

Royal Service



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A small child—
What is he?
Look at him.
No one can tell what he can be.
But now—what is he?
He's curiosity—and energy.
He's an angel—he's wilful and headstrong.
He's the object of great love
and sacrifice, and joy, and despair—

By his parents
and grandparents
and aunts and uncles
and teachers.

Look at him, the small child.
What will he be tomorrow?
a blessing?
a curse?
But wait! Look at those who love him.
Do they follow God's ways?
He will place his feet after theirs.

a
small
child

by Abbie Louise Green



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The Way of the SUNBEAM BAND

The Sunbeam Band is the youngest and the oldest of the youth organizations of Woman's Missionary Union. In the early years, children of all ages were members of Sunbeam Band because there was no other missionary organization for them. Today this organization is for children, birth through eight years of age. There are 27,717 Sunbeam Nurseries and Sunbeam Bands with 511,586 members in the fifty states.

It was 75 years ago that the Virginia pastor, Dr. George Braxton Taylor, founded the Sunbeam Band. His father, Dr. George Boardman Taylor, was a pioneer Southern Baptist missionary to Italy, and his grandfather, Dr. James B. Taylor, first secretary of



"read it to me"

the Foreign Mission Board. Under the leadership of Dr. George Braxton Taylor and Mrs. Anna L. Elsom, a Sunday school teacher of his church in Fairmount, the Sunbeam Band met once a month to go on imaginary missionary trips.

Recorded in the early history of the organization are the names of William D. Ligon, Jr., and his sister, Pearl Ligon (Jarmar). They are considered the first Sunbeam boy and girl, because Dr. Taylor told them of his plans one afternoon before the first meeting.

News of the organization spread, until requests for "Sunbeam" programs were increasing so the *Foreign Mission Journal* opened its pages to the material from "Cousin George," as Dr. Taylor was affectionately called by the children.

In 1896, the Foreign Mission Board asked Woman's Missionary Union to take full responsibility for the development of the organization. Woman's Missionary Union accepted gladly. Sunbeam Band superintendents had already been appointed in some states, and with the added responsibility for promoting this work, all states were urged to appoint state leaders to take hold vigorously of the work.

A Babies' Branch was begun in 1897 and continued until 1902, then revived in 1938 as a plan for enlistment of mothers and for promoting missionary education in the home and among nursery-age children. Today the Sunbeam Nursery is an important group in our churches.

More space was offered in 1892 for Sunbeam Band promotion in the *Foreign Mission Journal* and Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, the recording secretary of WMU, agreed to supply the material. In October, November, and December, 1906, programs and promotional suggestions were moved into *Our Missions Fields*, a monthly magazine.

In 1922, *World Comrades* became the magazine where Sunbeam Band leaders found their program materials. By 1942, a separation of preschool and school-age Sunbeam Bands was effected. In 1953, *Sunbeam Activities* was first published as a quarterly for leaders, devoted entirely to Sunbeam Band work, with suggestions for preschool and school-age children, later using the terms Beginner and Primary Sunbeam Bands.

In 1959, *The Sunbeam Nursery* became the book for Sunbeam Nursery leaders. Units of study for this age are printed in this book.

Today's child in Sunbeam Band needs to know what the children of Mrs. Elsom's day needed to know: that God loves all the children of the world and that sharing this truth is missions.



"let's play"

"tell me about it"



The methods have changed in degree only while the purpose has not been altered.

In this present day, throughout the Sunbeam Band groups, creative teaching is the tool we use.

Little children can be introduced to missions in simple, informal ways. Some of these are: by reading, telling stories, showing pictures or letting children express themselves in formal play and by sharing with others. As we teach children through activity, lands far away and nearby places and people who live there can become real to them.

"Read It to Me." A Sunbeam Band leader hears this request often as a child brings a book to her. The request may come from a five-year-old, but even four-year-olds enjoy a brief story. They like to sit by a leader as she turns the pages in a picture book and they talk together as friends. Books with large pictures and few words are enjoyed by Nursery children.

The leader reading to children sits on a low chair so they can see the pictures. She reads slowly so they can have time to see each one. She stops at the pictures to enjoy them with the children. The children learn by asking questions; and the leader can carry on interesting conversations with them.

"Let's Play It." If something has meaning to a child, he usually wants to express it in play. A boy may say, "I'm Ah Fu," and push his make-believe boat up and down an imaginary river, or a girl will take her baby to a missionary doctor. They may play only a part of the story you have told many times.

Some children like dramatic play, when they "dress up." Such play, when guided, provides a good learning situation.

"Tell Me About It." A child may bring a picture and say, "tell me about it."

Pictures teach many things. A picture of a missionary or children of other lands can cause the child to want to pray. A picture can make the child discover information

about customs and dress. Pictures may suggest a song.

"Let Me Listen." The record player should be placed on a low table so children can choose records they want to hear. When they listen, children experience joy and appreciation. Listening to music not only is esthetically satisfying, it is a helper to a leader in establishing an atmosphere for quietness and can be a part of worship experiences.



"let me listen"



"let's do it"



"let me share mine"



"Let's look at the globe"

"Let's Do It." "A child may forget what he sees, and sooner still what is said to him, but he never forgets what he has made," said Rousseau the experimenter in teaching of children. It is necessary to use purposeful activities so children will not forget spiritual truths. Two- and three-year-olds enjoy painting. To them the long-handled brushes and "drippy" paint is fun. The best approach to a child's drawing is to say, "Tell me about." That way we not only learn what it is but more important why the child drew it. Through creative arts children joyfully express themselves.

"Let Me Share Mine." The first step in sharing comes when we help little children to discover the happiness that comes in

sharing with those who are near—in the family, children in their own group, friends in their church or group in the community.

"Let's Look at the Globe." A World Friends group likes to look at the globe. The children come to understand that the world is round like the globe. They should be allowed to handle the globe and find places which they have heard about.

In Sunbeam Bands, devoted leaders and groups of eager children learn about children around the world, loving God, and wanting their friends to love him, too.

Surely, if you do not have a Sunbeam Band in your church, you will stop being 75 years behind time and have one from now on. Surely, if you haven't had as good a Sunbeam Band as you could, you will pray about it and foster it better.

Have you thought about being a Sunbeam Band leader? It may be God is calling you to invest your life for missions in training little children.

Through the years, devoted Sunbeam leaders have seen children grow up to become missionaries, pastors, denominational leaders, who quietly say, "It was in your Sunbeam Band I heard God call me."

WOULD YOU QUALIFY?

Check yourself on qualifications and see if you would make a good Sunbeam Band leader or assistant. If you answer yes to most of the following statements, you should be working in the Sunbeam Band. Won't you volunteer?

- Do you love this age group? (Silly can tell if you don't love her. Unless you do she won't care much what you say or do.)
- Do you understand them? (Do you want to know their home life and why they act as they do?)
- Are you calm and patient? (Or do you get hot and bothered by little accidents, raise your voice at Johnny

if he doesn't respond instantly?)

- Are you punctual? (Would you be there before the first child arrives?)
- Do you have imagination? (Children do! You will need imagination, too!)
- Are you physically fit? (You need energy and a sense of humor to keep ahead of energy-packed children.)
- Are you willing to learn? (Would you study the Manual, attend conferences, take the leadership course? Would you plan well your meeting, using the units of study in Sunbeam Activities?)
- Have you had a vital experience of salvation, and do you love the Lord?

ROYAL SERVICE

The Missions Magazine for Southern Baptist Women

This is the month in your Woman's Missionary Society when you are studying about the work of Sunbeam Band. Perhaps no organization for children has had a more profound influence for the kingdom. As you read this magazine from cover to cover, you will be aware of the many ways God uses consecrated leaders to guide small children. Should you be a Sunbeam Band leader?

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OUR DAY calls us

When the 75th Anniversary issue of *Sunbeam Activities* was released my mother read the article I had written about my own Sunbeam Band. She said she wished I had told her I was writing the article for she had in the attic some of my Sunbeam "things." She searched through the old trunk and there was my Sunbeam Band Mission Study Certificate. No doubt through the use of a mission study book Mrs. J. H. Tyler, our leader, taught us about China for I remember being keenly interested in the people of that country and I recall having no further interest. Perhaps I had no further knowledge!

Among the things tucked away in the attic were copies of Resolutions of Respect published in the state paper after the death of Mrs. Tyler. One of the resolutions stated that in the passing of Mrs. Tyler the association had lost a most faithful and efficient officer and "our children, the Sunbeams, a loving friend and a wise leader." It seems strange after all these years to think of her as an associational WMU president when throughout most of my life I have identified her as "my Sunbeam leader."

The attic "treasure" had in it the July 28, 1940, bulletin of my home church, The First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia. On it was the picture of an elderly man. Under the picture is printed:

Rev. George Braxton Taylor, D.D.
Retires after a great ministry of 54 years.

The pastor of the church, in tribute to the active and faithful service of his fellow

minister Dr. Taylor, wrote that *Who's Who in America* told only a small part of the story of this saintly man when it informed us that he was a direct descendent of Carter Braxton, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, listed his degrees and pastorates, and stated that he was the founder of the Sunbeam Band. The pastor concluded, "The whole story can be told only in the Lamb's Book of Life."

From the time I first knew Dr. Taylor, as a high school girl, I had the feeling that only in eternity could his "whole story" be known. Though he was always an old man to me I often remembered that the interest he showed in youth dated back to his own young manhood.

In a recent state meeting as five leaders gave "glimpses of the past" in their testimonies regarding the influence of Sunbeam Band in their lives, I remembered the delightful twinkle in Dr. Taylor's eye which I knew would have been in evidence if he could have heard what was being said.

The state WMU president gave clear recollections of the teaching she received in Sunbeam Band. The man who is executive secretary in the state told of his mother's leadership of his Sunbeam Band, leaving the impression that perhaps she undertook the leadership because she could handle him and his brother. The WMU executive secretary, instead of speaking, presented her Sunbeam Band leader—her 89-year-old mother.

I came next and in an effort to equal those who had appeared before me I told

Small Alma, an enthusiastic
Sunbeam, in First Baptist Church,
Roanoke, Virginia

by Alma Hunt

that not only was I a Sunbeam but that I was the daughter of a Sunbeam. Then I told of a recent visit with Mother's Sunbeam Band leader, Miss Mary Turner, and of my own Mrs. Tyler.

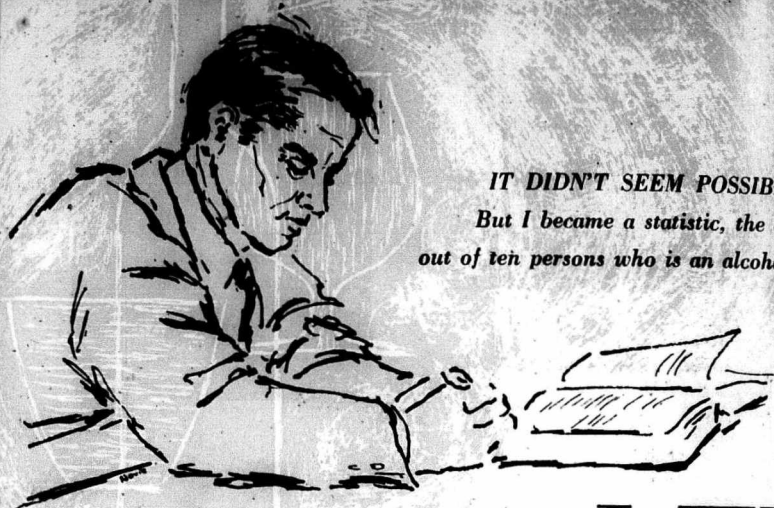
The last speaker was Miss Margaret Marchman, missionary in Nigeria. She testified that in the Sunbeam Band her mother led and under the influence of her mother and father, at the Sunbeam Band age she was seized with an earnest desire to tell about Jesus in lands where He is not known. This desire was intensified and perhaps the direction pointed when in one of the meetings her mother blacked her face and permitted her to be the African child in the program. She said that many, many times during the 20 years as a missionary in Africa she had looked back with gratitude on that day.

These were only five testimonies to bring those attending the annual meeting to a keener awareness of the importance of our giving ourselves in our day to the missionary education of children and young people.

Our day calls us to act in the words of the Resolution of Respect to my own Sunbeam Band leader: "That we, as missionary workers, emulate her fidelity to her tasks, loving those with whom we work as she loved her Sunbeams, and cheerfully encouraging those who look to us for aid as she so kindly did for all Sunbeam leaders."

Mrs. J. H. Tyler, leader of
Miss Hunt's Sunbeam Band





*IT DIDN'T SEEM POSSIBLE.
But I became a statistic, the one
out of ten persons who is an alcoholic*

I WAS An Alcoholic Pastor

The fact that one out of every ten persons who drink becomes an alcoholic was utterly removed from my thinking as a minister. I had never considered myself statistical proof of anything. There was, to be sure, the other fellow, the man of the world, out of whose ranks would come the one of a given number who would fail in business, get a divorce, or end up a suicide. Certainly the statistician didn't have in mind the clergy, to whose work my life had been set apart for over 30 years.

For almost 25 of those years I had pastored one church and seen it grow from a nucleus of 11 persons to a large, metropolitan church. It was the church in which all three of my children had grown up.

But I was not to be the fortunate exception to one of the greatest curses of modern life. I became an alcoholic.

Years of stress in the ministry, interspersed with a series of nine surgical operations, had brought me to hospitalization with a nervous breakdown. There I received nursing care, tranquilizers and, finally, numerous electric shock treatments.

Doctors probed into every area of my life, seeking the exact cause of my breakdown. My psychiatrist, unfortunately, was from the Freudian school. I was too sick to challenge his background. Besides, he had been called in by my family doctor and had simply been introduced to me as a neurologist. I committed myself to his skill just as I had previously committed my body to the surgeon's scalpel.

He did not ask me to submit to hypnosis; he assumed the permission as part of his professional procedure. I was in his power.

My faith in God, in his Word, in my personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the conscious daily presence of the Holy Spirit, all provided ample opportunity for argument each time he visited me.

My breakdown was caused, according to him, by an inner conflict between reality and unreality. I was "pietistic," a term he delighted to use. Reality was the world in which I lived: people, social customs, habits; my mind, body.

Unreality, he said, existed in my faith in the supernatural, prayer, heaven, hell, sin, divine forgiveness, an inner consciousness of His presence. Little by little, the doctor's purpose became evident. I was to adjust myself to the world, not fight it.

But day by day my conflicts increased and my depression deepened. "Not responding to treatment," was the professional verdict.

Day after day and night after night as the sedations wore off the shadows crowded

I wanted to quit. I couldn't. If anyone thinks the alcoholic can, by sheer will power, through a sense of shame, by realization of what he is doing, or because of a stricken conscience, stop drinking, that person is utterly and eternally mistaken.

The social drinker drinks because he likes it; the alcoholic drinks because he can't help himself. I hated every drop I drank. I was not ignorant of what it was doing to me.

It didn't seem possible, as I said before,

by DAVID C. WILCOX

in, for my mind had been full of Scripture since childhood. When possible, since I was not a total bed patient, I slipped away to other floors of the hospital and refused to see my family or guests at visiting hours.

In answer to prayer, the shadows began to lift and I returned to my home and to my pulpit. I continued to visit my psychiatrist and to accept his medication. Then came the day when he suggested that I taper off with tranquilizers and sleeping pills.

Instead, I was to try an ounce of brandy in hot water. It would relieve stomach tension. He was sure that I was a man of good character, that this was really a Bible prescription of, "a little wine for thy stomach's sake."

The following weeks passed slowly, but my troubles increased rapidly. Strange things happened to me physically, mentally and spiritually. I no longer drank only at night in order to sleep; the newly-developed craving for liquor was with me when I awoke.

that I, a Christian, saved over 30 years, a minister of the gospel, earnestly seeking to do the will of the Lord, under whose ministry scores of people had been led to Christ, was going down in full knowledge of my fall, but with no power to stop it.

But Satan is not a respecter of persons, or a gentleman in his procedure.

If the times I prayed for deliverance could be counted, the figures would be astronomical. Not only did I pray, but my family, who were so devoted to me through all this ordeal, prayed incessantly. More than once I came to the place of utter despair because deliverance was not forthcoming.

It was in one of these moments of depression that something very startling happened. I was reading the story, in Matthew 17, of the man who brought his "sore-vexed" mentally sick son to the Lord's disciples. These same disciples had seen many people healed through faith. But the son was not delivered. Then the father appealed directly to the Lord. The child was

healed; the disciples greatly puzzled.

Jesus told them that the devil had not been cast out because of unbelief. "For verily I say unto you," Jesus said, "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you."

Up until then, it was this direct promise of answered prayer that had impressed me. But my prayers hadn't been answered! Read on, something seemed to say to me. Read the next verse! "Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting."

Jesus called the boy's lunacy the result of a devil!

Was this the answer to my dilemma? Had all my prayers failed because they had not been directed toward a demon power that was withholding victory?

I had known all the time to whom I was praying, but not for what I was praying. Now, recognizing demon power in my life, I prayed that the demon of drink be made to leave my life completely.

One need not be shy or afraid to confess anything to God. When the Gadarene demon possessed, knelt at the feet of Jesus, our Lord addressed the demon, and asked his name. The demon said his name was Legion.

When I placed myself in the position of this fellow of Gadara, it seemed as though the Lord asked me the same question, "What is thy name?" It was terribly hard on my pride, but I knew the answer: the demon was alcoholism.

I had been praying and working on a symptom. Now I realized that the symptom would go when the cause was routed. Kneeling at my bedside, I sought divine deliverance from this demon power in my life.

This was not just a "now I lay me down to sleep" prayer, but a prayer that literally rocked my whole being.

Drink was bad enough, but demon power was worse. I felt a tremendous assist in my prayer, however, in the Person of the Holy Spirit. It was a prayer of Romans 8:26—"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our

infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

I cannot recount what was said in that prayer, but I know that it was heard word for word, groan for groan, by the Lord himself.

Then I fell asleep. When this had happened before I had felt guilty, like the disciples who slept that night prior to our Lord's crucifixion. However, this was like the sleep the Lord gave Elijah under the juniper tree as he fled from Jezebel.

When I awoke, I knew that something wonderful had happened. I was no longer a victim, but a victor.

Not all Christians are ready or able to understand this kind of conflict. It does not evolve from a "Praise the Lord, I'm saved!" testimony. It is the discovery that the Christian life, from beginning to end is a battle with the powers of evil; a wrestling against "the rulers, the authorities, the cosmic powers of this present darkness; against the spiritual forces of evil in the supernatural sphere" (Berkeley Version).

It is not difficult to understand that prayer is one of the areas of Christian life in which Satan is most active. No human being could have prayed a more earnest, soul-stirring prayer than the prophet in the ninth chapter of Daniel. Yet in the tenth chapter we learn that the answer was withheld 21 days by the prince of the kingdom of Persia. This was demon opposition. Thank God for the promise in 1 John 4:4. "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

To recognize the enemy's strategy, and to know something of his power, is the surest and quickest way to victory. God has not left us ignorant concerning the devices of Satan. Paul says in 2 Cor. 2:11, "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."

Never fool yourself that Satan's devices are limited. In my case, his first attack was not through unorthodox preaching. Doctrinally, I tried to be exact. But I have

learned that one can be letter perfect and at the same time hold resentments, become embittered, be jealous and unwarrantably sensitive to seeming slights and suspected injustices. These are the tools which Satan used to crush my nerves until the breakdown came.

The electric shock treatments had been given to dissipate my case of extreme depression. But depression also is a tool of Satan.

We are still guilty, spiritually, of treating symptoms and overlooking causes. Temper, discouragement, evil thoughts, fear, bitterness, faultfinding, worldliness, pride, envy and jealousy are all symptoms that have a direct cause. I am persuaded that behind every sin, big or little, there is an organized satanic force at work.

The man who lies should recognize that Jesus called Satan a liar, and the father of lies (John 8:44). Every doubt that crosses the Christian's mind should be regarded as demon instigated. Anything that mars the true vision of the Lord to the believer is of Satan.

"How do you know that Jesus Christ rose from the dead?" an unbeliever once asked a Christian.

The answer was, "I was speaking to Him this morning."

How do I know there is a personal devil, a satanic opposition against all blood-bought believers?

My answer is in the very fact that within every true believer a warfare is waging. In 2 Cor. 10:4 we read, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds."

The Holy Spirit showed me that I didn't need the therapy of an unsaved doctor but the equipment of Ephesians 6:11-12: "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the

devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

There is no such thing as a once-and-for-all putting on of the armour. It is a daily dressing. One day without complete protection can mean tremendous spiritual defeat.

Martin Luther was not over dramatizing when he threw the inkwell at what he believed was the Devil in his room. He was emphasizing a truth that is too little recognized today in Christian circles: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" 1 Peter 5:8.

Never underestimate Satan's power. God doesn't, the Bible doesn't. Nor do angels, for "Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee" Jude 1:9.

On the other hand, never underestimate God's power. "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" 1 John 4:4. "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" Romans 8:37-39.

Broken in nerves, I became an unsuspecting victim. Now I call myself "the man with a new song" taking the phrase from Psalm 40:3, "And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord."

Will you sing it with me?

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grown-up sunbeams

OVERSEAS

Over and over again young people who stand before the Foreign Mission Board for appointment as missionaries overseas testify to the influence of the Sunbeam Band and their Sunbeam Band leaders. These they often say were used by God to first impress upon them the call to serve in faraway places. At least one fifth of all foreign missionaries have indicated some influence of Sunbeam Band attendance on their life and call. On these pages are testimonies of grown-up Sunbeams



Mr. Moorefield was appointed a Southern Baptist missionary to Italy in 1958. He is now doing publication work in Rome.

Mr. Moorefield first visited Italy in 1954, when he went to Europe as a member of a debate team. "In Italy, in the midst of poverty, despair, and hopelessness, God spoke to me. When the ship sailed homeward, there was no question in my mind. With God's help, I would come back."

At the time of his appointment Mr. Moorefield was instructor in biblical interpretation and homiletics at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina. He and his wife, the former Jane Richardson, have a son, Virgil Edwin.

Mr. Moorefield testifies, "In these formative years Sunbeams introduced the idea that all people were precious in the sight of God. I remember Mrs. P. C. Walker as she told us about the world where Jesus was not known."



June Summers Pike, Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil, serves in Vitoria, in the state of Espirito Santo. Her husband is field missionary for the state. Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1956, the Pikes studied Portuguese for a year before beginning their present assignment.

A native of Fort Smith, Arkansas, Mrs. Pike graduated from Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, with the bachelor of arts degree. Before going to Brazil she taught school in Arkansas, Missouri, and Texas. The Pikes have three children, Donna June, David Harrison, and Daniel Winston.

Mrs. Pike's testimony reads like this: "Before I started to school we moved within a few blocks of Rogers School, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. We were near a new church meeting in an old-store building across from Tillis Park. This church changed our whole lives. My father became interested and was elected Training Union director. The picture of the back room of that store building where we had Sunbeam meeting still lingers in my mind."

Robert W. Gammage

KOREA

Mr. Gammage, Southern Baptist missionary, is dean of instruction and professor at the Korea Baptist Theological Seminary, Taejon. He is also director of the language school for missionaries and missionary adviser for two associations of churches. He is a native of Miami, Florida.

Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1957, Mr. Gammage joined the seminary faculty in 1959, after language study. Prior to mission appointment he taught at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in California. He and his wife have a young son, Lee Albert.

Mr. Gammage says, "My earliest concern for Christian missions was stimulated by the Sunbeam Band which I attended regularly. It troubled my young mind that so many boys and girls in foreign countries had never had a chance to hear about Jesus. If God uses me in the redemption of souls on a foreign shore, much of the credit will go to my golly Sunbeam leader whose world-girdling love for the lost incurably infected my life."



TANGANYIKA

A native of Washington, D. C., Jane Winchester Martin received the associate of arts degree from Mars Hill (N. C.) College and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Teaching elementary grades and working in a settlement house helped prepare her. She was appointed for missionary service in 1956. She and Mr. Martin are now serving in the new theological seminary in Arusha, Tanganyika.

Mrs. Martin says, "As an infant I was taken to church and Sunday school, and from the first it was a happy experience. At five years of age I became active in Sunbeams. I attribute an early awareness of missions and God's love for all peoples to the influence of this organization."

HONG KONG

Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1956, Dr. Wilson says he began to dream of becoming a missionary when he was just a child. While stationed in Japan as a member of the US Army Air Force, he witnessed need that strengthened his conviction.

He and his wife have four children: Sarah Beth, Pamela Denise, George Raymond, III, and James Dale.

Dr. Wilson's testimony reads, "Sunbeam Band contributed much to my life, and the stories of missionaries had real meaning for me. In a childish way I began to dream of the day when I could be a missionary. At eight I announced to my mother that I was going to be a missionary in China. The strong missionary influence of my father and mother, and the visits of missionaries to our home, served to deepen a conviction of mission responsibility on my part."



Did You Read It?

by Mrs. William McMurry

In late winter Britain's Bertrand Russell, world famous philosopher, led 5,000 London demonstrators in protest against continuing nuclear tests. They carried banners which read "Ban the bomb." The marchers were housewives, students, clerks, preachers, zealots. The 88-year-old Russell led his followers in a "sit-down protest" in front of the Defense Ministry. Six deep on the sidewalk, they played chess or read newspapers while 400 police stood by. The demonstration was aimed to coincide with the sending of US equipment to the new Polaris missile base in Scotland.

Britain's campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, the parent body from which Russell's group is an offshoot, claims 10 million sympathizers. (continued on page 27)

Hazards involved in continuing the arms race have become increasingly apparent to all nations. As a consequence there has been a shift in American opinion the past two years, according to authorities in this field. Prior to this time, arguments that risks would have to be taken and concessions made in order to make progress on arms control and disarmament was considered heresy; today this argument has become a commonplace. The statement that war is not inevitable and can and must be avoided has been repeated so many times by American statesmen that it is now in danger of being ignored as too self-evident to merit discussion. Contrary to the impression Lord Russell shares with many others, this nation has endorsed the principle of general disarmament. It did so recently in a session of the UN General Assembly.

In answer to Lord Russell's implications that America is opposed to serious disarmament negotiations because of a fear that the outcome might dim the prospect of a "capitalist world," Mr. Robert W. Tucker, professor of International Relations, Johns Hopkins University, replies in The New Republic. "It is bad enough to believe that a Communist world would be worse than no world; it is even worse that we are sufficiently fanatic in our intent to establish a 'capitalist world' that we are willing to run the risk of nuclear war in order to achieve this goal. A decade ago, to insist that nuclear weapons were an indispensable instrument for achieving our kind of world was only partially true. Today it is false," writes

Mr. Tucker. "Whatever our illusions," he concludes, "the idea that nuclear weapons may somehow be used to resolve the Cold War in our favor is not one of them."

On the editorial page in an issue of the Chicago Daily Tribune, readers were reminded that the beginning of the Kennedy Peace Corps lay in the universal military training bill shelved by Congress in 1951. As originally conceived, this measure proposed conscripting young Americans for both military and civilian service.

But the forgotten man of President Kennedy's peace corps program is a German born shoe designer, Heinz W. Rollman, now a naturalized citizen living in Waynesville, North Carolina. The plan was advanced by Rollman in a book, World Organization, published in 1954 calling for peace through production and distribution. He urged youths to enlist in a corps which would carry technological advances to underdeveloped areas along with education and freedom. Former President Eisenhower borrowed the idea for a commencement address on June 3, 1958 when he urged America's young people to join in a crusade for world peace and justice.

Mr. Rollman ran for Congress in 1958 on the Democratic ticket and was defeated. In 1960 he ran as a Republican candidate, making the peace corps again part of his program. He lost by a narrow margin.

The peace corps is only one of the ideas of this man who came to America in 1939 after the family's business had been confiscated in Germany and destroyed by war.

A charming story by this title appeared in the April issue of Ambassador Life. Did you read it?

Simeon Witi, a bright-eyed 13-year-old boy has kept the WMS records for two years at Sabunckl, Southern Rhodesia. "And that's not all," writes editor Roy Jennings, the author of the story. A few days before the WMS meets, Simeon goes from home to home to help the women with program assignments. Simeon is indispensable for he is the only member of the Society who can read. With great patience he teaches each woman her part until she knows it by memory. At the meeting he sits nearby so that he can prompt any faltering tongue during the presentation.

For several years the women felt a need for a Woman's Missionary Society but their inability to read stood as a barrier. Someone made the suggestion that Simeon, a fourth grade student at the municipal school, be asked to help them. In his dual role as member of a Royal Ambassador chapter and secretary of the society, Simeon is learning about the world and its need for the gospel. Converted two years ago, he feels that God has called him to preach. Under the guidance of Missionary Ralph Bowlin he is preparing for the ministry.

Mr. Jennings' opening sentence is indeed appropriate: "Keep your eyes on these Royal Ambassadors in Southern Rhodesia, for they are getting into everything."



PROGRAM FOR CIRCLE OR SECOND WMS MEETING

Mission Study: *Christian Sharing of Possessions*, by Ussery

Circle Program topic for August:

Sharing Possessions . . . with Tithes and Offerings

by Mrs. James L. Monroe

Suggestions: Baby pictures are the order of the day! Order from your State Baptist Office sufficient number of tracts (ST-T-02 "Aw! Somebody Is Always Talking About Giving"). You may prefer to order from your Baptist Book Store a larger pamphlet of baby faces "Money Money Money!" 10c each. If these pictures are used, order at least two booklets. Mount them on poster paper or construction paper printing under each picture the inscription. You may prefer to cut from magazines expressive baby pictures, fitting them into the appropriate topic. Request in advance that each woman bring to the meeting a baby picture, preferably of herself. During an informal social period mix the pictures and see how many can be identified. This will be a good time to show and talk about those pictures of children or grandchildren which just happen to be in the billfolds or purses of mothers and grandmothers.

Introduction: We love to look at the expressive faces of baby pictures. Out of the mouth of these babes whose pictures we will look at today will come expressions regarding tithes and offerings. When a baby is born, he is completely selfish. His wants

and desires are all that matter. A baby's cry means "I want something. See to my needs." Through learning and experiences selfish childish ways can be turned to sharing, giving. Many Christians today continue to be babes spiritually, as they rob God of tithes and offerings. Let us look at these babies and read meaning into their expressions.

"Aw! Somebody is always talking about giving . . ."
(Show picture)

Yes, there's much talk these days about giving. Our pastors continue to preach on this Biblical teaching. Our missionary society promotes it constantly as one of our Aims for Advancement. During our Baptist Jubilee Advance, the year 1961 is one of stewardship emphasis, promoting a Christian's responsibility in giving. Jesus had much to say about giving. Of his 40 parables, 22 of them were related to this subject. Jesus talked about money because he saw what it could do to a person if his attitude about money was not right. Paul gives an exact quotation of Jesus in Acts 20:35:

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"It is more blessed to give than to receive." In Matthew 10:8 he told us to give liberally; in Matthew 5:42 to give unselfishly to others; and in Matthew 6:24 he talked about making our offerings without self-glorification or display. He was pleased with the sacrificial giving of Mary and spoke of it in Mark 14:8-9. Yes, Jesus was always talking about money. (See Cover 3 and "Money, Money" July Royal Service.)

"We'd just as well understand this: there is a limit to what I can give." (Show picture)

Only when one pays the tithe, and then makes offerings over and above is he really giving to God. Giving is not figuring how we can possibly trust God with a tenth of our income. It is a matter of having faith enough to trust God, obey him, and commit all of oneself to him, the nine tenths as well as the one tenth.

"Bills! Bills! Bills! And yet I am expected to give." (Show picture)

One night a preacher was making an appeal for a mission offering. He requested members of the congregation to lay their gifts upon the altar. The response was generous. Among the givers was a crippled girl who walked slowly forward on a crutch. At the altar she slipped off a small ring and laid it on the altar. After the meeting the preacher said to her: "My dear, I saw what you did tonight. It was a beautiful thing to do. But as you know, the people gave generously. We do not need your ring, I am returning it to you." The little girl looked at the preacher with rebuke in her eyes. "I didn't give the ring to you," she said. God does not tell us to give out of our abundance—after all the other bills are paid. Our testimony should be "I'd rather have nine tenths with God than ten tenths without him."

"Think of the family I have to support. And we're having a recession."

Today, most people are in debt. We are either buying homes, making car payments, or paying on some household appliances, usually all three at once. But our debt of

gratitude to God must come first. The Bible does not say "Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you not in debt lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." This is a day of installment paying. Look in your purse and see if you do not have an installment booklet of some kind. The real investments, however, are those treasures we lay up in heaven. True security is not found in banks and properties, but as we become faithful stewards of all we possess. To whom is one more indebted, the agent from whom a house is purchased; or God, who has given us all things, and promises us an eternal home?

"We're under grace. I want to give just as I feel like it."

The idea that tithing was just a Jewish law, and that Christ did away with the law is completely false. Dr. D. M. Nelson says: "It is unthinkable that we give less because we love than the Jews because they feared." We are under grace, and one of the manifestations of grace is liberality. (Read 2 Cor. 8:1, 2)

"God loves a cheerful giver. I couldn't give more and be happy."

Our offerings should be given joyfully and out of a sense of gratitude to God for the many blessings we receive at His hand. If, in the giving of the gift, there is a sense of pain rather than of joy, it is well to take stock and seek the reason.

"You won't catch me pledging."

How foolish we would be to say, "I'll pay you rent for your house, but I'll not tell you how much." Or, "I'll pay you a salary, but I can't tell you how much, we'll see how we come out at the end of the year, and then settle up." Or, "we'll accept your deposits at our bank, but we'll not pledge to recognize your check in full at times—but we'll give something each time you write a check."

"You'll never convince me that tithing is in the New Testament."

Jesus sat over against the treasury to see how the people cast in their money. He

was concerned that they have the right idea of giving. In Matthew 5:17 Jesus says, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." In speaking to the Pharisees concerning the law, including tithing, he said, "These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone" (Luke 11:42, Matthew 23:23.)

"Why bring the Bible into this, anyhow?"

There are 1,565 references in the Bible to giving. The Bible tells us we should give because God is creator, redeemer, sustainer. The Bible tells us we are to give cheerfully, regularly, and proportionately.

"This matter of giving is a serious matter. Let me think it over."

After careful consideration, one is faced with the question, "Can I afford not to tithe?" If I value God's approval, if I expect other Christians who follow God's teachings regarding stewardship to respect me, if the mission of my church and Christ's work around the world moves forward, then, I cannot afford not to tithe.

"I didn't know we kept that much of God's money."

As Southern Baptists we cannot be proud of our record. In 1959 we gave to God one fourth of a tithe. Too many believe in "tipping" God. The word "tip" means the bestowal of a small gratuity. Can a Christian, saved by the blood of Christ, be satisfied as a "tipper" and keep for himself part of God's money?

"Is that all we gave to missions last year?"

Our special Convention mission offerings are the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, and the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. Soon after the organization of Woman's Missionary Union in 1888 a special offering for missions was taken. In 1918 the offering was first called the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. The Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions had previously been established in 1895 and designated as the thank you offering. It

is important that we note that these mission offerings were a vital part of our work before the Cooperative Program was adopted in 1925. It was the plan of the Convention that the Cooperative Program would in no way interfere with the continuation of these offerings. The plan continues the same. These offerings are not to be included in the church budget as is the Cooperative Program, but are extra love offerings over and above our regular offerings. These offerings have become churchwide, but promoted by Woman's Missionary Union. Since their small beginning, these offerings have grown tremendously, and today the secretaries of our Home and Foreign Mission Boards give testimony to the fact that without them our entire mission program would be seriously hampered and greatly reduced.

"Let me see how much I can spare."

How does one arrive at how much he can spare, or how much to give to these offerings? One asked how much others were giving. "I wouldn't want to raise the average." Another contributed \$2.00 with this remark, "It's what I give to all good causes. I treat them all alike." Another, seriously ill, made a sacrificial gift, "because it might be my last." One family of great wealth asked "Not how much can we spare to give, but how much we keep for ourselves."

"Who said I didn't believe in tithing?"

A very plain-looking old woman came regularly to the Lord's house, but never placed anything in the offering place. Each month, however, on pay day, she came to the church office with her tithe. One day the church secretary asked her why she didn't wait and bring her tithe on Sunday. Very sincerely the woman explained, "Oh, I can't do that. You see, the doctor has said my heart is bad and may stop any time. I don't know if I'll be at church on Sunday, and I want to be sure my tithe is there. I don't want my tithe in my pocket when I go."

"Count me in, I will tithe."

Don Demeter, center fielder for the

Dodgers, appeared in all six games of a world series. It was a natural thing for him to tithe his share of the winning team's receipts. "I've always felt it was a Christian's privilege, not his obligation, to tithe," explains the ball player. "It is a tenth you give back to the Lord for giving you ten tenths."

"Our church will give 2-Plus for World Missions, too."

On a recent trip to Hawaii, our WMU president, Mrs. R. L. Mathis, visited the church where Missionary Bob Davis was pastor. This lovely mission church was making preparations for the Hawaiian Baptist Convention to meet with them, and the auditorium badly needed painting. It was brought out in the meeting, however, that there was less than \$200 in the budget. After Mrs. Mathis spoke, a business session followed. The church voted to adopt the Forward Program of Church Finance. They then voted on their budget and the 2-Plus Plan was used. Instead of 12 per cent, they would give 14 per cent through the Cooperative Program. Needless to say, this church which had the world on its heart, also had a freshly painted auditorium in which to welcome their fellow Baptists for the convention.

"Then our gifts for our church and for world missions will go up."

God blesses a church which is faithful in missionary giving. Many churches, in

spite of tremendous building needs, and with limited incomes, have given worthy love offerings for missions. There is that rural church in Texas with their 56 members who gave \$1200 for the Lottie Moon Offering. As we set our goals for an increase each year in these special offerings, we find that as the offerings increase, so do gifts through the Cooperative program.

"You've got my vote to make it unanimous. Now, first, let's increase our Cooperative Program percentage."

Last month we studied the Cooperative Program, and found that through it each of us could have a part in the spread of the gospel of God's love around the world. As our total giving record increases, it is imperative that our percentage through the Cooperative Program increases proportionately.

"Well, I knew our people would do the right thing! Now I can't wait to make my pledge."

"We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive,
And gladly, as Thou bleamest us,
To Thee our first fruits give"

—William W. How.

A NEW CO-WORKER IN A NEW WORK

Hardin-Baylor, Belton, Texas, and did graduate study at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque.

Though new to the Birmingham staff Miss Elliott has been connected with Woman's Missionary Union for the past seventeen years. During these years she has served as youth director for Woman's Missionary Union of New Mexico. In this position she promoted the work of Young Woman's Auxiliary, Girls' Auxiliary, and Sunbeam Band. She has had wide camping experience in directing New Mexico's WMU Inlow Youth Camp each summer.

Miss Elliott will not be wholly responsible

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for WMU work in the pioneer areas for back of her will stand Woman's Missionary Union and the Home Mission Board. Other staff members will continue to help as time permits, just as they have done in the past, but Miss Elliott's whole thought and effort are to be given to the new areas and to help in strengthening the work in states where the WMU organization is young and a full staff has not been employed.

Miss Elliott's radiant response to the challenge of the task and her eagerness to get started assure us that the pioneer areas will find in her a leader of understanding and enthusiasm.

—PRAYER MOTTO: DAY BY DAY FOR THE WORLD I PRAY—

Call to PRAYER

DECLARE HIS GLORY
Declare his glory among the heathen, his
wonders among all people Psalm 96:3.

Prepared by MRS. CLAUDE RHEA

1 TUESDAY Declare his glory among the
heathen, his wonders among all people
Psalm 96:3.

"I rode mule-back from the end of the
Jeep trail into a village of 1,000 to preach the
gospel. A date was set for returning to
preach. Because of inaccessibility of the vil-
lage we planned for the Missionary Aviation
Fellowship plane to land and fly me out of
the jungle. As we were taking off, the wind
changed and we crashed into the woods, al-
most completely demolishing the plane, but
the pilot and I were uninjured. Our hazard-
ous work was rewarded. There is now a
group of Christians in this village, and they
hope soon to be able to organize a church"—
Harold Hurst, Honduras.

Pray for H. E. Hurst, Tegucigalpa, Hon-
duras, Mrs. J. B. Durham, Enugu, Nigeria,
Mrs. W. E. Whelan, Korea, ev.; Mrs. W. H.
Ichter, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed.; Irene
Chambers, Pocahontas, Ark., FW; L. S. Craig,
Birmingham, Ala., ev. among Negroes; Mrs.
E. C. Branch, Sells, Ariz., ev. among Indians

2 WEDNESDAY Say among the heathen
that the Lord reigneth Psalm 96:10.

"Pray for the needs here. We could use
many more preachers. Medical work is not
even scratching the surface with only two
missionary nurses at the hospital and no mis-
sionary doctor. Pray that our witness may
be acceptable to the Lord and that it may
bear fruit. Pray for the nationals in training
for service to their own people."—Gene
Grubbs, Philippines.

PRAY for Mrs. W. E. Grubbs, Manila,
Philippines, RN; Mrs. J. W. Fielder, China,
S. L. Watson, Brazil, retired; Mrs. Francisco
Rivero, Havana, Cuba, ev.; Mr. and Mrs.
Calvin Sandlin, Phoenix, Ariz., ev. among
Indians; Mrs. C. W. Horton, Fort Worth, Tex.,
C. F. Landon, Albuquerque, N. Mex., ev.
among deaf; Mrs. W. A. Cowley, Jos, Ni-
geria, M. W. Stuart, Honolulu, Hawaii, C. A.
Allen, Jr., Guatemala City, Guatemala, ed.

Missionaries are listed on their birthdays. Addresses in
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Foreign Mission Board, Box 6597, Richmond 30, Virginia,
and in HOME MISSIONS

ROYAL SERVICE

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Forecaster

Prepared by Margaret Bruce, WMS Director

THIS MONTH

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Come up to the mountains
August 10-16, 1961
Ridgecrest WMU Conference
Ridgecrest, North Carolina

"Up from the stodgy lowlands,
Up from the city streets,
Up where the wide horizons
The starlit sky line meets.

"Away from the heat and heartache
From weariness, fear and defeat,
Away from the bitter tumult
Of tramping and trampling feet."

—from "Timeless Temples," in "I Saw
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city of greatest importance in the northern
part of Peru. It very well could be the center
of evangelization for the large needy area
that includes numerous towns to the north

adult illiterates. A saved man who battles
with drinking said, "I want to learn to read
the Bible 'cause I think it'll keep me from
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PRESIDENT

REACH UP!

"Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp.

Or what's a heaven for? . . ."

—Robert Browning

Keep reaching!

Reach up a little higher! You still have two months in which to reach that goal you set for your organization at the beginning of the year.

Look at the Statement of WMS Aims (pages 37-38, WMU Year

Book). Read each part of the pledge. "We will seek to . . ." Check each basic objective and elective on Aims for Advancement. Have you and the executive board led your WMS to become an Honor Society? Keep on reaching up, don't be satisfied until you have achieved the high distinction of Honor Woman's Missionary Society.

Keep reaching up for an Honor Woman's Missionary Union in your church.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

More Than One

Is there a need for more than one WMS in your church?

In churches where there are day and night groups it often seems wise to have more than one society. In some churches there is a Tuesday and a Thursday society, an afternoon and morning society. Still other possibilities for division are junior and senior societies, or one for young marrieds or mothers of preschool children. Some churches may divide on the basis of size, keeping each society small enough to divide into four to seven circles.

In a church where there is more than one society WMU officers are needed in addition to WMS officers. The WMU officers are

president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band directors. These officers serve on the WMU executive board, along with the WMS presidents. In addition to the WMU executive board each WMS has its own executive board made up of WMS officers, circle chairmen, committee chairmen, and a YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band representative.

If a need has been felt in your church for more than one WMS, study pages 5-13 in the WMS Manual and plan for the organization of another society, or two or three, or however many are needed to enlist every woman in your church in WMS.

ENLISTMENT COMMITTEE

Going, Glowing, Growing!

Enlistment committee, take these three G's as your August slogan—**going, glowing, growing.**

Going regularly (week by week, month by month) to visit prospects is the primary responsibility of the enlistment committee. Have an enlistment survey using suggestions given in chapter 8, WMS Manual, 65c from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala. Going to absentees and seeking to enlist them in full participation in WMU activities is also the responsibility of the enlistment committee.

Glowing as you go will appeal to prospects—the glow that results from enthusiasm for your Woman's Missionary Society. Help those whom you visit to recognize their

need for the society and the organization's need for them. Tell them about the purpose of Woman's Missionary Society. Tell them what WMS has meant to you. Leave them the leaflet, "Our Church Wants You in WMS," free from state WMU office. Plan to have someone bring them to the next meeting. Follow through on every contact.

Growing a great Woman's Missionary Society will be the experience of the "going," "glowing" enlistment committee.

New circles will need to be added, or new societies. Arrange meeting times and dates to care for the preference of all members. Set up an organization to enlist "every woman in WMS." **Keep on going, glowing, growing!**

Out of the Mailbag

(If you have a question send it along and we will attempt to answer it.)

Q. Is a minimum of three hours required for a mission study class?

A. No. There is no required time limit. The basic objective concerning mission study is—"Teaching of two books listed for mission study classes in *The World in Books*."

The elective, "Qualifying for recognition on WMS Mission Study Chart," does include a time requirement. Category II—Types of Classes—(on Mission Study Chart) requires a minimum of three hours

for the lecture course and the relay course. For the extensive course five hours are required, and ten hours for the intensive course.

Q. What is the WMS Leadership Refresher Course for 1960-61?

A. The Refresher Course is a reading course which consists this year of reading the 1960-61 WMU Year Book, 25c, *Woman's Missionary Union*, by Hunt, 85c, *WMS Manual*, 65c (from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala.) and *Educating Youth in Missions*, by McMurry, 85c from Baptist Book Stores.

MISSION STUDY COMMITTEE

A Globe and a New Testament

Someone has said that the minimum equipment for a Christian steward is a pocket New Testament and a small world globe. Both can be carried in one's pocket, and anyone who dares to study the two, each in the light of the other, will be impressed with the responsibility of continually lengthening the cords of the church.

During this quarter when the book *Christian Sharing of Possessions* is being studied, WMS members should become more and more conscious of the fact that "missions wait on stewardship." The following object lesson by Dr. Courts Redford may be used effectively with the presentation of our stewardship book.

Change ten dollars so that the following amounts may be used: \$7.50, \$2.50, 7c, 43c, 24c, 16c, and 3c.

\$10.00 is the tithe of \$100.00 earned by Mr. and Mrs. Average Southern Baptist.

\$7.50 of the \$10.00 goes back into the pocket of Mr. and Mrs. Average Southern Baptist.

\$2.50, or only $\frac{1}{4}$ of the tithe ever

gets into the church treasury.

\$2.07 of Mr. and Mrs. Average Southern Baptist's tithe is kept in the local church.

43c goes to the state Baptist headquarters.

24c is kept in the state for state mission work.

16c is sent to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to be used for all causes supported by the Southern Baptist Convention.

3c of Mr. and Mrs. Average Southern Baptist's tithe goes to Home Missions.

What is happening?

Southern Baptists are giving only about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the tithe to the church.

Local churches are keeping most of the money at home.

State conventions are keeping more than half of the amount received in the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Average Southern Baptist need a New Testament and a world globe to study each in the light of the other.

OBSOLETE

For a hundred years Southern Baptist Convention meetings were described as "southwide."

The term is now obsolete. With Southern Baptist work spreading in New England, with 1200 churches in the West, and with some kind of organized effort going on in all 50 states, the term "southwide" is no longer an adequate description for denomination-wide meetings. These are now referred to as Convention-wide meetings.

PRAYER COMMITTEE

Intercessory Prayer

You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say "I."

You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say "my."

Nor can you pray the Lord's Prayer and not pray for one another.

For when you ask for daily bread, you must include your brother.

For others are included in each and every plea.

From beginning to the end of it, it does not once say "me."

— *The Secret Place*, Philadelphia, Pa.

Prayer committee, does your WMS have an Intercessory Prayer League? Missionaries need intercessory prayer! Our country, our world, our friends need intercession.

Encourage members of your

church to enter into this ministry.

Keep a list of names, addresses and phone numbers of those who indicate their desire to pray for others and for world conditions.

As prayer needs are expressed and world crises arise, give the information to those participating in intercession.

Share experiences of answered prayer with WMS members and with all who are a part of the Intercessory Prayer League.

August revivals are held in many churches. If there is to be one in your church co-operate in church plans for cottage prayer meetings. Urge WMS members to enter into this phase of intercessory prayer for the lost and for the revival services.

COMMUNITY MISSIONS COMMITTEE

What Can We Do?

A question often asked is, "What can we do for community missions?" We pass on the following ideas which some societies have used.

Be a "mom" to some child in your hospital for crippled children. Visit children who seldom or never have visitors. Secure personal information about each child (provided by hospital) and choose one to visit regularly.

Have a homemaking class for

girls in a state correctional institution and help the girls adjust to life there.

Plan a "Salute to New Citizens." Hostesses from your WMS can make this experience a spiritual one, not just a legal procedure. Present a Bible or New Testament to these new citizens and show them every possible courtesy.

Arrange for year-round home hospitality and Christian witness for overseas students.

Give health kits, food and clothing to migrants, refugees, and other needy individuals.

Prepare to teach new readers (order materials from Baylor Literacy Center, Baylor University, Waco, Texas). See August Home Missions, Leadership Edition, for suggestions concerning literacy work.

Mrs. George Fussell, community missions chairman of Preston, Ga., writes of what her group did to-

ward alcohol education:

"The little book, *It's Smarter Not to Drink*, was ordered from the Baptist Book Store and presented to our young people.

"We found that the State Health Department in our state has free films on the subject. One was secured and shown to the young people at school. We used another one at one of our meetings for our own group. The County Health Department has a list of these films and are glad to order."

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Stewardship and the Family

Christian sharing of possessions will be uppermost in the minds of WMS members during this quarter.

The book, *Christian Sharing of Possessions*, will be taught in most



societies. WMS members will be urged to read this third book in the WMS Aims Series. Circle programs for July, August and September promote Christian sharing of possessions. So this is the logical time for stewardship committees to point up the stewardship emphases of Woman's Missionary Union:

1. Right acquisition of money
2. Christian responsibility for tithing
3. Proper use of the 9/10
4. Promotion of the Cooperative Program, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions, and the State Mission Offering.

Urge mothers to recognize their responsibility for helping the whole family to be good stewards. Use the leaflet, "The Whole Family Tithing," free from state WMU office. See the article in April Home Life, "Do Your Children Enjoy Giving?" The following information shows how many young peo-

ple today spend their money. What do the Sunbeams, GAs and YWAs in your church do with their money? Are they learning the principles of Christian sharing of possessions?

"In 1959 our nation's 18,000,000 teen-agers . . . spent \$10,000,000,000—an average of about \$555 each for goods and services, not including the necessities normally supplied by their families.

"Of each teen-age dollar spent, 38c went for transportation, grooming, books, magazines, newspapers, school supplies, and a miscellany of other items; 22c for food; 16c for entertainment; 15c for clothing;

and 9c for sports. For toiletries and cosmetics alone, young people paid out a record \$300,000,000."

"Teen-agers own . . . 13,000,000 cameras, 10,000,000 phonographs, 1,000,000 TV sets, and 1,500,000 cars. And on these products they are spending money for supplies, repairs, and improvements.

"According to another 1959 survey, boys in junior high school had an average income of about \$5.50 a week; girls, an average of about \$4.50 a week. The averages for senior high school students were approximately \$11.50 for boys and \$7.00 for girls."

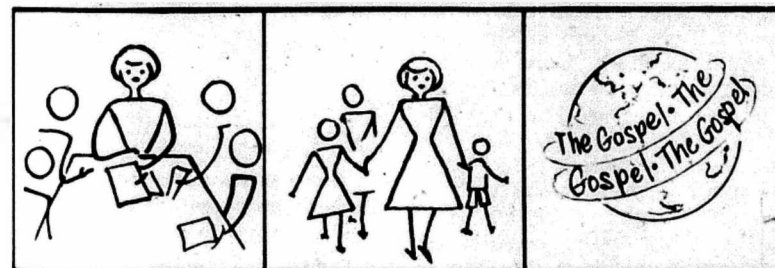
—Career News, January, 1961

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

You may want to make a poster using the following idea to secure new leadership.



You . . . are wanted . . . as a WMS Officer . . .



Committee Chairman . . . Youth Leader . . . to promote Christian Missions

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEES

Publications committee, work with your publicity committee in publicizing ROYAL SERVICE!



ROYAL SERVICE, a missions magazine for women

\$1.50 a year, from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala.

YOUTH

Woman's Missionary Society is featuring Sunbeam Bands during the month of August. The missionary program will present the organization with special emphasis on the 75th Anniversary. The week of August 13-19 will be an important one because of Sunbeam Band Focus Week. Look in *Sunbeam Activities* for suggestions for observing the week. This year the Woman's Missionary Society will help Sunbeam Bands with their Christmas in August plans. *Sunbeam Activities* will list gifts needed, along with addresses of missionaries to whom the Christmas presents are to be sent.

Sunbeam Band director, introduce to your group a few of the

"grown-up Sunbeams who are overseas." See page 12. August *Royal Service*. Tell their stories and mention the fact that "at least 1/5 of all foreign missionaries indicate some influence of Sunbeam Band on their life and call."

August is camp time. If a Sunbeam day camp is being held in your association, let WMS members know if they are needed to help Sunbeams attend.

Intermediate GA camps offer high experiences for GAs which you will want them to enjoy.

YWAs may also need to be encouraged to attend YWA camp. They too may need help with transportation and other expenses.

3 THURSDAY *Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth Acts 1:8.*

When a Brazilian boy began going to church in a Rio de Janeiro neighborhood, his displeased family moved to another section of town. He found a Baptist church close by. One day he discovered a Bible in a garbage can and asked the lady of the house if he might have it. A few months ago he was baptized, and now his mother and father attend services with him. When his mother asked him what he wanted for his birthday, he requested, "I want to have a worship service in our home."

PRAY for Mrs. J. A. Harrington, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, ed.; Mrs. Carl Conrad, Alexandria, La., ev. among French; Mrs. T. W. McMillan, Mombasa, Kenya, Deaver M. Lawton,* Taiwan, ev.; Eleanor and Carol Lawton, MF

4 FRIDAY *Now . . . we are ambassadors for Christ 2 Cor. 5:20.*

"At our Theological Institute we held a simultaneous evangelistic campaign last year. Nineteen churches and missions participated and reported a total of 559 decisions for Christ, a large number of whom have already been baptized. Preaching opportunities have been numerous these past months, but the most outstanding experience was the privilege of preaching to an assembled throng of over 10,000 people in an open-air meeting in the center of the city of Recife"—Malcolm Tolbert, Brazil.

PRAY for M. O. Tolbert,* Brazil, ed.; M. D. Morehead, Jr., Alvin, Tex., D.M., Regalado, Deming, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; J. N. Thomas, Barranquilla, Colombia, ev.; Grace Wells, Bandung, Indonesia, pub.; Mrs. K. J. Myers, Jr., Ogbomoshu, Nigeria, MD; Ruth Womack, Ogbomoshu, Nigeria, RN

5 SATURDAY *And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning John 15:27.*

"Though less than a year old, the Trujillo Church in Peru sponsors two missions, one four miles from Trujillo, the other in a small village 150 miles in the interior. Trujillo, with a population of some 80,000 is the city of greatest importance in the northern part of Peru. It very well could be the center of evangelization for the large needy area that includes numerous towns to the north

and many villages in the mountain and jungle areas to the east. Pray with us that this new work will progress as the Lord wills."—A missionary.

PRAY for R. L. Gross, N. Mex., mission center; Roderic Coleman, Chinle, Ariz., ev. among Indians; Gilbert Oakeley, Trinidad, Colo., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. J. W. McGavock, Chile-Texas, retired; R. B. Wolfard, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, J. F. McKinley, Jr., Comilla, E. Pakistan, Mrs. J. A. Smith, Pampanga, Philippines, ev.



6 SUNDAY *And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem Acts 10:39.*

"Our mission plans to begin work in several new areas. In January a couple moved to a river area in Tanganyika to begin medical work. Among Asians in Dar es Salaam, a couple finishing language school will begin evangelistic work. Since the doors to Uganda have been opened to our mission another couple will begin to teach there. Publications on a full-time basis will be begun by another couple here in Nairobi. Please support these new undertakings with prayer."—Dot Emmons, Kenya.

PRAY for Dorothy Emmons, Nairobi, Kenya, soc.; Mrs. T. H. York, Canton, Okla., ev. among Indians; Miss Delia Ruth Smith, Louisville, Ky., GWC; Mrs. L. J. Harper, Asuncion, Paraguay, RN; Milton Murphey, Petah Tiqva, Israel, Hoke Smith, Jr., Cali, Colombia, ed.; J. E. Posey, Jr., Baguio, Philippines, ev.; Miriam Misner, Kediri, Indonesia, med.

7 MONDAY *And we declare unto you glad tidings Acts 13:32.*

God is blessing literacy work at Good Will Centers here in this country. Forty-two workers have already completed the first course under Miss Ann Grove, literacy specialist home missionary. In Columbia, South Carolina, training has been done in the recognized Laubach course in the three Good Will Centers. There is keen interest among adult illiterates. A saved man who battles with drinking said, "I want to learn to read the Bible 'cause I think it'll keep me from going back in sin." An old woman with

wrinkled face and stiff hands from standing on "News Corner" said, "Don't leave me out of that class. I sell newspapers but can't read them. I need to be a Christian but I ain't got no learning." Pray for Miss Grove's work.

PRAY for Elizabeth Lundy, Atlanta, Ga.; GWC; W. C. Gavena, Eku, Nigeria, MD; A. V. Pickern, Jr., Espanola, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Mrs. A. L. Iglesias, San Blas, Panama, Mrs. L. A. Doyle, Jr., Manaus, Brazil, Mrs. G. E. Joiner, Quito, Ecuador, B. T. Thorpe, Gwelo, So. Rhodesia, W. W. Lawton, Jr., Honolulu, Hawaii, ev.

8 TUESDAY Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you Acts 17:23.

"Last year we spent in happy furloughing in America, but when I returned to Ghana and church members met me on the road singing the Akwabba (welcome song), I knew I was back where God wants me. Before leaving for furlough I had sent some pews to the church at Parkaso. One of the leaders, who was a Juju priest before his conversion, said, 'Owura, every time we came to church the past year and sat on one of these pews we each prayed for you and your people in America. We prayed also that God would send you back to us to sit down here, and he has answered our prayer.'"—Marjorie Jones, Ghana.

PRAY for Mrs. Maurice Smith, Kumasi, Ghana, R. W. Harrell, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, Mrs. T. C. Bennett, E. Pakistan, Sara Frances Taylor, Buenos Aires, Argentina, P. C. Bell, Jr., Barranquilla, Colombia, Mrs. J. A. Lunsford, Brazil, ev.; Tomoki Masaki, Kyoto, Japan, BA; Marian Sanders, Torreon, Mexico, ed.

9 WEDNESDAY For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God Acts 20:27.

"This year has been a decisive one for our little church in Zurich. In April it organized itself as an independent church after being a mission for many years. Students from the Seminary help with the preaching. We have an adult Sunday school class and a Woman's Missionary Society. Much of this time has also been used in pushing plans for a new building. An older Baptist church in Zurich deeded property to the new church, and the Foreign Mission Board has appropriated funds to help with the building"—John Watts, Switzerland.

PRAY for J. D. W. Watts, Ruschlikon,

Switzerland; Mrs. R. L. West, Ogbomoso, W. J. Ferguson, Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. B. F. Belvin, Okmulgee, Okla., ev. among Indians; C. J. Lowe, China, Edelmira Robinson, Cuba, retired; Mrs. R. L. Dorough, Korea, MD; Mrs. W. E. Emanuel, Kyoto, Japan, RN

10 THURSDAY Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ Acts 20:21.

"We look out upon the calm harbor, but the people are not calm; witness the repeated demonstrations of the youth of Korea. We look at the lofty mountains, but people's minds and actions are not lofty. We look at the clouds in the sky and are reminded of the clouds of sin and poverty about us. Unrest, hungry bodies and souls typify not only Korea but most of the Orient. With your help and prayer we want in every way possible to fill the void of these lives with love for Christ"—Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Dorough, Taejon, Korea.

PRAY for R. L. Dorough, Korea, MD; Mrs. D. L. Saunders, Nairobi, Kenya, RN; Miss Florence Sutherland, Ky., GWC; Mary Crawford, China-Hawaii, Mrs. C. J. Lowe, China, Mrs. C. D. Hardy, Brazil, retired; W. O. Hern, Ramallah, Jordan, C. L. Whaley, Jr., Yokohama, C. S. Boatwright, Sendai, Japan; R. P. Bellington, Porto Velho, Brazil, Mrs. J. N. Westmoreland, Salisbury, So. Rhodesia, ev.

11 FRIDAY Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations I Chron. 16:24.

A witness to New York City's more than 60 nationalities has been started by the Home Mission Board. Two workers began last year, one initiating work throughout the city and the other serving as pastor of a chapel for people from Panama of West Indian extraction. The next work will be with the more than one million Spanish Americans, mostly from Puerto Rico and Cuba. Pray for expansion of this work.

PRAY for I. B. Williams, Williams, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking; A. R. Crabtree, Brazil-Portugal, retired

12 SATURDAY Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand I Cor. 15:1.

"In addition to teaching classes in speech and Christian Ethics at the seminary I am

helping in the Women's Department by teaching pastor's wives. I am working with women from Eastern Nigeria who have had no schooling. It is like teaching reading in the first or second grades. Their eagerness to learn and enthusiastic response are both stimulating and challenging. Pray for this work, please"—Mrs. Patrick Hill, Nigeria.

PRAY for Mrs. D. L. Jester, Iwo, Nigeria, A. B. Craighead, Rivoli, Italy, Mrs. R. H. Culpepper, Fukuoka, Japan, ed.; Mrs. H. M. Harris, China, May Perry, Nigeria, retired; Rafael Fraguela, Matanzas, Cuba, Mrs. J. E. Hampton, Tanga, Tanganyika, W. T. Moore, Faridpur, E. Pakistan, Mrs. H. E. Spurgeon, Tainan, Taiwan, E. W. Glass, Singapore, Malaya, Mrs. O. K. Bozeman, Jr., Korea, ev.



13 SUNDAY This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare

There is healing power in thoughtful words

Proverbs 12-18, Moffatt

The proverb-maker is right—words can be like a gentle physician. They can be ministering angels. Have you a friend who has touched your arm and said words which lifted your spirit as though a sky-magnet drew it upward?

There is sickness, too, through words! Words can be assassins. They can be traitors to all that is good and fine.

Words make the Bible. They can also issue an order that will send thousands of innocent people to death under a wing-borne bomb.

But, what healing words a mother has for her baby as she bends above

unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all 1 John 1:5.

"Our student body has grown to 2400. We have a Baptist Student Fellowship which has enlisted 450 junior and senior girls. As these meetings are held during school time, there is no parental opposition and the girls receive encouragement for Bible study and share testimonies with other Christian students. Five girls in one of my classes were recently saved. Pray for these new Christians that they may grow in the Lord and be able to witness in their homes"—Jaxie Short, Hong Kong.

PRAY for Mrs. A. V. Pickern, Jr., Espanola, Mrs. Andres Viera, Roswell, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Eleuterio Figueredo, Las Villas, David Torres, Havana, Cuba, Mrs. M. W. Stuart, Honolulu, Hawaii, Mrs. L. G. Fielder, Fukuoka, Mrs. D. R. Heiss, Aomori, Japan, ev.; Mrs. W. C. Harrison, Brazil, A. W. Yocum, China-Korea, retired

14 MONDAY But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak 1 Thess. 2:4.

"Baguio, the northernmost mission point

by LON WOODRUM

it—words that the little one cannot understand, yet can somehow feel.

Words fell on a cripple long ago—"Arise, take up your bed, and walk," said the greatest Physician of all. His words were like a hundred doctors rushing out to greet the needy, the dispossessed and grief-harrowed souls.

"The eternal God is thy refuge." Those words came to me once when I was in great fear. It was like a doctor's voice saying, "You're going to be all right" after you've been awfully sick.

It required thought and a gentle heart to say healing words.

of ours, is the location of our Seminary and Bible School. This year we had 39 students to enrol from the three major areas of the Philippines. Here, in the minds of almost everyone, lies the real future of our work in this country. When these students reach Christian maturity, in addition to their training, they will be able to accomplish things which we missionaries will never approach. Pray for them and for us who teach them!"

—James Foster, Philippines.

PRAY for J. A. Foster, Baguio, Philippines. Jaxie Short, Kowloon, Hong Kong, ed.; Mrs. C. L. Culpepper, Sr., Taipei, H. L. Raley,* Taiwan, Mrs. G. D. Phillips, Shabani, So. Rhodesia, Mrs. M. E. Fitts* Peru, ev.

15 TUESDAY And the gospel must first be published among all nations Mark 13:10.

The first convert from the Magusawa tribe in Northern Nigeria was baptized in December 1959, about four years after Baptists began work there. Missionary Thomas J. Kennedy, arriving in the North in 1955, was encouraged to search for this pagan tribe supposed to be somewhere between Zaria and Funtua. Pastors and evangelists were sent out in several directions from Zaria. Immediately after some of the tribe were found, work began; and now eight evangelists are taking the gospel to the Magusawas.

PRAY for J. E. Jackson, China-Japan-Philippines, Mrs. C. H. Westbrook, China, retired; Asuncion Sugasti, Chitre, Panama, Mrs. D. R. Smith, Valencia, Venezuela. Mrs. R. E. Gordon, Dagupan City, Philippines, Mrs. A. R. Milligan, Mombasa, Kenya, C. G. McCalmán, Sao Luiz, Brazil, ev.

16 WEDNESDAY To declare the name of the Lord in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem Psalm 102:21.

"In Jerusalem Jim and Betty Smith were hosts to 1000 Jerusalemites at a Christmas Eve reception where the guests (in three shifts) saw the Christmas story in film and viewed the lovely life-size manger scene in the garden of the Baptist Home. The George W. Truett Home children's choir sang for enthusiastic guests who came to see how Christians celebrate the birth of their Lord"—Dwight Baker, Israel. Pray for our missionaries as they proclaim Christ's name in Bible lands.

PRAY for R. L. Lindsey, Tiberias, Israel, Mrs. E. B. Dozier* Japan, ev.; Mrs. C. F. Landon, Albuquerque, N. Mex., ev. among

deaf; E. L. Morgan, China, retired; C. F. Eaglesfield,* Nigeria, pub.; L. H. Neil,* Nigeria, BA

17 THURSDAY With one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel Phil. 1:27.

"Camp was a most rewarding experience with the Indians in Colorado. We had looked forward to Indian Camp, but were not certain whether any people would actually go. But in preparation we rented a bus. Nineteen boys and girls showed up with bedrolls, and we began the 300-mile drive to the campsite. During evangelistic services that week nine of the boys and girls accepted Christ"—Roy L. Muncy, Colorado.

PRAY for C. M. Case, Gallup, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; J. E. Coney, St. Bernard, La., ev. among French; Willie Johnson, Selawik, Alaska, Herbert Caudill, Havana, Cuba, ev.

18 FRIDAY How shall they hear without a preacher Rom. 10:14.

Honorable S. L. Akintola, premier of the Western Region of Nigeria is a product of Baptist schools. Speaking to visitors in his home, he pointed to a nearby cemetery. "There lies Miss Lucille Reagan, a Baptist missionary. All I am today I owe to her and her associates." A Moslem official from the Northern Region commented: "It is the missionary who helped bring education, prosperity, and peace to the Western Region. If we in the North had been wise, we would have invited them to help us long ago." Let us pray that we shall continue to declare God's glory to the people of Nigeria.

PRAY for T. O. High, Ogbomoshos, Nigeria, Martha Hairston,* Brazil, ed.; Edna Ruth Woofert, Washington, D. C., GWC, Mrs. P. H. Anderson, China-Hawaii, Mrs. L. W. Pierce, China, retired; Irene Branum, Korea, Alice Miller, Ogbomoshos, Nigeria, RN; Mrs. W. C. Grant, Japan, C. H. Lawhon, Sr., Manila, Philippines, ev.; E. C. Wilson, Jr., Campinas, Brazil, SW; Marie Conyers, Kowloon, Hong Kong, lib.; Mrs. W. W. Donehoo, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.

19 SATURDAY And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations Luke 24:47.

Missionary Mary Brooner discovered that a woman who came regularly to WMS meetings was a practicing witch doctor and had just "bewitched" another WMS member whose husband had commanded her to see

the witch doctor. Miss Brooner prayed earnestly for the witch doctor who seemed to enjoy Christian fellowship but was not willing to break with old ways. But one day God's Spirit prevailed. The witch doctor repented of her sin and trusted Jesus. Pray for her and her husband that he also will become a Christian—Southern Rhodesia.

PRAY for Mrs. G. S. Harvey, Salisbury, So. Rhodesia, G. E. Joiner, Quito, Ecuador, Mrs. M. J. Wright, Jr.,* Japan, Mrs. Emiliano Miranda, Anton, Panama, ev.; T. L. Parlett, Baltimore, Md., GWC; E. W. Parker, New Orleans, La., ev. among Negroes; S. P. Mirelex, Tex., Pearl Caldwell, Sophie Lanneau, China, retired

20 SUNDAY But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only James 1:22.

"Today we fastened our new sign outside the little earth-and-grass church at Miwani. Nestling in the shadow of tall sugar cane which is flanked by yet taller Nadi hills, this little building is a symbol of spiritual victory. We arrived in June to begin work among the laborers at the sugar plantations. We have been welcomed by both the people and the planters"—Eric Clark, Kenya.

PRAY for Mrs. E. H. Clark, Kisumu, Kenya, Mrs. R. E. Nicholas, Gaza, M. E. DuPriest, Tokyo, D. E. Mercer,* Japan, ev.; J. R. Allen, Mrs. J. J. Cowser, Brazil, retired; Mrs. J. D. W. Watts, Ruschlikon, Switzerland, Mrs. R. L. Kolb, Cidade da Barra, Brazil, ed.

21 MONDAY And how shall they preach, except they be sent Rom. 10:15.

Missionaries in Thailand recently purchased a 10 horsepower outboard motor and boat to be used in preaching and visiting. At first they used a dugout canoe with motor attached to the side. It was satisfactory on quiet canals and smaller streams, but not suitable for the big river and waves created by river boats. The new 12-foot speed boat seats four people. Pray for missionary Paul Mosteller and his work with the "mission" boat.

PRAY for Mrs. L. E. McCall, Bangkok, Mrs. R. L. Spear, Ayudhya, Thailand, W. E. Allen, E. Africa, Mrs. P. S. C. Smith, Jordan, J. F. Naranjo, Matanzas, Cuba, Mrs. J. W.

Bartley, Jr., Montevideo, Uruguay, G. B. Cowser, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, Howard Hamrick, Kediri, Indonesia, K. R. Thompson, Korea, ev.

22 TUESDAY And hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation 2 Cor. 5:18.

"The Negro boys and girls have been asking to come for so long. After much prayer we began having clubs for them at the Center each Thursday afternoon. We have had many happy times together. There have been as many as 74 of all ages in one afternoon. A full house for our two rooms! Already we have seen some of them trust Christ as Saviour. How grateful we are for a Saviour who loves all people"—Evelyn Epps and Troy Cunningham, Good Will Center, Tampa, Florida.

PRAY for Julia Burdett, Savannah, Ga., GWC; Ted Trent, Shiprock, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Mrs. Willie Johnson, Selawik, Alaska, A. G. Dunaway, Jr., Okuta, Nigeria, ev.; Lenora Hudson,* Japan, ed.; Mrs. J. C. Quarles, Argentina-Uruguay, retired; M. G. Fort, Jr., Gatooma, So. Rhodesia, MD

23 WEDNESDAY And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it John 17:26.

"As I returned from furlough there was on the boat with me a lovely Chinese family, a colonel and his wife and two Intermediate-age daughters, enroute to Taiwan after diplomatic service in Europe. They accepted my invitation to attend our church services. Later in Taiwan, the two daughters accepted Christ at an Intermediate summer assembly. The mother also became a Christian and at last the colonel himself knows Christ as personal Saviour. Please pray for them that they witness for Jesus"—Ola Lea, Taiwan.

PRAY for O. J. Quick, Taichung, Mrs. R. E. Morris, Taipei, Taiwan, J. E. Lingerfelt, Salvador, Brazil, Mrs. S. R. J. Cannata, Jr., Gatooma, So. Rhodesia, Mrs. E. L. King, Jr., Bandung, Indonesia, Buck Donaldson, Jr., Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, ev.; Mrs. W. L. Crumpler, Barstow, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Robert Falls, Stroud, Okla., ev. among Indians; C. W. Applewhite,* Indonesia, MD; Mrs. A. E. Hayes, Brazil, retired

24 THURSDAY Let the redeemed of the Lord say so Psalm 107:2.

The primary purpose of the Tokyo Baptist Student Center is to lead students to Christ. Baptist students make up only a fraction of

Tokyo's 300,000 university students. The weekly schedule includes classes in Bible, Christianity, music, and English conversation. The program will be expanded further. Let us pray for the ones who work at the student center that they might declare salvation through Christ to the multitudes of Japanese students.

PRAY for Mrs. Tomoki Masaki, Kyoto, Japan, A. R. Milligan, Mombasa, Kenya, ev.; Vera Campbell, Japan, ed.; Mrs. E. C. Pippin, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.; Bertha Hunt, Brazil, retired; Mrs. Magnus Gonnissen, Dulce, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Mrs. O. D. Walker, Weslaco, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Allen Seward, Roanoke, Va., GWC

25 FRIDAY They spoke the word of God with boldness Acts 4:31.

A mother who had given birth to twins was treated in our hospital. When they were well enough to return home, the father requested that the missionaries keep one of the babies. Twins were considered a curse by people in his village. After much discussion the parents returned home with both babies. At the hospital the mother had professed Christ as her Saviour. Today the twins are healthy babies. They are the first twins allowed to live in that village. Christ made a difference in the attitude of the mother"—Delilah Jones, Nigeria.

PRAY for Mrs. O. C. Robison, Jr., Nigeria, RN; Mrs. Sam Morris, Tulsa, Okla., ev. among Indians; J. A. Roper, Jr., Jordan, MD; Mrs. W. A. Hardison, Philippines, ev.

26 SATURDAY Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men 2 Cor. 3:2.

Under the leadership of their pastor, the Brigham City Church, Utah, has secured a loan from the Home Mission Board with which they purchased a pastor's home and a good building site for their church. The pastor has a full-time job in addition to this church responsibility. The membership is still small, but there are many prospects in the rapidly increasing population of Brigham City. Let us pray for this church, pastor and people as they witness.

PRAY for J. D. Griffin, Cherokee, N. C., ev. among Indians; G. H. Wise, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, pub.; R. E. Johnson, Feira de Santana, Brazil, ed.; Ernest, Virginia, and R. Elton Johnson, Jr., MF; D. N. Dudley, Tokyo, Japan, ev.

27 SUNDAY Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Matt. 28:19, RSV.

"Recently several missionaries made a survey trip into the central and northern sections of Vietnam. Their deepest impression was need. Can you imagine a province of 700,000 people with one 120-bed hospital and two doctors. In the two northernmost provinces there are almost one million people with only two or three Protestant churches and preaching stations. We stood on a hill overlooking Communist North Vietnam and saw the Red Flag flying in the breeze. This impressed upon us the need more deeply. It is urgent that the gospel be preached in the free lands now"—Dottie Hayes, Vietnam.

PRAY for Mrs. H. P. Hayes, Saigon, Vietnam, Mrs. P. S. Johnson, Ramna, E. Pakistan, Mrs. C. L. Godwin, Kumasi, Ghana, ev.; G. O. Foulon, Ill., retired; L. H. Soltz, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking

28 MONDAY Repent ye therefore, and be converted . . . And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you Acts 3:19, 20.

"There are now 38 missionaries in Hong Kong. One reason for the concentration of so many in such a limited area is the large number of "specialized" kinds of work. We have the Baptist Press which serves Southeast Asia, and Hong Kong Baptist Seminary, the Asia Baptist Graduate Seminary headquarters, the Hong Kong Baptist College, three large schools with a total of 7,000 students, the Baptist Clinic (and soon a hospital), as well as overwhelming need for evangelism and relief work"—Martha Belote, Hong Kong.

PRAY for Mrs. J. H. Benson, Mexico-Texas, Mrs. George Green, Nigeria, retired; D. R. White, Spain, ev.

29 TUESDAY That utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel Eph. 6:19.

"The highest point of the year was the evangelistic meeting in our school. There

were 150 decisions, 79 accepting Christ. The president of a college class wrote on his decision card, 'Wonders of wonders! Christ accepted me today!' I have distributed 84 Bibles since that meeting to those who never owned one. The title of an article in one of our magazines comes to me again, 'Does Christian Education Pay?' Yes! Yes! It pays in wonderful coin: regeneration and preparation, without which their usefulness is limited and curtailed"—Thelma Bagby, Brazil.

PRAY for B. A. O'Neal, Maceio, Brazil, E. D. Farthing, Japan, ev.; Mrs. T. L. Parlett, Baltimore, Md., GWC

30 WEDNESDAY Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature Mark 16:15.

"Navejoa is a city of about 35,000 people in Mexico. Our Baptist church there is located on a large corner lot in the heart of the town. Recently we helped with a visitation campaign and found 792 prospects for the Sunday school. Many homes manifested keen interest and said they welcomed a visit from the church. On Sunday morning after we left a terrible storm hit the city and tore down the tents we had used during the week for sleeping and one that was to be left for a department in the Sunday school. We trust this will not discourage the members. Pray

for this church"—Viola Campbell, Mexico.

PRAY for A. P. Pierson, Torreon, Mexico, ed.; Mrs. J. A. Horton, Santa Paula, Calif., ev. among migrants; Mrs. George Madison, Highland, Mich., WDP; Mrs. H. E. Hurst, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, RN; S. A. Perez, San Luis, Cuba, C. A. Tope, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, C. B. Williams, Bangkok, Thailand, Mrs. J. C. Muse, Jr., Ecuador, ev.

31 THURSDAY That my name might be declared throughout all the earth Rom. 9:17.

An association in Mexico recently had a Simultaneous Revival Campaign. The 17 churches participating reported 204 professions of faith. One young man indicated his desire to enter the ministry. Pray for him. Because of his father's habitual drinking, he had to begin work to support the family. He wishes to complete junior high school so he can qualify to enter the Baptist seminary in Torreon, Mexico.

PRAY for Mrs. C. G. Tabor, Korea, MD; Mrs. S. L. Jones, Bulawayo, So. Rhodesia, pub.; Mrs. R. F. Coy, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.

BA business administration ed. educational evangelism MF Margaret Fund student pub. publication evangelism RN nurse soc. social worker GWC Good Will Center lan. st. language study WB. Woman's Club WDP Week Day Program * on foreign

DID YOU READ IT?

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zero. They have made deep inroads into the trade unions and fired the imagination of British youth. The philosopher hopes to awaken the public. The movement's supporters include many great names in British science, letters, arts, the church.

In an interview with a *Newsweek* correspondent, Lord Russell stated that "the risk of war by accident is very great. These people at Thule (US early warning station) can't tell the difference between the moon and Russian missiles. The only hope for world disarmament is for Britain to withdraw from the Western Alliance (NATO) and head a group of neutral powers which could draw up a disarmament plan that both East and West could accept without losing face."

Hopes for the success of this movement are slim. A national poll shows that a majority of Britons favor the policy of their present government by a ratio of 5 to 1: gradual steps toward balanced East-West disarmament.

from WASHINGTON

by Cyril E. Bryant
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Who's to Blame for TV's Crime Programs?

The joke about modern mothers having to call TV repair men every few weeks to sweep dead gangsters out of television sets is no longer funny in Washington.

The US Congress, the Federal Communications Commission, and the National Association of Broadcasters are agreed that crime programs on TV are both too many and too brutal. They want to do something about them. One can only guess what success they will have.

"Last night was a very bad night, weatherwise, and most of us stayed home," Senator John Pastore told a Senate Committee. "I looked at TV for three or four hours. I don't know how many people were horse-whipped. I don't know how many were shot. I don't know how many were killed. Just sitting there, I wondered what kind of influence this has on people."

And then the Senator drew a sage conclusion: "I think the American public deserves something better than that."

Newton Minow, President Kennedy's appointee as chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, told the Senators at his confirmation hearing that the Commission feels a responsibility to encourage better programs, and he used a play on words to say that "I hope we can have more wide open spaces between westerns and more public affairs than private eyes."

Chairman Minow knows full well of course that a loud cry of "censorship" will be heard if and when his Commission takes any direct action to shove certain programs off the air. The approach must be to convince the broadcasters that their license to operate is a privilege, not a right, and that balanced programming is essential.

At this point, LeRoy Collins, president of the National Association of Broadcasters, shouted an "amen." Speaking in New York, he proposed to national networks that TV programs eliminate "violence for the sake of violence." And he called on program directors to provide during the best listening and viewing hours some "blue ribbon" programs featuring good drama, fine music, public information and education. This plan would not eliminate westerns, crime and detective sagas presented as entertainment but would counterbalance them with cultural offerings. There would ideally be something for everybody.

The final decision inevitably rests with the public. Networks and local stations want to reach the largest possible audience. Advertisers, who supply programs and buy station time, have not chosen to show crime and westerns because they personally prefer crimes and westerns—but because they are convinced this is what the public wants. Advertising on this kind of program sells more gelatin, more washing machines, and more automobiles they say.

None of us can feel too comfortable or smug when we see the accusing finger of Frederick B. Rainsberry, of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. "The faults of television are the results (not the cause) of lowered standards of society," he declared. "We have ourselves to blame for our social and cultural predicament. We cannot expect television to reflect the good, the true and the beautiful, when we teach our children a materialistic, every-man-for-himself, conventional morality."

What about it? Express yourself to your congressmen.

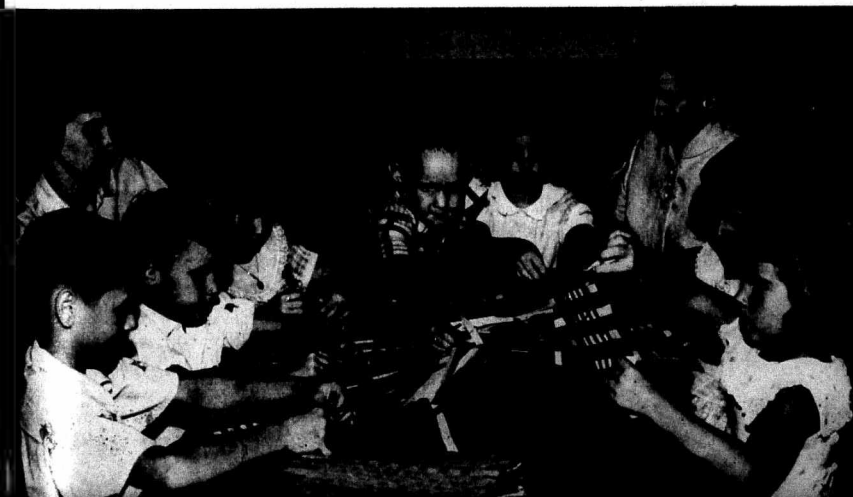
PROGRAM

"For the love of Christ constraineth us"

FOCUS on the

SUNBEAM
BAND

by Mrs. Lamar Jackson



PROGRAM OUTLINE

Hymn: "Give of Your Best to the Master," first verse

Prayer

Leader's Introduction (with reports)

Scene 1: The Birthday Party

Music: "Happy Birthday"

Scene 2: Mother and Child

Music: "I Love to Tell the Story"

Scene 3: Bearers of the Word

Music: "We've a Story to Tell"

Scene 4: Sunbeams of the World

Music: "O Zion Haste"

Conclusion

Music: "Jesus Loves Me"

Prayer

ACTION SHOTS are in order for the August meeting. Sight your Sunbeam Band leaders to the importance of having the children at this gathering. You may want to plan for the children not to stay for the entire meeting. We know of no better way to round up the mothers, grandmothers and aunts than to use as many children as possible in the scenes suggested in the program. However, if this proves impractical, cut from magazines large pictures of Sunbeam Band age children, mount them on posters, and display these at the proper times in your program.

CLOSEUPS of Sunbeam Band director and leaders can be had at the beginning of the meeting when they tell of the 75th Anniversary goals and how they have attempted to reach them. Older Sunbeams can share in reports on activities.

OVER EXPOSURE could take place with too long a program, but here is an idea to boost attendance. Honor all who have celebrated a 75th birthday and those who formerly were Sunbeams. Have a photo gallery in which

you display members when they were Sunbeam age (birth through eight). Have a reserve section for them. Find out in advance if anyone can give testimonies about a Sunbeam Band or youth leader who influenced her life. Perhaps one could tell the history of Sunbeam work in your church.

WIDE ANGLE coverage of Sunbeam Band is provided in the program with the use of four scenes. Any number of children can be used in scene 1. Scene 2 uses a smaller number; scene 3 uses women of different ages and scene 4 uses only Sunbeams in costume. Be sure that all understand exactly what is expected of them so that you will have split-second time exposure. See program material for instruction.

VIEW FINDERS not needed. Do not announce the number for hymns played at the changing of scenes. Sing only the first verse. The women will know these familiar hymns. If you have a stage, pull the curtain immediately after the group singing. If not, allow a few minutes for those in the scene to leave the room.

Note: At the end of this church year Woman's Missionary Union will close the 75th Anniversary observance of the organization of the first Sunbeam Band.

FOCUS on the SUNBEAM BAND

Hymn: "Give of Your Best to the Master," (first verse)

Prayer: Use Call to Prayer. Thank God for the youth leaders in your church and for the young people entrusted to your care.

Leader's Introduction: Today we focus attention on the Sunbeam Band in its 75th anniversary year. We congratulate them on their growth, and we pray for their continued progress. (Have reports here if desired: Sunbeam Band director's report on anniversary activities; children's report on activities they have experienced; remarks of women over 75 and by former Sunbeams.)

scene 1: THE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Music: "Happy Birthday." Children march in with cake and stand around small table (or curtain pulls back revealing scene). After the women join in singing "Happy Birthday," the children leave or the curtain is pulled.

Leader: Happy Birthday, dear Sunbeams, on your 75th anniversary. Our minds go back to your beginning in Fairmount, Virginia, on a Sunday morning in April, 1886. The place was a white frame church set in the midst of green trees. Mrs. Anna Elsom's Sunday school class of sixteen boys and girls lined up outside the door waiting for the pump organ to play "Onward Christian Soldiers." The music started. Pastor George Beaxton Taylor led the procession, and "Miss Anna" brought up the rear.

The organization had been a matter of prayer for this devoted church-school teacher and her young student pastor. Taylor was undecided about whether to join his

father as a missionary in Rome, Italy, or to devote his life to arousing those in the homeland for the support of missions. The success or failure of the Sunbeams was to determine his choice. Mrs. Elsom later wrote, "This prayer was answered in a most unmistakable way as his wonderful success was phenomenal." In three years, there were 284 Sunbeam Bands with some 10,000 members.

Other organizations felt a need for the programs and stories Taylor wrote for the Fairmount Sunbeams. By 1890, the *Foreign Mission Journal* had a regular section for "Cousin George." Thousands of letters and cards were written by hand to his "Sunbeam Cousins." Soon both the Home and Foreign Mission Boards were recommending plans for the work and gifts of the Sunbeams. Pennies went to build schools and churches in China and Cuba. "Helping others for Jesus' sake" was the pattern and purpose set by Dr. Taylor.

The work continued to grow. By 1896, Dr. Taylor realized that he could not carry the work alone, so the Foreign Mission Board asked Woman's Missionary Union to assume full responsibility. The women began to think of a new name for their "adopted child." Children's organizations had been scattered throughout the convention territory as far back as 1815 and had been known by a variety of names: Lamp-lighters, Ivy Bands, Rosebuds, Pearl Gatherers, Love Working Societies, Evergreen, and Juvenile Cent Societies. The name remained Sunbeams to the delight of Mrs. Elsom who wrote, "I always called my children Sunbeams as I found there was inspiration in the name."

Today the director of this "inspired" organization is Miss Abbie Louise Green. There are 27,717 Sunbeam Nurseries and Sunbeam Bands with \$14,386 members in the fifty states. The Sunbeam Band quarterly for leaders, *Sunbeam Activities*, contains program materials, beautiful pictures for use in the meetings, and many organizational ideas.

The anniversary issue contains excerpts

from early Sunbeam publications. Cousin George gave "hints for Using the Programme": "It is a study and therefore ought to be studied." As to pledges, he suggested, "Where possible, see what work the several members will undertake for the summer—such as having a watermelon patch, a missionary hen, a potato patch, etc." One part of a 1902 program on Sunbeam history referred to the success of the Methodist Rosebuds. "If Methodist children could succeed, why could not Baptist children too? Are not Baptist children just as bright eyed and smart as Methodist children?"

"Happy Birthday" to the Sunbeam Band. May they continue to increase "in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man."

scene 2: MOTHER AND CHILD

Music: "I Love to Tell the Story." Pianist plays while curtain is drawn back or members of the group assemble. A woman is seated in the midst of a group of children and holds a large Bible. All present sing first verse. Then curtain is drawn or participants walk out.

Leader: The woman in this scene is typical of women down through the ages who "Love to Tell the Story." We think of Carey's grandmother who drew him to her knees and told him of Christ. We see Mrs. Harry Burke organize a Sunbeam Band where her small daughter dedicated her life to missions. The child became Mrs. C. K. Dozier, first president of the WMUs of both Japan and Hawaii. The two Dozier children are now missionaries to Japan, the land of their birth.

In "mothering" the Sunbeam Band children, Woman's Missionary Union has taken into consideration individual differences. There is the Sunbeam Nursery which makes it possible for a young mother to attend missionary society meetings. There are plans and programs for Beginner Sunbeams, ages 4 and 5. Do not make the mistake of thinking these children are too young to be influenced for missions. Dr. A. S. Gil-

lespie was a wiggly five-year-old attending a meeting of his Sunbeam Band. The leader said, "There are thousands of boys and girls in China who never had a Christmas because they do not know Christ." He thought what a gloomy life it would be without a Christmas. And later after many years in China, he stated that his life's purpose was determined that December afternoon.

The Primary Sunbeam Band is designed for children 6 through 8 years of age. These are years of great achievement for the child in learning to read and write. They are also years of spiritual growth. Dr. Ira Patterson, Executive Secretary of Nigerian Baptists, stated that he got his first missionary impression as a child of six. Little pasteboard boxes had been distributed for the children to use for their foreign mission offering. Competition was keen. Dr. Patterson said, "I can remember even yet the joy of having my collection counted and finding that it surpassed that of all the other children. This was not a Christian spirit, I fear." And yet he dates his awareness of the needs of the world from this experience.

"World Friends" is the name given to eight-year-old Sunbeams. This is a Primary-age group and they use the Primary units of study but add extra features to challenge growing minds and hearts. The motto of World Friends, "To circle the world with friendship," is carried out in the beautiful emblem. The children promise to "try to be a friend and help others to know Jesus."

A "World Friend" attended a day camp for eight-year-old Sunbeams. They had studied the American Indian, making wigs and pottery and looking at pictures of Indians in western United States. One picture fascinated the child. The Indian father held a lamb under one arm and his small boy under the other. The leader made an analogy to Jesus, the Good Shepherd who cared for the lost sheep and for little children. That night at bedtime the child told his mother that he wanted to make a profession of faith. She said, "Jim,

you're too young. You ought to wait until you're older." He told her about the picture and then stated, "Jesus has promised to carry the lambs in his arms. I'm only a little boy; it will be easier for Jesus to carry me." She could not refute the logic of the statement.

Mothers through the ages have cherished the story of Timothy whose life was molded by a dedicated mother and grandmother. The same challenge and opportunity face us today. Our WMU president, Mrs. R. L. Mathis, makes this statement: "Let's give the thrill of missions to the children. They are ours to mold. They are ours to teach. They are ours to lead. They are ours to bend, now. I do believe with all my soul that Woman's Missionary Union could change the whole pattern of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention if all the children of our churches could be enrolled in Sunbeam Bands, and week by week learn what it really means to be missionary Baptists."

scene 3: BEARERS OF THE WORD

Music: "We've a Story to Tell" (Follow previous procedure with all present singing first verse. The scene is one of women of different ages with Bibles or holding banner with words, "Go ye into all the world.")

Leader: This missionary hymn is associated in our minds with GAs and is a reminder to us that our Sunbeams continue to grow. Miss Alma Hunt in *Woman's Missionary Union* stated, "Only as investments are made in the lives of young people will there be men and women on the mission frontiers in future years supported by missionary-minded men and women in the churches." An aged pastor looked back over his ministry and declared, "If I had it to do over again, I'd spend more time training the children."

The women in this scene have represented those whose hearts responded to the call of missions as a child and have "gone into all the world." At first their understanding might have been imperfect as

was Catherine Sewell's, for many years a missionary in Cuba. She was taught to sing, "We, a little infant band, seek a fair and happy land." The desire was kindled in her heart to go someday to this "Seekylair" land. Later it was a crude, homemade toy that caused her to realize the possibility of the Master Workman creating through her life a work acceptable to him.

Mrs. Noble Beall, field worker for the Home Mission Board, testifies, "My first concept of world missions came to me through Sunbeams and our leader, Mrs. P. L. Mosely. The radiance of her personality and the love she felt for Christ and all the children of the world made a strong impression on my child mind."

Dick Miller served in Alaska because of pictures of Eskimo children he saw while a Sunbeam. Dr. Kathleen Jones of Indonesia became a Christian at eight. She said, "When we played house or dolls, I was always the doctor." Missionary Kid (MK) Jane Caudill whose father has been superintendent of our Baptist work in Cuba since 1947, wrote, "My favorite church organization was the Sunbeam Band. There I learned many Bible and missionary stories which had a great influence on my decision for Christ." Rev. Tom Neely of Colombia and Venezuela felt a definite call to be a "missionary preacher" when a Sunbeam.

Miss Amelia Rappold attended the Rachel Sims Mission as a child. It wasn't because she wanted to learn about God or be a good little girl. She just had nowhere else to play. She frankly told the missionary, Miss Gladys Keith, that she didn't like her. But Amelia became a Christian and a missionary herself. Miss Keith fondly calls her "first-born" because she was her first convert on the river front.

Lolete Dorson, missionary nurse in Nigeria, caused excitement in a Rhodesian village as the townspeople came to see a "peeled baby." Her mother and father were pioneer missionaries in an unevangelized area. Because many of the people had never seen a white man, they believed these were just black folks with their skins

peeled off. Lolote represents hundreds of missionary children who were Sunbeams in foreign lands, sharing with their parents the love of Christ which constrained them to serve in far places.

From the beginning of Woman's Missionary Union it was her declared purpose to enlist children for missions. Miss Fannie Heck wrote her last message to the annual meeting of 1915. In part, it read, "I can dream of your future with a trusting heart. See to it that you listen to His voice and follow where Christ leads. Be prayerful in your planning. Strive for the conversion of those around you as faithfully as for the heathen. Train the children for worldwide service." Have we been true to the vision of our founders?

We read in Acts, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39). We thank God for calling these faithful leaders of our young people and for all the grown-up Sunbeams now serving at home and abroad.

scene 4: SUNBEAMS OF THE WORLD

Music: "O Zion Haste" (Follow previous instructions. Children in costume encircle a globe.)

Leader: 1886 was the birth date of Sunbeams. Later they were adopted by the WMS, and "mothered" by faithful leaders down through the years. We have seen how many of them answered God's call to definite fields of Christian service. Now we look "on the fields" to see the influence of this organization around the world.

One interesting fact that we find in the 1959 report of the Foreign Mission Board concerns the countries where there are more missionary societies than organized churches. This situation exists on the old fields of Brazil, Chile, Hong Kong, Israel, Japan, Mexico and Nigeria. On newer fields the effectiveness of enlisting for Christ women and the "exploding population" of children has been clearly demon-

strated as a first step in establishing preaching stations and mission points. Ecuador, Ghana, Peru and Southern Rhodesia report more of these organizations than churches. Missionaries tell wonderful stories of the influence of Sunbeams in reaching parents for Christ.

There have been Sunbeam Bands in Brazil since 1903. Helen Ragby Harrison told of a mother and father who first attended the Baptist church in order to see their children participate in a program. For two years the woman had been of prayerful concern to Mrs. Harrison, but she had successfully avoided the missionary. At the end of the service the woman started a conversation. "Just imagine what my husband's sister would say were she to see him here. She disinherited our children because we let them come to your Sunbeams and GAs." The missionary told her of the Saint Bernard dogs in Arctic zones who shake freezing travelers out of the sleep of death into the pain of consciousness and activity. The woman smiled. "So I am the traveler, and you are the dog!" It was really the witness of the children that had furnished the shaking.

Miss Marjorie Jones as a new missionary to Nigeria in 1956 had a "shaking" experience. She started a Sunbeam Band with 15 children in Yaba, across the harbor from Lagos. Soon there were 84 in regular attendance. One little four-year-old threatened the other children by telling them not to come back unless they had on their clothes. All came to the next meeting in their own individualistic style. Most of the little boys had on shirts but no pants!

Danny and Mark Matsuda are Sunbeams in Honolulu. They invite their friends to attend the weekly meetings. One little girl became absorbed in a story the leader told about a man who had been lost but who had found Jesus. With tears in her eyes she asked the Sunbeam Band leader, "Will you go tell my Father about Jesus?" Then with wisdom beyond her years, she remarked, "No, I'll tell him myself. He wouldn't listen to you."

In Granite City, Illinois, an Armenian boy was enlisted in Sunbeam Band, converted in vacation Bible school, and trained in a Royal Ambassador Chapter. Now at seventeen he is program vice-president of the Brotherhood and teaches a class of Junior boys. Half a dozen people from three different nationalities have been saved by his witness.

Valeria Sherard of Kiana, Alaska, says, "I wish you could meet with the Sunbeams here. When they study the map, they sound like experts on Mexico and Hong Kong."

Across the world, Lolote Dotson told of a Sunbeam Band meeting in Kattuna, Nigeria. "December brought the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. As you at home met each morning at 10 to pray for missions around the world, our Nigerian women met at the same hour for the same purpose though it was 5 o'clock here since we are seven hours ahead of you. I wish you could have seen the group of Yoruba children as they put on their Sunbeam Band program one afternoon. They really had the complete attention of the women as they took us on a make-believe trip to Japan. We traveled by plane with all the sound effects! On arriving in a Japanese city we were conducted on a tour through the market where we saw the shoes they wear, homemade kites and other objects found in Japan. They took us to the home of a Japanese girl whose parents had worshiped idols. After their trip, the Sunbeam Band leader led in prayer for the Japanese people. This seems almost too incidental to record, yet it left an indelible impression in my mind to see these little African tots learning about and praying for children in other lands."

Those who lead Sunbeam Bands around the world are following the admonition of the Master who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14).

Music: "Jesus Loves Me" (Pianist plays one verse only. No singing.)

Leader: You have heard a song loved by all the children of the world. You may wonder why we do not have a scene here in the front of the room as we have had after the other songs on our program. The answer lies in a request that we look at ourselves, at our own hearts, at our own children and our youth organizations.

Can we say that we are doing a good job at educating our youth in missions? We have a stated purpose in our Aims for Advancement. "We will seek to cultivate missionary convictions in hearts of youth through securing the co-operation of parents in the missionary education of their children; maintaining a graded program of missionary education for youth; adequate fostering of the WMU youth organizations of the church."

What will become of our children, of our churches, of the cause of missions around the world if we fail in our purpose? What became of those children that Jesus blessed? Everything depended upon those who had the care of them afterwards. This is the message of the story for us.

A leader of young people wrote, "It is a wonderful thing to watch the birth of a new day, where one after another the varicolored hues of the rainbow tint in successive harmonies the canvas of the eastern sky."

"It is perhaps a more wonderful thing to watch the birth of a flower, as if with secret magic the hard bound bud unfolds and merges leaf by leaf into a perfect flower, radiant with beauty and fragrant perfume."

"But most wonderful of all is the gradual unfolding of the heart of a child, the reaching out of tiny tendrils of affection toward sympathetic environment, the quickening response to the warmth of love's sunshine, and the ready yielding to the prompting of a suggested noble act. Surely in touching life at such a time as this, we too are partners with the Divine. 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'"

Prayer

... the continuing story

*Pull a page from
the history of many
mission fields
and you will discover
Sunbeam Band
influence in the
advance of
missionary work*

SUNBEAM BANDS IN CENTRAL AFRICA

by Wana Ann Fort

In December, 1952, Miss Mary Brooner, new missionary, arrived at the Sanyati Mission Station in Southern Rhodesia, Africa. Baptist work in this country was less than two years old and at that time Ralph and Betty Bowlin were the only other missionaries on the field (the Doisons were on furlough). There was one house built at Sanyati and Miss Brooner and missionary nurse Monda Marlar who arrived with her lived with the Bowlins for their first few months in Rhodesia.

Miss Brooner was very interested in WMU work. She found that Mrs. Bowlin was already directing a number of WMS and GA meetings in the Sanyati Reserve, and began to help with some of these, often cycling fifteen miles for a meeting. However, there was no organization for little children.

Early in 1953, Miss Brooner began Sunbeam Bands in a number of places in the Sanyati Reserve, and also at the station site itself. Of course, she had no literature, no manual, and no trained leaders. And most

of the meetings were held under trees in the bush. But the children loved the idea of a meeting just for themselves. Many came to hear Bible and missionary stories, and to learn Bible verses and choruses which had been translated into their own language.

With the coming of other missionaries to be stationed first in Bulawayo and Gatooma, and later in other centers of Rhodesia, the work of Woman's Missionary Union grew rapidly. Manuals were written and printed in two languages for WMU and GA and mimeographed for Sunbeam leaders in 1955 and 1956. Recently the Sunbeam Manual has been completely revised. In 1958, the women began writing programs for Sunbeams. At first one was written for each month, but in 1960 weekly programs were written and mimeographed in the various languages for the children. As there is no one assigned just to WMU work in Central Africa, and no one trained as a writer, all the missionary women share responsibility for writing programs.

There are now Sunbeam Bands in all areas where we have work in Rhodesia—in the one Reserve area at Sanyati and in seven urban centers. There are a total of 39 organizations and 1200 children enrolled! African women have been trained by mis-

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Whether coloring, singing "A Helper I Would Be" or prayer time, these Primaries at Sanyati Church like Sunbeam Band

sionaries to be leaders.

Many African families have come under the influence of Sunbeam Band work. A notable example is the leader of the Primary Sunbeam Band here at the Sanyati Station Church. Mr. and Mrs. Makosholo came to Sanyati to teach in our school in 1955. He is now headmaster of the Central Primary Boarding School and she teaches in the Primary School. Both are leaders in the church. He is a deacon. Some time after moving here, they became Baptists because of their convictions that Baptists interpret the New Testament church as they believe it should be.

This is Mrs. Makosholo's testimony concerning the value of Sunbeam Band to her children: "It is my greatest joy to express my sincere thanks for the help we have received from Sunbeam Band meetings in bringing up our children in the knowledge of Christ. It was not easy for my fellow Africans to understand how helpful it is for children to attend a meeting like this. They had never known about training little children, but now many parents have seen what this can mean to a child.

"In 1955 I first had the joy of sending our four-year-old daughter, Mable, to join other children at Sunbeam meeting. It seemed strange to us as parents to hear our own little daughter sing the choruses and tell us the short stories she had been taught. She became very interested in Jesus and told us one day that she wanted to see Him. We explained that all of us who love Him shall see Him some day, but that now He is always with us. As we had family prayer

we let her sing songs she knew.

"Now we have had all four of our children in Sunbeam Band and our eldest is in GA this year. Our second daughter had more questions to ask than did Mable. After one Sunbeam Band meeting, Margaret said, "I understand that God created everything—the birds and animals. Did he create our stove, too?" My answer was that he gave human beings the power to do that. My first daughter has already made a profession of faith in Jesus—and we are sure that much of the spiritual growth of our children has been because of our Sunbeam Band meeting where they have been taught much about the love of Christ.

"It is easy for parents to teach their baby how to walk and talk and to provide things for it. And yet many parents fail to teach that child to grow up in the knowledge of the things of God. We have been helped by the Sunbeam Band with this important work."

Mrs. Makosholo said that she had not known how much little children could be trained until she learned about the work that is done for children in the Baptist church. She is truly grateful for the help she and her husband have had in training their own children.

MY DEAR TIA

by Roberta Ryan

Maruja has just come home from Sunbeam Band waving in her chubby brown hand a pink slip of paper with multicolored

marks scratched over it.

"Tía, Tía*" she called as the door slammed behind her dusty feet. "Just look at what I made in Sunbeam Band."

Her eyes beamed delight as she smoothed the wrinkled page across my apron. Beneath the marks of a five-year-old's crayon there was yet discernible the outlined drawing of an Eskimo child and his igloo home.

"I made an Eskimo. He lives 'way up north. But he is my friend because, you see, Jesus loves him just like he loves me."

A wrinkle of provocative thought slid across her forehead and lost itself beneath her wind-blown bangs, and she added:

"Next week I am going to make some twins from Africa. Jesus loves them too."

And she skipped away to tuck her "Eskimo friend" on the wall above her bed.

Yes, I am ever so glad Maruja is a Sunbeam. Maruja lives in Chile, South America, and the Eskimo she had "made" was just another of the weekly handwork sheets of *El Rayito* (The Sunbeam), published monthly for Sunbeams of Spanish-speaking America.

Forty years ago, there were no Sunbeam Bands in Chile, no materials for working with children, no missionary stories in Spanish.

Southern Baptist missionaries had arrived in 1917. Between victories and discouragements in language study they dreamed of conquering Chile for Christ. With strange and foreign accents the missionary preachers preached. Missionary teachers taught in Spanish still flavored with their native Southern drawl. Missionary mothers kept the home fires burning and wondered what part they would play in this challenging new adventure.

They had already noticed the dusty, barefoot children who played in the cobblestone streets around their doors and whose constant chatter and cheerful confidence captivated their loving hearts. They called

the children together under fruit trees, in the shade of a friendly grapevine, in church buildings, in homes and wide-open spaces. Wherever there were children, they called, "Come and see." The children came. The work grew.

Neighboring townsmen would come and ask, "Why can you not come to our pueblo and teach our children."

Why? Why are there not more than twenty-four hours in a day? Why is one person not twins or triplets or quintuplets? Missionary mothers found they could not possibly stretch their time and strength sufficiently to go into all the villages where there was clamor for them to come and teach the children. But they could pray, and pray they did. Soon God gave them the answer. Why not multiply themselves by preparing materials and training national women to go in their stead?

Mrs. J. L. Hart and Mrs. R. C. Moore, both missionary mothers of growing, active children, were already organizing the women in missionary societies and preparing program material for them. Mrs. J. W. McGavock, mother of two, began to translate mission stories for children. When there were none to translate she wrote her own. She made copies of them for the leaders she would train. She made copies of drawings, illustrating the stories, for the children to color. She translated choruses and hymns. The she called in her *senorita* (sin-yo-REE-ta) helpers.

"I can never lead so many Sunbeam Bands alone," she said. "I will teach you. Then you must go and teach the children. Here are the stories, the songs, and a drawing for each child. Take them, use them and come back for more."

Then she showed them how to tell the stories. She taught them to sing the songs and how to relate handwork to the lesson of the day. Thus taught week by week, the young women went out regularly, armed with the example of their dedicated teacher and equipped with quantities of materials that she had so lovingly prepared for them.

Soon came the glad day when the na-



Miss Hart with some of "her children"



Miss Lois Hart, missionary in Antofagasta, Chile

tional Baptist paper began to print the stories and suggested program outlines for Sunbeam Bands and distribute them in ever widening areas of circulation. At home, Mrs. McGavock continued to prepare copies for print and to sketch drawings for handwork sheet, now called *El Rayito* which she ran off on the clattering multigraph in her preacher husband's study. The newly organized Sunbeam Bands hastened to send in their orders.

"We need handwork sheets for fifty children," they would say, or twenty or sixty. *El Rayito* had made a hit it never outgrew. From a first edition of 200 copies in 1927, it has grown to a circulation of over 8,000.

In 1931 the Woman's Missionary Union of Chile began its own quarterly, *La Ventana* (The Window), made possible by gifts from the women of the Southern Baptist Convention through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Now, the national Baptist paper promoted the page for Sunbeams and passed it on to *La Ventana* to be nourished for a period of fourteen years.

In 1945, additional mission gifts made possible *La Estrella* (The Star), another quarterly. Sunbeam, GA, and RA program material all in one small quarterly? Yes, but even that was a great step forward! Soon the RAs had their own magazine, and the Sunbeams still share *La Estrella* with Girls' Auxiliary.

Good news like the fragrance of perfume spreads quickly. Soon the women of Argentina on the other side of the Andes Mountains began to order *La Estrella* and *El Rayito* for their young people.

In 1953 the missionary magazines, including *La Estrella* and *El Rayito*, became international. Before long, orders arrived from Uruguay, Paraguay, Bolivia, Colombia, and Venezuela. With the beginning of Baptist missions in Peru and Ecuador, subscriptions came from there. Then they came from Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, and Puerto Rico. Truly the Sunbeam Band had become really international in the Spanish-speaking Americas.

Meanwhile, Chile and Mexico had both translated and published the Sunbeam Band manual as national WMU projects, and from the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso came a translated edition of the *Guide for Sunbeam Band Counselors*. In addition each country provided its own extras: Sunbeam banners, record books, pins, mimeographed and printed helps. Some countries still prepared their own program material.

Then came the day in January 1961 when Woman's Missionary Union's publications for Spanish America transferred headquarters from Chile to the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Texas. Mexico joined the list of subscribers, bringing to sixteen the number of countries using Sunbeam literature, published by the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in co-operation with the Foreign Mission Board and the Spanish International WMU Publication Committee.

La Estrella now bi-monthly, still carries missionary stories and program suggestions for Sunbeam Band and Girls' Auxiliary. These are prepared in Spanish originally

*Tía (pronounced TEE-ah) in Spanish means "aunt."

by Spanish-speaking writers or translated from *Sunbeam Activities*, *Tell*, and mission study books as occasion demands. *La Estrella* now boasts a circulation of 2100 copies.

El Rayito, the handwork sheet for Sunbeams, long ago outgrew the clattering multigraph. For years it was published on a mimeograph and now in our new headquarters it is being printed on a modern off-set press. In addition to the drawings it very proudly carries an appealing missionary story on the back of each picture. Thus the Sunbeams can take the stories home and re-read them many, many times during the week. Who knows? Maybe this is the forerunner of a Spanish *Sunbeam Activities* dedicated exclusively to the use and promotion of Sunbeam Bands in Spanish.

We are working too on a revision of the *Guide for Sunbeam Band Counselors* with the dream that it will serve as an international Spanish guide to more efficient Sunbeam activities.

Soon we must consider graded programs for weeks of prayer for Sunbeams, and offering boxes, attendance dolls, wall charts,

posters, record books, promotional materials for the Sunbeams themselves and for their leaders, correspondence or study-at-home leadership courses, more and more mission study books of Spanish-speaking Sunbeams. Many of these can be translated from the beautifully written books in English about friends in other lands, but we need original ones written by Spanish Americans about life in their own lands. We want them to know how their neighbors live, how they learn about Jesus, and how they work and share that others might know him too.

Sunbeam literature in Spanish is thirty-four years old. We have reached middle age, did you say? Perhaps we have. The prophet of old declared: "Your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions" (Joel 2:28). If we are both dreaming and seeing visions—and we are as we dream of broader horizons and see visions of thousands of pages of literature for Spanish-speaking Sunbeams rolling off presses to sixteen countries, then dreams will be realized and little ones will know Jesus is still the light of the world.

neer areas need more assistance in getting WMU organizations started. We have recognized that this assistance should be given by people who sit in and are a part of the WMU executive board meetings where plans are made. The Home Mission Board officials on the Atlanta staff and those working in the pioneer areas have recognized the need for this type of help.

Together the Home Board and WMU officials faced the responsibility of finding the person who had qualifications and who would be challenged by the opportunity. We feel the Lord guided in the approach to Miss Elliott and in her response to it.

Miss Elliott has a rich background for the work which she is undertaking. She was born in Rotan, Texas, the daughter of a Baptist minister, who served during most of the years of his ministry as an associational missionary in Texas and New Mexico.

Miss Elliott was graduated from Mary

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Speaking A PROPER WORD

by Robert J. Hastings

There are numerous reasons women give for not tithing. One is, "I don't want to be obligated. If I have something left over after the grocery bill is paid and the children have new shoes, I am happy to give, but I'm not going to give a tithe before my other responsibilities are met."

Have you heard such remarks? Or, have you said them—or thought them?

Certainly God wants us to care for our families. He wants us to pay our bills promptly, and to feed, clothe, and educate our boys and girls.

"But the church is different!" someone says. Different in what way? Is that it is unimportant? Or that the church does not need to meet its own obligations? Or that missions is fine if there is something left over in the church treasury at the end of the month? Many years ago William Blake wrote: "He who would do good to another must do it in Minute Particulars."

Mr. Blake's point is that we must have more than good intentions. We must be specific in our undertakings. This applies also to tithing. Tithing cannot be left to happenstance. It cannot be an optional feature of the family budget. If we give as we should, we must determine in advance the amount and take steps to see that it is set aside.

Often a wife can say the proper word at the appropriate time to influence her own family to tithe. The discreet wife will prayerfully seek such opportunities, and not hesitate to express her convictions when the time is ripe. One of the most helpful illustrations of this point is the experience of Rev. and Mrs. O. P. Maddox, missionaries to Brazil.

They had just returned in 1914 to Rio de Janeiro from furlough. The customs officials,

thinking they were wealthy business people, charged such high import duties they were unable to claim their luggage. Little did the officials dream the annual salary of the couple was a mere four hundred dollars, plus travel and housing.

Sometime later Mrs. Maddox was bathing their one-year-old son. She left him a few moments to answer the door. When she returned, the child had drowned. Four doctors worked unsuccessfully for two hours trying to revive him.

Following the burial, as they were getting into the carriage for the return trip to the city, Mrs. Maddox asked, "What is this strange joy I feel in my heart on this the darkest day of our lives?" Mr. Maddox replied, "This is Christ's promise to be with us to the end of the age!"

The next day's mail brought exorbitant bills from the four doctors (who also thought they were well-to-do business people), as well as their small salary check. For the first time in his life, Mr. Maddox wondered whether it would not be right to withhold some of the tithe. Mrs. Maddox spoke, "No, let us give as we always have. Even if we used our tithe, it would not begin to meet our obligations for our baggage and the medical bills."

God was still with them. Friends intervened, the doctor bills were greatly reduced, and the customs removed. A victory was won. A grief-stricken wife spoke a proper word.

How is it in your home? Does God come first? Does the tithe have priority in your family budget? In many homes, the giving pattern can be molded by faithful women who love the Lord and give him first place.



Miss Bernice Elliott
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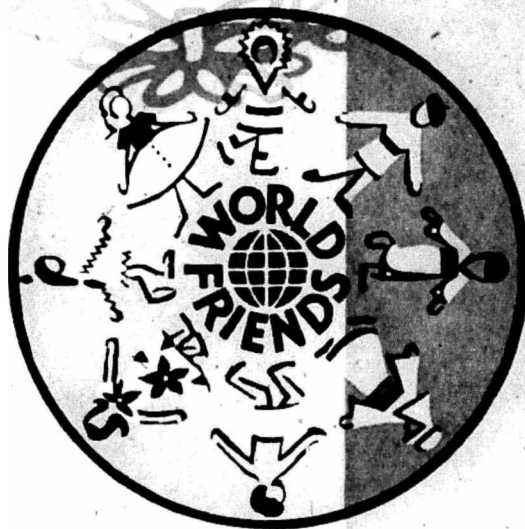
by Alma Hunt

This month a door is opening which has heretofore been only cracked—a door leading into the vast and wonderful pioneer areas of our convention territory. Woman's Missionary Union and the Home Mission Board are grateful that Miss Bernice Elliott has been elected to enter this door of opportunity.

We who work in official capacities in Woman's Missionary Union have for a long time been aware that the people in the pio-

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