Graves

Episode 7. Events in Organization of Women with Growing Opposition from Men

Episode 8. Central Committee at Work

Episode 9. Women pass resolutions concerning own work.

Episode 10. Call for Delegates on Eve of W.M.U. Organization

In a closing devotional period sing "God Is Working His Purpose Out". Speak on Ephesians 1:11, 12 and lead in prayer.

Session Three—Chapter 3. Devotional talk based on Psalm 37:5 as worked out in W.M.U. life

Show chart giving dates of various women's denominational organizations. Top—1000 missionaries; bottom 1,000,000 dollars. Speak of the challenge to southern Baptist women.

Dramatize the organizational meeting of W.M.U., reading the preamble through its two-fold object. Discuss its strategy. Tell of debate in Southern Baptist Convention over organization and the story that ended it.

Let someone discuss home and foreign missions at the time of organization. Tell of the beginning of what is now called the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Dramatize the office of W.M.U. in early days, show how work was carried on, telling of opposition. Discuss frontier boxes.

Discuss means of propagating work and germ of W.M.U. Literature Department. Tell also of distribution of Bibles. Give early history of Sunbeams.

Sum up the first ten years of service. Lead closing prayer.

Session Four—Chapter 4. In devotional talk use Ephesians 3:20. Speak briefly of conditions at the turn of the century, noting some trials and changes.

Tell of W.M.U. connections with the Annuity Plan and the Church Building and Loan Fund. Let woman in costume report Miss Annie Armstrong's activities for Indians, mountain schools and the organization of Negro Baptist women. Tell of the Margaret Home—now the Margaret Fund.

Note resignations and new officers. Discuss Union's financial policy (p. 203).

Discuss *Our Mission Fields*. Show how that quarterly helped the societies.

Tell of young people's organizations. Explain the Full Graded Union.

Let W.M.U. Training School student or friend tell of its establishment and life. Evaluate its contribution to denominational work.

Note development of Calendar of Prayer. Ask five women with appropriate symbols to discuss mission study, enlistment, stewardship with emphasis on proportionate giving, personal service and the College Y.W.A. Discuss the need for a standard and what the Standard of Excellence has accomplished in revealing to the societies and young people's organizations their detailed strength and weaknesses.

Tell briefly of the Jubilee of Woman's Work in 1910-11. Discuss also the Baptist World Alliance

Sum up the accomplishments of the first twenty-five years of the Union's work. Close with prayer of thanksgiving.

Session Five—Review and Chapter 5. Make a large chronological chart showing the main W.M.U. developments from 1888-1912; see "Following in His Train" (page 214f). Use this as the basis of a quiz program to review the preceding lessons.

Contrast the status of women in 1830 and 1912. Show the growth by developing what women were then doing at home and abroad.

Discuss plans for the Jubilate and dramatize the meeting in St. Louis, May 1913. Note the growth in gifts and the organization of sister unions in other countries.

Let five women, showing appropriate symbols, develop Miss Heck's first five requirements for advance. Use "Divine Guidance" as the theme of a devotional talk based on Psalm 4:3, Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:20b. Develop definite, concrete plans for improving the work of your own Graded Union. Close with prayer for your own and the southwide Union, their officers and members and for increasing vision and success in spreading the Gospel throughout the world.

Training School (Concluded from Page 9)

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Texas: Bereniece Bell. *Day Students:* Mrs. Harold Marsh, 217 Franck Ave.; Mrs. Chester O'Brien Jr., 1312 S. Floyd St.; Mrs. Davis C. Hill, 255 Manly Hall

Virginia: Adele Ausley, Louise Blevins, Betty Mou McNeil, Gertrude Moore, Nadine Paxton, Lucile Peak, Ruth Thomas, Claudine Warl. *Day Students:* Mrs. W. H. Clarke, 315 Judson Hall; Mrs. C. A. Watkins, 277 Whitsitt Hall; Mrs. Linwood T. Home, 243 Haldeman Ave.; Mrs. J. E. Wood, 2805 Grinstead Drive

Indiana: Mrs. Lowell Adams, 2715 Shippen Ave.; Michigan: Eva Kranhouse, 1041 Frankfort Ave.; New York: Mrs. S. W. Swan, 311 Judson Hall; West Virginia: Mrs. R. W. Eckelbier, 418 Iola Rd.; Costa Rica: Mrs. W. M. Nelson, 1836 Deerwood Ave.; Hawaii: Kimiko Kaneshiro, Asano Masaki

Family Worship

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: That They May Have Life

"This is life eternal".

1st Day—John 17:3; Ezek. 4:1-3
2nd Day—John 3:14, 15; Ezek. 33:1-9
3rd Day—John 6:1-15; Ezek. 33:10-16
4th Day—John 6:16-40; Psa. 137:1-6
5th Day—John 6:41-51; Ezek. 18:1-4
6th Day—John 6:52-65; Ezek. 18:5-9
7th Day—I John 5:13; Ezek. 34:1-6

"The Way That Leadeth unto Life"

15th Day—Matt. 7:12-14; Ezra 3:8-11
16th Day—Prov. 10:1-17, 27-32; Ezra 4:17-24
17th Day—I John 3:13-24; Ezra 6:13-18
18th Day—Isa. 30:15-22; Psa. 126
19th Day—Isa. 30:23-33; Zech. 1:1-6
20th Day—I Pet. 3:8-11; Zech. 4:1-6
21st Day—John 14:6; Zech. 7:3-14

"... the Water of Life"

"To Everything . . . Wherein
There is Life"

8th Day—Gen. 1:27-31; Ezek. 34:11-16
9th Day—Gen. 45:1-11; Ezek. 36:25-28
10th Day—Deut. 30:15-20; Ezek. 37:1-6
11th Day—Psa. 16:1-11; Ezek. 34:25-31
12th Day—Psa. 36:5-12; Ezra 1:1-4
13th Day—Psa. 91:14-16; Ezra 1:5-11
14th Day—Prov. 3:1-10; Ezra 1:1-7

22nd Day—John 4:1-14; Zech. 8:1-3
23rd Day—John 4:15-26; Zech. 8:9-17
24th Day—Isa. 55:1-9; Zech. 14:9-11
25th Day—Prov. 14:27; Psa. 24
26th Day—Jer. 2:9-13; Neh. 1:1-3
27th Day—II Pet. 2:9-12, 20-22; Neh. 1:1-11
28th Day—II Pet. 3:8, 9, 14-18; Neh. 2:1-8
29th Day—John 7:37, 38; Neh. 2:9-18
30th Day—Rev. 21:6, 7; 22:17; Neh. 6:1-9

"Pray Ye"

In thanksgiving for Christ and what His death and resurrection mean to Christians and may come to mean to all who will "repent and believe"

In behalf of lost souls everywhere

Pray that the Lord will call many southern Baptist young people for definite missionary service at home and abroad and that these young people and their parents will accede.

Pray for missionaries already on home and foreign fields and for the safety of any en route to such work.

Intercede for freedom from racial prejudice, jealousy, pride and callousness to world-wide suffering and sin.

Plead for permanent world-wide peace according to the will of God.

Pray for faithful gleanings in behalf of the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions.

Ask God's guidance upon the committees and all others planning for the annual W.M.U. meeting in Memphis, Tenn., May 17-18, and for the Southern Baptist Convention commencing there on May 19.

Intercede also for W.M.U. Conference (including B.W.C. Conference) at Ridgecrest, N. C., July 29-August 4.



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CALENDAR of PRAYER

APRIL, 1948

Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

THE quality of mercy is not strained;
It droppeth as gentle rain from Heaven
Upon the place beneath: it is twice blest:
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes
'Tis mightiest in the mightiest; it becomes
The throned monarch better than his crown;
It is an attribute to God Himself:
And earthly power doth then show likest God's,
When mercy seasons justice.—William Shakespeare

1—THURSDAY

State Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting, Illinois, Marion, April 1-2
The Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations. —Matt. 24:14

2—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Flores, San Marcos, Rev. and Mrs. C. Paredes, Aguila, Rev. D. Delgado, Victoria, Tex., evangelism among Mexicans
I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait and in His Word do I hope —Psa. 130:3

3—SATURDAY

salle and Mrs. R. E. L. Mowshaw, medical evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. D. M. Lawton, 6531/2 Olive Street, educational evangelism, Kwailin, China
Now He who established us with you in Christ and hath appointed us, is God —II Cor. 1:21

4—SUNDAY

That the Holy Spirit may guide in all planning for the annual meetings of W.M.U. and S.B.C., Memphis, May 17-21
Thine, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty —I Chron. 29:11

5—MONDAY

Annual meeting Woman's Missionary Union of Nigeria, April 5-6
Strengthened with all might according to His glorious power unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness —Col. 1:11

6—TUESDAY

State Woman's Missionary Union annual meetings, Kentucky, Owensboro, Louisiana, Baton Rouge, Mississippi, Jackson, April 6-8
Make me to understand the way of Thy precepts: so shall I talk of Thy wondrous works —Psa. 119:27

7—WEDNESDAY

State Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting, Missouri, St. Louis, April 7-9
Remember His marvelous works that He hath done and His wonders and the judgments of His mouth —Psa. 105:3

8—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Crane, Morelia, Michoacan, Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Reid, Guadaluajara, Mexico, educational evangelism
Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power. —Rev. 4:11

9—FRIDAY

Dr. and Mrs. A. T. Bequer, Miss Genoves Gonzalez, Cienfuegos, Miss Corilla Dominguez, Potosillo, Miss Edelmira Robinson, Havana, evangelism
The just shall live by faith. —Gal. 3:11

10—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. B. T. Griffin, Abokuta, Dr. and Mrs. V. L. Seais, Oghamsoho, Nigeria, educational evangelism
Man doth not live by bread only but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live. —Deut. 8:3

11—SUNDAY

That the World-wide Spiritual Revival for which southern Baptists are praying may result in many souls being won to the Lord and many lives dedicated to special service in the Kingdom

There is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few. —I Sam. 14:6

12—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Simpson, Philadelphia, Rev. and Mrs. S. D. Tubby, Carthage, Miss., Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Johnson, Cherokee, N. C., evangelism among Indians
I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. —Hab. 3:18

13—TUESDAY

State Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting, Arkansas, Little Rock, April 13-15, also Woman's Missionary Union annual regional meetings, Italy
Righteousness shall look down from Heaven —Psa. 85:11

Calendar of Prayer for April

14—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. L. Stanley, San Antonio, Misses Mary Etheridge and Hlois Jordan, El Paso, Tex., Miss Mary Nelle Lynne, Berkeley, Calif., evangelism among Chinese
The Lord knoweth the days of the upright and their inheritance shall be forever.
—Psa 37:18

15—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Dotler, Miss Florence Miller, Tokyo, Misses Cecile Lancaster, Kokuta, and Alma Graves, Fukuoka, Japan, educational evangelism
I will go in the strength of the Lord God. I will make mention of Thy righteousness.
—Psa. 71:16

16—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. McGavock, publication evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Muller, educational evangelism, El Paso, Tex. (FNB); also Margaret McGavock, Flora, Benjamin and Samuel Muller, Margaret Fund students
Let the praise of God rule in your hearts.
—Col. 3:15

17—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Joubert, Gonzales, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Kelley, Alice, Tex., evangelism among Mexicans
They that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.
—Jno 4:24

18—SUNDAY

That the Lord shall bring to pass all the goals of the Commemoration Year of Woman's Missionary Union, to the glory of the Lord
They shall abundantly utter the memory of Thy great goodness and shall sing of Thy righteousness.
—Psa 143:7

19—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. I. H. Humphrey, Chengchow, Miss Thelma Williams, Yanchow, medical evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. W. Fielder, evangelism, Chengchow, China, also Gerald Fielder, Margaret Fund student
Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh unto Me shall never hunger.
—Jno 6:35

20—TUESDAY

Woman's Missionary Union of Mexico annual meeting, Morelia, Michoacan, April 20-21
Both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.
—Jno. 4:36

21—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Berry, publication evangelism, Misses Letha Saunders and Ruth Randall, educational evangelism, Rio de Janeiro, D., and Mrs. H. H. Muirhead, Mrs. E. C. Wilcox, emerita, Brazil, also Bailey Berry, Margaret Fund student
He is the living God and steadfast forever.
—Titn. 6:26

22—THURSDAY

Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, all secretaries and state board members working with him
The fear of the Lord is his treasure.
—Isa 33:6

23—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Baugum, Rev. and Mrs. Rex Ray, Rev. and Mrs. O. J. Quirk, evangelism, Kweilin, Misses Pearl Caldwell, Florence Jones, Mattie Stallings, Mary D. Willeford, emerita, China; also Daniel and Lois Ray, Margaret Fund students
Great peace have they that love Thy law.
—Eph 1:16

24—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Cobb, Red Rock, Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Hancock, McAlester, Rev. and Mrs. W. Iron, Pawhuska, Okla., evangelism among Indians
We are created in Christ Jesus for good works.
—Eph 2:10

25—SUNDAY

River Plate Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting, April 25; also Mrs. R. M. Logan, emerita, Argentina
Pray for us that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified.
—II Thess 1:11

26—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. O. Foulon, Greenville, Rev. and Mrs. A. Wright, Reind, Miss Mary Headen, West Frankfort, Ill., evangelism among many nationalities
O God lift up Thine hand: forget not the humble.
—Psa 10:12

27—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Parker, evangelism, Talca, Miss Lois Hart, educational evangelism, Antofagasta, Chile, Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Goldfinch, evangelism, Asuncion, Paraguay
I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified.
—I Cor 2:2

28—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Gonzales, Santa Clara, Rev. and Mrs. R. Gonzales, Havana, Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Munoz, Calbarica, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Sanchez, Yaguajay, Cuba, evangelism
Be strong and of good courage.
—Josh. 1:6

29—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. F. A. R. Morgan, Miss Mattie Baker, educational evangelism, Sao Paulo, Miss Alma Jackson, medical evangelism, Goyania, Mrs. S. L. Glueberg, Mrs. E. A. Nelson, emerita, Brazil; also F. A. R. Morgan Jr., Margaret Fund student
Of His fulness have all we received and grace for grace.
—Jno 1:16

30—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Abernathy, Trinon, Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Jackson, Wash. Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Sears, Tinsang, evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Strother, educational evangelism, Kaiteng, China; also Everett, Edward and Richard Jackson, Wallace and Carolyn Strother, Margaret Fund students
Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power.
—Ex 15:6

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BIBLE STUDY

Dr. W. O. Carver, Kentucky

Divine Life through Human Channels

Proverbs 24:10-12; Matthew 25:31, 34-36

ALL our good comes from God. Spiritual life and physical life equally are His gift and depend upon His good-will and grace. In a hungry world in dire distress that fact needs to be proclaimed and accepted. Mankind are always living, always dying. We all everywhere and always need to know the source and the significance of our living and of our dying.

1. The source of all life is in God. "Our times are in His hands". This is a primary assumption and a constantly repeated declaration of God's Word to men. This is a fact that is part of all our experience; yet it is a fact that men, even good men, can somehow easily overlook and forget. We need to remind ourselves of it every day. Recalling this will save from discouragement and sustain in the strains of adversity. "If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small", says the first verse of our text. And our strength is small because it is *our* strength of which we think and not God's strength on which we rely. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up on wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint" (Isa. 40:31).

2. But this divine life flows through human channels into human beings and into the world's life. We are bound together in the bundle of life. Each of us comes into life through his parents and our growing life is maintained and sustained by God's resources being channeled to us through the lives that surround and support us. And that holds on all planes and in all the widening circles of human contacts. Now that the world has become in so many ways an economic unit, a cultural whole and a spiritual unity, we cannot escape the facts of our interdependence. God will not, by His very nature and method He cannot communicate His spiritual life or His material sustenance in our interrelated life except by larger use of human channels. One nation cannot starve for lack of food and medicine without other nations being responsible and sharing in the disaster. No people can receive the life eternal except through faithful communication by the peoples who have the life of God in trust for all His children. God's treasures for humanity are borne in earthen vessels. Hence, the call to all those who have what all men need:

"Deliver them that are being carried away unto death;
And those that are tottering to the slaughter see that thou rescue" (verse 11).

3. Thus all our life and all our resources are held in stewardship from God. And His judgment is always upon us for the way we hold and dispense what is committed to us. We must not blind our eyes to the facts nor deceive ourselves by false thinking. Verse 12 has a ring of divine warning:

"If thou sayest: Now, we did not know of this (condition of need or of these people in need)
Doth not He that knoweth men's hearts take account (of the fact that you could have known)?
And He, that keepeth thy soul, doth He not know (your selfish ignorance)?
And shall not He render to every man according to his behavior (in the midst of need)?"

This is the burden of the scene in Matthew 25, where Jesus warns of the calling of all peoples before Him "when He comes to sit upon the throne of His glory" (31). He will judge men and assign their destiny on the basis of their serving or not serving Him in ministering to hungry, naked, sick, neglected and imprisoned men and women and children. "Make me a channel of blessing" is a prayer for which our Lord has an immediate answer, if it is an honest prayer.

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.* 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, Georgia. 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: Expansion of the Kingdom

Scripture Study—Luke 13:18-21

Evangelism (See page 6 of this magazine.)

Clinics That Brought Results (See page 7 of this magazine.)

"I Have Chosen You" (See April issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.*)

The Other Day I Was Baptized (See April issue of *World Comrades*.)

Three Races See the Gospel's Power (See April issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

Winning for the Years Ahead (See April issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

Joinkrama . . . Medical Mission Outpost (See April issue of *The Commission*.)

Baptists and the World Today (See April issue of *The Commission*.)

A Parable . . . Reviewing Our History (See page 4 of this magazine.)

REFERENCE MATERIAL

The following list of reference material is the chief source used in preparation of program on pages 19-26. Credit is hereby given for facts and suggestions derived therefrom as well as for matter quoted in whole or in part. Further interesting help may be found in this listed material.

The Window of Y.W.A.	—World Comrades
Ambassador Life	—State Denominational Papers
Southern Baptist Home Missions	—The Commission
Last Report of the Foreign Mission Board	
Literature from Church World Service	
Now Is the Day.....	Foreign Mission Board Secretaries

Business Woman's Circles

Miss Mary Christian
W.M.U. Representative

Preparation: This program surely could not be presented properly without an immediate ingathering of good clothing, appropriate food and offerings of money to send for world relief. Perhaps the very first plan the Program Committee should make would be to give publicity to the fact that such will be done. Cards to members, phone calls, notices in church bulletin and local paper and word of mouth all can be used to advantage to broadcast the need and the plan.

On the program covers draw from the center several lines extending up and several downward as radii of a circle. On the lines extending upward print such captions as "Full of Compassion", "Merciful and Gracious", "Understanding and Sympathy", "Loving Kindness" etc. On the downward lines print the following: "Millions Starving", "Homeless Wanderers", "Fringes of Dire Need", "Woe Un-speakable", "Broken Families".

Have these or similar captions printed on placards for use in program presentation. Have ready also a large world map and boxes and offering plates for ingathering of the food, clothing and money.

Presentation: Follow the suggestions for hymns, Bible reading and calls to prayer that are given in the program outline. For program material see pages 19-26.

The program chairman in her introduction will call attention to the fact that we must keep our hearts open to a world in need. As she presents the need as given in the topic, "World Need", she will place on the world map the placards sharing the dire need, such as "Millions Starving" etc. Let her end with the plea — "Those who care must share. Who will help?"

Let one come forward and place above the map a picture of "Uncle Sam" saying, "Our Nation Responds", then give the discussion in that paragraph. Another places a picture of a church above the map saying, "The Churches of America Respond", then gives the discussion in that paragraph. A third says, "Southern Baptists Respond", then discusses that topic.

The program chairman says: "Perhaps you wonder if the material has really reached those in need, if it has actually helped them and if they are grateful. I've asked one to speak for all about this". Let this one, with many letters in her hand, tell of the deep gratitude by using some of the testimonies under the topic, "Gratitude".

The program chairman asks, "What can you and I do to help?" One of the members then comes forward and says she would like to speak. She gives in first person, as if it had been her experience and feeling, the last topic, "Not Weary in Well Doing", then makes a plea for "Compassion" as given in the first topic. At the close she places on the map, over the placards showing the world's needs, other placards reading: "Compassion", "Love", "Mercy", "Generous Gifts" etc.

After a season of prayer each is asked to bring forward her gifts. Benediction

Addresses of many receiving centers are given on page 27. For the sending of usable clothing, whether for people or their homes, you can most easily use the following address, especially if the package is rather large (sending by prepaid express or parcel post):

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

Program Plans

Prepared by Miss Doris Roberts, Alabama
W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Ky.

Purpose: To present the spiritual as well as physical world needs in such a way that southern Baptist women will be so filled with the love of Christ that they will "care and share". Remembering the words of Jesus (*Matthew 25:40, John 10:10*) they will pray, give and share with the world's needy "that they may have life".

Publicity: For a poster, use the picture of hungry-looking children holding up bowls, hopefully. Underneath it write: "Come hear the need of filling their bowls as well as their souls. Place. . . . Date. . . . Time. . . . Admission: Clothing or Money for Relief".

On an invitation card draw a pair of balance scales with a very large weight including luxury, pleasure, food, clothing and knowledge of Christ being weighed down by the weight of hunger, want, coldness and need for Christ. Underneath write: "Contrast your blessings with those of the world today. Place. . . . Date. . . . Time. . . ."

Preparation: The Program Committee should carefully and prayerfully read the entire program (pages 19-26) and then give parts out well enough in advance so that each person participating will learn the material she is to present. It should be explained to each that this program will be given in the form of a book being read.

The "book" should be a large box (a mattress box may be obtained from a furniture store) that stands on one end, the front side being just the top of the box, the back side should have the largest part cut out, just enough left to look like a frame. On the front of the "book" should be the title, "That They May Have Life". The back of the box will make the frame for the ones as they give their parts.

Presentation: When the chairman takes charge of the program she goes over to the book, which is closed, and says that this afternoon this book will speak to us about the need to rescue the perishing. As she opens the front page, *Compassion* speaks. This should be someone who is sincere and devoted to the cause of Christ. After she has given her part, the program chairman closes the book and says she will open another page. Since this second page is world need, it would be desirable for someone who has actually seen the world need at first hand to give the part. If one of the women had the privilege of attending the Baptist World Alliance, she would be ideal for this part; if not, a chaplain or anyone who was in the service could do it. The book should be closed after each part. During the song, have two people dressed in rags and hungry-looking come out and stand.

The next time the book is opened, we see one with a flannelgraph, telling how our nation, American churches and southern Baptists can share. She may obtain pictures from newspapers and our denominational magazines and, if the members had a part on the Friendship Train, mention that too.

When the book is opened again, one could be dressed as some national who has received help; show her reading a letter of gratitude that she has just written. Or it may include a letter written to the W.M.S. from someone whom it has helped. The last part should be given by one who will actually make the women search their own hearts to see if they are "tired of relief work".

As the program chairman closes the book for the last time, she might ask all of those who have brought clothing or money to place it on a table right in front of the book so that the words "That They May Have Life" can be seen. This can be done as the song is sung.

Church World Service reports that \$14,500,000 in funds and relief supplies was channeled to Europe and Asia in 1947. And we learn that a great deal of Canadian relief has been carried on by church groups. The Woman's Missionary Society of Canada, for example, has shipped overseas 7,000,000 garments for infants and small children.

PROGRAM MATERIAL

Mrs. C. D. Creaman, Tennessee

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

TOPIC for MONTH: "That They May Have Life"

Hymn—Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult

Bible Study—Proverbs 24:10-12; Matthew 25:31, 34-36 (See page 15.)

Prayer that we may realize anew the importance of helping others

Hymn—Rescue the Perishing

Compassion —World Need

Prayer that we may realize the tragic needs of the world

Hymn—Throw Out the Life-line

We Care and Share —Gratitude

Not Weary in Well Doing

Hymn—A Channel of Blessing

Prayer that we may continue in generous measure our work of relief and rehabilitation

COMPASSION

COMPASSION is a word with a beautiful meaning. It is not synonymous with love but goes along with love. Compassion is pity, but it is more than pity. It is pity and sympathy and mercy and tenderness all combined. Compassion is suffering with another. It is the unselfish reaching out of the heart to feel the woes and appropriate the suffering of another heart. And there goes along with compassion the idea of an effort to alleviate the suffering of others.

Compassion is an attribute of God. He is described as being "full of compassion", "merciful and gracious", of "great kindness", of "tender mercies", as one whose "loving kindness endureth forever". Jeremiah said, "His compassions fail not, they are new every morning". Through Hosea God said, "My compassions are kindled together".

We are told over and over of the compassion of Jesus. He was moved with compassion for the multitude because they were hungry, because they were sick, because they fainted, because "they were distressed and scattered, as sheep not having a shepherd". He had compassion on the widow of Nain as she followed her son's body to the grave and He gave him back to her alive. He "being moved with compassion" touched the eyes of two blind men on the Jericho Road and they received their sight. With a heart of compassion He wept at the grave of Lazarus. With a heart of compassion He wept over the city of Jerusalem. With a heart of compassion He "went about doing good". With a heart of compassion He died on the cross for the sins of the world. "Nothing brings the power, the wisdom and the love of Heaven so close to needy human beings as for them to be assured of the compassion of the Savior".

Compassion is an attribute of Christianity. The spirit of Christ within our hearts leads us to suffer with other people—to have compassion on the woes of the world. Isaiah said, "Relieve the oppressed". Zechariah said, "Show kindness and compassion every man to his brother". Paul said: "Bear ye one another's burdens, weep with them that weep, put on a heart of compassion". James gave as one of the requirements of pure religion that one should "visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction".

The world judges our Christianity by our compassion. This is right for, when one fails to show compassion toward those in need, there is reason to doubt his having the love of Christ in his heart. John wrote: "Whoso bath the world's goods and beholdeth his brother in need and shutteth up his compassion from him, how doth the love of God abide in him?" Jesus made the expression of our compassion a means of serving Him, for He said: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these My brethren, even these least, ye did it unto Me".

Compassion! It is a beautiful word, a meaningful word, a compelling word. It is a word which we must appropriate and practice daily if we are to be Christlike and demonstrate our Christianity to a lost world. The compassion of Jesus can reach other lives through the incarnation of this divine compassion in our hearts. We are the people on whom Christ depends to carry His compassion to others.

WORLD NEED

"THE poor ye have always with you", said Jesus. Surely the poor, the sick, the afflicted, the lonely, the distressed, the suffering we have always with us. Thus it always has been, and thus it always will be as long as human beings are sinful, for the price of sin is a world in distress.

Never before has there been a time of so much need as this day in which we live. There are more people hungry, homeless, cold, sick, suffering and distressed than ever before in the history of the world.

The world is in need of physical relief. In practically all the countries of Europe, in China, in India, in Japan are uncounted millions of people starving to death. The masses of the people in these countries have always lived on the fringes of dire need, and the late world war has increased their need to a truly tragic situation. Millions are without homes, millions are without food, millions are without clothing, millions are without the bare necessities of human existence. "Heartbreak is the portion of humanity today and hordes of uncared for little children drift across Europe and Asia. Homeless wanderers, broken families, robbed of every earthly possession, still struggle blindly to find some ray of hope. The aftermath of war, added to the bitter hate and greed which gave it birth, has overwhelmed mankind with woe unspeakable".

Southern Baptists who went last summer to Europe to attend the sessions of the Baptist World Alliance tell pathetic stories of need as they saw it. Our Baptist brethren of the different countries came to the meeting in threadbare clothing and showed in their bodies lack of sufficient nourishment. They gave heartbreaking accounts of the suffering of Baptists and other people in a dozen European countries. As our delegates journeyed through Europe they saw everywhere evidence of great need. One tells of hundreds of children gathered at a railroad station in Germany hoping to obtain food from the passengers. The conductor on the train said that all of them would probably be dead of starvation within a year. One who knows conditions in Germany says that in Berlin 2000 die of starvation and malnutrition every month. We are told that in Rumania the people are living on potatoes without even a bit of salt to make them palatable. Everywhere diseases due to malnutrition are rampant.

As bad as are conditions in Europe they are even worse in the orient. Added to the ravages of war are flood, droughts and pestilences which have combined to bring the people to a state of starvation and great suffering. It is said that there are more people starving in India today than there are people in the United States. The Chinese, after twelve years of Japanese occupation, are in a pitiable condition. Millions of refugees returning to their homes find everything they possessed gone. One describing their condition says: "Famine has gripped large areas, bringing suffering indescribable. Clothing, furniture, houses, land, even children have been sold to raise money to ease the pangs of hunger, but the grim hands of starvation could not be staid for helpless thousands". Conditions in Japan, too, are bad. With whole cities bombed out of existence, with many homes destroyed, with lack of

milk for babies and without food and clothing for millions of people the suffering is great. Missionary Edwin Dozier says: "Japan is still unable to feed herself. Hunger and starvation are sure unless those who have a heart will help".

Southern Baptists face need for rehabilitation on foreign mission fields in Europe and especially in China. Missionary home church buildings, hospitals and schools are either "piles of rubble or almost wholly derelict". In Hungary about thirty Baptist churches were either completely destroyed or more or less damaged. Our Baptist seminary and girls' school at Budapest were ruined beyond repair. One of the buildings of the Baptist orphanage of Hungary was absolutely destroyed, while another was badly damaged.

In China the destruction of Baptist property was tragic. The buildings of the University of Shanghai were bombed and looted until they were just shells of their former glory. In a south China field "all missionary residences were bombed, leaving only some of the walls standing and a church building was burned". At Pingtu "school buildings were greatly damaged, doors and windows gone and even floors of some buildings torn up and burned. All buildings were stripped of every movable thing". At Laichow "the hospital buildings were pretty well destroyed, some burned". At Hwanghsien the hospital and one missionary residence were burned. Missionaries returning to Wuchow found the hospital damaged with roof almost off, the church building destroyed and one of the Baptist schools in ruins. On every field there was destruction and looting, so the need for rehabilitation is truly great.

As great as is the physical need of the world the spiritual need is even greater. People are not only homeless but hopeless. Their lives, as well as their houses, need to be rebuilt. Diseased souls as well as diseased bodies need to be healed. People are hungry not only for bread but for the Bread of Life. Never has there been such a demand for the Word of God. Europe is calling for hundreds of thousands of Bibles to replace those lost during the war. Japan is asking for one hundred times the Bibles and Testaments furnished her by the American Bible Society in an average year before the war. In China, in India and in Russia is unprecedented demand for Bibles. People are heart hungry. They need food for their souls. They need God's Word. They need Christ.

World need! World need! World need!
How we feel, dear God, the full urge of it
And the swing and the swirl and the surge of it,
The distress of it,
The dire press of it
And the pall and the thrall and the call
That come now from the great and the small.

World need! World need! World need!
How we feel, dear God, the dread chill of it
And the dearth and the death and the debt of it,
The vast sweep of it,
The great deep of it
And the wear and the tear and the care
That break now the sad hearts everywhere!

World need! World need! World need!
We thank thee, dear God, for the chance of it,
For the reach and the risk and the romance of it,
The high hope of it,
The strong cope of it,
For the way and the sway and the stay
That come now for the task for today.

—From *Sunshine and Shadows* by Dr. E. P. Alldredge

WE CARE and SHARE

TO world need, such as exists today, hearts of compassion must respond. Those who care, share.

Our nation responds to world need. We are constantly reminded that never before has there been so much in our land and so little everywhere else. Recognizing this fact, our government is sharing the plenty of our land with those who have "so little". Generous loans have been made to needy nations. We have been earnestly entreated to observe meatless and eggless days that there might be more food to share with others. A Friendship Train has gathered from every part of our country the bounty of the people to be sent to suffering ones across the sea. By act of Congress still more generous help for needy nations is being rendered. We can rejoice that the government of our nation has a heart of compassion to care for the woes of others and to share the bounty of our land with those not so fortunate.

The churches of America respond to world need. Every denomination has had campaigns to raise funds and plans for sending gift packages of food and clothing overseas. An aid to the relief work of the churches is found in an organization known as the Church World Service, in which twenty denominations cooperate. While gifts are made through the churches and are fostered by the different denominations Church World Service renders valuable assistance in promoting the work and providing means for the collection, transportation and distribution of gifts. As the different denominations thus cooperate in their relief work, the united effort has made a Christian impact on the world.

Church World Service has headquarters in New York, and nine collection centers have been set up in different parts of the country to facilitate the collection and preparation of packages to be sent overseas. From a bulletin published in December we gain some facts concerning the relief and reconstruction work done through the Church World Service in 1947. People in forty-two countries of Europe, Asia and Africa received help. Cash contributions for the first ten months amounted to over four and a half million dollars. The goal for supplies for the year was twenty million pounds, and at the end of ten months more than three-fourths of this had been given and sent overseas.

"Other phases of the year's activities have included aid to refugees and displaced persons, to pastors and church workers, to churches, schools, hospitals and other institutions, youth groups, orphanages and a host of others. Clothing and food have been distributed among a multitude of grateful people. Medical help has been supplied in many countries. Theological books, numbered in thousands, have been sent overseas. Twenty-five students were helped in coming to study in United States seminaries. At least 1060 displaced persons were helped to come to this country this year for resettlement and a new life".

Some have thought that since the government is giving so much help to Europe, perhaps help from the churches is no longer needed. This is far from true. All the help the government can give will not be enough. President Truman urges Americans to "assist in the efforts being made by religious groups and other bodies to aid the undernourished, the sick, the aged, all sufferers in war-devastated lands". "Governmental aid will reduce physical want and provide basic essentials of life. But it does not pretend to offer the spiritual vitality so lacking in the war-disrupted communities". Only the churches of Europe, with American moral and material support, can do this.

Southern Baptists respond to world need. We remember that during the war our Foreign Mission Board sent thousands of dollars of relief funds to China and that some of our missionaries were agents for distributing our bounty to thousands of suffering people. Then, in the summer of 1946 we made a special offering for relief and rehabilitation amounting to \$3,914,085. In the report of the Foreign Mission Board for 1946 we are told how this money has been used and the good it has

accomplished: "The relief funds have given help to tens of thousands of destitute people in China, Japan and Europe. Thousands of Baptist families, pastors, Bible women, teachers and other Christian workers have been lifted from below a subsistence level. Children from Baptist homes have been put back in schools. Students who were suffering from malnutrition have received nourishing food and vitamin compounds. Sick people who were without help have been given medical attention. Tens of thousands of hungry and destitute people have been provided with food and clothing.

Rehabilitation funds have set forward the recovery of Baptist work by several decades over what Christians in the devastated areas could have done without this help. Church buildings have been repaired, school plants rebuilt and equipped, hospitals restored and missionary homes provided. Southern Baptists have never made an offering which gave so much happiness and encouragement to so many people, as this one has done". While most of our work of rehabilitation has been done in China, nevertheless when the Iron Curtain is lifted we will be called on to invest at least \$500,000 in rehabilitation in Hungary, Yugoslavia and Rumania.

At the meeting of the Baptist Alliance, in Copenhagen last summer, a Relief Committee was appointed with Dr. R. Paul Caudill of Memphis, Tennessee, as chairman. On recommendation of this committee the Alliance entered upon a campaign for relief and adopted a goal of "Clothes for a Million People and a Million Dollars for Food". Southern Baptists were asked to give half of the clothing and half of the money. Through October and November collections of clothing were made, and January was set as the month for gifts of money. The response of southern Baptists in both clothing and money has been generous. Many packages of clothing have gone to Germany. A German-American who served as a chaplain in the Army is being sent to Europe to work with the Baptist brethren in Germany in administering relief. In addition to the large volume of clothing being sent, plans have been made for the purchase of food in Denmark for Baptists and others in Germany. The Relief Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has assumed responsibility of buying \$10,000 worth of food each month for six months.

Southern Baptists are one of the denominations cooperating with the Church World Service. Our packages of clothing and food are sent overseas through the centers set up by this organization; most southern Baptist packages go through the Southern Baptist Relief Center (740 Esplanade Ave., New Orleans 16, La.) Our gifts in money go through our Foreign Mission Board. We are glad that our great denomination is among those who care enough for world need to share what they have that others might have a chance to live.

GRATITUDE

We could wish that it were possible for us to follow all our gifts for relief and rehabilitation to their ultimate destination to see them delivered, to know the good they do and to hear the expressions of gratitude from those who are helped by them. Of course we cannot do that, and most of us will never be thanked personally for our gifts. However, there have come words of gratitude—from missionaries, from beneficiaries, from others who have seen relief and rehabilitation funds at work enough to give us some idea of how our gifts have helped and how they are appreciated.

Miss Mary Lucile Saunders, writing from Kiangsu Province in China, says: "Thanks to God for relief funds! To the families of the stalwart pastor, the earnest Bible woman and the ardent evangelist they brought immediate succor, and for them it was the difference between a losing battle with poverty and a gradual return to more normal living. Thus to the orphans could be given security in an insecure world, to the worthy poor students could come the chance to study now and to the hard-pressed teachers could be granted an easing of their load at once that they might give more of themselves to those they teach. Theirs is the gratitude of a smile through tears, a squaring of the shoulders to do one's best, a heart too full to speak and the laughter of regained confidence".

Of rehabilitation, Miss Saunders writes: "Rehabilitation! What magic of transformation southern Baptists have given to that word through their gifts. Mission schools are open and full to overflowing because somehow doors, windows and roofs were repaired and enough desks and chairs made. The Yangchow hospital is serving up to a hundred daily in clinics, the University of Shanghai campus is literally teeming with students, and the four upper classes of Eliza Yates have already returned to the Baptist compound. To make of these occupied and damaged places active Christian centers of education and medical service is a very real transformation in which southern Baptists may be humbly thankful that they have had a part".

A Baptist leader in Hungary, M. Baranyay, writes: "The food, clothes and money sent for relief brought unspeakable release. No words can express it. Without it, perhaps one of my sons would be dead, for he was very ill and after the nutritious food he is much better".

A chaplain, through whom gift parcels were delivered to needy Japanese Baptists, writes: "The response of the pastors and others who were recipients of the gifts was not so much one of words as of appreciation that could not find verbal expression. The warm glow of their moist eyes showed it. This food is not only physical bread to help feed empty stomachs but also spiritual bread to lead hearts into a fuller meaning of the love of Christ".

The Minister of Welfare in Japan wrote the Church World Service: "This manifestation of good-will on the part of the American people comes as a bright ray of hope to us in these dark days. It comes as a rain on lives parched spiritually and materially and will strengthen them in their longing for rebirth. Kindly accept this expression of our hearty thanks for the interest of your associates and the generosity of your people".

From Holland comes this "Thank you" letter to the Church World Service Committee: "Our sincere thanks for the lovely gifts. God bless you and the American people. We shall never forget and always keep you in grateful remembrance. If any one of your committee should ever come to the nearly totally devastated city of Arnhem, please be sure to pay us a visit. You can stay at our home and sleep in the bed between the sheets and blankets that you sent us. You will be most welcome".

To our Foreign Mission Board come many, many letters of gratitude, not only from our mission fields but also from others who have been aided by southern Baptist relief funds and packages. We give a few of these. Here is a letter from Germany:

Dear Brothers in Christ!

From all my heart I thank my Savior Jesus Christ for this wonderful help in this hard time and I and my family thank also you dear brothers for your Christian love. Only thanks to your packages we are physically able to pull through in this time of misery and need. But our Savior who is sending us this time of suffering gives us also strength, faith and help. May our Father in Heaven reward you for all your care, help and love. Read Hebrews 6:10.

Your brother in Christ
(Signed) Aleksander Ertis

The following was written last October and came from Munich, Bavaria, to the Relief Committee of the Foreign Mission Board:

Sirs:

By your agency we received a CARE parcel. After our joy is an immensely great one, we want to submit our many thanks not only to yourself but also to the noble donor himself. We therefore ask you to notify us about the address of one of the benefactors that we are able to say to him how much he supported us by this generous deed. Even now before

the heavy winter-time such gifts are to be looked at as presents from Heaven. Thanking you in advance for your kind efforts, we remain

Very respectfully yours,
(Signed) Erich Budiner with Family

From a Lutheran congregation in Finland came the following letter addressed to the Southern Baptist Convention:

We have here in Ulvila received a great number of garments from USA, which have been divided by representatives of church for poor in our congregation. These garments have very useful for them and they are much obliged to the donors. The people of USA have always showed very sympathetic to Finnish and have in many helped us. We thank the donors heartily. May God bless our friends in USA.

(Signed) A. Halla-Seppala
Rector of Congregation

From Holland comes this message:

Dear Friends:

I think for a long time you were looking for a letter about your gifts to Holland. It took a long time before they arrived in Holland and then they were sent to the different towns and villages. I wish you could have seen the happy faces of the mothers, who received your clothes. Most people who got something don't know English, therefore I want to thank you very much in their place. Be sure that your help has been for us a symbol of the love of Christ uniting the members of all churches all over the world. Perhaps we hear from you again. May God bless you and strengthen you in His work.

Sincerely yours
(Signed) Ds. Th. A. Vos
Clergyman Reformed Church

NOT WEARY in WELL DOING

"I'm tired hearing about hungry folks", said a certain woman—a southern Baptist woman, a member of Woman's Missionary Union, a woman of plenty who had responded generously to world need. But, she was "weary in well doing". She was tired of appeals for help, tired of meatless days, tired of offerings for relief.

We wonder if there are others like her. How about the hungry folks? Perhaps they are "tired" too—tired of eatless days, tired of the gnawing feeling of an empty stomach, tired of the weariness that comes from undernourishment, tired of bearing their children cry for food when there is none!

We cannot afford to become tired of our relief work. We must not feel that because we have given generously we can stop for awhile. Even after all that has been done there is still appalling world need and will be probably for many years. As long as there is need, there must be relief. As long as there are starving people, we must feed them. As long as there are people needing clothes, the packages of garments must go overseas. As long as hospitals, churches and schools lie in ruins, there must be funds to rebuild them. As long as people are hungry for the Word of God, we must send Bibles to them.

We are told of God, "His compassions are new every morning". Now we too must be not tired of hungry people, not weary in well doing, but with our compassions new and fresh every day continue to care for the woes of other people and to share with them God's bountiful gifts to us.

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QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss compassion as an attribute of God.

2. Discuss compassion as an attribute of Christianity.
3. Tell something of the world's need of physical relief.
4. Tell something of the need of rehabilitation on our mission fields.
5. Discuss the spiritual needs of the world.
6. How is our nation responding to world needs?
7. How are the churches of America responding to world needs?
8. Tell of the work of Church World Service.
9. How are southern Baptists responding to world needs?
10. Tell something of how our relief and rehabilitation funds have been used.
11. Tell of the gratitude of people who have been aided.
12. Discuss the necessity of continuing our work of relief and rehabilitation.

Books Commended for Reading and Studying in 1948

The Bible (Using Dr. John R. Sampey's Plan and Emphasizing Missionary Message in Daily Reading)

Stewardship (and Christmas) Stories.....	\$1
<i>Author: Mrs. Carter Wright</i>	
In Royal Service.....	75c
<i>Author: Miss Fannie E. S. Heck</i>	
Following in His Train.....	60c
<i>Author: Mrs. W. J. Cox</i>	
To Be Continued.....	25c
<i>Author: Lonnie Benson Thomas</i>	

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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Spoiled April?

THE nursery rhyme says April is "very badly spoiled" but this April can give evidence of real generosity if you will help. All our missionary education organizations are studying about relief and rehabilitation, "That They May Have Life" in Europe and Asia, but our programs will avail little unless they stimulate action. This time action means collecting clothes and bedding, packing and sending to Southern Baptist Relief Center (740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans 16, La.) or to a specific person whose address you secure from Baptist World Alliance (1628 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.) or to a missionary in Japan. If you send a box of clothing etc. to a person put in packable food also, but no food should be put in packages to New Orleans, please.

Action this time means also CARE packages sent to people. Write Foreign Mission Board (P. O. Box 5148, Richmond 20, Va.) for details or send the Board as many \$10 as you can, asking it to forward CARE packages wherever it thinks wisest.

Young people should help in all this action. R.A.'s can take the supplies to a packing room at the church. They can take boxes also; they can wrap and tie. Y.W.A.'s and G.A.'s can sort, mend where necessary, keep the list of contents of each box or package, pack carefully into boxes or duffle bags, stuffing corners to avoid waste space. Sunbeams can give clothes or cloth toys or other assigned articles according to the plans decided on. Everyone can help.

G.A.'s, especially and older Sunbeams will find joy in the shoe-boxes which can now be sent through New Orleans. Just an ordinary shoe-box? Yes, but you turn it into magic happiness. Get a pair of shoes, a new or almost new pair, good sturdy soles, low heels, any size. Then dress your box up with pictures pasted on it, inside and out. Don't send pictures of food to people who will still be hungry for months; use pictures of scenery, American children going to school, of people going to church; use Bible pictures. Paste neatly and smoothly; dry thoroughly. Shellac if you wish and dry again thoroughly. While the drying process continues, gather more things to fill in the shoes and around the shoes—socks or stockings, mittens, a scarf, a towel, wash-cloth and soap, tooth-brush and tooth-paste, pencils, tablet, crayons, scissors, a Bible or New Testament, tracts to tell the Gospel or build Christian lives, hard candies, handkerchiefs, underwear, cloth: what fun to put in a lot of things and fill up every little corner with something useful. When it is all full, wrap carefully in brown paper. It will not be opened in New Orleans but will go in a big carton across the ocean just as you pack it. Don't put in anything that will break; don't leave waste space to disappoint someone who receives your box; fill it full. You may put in your name and address but perhaps the person who receives it does not have money enough to mail you a "thank you" note. If you wish, buy a foreign return postcard, write your note on it and your address on the return half and perhaps it will come back some day; if it doesn't, your recipient couldn't read your English note but thought "thank you" just the same! April need not be spoiled, neither need America's young or adult population. We can give and give again and again—"inasmuch . . . unto Me".

Month after next? Yes, that's right.

June 17 through 23, 1948

Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgcrest comes in sight.

Make your Y.W.A. Camp reservations with your state W.M.U. young people's secretary.

Missionary Selections in Bible Readings

FOR the past three months this magazine has carried a page of missionary selections in Bible readings, especially for W.M.U. members who are using Dr. John R. Sampey's plan for daily Bible reading. Believing that it will help all such W.M.U. members and many others, there is herewith being published a long and very comprehensive list of missionary selections, starting where the list in the March issue of this magazine stopped and continuing on through *Revelation*. Thus these immediate pages and the ones in the preceding three issues can be detached and then be kept together for early or later use in a careful study and marking of one's Bible to show its almost countless missionary passages. Deeply indebted is Woman's Missionary Union to Dr. W. C. James of Richmond, Virginia, for listing these selections for publication in this magazine.

Deut. 29:29	Acts 18:1-28	Song of Sol. 8:6, 7	I Cor. 9:1-12, 19-27
See Rom. 16:25, 26	Judg. 3:1, 2, 4	Rom. 5:1-11	Isa. 41:8-14; 42:1-9
Deut. 30:11-14	Judg. 3:9, 10	I Sam. 9:2, 15-17	I Cor. 10:11-13
Psa. 141:1-4	Judg. 4:4-10	I Sam. 10:5-13	II Sam. 22:44-46
Psa. 142:4-7a	Prov. 23:4, 5, 15-26	Isa. 1:10-17	Isa. 43:22-28; 44:6-8
Acts 3:1-26	Prov. 23:29-32	Isa. 2:2-4, 12-21	I Cor. 11:23-34
Deut. 31:7, 8	Prov. 24:10, 16-19	Rom. 6:15-23	II Sam. 24:24
Deut. 32:10-14	Prov. 24:30-34	I Sam. 11:13; 12:1-5	Isa. 45:1-6, 22-25
Psa. 143:6-10	Acts 19:1-41	I Sam. 12:23-25	Isa. 46:1-7
Psa. 144:12-15	Judg. 5:23	Isa. 3:1-24; 4:2-6	I Cor. 12:12-31
Acts 4:1-37	Judg. 6:15-18	Rom. 7:14-25	Isa. 47:1-11; 48:18, 19
Deut. 33:25b, 27a, 29	Judg. 6:36-40	I Sam. 13:9-14	I Cor. 13:1-13
Deut. 34:9	Prov. 25:11, 21	I Sam. 14:6b, 43-46	I Kings 3:5-9; 4:25
Psa. 145:9-13, 21	Prov. 25:22, 25	Isa. 5:2b, 4b, 7	Isa. 49:6b, 15, 16, 25
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Josh. 1:2-9; 2:2-7	Acts 20:1-38	Rom. 8:26-39	I Kings 6:12, 13
Cl Heb. 11:31	Judg. 7:2-8; 8:4	I Sam. 15:3, 9, 10, 14	Isa. 51:4, 5, 11
Psa. 147:10, 11	Prov. 27:1-6, 10, 12	I Sam. 15:21-23	Isa. 52:7, 13-15
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Current Missionary Events

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But when He saw the multitudes He was moved with compassion for them because they were distressed and scattered as sheep not having a shepherd.—*Matthew 9:36.*

A check for \$10 has come from the women of Portuguese East Africa for the women's work in China. It is the total of the free-will offering from the World Day of Prayer of February, 1947. A number of contributions have come from Chinese women for Africa. Miss Ruth Thomas, who sent this check, wrote: "This is their first venture in helping women of other countries".—*Methodist Woman*

On the hard surface of a courtyard in northwest China a map of China was outlined in whitewash. Students who stood around it had been hearing of the unevangelized regions further west, where wild Tibetans, Mongols and Mohammedans of various races live in tents—regions infested by wild animals, man-eating Tibetan dogs and cruel bandits. A number of students who had heard the call stepped up on the map and formed a "Back to Jerusalem Band" to preach along roads through Szechwan, Tibet, Afghanistan, Iran, Arabia, Iraq, Syria, Turkey and Palestine. One of the pioneers wrote: "Only to think of the difficulties of this road makes one's hair stand on end". One of the band wrote: "Sometimes I heard firing but my gun was prayer". Another wrote: "We may not reach our goal, but we are willing to dye the war-path red with our blood".—*The World Today*

With India's tremendous need before us we rejoice to hear of a "Ten-Year Program for Evangelism". India is a land of 700,000 villages, with 225 distinct languages and 2300 castes and sub-castes. This ten-year program is village-centered. The plan is to enlist one leader for every village and to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Some essential subjects will have attention, such as social and educational work, literacy classes (*Lambach System*), agriculture and public health and always the preaching of the Gospel of Christ. To win India for Christ is the great objective.—*Thomas Cochrane in World Dominion*

When Anglican church wardens at Gona, New Guinea, met to plan their future work, one of them said: "I think God would be happy if we sent half our offerings to Japan and used half for our school. Then we shall be replacing our things and helping those who spoiled our country to be better people". The suggestion was unanimously adopted. The people of Gona saw their teachers killed, their churches and schools demolished when the Japanese invaded the country.—*Christian Century*

During the 1946 fiscal year, protestants and other evangelicals of the United States and Canada raised a total of nearly \$13,000,000 for foreign missions. Almost two-thirds of it came from members of seven denominations. The little Seventh Day Adventist connection led the list with gifts totaling four and a half million dollars. Then came the southern Baptists, followed by the Methodists giving \$3,858,553 in their 1946 fiscal year.—*World Outlook (Methodist)*

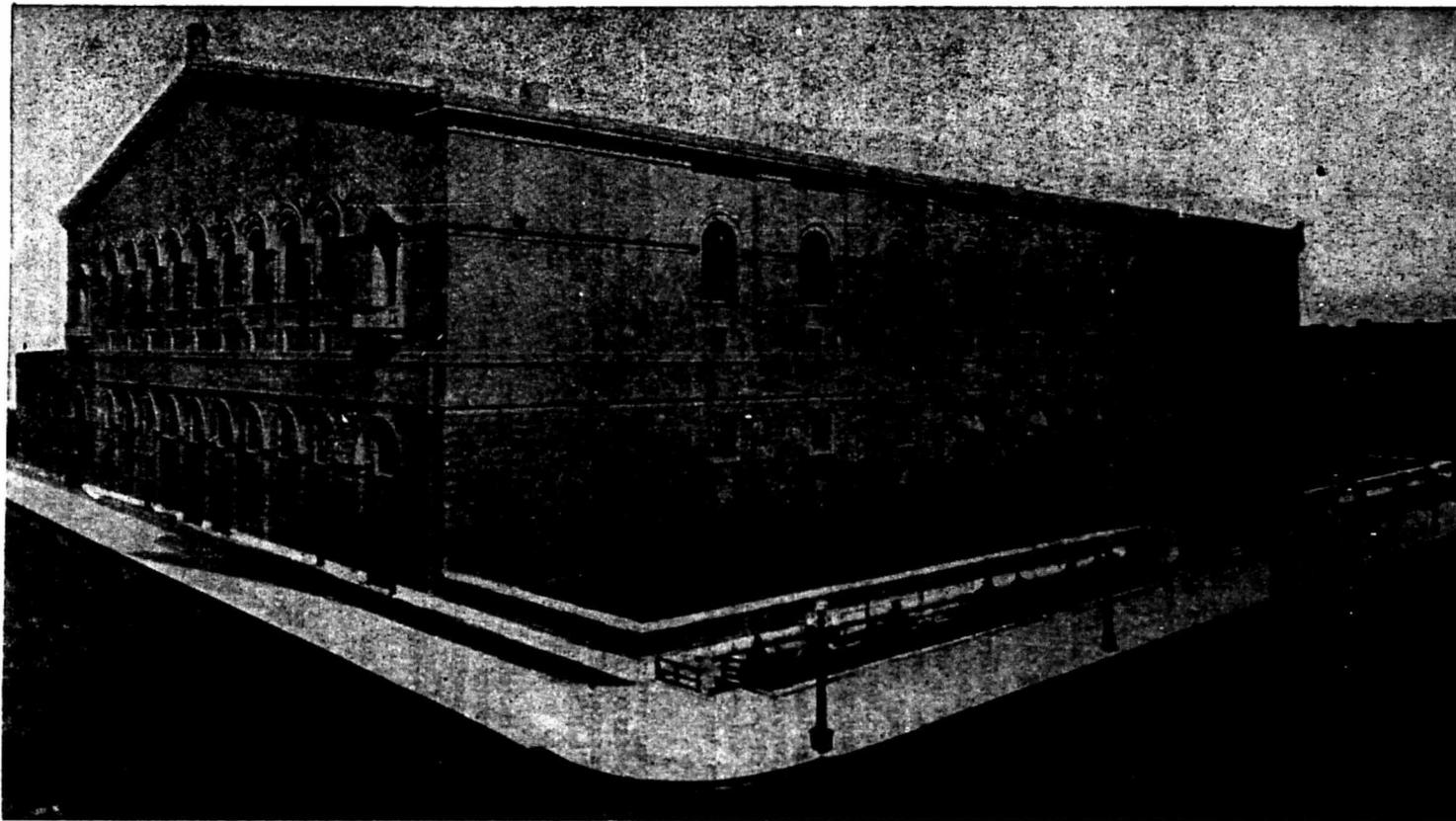
As a Christmas gift to the churches and the people of Soviet Russia the American Bible Society presented to Metropolitan Gregory of the Russian Orthodox Church 10,000 copies of the Russian Bible, 5000 Russian New Testaments and Psalms, 100,000 Russian Gospels and 1000 Greek New Testaments. The 1000 Greek New Testaments were to be distributed among students in theological seminaries which the Russian government has again permitted to function.—*Missions*

The General Conference of the Mennonite Church, we are told, changed the name of the organization to the United Missionary Church. Evidence of the fact that the Mennonites are truly missionary is that during the past year their offerings amounted to more than \$1,000,000, a record of \$75.76 per member, one of the highest averages reported in America. In addition they contributed food for thirty-six cars of the Friendship Train.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America voted last fall an allocation of \$1,000,000 for missionary work in Japan during the next three years and also decided to send fifty additional missionaries to that country. The latest figures on the number of missionaries in Japan show 859 for the Catholics and 270 for the protestants and other evangelicals. Some of these Catholic missionaries occupy places which in the protestant and other evangelical churches and schools are held by Japanese.

The Baptists of the Northern Baptist Convention have been holding Evangelistic Leadership Conferences throughout their territory as part of the initial stages of a two-year "Crusade for Christ through Evangelism". New Mexico Baptists, cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention, reported at their convention last fall that their ratio of baptisms to church membership was 1 to 11 during the past year, about double the achievement of southern Baptists as a whole.

I came that they may have life and may have it abundantly. I am the Good Shepherd: the good shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep.—*John 10:10, 11*



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Here Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, will meet May 17-18. Monday's sessions will commence as follows: 10 A.M., 2 P.M., 7:30 P.M. Tuesday's sessions will commence as follows: 9 A.M., 2 P.M., 7:30 P.M. Here registration will commence at 8 A.M. on the 17th and will close finally at 2 P. M. on the 18th, but no one will be registered during the program hours of either day. All delegates must register; all visitors are also urged to register.