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A FAMILY ALTAR

It will sweeten home life and enrich home relationships as nothing else will.

It will dissolve misunderstanding and relieve friction that may enter the home.

It will hold boys and girls to the Christian ideal and determine their lasting welfare.

It will send us forth to our work for the day, in home, office, store, factory, true to our best and determined in what we do to glorify God.

It will make us conscious through the day of the attending presence of a divine Friend and helper.

It will hallow our friendships with our guests in the home.

It will reinforce the influence and work of the church and the cause of missions throughout the world.—Adapted.

If Every Woman...

by Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president Woman's Missionary Union

WHEN I RECALL what my first Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting meant to me, then it is I wish that every last one of you members of Woman's Missionary Societies and Young Woman's Auxiliaries too could be with us at our annual session in Chicago May 26-28. You would want also to stay over for the Southern Baptist Convention which follows immediately, May 29-June 1.

As all of us returned home we would, I believe, do a much more thorough job of missionary education in our churches! That inevitably would result in a deeper conviction that we must not fail in the business of soul-winning in our communities. It would constrain us to pray, to give of our homes—but more surely, to give our sons and daughters to go, teach, preach, heal as Christ commanded us.

I went to my first Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union meeting in May after I was elected local president the September before and had been serving since October. I must admit I was very ignorant, but enthusiastic and willing. The meeting was in Fort Worth, Texas. My Woman's Missionary Society voted to pay \$10.00 on my expenses. I persuaded my husband to let me go, take my car, fill it with five other women. He agreed and, to help sit with five-year-old Jane! I took the five women for two reasons: to share expenses and so they could learn and gain inspiration too. I bought a new red coat to wear, and I felt very young and gay, almost out of place.

I shall never forget how my heart beat fast as I saw the people who had been only names to me come onto the platform—Mrs.

F. W. Armstrong, Miss Kathleen Mallory, Mrs. W. J. Cox, Miss Juliette Mather, Mrs. Carter Wright, Miss Ethel Winfield, Mrs. Una R. Lawrence, Mrs. Wilfred Tyler, Mrs. Furniss Lee.

I kept notes, but I was so thrilled to be a part of such a world-important meeting, so impressed with the quality of leadership, so inspired by the reports and the missionaries, I could hardly wait to get home to tell it all and to encourage the women in our church to do a better job in our Woman's Missionary Union.

One thought from that meeting captured my imagination and has continued to hold me to this good day. Miss Kathleen Mallory said in her report that it was by putting all our *littles* together that made us what we were. She spoke of each *little* society adding its membership, each *little* offering for missions being added to another *little* offering, and another until it became something great: a great organization, a great offering. And, thus, we became "Laborers together with God." I have used that idea many times. It impels me still. It thrills women in small groups, or discouraged women who think they see small results from their labors, to realize that they are important parts of the whole plan of God for world redemption.

I believe if every woman in every missionary society could attend this annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union in Chicago every area of our missionary witness would enlarge and be extended until the earth would "be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

See you in Chicago May 26. The program is on page 7 of this *Royal Service*.

I Remember Mother

*Beautiful and blessed is the memory
of faithful mothers who have inspired
their children in missionary service*

"The reason I am in Christian work today," says **Joshua Grijalva**, of the home mission field in Colorado, "is that my mother dedicated me to the Lord for his service before I was born. I did not know about her dedication until after I had made surrender and dedication of my own life to the Lord. I remember that it was when I was quite discouraged because it seemed



Rev. Joshua Grijalva

that I would not have the money to go to the training school after finishing college, that my mother told me. With confidence she assured me that the way would open, for she had dedicated me before birth to God. "The Christian example of my mother has always been a great inspiration to me. Within a few weeks I found a job that enabled me to pay my college debt and to save up enough money to pay my way at the training school."

Mrs. A. P. Pierson, who serves in Mexico, writes, "My father passed away after a long illness and left my mother with five children to provide for and train.

"I especially remember a time when my mother had charge of the Sunbeam Band in our WMU. It seemed that she just brought the missionaries right into the services when we were told about them. After one program I remember that we prepared a little missionary drama. I have long forgotten who I represented in the

drama, but have never forgotten the longing I felt at that time to be able to go out and tell others of my Saviour.

"We always had good books and good music in our home. Also we always had 'open house' for the young people of our church. I don't remember ever seeing my brothers smoke in our home. When my uncles visited in our home they always left the house to smoke, out of respect for my mother. We hardly had cause even to discuss alcohol. I do not think there ever was a time when my brothers even considered its use.

"After I grew up and went away to college, however, I drifted away from that earlier enthusiasm for religious activities.

"I found myself in between two groups of companions. One, a worldly group all out for a 'grand good time' and the other a Volunteer Band of very active Christians. Now, I admired and respected this group and wanted much to be one of them, but at the same time I enjoyed the company of the other group. One week my happy-go-lucky group had laid plans for a very exciting week end; certainly not taking into consideration whether our plans would meet the approval of our Dean of Women.

"I felt quite satisfied with my part in the plan until Friday night when our date suggested that we drop by the prayer meeting in Room 300. As we prayed for God's work all over the world, then for all of us students, that we might be led in the right, I became very uncomfortable. After the meeting I went to my room and straight to bed.

"But being alone was a terrible experience. My life passed before me as a moving picture. The early Christian training in my home, then my indifference and un-



Mrs. A. P. Pierson



Miss Floryne Miller

concern. I realized how I had been wasting opportunities to lead others in the right way. I spent a bad time until finally I asked God to forgive me and let me live a Christian life. Two or three days later a letter came from my mother saying she had become so concerned about me that she had been praying very earnestly without knowing why she felt especially disturbed at that particular time. I was glad that I could say to her then, and am glad that I can say now that I know her prayers were answered. Through her prayers God took hold of me and caused me to seek his will for me and my life work."

"One of my earliest recollections," Miss Floryne Miller, missionary to Japan, tells us, "is that it was taken for granted that every child in our family would be in Sunday school and church service every Sunday unless we were ill. Great preparations were made on Saturday. There were five of us, all with more than a normal capacity for getting into trouble, creating noise and confusion. My father used to come home from his law office at noon on Saturday, and woe be to anyone who disturbed his quiet hours of study of the Sunday school lesson for the next day. That night shoes were polished, clean clothes selected, everything arranged so that there could be nothing to prevent all of us being on time the next morning. My father must teach a large men's class, and my mother a ladies' class. I never quite knew when my mother prepared her lesson, but prepare them she did, with great care and love as a sacred trust. The Bibles each of them used, both with special inserted pages filled with notes and outlines of those lessons taught, are now among our

Edited by Mrs. L. F. Maynard

most treasured possessions.

"One can understand how my mother so loved the WMU and all it stood for, when it is known that her mother, my grandmother, had a very real and sacrificial interest in the Lord's work, and particularly that of foreign missions. The year that I was appointed to Japan, I heard someone who

knew my grandmother when she was a young married woman, tell of how she used to save all the year through for the foreign mission offering.

"How well I remember the years when I fairly resented the time I had to spend acting as her chauffeur, taking her to all the out-of-the-way places where she was always starting new societies or new circles. She neither scolded me for my ungracious attitude, nor allowed me to get out of the task. How gentle she was—all through my college years before I found myself and God's plan for me. It was as if she knew already deep down in her heart that some day the change would come. Only after I was in the seminary did I know the secret. She wrote me, 'I miss you more than I can say, but I am so happy that you are there. I have been praying for years that you would find your place in his service; and I knew he would answer my prayer.'

"It was her faithful prayers too, I know, which helped bring me out from internment camp in China and home again during the war years. I was at home when my father died.

"On the day my father was killed by an automobile, when Mother and I returned with the others to the house from the hospital where he had been taken in a vain hope of reviving him, one of the first things she said to me was, 'Please call someone in my WMS circle and tell them I cannot lead the mission study tomorrow.' The fact that even in that moment of shock and grief, greater perhaps than she had ever known, she could have thought almost at once of her circle and her responsibility for it on the following day, was to me typical

I Remember Mother

of the years of constant and devoted service she had rendered the Lord through the WMU, her Sunday school class, and the other many responsibilities that had been hers.

"At that time she was far from well, and I offered to stay at home with her. She would not hear of it, and insisted that, even though it meant leaving her alone, I go on to Hawaii where there was a chance

CHILDREN HAVE A WAY

Children—older and younger—have a way of saying "What do you want for Mother's Day?" Usually Dad comes up with a box of candy—and he and the children eat it (let them have the calories!).

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Have you read the biography of Miss Kathleen Mallory? It's a beautiful book priced at \$2.50.

Tell your family when they ask for a Mother's Day gift hint. All can be purchased at your Baptist Book Store.

for service until Japan opened again. So I went. What a heroic effort she must have made to keep up and going until I got away. For it was not long afterward that she became very ill, and soon I came back to stay with her until she died."

Mrs. R. L. Carlisle, Jr., Missionary to Uruguay, says, "When I went away from home to teach in another community my mother must have known something of what I was facing. That morning as I boarded the train I know there was a prayer in her heart though there was a smile in her eyes as she cautioned, 'Don't learn to do the

light fantastic.'

"I did come under pressure for many frivolous diversions, but I feel that it was memory of my mother and her hope and faith that aided me in not doing what everyone else was doing.

"My mother was president of the Woman's Missionary Society. She was very missionary minded, and hoped that some day we might pay a Bible woman's salary in China. Little did she know that one day she would give her daughter to go and take the message."

Miss Blanche Bradley, many years a missionary nurse in China, pays tribute as she says, "My mother was left a widow when we were young. My father died when I was too small to remember much about him other than his insistence that we always attend Sunday school and preaching service every Sunday, and be there early. Mother had many responsibilities. Nevertheless, she always found time for Bible study after morning work was finished. Our church was small and in an anti-missionary community. But I grew up in the WMS which my very missionary-minded mother always kept going in spite of every discouragement. She encountered great opposition in trying to enlist others in missionary endeavor in other churches of the county as well as in our own church.

"This deep interest in missions on the part of my sainted mother had a mighty influence on my own life. When my unmistakable call for foreign missions service came to me at the age of twenty-three, I wrote my mother about it. She replied that in early life she had felt a call for such service, but the way had not opened for her to go. Therefore, she was most happy to give me to serve in the work which had always been so dear to her heart."

"She helped and encouraged me in every possible way during my nine years of preparation for my work as missionary nurse in China. I consider my Christian home with its influences and training of far greater value than millions of dollars. Constantly I thank God for this priceless heritage."

Reward is laid up for those who in God's service extend their lives through their children.

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FRONT COVER—Carl Sandburg has said of Chicago that here is the "city with lifted head singing so proud to be alive." This bustling four-million populated city is the site of the WMU Annual Meeting, May 26-28. The Southern Baptist Convention follows immediately thereafter—closing on June 1. Mrs. Ed Garrett of Central Park Church, Birmingham, represents you and every woman who attends, then goes back to her local church filled with mission inspiration to share with every WMU member. Read "If Every Woman..." on page 1 and go to Chicago!

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Program of the

This meeting
inspires and
blesses those
who attend each year,
impelling them to
do a better job of
missionary education
in their churches



Committee to Welcome you to Chicago

STANDING (left to right) Mrs. Charles Beatty, Mrs. Raymonit Franks, Mrs. Noel M. Taylor, Mrs. Albert Moore, Mrs. E. W. Springs, Mrs. Ralph Squibb, Miss Vernell Williams, Mrs. J. M. Laughlin, Mrs. Carl Newland. SEATED (left to right) Mrs. Goebel Patton, Miss Dorothy Reed, Miss Helen Sinclair, Mrs. Paul Hays, Mrs. D. H. Hiller, Mrs. Jack Walton

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69th Anniversary of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC

SUNDAY EVENING.....7:30 o'clock

Worship
Memorial Service.....Mrs. John L. Slaughter
Sermon.....C. Oscar Johnson

MONDAY MORNING.....9:30 o'clock

Worship
Organization
Recognition of Hostess Committees.....

.....Mrs. Paul Hays

Report of Treasurer.....La Venia Neal

Report of Committee on Carver School.....

.....Mrs. Geo. R. Martin

Report of Committee on Revision of By-Laws.....

.....Almarine Brown

The Bible Speaks Today.....Eugene A. Nida

Benediction

MONDAY AFTERNOON.....2:00 o'clock

Worship

World Missions—In Foreign Lands

Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

"Far God So Loved".....Mrs. D. C. Bamar

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering at Work

In Brazil.....Dorink Hawkins

In Europe.....J. D. Hughey

In the Near East.....Finlay Graham

World Missions and Woman's Missionary Union

.....Baker James Cauthen

Benediction

MONDAY EVENING.....8:00 o'clock

Worship

Young Woman's Auxiliary Fiftieth Anniversary

PAGEANT—"Challenge and Response"

written and directed by Ramsey Yelvington

TUESDAY MORNING.....9:30 o'clock

Worship

World Missions... and You

In Woman's Missionary Union

Alma Hunt

Mrs. William McMurry

Margaret Bruce

Doris DeVault

Betty Brewer

Elsie Rives

Building Christian Homes

In America.....Mrs. Howard E. Butt, Jr.

In Nigeria.....Josephine Scaggs

Benediction

TUESDAY NOON

Woman's Missionary Union's official observance of the fiftieth anniversary of Carver School of Missions and Social Work will be a *Golden Anniversary Luncheon* to be held in Medinah Temple—delegates and visitors are invited to attend—tickets may be ordered from your state WMU office, price \$2.50.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.....2:00 o'clock

Worship

Election of Officers

World Missions... in the Homeland

Week of Prayer for Home Missions, "Faith Work-

ing Through Love".....Edwina Robinson

The Annie Armstrong Offering at Work

Among the Indians.....Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Branch

On the New Orleans Riverfront.....

.....Amelia Rappold

World Missions and Woman's Missionary

Union.....Courts Redford

Benediction

TUESDAY EVENING.....6:45 o'clock

Following the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention and the President's address there will be a joint-session with Woman's Missionary Union. The program will be presented by Woman's Missionary Union and the Foreign Mission Board as follows:

Theme: "Into All the World" Mark 16:15

Report of Foreign Mission Board.....

.....Baker James Cauthen

"Love Extended Into All the World," The Lottie

Moon Christmas Offering, a dramatic presenta-

tion

Message.....George W. Sadler

God's Grace Reaches Into All the World

Josephine Scaggs

Ronald Hill

James D. Crane

Solo.....Adele Norman Silke

We Follow Our Lord.....Presentation of appointees

Christ Calls Us Now.....J. Howard Williams

Closing Meditation

Music Director.....C. A. Holcomb

Soloist.....Adele Norman Silke

Organist.....James McCain

Pianist.....Elizabeth Gill White

Reader.....Betty Deen Stull

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Children Are IMPORTANT

by Bud Spencer
missionary in Japan

Most missionaries like to dream of being used of God to bring multitudes of men and women to Christ. We men sometimes dread the many hours that we must spend in "children's work." In many Oriental countries just the presence of a foreigner is enough to cause a large group of children to congregate, so sometimes we think of the crowds of children as part of the everyday environment in which we move and work.

My wife, our four children, and I had just moved to Matsue, Japan, a city of 70,000 people who had never had a Baptist church. In fact, in the entire prefecture of 800,000 people there had never been a Baptist church, a Baptist missionary, nor any kind of a Baptist witness. And this "man missionary" is the only male American missionary. We had only been in this town for a few days when I went from our Lottie Moon missionary residence to speak to some of the carpenters who were building a fence around our property.

As I walked into the road which passes our house I was joined by a little boy of three years of age, and three girls, one ten years of age, and two who were nine. We sat down on some bamboo poles which had been stacked on the ground, and began to talk together as we watched the workmen finish the fence.

Since it was only a few days before Christmas the children exclaimed that there certainly were a lot of Christmas trees on the slope of the hill behind us. I asked the

older girl if she knew whose birthday we celebrated on Christmas Day. She answered in the negative. I then told the four children about Jesus, the Babe of Bethlehem, the Saviour of the world, who was born on the first Christmas. They said they never before had heard of anyone named Jesus Christ.

Then it was I realized that I was a missionary not only to adults, but that my call from God was also to the children of Japan.

God told the Israelites through Moses to go into the Promised Land.

"Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and observe to do all the words of this law:

And that their children, which have not known any thing, may hear, and learn to fear the Lord your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it"—Deuteronomy 31:12-13.

We missionaries have come to a foreign



Oriental mothers have no baby-sitter problem; they take baby to work with them



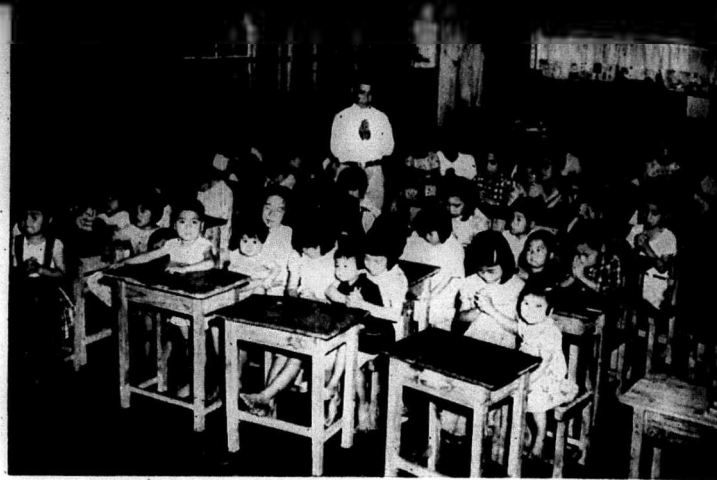
Oriental often wrap their purchases in a four-cornered scarf, in Japan called a furoshiki

Photos by Blackie for Bud Spencer

Japanese and American children play with their dolls in missionary home

Morris Weight





Gospel service held in a school room has far-reaching influence

Children Are Important

land to possess the land for the Lord. We are going to instruct the children, the strangers who are within our reach, and the children of these strangers. Never again will I begrudge the hours I spend in "children's work." Through the children we have been able to reach into homes and influence them for Christ.

Saying good-by to their friend the missionary who has told them of Jesus



Who got the soldier?

The Comforter... a businessman

...a girl... his business?

"I Am So Thankful"

by Chaplain Peter Cullom, Washington, D. C.

Here is a note the soldier wrote after he was converted.

"I am so thankful I was sent by the Lord to be saved tonight. I was at a dance and the Lord called me to be saved. I am so thankful Jesus pushed the devil aside this wonderful night and saved my soul." This soldier did not know that the Lord was working with two hands that Saturday night. While the Comforter was moving this soldier from the dance floor, he was moving me out of a good warm bed.

It was after ten o'clock and I was to preach in a Washington, D. C. church the next day. But the Holy Spirit got me out of a comfortable bed just before I went to sleep and sent me to this Christian businessmen's Victory Center. Don't ask me how. I don't know.

Soon after I arrived this youth came in and the Holy Spirit joined us in conversation. The boy was brought up in a Catholic home but the Holy Spirit took care of that angle with a perfectly timed incident. I glanced up from our table to see the face of a businessman I knew. His expression seemed to say, "Please call on me." I knew he too had been a Catholic until a short while before when he had been led to Christ by a sailor. I crooked my finger at him and he promptly came to join us.

This businessman and I explained to the serviceman how Jesus would save him. It was about midnight when the Holy Spirit had his way in the soldier's heart. In the prayer room this youth who had led a wicked life, found forgiveness and peace as he surrendered to the Prince of peace.

But these were not all the incidents the Holy Spirit had used to convict this young man. There was a girl in it. This Christian girl, whom he loved had been praying for him, but she had refused to marry him because he was not a Christian. Several men at the Victory Center had tried to win him on other occasions. Besides these people and incidents which contributed to his conviction, this soldier had three roommates who were clean-living Christians. These buddies had been praying for him, had persuaded him to buy a Bible and had been talking with him about the claims of Christ.

The Holy Spirit has used all these personalities and incidents and doubtless many other people and experiences to help bring this youth to the throne of grace. Who was this soldier? The Holy Spirit won him.

Every day the Comforter places men in contact with Christians. Many of the lost ones are waiting to be saved by the Saviour.



Means for MFB

God Works Through Families

SOMETIMES I cannot get away from the thought that God knew he could not establish the kingdom of heaven everywhere all at once, so he made families in which the kingdom could begin and then spread all over the earth.

God intends our families and Christian homes to be a steady influence in our world today; a place where people can learn to face life courageously, happily, unselfishly, and victoriously.

What is a Christian home? A Christian home is a Christ-centered home. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is

laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:11). Good family living is found only in homes where God is found. It means that the qualities of faith and love, good will and justice, understanding and forgiveness, are ever present. There is a sense of "togetherness" in a truly Christian home. A Christian family is an experiment in group living.

A Christian family eats together. I am not referring to the type of family meal at which food is gulped down hurriedly and each member of the family dashes away as fast as possible on business of his own, not

by P. K. Dagadu, of Ghana (Gold Coast)

Christianity is a family religion. Jesus came to the earth as a baby in a home. Successful and steady family living is not something that happens accidentally. It cannot even be inherited or passed on from one generation to another

to the mealtime when children are scolded for this or that. I am not referring to the meal at which parents quarrel and everyone finds fault with the food, or where the latest gossip is the main topic of conversation. I mean that type of meal when the family shares its experiences, makes plans and, above all, prayers are said and thanks are given.

The Christian family works together. Sharing in the responsibilities of the home adds to the sense of togetherness. The care of the children and other responsibilities are shared by the husband and the wife. Children love the importance of being co-workers in the family, and should be taught to share the household duties with joy.

A Christian family plays together. Instead of looking for pleasure individually away from the home, the home becomes the center of pleasure for all the members of the family.

A Christian family plans together and

One other important feature is the prayer and worship life of the Christian family. There is a sense of well-being and security in the house where, before the family scatters to its various duties each day, they gather in a family group to read God's Word and begin the day with prayer.

Christianity is a family religion. Jesus came to the earth as a baby in a home. Successful and steady family living is not something that happens accidentally. It cannot even be inherited or passed on from one generation to another successfully; happy living is achieved by the help of Almighty God. Therefore a Christian family goes to church on Sunday to worship. A Christian family is a worshipping family, and it shows the Christian life in every aspect of family living; it has a quiet but steady influence. God is looking out for more Christian homes from which his kingdom may spread—With acknowledgments to Listen.

members of the Baptist congregation of the First Baptist Church in Accra, Ghana, West Africa



shares with others. The budget for spending should be planned in such a way as to be able to share with others. This idea of planning the budget together inspires confidence and sympathy. The members of the family share its poverty and plenty, and they contribute together for its welfare in every way.

in front of their typical (Ghana) West African house



New York City campaign prayer conference, (standing left to right) Jerry Beavan and Roger Hull, chairman executive committee; (seated) W. G. Haymaker, Armin Gesswein, Rev. Tom Carruth, director of Prayer Program

First Answers to Prayer Billy Graham's New York City Campaign

IT'S AMAZING. God has been working in preparation for the New York Crusade which opens May 15.

And the job to be done is a job that only God himself can do.

The current surge of interest, so evident across America, has left New York City virtually untouched. While 60 per cent of America is identified with a church, in New York City only 40 per cent are associated with any religious group whatsoever.

Actually attendance in churches on any given Sunday probably falls to ten per cent or below. Reliable surveys indicate that it comes as low as three per cent. This is tragic.

It's easy to lay out plans to meet this need, but it is more difficult to come down to the actual task of putting that plan into operation. Problems are phenomenal. Yet we have a miracle working God.

Already he has accomplished multiplied scores of things which caused great concern as we faced them, but things which now have become stepping stones to greater victories.

For example, the matter of the Executive Committee. At the outset we were perplexed. "Where in this vast city could we find a group of consecrated men who would assume the leadership in this endeavor?" God wonderfully answered and provided us with a leader who has already endeared himself to the hearts of all who have come to know him and work with him. He is Roger Hull, executive vice-president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.

Serving with him are 18 other men—both ministers and laymen. Each one is convinced of the need for making a spiritual impact in this vast metropolis. Each one has willingly given his time, his prayers, his labor to the cause of making Christ known to these multiplied millions. This is wonderfully reassuring.

During the eight months, in which the Executive Committee has been meeting, there has not been one issue settled by a majority vote. Every single decision has been reached by unanimous consent. This is a revelation that we have the mind of the

by Jerry Beavan of the Billy Graham team

Lord in all of these matters. Surely in no other way could we find such unity of purpose.

There have been other evidences of God's leading also. For example, the matter of our Crusade Offices. We are situated right in the heart of Times Square, crossroads of the world.

These offices, so wonderfully equipped and so perfectly laid out, are all the more amazing when you realize how they came to be ours. Although we made careful inquiries from nearly a dozen rental agencies in New York City, yet this was the first office that we ever visited. The total decision concerning it was made in one day!

Our first visit to the office occurred at 2:30 in the afternoon. The Executive Committee was meeting at 4 o'clock, and the decision to secure the office was made within two hours after we had first visited it! The term of the lease was one which we

small thing, but it came to us as an evidence that God was already at work, answering the prayers of his people in connection with this Crusade.

I remember, too, the first night that Billy stayed in New York City in connection with the Crusade. He found it difficult to sleep. At 4:30 in the morning he picked up his Bible and opened it at random. His heart was wonderfully blessed as he found himself reading Ezekiel 24:9-14. (Look it up for yourself.)

When I saw him early in the morning he had already prepared an entire new sermon after being challenged by that tremendous portion of the Scripture.

There have been humorous incidents, too. We received a check from a businessman who had bet on the outcome of the World Series with his minister. His minister had won the bet, but evidently felt guilty at taking that gambling money and

had been told could not be had. The rental price is one which falls below our minimum estimate which we had before determined. Surely, in all of this we have been able to see God's hand at work.

Little things along the way have been tremendously encouraging. Early in the preparation period we had only one employee in the office besides myself. One morning this young lady started from her apartment to come to work and discovered that she had only four pennies and a check for \$50 in her purse. She tried in several places to cash the check but no one would do it.

With no way to get to work she went back to her room to see if she could possibly find some change. In the room she opened her Bible and quickly asked the Lord to help her. The verses which he gave her included the familiar promises, "I will go before thee . . . the Lord will provide."

Taking God at his word, she left her apartment. As she stepped on the street, she glanced down and saw a shiny bus token lying right at her feet. It was just a

directed the businessman to send it along to the Crusade Office. (We are still holding the check because it seems to us to come under the category of "Tainted money.")

So the preparations move along. Day by day come new answers to prayer. The Lord has brought together a wonderful staff. Employees have come from Texas, California, Oklahoma, Minnesota, North Carolina, New Jersey—even across the waters from Great Britain. Each one represents a specific answer to prayer.

There is the amazing contract with Madison Square Garden. No one believed that we could secure such a long period of uninterrupted occupancy of this famous meeting place. Yet beginning on May 15 and continuing well into September, the Garden is available to us if the Lord directs that the Crusade should continue that long.

Ahead of us are tasks which seem almost impossible to achieve. Yet we feel confident that the day is not far away when we will look back upon them as definite answers to prayer.

There is the recruiting of approximately



Billy Graham,
evangelist

FIRST ANSWERS TO PRAYER

Months ago, Billy asked that New York be made the most prayed-for spot on the face of the earth.

Already we are seeing that this request will come to pass.

Already people around the world are praying for New York City. Evidences of this have come from unexpected places.

A missionary from Hong Kong presented to Billy Graham a bracelet which was given to him by a refugee from Red China. This gift represented the offering of Christians behind the Communist lines and was given specifically for the New York Crusade.

Last November we launched another idea to recruit prayer support. We are sending out specially designed plastic discs that will slip over the center of the standard telephone dial with a cut-out space so that the number may still be read.

These telephone prayer reminders, which are available to anyone who writes the Crusade office at 165 W. 46th St., New York 36, N. Y., bear the inscription, "Pray for Billy Graham, New York Crusade, Madison Square Garden, begins May 15, 1957."

This is just the start of a campaign to make New York City the most prayed-for spot in the world.

As Christians pray, we are confident that the seemingly insurmountable obstacles which lie still ahead will vanish away and that God himself will receive the glory.—Reprinted with permission, January *Christian Life*.

4,000 choir members from which we will make up the 1,500 voice choir each night.

There is the enlistment of more than 2,000 men to serve as ushers, 450 of them each night.

There is the long training period to prepare at least 5,000 trained counselors, with more than 1,000 of them serving each night.

There is the charting of a program to reach the 200,000 college and university students in New York City.

There is the need to reach down into some of the less fortunate areas of this great city and bring to the millions in these important minority groups the gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is, and here we must be frank, the problems of raising a budget of \$900,000 which is the minimum deemed necessary for this tremendous venture of faith.

None of these seemingly impossible goals will be achieved except by the combined prayer of God's people.

Portion of mailing department for the New York Crusade office; requests for prayer partner cards processed here



Is There a YWA Somewhere in Your Family?

Friends and relatives of YWAs will be interested in the YWA Tours which are a featured specialty of YWA Fiftieth Anniversary this year

Do you have a YWA daughter? Or niece? Or friend? You may wish to invest in Christ's kingdom advance by sending her on one of the YWA world mission tours. She may lack only encouragement from someone who loves her and wants her to grow strong in mission interest. Not only will tours include mission stations. Cultural and historic landmarks will be included. In Africa there will be a side trip into the bush country to observe old customs and living conditions. European travelers will see Rome and Madrid, Switzerland, Paris, London.

South America's Latin influence and way of life are in the schedule.

Planes flying westward will stop at Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong, Philippines.

Never will these YWAs have such an opportunity to know missions firsthand and observe ways of life of many people. In many places YWAs will stay with missionaries and get to know and see them in action. We will not have such tours again soon.

Your YWA friend may lack some money—and you can supply that. From your state WMU office you may request a YWA Tour folder. If there are unanswered questions, then write to Miss Doris DeVault, 1000 North 20th Street, Birmingham 9, Alabama.



bama. Woman's Missionary Union will approve tour guides to overseas countries. Make reservations at once with Miss DeVault. Don't delay!

Destination	Time	Cost*
Africa-Europe	June 20-August 10.....	\$1700.00
Near East-Europe	June 20-August 10.....	2000.00
Europe	July 8-August 10.....	1500.00
Orient	June 21-July 25.....	1950.00
South America	June 22-July 23.....	1350.00
Cuba, Colombia, Mexico,		
Panama, Guatemala	June 22-July 5.....	650.00
Language Groups USA	All Summer.....	

* Approximate; passports, visas, insurance, etc., not included. Write state WMU office for other information; tour folder and price.



They were Royal Palms, tall straight, green, dignified, that surrounded the stable, and Royal is the right word. Some one has said, "They lift their heads skyward as if they fain would follow the path of the stars."

And the palms that watch over this particular stable in Cuba seem to have been given their commission by God himself.

I was serving as interpreter for a pastor from the States who was preaching for a week in a town near my city of Cienfuegos. One afternoon we went to the country to a mission fostered by the church.

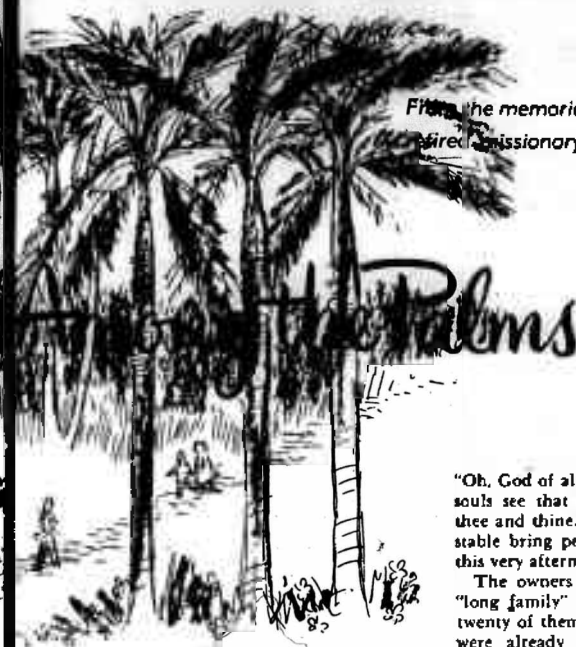
A long walk, almost too long, was repaid by the most beautiful sight I have seen in a long time. We held our breath as we emerged from the narrow path with cane plantations on either side, for a most attractive home with its thatched roof stood before us. The mission, the pastor and his members and people, old and young, seemed suddenly to bulge out at every opening. The cordiality of Cubans is a

beautiful thing, and they almost carried us bodily inside the house.

A few minutes of chatter, and people began going out. A little bewildered I followed them, and the visiting pastor who could not understand a word followed me, more bewildered than I.

Down a path we went toward a valley so green that it looked like a great, velvet carpet spread out over God's beautiful earth, and there, sheltered by Royal Palms and fruit trees, was the stable. In its fresh dress of whitewash it looked like a mound of snow on the green carpet. One almost expected to find the Baby of Bethlehem in one of the manger stalls, for already the palms seemed to be singing the angels' chorus.

But there was no Baby Jesus there. A deep longing filled my heart as I realized that we had come to bring the Saviour Jesus to noble, lovable, country people, and some of them had never heard that he loved them, oh, so much!



From the memories of Christine Garnett,
first missionary in Cienfuegos, Cuba

"Oh, God of all this enchantment, let some souls see that they are out of tune with thee and thine. Let the message from this stable bring people to thy Son Jesus even this very afternoon."

The owners of the stable, a wonderful "long family" as we say over here—some twenty of them stood glad to say that they were already followers of Christ. One would have known almost by looking at the stable which their loving hands had converted into a veritable "church in the wild-wood."

Neighbors were glad to give a testimony for their Lord, and some twenty-five stood to express their desire to take him as Saviour.

All this was almost too much for the one who preached, and he declared to them that no spot on earth would ever be more beautiful to him, he had never felt quite so close to God in all his life. My voice trembled as I told them what the preacher said.

We left the stable, the brook, the palms, the people; left them with a new message to give to other country folks, and wound our way through cane fields to preach and interpret again that night in a town church.

Will you not turn your barns and stables, your homes, your beautiful countrysides into God's instruments for soul-winning in this troubled old world of ours? And pray for us in Cuba as you work and love and give.

Half of the large stable had a concrete floor; a high place near one of the stalls had been concreted and a large stone placed for a step; this was the pulpit with its seats, pulpit stand, flowers, and all. Nice benches seated some sixty people and as many more were outside, sitting on mounds of earth, on stones, on logs.

The Christians of that mission sang as only country folks can sing, catching the echoes of birds and animals in their tones. I could scarcely sing, for my throat was tied by emotion.

When I stepped onto that platform and stood beside the speaker, I realized that it was going to be hard to keep my mind on what he was saying in order to change his message from English to Spanish. He poured out his heart to them, and his words were in perfect harmony with the beautiful scene.

But suddenly my ear caught the murmur of a nearby stream and the stable mission was complete. As I interpreted I prayed,

Choose these opportunities at

Woman's Missionary Union Conferences

GLORIETA

July 18-24

Personnel

Dr. C. C. Warren
Dr. J. D. Hughey
Mrs. J. D. Hughey
Mrs. Finlay Graham
Fred Barnes
Ella Keller
Mrs. Genus Crenshaw
Joshua Grijalva
Juana Marquez
Camie Jay
Viola Campbell
Don Luper
C. W. McCullough
Mrs. C. W. McCullough
Jaxie Short
and others

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Mrs. William McMurry
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Doris DeVault
Betty Brewer
Dorothy Weeks
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Mrs. C. Kirkpatrick
Mrs. Clayton Bowers
Mrs. Thomas Field
Josephine Jones
Mrs. D. C. Bomar
Eula Mae Henderson

FOR ALL W M U MEMBERS

THEME: Hallelujah To Proclaim
HYMN: "From Greenland's Icy Mountains"

Sunday Service—"Salvation and Salvation"
Dr. J. D. Hughey

Bible Hour—"The Lord's Life"
Mrs. Fred C. Tyler

Vespers—"Redeemer, King, Creator . . . to Reign"
Mrs. John Buchanan

Conference Directors:

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, W M U President
Miss Alma Hunt, W M U Executive Secretary

Many special features are being planned such as conferences with the missionaries, visual-aids class, an afternoon "idea-exchange" hour when all conference leaders will be in the conference rooms, and conferences in church library service.

The morning assembly will be devoted to the Plan of Work of Woman's Missionary Union and will be presented by Alma Hunt, Mrs. William McMurry, Margaret Bruce, Doris DeVault, Betty Brewer, and Elsie Rives.

Please make reservations NOW with the management of each assembly:

Glorieta, New Mexico, c/o E. A. Herron
Ridgecrest, North Carolina, c/o W. K. Weeks

RIDGECREST

August 8-14

Personnel

Dr. C. C. Warren
Edith Vaughn
Mrs. Finlay Graham
Dr. J. D. Hughey
Mrs. J. D. Hughey
Frank Belvin
Pauline Cammack
Mrs. Marvin Sorrels
Billy Osceola
Paul Rogosin
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Janice Singleton
Mrs. D. C. Bomar
Mrs. P. E. Lilley
Mrs. Sue Terry Woodson
Mrs. J. Ivyloy Bishop
Eula Mae Henderson
and others



The Third Anniversary of a Supreme Court Decision

May 17, 1954, the Supreme Court of the United States announced a decision that was "heard around the world." This decision in effect outlawed racially-segregated public schools throughout the nation.

Past decisions had held that "separate but equal" school facilities for white and Negro students of all ages satisfied the requirements of the Constitution. The debate as to what the new decision meant is still going on, but a three-judge Federal Court stated what the Supreme Court had not done:

"It has not decided that the federal courts are to take over or regulate the public schools of the states. It has not decided that the states must mix persons of different races in the schools or must require them to attend schools or must deprive them of the right of choosing the schools they attend. What it has decided, and all that it has decided, is that a state may not deny any persons on account of race the right to attend any school that it maintains. . .

"The Constitution . . . does not require integration. It merely forbids discrimination. It does not forbid such segregation as occurs as the result of voluntary action. It merely forbids the use of governmental power to enforce segregation."

While the 1954 decision was far-reaching, many steps had been taken during the past decades to eliminate the enforced separation of the races.

Transportation: By various court decisions, rules requiring separate facilities for white and colored passengers on trains and buses were modified, particularly with respect to interstate travel. Last November 13, racial segregation on intrastate (within a state) buses was outlawed by the Supreme Court.

Armed Services: In July, 1948, by executive order of the President, segregation

of the races in all branches of military service was abolished and gradual integration has been established.

Public Facilities: Libraries, parks, golf courses, beaches, and eating establishments were opened to all citizens by changes in laws and by court decisions. Racially restrictive covenants in housing and discrimination in public housing projects were outlawed.

The decision on integration in public schools came as a result of many test suits in several states north and south. At first these suits pertained to state colleges and universities, notably Oklahoma, Missouri, and North Carolina.

Such rulings indicated definitely that, if a test were made of the principle of "separate but equal" public school facilities, the older interpretation would be replaced by one in keeping with decisions in favor of integration in higher institutions of learning.

For two years the Court considered the case. It asked for the opinions of attorneys general of all the states. It permitted voluminous arguments from both opponents and proponents of racial segregation. It even took time to consider the opinions of sociologists and educators.

When the historic decision was made, the Supreme Court coupled the announcement with a policy: compulsory segregation in public schools is unconstitutional, it said, but the process of eliminating it must be "with deliberate speed" in a "systematic and effective" manner, within a "reasonable" time.

This fortunate provision gave to the citizens of the country wherever they live the responsibility for making the adjustment in a peaceful and orderly manner. The social and political problems created by the decision are still vast.

Their solution lies in the hands of people of good will both north and south who, in the generations since the Civil War have taken the lead in better race relations.

Reporting on Race Relations in Some Churches

by J. Oscar Lee

In the past year the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, USA, and the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church have reaffirmed the position that all persons who accept Christ as Lord and Master, as well as the doctrinal standards of their denomination, ought to be invited to participate in the life of the denomination. Also the Methodist Church, the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and the United Lutheran Church have adopted policies taking such a position.

Many denominations are moving to implement their position by eliminating segregation in denominational organizations, and by holding national meetings only in those places where they can be held on a nonsegregated basis. The Presbyterian Church, USA, is working to integrate synods which heretofore were racially segregated. In July, 1956, it was reported that the in-

tegration of the Midsouth Synod, white, and the Blue Ridge Synod, Negro, of the Presbyterian Church, USA, is expected to be completed by 1957. The Texas Synod voted in October, 1956, to operate on an integrated basis. Recently, the general board of evangelism of the Methodist Church voted to end administration of its programs on a racially segregated basis and to discontinue its department of Negro work.

Two hundred Methodists meeting in a conference on integration at Kansas City, Missouri, October 23-24, 1956, recommended that "all Methodist churches should have an 'open door' policy and carry forward a positive program of evangelism, witnessing to the inclusive nature of the gospel directed to all men."

Several denominations are carrying on significant studies of the racial practices in their churches. On November 1, 1956, the Congregational Christian Churches announced a survey to determine racial integration practices in the churches. In September, 1956, the Disciples of Christ reported that a study of seven thousand congregations revealed that 464 congregations in forty states were racially mixed in some degree.

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CHRISTIAN ANSWERS TO CURRENT QUESTIONS

Sent from from SBC Christian Life Commission,
127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

RACE RELATIONS

- "The Christian's Obligation to All Races"—S. A. Newman
- "Race Relations: A Charter of Principles"—J. B. Wetherpoon
- "Race Relations: A Factor in World Peace"—A. C. Miller
- "Integration"—Y. B. Maston
- "The Unity of Humanity"—John Hall Jones
- "The Racial Problem Is My Problem"—A. C. Miller

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

- "Juvenile Delinquency: A Challenge to the Churches"—Nelson Bernette
- "Juvenile Delinquency: A Plan of Attack"—A. C. Miller

ALCOHOL

- "At Ease in Zion"—Duke K. McCall
- "What Liquor Is Doing to the Home"—A. C. Miller
- "I Make My Commitment"—C. Aubrey Moore
- "Should Liquor Advertising Be Prohibited?"—A. C. Miller

GAMBLING

- "A Senator Speaks on Gambling"—Estes Kefauver
- "What's Wrong with Gambling?"—A. C. Miller

SALACIOUS LITERATURE

- "A Senator Speaks on Salacious Literature"—Estes Kefauver

Notes to Committee Chairmen

DEPARTMENT OF MISSIONARY FUNDAMENTALS

Miss William McMurry, Secretary

To Community Missions Chairman

On the denominational calendar the week of May 5-12 is designated as Christian Home Week. Our missionary program theme stresses the importance of the home and deals with influences which strengthen and undermine its foundation. The circle program topic is directed toward the problems youth faces both in and outside the home. It is timely, then, for a planned activity which centers around the home.

J. Edgar Hoover in a testimony before the House Appropriations Committee blamed juvenile crime on parents who do not teach their children respect for God. Christian Home Week provides an appropriate time for all members of the family to participate in a common experience of worship. This is where the community missions committee can help.

First talk to the pastor to learn what his plans are for this week. He may have a suggested schedule for each evening and a special responsibility he wants you to assume. It may be to co-operate with the Sunday school and Training Union in a program of visitation to each family in the church membership. He may want you to assist in the delivery of leaflets which will strengthen home relationships. Or to distribute a special letter from him explaining the purpose of the week, along with a list of the activities to which all members of the family are invited.

Family-Day-in-the-Church has become a feature of Christian Home Week in many churches. This experience of worshipping together is regarded as the climax of the week.

A worthy activity for your planned community missions is to set as your goal every member in every family represented in the enrolment of WMU—this means WMS, YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band—in the preaching service on Sunday morning, May 12. To accomplish this you will have to

visit many families, for often the parents of a young person who is enrolled in a WMU youth organization do not attend regularly church services, may not be Christians or may be unaffiliated Baptists. Many unaved people can be reached in this way through our own organizations.

You will need the enrolment records of the auxiliaries and Sunbeam Bands. Organize the names by families—a big sister may have a younger one in GA or Sunbeam Band so that the family may be contacted as a unit and only one visit made. In addition to whatever the pastor has for distribution, order from Tract Editor, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee these leaflets, one each to a family: "Blueprint for a Better Home," "Our Home Shall Be a Home of Prayer" and "Wonderful Words of Life." The latter is an arrangement of Scripture verses on the need, plan, and certainty of salvation. Here you will have three excellent tracts to leave with every family who has a member enrolled in a WMU organization.

It is possible to prepare your own "leaflet" of major Christian teachings with the end in view of relating them to home life. The circles, members of YWA and older GAs can copy these verses with headings and where they are found on attractive folders made out of reasonably heavy white typewriter size paper. Fold the sheet three ways to give a neat, slim look. Pictures to make up a family group can be found in any popular magazine. Cut out and paste on the front fold. If you have no other idea the title of your "do-it-yourself" leaflet may be "Chart for a Better Home."

Here are the Scripture references and topics: 1 Corinthians 13, Love in Daily Life; Matthew 5:13-16, The Family a Witness; Matthew 7:7-12, The Golden Rule; Matthew 7:24-27, Home Life on Firm Foundations; John 13:34-35, The New Commandment of Love; Galatians 6:1-9, Mutual Helpfulness at Home; Ephesians 5:22-33,

As Christ Loved the Church; Ephesians 6:1-3, Parents and Children; Proverbs 31:10-31, A Noble Wife and Mother.

"A Christian home is an anteroom to heaven—a field where love grows its orchard of most delicious fruits."

To Prayer Chairman

Christians do not have to sit idly by while the forces which appear beyond our control push us on to destruction. Sabotaging continues to go on in strategic places around the world. Once, at least, a people was saved from destruction because of prayer. Jonah declared to the people of Nineveh "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown"—Jonah 3:1. God heard their prayers and Nineveh continued for 200 years.

At the beginning of the nineteenth century America was in great danger. Christians seeing the trends toward atheism and various forms of skepticism entered into covenants to pray for the salvation of men. The "Awakening of 1800" followed. Today we face a similar peril in godlessness plus the drift toward war.

In May Billy Graham begins his New York Crusade. Many months ago he asked Christians the world over to pray for this city. In the April issue of *Royal Service* your attention was called to this prayer request. You were told that telephone prayer reminders could be ordered from the crusade office in New York. There is still time to carry out this suggestion. You have an opportunity to lead the members of your society in participation in a great world-wide prayer meeting for the salvation of lost people in the world's largest city. It is a thrilling challenge (see page 11).

At the daily prayer hour urge each member to pray for peace, for the President, for congressmen, and for the Secretary of State. So much depends on the decisions that are made by these men in government. We are commanded in Timothy 2:2 to pray for "all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

The mission stations in the Near East need our prayers. The Egyptian government has confiscated the Nile Mission Press which provides books for all Arab Christian

workers. No building can now be used for religious services unless it was built for that purpose. Our Baptist work will be greatly hampered by this prohibition as all services are held in rented rooms. Several months ago a census was taken in Egypt and all inhabitants were classified as Moslem or non-Moslem, the former being 85 per cent of the population.

Brother Seldik Girgis, our splendid national in charge of the Egyptian Mission, had a serious automobile accident on January 8. His wife and baby were bruised but he suffered cuts and a fractured pelvis. At the time you will be reading this column he hopes to be out of bed. There still remains the long period of adjustment before he can resume his work. Pray for him, his family and the little band of Christians who will not find it easy to carry on in the midst of tension and hate.

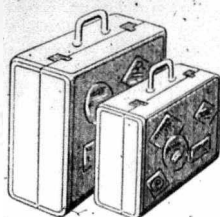
Did you read the article written by Miss Bertha Wallis in the February *Royal Service*? If you did you will have another prayer-request to give to your society. Help the women to see Valeria Sherard as you watched her through the eyes of Bertha Wallis row her little boat across the river to her lonely home in back of the new mission house. Surely she needs our prayers, for it is not easy to live alone in a frontier village in Alaska.

Do you believe with Andrew Murray that God rules the world by the praying of his saints? If you do, take to heart seriously these prayer requests and then lay them on the hearts of the women in your missionary society.

To Stewardship Chairman

The stewardship "Book of the Year" *Give Ye* has hit upon evil times. When the Stewardship Committee of Woman's Missionary Union selected this book nobody knew that it had been allowed to go out of print. There may be sufficient copies in the various state Baptist Book Stores to take care of all the requests. In the event that a substitute has to be made here are two suggestions.

The first is a little book of less than a hundred pages titled *Great Stewards of the Bible* by J. E. Simpson. The price is a modest 75c; the contents make interesting read-



A SUMMER TRIP

A summer trip is standard planning for many. Every year Baptist families go by automobile on our highways "out West" or "back East." Others go to the "lake regions" or to the gulf or seashore.

Make your summer trip this year count for something other than sight-seeing. Order from the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta 3, Georgia their "Travel Guide." This locates for you our home mission work as well as denominational headquarters, seminaries, and other points of Baptist interest.

ing. Dr. Simpson states in the preface that it is his purpose to let the Scriptures speak for itself in this discussion of ownership. His premise is that the Scriptures point to a family ownership in which God and all his children are to share. This is shown, he says, in the lives of six stewards of the Old and New Testament. He begins with Abel the pioneer in stewardship, goes on to David and Job, picks up Malachi who interprets stewardship, follows with Paul the great promoter of stewardship in the New Testament and concludes with Jesus.

In Dr. Simpson's little book you will find much from the Scriptures, bits of poetry, many apt illustrations, some things with which you will not agree and questions at the end of each chapter.

The other book is *The Challenge of Christian Stewardship*, price \$2.50 by Milo Kauffman of the Mennonite faith. The author has dealt frankly with a number of much-disputed questions such as how to compute the tithe, the pros and cons of the

budget plan, what to do with accumulated wealth, the so-called communism of the early church. Dr. Kauffman states that the minister who is too spiritual to preach about money is either more spiritual than Jesus or has a false notion about money or spirituality. He believes that "the Christian steward cannot earn money by gambling, for in this way he is making it from the labor, the blood, and the life of his fellow men. He is not earning." He is convinced that the purpose of stewardship of possessions is the development of Christian character. He sees stewardship as a way of promoting evangelism. "As long as Christian people are robbing God they can never win the world to Christ. They must first repent of their covetousness and materialism."

Some of the author's treatment is in terms of the Mennonite cause but this does not make it less valuable. The book is alive with vivid illustrations. The result is a readable, practical book which will undoubtedly influence your thinking on this vital subject.

In the stewardship plans for this year outlined on page 83 in the Year Book you noticed that the suggestion is made that the "Book of the Year" may be studied in class or promoted as a reading book. *Great Stewards of the Bible* can be used either way. The Kauffman book is too expensive for a text, yet it is possible to handle many chapter subjects in a discussion group.

Both of these books may be purchased from your state Baptist Book Store.

to Mission Study Chairman

There's more to Mission Study this month than meets the eye right at this point. The Mission Study Chairmen will locate suggestions on cover 3 of this magazine. These will start her planning toward the study of Africa which we will make this fall. Don't say "I may not be Mission Study Chairman then," please. Even if you are not, you will give a great boost to the Africa study by beginning now. Turn to cover 3, please.

Mrs. William M. M. M.



BY MARGARET BRUCE
Secretary of Department of Youth

AT HALF PAST 1957

It's time to get all wound-up about YWAs going places. Ridgecrest YWA Conference begins June 13 and continues for almost a week, closing at noon on June 19. These six days in the mountains of North Carolina at Southern Baptists' assembly grounds can give YWAs a year-round lift. One that will enable them to live on higher levels and do top-notch work in Young Woman's Auxiliary.

Dr. Clarence Cranford (see Dr. Cranford's excellent article in June Window) will be the Bible Hour speaker and Dr. Walter Judd will be the Sunday morning speaker. Missionaries from every area of the world will be helping with forums, mission study classes, and assembly periods.

The YWA Conference will be held at Glorieta, New Mexico, August 1-7. Dr. Charles Trentham will be the Bible Hour speaker. Some of the missionaries who will be there are: Miss Josephine Scaggs, Africa; Mrs. Finlay Graham, Beirut, Lebanon; Miss Dorine Hawkins, Brazil; Mr. William Mitchell, superintendent of Jewish work, Home Mission Board.

Featured at the 1957 Conferences will be the half-a-century point in YWA work. Your WMS will want your girls represented at these Anniversary Conferences at Ridgecrest and Glorieta.

At half past 1957, June 21, YWAs will begin a tour* of the mission fields in the Orient. Their first stop will be in Hawaii; from there they will go to Japan, then to Korea, the Philippines and Hong Kong. Our missionaries in each of these places are arranging for the girls to meet some of their YWAs and to see the work they are doing. On June 20 another group of YWAs will be going to Nigeria, Africa and then on to Europe and the Near East. Be-

*Money and folder available from your state YWU office.

ginning June 24 a tour will be made to the South American Mission fields. A shorter tour will include a visit to Cuba, Colombia, South America, the Central American countries and Mexico June 22-July 5. See that the YWAs in your church have secured the tour folder and are investigating the possibility of sending a representative on one of the tours.

At half past 1957 you'll recognize that in your church there are YWAs home from college. These young women can give valuable assistance to your Sunbeam Band leaders and GA counselors. Perhaps they can teach mission study classes, help organize new auxiliaries, work with GAs on Forward Steps and generate new life in your Young Woman's Auxiliary.

Make all the summer months of 1957 extraordinary by participating in these happy fostering opportunities.

Sunbeam Slants

by Elsie Rives
Sunbeam Band Secretary



Four-year-old Joe quietly crawled under the low table in the living room of his home. He appeared shy and timid for this was the first time his Sunbeam leader, Mrs. Martin, had been to see him. At first he refused to move, but later as his mother talked with Mrs. Martin he slipped out from his hiding place and gradually started a lively conversation about his dog, his toys, and his little brother. For days after this visit, Joe told his friends, "My Sunbeam teacher came to my home." This leader had said to him by her visit, "I love you, Joe."

There is no method to measure the complete results of an experience like this one in the life of a young child. A visit with the right purpose may be the beginning of many fruitful Christian experiences. No adequate substitute for visitation has yet been found. Its importance increases with the years of valuable results obtained only through contact with the home. The Beginner Sunbeam Band and the Primary Sunbeam Band recognize the necessity for visitation by including it as an aim for both the Approved and Honor recognition on the Aims for Advancement.

Every Sunbeam Band leader is encour-

aged to participate in a program of visitation to the homes of the children enrolled in the Sunbeam Band. The fostering Woman's Missionary Society can be a part of this program as it offers assistance with transportation, care for leader's young children at home, and other aids that may be necessary to make visitation possible for the leader.

Many things could be said about visitation. Here are three suggestions for your consideration as a visitor.

1. *Plan an effective time for visitation.* Mealtime and rest time should be avoided. The child and the parents are occupied with important matters. It is well to remember that the child has two parents and if possible, plan to visit at a time when you may talk to both the mother and the father. The child should also be included in the visit.

2. *Visit with a purpose.* The leader wishes to know the parents of the child she teaches. Making friends with these two important people in the child's world should be one of the purposes of this visit of the Sunbeam Band leader. Through this contact perhaps understanding will develop for better missionary education of this child.

3. *Be a good news visitor to the home* about the church, the child, the Woman's Missionary Society, and the Sunbeam Band. This visit can be an opportunity for the leader to express her thanks to the parents for the privilege of guiding the child through the Sunbeam Band. A good news visitor is gladly sent from the church and is more readily accepted in the home.

For Beginner and Primary Sunbeam Band leaders and assistant leaders, visitation in the homes pays big dividends in developing understanding of how to guide the child to God and his great plan for the world.

GA Focus Week—May 12-18

by Betty Brewer

Girls' Auxiliary Secretary

Our suggested theme for Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week this year is "The Miss in World Missions." Detailed plans and suggestions were given in last month's *Tell*. Get a copy and see where you can help to



make this week all it should be for all the girls nine through fifteen in your church. It may be that during this week you can start a new auxiliary, enlist some new counselors, and/or assistant counselors. It would be wonderful. In our Southern Baptist Convention, our 1955-1956 statistics show that we have 24,587 auxiliaries with 250,119 members. Help us reach 250,000 girls for missions by September 30, 1957. Every girl you enlist pushes up one more toward that goal.

Focus Week is a great opportunity. Remember: a lost opportunity is lost forever, just like a minute. It takes time, energy, effort, planning, working, pushing—but you are working with today's girl who will be tomorrow's mother and leader. We must not criticize our young people of today until we have done all we can to help them!

WMU conferences and GA camps are coming up soon. President, youth director, help your counselors to get to WMU conference at Glorieta, New Mexico, July 18-24, or Ridgcrest, North Carolina, August 8-14. We will have GA leadership training at each, a class for new counselors (future counselors or those who have not led more than a year) and a class for experienced counselors. Just a word of encouragement might be all that is needed by some of your counselors. Discuss how you can help at your executive committee meeting. It surely will be a "shot in the arm" if you can help them go for the inspiration, information, and recreation. (There will not be classes for GAs themselves—just for the GA leadership.) Send in your reservations now to Glorieta or Ridgcrest.

Help your GAs go to their GA camps during the summer months. Plan how you can help make it possible for many to go. Do not let the time slip up on you. Check on the dates and plans now and get your registrations in early.

Have a meaningful Focus Week!

Merry Month of May

by Doris DeVault

Young Woman's Auxiliary Secretary



Let us keep it a month of spring freshness and renewed life for our missionary activities. A quick May-time checkup will emphasize again the merry activities which have been promoted for the past months. These events beg your devoted attention now, if they are to be missionary experiences for the YWAs and counselors.

World Tours: The folder presenting the dates, prices, and places for tours may be secured free from your state WMU office. The attractive tour poster should be tacked on your bulletin board. These posters are free from your state office, too. What further can you do to promote the tours? A general announcement will be informative but not very successful in getting "tourists." Therefore, you will think of members whom you know could consider a missionary tour. The parents of our girls must be visited individually and instructed in details regarding trips. Business girls will be able to consider one of the trips, if plans for vacation are anticipated early. Prayerfully consider the challenge of a tour in molding missionary ideals in the hearts of youth. Set about to do all you can as a fostering group to make "dreams realities" (see page 17).

WMU Annual Meeting: Have you considered the possibility of attending this important meeting? Have dates been checked on your calendar? Yes, May 26-28 is the date. Counselors and YWA members should be especially interested in the YWA Anniversary pageant which will be presented (see pages 1 and 7).

Conferences—Ridgcrest and Glorieta: Publicize the YWA conferences by use of the attractive poster free from your state WMU office. Details regarding travel plans will be provided by state youth secretaries. Remember the dates:

Ridgcrest, June 13-19

Glorieta, August 1-7

The mission weeks follow YWA Conferences. Challenge girls to attend a few days of foreign or home mission weeks.

College girls will be returning to your



SUGGESTIONS for Community Missions Chairman

Since the May issue of *Royal Service* has reached you this far ahead of Jewish Fellowship Week (April 22-28) and Easter Sunday, there is still time for you to order Easter copies (see above) of the gospel of John; colors are blue, green, and yellow; actual size 3"x4 1/2". With a colored pencil to match the cover, underline verses 1-18 of chapter 20.

Use these copies as gifts to your Jewish friends and to those in the hospital at Easter. Patients enjoy reading John's life-giving message while they have time to ponder the meaning to them personally.

Order them by April 8 for \$2.50 per hundred from address nearest you:

85 Walton Street
Atlanta 3, Georgia

2233 Bryan Street
Dallas 4, Texas

310 North Michigan Ave.
Chicago 1, Illinois

224 McAllister Street
San Francisco 2, Calif.

Please send money with order, adding 10c for postage if you order less than 100.

church soon. Provide adequately for enlisting them in YWA. How long has it been since you have surveyed and planned for needs of business girls of YWA ages?



Protestant Bibles Distributed in Brazil from J. J. Cowart Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

The printing shop had to put on a night crew to take care of the increased printing of the Baptist Publishing House. Soon we will finish the last sheet of 200,000 Bibles, in addition to more than 100,000 other books. We also printed 44,000 New Testaments in large type for the Bible Societies here. Besides this, all of the Sunday school, Training Union and WMU literature, the denominational weekly paper, and tracts and pamphlets by the thousands were printed during the year. We bound over 80,000 Bibles and 18,000 New Testaments for the Bible Press of Brazil.

Our sales increased also this year. We have not yet been able to create a stock of Bibles against future sales, as the sales are increasing so rapidly. We sold 88,701 Bibles and 18,364 New Testaments during the fiscal year of the Bible Press. We could have sold more if we could have bound more. More than 3,500,000 Bibles, New Testaments and Gospel portions were sold this year by the *Imprensa Biblica Brasileira* (Bible Press of Brazil) and the *Sociedade Biblica Brasileira* (Brazilian Bible Society, in which the American and the British and Foreign Bible Societies co-operate).

During the first part of 1957 we hope to begin construction of a new building to increase our shop space. It will house principally the binding and gilding departments. We are overcrowded, even though we already have a very large building. The new building is a continuation of the present one.

A good Baptist woman of the city of Sao Paulo appeared on a radio and television program, answering questions on the New Testament. She made quite a reputation in Sao Paulo and then came to Rio and appeared on the same program. The program

was sponsored by a cosmetics company, but the fact is that this well informed Baptist woman advertised the Bible more than cosmetics.

The Catholics are realizing that Brazil is becoming Christian and are beginning to work more diligently and to do some sporadic persecuting. Bishop Dom Angelo Rossi wrote in "The Catholic Quarterly on Ecclesiology," page 660, "In 1953 Brazil distributed more Protestant Bibles than any other country with the exception of the USA. They distributed 1,600,000 portions of the Bible, and the greater part were printed in the USA." The bishop's figures may be a little off, but they show that the Catholics have their eyes on evangelicals.

Baptist Publishing House in Rio de Janeiro



Binding and Covering Bibles in Brazil



Aim: To help youth in our homes and churches face and meet their problems with success; to lead them in finding security and satisfaction in Christian living and in answering God's claim on their lives and influence.

Ask someone to read 1 Samuel 1:4-11.

Circle Program Chairman: Write on a slip of paper before your meeting this question, "What are some influences which help a young person to answer God's call for vocational Christian service?" Give it to a member to read after the devotional thoughts have been concluded. Program chairman will wish to make some introductory statements concerning the brief testimonies which follow, one from a home missionary and two from overseas fields. These are tributes to the influences of Christian mothers, and are particularly appropriate in the month of May when we honor mothers. Members of your circle may present the following, showing how missionary influence in the home turned children to heed God's call.

Tell about Joshua Grijalva's life, page 2.

Tell Mrs. A. P. Pierson's story, page 2.

Tell about Floryne Miller, page 3.

Program chairman: Ask that the above question be read again. Then lead in a

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discussion; bring out these ideas:

1. Like Samuel, Rev. Joshua Grijalva was dedicated to the Lord. Mr. Grijalva's own faith was strengthened and hope renewed because of his mother's faith.

2. Mrs. Pierson's first missionary influence came through her mother-Sunbeam Band leader; value of good books and music in the home; strong ties of influence which guarded Mrs. Pierson in college.

3. Miss Miller's remembrance of the indirect training resulting from "every child in Sunday school and church service" each Sunday. Father's deep concern over preparation of Sunday school lesson. Quiet influence of Mother in discipline of a rebellious "chauffeur."

Ask that the above question be read again as women suggest practical ways to encourage youth in your homes. You may wish to bring out these points:

1. Day by day witness of adults before children.

2. Responsibility of parents and grandparents to place good influences before youth in their families.

3. Importance of discipline by adults, even if it is done indirectly.

4. Vital necessity for youth, in our world of tensions and pulls to have in their experience the church organizations: Sunday school for Bible study; WMU youth organizations for inspiration and missionary concern; Training Union for training in church membership.

Discuss: (Program chairman will need to contact the Girls' Auxiliary counselor or secretary to get information, also see page 24 for GA Focus Week suggestions.) Ways in which your circle can be helpful to the GAs and their counselors during their Focus Week, May 12-18. Or if Focus Week has passed secure information about what this organization is doing for youth, ages nine through fifteen in your church. Do you need to help strengthen this organization?

Ask someone to read "A Real Home," page 37.

Close with prayer for the homes of your church and for adult influence on youth both in the homes and church.



Broken Cisterns

by Sibyl B. Townsend, Louisiana



Mrs. Townsend "mothers" the single women students and teaches classes at New Orleans Seminary

PROGRAM HELPS

A very effective setting would be an actual well scene with women, dressed as in Bible times carrying water jars, forming a silent tableau during the devotional and meditation periods. Slides or projected pictures might be substituted.

For the "voices" in "Thirsty Children" and "Satisfied with Good Things" we suggest impersonations, tape recordings, or concealed speakers; for the "broken cisterns" in "America's Broken Cisterns" cardboard arrows or posters as described; and for the "buckets" in "The Living Water" actual buckets bearing the topics on labels.

If your WMU or BWC is small in number—we suggest that an effective setting might be something very simple. Use a glass pitcher filled with water; place a glass nearby. On a poster board or paper write the words "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again." Place this behind the pitcher and glass.

Ask one person to present the devotional thoughts, and then later the "Closing Meditation." For the topic "Thirsty Children" one person can give the introduction, then the same person (out of sight) could read Voices 1, 2, 3, pausing briefly after each one. Proceed in the same way with "Satisfied with Good Things." Then let one person give "America's Broken Cisterns," and another give "The Living Water."

The Prayer Chairman might wish to present "A Family Altar" on cover 2.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Hymn: "Faith of Our Mothers"

Prayer

Devotional Period: John 4:5-14; Jeremiah 2:13

(Use as soft music, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say," with the second stanza sung as a special following the Scripture reading.)

Thirsty Children

Satisfied with Good Things

America's Broken Cisterns

The Living Water

Closing Meditation

Hymn: "God, Give Us Christian Homes!"

PROGRAM

Hymn: "Faith of Our Mothers"

Prayer that we be made aware of our personal responsibility to make our homes more Christian

Devotional Period: John 4:5-14; Jeremiah 2:13

(Use as soft music, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say," with the second stanza sung as a special following the Scripture reading.)

One of our Christian churches has seen fit to put above each of its drinking fountains the words, "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again," reminding all who pass by of that other water that is "a well . . . springing up into everlasting life."

To those women who know by experience what Christ was promising the woman at the well; who have permitted him to become that internal and eternal spring of living water, our title this month and the words from Jeremiah strike a sad, heart-breaking note (reread Jer. 2:13).

God gives us this apt figure to describe those who had turned aside from his deep wells of life-giving water and hewn-out shallow cisterns that caught only the superficial, surface rain water. Today we borrow the figure to bring the women of our Missionary Societies face to face with their responsibility for the water supply, the spiritual water supply, of their homes and families. There is evidence on every hand that all too many have forsaken the fountain of living water and "hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns that hold no water."

Thirsty Children

In this land of numerous hydrants and drinking fountains few children know what it is to thirst for physical water. Yet, in spite of churches on nearly every street, Sunday schools crowded to capacity, and a host of fine Christian young people, there are still thousands of children whose spiritual thirst is never satisfied. As we hear them speak today from actual life situations, may we ask ourselves some questions. Could this be the voice of my child? Could it be the voice of some child that I might touch and help?

Voice 1—I am an Intermediate boy from one of your southern cities. Another boy and I were arrested when we chose to blindfold our eyes and sit on the center line of a busy, public highway. We meant no harm. We just wanted a thrill like thrills sought by slathers of tires or players of Russian roulette. My parents say the city doesn't provide enough recreation. Maybe not—but I know we're thirsty for something, not just thrills, but something worth while to live for.

Voice 2—I am a seventeen-year-old unmarried mother from your Sellers Home in New Orleans. I, too, am thirsty, thirsty for love and understanding. Though my mother was active in her church, my father never attended and there was constant fric-

tion in our home. My loyalty was divided. I loved my father and wanted his attention, yet I wanted to go to church with mother. I was all mixed up inside. I tried to satisfy my thirst at the world's cisterns and here I am. Home influences have weighed heavy in causing most of us to be here—too much discipline or not enough, too much attention or not enough. Many of our parents, because of their favoritism, bickering, emotional immaturity, or misconduct have never held our love or our respect.

We have learned in this Christian environment that Christian parents who really want and love their children can create a home atmosphere under God's guidance that will lessen these tensions and difficulties. We would say to all parents—take time to help satisfy your child's thirst for love and understanding. Turn him from the broken cisterns of the world to the fountain of God's love.

Voice 3—I am a member of Girls' Auxiliary in one of your Baptist churches. I love everything about GA, especially my leader who gives so willingly of self and time—but I too am thirsty, thirsty for co-operation from my home. I don't know why but Mother seems bored when I try to say my "steps" or tell my missionary story. She makes it seem she's doing the church a favor when she takes me to a meeting or makes my coronation dress. I heard her laughing with a friend about our "silly mother-daughter teas." Most mothers seem proud when their daughters do well in GA, but mine's busy and she doesn't understand. I don't want much of her time—just her appreciation of the things that mean so much to me.

Satisfied with Good Things

In contrast to these may we listen now to the voices of three young women who are today serving the Lord effectively and happily in homes of their own. Each of these was as a child blessed by positive Christian influences in the home.

Voice 4—The best thing parents can give to a child is a Christian home. How grateful I am for mine.

Mother and Dad dealt with each of their children as individuals. They tried to de-



TWO WAYS TO STOP CRIME

Crime is not a result of a nation's deterioration. The Bible and the Christian home provide children with the knowledge essential to maintain a good society. When this training is absent, then uncurbed, misdirected youthful energies inevitably clash with society's standards of self-respect and self-restraint. Development of Christian character in our homes, with more Bible teachings, more reverence, will inevitably curb growing lawlessness.

—Charles A. Wells.

velop each child's own talent—even letting me at twelve send my twenty-chapter book to a magazine rather than discourage my creative enthusiasm.

Money was scarce—but there was enough for Baptist assemblies and camps where we met fine Christians. There were always books galore—fine books which helped shape our characters.

My parents never criticized our leaders to their children—the pastors, school-teachers, officials—all were spoken of with respect before us.

We were always first at Sunday school—all eight of us. Punctuality was a virtue as well as faithfulness.

These are but a few of the important parts of my heritage—Mrs. John K. Durst, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Walter B. Merrill, Heflin, Alabama.

Voice 5—A single factor that illustrates the power of home influence in my life would be found in my grandmother. Each year I come to a fuller realization of the far-reaching effects of her teaching. She lived in our home until I was about seven years

old and was never too busy to brush away my tears or explain a big problem to a little girl.

She sang to me the great old hymns and then explained their meaning. She let me help her plant the seeds in the springtime as she explained how God had provided the warm, fertile earth and would send the sunshine and rain to make them grow—not letting me forget that he could reach through to my heart even as the sun reached through to the reddish roots. When I expressed fear that she might leave me and go to be with grandfather, she told me all the wonderful things she knew about our home in heaven.

Grandmother was the greater part of our home and what she said and did influenced my salvation and my choices—Mrs. Mildred Plouchi, Seminary student, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Voice 6—There are many memories from my childhood which bring to mind the prominent place my parents gave to the Bible and to prayer. The accepted Scripture passage for all departures of family or

house guests was the eleventh verse of the ninety-first Psalm. "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." I remember vividly one occasion when I left home without the customary verse.

Because the entire family had overslept there was much hustle and confusion in my departure for college once after Christmas holidays. As the car pulled from the curb we saw mother dashing out the front door with a piece of toast in one hand and the family Bible in the other.

"You've not had your verse for the day and it should be a traveling verse," she called.

I accepted the toast as she hurriedly opened the Bible and read the verse her eyes fell on: "And the Lord hath rejected thee from being king over Israel."

Often we laugh about the inappropriate verse read by the car side that morning. But beyond that picture and more concrete was the lasting impression created in our home that the Bread of life was fundamental.

A consistent practice and one of inestimable value was the "verse for the day." There were verses for examination time, for decisions, for disappointments, for temptations coming to teenagers. All of these were read at the breakfast table at the start of the day. Prayer followed and Daddy called each child by name asking God's guidance. We got the idea early that the indispensable element in our breakfast atmosphere was the spiritual food, not the bacon and eggs—Mrs. Mary D. Leavell Bowman, Jefferson Island, Louisiana.

America's Broken Cisterns

As we have listened to these six voices I am sure each one has realized that there is something tangible in home influence and background that makes the difference in the joy and satisfaction of the last three as compared with the thirst and longing of the first three. It is that difference which concerns us today.

1. Materialism—(represented by a typical "career woman," hearing a poster or arrow marked: "The Broken Cistern of Materialism." Paste on pictures of dollar bills, cars, houses, TVs, etc.)

The thirst for money and the things money can buy lead many to the cistern of

materialism. We are alarmed to discover that the average American family, according to tables of personal consumption expenditures, gives only a fraction, about 1 per cent, of its income to religious and welfare activities. Four times as much is spent on recreation alone as is given to churches and social agencies. But the alarm seems to disappear when our own children spend fifty or seventy-five cents for a movie and give a dime each week to the church, or pay as much as \$20 or \$30 for a party outfit and give one dollar in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The average Baptist gives less to his church each year than the average American pays on his car each month.

As women we are proud of the place we are beginning to hold in the working world (see *Life*, December 24, 1956; *Woman's Home Companion*, October, 1956) until we realize that the percentage of home-makers joining this group has doubled in sixteen years (30 per cent of married women working in 1956 as compared with 15 per cent in 1940) and that every poll indicates the large majority are working "to meet the cost of high living, not the high cost of living."

Would that more of these shared the sentiment of that young mother who dared in a public forum to meet the "career woman's" argument with a statement that she would rather take in washing if necessary and stay home with her children than risk their care to someone else at such a crucial time as during their young years. (Be sure to use article and statistics from *Home Life*, February 1957, pages 6, 7.)

2. Worldliness—(represented by a "social butterfly" hearing a poster "The Broken Cistern of Worldliness," with pictures of cigarettes, cocktails, playing cards, etc.)

The thirst for pleasure, popularity, and social prestige leads many to the cistern of worldliness. Gambling is winked at with hundreds of "give-aways," from fifty to eighty thousand decks of playing cards sold annually, and one-arm bandits flashing and clinking away. Indecent literature in the form of books, magazines, and comics crowd worth-while reading off the racks and shelves. Extravagant "coming out parties" launch a child into a society that thinks little or nothing of God's call to service in

his kingdom. And the most devastating factor of all is beverage alcohol!

Alcoholism is 102 times more prevalent than polio; yet we vaccinate against the polio virus and invite social drinking, the virus of alcoholism, into our very living rooms. With a 52 per cent increase in alcoholism among women since 1940 we have reason to become alarmed.

(Supplemental material in *Cup of Fury* by Upton Sinclair, price \$3.00 from your Baptist Book Store)

3. Secularism—(represented by a typical "clubwoman" with her convention badges, etc., and carrying a poster "The Broken Churn of Secularism" marked with the various club emblems.)

The growing thirst of civic-minded people to "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's" is interfering more and more with our ability to render "unto God the things that are God's." Surely every Christian needs to bring his positive influence to bear upon secular affairs in business, school, community, or government, but not at the expense of either church or home.

What is happening is very evident in our use of the Lord's Day, this one day in seven which the Lord at creation set aside for just the type of stabilizing experiences our families need most. More and more business, civic affairs, and even our schools are "borrowing" this time from the Lord.

It is also evident in the growing criticism of our full church programs. We can miss school or work for any kind of educational and cultural excursion but we cannot sacrifice a few nights of homework for such spiritual opportunities as youth revivals. Few of us have stopped to figure that if the child attends everything offered his age group at the church it will seldom be more than a fraction of his waking hours.

Too often secularism is another name for religious indifference.

The Living Water

(Personal testimonies might well be substituted here.) Many people today who truly want a Christian home just do not seem to know how to reach into the depths of spiritual resources which God so freely offers. May we remind you of a few of the many buckets available at God's well.

1. Christian Example—Whether we are grandmothers, maiden aunts, mothers, or daughters, we all have wonderful opportunities to witness in our homes through attitudes, habits, words, and deeds. It is our responsibility to make our own lives Christian in every aspect and to see that every home influence is positively Christian. Surely if any member of the home does not know Christ the one consuming desire controlling all thoughts and actions should be to see that person won.

2. Christian Hospitality—A wise mother does well to see that her children rub shoulders, sit at table, gather about a piano or fireplace with great Christians, both young and old. There is no way to measure the far-reaching influences of such contacts.

One mother well remembers the brief ride she arranged for her children to have with Dr. George W. Truett, as her husband took him from the train to his hotel. Dr. Truett in his gracious way reminded the eleven-year-old son that he had known him as a baby and had prayed for his future usefulness. He then asked the five-year-old daughter what she planned to be. When she expressed some hesitation between a mother, a nurse, and a missionary, he assured her it was entirely possible for her to be all three.

It was just a fleeting contact that the children may not consciously remember but the mother knows its impact. The son, now a missionary, insisted at high school graduation on sending Dr. Truett an invitation, "because he's praying for my future." And the daughter at the time of her marriage to a Christian worker surprisingly said "I wonder if Dr. Truett would be disappointed that I'm not going to be a missionary."

3. Christian Service and Worship—All these indirect influences are well and good in addition to the positive Christian training offered by church organizations and family worship periods. Statistics prove that the best antidote to delinquency, divorce, and other evils is an active church life. Experience and testimony indicate that the greatest source of spiritual strength is a daily devotional period that is alive and vital. It is the parents' responsibility to make a place in the family schedule for these essential elements of Christian experience.

A REAL HOME



A real home is a playground. Beware of the house where you must not frolic.

A real home is a forum. Honest, open discussion of life's great problems belongs originally and primarily to the family circle.

A real home is a secret society. Loyalty to one's family should mean keeping silent on family matters.

A real home is a co-operative league. Households flourish in peace where the interest of each is the interest of all.

A real home is a haven of refuge. The world makes us hunger for sympathy.

A real home is a garden where love and compassion for needy, lost mankind can be nurtured and cultivated.

A real home is a workshop. Mother and Father's guidance will constrain their children to become world citizens. Children will grow up to put ideas and ideals into action as Christ's witnesses to the earth's farthest reaches.

—Adapted

tience. (Refer to *Open Windows*, and *Altar Fires in Home Life*.)

Closing Meditation—("I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" played quietly). In a period of quiet meditation, prompted by this study of our responsibilities, may we answer truthfully these questions:

1. Have I tasted of this life-giving water? Do I know the joy of eternal life springing up continually in my soul? Do I know Jesus Christ as my own Saviour from sin?

2. Is it evident to those who know me best that I have this source of supply? that it is sufficient for each day's need, that it quenches worry, irritation, temptation, and all the rest?

3. Am I making this the source of supply for my family and home? Am I doing all I can to make it possible for God to satisfy their thirst with good things so that the members of my family will not seek the cisterns of the world and be disappointed by broken reservoirs that hold no water?

4. Am I willing to consider seriously the evidence presented here today, to measure my home by God-given standards and, turning completely from the world's cisterns, to clean out and open wider God's great wells of spiritual supply?

Hymn "God, Give Us Christian Homes," sung as a closing prayer.

"We belittle God when we beg for crumbs, while he stands before us in the Person of Jesus Christ and declares Himself to be the entire Bread of life!" Eugenia Price, in *Early Will I Seek Thee* (Fleming H. Revell Co.)



Books to Read

by Mrs. A. F. Crittendon

Two O'clock in the Morning
by Walter R. Alexander, William B. Eerd-
mans' Publishing Company, Copyright
date 1956, 86 pages, price \$1.75

These are true stories of practical Christianity, written by one whom Southern Baptists have long recognized as a great executive and preacher, and now discover as an able author. Dr. Walter R. Alexander, as executive secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, was an honored and trusted leader in his denomination. These essays which he left at his death, in manuscript form, reveal his rare gift to discern the things of the spirit and to enter sympathetically into the spiritual misery of his fellow men.

Dr. Hight C. Moore says concerning these messages, "I knew and admired Dr. Alexander for many years, but I had no thought that he could write with such ability. In my opinion these essays are masterpieces. I hope the book will have wide circulation."

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1 Wednesday "The Lord, he it is that doth go before thee"—Deut. 31:8 Mrs. Seferina Joyola, Isleta, Rev. W. S. Wall, Cubero, Mrs. Ben Yelvington, Santa Fe, New Mexico, ev. among Indians; Rev. J. E. Timmons Cuero, Rev. Carlos Pierson, San Antonio, Texas, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. Antonio Santana, Bejucal, Cuba, ev.; Rev. D. H. LeSueur, Mexico, Mrs. A. B. Deter, Brazil, em.

2 Thursday "Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord"—1 Chron. 16:10 Rev. Atanasio Cabrera, Belen, New Mexico, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. Claudio Iglesias, San Blas, Panama, Rev. Gerald Harvey-Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, ev.

3 Friday "The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble"—Nahum 1:7 Mrs. A. Pucciarelli, Tampa, Fla., ev. among Italians; Mrs. R. D. Buess, Cebolla, New Mexico, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. D. M. Carroll, Jr., Buenos Aires, Argentina, ev.; Rev. W. C. Harrison, Porto Alegre, Brazil, ed. ev.

4 Saturday "To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty"—Jude 25 Miss Dorothy Milam, New Orleans, La., GWC; Mrs. Cirilo Aleman, Jovellanos, Cuba, Rev. J. B. Matthews, Tucuman, Argentina, ev.; Miss Maye Bell Taylor, Aracaju, Brazil, Mrs. A. B. Craighead, Rivoli, Italy, Mrs. John Allen Moore, Vienna, Austria, ed. ev.

5 Sunday "O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee"—Ps. 84:12 Rev. F. R. Barnes, Phoenix, Arizona, ev.; Miss Barbara Wensel, Costa Rica, lan. st.; Miss Anita Roper, Lagos, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Mrs. T. G. Small, Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia, ev.

6 Monday "Through wisdom is an house builded, and by understanding it is established"—Prov. 24:3 Mr. J. B. Henderson, Richmond, Va., ed. ev. among Negroes; Rev. Eusebio Morales, San Blas, Panama, ev. among Indians; Miss Alma Jackson, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, RN; Mrs. J. D. Hollis, Macao; Mrs. E. J. Tharpe, Oahu, Hawaii, ev.

7 Tuesday "He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down"—Prov. 25:28 Rev. A. G. Virgen, Cameron, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. G. C. Offutt, Louisville, Kentucky, ev. among Negroes; Mrs. D. E. McDowell, Asuncion, Paraguay, ev.

8 Wednesday "Glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's"—1 Cor. 6:20 Mrs. N. Y. Beall, Atlanta, Ga., field worker; Miss Helen Hansell, New Orleans, La., Rev. Sam Morris, Shawnee, Okla., ev. among Indians; Rev. Mike Lopez, Santa Fe, New Mexico, ev.; Mrs. Juan Arambula, Berkeley, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. Donald Levy, Aguacate, Cuba; Rev. W. M. Clawson, Morelia, Mexico, Mrs. B. P. Emanuel, Asahigawa, Miss Virginia Highfill, Osaka, Japan, ev.

9 Thursday "Set your affection on things above"—Col. 3:2 Rev. J. E. Hubbard, Pawnee, Okla., ev. among Indians; Mrs. I. E. Gonzalez, Corpus Christi, Tex., ed. ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. H. R. Moseley, HMB, em.

10 Friday "Show piety at home . . . for that is good and acceptable before God"—1 Tim. 5:4 *Dr. J. P. Satterwhite, Kyoto, Japan, med. ev.; Miss Cora Hardy, Lagos, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Rev. W. E. Arnold, Ghana, ev.; Rev. W. L. DuVall, Ibadan, Nigeria, ev.; Mrs. James M. Young, Jr., Gaza, ev.

11 Saturday "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace"—Rom. 14:19 Miss Amy Lively, Atlanta, Ga., GWC; Rev. Julian Reyna, Dexter, New Mexico, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Reiji Hoshizaki, Shizuoka, Japan, ev.

12 Sunday "Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God"—Ps. 90:2 GA Focus Week, Miss Helen Meredith Cartagena, Colombia, ev.; Mrs. B. D. Davis, Fortaleza, Brazil, ed. ev.; Miss Auris Pender, Singapore, Malaya; Rev. T. G. Small, Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia, ev.; Miss Ethel Guest, Iwo, Nigeria, ed. ev.

13 Monday "None of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself"—Rom. 14:7 Mrs. W. B. Minor, Socorro, New Mexico, ed. ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Aurelia Baez, HMB, em.; Rev. W. M. Dyal, Jr., Guatemala City, Guatemala, ev.; Mrs. A. E. Blankenship, Florianopolis, Brazil, ed. ev.; Mrs. R. B. Wyatt, Jr., Barcelona, Spain, Mrs. C. M. Halvarson, Aomori, Japan, ev.

14 Tuesday "To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice"—Prov. 21:3 Miss Amelia Diaz, Albuquerque,

New Mexico, ed. ev. among Spanish-speaking; Miss Roberta Ryan, Temuco, Chile, ed. ev.; Miss Mary Lee Ernest, Hilo, Hawaii, ev.

15 Wednesday "It is God that girdeth me with strength"—Ps. 18:32 Miss Jewell Smith, Havana, Cuba, ed. ev.; Mrs. J. T. Poe, San Jose, Costa Rica; Rev. M. D. Oates, Arequipa, Peru, ev.; Miss Virginia Mathis, Manila, Philippines, ed. ev.

16 Thursday "He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully"—2 Cor. 9:6 Mrs. G. L. Stanley, Phoenix, Ariz. ev. among Chinese; Rev. Juan Arambula, Berkeley, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. R. R. Beard, Muskogee, Okla., ev. among Indians; Rev. J. M. Sanchez, Havana, Cuba, Mrs. F. H. Walters, Paraiso, Canal Zone, Rev. J. O. Watson, Buenos Aires, Argentina, J. O. Watson, Jr., MF; Mrs. Louis O'Conner, Jr., Korea, ev.; Mrs. J. E. Posey, Jr., Philippines, ev.; Miss Catherine Walker, Java, Indonesia, ed. ev.

17 Friday "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord"—Rom. 6:23 Rev. T. W. Talkington, Hattiesburg, Miss., ev. among Negroes; Mrs. W. W. Boggan, Sulphur, Okla., ev. among Indians; Rev. R. Z. Chambliss, Jr., Trujillo, Peru, ev.

18 Saturday "The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright"—Prov. 15:2 Miss Rebecca Callaway, Richmond, Va., ed. ev. among Negroes; Rev. Fernando Santana, HMB, em.; Rev. Felix Torna, Condelaria, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. R. G. Bralcher, Rio, Brazil, ed. ev.; Rev. C. W. Campbell, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ev.; Mrs. A. L. Gillespie, Osaka, Japan, ed. ev.; Rev. J. E. Hampton, Tanganyika, East Africa, ev.; Miss Mary Jane Whorton, Shaki, Nigeria, ed. ev.

19 Sunday "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve"—Luke 4:8 Mrs. Jimmy Harrison, Portales, New Mexico, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. Peter Chen, San Francisco, Calif., ev. among Chinese; Rev. Domingo Hernandez, Madruga, Cuba, Mrs. Claudio Iglesias, San Blas, Panama, ev.; Miss Mary Alexander, Hong Kong, em.; Mrs. H. H. Snuggs, Taipei, Taiwan, ed. ev.; Rev. W. D. Bender, Abokuta, Nigeria, ed. ev.

20 Monday "A faithful man shall abound with blessings"—Prov. 28:20 Mrs. G. H. Wise, Rev. L. C. Bell, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ev.; Mrs. Hiram F. Duffer, Jr., Torreon, Mexico, ed. ev.; Rev. Rudolph Russell, Bangkok, Thailand, ev.; Miss Lorene Tifford, Taichung, Taiwan, Rev. J. S. McGee, Igodo, Nigeria, ed. ev.

21 Tuesday "We are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth"—Rom. 2:2 Rev. Aurelia Travieso, Havana, Cuba, ev.; Rev. McKinley Gilliland, Ogbomoshu, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Mrs. J. A. Tumblin, Jr., Brazil, ev.; Miss Mary Hester Powell, Ogbomoshu, Nigeria, med. ev.

22 Wednesday "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God"—Luke 4:4 Mr. R. R. Beard, Muskogee, Okla., ev. among Indians; Rev. Orvil W. Reid, Guadalajara, Mexico, ed. ev.; Roderick Reid, MF; Rev. Vance Vernon, Belem, Brazil, ed. ev.

23 Thursday "Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of"—Matt. 6:8 Mrs. Silverio Linares, Tucumcari, New Mexico, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Naville Claxton, Ibadan, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Rev. Buford Cockrun, Oshogbo, Nigeria, builder

24 Friday "Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ"—1 John 1:3 Mr. Louis O'Conner, Jr., Korea, ev.; Mrs. C. W. Campbell, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ev.; Mrs. A. J. Terry, Recife, Brazil, ed. ev.; Rev. C. D. Hardy, Brazil, Mrs. Earl Parker, Seoul, Korea, ev.; David and John Parker, MF

25 Saturday "Wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself"—Rom. 2:1 Rev. D. R. Smith, San Jose, Costa Rica, Jan. st.; Rev. Alex Garner, San Francisco, Argentina, ev.; Rev. Peter Miller, San Blas, Panama, Rev. Gene A. Clark, Japan, ev.

26 Sunday "Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it"—Luke 11:28 WMU Annual Session, Chicago May 26-28 Rev. C. E. Brarden, Atlanta, Ga., ev. among deaf; Rev. W. D. Morgan, Bocas, Panama, Mrs. W. M. Moore, Joinkrama, Nigeria, ev.

27 Monday "Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts"—Heb. 3:15 Mrs. Van Earl Hughes, San Jose, Costa Rica, Mr. Fred Horton, Fukuoka City, Japan, ev.

28 Tuesday "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord"—Ps. 37:23 Rev. J. B. Parker, HMB, em.; Mrs. T. N. Clinkscale, Londrina, Mrs. R. L. Fielden, Bahia, Brazil, ed. ev.; Rev. W. R. Medling, Kumamoto, Japan, ev.

29 Wednesday "To him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward"—Prov. 11:18 Rev. T. C. Bagby, Brazil, em.; Anne Luther Bagby, MF; Miss Ruth Porter, Asuncion, Paraguay, RN; Mrs. James Foster, Baguio City, Philippines, Mrs. J. D. Belote, Kowloon, Hong Kong, ev.

30 Thursday "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God"—Luke 18:27 Mrs. Carlos Carrion, Los Angeles, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. H. V. Davis, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ev.; Mrs. G. D. Grober, Sotomarem, Brazil, RN; Dr. L. N. Patterson, Ibadan, Nigeria, ev.

31 Friday "The Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song"—Isa. 12:2 Mrs. William Skinner, Asuncion, Paraguay, med. ev.; Miss June Conper, Japan, ev.

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Pools of water, swamps of mud, fog and mist, steaming tropical heat, turbulent rivers, roaring waterfalls, sparkling glaciers, strange and ferocious animals; wonderful, terrible, lovely in a pale pink glow everywhere as the sun goes down—these are Africa. This strange old continent with its two hundred million brown and black people so little understood by a handful of whites is the subject of our foreign mission graded series this fall.

Time is all too short to make adequate preparation. Even so it would be a pity to miss a few choice books or fail to look up back copies of magazines both secular and missionary. Suppose we begin with three popular magazines: *Look*, *Holiday*, and *Life*. The January 26, 1954 issue of *Look* carries 16 pages of words and pictures by Ernest Hemingway. You will find the treatment on the safari level, with more Hemingway than Africa. Even so if you keep a file pull out this number. Much better for our purpose is the November 15, 1955 issue of *Look*. There are excellent pictures of native arts, of the people, a page map showing in color the independent countries and those still under the control of five European powers. (The Gold Coast changed her name to Ghana with her independence on March 6 of this year.) Four challenging views of this awakening world of witchcraft is given by John Gunther and other equally famous authors and travelers.

If one had to choose between the March 1954 number of *Holiday* and the May 4, 1953 issue of *Life* the decision would be difficult. Both are superb pictorially but the words in *Holiday* are written by Laurens van der Post. Which is to say that nobody in the world today can or does write with his warmth and love for Africa. He covers the continent in an unforgettable journey beginning in the far north and sweeping across desert, jungle, and mountain until he comes upon the belt of highlands which you know as Kenya and Tanganyika. His style is all joy, pure poetry, sheer magic. But you will not be disappointed in the *Life* number. In the first place, the whole issue is devoted to Africa. For stunning pictures it cannot be surpassed. The famous Stuart Cloete (pronounced clewty) who wrote *The African Giant* is one of the contributors.

Reading these magazine numbers will whet your appetite for the books these men have written. Some of you may prefer Gunther's *Inside Africa*, \$6.00 to *The African Giants* \$4.00. The Cloete book is \$2.00 cheaper and 400 pages shorter, but there are more important differences which may be largely personal based on other books and sources of information. Both of these books are listed in the 1956-57 "WMS Round Table Booklist."

Colonel van der Post of Dutch descent was born in South Africa. At the end of World War II he explored little-known parts of the continent. The result was *Venture to the Interior* \$3.00 which was listed for the first time in the 1953 Round Table Booklist. Since that time he has written *Flamingo Feather* \$3.95 and *The Dark Eye in Africa* \$3.00. These are also on the current Round Table list.

All of these books can be bought from your Baptist Book Store or found in your public library. Surely you will want to buy some of them for the age of discovery in Africa is not over. As van der Post expressed it "there is the immense world of mind and spirit" which the Westerner has not troubled himself to discover. This is the year to go to Africa. Let's go "without prejudice and arrogance and warm our pale senses by her flame."

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