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HAT noon Adoniram had been invited to dine at the house of Deacon John Hasseltine. . . . A table had been set in the west front room. As the guests filed in, urged by the hospitable deacon, Adoniram noticed a girl of about twenty bent over a huge pie which she was cutting into generous slices. Instantly he decided she was the most beautiful creature he had ever seen. Her jet-black curls, clear olive complexion and dark, lustrous eyes would have made her appearance striking in any case. But there was something about the irrepressible smile lurking on the full curve of her lips—a certain gay impertinence, almost, in her dancing eyes—that hinted a vivacity and even mischievousness, under the conventional demureness, that were new and attractive to Adoniram. He had never seen a girl like her.

He was anything but shy, yet when Parson Allen introduced him and she looked him full in the face, he was struck dumb. From then on he was extraordinarily aware of every move she made about the room as she served the guests, but he was unable to unglue his eyes from his plate. He could hardly make an intelligent reply when he was asked a question about the missionary movement at the Seminary. Perhaps, thought his questioners kindly, the young man was intimidated by the august gathering he was about to address. The truth was that, instead of thinking about the memorial in his pocket, he was preoccupied with the phrasing of a poem which kept composing itself, almost against his will, to this raven-haired beauty.

Her name was Ann Hasseltine. . . .

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TRENDS IN *Mission Advance*

by Charles W. Bryan

THERE ARE ENCOURAGING SIGNS of mission advance in Latin America today. Recent political developments have resulted in increased interest and concern among North Americans for our neighbors to the south. Southern Baptists have been spiritually concerned for Latin America for many years. Faithful missionary service fortified by prayer and gifts of Southern Baptists have prepared the way for present day needs. Let us give particular attention to the countries of Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, and Colombia.

Advance Into New Fields

The basic objective of our mission program is the winning of the lost to faith and life in Christ and the gathering of these into the fellowship of New Testament churches.

Missionary and national leaders are becoming increasingly aware of the need to move out into new areas within each country. Many large provinces and cities have no Baptist witness and very little knowledge of New Testament Christianity. One of the most significant trends in mission advance is the opening of new fields.

Peru serves as an example. For many years there have been only three centers of Baptist work in Peru: Lima, the

capital city; Arequipa to the south, and Trujillo in the northern section of the country. During recent months, however, two new fields have been entered in the northern section and a third field is projected for this year. Rev. and Mrs. Lewis E. Lee began work in Chiclayo in 1962 and Rev. and Mrs. Lowell E. Ledford are now projecting new work in Piura; Rev. and Mrs. Marvin E. Fitts are making plans to enter the port city of Callao. This is good and encouraging news indeed!

It is hard to imagine cities with a population of between 50 and 250 thousand people without a Baptist witness. Can you visualize only one missionary couple responsible for work in such a city? Mr. and Mrs. Fitts have responded to God's call. Years of preparation and experience have equipped them for the task. The Lord has led them to enter a new field, a new province, a new city with the gospel. How can the work be started? What are first steps? Every approach depends very largely on the missionary and local circumstances.

Rev. and Mrs. Lewis E. Lee moved to Chiclayo with their four children in 1962, to win people to Christ and to organize a

In Latin America

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Baptist work. Mrs. Lee knew before arriving that she would be teacher for their three girls of school age. There are no English-speaking schools in the city. The first few days, she was busy getting the pots and pans, linens, and clothes unpacked and put away. Her husband unpacked furniture, connected the stove, refrigerator, and washer. The family got settled in a new country, a new city, and a new house.

From the first day, Mr. Lee began his work as he talked about his purpose in Chiclayo. Every business contact was an opportunity to witness. Members of a Baptist church who lived elsewhere had given him names of friends and relatives who might be interested in the gospel. He began to seek the lost and to make contact with these interested people. A Baptist loan radio program was begun. On this program he announced the presence and purpose of Baptists in the city.

Soon a small nucleus of interested people began to emerge and a place was rented to start formal services. A revival meeting was scheduled during beginning days and many accepted Christ as Saviour. A new field has been entered with a new work for the Lord. Only a beginning, but God will bless as his people labor.

Rev. and Mrs. Lowell E. Ledford, upon returning from Lough, were led of the Lord to establish new work in Piura, Peru. They arrived there with their five children in December, 1962. Mr. Ledford is projecting new work by means of a Bible correspondence course. Members from established Baptist churches came to Piura to assist in door-to-door visitation to rusted people. Newspaper and radio were used to advertise the course. The program was timed to take advantage of the Roman Catholic Church's new concern in Bible study. More than 500 interested people have been enlisted in the course from Piura and surrounding areas. They represent different degrees of interest in the gospel, but it does give to the missionary a large list of prospects. The Holy Spirit will surely use this means of starting new work. The next step

will be to win those enlisted to Christ and to organize a Baptist church.

Colombia. Two new fields were entered this year in Colombia. Rev. and Mrs. Marion L. Corley and Rev. and Mrs. J. Thomas Norman are now studying Spanish in Costa Rica and should be working on the fields in October of this year. The Normans have been led of the Lord to the city of Manizales, Colombia; the Corleys to the city of Bucaramanga.

Ecuador and Venezuela. Plans are also being projected in Ecuador and Venezuela to enter new fields with the gospel of Christ. These trends represent advance. Such fields can only be entered as missionary personnel is available to go, and as funds are provided to support them and the work.

Advance in Church Development

Continued advance is impossible without continually strengthening established churches. Dr. Baker J. Caulfield, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, has said that, "The real measure of mission work abroad must be in terms of development of churches." It is not enough to win the lost to Christ. The redeemed must be developed into New Testament churches with sufficient power for self-propagation, sufficient preparation for self-government and sufficient riches and offerings for self-support. A mission strategy that does not include these basic factors will not experience continued advance. As churches take on more administrative and financial responsibility, funds and personnel can be released to enter new fields and to conquer new frontiers.

National churches are beginning to assume a larger part of the financial responsibility of the work. The percentage of financial help is reduced each year and the churches are able to carry the full financial load.

Colombia. The First Baptist Church of Cali, Colombia, provides an excellent example of financial growth of a church. An adequate

building was provided by the Janan Foundation, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and Co-operative Program funds. The church received financial aid during beginning years, but now the church has assumed full responsibility of the church budget, which was near \$10,000 in 1962. Able leadership of the pastor, Rev. Hugo Ruiz, largely contributed to this advance.

The 1962 report of the National Baptist Convention of Colombia gives evidence of advance in church development. The reports reveal the growth of Baptists since the beginning of the work in 1942. Messengers from the 40 Baptist churches of Colombia gathered in November, 1962, for the annual convention. Ten months covered by the report showed 125 baptisms, 3,818 total church membership, 6,155 enrolled in the Sunday schools, and 2,389 in missionary organizations of the church; 40 churches sustain 16 mission points. Total tithes and offerings was \$193,042.31 pesos. Every church sent 10 per cent of its total offering to the convention in addition to the special foreign and home mission offerings.

At the beginning of the full convention meeting, on November 26, messengers from the 29 Women's Missionary Societies in the country held their annual session. The women discussed the new plan of eight "Aims for Advancement" which will be put into effect this year.

This represents only one of the four countries under discussion. The other countries are making progress in developing strong local churches and these churches are making plans to develop national programs that will assure greater growth in the coming years.

Advance in National Leadership

Substantial advance is impossible without strong national leadership. This fact was recognized early in the development of the work. Baptist theological institutes were organized in Peru, Ecuador, and Venezuela to provide trained national leaders. The International Baptist Theological Seminary

in Cali, Colombia, provides graduate training.

There is a growing number of capable national leaders who are taking the lead in Baptist work. Dr. Carlos Garcia has just finished the Seminary and has been called as pastor of First Baptist Church, Lima, Peru. He holds the highest degree that the International Seminary offers and is also a graduate of the University of San Marcos of Lima, Peru, and holds a doctor's degree in law from that institution. Baptist Theological Institute in Guayaquil, Ecuador, graduated its first students this year.

As national Baptist leaders emerge, the role of the missionary changes. Nationals take the lead and the missionary assists in overall development. National Baptist leaders are growing in number and the quality of their work is providing increased development and prestige for the cause of Baptists in these countries.

Present trends also reveal a growing number of lay leaders who are taking more initiative. Missionaries and national pastors are increasingly aware of need to return to the New Testament pattern of believer's evangelism.

Lay leadership training has been projected in Venezuela, Ecuador, and Peru. Studies are being made concerning how this program can reach every church member. As present trends continue in training leaders this continues a major factor in mission advance.

Jose Figueres, former president of Costa Rica, in an article published in the August, 1961, issue of *Reader's Digest* said, "We in Latin America have a great deal to change. And it is too late for a slow-paced evolution. . . . Those concerned with mission advance would agree that there is much to do in Latin America. Over 90 per cent of the 210 million people in Latin America need to be transformed by a personal experience of salvation in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. A slow-paced mission program will not suffice. Present trends in mission advance must be accelerated to win the lost multitudes to faith and life in Christ."

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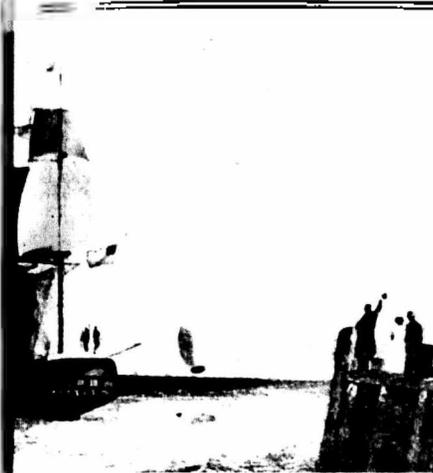
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COVER: This month in your Woman's Missionary Society meeting you will study Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, countries of South America where new methods of mission work are being blessed of God.



Painting of the sailing of the Caravan

Among GOLDEN Spires

Photos by John C. Stemp

by Mrs. R. L. Mathis

Discern Baptists of Burma observe the 150th Anniversary of Judson's

THE visitor arriving in Burma today by jet airliner sees golden spires gleaming above the present capital, Rangoon, just as Adoniram and Ann Judson saw them 150 years ago. The golden Sule Pagoda points skyward as cars, carts, buses, bicycles, and taxis throng Rangoon's broad Malia Bandoola Street.

The Shwe Dagon pagoda is the capital's noblest and best-known Buddhist shrine. Its golden spire rises 326 feet into the sky. Shrines and smaller pagodas encircle the temple. According to legend the shrine has stood on this particular hill for 2,500 years. Kipling called

it a "golden mystery . . . a beautiful winking wonder."

The Burmese still add gold leaf to the massive central spire, and it is said that in 1871 the king studied a portion of it with \$150,000 worth of rubies, emeralds, and diamonds.

All of this stands on top of a 168-foot hill in the city of Rangoon. This was the site beneath which Adoniram Judson baptized his first convert.

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country of Burma.

It is no wonder that two of the most important books written about Burma are entitled *To the Golden Shore** and *Golden Bouts from Burma*.† For although the dusty streets of the city were unpaved and the servants lived in huts, everywhere that Adoniram Judson looked his eyes were blinded by dazzling rooftops actually covered with gold.

A century and a half have passed since Judson, his wife Ann, and other missionaries who accompanied them left our shores on an adventure of faith. There were five other students who shared Judson's interest in foreign missions. They were Samuel Newell, Samuel Nott, Jr., James Richards, Samuel J. Mills, and Gordon Hall. These young students had entered Andover Theological Seminary, Boston, Massachusetts, in the fall of 1808 and had organized a band of

*Cl. 5675, pt. 51, 55 and 5875 from Baptist Book Stores

Visit Malden, Massachusetts, today and you will see this birthplace of Adoniram Judson.



missionary volunteers known as "The Brethren." Luther Rice arrived in 1810 and with Judson made seven members of the small group.

Ann, or Nancy, Hasseltine, a deacon's daughter in Bradford, Massachusetts, and Adoniram were married on February 5, 1812. The next evening Adoniram and his four colleagues were ordained before a congregation of about 2,000 people who had crowded into the Tabernacle Congregational Church at Salem, Massachusetts, in spite of the bitterly cold weather.

On Wednesday, February 19, 1812, the Judsons sailed from Salem on the *Caravan* bound for Calcutta, India. The voyage of the *Caravan* was, of course, a great adventure, and took many weeks. On the way Judson continued to study for his own work in completing a private translation of the Greek New Testament into English. His study had led him particularly to seek the meaning of the word "baptizo."

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Arriving in Calcutta he and Nancy continued to study, and through separate studies, each was led to the conviction that baptism was by immersion and for believers only. Accordingly they requested baptism by the English Baptists at Serampore, India, and were baptized on September 6, 1812, by William Ward in the chapel in Calcutta.

Later Nancy wrote a letter to her parents and in it said, "Thus we are confirmed Baptists, not because we wanted to be, but because truth compelled us to be."

On Sunday, November 1, Luther Rice, who had arrived in Calcutta later than the Judsons, also was baptized by Dr. Ward. From this point these three new Baptists, forced to withdraw from the American Board of Commissioners for the Congregationalist denomination, were faced with finding a means of support.

The Baptists in the United States heard of their "new missionaries" and shortly they heard from Luther Rice, who returned home to rally support.

During one of Adoniram's absences from home on missionary business, when he went to Ava to visit the King, Nancy died and was buried on that foreign shore. A granite stone marks the grave of Ann Hasseltine Judson at Amherst-by-the-Sea. Local Christians tend it carefully. Ann came home for one visit before her death, but it was 33 years before Judson had his first visit back to the States.

Luther Rice made possible the organization of the Triennial Convention in Philadelphia in 1811. This occasion marked the real awakening of Baptists to mission commitment. Luther Rice never fulfilled his dream to work on a foreign mission field.

His fulfillment came in making it possible for the Judsons to stay in Burma.

Edward B. Pollard stated in the foreword of his biography of Luther Rice:

Judson and Rice, contemporaries and fellow laborers for the truth, were the leading instruments, under God, in saving the Baptists of America from fatal self-contentment and the blight of the anti-mission spirit.

At the time of Judson's death there were about 7,000 baptized converts besides the hundreds who had died in the years of his ministry. There were 63 churches under the supervision of 163 workers, most of whom were nationals. Judson left as a legacy to Burma the Bible in the national language and the Burmese-English dictionary, both of which are still in use.

Today there are in Burma about 2,541 organized Baptist churches with over 200,000 members. These Baptists are enthusiastic and dynamic in leadership. In 1960 the convention of the Burmese Baptists showed that about 9,000 people attended the meeting.

Mrs. Louise Paw is associate secretary of the Burma Baptist Convention, a vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance, and was one of the speakers at the Tenth Congress when it met in Rio in 1960. Her words about her continent:

The prayer, from the soul of our Lord, that they may be one, even as we are one, should be our prayer as never before. The Christians of Asia, if sufficiently strong and alert, can find untold opportunities to give an impact upon the life of the nations at this crucial stage. ■

"Make every thought look to the future,
so that the Jubilate shall leave behind
a larger minded, more studious, more attractive,
more liberal group of women and children."

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HE FIFTY YEAR OLD PATTERN in the above words is pertinent today for those of us standing near the close of the 75th Anniversary of Woman's Missionary Union. We too must look to the future and determine to hold fast to those directives from God which have enriched the lives of members and strengthened the cause of missions in our organization during this year of celebration.

Anniversaries have taught us to appreciate the past and to be grateful for the heritage of Woman's Missionary Union. It is fortunate that our 75th Anniversary came during the period of the Baptist Jubilee Advance; for as we close the anniversary, we enter into the Year of Jubilee. The year 1963-64 will challenge Woman's Missionary Union with a "Three Point Program for Progress" to keep before us our Baptist history and heritage. (See 1963-64 WMU Year Book and October *Royal Service* for explanation of the Three Point Program for Progress.)

It was at the 25th Anniversary of Woman's Missionary Union, in 1913, that the President, Miss Fannie Heck said, "My desire is that the Jubilate Year shall be as great a starting point for missionary efficiency as 1888 was for missionary organization, that in 1938 we will say, 'Our wonderful growth began in 1913.'"

Missionary efficiency and growth were two major emphases of that Anniversary and likewise, the 75th Anniversary has magnified these two concerns. It is hoped that our more than one hundred thousand organizations and nearly a million and a half members have greatly increased in number and efficiency through the efforts of this year. As we look to the future we must always be conscious of the women and young people who are enlisted in missionary education organizations, and the churches where no WMU organizations exist.

While the 75th Anniversary of Woman's Missionary Union has emphasized growth and efficiency, there has been renewal of attention to the basic purpose for which the Union exists—the promotion of Christian missions through Spiritual Life Development.

Look TO THE Future

By Margaret T. Drake

World Awareness, Christian Witnessing,
and Sharing Possessions.

Spiritual Life Development

The 75th Anniversary of Woman's Missionary Union began with a call to prayer—75 days of prayer. During these days Prayer Retreats were held by WMS members, members of Young Woman's Auxiliary, and Girls' Auxiliaries. These were planned for local groups, associational groups, state, and Convention-wide leaders. They were held in churches, in homes, in backyards, and in lovely outdoor places by seashore, lake, and mountainside. In addition to the specified 75 days of prayer which preceded the Anniversary Year, Prayer Retreats have continued to call aside women and youth for appointments with God on behalf of missions and for their own spiritual growth. One continuing result of the anniversary will be Prayer Retreats.

The anniversary has given added emphasis to the five-day observance of

the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and has brought women together for prayer early in the morning, later in the day, and at night. In the quiet of these hours women have determined to be more faithful in praying for missionaries and mission work around the world. Such experiences in spiritual life development have resulted in a better understanding of the potential of intercessory prayer and of the urgent need for more intercessors. Now that the Anniversary Year is nearly over, let us gratefully recall these enriching experiences and set ourselves to more faithful Bible study, to regular use of the calendar of prayer, and to appropriate all of the opportunities for spiritual life development offered through Woman's Missionary Union.

World Awareness

In an open letter published on the back cover of *May Home Missions*, Dr. Redford says, "Prayer and sacrificial giving have been the alternate heartbeats of Woman's Missionary Union, but its life and ministry have been sustained and

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motivated by Christian Fellowship and well planned study and enlightenment.

Perhaps no group among us has so successfully planned and implemented group and individual study of mission needs, programs, and opportunities. Through your excellent program planning, your splendid literature, and your challenging mission presentations you have created interest, awakened concern, and stimulated participation in missionary endeavors."

It is no wonder that four of our sixteen anniversary goals relate to missionary reading and mission study. Increase in subscriptions to the WMU magazines, the reading of mission books, and the teaching of such books as *World Awareness** and the biography of *Annie Armstrong* have enlarged the understanding of our world mission task.

Recognizing that mission study develops an appreciation for all people and deepens concern for those lost without Christ, *World Awareness* must always be one of our leading distinctives. As long as members read missionary books and magazines and participate in month by month study of the world outreach of missions under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, there will be missionary fervor in our churches.

Christian Witnessing

It was the hope of the leaders of the Jubilate "that the year would leave behind some new or strengthened form of personal service." This personal service crossed racial barriers, and work among immigrants and Negroes became a primary concern of the twenty-five year old organization.

With this enlarged concept, personal service later became known as community missions. The 75th Anniversary goal, "Organize or participate in the work of a mission," has helped many WMU members experience the joy of Christian witnessing.

*Use from Baptist Book Stores, vol. \$1.50, pt. 30 from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala., and Baptist Book Stores. These two books should be studied in every society before the end of the WMU year.

Regularly they have gone to teach the blind and to help in other ways where there are people who need such a ministry. One of the community missions emphases for the Year of Jubilee is organize and to sustain missions; the second one is Christian witnessing through literacy work. So through the years ahead there will be other missions and churches established through the cooperation of Woman's Missionary Union.

Sharing Possessions

A constant effort is made in Woman's Missionary Union to encourage women impelled by love to experience "the blessedness of giving in terms of hundreds or thousands of dollars, while many others to whom so much has not been entrusted will give just as liberally by the true test of what remains."

Seventy-five years ago there were 1,206 societies which gave less than \$16,000 to missions. Twenty-five years later there were 11,000 societies giving \$300,000. During our 75th Anniversary the goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering alone was \$10,700,000 and for the Annie Armstrong Offering it was \$3,310,000. No longer do we keep records of amounts given by WMU members through the Cooperative Program, but there is a continuous educational process which informs members of the Cooperative Program and encourages them to increase their tithes through this channel. The high financial goals adopted for the Anniversary Year will challenge us again during the Year of Jubilee.

Go Forward

The 75th Anniversary will soon be another year written into the history of Woman's Missionary Union and the future beckons us to "go forward." The Year of Jubilee can be our greatest year as we give ourselves again to the purpose for which we were organized. Let us step joyfully, with hope and high courage toward the 100th Anniversary and on into the second century of Woman's Missionary Union with deeper dedication to the cause of world missions.



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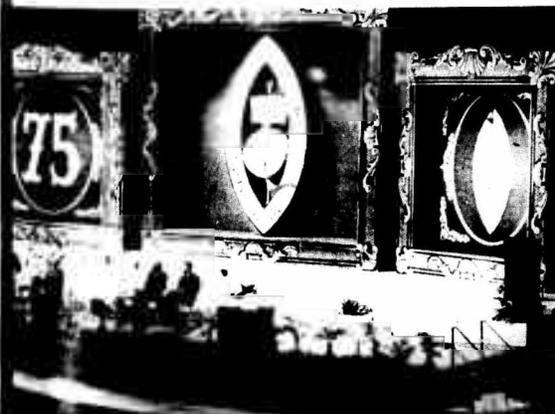
75TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING!

by Mary Essie Stephens •

WITH THE THRONGS OF WOMEN representing every section of the Southern Baptist Convention, I entered the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, on Monday morning, May 6 for the opening session of the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, our 75th Anniversary Meeting. Reminiscent of the late Nineteenth Century, the platform setting consisted of three large antique gold frames. The center one, larger than the other two, framed the WMU emblem, while the side frames carried out the

anniversary theme, with the numeral 75 in one and a large diamond in the other. Lending a further note of Nineteenth Century reality, the ushers were dressed in 1888 dresses made from cotton print with matching bonnets. Standing at the entrances or moving through the aisles, they presented to delegates the beautifully bound souvenir programs.

The moment for calling the meeting to order came. Mrs. R. L. Mathis, the president, moved to the spot-lighted lectern. Lifting a gavel she explained that in each session a different gavel would be used,



Compare size of people with frames to visualize the platform setting for the meeting in Kansas City, Missouri.

Photos by Eun Nettiefield

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gavels which had been presented to Woman's Missionary Union on various occasions by friends from every part of the world. The gavel lifted at that moment was the one held in custody by Miss Kathleen Matlors, WMU executive secretary, 1912-1948, and could well be the one which Mrs. F. W. Armstrong raised at the Golden Jubilee Meeting of WMU in Richmond, Virginia, in 1938. She lifted a second gavel, ivory and gold, a gift presented by Dr. W. A. Tolbert of Liberia in 1961. Mrs. Mathis stated that because the honored guest Mrs. J. T. Ayorinde for the opening session was from Africa, the latter gavel would be used during the morning.

Caught up in the moving spirit and urgent challenge, we stood to sing great hymns of the church, climaxing the song service each time with congregational singing of The Woman's Hymn, "Come Women, Wide Proclaim." Our song leader, Dr. Claude Rhea, closed each song service quoting the line, "Come, women, wide proclaim Life through your Saviour slain," a

At the WMU booth women picked up supplies and anniversary souvenirs



Souvenir copies of anniversary issue of Royal Service were sold at a special booth



In beautiful 1888 styles, thousands of women relived early history of Woman's Missionary Union

lingering thought prompting us to share Christ with our world.

House lights went out and the illuminated WMU emblem in the center frame began to glow against a backdrop of floating clouds and the blue sky; the world within the emblem turned, and the torch began to burn, lifted high above were the clearly printed words on the open face of the Bible—"Laborers together with God." A trio of trumpets played an arrangement of "Come Women, Wide Proclaim" as the president, in the spirit of the call to worship, presented Mrs. Charles Whitten of Spain.

"It is the very nature of love to love itself," Mrs. Whitten said, paying tribute to the women of yesterday. Then, through sharing with us the current experiences of



Friend greeting friend were happy sights in every passageway

Nigerian Friends Retired missionaries May Perry, Susan Anderson, Neale Young with Nigeria's WMU president Mrs. J. T. Ayorinde



women in Spain, she called on today's generation to match the three-fourths of a century of compassion as seen in WMU history.

Thus, each session was begun with the presentation of a gavel, a song service, and the trio of trumpets followed by a missionary message. Other gavels used included one from Indonesia, another made from the wood in the stairway of Funtay Plarr Baptist Church, Baltimore, and still another from Latin America.

Paying tribute to Mrs. W. C. James who passed away recently, Miss Hunt stated that a special tribute had been written by Miss Ethel Winfield and would be placed in the minutes. Mrs. Mathis gave an account of the funeral service held in January in Richmond, Virginia.

A message from Mrs. W. J. Cox of Memphis, president 1925-1933, was read since Mrs. Cox's health prevented her coming. In the message she reminded the women that although the world has in recent years seen constant change and development in every aspect of life, the basic needs of the world are the same, the gospel of Jesus Christ has not changed, and the mission and objectives of Woman's Missionary Union remain the same.

Present to speak was Mrs. George R. Martin of Norfolk, Virginia, president 1943-1949. With eloquent forcefulness Mrs. Martin urged women of today to faithfully continue in the task of world missions.

We moved into the past as Dr. I. N. Peterson carried us through the early history of missions in Africa. Again and

again, Dr. Patterson reminded us, "There are deeds which should not pass away and names that must not wither" because they have been involved with mankind and the gospel.

Dr. H. C. Goerner brought us back to the present when he introduced "Mother George" from Greenville, Stone County, Liberia. Mrs. Eliza Davis George, a native of Waco, Texas, now eighty-eight years of age, bore a colorful testimony for present

Missionaries in costumes of the countries where they serve and wearing Red Badges of Honor were the target of camera fans.



National costumes and anniversary dress made for a colorful audience





Closing each session flags of the nations were displayed as brief comments were made about Baptist work and followed by a missionary testimony and the singing of "Send Me, O Lord, Send Me"

day missions as she spoke about her years in Liberia.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary for the Foreign Mission Board came to the platform to introduce the guest of honor. In his characteristic, gracious manner, he asked Mrs. Mathis and Miss Hunt to stand with him in the spotlight. He then announced that the 1962 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering had reached the total of \$10,322,591.69, an increase over the 1961 offering of \$1,007,836.91 and the largest single mission offering in the history of Southern Baptists. One could sense the air of victory and thanksgiving as Dr. Cauthen expressed appreciation to our president and executive secretaries and to the women in our churches. Recounting the blessings of the offering, Dr. Cauthen closed his remarks by saying, "But the most important thing you have done is that you have lighted the altars of intercessory prayer."

The guest of honor, Mrs. J. T. Avorinde, president of the Nigerian Baptist Women's Union, stood to speak. One was intrigued

with the beauty of her dress, fashioned from peacock blue silk with white blouse, silver necklace and earrings. In distinct English, she outlined the past victories and present problems of her country, and then concluded her message with the stringent plea, "Don't ever give up Africa. Don't ever think your work is in vain. We work together!"

Again, the house lights went out. The center frame, resting on a revolving platform, began to make a complete turn. Into the spotlight came a scene in pantomime. Thomas J. Bowen, his wife, and an African child depicting the opening of work in Africa in the name of Southern Baptists. While we viewed the scene, Mrs. Nell P. King, Dallas, Texas, sketched in brief outline the history of those early years in Africa, the perils, heartaches from disease and death, but also the courage, dedication and victories for God.

Again the stage turned, the lighted emblem came into view. Standing at the feet of the emblem with its burning torch were women in national dresses, each one holding

the flag of the country she represented. Each country was named, the date of entrance by Southern Baptists, and the number of missionaries currently serving there. As each country was called, her flag was lifted, so that the turning world in the emblem was almost completely covered with flags of the nations.

Presently, the spotlight moved to another corner of the stage and Maylu Moore, missionary appointee for Italy, began her testimony, "Tomorrow I Serve." And, we moved from the remarkable past through today and into the glorious future with the youth of our churches who have answered the call to go. We yielded ourselves as Claude Rhea sang, "Send Me, O Lord, Send Me."

The first session had come to a close, and already we were wishing for all the women in every society across our land, for no one should have missed this historic meeting.

On Monday afternoon promptly at 2:00 o'clock, we were back in our places for the song service and call to worship. "Laborers Together in the Orient" was the theme that afternoon, and we lived again the rise of Christian missions in England and our own Eastern Seaboard when missionaries embarked for India and other parts of Asia. Miss Blanche Sydnor White of Virginia, recounting the history of missions in that part of the world, referred again and again to the "great law of continuity" and called us to a personal identification with it. Again, our area secretary and missionaries brought fresh reports of today's happenings.

The guest of honor that afternoon was lovely Mrs. Chik Suen Lam, president of Henrietta School, Hong Kong. A picture of queenly culture and training, Mrs. Lam spoke of China's needs and appealed to the women for prayer.

The theme "For Liberty and Light"

was brought to Monday night's session a presentation of home missions which focused attention on America and its spiritual need. The President's Message, vibrant and fresh with vision, called the women to face today's developments, accept the reality of changes in our world, be willing to reevaluate ourselves and to play a more vital role in our churches. The evening's program closed with "The Testament of Freedom" by Thompson, rendered by the William Jewell College Combined Choirs. As we stood for the benediction, we reached a crescendo in the spirit of romantic history colored with sacrifice, dedication, victory in Christian missions fused with the urgency of today's mission needs.

The streets of Kansas City took on an 1888 look Tuesday morning, when from the hotels and motels women dressed for the Anniversary Luncheon, and went along their way to the meeting. In the morning session, Miss Hunt announced that in its recent meeting, the Executive Board had elected Mrs. Mathis promotoria division





Mrs. C. S. Lam, president, Henrietta School, Hung Kong, Dr. Porter Routh, SBC executive secretary; Dr. John Soren, president of Baptist World Alliance and pastor First Baptist Church, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

director, thus terminating her term as president. Mrs. M. K. Cobble of Tennessee, representing the Executive Board, gave a brief review of Mrs. Mathis' life, and paid tribute to her for the magnificent manner in which she had led Southern Baptist women in the past seven years. Mrs. Robert Fling of Texas, who has served as recording secretary for six years, was elected president (see page 1 of August *Royal Service*).

The child of pioneer missionaries, Helen Bagby Harrison, a scintillating personality, told the story of the Bagbys of Brazil. Again, current mission history was shared by today's missionaries, preparing us for the guest of honor, Dr. John Soren, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Rio de Janeiro and president of the Baptist World Alliance.



Mrs. George Murfin, Mrs. Robert L. R. L. Mathis



On Tuesday afternoon all the spirit and emotion of the Convention seemed to pyramid as we gathered for the Anniversary Luncheon at the Muehlebach Hotel. Friends of many years standing greeted each other across crowded tables, waiters pushed through the long lines of waiting guests, personalities prominent in today's WMU history made their way to the long table reserved for guests of honor, cameras flashed, programs were passed along the tables for autographing. It was a memorable hour. One sensed the desire to catch

Doris DeVault in fashion of 1918 at Anniversary Luncheon



Mrs. William M. Murry, Mrs. Una Laurence, Mrs. Clyde V. Hickerson, WMU leaders

and hold each moment for all future generations. Seventy-five red roses, a gift from the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, set in beautiful arrangement along the speaker's table, paid radiant testimony to the harmony and mutual appreciation which has existed between our Union and the Southern Baptist Convention these 75 years and more.

A fashion parade by the WMU staff and the singing of old songs by a triple trio from William Jewell College sounded the lighter notes for our celebration. Miss Hunt introduced those seated on the platform, men and women of note who have known official connections with Woman's Missionary Union. Coming to the climax of her introductions, Miss Hunt called for Mrs. Mathis. She presented to her a gold pin set with diamonds, recognizing her as our Diamond Anniversary president. Then, she read a tribute to her, printed copies of which had been distributed to all those attending as a souvenir from the luncheon.

For the opening night of the Southern Baptist Convention Tuesday evening before a record breaking crowd, the WMU 75th Anniversary historical pageant, "Laborers Together with God," was presented. The three-level stage together with the gold frames provided the setting for shifting scenes that moved from Richmond, Virginia, in May, 1888, to Philadelphia and to Burma in 1812, and back to many historical places during the years that Baptists were developing a mission consciousness and a sense of responsibility. Built around the life of Luther Rice, the pageant depicted the full background and reasons leading to the organization of Woman's Missionary Union as an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. In clear delineation our purpose and aims were set forth. One was reminded anew that surely God in His Divine Providence led the women of those early days to accept fundamentals upon which Woman's Missionary Union could be firmly established not only for that day and generation but for all the years ahead. As the story closed and the lights were turned up, the



Sharon Graves, of William Jewell College as Miss Annie Armstrong in WMU pageant at the opening session of the Southern Baptist Convention

applause rang throughout that tremendous auditorium, an applause signifying depth appreciation. In that moment, I paused in praise and thanksgiving that I, a Southern Baptist woman, could share in a cause marked with such truth, beauty, and goodness. It is a privilege to be shared with every woman in my church and every woman, wherever she may be found, who has been saved by the blood of Jesus Christ and bears responsibility through her church for the proclamation of the Good News.

Oh! My aching feet!



THE TUG OF THE MAXIMUM

by Helen Fling

WE cannot meet needs by repeating creeds," states an old adage. There comes a time for deeds, a time when action is the only adequate answer, when advancement must be made in definite directions, when achievement must become a matter of record.

Jesus affirmed the necessity of decisive action after pausing to take stock of both time and task: "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).

It is no accident that the last of our WMU Aims is titled "Reporting Advancement" rather than merely "reporting," for it carries an expectation of action and progress. Mid-year and

annual reports rouse us from our easy chair of organizational day dreaming to take inventory, record advancement, or lack of it, and with renewed hope, make bold plans for further attainment. Every completed report blank is a blend of accomplished work and unrealized dreams.

As a struggling young artist, Rodin was tempted to give up his dream of becoming a sculptor because the skill of his hands did not match the masterpieces envisioned in his heart. Often he would throw down his tools and go to the Louve to gaze at the chaste lines and perfect proportions of great Greek sculpture. Then with a sense of elation he turned again to his work in the sure knowledge that attainment was possible, that beauty and form could be carved from a block of marble.

No significant progress is attempted, no great task accomplished without a pattern and a passion. In a sense, the WMU Aims for Advancement offer both. "The tug of the maximum" is felt in a pattern of World Awareness, Spirit Life Development, Christian Witnessing, Sharing Possessions, and other Aims. Underlying each stated Aim is the passion

of our Lord and our missionary imperative, "Go Ye."

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Reporting Advancement takes on deeper meaning than numerical gain or organizational attainment. It also indicates spiritual growth of individuals as they respond to "the tug of the maximum." Therefore, we dare not take this Aim lightly.

What is your personal reaction toward reporting? Your attitude will be reflected by others in your organization. Are you inclined to resist records and belittle numbers? What meaning would our Bible hold if all numbers were stricken from the record? Consider the feeding of five thousand people with five loaves and two fishes, or the adding of three thousand souls to the church in one day.

Do you grow impatient with detailed records? Perhaps the admonition of Miss Mary Essie Stephens is needed: "Let us read again the account of the One Lost Sheep and then ask the Lord to lead us in seeing each member and each prospect as an individual worthy of our personal interest and worthy of a place in our records."

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Satan's stealthy approach through dangerous attitudes must always be recognized and resisted. A grave warning against boastful counting is found in 1 Chronicles 21 and 2 Samuel 24. David's sinful pride in numbering the people for the sake of his own vanity drew God's chastisement. We are not immune to such pride. In fact it is said that we Americans think we can "count our way to glory." As Baptists we need to rid ourselves of this "numbers neurosis" and cultivate humility and gratitude in regard to growth.

Reporting Advancement in Woman's Missionary Union must ever be in the spirit of Psalm 102:18: "This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord." Most important is a consciousness of an eternal record as described by Job 16:19:

"Also now, behold, my witness is in heaven, and my record is on high." In truth, this is "the tug of the maximum."

COMING and GOING

by Alma Hunt

I AM THINKING OF TWO PEOPLE — TWO PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Both words—coming and going—apply to each person. Both are going. Both are coming. Going from former positions of leadership in our midst; coming into new and equally important areas of responsibility. Both are known to Woman's Missionary Union, to our Convention, to Baptists on our continent and even to our Baptist world fellowship. Both have been recognized with doctorates from Baptist educational institutions. Both are listed in *Who's Who of American Women*. Both are grandmothers! Both are beloved by those who know them. Sorting out their lives and activities the picture is something like this.

Mrs. William McMurry, promotion division director, came to the Woman's Missionary Union staff in 1951 and retired officially last November. She continues her residence in Birmingham and through this month wrote "Did You Read It?" Her writing assignment changes now. Next she will concentrate on writing the last book in the *Aims* series, *Spiritual Life Development*, our

Mrs. Hunt is executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union.

book on prayer which we shall study in 1964.

In the very week Mrs. McMurry retired from her WMU position she was elected president of the North American Baptist Women's Union. Therefore, she still has a place of leadership among us. The North American Union is our continental union, a branch of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance. In her new responsibility, Mrs. McMurry will make Southern Baptists better understood by the Union leaders on other continents and through them by Baptist women on the continents.

We recognize that Mrs. McMurry, in the eleven years she has served on our staff, did as much as any individual to help us deepen our understanding and appreciation of all people. We rejoice that in her new sphere of influence broadens.

In seeking a successor to Mrs. McMurry as promotion division director, the Executive Board of Woman's Missionary Union turned to Mrs. R. L. Mathis who was turning the close of her seventh year as president of Woman's Missionary Union



Mrs. Mathis and Executive Board Members
Woman's Missionary Union

whose leadership the board desired to hold beyond the limits of her tenure as president. She agreed to concentrate her time and effort on missions through WMU and through the channels of other relationships in which she is established as a member of the Baptist World Alliance Executive, a member of the Rebel Committee of the Alliance, an officer of the Baptist World Alliance Women's Department, a member of the Executive Board of the North American Baptist Women's Union.

In the very week Mrs. Mathis relinquished the president's responsibilities she came into a new area of leadership—not only new to her but new to women in Southern Baptist life. In *Retrospect*, page 32, you will read that she is the only woman in the 118-year history of our Convention to be elected a Convention officer. Since the Convention embraces Woman's Missionary Union, this gives her still another place of top leadership among us. Mrs. Mathis modestly says

that in electing her as second vice president the Southern Baptist Convention paid tribute to Woman's Missionary Union. In part she is correct, for the action recognized that at this time the Union is living up to its original purpose of being an ally to the Convention in its missionary endeavors. In her new office she will stand as a symbol, holding before us our highest ideals. In her new staff position at WMU headquarters she will be our collaborator in developing plans and programs whereby we reach up toward those ideals.

Our Union is fortunate indeed to have had the blessing of the leadership of these two devoted Christian women on whom God has bestowed bountiful gifts of mind and heart and spirit. They love each other; they love Woman's Missionary Union; they love missions; and because above all they love the Giver of all their gifts they will continue to spend themselves without counting the cost in laying out their dedication to Him.



by
Mrs. William McMurry

The Vatican Council II

The second session of the Vatican Council is scheduled to open September 8. As newsmen were barred from the debates in the first session, press reports were sketchy; however, summary of the news has been made available by many leading church magazines.

Interest in the Council was from the beginning centered in its efforts toward uniting "separated brothers." Debate on this question seemed to be limited to restoring union with the "separated brothers of the East" rather than with Protestantism where differences are much greater.

The sharpest conflict among the theologians came over the "sources of revelation," whether the authority of the church should be based on the Bible or tradition. The latter includes most of the dogmas of the Roman Catholic Church which are not found in the Bible and consequently are intolerable to Protestants. Cardinal Bea, German liberal, led the attack against the supremacy of tradition over the Bible. He stated that the only approach to unity must be through a return to authentic biblical scholarship that rests upon research and honest regard for truth rather than "the teachings and dogmas of the inner theological machinery of the Vatican either past or present." Before the Council adjourned, the Pope urged the opposing sides to move closer together in the spirit of "love and charity" during the months of recess.

Commenting on the Council, Dr. Glen Hinson of the Southern Baptist Seminary faculty at Louisville points out that the structure of Catholicism—its infallible church and infallible Pope—permits variation of policy with each pontiff. Dr. Hinson predicts there will be "no basic alterations" in doctrine; however, he believes that the Council will block further dogmas about Mary which are particularly offensive to Protestants. He believes the spirit of fraternity manifested toward non-Catholics will continue on all levels and that the new image will bring many converts into the Roman Catholic fold.

Middle East

Charges by Israel that German scientists, some of whom are

DID YOU READ IT

... have been hired by Egyptians to build weapons of "mass destruction" are true. The West German government admitted last spring that the men were there, perhaps as many as eighteen. The situation has not only created tension in the Middle East but has embarrassed the West German government which is trying to live down its Nazi past. Their passports may be canceled if the scientists continue missile-building activities in Egypt. The summer of 1962, Nasser stated bluntly that he had rockets which could reach "as far as Beirut." That covers the whole territory of Israel and a little to spare.

Another threat to Israel is the new Arab federation. If and when Jordan joins Egypt, Syria, and Iraq, the threat increases if Nasser has nuclear weapons. Israel has a long border with Jordan not easily defended and with unlimited opportunities for infiltration. This state of affairs has led to Israel's attempt to become a nuclear power. When one drives through the Negev desert from Beersheba to the Dead Sea there appear on the horizon tall silver cupolas, evidence of Israel's atomic effort. "If Israel succeeds in developing its atomic bomb, certainly she will not drop it first," writes correspondent Philip Ben. "And if the other side gets the bomb too and drops it first on Israel, the tiny country won't be able to strike back." Nothing will be left. Only the future will tell whether Israel will have to use the installations it is now building for military or peaceful purposes.

The Weather

Freak winter temperatures ranging from 28 degrees below zero in Kentucky to 34 above at Anchorage, Alaska, on the same day were reported by the Associated Press as the result of disturbed atmospheric conditions.

The Associated Press did not attribute the unusual movements to any particular cause, but many scientists are expressing belief that there is a relationship between the weather's violent behavior and atomic testings and rocket firings. That science can influence weather as indicated by the authorization of a National Research Program in Weather Modification by the Senate. Dr. Edward Teller, testifying before that body said Russia is known to be experimenting in weather control. Russia's explosion of a 58 megaton bomb in 1962 set in motion pressure waves, 100 miles from crest to crest speeding through the skies at 700 miles per hour. These storms ran around the globe several times. High altitude tests have been denounced by some nuclear scientists as "irresponsible and dangerous."

My Swan Song (With Apologies to Another)

Lord, I am growing older. Keep me from becoming possessed with the idea that I must express myself on every subject. Release me from the craving to straighten out everyone's affairs. Keep my mind from the recital of endless detail. Give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips when I am inclined to tell of my aches and pains. They are increasing with the years and my love to speak of them grows sweeter as the days go by. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be wrong. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. It does seem a pity not to use all the vast store of wisdom and experience, but thou knowest, Lord, I want a few friends at the end.

Reverie

About Many Things

Often do the spirits
Of great events stride on before the events,
And in today already walks tomorrow.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

The best portion of a good man's life.—
His little, nameless, unremembered acts
Of kindness and of love.

William Wordsworth

The Warning

There is a poor, blind Samson in this
land,
Shorn of his strength and bound in
bonds of steel.
Who may, in some grim revel, raise his
hand,

And shake the pillars of this Common-
weal,
Tilt the vast Temple of our liber-
ties
A shapeless mass of wreck and rubbish
lies.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God;
And only he who sees takes off his shoes—
The rest sit round it and pluck blackberries.

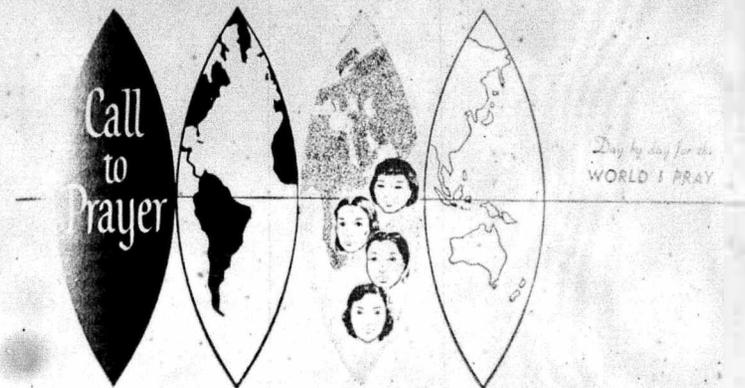
Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is
made of.

Benjamin Franklin

Ere sin could blight or sorrow fade
Death came with friendly care;
The opening bud to heaven convey'd,
And bade it blossom there.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge



Prepared by Mrs. Roswell E. Owens

Missionaries are listed on their birthdays. Addresses in DIRECTORY OF MISSIONARY PERSONNEL, (free from Foreign Mission Board, Box 6597, Richmond 30, Virginia, and in HOME MISSIONS.

1 WEDNESDAY We are labourers together
with God I Cor. 3:9 (read vs. 1-11).

Genus Crenshaw, missionary to the Seminoles of Florida, has been able to overcome their suspicion and mistrust through love. The fact that Genus and his wife, Carolyn, have worked among the Seminoles since 1951, is proof of their work. Each month the Crenshaws travel three to four thousand miles visiting the Indians scattered on three reservations, and those living along the Tamiami Trail. It was a high moment for this missionary couple when the Tribe organized in 1967, and Billy Osceola, pastor of the First Seminole Baptist Church, was elected to the highest office in the organization. But their

proudest moments have come when they have seen Indians accept Christ and show by their conduct that they are indeed children of God. "As you give and pray," Mr. Crenshaw reminds us, "you are helping us tell the Seminoles of God's love. We are co-laborers in Christ."

Pray for Mr. Crenshaw, Roy Muncy, Ignacio, Colo., Ind. ev.; J. T. Harvill, Guadalajara, Mexico, J. E. Troop, Bala, Brazil, Mrs. J. P. Kirk, Salvador, Brazil, Mrs. N. W. Wood, Blontyre, Nyasaland, ev.; Mrs. Clarence Thurman, Jr., Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, RN

2 MONDAY She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness Prov. 31:27 (read vs. 10-31).

Mrs. William R. Norman, Jr., Joinkrana, Nigeria, gives us this glimpse into her home: "This has been a good year for our family. Last September, Jo Ellen, just turned eight, began third grade. Ray, four and a half, began kindergarten. It is a rare privilege to teach one's own. Thank you for praying for us, and for making it possible for us to be here."

Pray for Mrs. Norman, H. P. Hayes,* Viet-

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 MD doctor
 business administration MM born of missionary parents
 educational evangelism pub publications
 evangelism rat. retired
 Good Will Center RN nurse
 Indian Sp. hg. Spanish kindergarten
 missionaries associate Sp. sp. Spanish-speaking
 Women Center o furlough

nam. Mrs. T. H. Douell, Korea. Mrs. J. J. Nunez, Indonesia. Mrs. R. G. Duck, Barranquilla, Colombia. J. B. Braxington, Lima. Mrs. R. I. Harris, Peru. Mrs. R. C. Moore, Santiago, Chile. pub.; A. Ben Oliver, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. ed.

3 TUESDAY See that ye abound in this grace also 2 Cor. 8:7 (read vv. 1-9).

William O. Hearn, Jerusalem, Jordan, recounts this incident: "A new employee of our mission asked for a six-month advance on salary. I explained that this procedure was contrary to mission policy, that our finances came from the Foreign Mission Board, and that the money was not yet available. I went on to say that Southern Baptists make his salary possible month by month by giving tithes and offerings. He was astounded. 'How can you be sure they will give this money?' My reply was, 'Because they are God's people. They believe that pledging and tithing are part of God's will for their lives.' Now this employee also has God's grace at work in his heart."

Pray for Mrs. Hearn, Mrs. G. H. Clark, Ipoh, Malaya, et.; A. W. Gammage, Jr., Korea, J. A. Trendway, Taiwan, ed.; Mrs. J. O. Lumpkin, Alexandria, Va., MC, David Richardson, Montgomery, Ala., deaf et.; Napoleon Guerrero, Hollis, Okla., Sp. sp. et.

4 WEDNESDAY There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, . . . for the kingdom of God's sake, Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting Luke 18:29-30 (read vv. 18-30).

"We have been very lonely since you left," wrote W. A. Whitten, Sr., to his son, Charles W. Whitten, missionary to Spain, after his return in the mission field from furlough in the States. "We miss every one of you. But we are happy to know that one of our very own has completely dedicated his life in the Lord's work. Your happiness in doing what you feel the Lord is leading you to do is our happiness, too. We pray every day for your success in the greatest work that anyone can do." Pray for parents of missionaries.

Pray for Charles Whitten, Spain, BA. W. R. Davis, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. E. M. Howell, Nigeria, RN. W. B. Glass, China, ret.; W. T. Hunt, Philippines. Mrs. W. P. Clemmons, Florence, Italy, E. C. Pippin, Argentina, ed.; Mrs. M. L. Corley, Costa Rica, language study; Gilbert Ramos, Gallup, N. M., I. E. Saunders, Oklahoma City, Okla., Sp. sp. et.; A. I. Iglesias, Colon, Panama, Ind. et.

5 THURSDAY Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel 1 Cor. 9:14 (read vv. 7-14).

From small beginnings the Foreign Mission Board has been developed into a channel for Southern Baptist outreach to a needy world. More than 1,725 missionaries now serve in 53 countries.

"The going of these missionaries," says Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, "calls us to deeper dedication and makes us aware that if we could double the funds being used for capital purposes, it would be highly appropriate because these who go deserve equipment with which to work and should be surrounded with arrangements which make for effective life and maximum service."

Pray for C. L. Godwin, Ghana, R. T. Boulin Guelo, So. Rhodesia, ed.; Mrs. E. F. Holmes, Concepcion, Chile. Mrs. J. G. Tildenberg, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, et.; R. I. Stevens, Petah Tikva, Israel, ag.; Pauline White, W. B. Sherwood, Brazil, ret.; Miss Carolyn Evans, New Orleans, La., GWC; B. R. Conrad, Newkirk, Okla., Ind. et.

6 FRIDAY I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go Psalm 32:8 (read vv. 7-11).

As a Junior girl Marjorie accepted Christ and a call to foreign missions. As she grew older she was convinced that if God had really called her he would either provide a missionary husband or make her happy as a single woman missionary. Then one day she wrote her pastor, "I've found him! He's a student at the Seminary, and—he's a mission volunteer."

In 1958 Gene and Marjorie Verner landed in Ghana, Africa. Once a week back of a little village church, Marjorie takes care of seventy children while their mothers attend the WMC program inside. "I am experiencing a peace I never knew before. Truly this is the place to which God has been leading me through all these years."

Pray for Mrs. Verner, Virginia M. Ke-diri, Indonesia, RN. T. N. Callaway, Iiam, Japan, B. A. Brown, Jr., Minna, Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. L. P. Marler, Seoul, Korea, M. C. E. Compton, Jr., Curitiba, Brazil, et.; O. West, Brazil, ret.; Mrs. Napoleon Guerrero, Hollis, Okla.; Mrs. J. D. Fite, Marietta, Cuba, Sp. sp. et.

7 SATURDAY Gather the people together, and thy stranger that is within gates

that they may hear, and that they may learn, and say to the Lord your God Deut. 31:12 (read vv. 10-13).

Approximately twenty million people in the United States belong to groups which speak languages other than English. Ninety per cent of them are unevangelized. A WMU leader once said, "Sometimes I think I hear the Master say, 'Long ago I gave you the command to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every nation; but you disobeyed my command. So I am sending all the world to your very door. Now what are you going to do about it?'"

Pray for Eddie Sanchez, San Antonio, Texas, Sp. sp. et.; L. M. Tobin, Atlanta, Ga., Negro, et.; Mrs. T. B. Stoper, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, E. E. Jolley, Buenos Aires, Argentina, H. M. Roberts, Honduras, W. H. Matthews, Davao City, Philippines, P. C. Masteller, Haadyni, Thailand, et.

8 SUNDAY How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! Rom. 11:33 (read vv. 33-36).

William P. Andrews, Temuco, Chile, wrote home: "Out of the earthquake disaster in Chile come unprecedented opportunities for preaching. Nothing seems to awaken interest in spiritual values like a threat to material security. When the earth becomes rubber underfoot and the heavens seem to rain debris, indifference gives way to concern and people look for assurance of a house not made with hands."

Pray for Mr. Andrews, Mrs. M. G. Fray, Jr., Guelo, So. Rhodesia, ed.; Mrs. L. B. Akms, Tainan, Taiwan, et.; C. F. Frazier, Ariz., ret.

9 MONDAY I have declared unto them thy name, . . . that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them John 17:26 (read vv. 20-26).

"As we approach our third Christmas on the mission field," writes Mrs. Charles W. Shirley, Mendoza, Argentina, "our thoughts go back to our first Christmas here, two years ago. As I began making preparations, I felt a deep dread that it would be a lonely holiday. But before we had time to be homesick, it was Christmas Eve. As the phone rang, keeping time with the doorbell, we became aware of a lovely Argentine custom, that of greeting all one's friends either by telephone or in person."

"One visitor was my Catholic neighbor. As she left she said, 'I hope we may have the opportunity to spend many more Christmas Eves together. Who knows what changes may come as we live close by each other?' I didn't tell her then, but the change I most want to see is that of her family coming to know the living Lord. That night our family agreed it had been the best Christmas we had ever known."

Pray for Mrs. Shirley, Mrs. C. A. Leonard, Chma-Hawaii, Mrs. E. T. Barry, Calif., ret.; Mildred Womack, Miami, Fla., Betty Hart, New Orleans, La., GWC.

10 TUESDAY The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children Psalm 103:17 (read vv. 11-18).

Mrs. William Neville Claxton, missionary mother, Ibadan, Nigeria, writes: "One of the hardest things we ever had to do was to leave Carol in the States when our furlough was up. She began life at Wake Forest College last fall. Bill left for our mission boarding school for MKs seventy miles away shortly after our return. He is rooming with three boys, two are sons of missionary doctors and the other a Lebanese boy from Ibadan. One of his best friends is an American Negro, the son of the man in charge of the Peace Corps in Nigeria. Bill enjoys everything: the fellowship, sports, and even the classroom! He is president of his RA chapter." Pray for God's loving care upon each member of this family.

Pray for Mr. Claxton, BA; Mrs. W. L. Smith, Buenos Aires, Argentina, et.; W. C. Lewis, Asuncion, Paraguay, MD; J. D. Back, White-river, Ariz., R. B. Estes, Eagle Butte, S. D., Ind. et.; Leland Warren, Wash., Sp. sp. et.

11 WEDNESDAY For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life John 3:16 (read vv. 14-17).

One immigrant, on an average, enters the United States every minute-and-a-half. These newcomers must be ministered to as individuals, and enlisted in church programs if we are to win them to Christ. The Home Mission Board helps churches do this. Through its Language Groups Ministries department it encourages each church to win and enlist those nearby in foreign language classes and other services needed. Some churches employ associate pastors to preach to language peo-

ple in their own tongue, within the church itself or in a mission sponsored by the church.
Pray for C. I. Datoxan, Ariz., Sp. sp. ev.; T. L. Lane, La., French ev.; Enrique Larralde, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, H. O. Headrick, Sao Paulo, Brazil, ev.

12 THURSDAY *If anyone has this world's goods . . . and sees his brother . . . in need, yet closes his heart of compassion against him, how can the love of God abide and remain in him? 1 John 3:17 Amplified New Testament (read vv. 16-24).*

This is a missionary's definition of her vocation: "missionary nursing is love for the Lord who has spoken to you and sent you to a faraway land; it is love for the people with whom you work. It is compassion for people who need medical care and the Great Physician. It is teaching nationals to care for their people and to spread the gospel in their own land. It is following Jesus' command to go and minister in his name." Thank God for those who have responded to his call.

Pray for Amanda Tinkle, Ogbomasho, Nigeria, Arlene Rogers, Barranquilla, Colombia, Mrs. L. R. Brock, Jr., Brazil, RN; Mrs. R. E. Beatty, So. Rhodesia, Mrs. B. E. Cockrill, Jr., Oshagbo, Nigeria, Mrs. D. E. Mercer, Takamatsu, R. V. Calcote, Japan, ev.; F. T. Woodward, Honolulu, Hawaii, ed.; H. H. Snuggs, China, ret.

13 FRIDAY *Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. Luke 10:2 (read vv. 1-9).*

In the December, 1962, *The Commission* is Mrs. D. C. Dorr's account of the desperate need for medical reinforcements at the large Baptist Hospital in Gaza, Egypt. There have been no replacements for seven missionaries who recently had to leave this field. Only two doctors and their wives, and one single missionary are there now. *Pray that God will send quickly missionaries for this desperate need.*

Pray for Mr. Dorr, MD, M. E. Cunningham, Jr., Europe, G. W. Schweer, Semarang, Indonesia, W. H. Gray, Jr., Saltito, Mexico, Mrs. T. E. Dubberly, Mercedes, Uruguay, ev., Eddie Savoie, Lafayette, La., French ev.

14 SATURDAY *But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Matt. 10:6 (read vv. 1-7).*

Mrs. James G. Stertz, appointed in 1961, a pioneer Southern Baptist missionary among the English-speaking in West Germany,

writes: "We are beginning to understand a whole new way of life involving American dependents abroad. They represent thousands of women and children, strangers in lands strange to them.

"Many have found opportunities of service in post chapels. Some have organized and support sixteen Baptist churches and missions in surrounding areas. But the majority of the servicemen and their families are neither in chapel nor church. Add to these military families the numbers of other Americans in West Germany who are there for business, professional or political reasons, and you see that there is no limit to English-language work here." *Pray for Americans overseas.*

Pray for Mrs. Stertz, H. L. Stevens, Torreon, Mexico, C. W. Daris, Venezuela, L. C. Schachter, P. J. Tcherneshoff, Campinas, Mrs. B. J. Davenport, Brazil, ev.; Virginia K. Terry, Brazil, BA; Minnie D. Melling, Argentina, ret.

15 SUNDAY *I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also. Luke 4:43 (read vv. 40-44).*

Chilean Baptists opened a chapel in Punta Arenas, southernmost city in the world, on February 8, 1963, with more than 135 people crowding into a rented house for the service. During the following week, evangelistic meetings at night reached a high attendance of 80, and vacation Bible school in the mornings reached 104. Less than a month later, two people were baptized. This new work is in the hands of Chilean laymen; there is no resident pastor. National pastors and missionaries will visit the city periodically until some one is available to stay. "Pray with us that a leader will live there soon," they ask.

Pray for W. P. Carter, Jr., Santiago, Chile, Frances Knight, Oshagbo, Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. R. M. Parham, Jr., Jos, Nigeria, R. C. Shorter, Kobe, Japan, L. L. Gregory, San Jose, Costa Rica, ev.; W. W. Graves, Buenos Aires, Argentina, pub.; Mrs. J. B. Parker, Texas, ret.; M. P. Plaurche, La., French ev.; Mrs. Herberto Rodriguez, Las Villas, Cuba, ev.; Troy Cunningham, Tampa, Fla., GWC

16 MONDAY *Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient to me. Prov. 30:8 (read vv. 4-9).*

"Some theological institute students of Ecuador have economic problems which the

North American mind cannot comprehend," writes missionary Shelby A. Smith. "Three of them have never owned a suit. It is a Latin American custom that a man have on a coat and tie when he enters the pulpit. These are often borrowed.

"Fathers and mothers, many of whom attend our churches, walk the streets every day looking, begging for some type employment. They are hungry, their children are hungry, their clothes are rags, their housing conditions are unbearable. There seems to be continuous political unrest and the people live on hopes and promises. Spiritual conditions here would make you weep. *Pray earnestly for Ecuador's people—every day.*"

Pray for Mr. Smith, Guayaquil, Ecuador, Mrs. R. E. Baker, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Wilma J. Weeks, Surabaya, Indonesia, E. M. Cross, Makati, Philippines, ev.; Mrs. T. J. League, China, J. J. Coussert, Brazil, ret.; J. E. Tolar, Jr., Nigeria, MD; Pedro Hernandez, Tucson, Ariz., Sp. sp. ev.; Mrs. Audley Hamrick, Dulce, N. M., Ind. ev.; Mrs. Humberto Dominguez, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, ev.

17 TUESDAY *So, were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily. Acts 16:5 (read vv. 1-5).*

The Baptist message was first brought to Lebanon in 1893 by a Lebanese who was converted and baptized while visiting the United States. Southern Baptists began to give missionary guidance and financial help in 1927, beginning a partnership in service which continues to grow stronger. In 1948 Baptist missionaries were first stationed in Beirut. Four churches met to organize the Lebanese Baptist Convention in 1955. That same year the Beirut Baptist School was opened. In the fall of 1960, the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary opened in rented quarters in Beirut. The following year, the seminary was moved to permanent quarters just outside the city. Students come from Jordan, Egypt, and Lebanon. They represent the Baptist hope for kingdom building in the Arab world.

Pray for J. K. Rogland, Beirut, Lebanon, Mrs. J. B. Stepp, Jr., Sao Paulo, Brazil, ev.; J. E. Low, Nigeria, MD; Roger Baxter, Jr., Dayton, Ohio, Sp. sp. ev.

18 WEDNESDAY *A man's foes shall be they of his own household. Matt. 10:36 (read vv. 29-37).*

"Returning home one day, I stopped to chat with my neighbor, Maria," says Mrs. Justice C. Anderson, Buenos Aires, Argentina. "This led to my telling her that Justice and I are

Baptist missionaries, that my husband is a professor at the International Baptist Theological Seminary. I invited her to go with me to Bible study meetings and later to revival services. Eventually Maria made a profession of faith and was baptized.

"Her husband had been indifferent toward his Catholic faith, but now he became strongly Catholic and insisted that his wife not take the children with her to Sunday school. Maria is attempting to preserve peace and happiness at home hoping to win her loved ones to Christ." *Pray for Maria.*

Pray for Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. E. E. Jolley, Mrs. K. W. Balyeat, Buenos Aires, Argentina, H. E. Sturpeon, Mrs. M. E. Dodson, Mexico, Mrs. R. C. Covington, Singapore, Malaya, J. B. Durham, Nigeria, ev.; E. W. Nelson, Chile, C. L. Thompson, Argentina, Margy Moore, Italy, ed.; J. O. Morse, Barranquilla, Colombia, MD; Mrs. J. W. Ross, El Paso, Texas, pub.; W. E. Craighead, Romania-Paraguay, Mrs. C. K. Dozier, Japan-Hawaii, Wiley Henton, Ariz., ret.; Mrs. Camara Guerra, Texas, Sp. sp. ev.

19 THURSDAY *Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. Isaiah 45:22 (read vv. 20-25).*

When is a doctor not just a doctor? When he is a medical missionary and his burden and compassion includes winning men to Jesus Christ as Saviour. For our mission doctors in Tanganyika, medicine is only the tool whereby they gain a more immediate opportunity to witness. The 104-bed Baptist Tuberculosis Hospital in Mbeya, Tanganyika, is filled to capacity constantly.

Each Wednesday Dr. Lorne E. Brown goes on overnight trips to villages in the bush. After a devotional service Dr. Brown examines patients.

Pray for Mrs. Brown, I. L. Northcutt, Arequipa, Peru, ev.; Mrs. L. R. Smith, Kowloon, Hong Kong, RN

20 FRIDAY *The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. Psalm 135:15 (read vv. 15-21).*

"A few weeks ago," writes Frank S. Wells of Bandung, Indonesia, "a Chinese who operates a laundry explained to us why he had not been to church lately. He searched through his billfold and found a small cartoon-like picture. 'This is my god,' he said, pointing to the picture of Buddha, 'and I am afraid he is not pleased when I attend a Christian church.' This Chinese is an intelli-

gent, prosperous man, and yet he worships a picture in his pocket! He has expressed an interest in the Christian faith. *Pray for him.*

Pray for Mr. Wells, Mrs. F. B. Owen, Kediri, Indonesia. V. L. Dietrich, Bangkok, Thailand. Mrs. S. E. Ray, Nigeria. ev.: O. W. Taylor, Nigeria. A. J. Powell, Lebanon, ed.: Lola Mae Daniel, Taichung, Taiwan, MA.; W. C. Parker, Santa Clara, Panama. ev.: Nadine Watkins, Texas. Sp. kg.: C. B. Lewis, Natchez, Miss., Negro ev.

21 SATURDAY *The isles shall wait for his law* Isaiah 42:4 (read vv. 1-8).

The Japan Baptist Convention was reorganized in 1947. In 1959, at the close of its seventieth anniversary year, there were only 123 Southern Baptist missionaries in Japan. The Japan Baptist Convention adopted its own Advance Program in 1959. The plan calls for doubling the number of churches by 1964, with further doubling every five years until the 1,000 mark is passed in 1979. The plan requires fervent prayer, extreme dedication, and much financial undergirding. *Pray for Baptists of Japan.*

Pray for M. F. Gillham, Japan. ev.: Irene Jeffers, China-Taiwan, ret.

22 SUNDAY *A door was opened unto me of the Lord* 2 Cor. 2:12 (read vv. 12-17).

Dr. and Mrs. Jasper L. McPhail are the first Southern Baptist missionaries to be granted resident visas by India. They left the US in July, 1962, for a four-year assignment. Dr. McPhail will be junior lecturer in surgery at the Christian Medical College at Vellore. The college and hospital, opened in 1900, is a co-operative effort of many Protestant denominations.

"It is our prayer that this special arrangement may lead to an opportunity for Southern Baptists to undertake missions in India in our own right," says Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient.

Pray for Mrs. McPhail, Eva Mae Eldridge, Nigeria. RN; K. J. Myers, Jr., Nigeria, MD; Mrs. J. D. Crane, Mexico. Reinoldo Medina, Pinar del Rio, Cuba. ev.: Mrs. Daniel Cantu, Kennedy, Texas. Sp. sp. ev.

23 MONDAY *The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things* John 14:26 RSV (read vv. 23-27).

"San Jose, Costa Rica, was our residence for a year while we studied Spanish in preparation for our work before we began serving in Ecuador," wrote Archie and Jane Jones "Along with language study, there was religion and culture of the people to whom we were going. Over a hundred students were in the school, representing more than a score of denominations in North America. There are four active Baptist churches in the San Jose area. *Pray for these and the language work.*

Pray for Mrs. Jones, G. L. Hir, Taiwan, ev. Ruth P. Kube, Eku, Nigeria, RN

24 TUESDAY *No man cometh unto the Father, but by me* John 14:6 (read vv. 1-6)

"I remember the day Senhor Jose died," writes Edith Vaughn, Brazil. "I had not known him long. He was a Communist. A neighbor of mine had told me he was suffering from leukemia and was ready for Christian help. His wife had decided that a Catholic priest could not help him. One rainy day I was called to his home. Never have I been better received. I presented Jesus by reading choice verses from John and prayed with the couple. It was the first time Senhor Jose had heard the Bible. At the hour of his death his sister clutched her rosary and begged someone to read something from a Catholic book. No one could find the passage she wanted, so I asked if I could read John 14. As we all knelt around the bed I prayed and Senhor Jose slipped away into eternity. I fear we were too late." *Pray for this family.*

Pray for Miss Vaughn: H. L. Smith, Kumasi, Ghana, pub.; Lucy E. Smith, Tokyo, Japan. BA; Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Cowherd, Hong Kong. ev.: Mrs. Lloyd Natab, Ariz. James Huse, Ruidoso Downs, N. M., Ind.; Mercedes Becerra, Yoakum, Texas. Sp. sp. ev.

25 WEDNESDAY *The isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust* Isaiah 51:5 (read vv. 4-8).

Walker L. Knight, editor of Home Missions, writes: "A salute to the courage and faith of the six missionaries of the Home Mission Board who remain in Cuba: Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Caudill, Mr. and Mrs. J. David Fite, Lucille Kerrigan, Ruby Miller and about 100 nationals. Miss Christine Garnett, retired, also lives there. They remain where they are voluntarily. They love Cuba and the Cuban people with an emotion seemingly peculiar only to those who adopt an alien land. They have spent many years proclaiming the gospel there. *Pray today for these missionaries and their witness.*

Pray for Cleofas Castano, Mich., Mrs. Julian Rosado, Clovis, N. M., Sp. sp. ev.; Lillie Mae Humbley, Beirut, Lebanon, ev.

26 THURSDAY *They . . . went every where preaching the word* Acts 8:4 (read vv. 1-8).

Using simple testimonies during a five-day evangelistic campaign last year, a dozen Southern Baptist laymen from three states made a tremendous impact for Christ on Cuban refugees in Miami. The Cubans were surprised to see American laymen leave their business and families to share the love of Christ with them. On the other hand, the visiting Baptist laymen were impressed by the warm reception, the devotion of the Cubans to one another, and their eagerness to work rather than take charity. *Pray for these displaced people and for Cuba.*

Pray for Mrs. Milton Leach, Jr., Miami, Fla. Sp. sp. ev.: Hazel F. Moon, Nigeria. RN; Martha Tanner, Lagos, Nigeria. BA; P. E. Sandersen, Belen, Brazil, ed.; D. H. Burt, Jr., Campinas, W. H. Warren, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ev.; Mrs. W. B. Pearce, Nairobi, Kenya, pub.

27 FRIDAY *By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another* John 13:35 (read vv. 31-35).

Hugh T. McKinley, missionary teacher in the African Baptist Seminary, Gwelo, So. Rhodesia, reminds us that, "The greatest visual aid to the understanding of God's love is the life of love lived by the follower of Christ." *Pray for yourself.*

Pray for Mr. McKinley: Dorine Hawkins, Brazil, ed.; Mrs. J. C. Powell, Nigeria. Mrs. D. F. Stamps, China-Hawaii, Mrs. P. C. Bell, Sr., S. C., ret.; Jose Perez, San Blas, Panama, Ind. ev.; Nelson Rodriguez, Cuba, ev.

28 SATURDAY *A sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God* Phil. 4:18 (read vv. 10-19).

A Japanese WMU worker said to the women of her church, "If walking two or three blocks farther to a market place where vegetables are two or three yen less will help increase your week of prayer offering, then do it for the glory of the Lord, and meditate upon his promises as you go bargaining for his sake!" *Pray that we in the homeland will be willing to match this spirit of giving and sacrifice.*

Pray for Mrs. C. F. Clark, Jr., Kyoto, Japan. Mrs. W. W. Lee, Guadalajara, Mexico, RN; D. R. Cobb, Thailand, ev.; Fern

Harrington, Taiwan, M. G. Fray, Jr., Gwelo So. Rhodesia, Ona Belle Cox, Manous, W. H. Smith, Campinas, Brazil, ed.; Mrs. Fausto Morales, Havana, Cuba, ev.; Mildred Matthews, Ark., ret.

29 SUNDAY *God . . . called me by his grace. To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen* Gal. 1:15-16 (read vv. 11-16).

A foreign missionary once said: "I have but one candle to burn, and I would rather burn it out where the people are dying in darkness than in a land which is flooded with light."

A missionary couple, describing the need for churches on their field, stated that they now live in a city as large in population as the entire Southern state where they once served in a pastorate before their appointment. Their church was one of more than 1,800 churches affiliated with the Baptist convention of their state, whereas where they now serve there is, as yet, not a single Baptist church. This couple's sense of call to foreign missions grew with the awareness of the wide gap between the abundance of churches in the homeland and the almost non-existent witness overseas.

Pray for Mrs. W. R. Davis, Port Harcourt, Nigeria. RN; Jean F. Dickman, Gaza, MD; Mrs. H. E. Sturgeon, Mexico. M. A. Olmedo, Aguadulce, Panama. ev.; Mrs. D. M. Regalado, Deming, N. M., Sp. sp. ev.

30 MONDAY *That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace* Psalm 144:12 (read vv. 7-12).

The James Shorts are the administrators of the Baptist Student Home in Chihuahua, Mexico. The buildings, which occupy half a city block, were made possible by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. There is a dormitory for boys, one for girls, a dining hall and kitchen, and an administrator's home. *Pray for these homes for Mexican youth.*

Pray for Mrs. Short: A. R. Haylock, Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Mrs. Z. V. Moss, Kitwe, No. Rhodesia. Mrs. Howard Hamrick, Indonesia. ev.: Lillie O. Rogers, Singapore. BA; Mrs. G. A. Clark, Japan. Mrs. J. B. Hill, Nigeria. RN; W. C. Taylor, Brazil, ret.; S. A. Candal, Key West, Fla., Sp. sp. ev.; Mrs. Juan Perez, Havana, Cuba, ev.

Retrospect

1888-1963



THE SLOW HAMMERING OF THE GAVEL quieted the shouts, "Mr. President, Mr. President!" Members of the Southern Baptist Convention assembled in Augusta, Georgia, in 1885 were in disagreement over the meaning of the word "members." For forty years the word had been set out in the Constitution. No occasion had made necessary its delineation as to male or female. On the occasion of the 40th Anniversary, Dr. P. H. Mell called the session to order but such was not the order of the day. Two women from Arkansas attended as members. Their presence brought a storm of protest and a spirited discussion of the "eligibility of women to seats as delegates in the body."

PRESIDENT MELL appointed a committee at the suggestion of a Virginia member "to report to this meeting of the Convention such action as may be deemed expedient." The committee thought it expedient to amend the Constitution, to strike out the word "members" and "insert thereof the word brethren." The word stood for thirty-three years barring women from the Convention. But women worked on possessed by a great ideal, ignoring the problems confronting them. They organized, held their meetings, promoted the work of the Convention by carrying out recommendations from the Boards.

BY THE WMU 25TH ANNIVERSARY in 1913, women who wore WMU badges were admitted to the floor of the Convention. That year they were eager to hear their first report made directly to the Convention by one of the brethren selected by them rather than included in the report of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

OPPOSITION TO WOMEN'S WORK DIED SLOWLY. In 1918, the Committee on Relationships of Women to the Convention recommended altering the Constitution, to strike out the word "brethren" and insert the word "messengers." Yet a few

year were required for the full impact of the word to be felt. In 1922, the Convention was reminded that women were members of the Convention with all the rights and privileges thereof. The Committee on Committees was instructed to "name brethren and sisters according to their personal qualifications, regardless of sex."

The distinction of being the first women invited to address the Southern Baptist Convention belongs to Mrs. W. J. Cox, president of Women's Missionary Union from 1925 to 1933. Her invitation came from the president of the Convention, Dr. George W. Truett. On the morning of the day Mrs. Cox addressed the Convention, prejudice reared its head in the form of a memorial, asking that women not be permitted to address the Convention. Dr. M. E. Dodd, Shreveport, briefly replied to the memorial: "In Christ Jesus there is neither male or female. We are one in Christ." Applause then greeted him and the memorial was voted down overwhelmingly. The gentleman who presented the memorial refused to listen to a woman speak. He picked up his hat and left his seat. Dr. Truett presented Mrs. Cox to the Convention and added, "I bid you hear this gentle woman." The Convention stood in tribute as Mrs. Cox came to the platform of the auditorium.

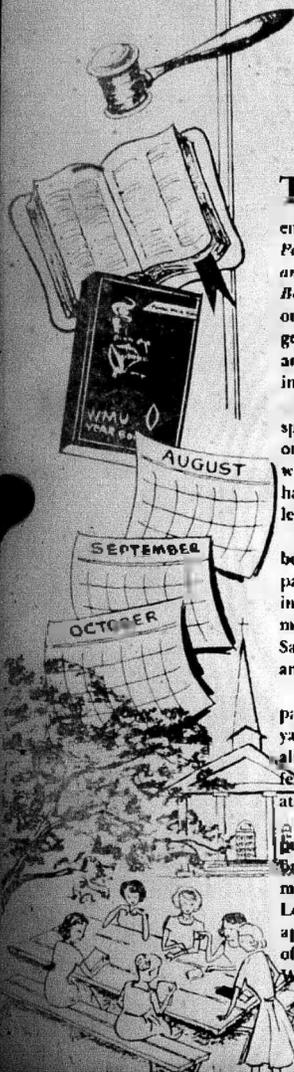
Thirty-three years passed during which the work and the officers of the Union were accorded recognition in many ways and the Convention expressed full confidence in the Union by an amendment to the By-laws in 1953 which placed the Union's president permanently on the Executive Committee of the Convention.

IN KANSAS CITY IN 1963, more than 13,000 messengers crowding the Municipal Auditorium were caught up in the excitement of an election. The words fell upon unprepared ears. "Mr. President, in recognition of the contribution of Mrs. R. L. Mathis and the influence and work of Woman's Missionary Union, I place in nomination the name of Mrs. R. L. Mathis as Second Vice-President of the Convention." The ovation which greeted Mrs. Mathis following the balloting was a crowning climax to the 75th Anniversary of the Union.

THE YEAR OF RETROSPECT IS OVER. Looking at the lives and victories of past leaders, we have experienced praise for their humility and courage. We feel a new surge of commitment to the future as God shall direct us.

Alma Hunt

PLAN A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



by Elaine Dickson

THE most helpful thing a WMU can do to prepare for the new year is to have a planning meeting. The importance of this is emphasized for WMS leaders as a basic objective in WMS Aims: *Participate in "annual meeting of officers, chairmen, counselors and leaders for making broad plans based on current WMU Year Book."* The Aims of youth organizations carry a similar emphasis on counselor or leader participation. This meeting builds "togetherness." It allows each organization not only to look at itself and its work, but beyond itself to the whole plan of WMU work in the church.

Since this is a WMU meeting, the WMU president bears responsibility for it. WMS presidents, in churches with more than one society, and youth directors may form a committee to work with the WMU president in making plans. When these leaders have a voice in the planning, they do a better job of encouraging leaders of their organizations to participate.

Time and place are important considerations. August, September, or October are choice months. A date convenient to participants and a time in keeping with their schedules should be cleared in advance on the church calendar. For many groups a night meeting is necessary because of women who work during the day. Saturday is another possibility because it affords opportunity for an unhurried, thorough, spend-the-day affair.

The place demands careful attention. A nearby campus or park may provide a retreat atmosphere. Someone's patio or backyard may offer a relaxed approach to planning. The church is always an excellent meeting place. Having this meeting in a different setting often highlights interest in it and encourages better attendance and greater participation.

If properly planned, the meeting should accomplish three broad purposes: inspiration, training, and planning. Leaders need to be brought back again and again to the missionary purpose which motivates, guides, and gives meaning to all the work they do. Leaders need a knowledge of the plans for the year ahead—an appreciation for the "why," an understanding of the "how." Out of these experiences grow broad plans which will guide each WMU organization for the year ahead.

October 1 marks the beginning of a new WMU year in your church.

How happily this year begins and how successfully it ends will all be determined largely by the preparation made for it.

Two factors will guide the WMU president in planning the content of the meeting—the purposes to be accomplished and the length of time scheduled for the meeting. Here are some of the things which might be included in the meeting:

INSPIRATION

A meditation period based on WMU watchword

Calendar of prayer

Message by the pastor or minister of education about what WMU has meant can mean to the church

A brief message from the WMU president about her dreams for the year ahead

Testimonies by members about blessings which have come through serving in WMU

TRAINING

WMU Emphases for new year (from WMU section in Year Book)

"Year Book Drill"—ask leaders to find certain items in Year Book; see who can locate first; then follow up with discussion of how the WMU Year Book is organized, types of information it contains, how it can best be used, etc.

Reports from officers and chairmen who have attended state or Convention-wide leadership training meetings

Jubilee plans

Leadership techniques—qualities the

leader should have, how to do better committee work, etc.

PLANNING

Organizational group meetings—WMS, YWA, G.A. and Sunbeam Band leaders meeting in separate groups, studying together the section of the Year Book relating to their organization and making broad plans. (WMS president(s) and youth directors would be in charge of these group meetings.)

Reports from organizational group meetings

Co-ordination of broad plans which relate to all organizations—Weeks of Prayer, mission offerings, enlistment, community missions, leadership training, etc.

This planning meeting is the bare beginning for WMU leaders. From it WMS committee chairmen will go to their committees to engage them in an annual planning meeting for the year ahead. After it YWA, G.A. and Sunbeam Band directors will meet with their committees to personalize the plans for youth. Officers will use the broad plans as guide lines for the year's work. But as each leader serves, she will continue to see her task in relation to the whole purpose and plan of WMU.

As plans lead to action, undergirded by dedication to God and to the purpose of WMU, Woman's Missionary Union is well on its way to fulfilling its mission in the church and throughout the world.

WMU Annual Planning Meeting

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PROGRAM FOR CIRCLE OR SECOND WMSM MEETING

MISSION STUDY BOOK:
*Annie Armstrong**
by Elizabeth Marshall Evans

Make plans to have this book telling
of the first eighteen years of
WMSM history taught in Circles or
Society.

Circle Theme for the Year: "Unto the stature of Christ" Ephesians 4:13

Reporting

by Mrs. Louis L. Dabney

PURPOSE: To show how records indicate progress in promoting Christian missions through mission study, prayer, community meetings, stewardship, and how records guide in projecting future plans.

To the Program Chairman:

This is the last in the series of programs dealing directly with the Aims for Advancement. If you did not furnish your circle members with the Membership Folder (15c a dozen from WMSM, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala.) at the first meeting, order them for this meeting. Suggest that they keep the folder in their wallets.

Annual reports for your Society are probably in the process of being compiled, so this should be a good time for you to obtain either from your president or secretary interesting facts and figures concerning your

*Order Annie Armstrong, Evans, et. al. \$1.50, pp. 110, and Teacher's Helps, 25c from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala., and Baptist Book Stores.

Society work during the anniversary year. Find out also the year your Society began and the number enrolled that year; growth in youth organizations fostered by the Society; special community missions projects which have been fruitful; interesting mission study classes; total offerings for the year for foreign and home missions. This information may be given in connection with "Retrospect," page 37.

OUTLINE FOR MEETING

Circle Chairman in Charge

Call to Prayer

Business and Promotion (See Forfeited)

Song

Program Chairman in Charge

Reporting

Introduction: Throughout our 75th Anniversary Year, circle members have entered the Aims for Advancement in Missionary Society, their spiritual applications, and their practical applica-

tions. In a summing up of what we have shared through these programs, we shall be discussing Reporting—the method and value of well-kept records in the life of our Society.

A report is an account of something seen, heard, done, or considered. This definition gives us a very clear picture of Society meetings. When minutes are kept in an efficient manner and regular reports are made, there is no doubt as to what was seen, heard, done, and considered. Records could be a pretty dull subject unless we see them in terms of people—and in our case, in terms of women and their dedication to mission causes. In all areas of life we are called to be stewards—of time, talent, material possessions, influence, the gospel itself—and our records show, in part, our acceptance or rejection of this stewardship. How may records serve us in this way? Write and hand out ahead of time these statements:

- Records reveal the weak and the strong points of our Society.
- Records show the number of young people who are being guided in missionary understanding.
- Records show the number of women enlisted in full participation in all phases of mission work in our Society.
- Records show our response to mission offerings which evidences our sincere concern for the salvation of all men.
- Records show whether we come to God's house to pray together during our weeks and seasons of prayer.
- Records give us a starting point for another year's objectives.
- Records determine our standing in relation to our goal—as an Approved, Advanced, or Honor Society.

Records can show many facets of organizational and individual growth, but these are many intangible results which cannot be charted. We shall discuss some of these results later. For the moment you will agree that complete and well kept records may well be the stethoscope which reproduces faithfully the heartbeat of the Society. The "report" which each passes on is of value

only as it is studied and weighed in the mind of the one who is concerned with it. It is in this light that we look at "reporting" in Retrospect—a look backward, Prospect—a look forward, and Introspect—a look inward.

Retrospect

As you have read your *Royal Service* from cover to cover this year, the word "Retrospect" is a familiar one to you, for it has been the title of a feature each month giving information about the formative years of Woman's Missionary Union. (You may wish to give examples from past issues of the interesting and noteworthy items.)

To understand the strength and progress of an organization we must take note of its purpose and founders. In 1888 women met in the basement of a Methodist church in Richmond, Virginia, to organize Woman's Missionary Union. Their avowed purpose, as an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, was to stimulate "the missionary spirit and the grace of giving among women and children." The struggles and successes of those early years are preserved for us in the delightful book, *In Royal Service*,* written by Miss Fannie E. S. Heck in commemoration of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary in 1913. By this time the 1,200 societies of the first year had grown to more than 11,000.

In observance of the Fiftieth Anniversary in 1938, the Golden Jubilee, Mrs. W. J. Cox wrote the book *Fallowing in His Train*,† which was the history of Woman's Missionary Union through the year of that thrilling celebration. In her book, Mrs. Cox traces the rise in the departments of youth work, the development of our publications into magazines for age groups, the use of the Standard of Excellence which was later revised into the Aims for Advancement with greater emphasis on the spiritual concept of each Aim. The Union entered its fiftieth year with 19 states reporting 51,594 organizations: WMS 11,423, YWA 4,882, GA

*See from Baptist Book Store, tour of print

7,699, SB 6,180, RA Chapter 4,110.

In the present Diamond Jubilee Year, Elizabeth Marshall Evans has written for us a wonderful biography, *Annie Armstrong*,* which is a history of the founding years of Woman's Missionary Union. In 1964 Miss Anna Hunt's history of Woman's Missionary Union through our anniversary year will be released for study.

Many societies have been faithful in searching through records for their own beginnings and reporting these facts to members as a means of inspiration and encouragement. Only when records are kept in an efficient way can they inspire those who follow, whether they be available for those in leadership the next year or seventy-five years later.

In tracing its beginnings for a 75th Year Anniversary celebration, the WMU of a large church in the Birmingham area found an interesting fact: the WMU was organized before the church itself was functioning. In 1924 several Baptist families in a newly developing area became concerned with the need for a Baptist church. Their efforts to raise enough money for church property were not immediately successful, and at that time there was no organized church. A woman called a meeting in her home across from the present site of the church, inviting the Baptist women in the community. They formed a Woman's Missionary Society, a year before the church was constituted. They began with three circles, rotating nursery responsibility among the circles until the Sunbeam-age children were cared for in their own youth group. This Society gave a positive missionary witness in the neighborhood, and continues until today, with sixteen circles presently.

(At this time use challenging information about your own Society.)

The records of the past serve as a starting point for the present and future of an organization.

*cf. \$1.50, pp. 84 from WMU, Birmingham, Ala., and Baptist Book Stores.

Prospect

Miss Annie Armstrong, corresponding secretary for seventeen faithful years, chose the first watchword for the Union: "Go forward." This has been, and is today, the spirit of missions. When Jesus Christ on the cross spoke the words, "It is finished," he referred to his part in the redemption of the world; the rest of the task he left in the hands of his disciples; the work today remains unfinished, and the challenge remains: "Go forward." This is the essence of the meaning of his last command to his disciples after his resurrection and just before he ascended (*read Matt. 28:18-20*).

Our records show that as an organization Woman's Missionary Union has gone forward. From our 1961-62 Annual Report we learn that we had 1,496,926 members in our societies and youth groups. There are 21,640 societies with 752,961 members. Increases over the year before were noted in these phases of our work: more societies observed the Week of Prayer for Home Missions; more societies were recognized as Honor, and more attained Approved recognition; almost half of society members are titheers. The total Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for 1962-63 was \$10,323,591.69 and the goal for the 1963 Annie Armstrong Offering was \$8,310,000.

Circulation of *Royal Service* reached over 470,000 by the middle of this year.

But before we pat ourselves on the back, let us look at the world of today and of the future, and see whether lost souls are being won to Christ. That is our primary task. Dr. Cairns Redford, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, tells us that there are eighty million unsaved people in our own land. Our denomination supports 2,078 home missionaries laboring in every state, Cuba, Panama, and the Canal Zone.

Dr. Baker J. Cautchen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, writes of the great advance in missions in the past few years: From 1918 until 1963 increase in the number of missionaries from 625 to 2,500 and 18 missionary associates, and from 25 to 53 countries. Lottie Moon Christmas

Offering advanced from one and a half million to over ten million. But, Dr. Cautchen reminds us: "Behind these records of growth in missionary giving stands the constant ministry of intercessory prayer, study of missions, and heart concern."

Records reveal the progress of mission work among our overseas sisters in WMU. The first national convention of the Korean WMU was held in 1954. Since its beginnings, the women have held a Week of Prayer for World Missions with results revealed in offerings and participation. In 1959 the Convention appointed a missionary for home mission work. By June, 1962, nearly 100 WMS organizations with 1,600 members were reported in Korean Baptist churches. There were YWA and GA in 21 churches.

Japan's records reveal growth in concern for world missions. At their Day of Prayer in 1931 the total offering was about thirteen cents, present exchange rate. In 1961 after a full week of study and prayer the offering was \$6,227.

Our prospect for the future depends on plans laid in the present; what we undertake for Jesus Christ through our Woman's Missionary Union and by the living of our lives in the community will be blessed in proportion to our dependence on the Holy Spirit for guidance and strength.

Introspect

Now let us take an introspective look—a look within our own thoughts and actions. We go back to our theme for the year, and see that our goals should be one with Paul's, as he wrote in Ephesians 4:13 (*read it*). Our goal is spiritual maturity, in the life of our society and in our own lives. Our records thus far have served to show us some tangible results of the year; let us speak now of those intangible ways which we have grown, as stimulated by our Aims for Advancement.

Listen to this story from Southern Rhodesia concerning spiritual growth through participation in society work. A Rhodesian woman who was shy and yet determined to serve

her Lord. When a part of the program was assigned her, she went to the pastor's home to get him and his wife to pray with her that she might be given the power to stand and give her part without trembling. She also prayed that she might learn to pray in public. Through prayer and participation she has grown toward Christian maturity and today is secretary of her WMC and a Sunday school teacher.

Mrs. Grayson Ferrison, missionary to Portugal writes: "I have seen wonderful spiritual growth in some of our WMS members. This growth, I feel, came about because of their participation in the Woman's Missionary Society. . . . Several women began praying aloud in our meetings, a big step forward for them."

It is perhaps impossible to show by means of reports and records the inner changes which participation in God's work has accomplished in our lives, but there are "soundings" of depth which we can make to ascertain spiritual growth. In making soundings we shall be testing ourselves to discover: illumination gained; skills and abilities developed; growth in relation to ability; growth in determining standards.

In the spiritual life the standard is "the full stature of Christ." Consider earnestly and prayerfully the ways our Aims for Advancement have challenged us to grow in Christian experience this year. Ask yourself:

Have missionary programs and reading made me more aware of the needs of others, and of ways I can minister to their needs?

Has my stewardship of money been an acceptable picture of my response to Christ's love for me?

What part have I had in cultivating missionary convictions in the heart of our youth?

Have I read God's Word daily and prayed daily for missionaries and thereby strengthened my own spiritual life?

In what ways have I become a more effective witness?

Prayer of dedication of self in the coming year as a laborer "together with God . . . that the world through him might be saved."

by Betty D. Stull

REFLECTIONS
of a FIRST-TERM
MISSIONARY



OUR ship docked in the port city of Callao, Peru, South America, on January 11, 1962, and we had a fifteen-minute ride to Lima, the beautiful capital city of Peru. Flowers were lovely and plentiful. Spacious homes and well-dressed people almost made us feel that we were not really needed as missionaries. But we knew with certainty that Christ is needed by every person, including the wealthy. But we were to learn that poverty looks at the doors of the most beautiful mansions.

The first lesson a new missionary must learn is to accept changes which often alter his well-laid plans. We came to Peru excited with the prospect of opening new work in the city of Callao. A mission-owned lot was awaiting the construction of a church building where we could work to draw people in to hear the blessed story of salvation. After a month of living in a third-floor furnished apartment in Lima, taking care of the necessary arrangements to become residents of a new country, getting our furniture and supplies through customs, renting a house near Callao and enrolling our six-year-old son David in the Methodist school in Callao, we felt we were ready to begin our work. But an emergency situation caused my husband to be called as interim pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Miraflores, a residential district of Lima. This church, which celebrated its eleventh anniversary during the past year, is the oldest of the Southern Baptist churches in the relatively new work in Peru. This change in our plans appeared to be merely a short detour, and we kept our eyes and hearts on the new work we were expecting to begin eventually. After another two months, the church extended a call to Dave as pastor, and although all our personal desires at the time made us want to reply in the negative, we knew that this was what God wanted us to do. During the year, the church has moved into a beautiful new building erected with Corrie Moon Church Offering funds. The work is quite different from that we expected on arriving here, and yet we are confident that God has placed us here for a purpose.

Instead of using and improving Spanish gradually, it is necessary to teach and preach in Spanish regardless of

We readily made it! After our final decision and several years of preparation, a family of five arrived as missionaries in Peru, the land where my husband was born and lived the first five years of his life as the son of missionary parents. Our children had seen pictures and heard stories about their father's life in the jungles of Peru, but what they saw upon arrival in this country was quite different from their impressions.

Needless to say, we have become discouraged with failure and know that it is difficult for the members of the church to endure the new missionaries, after the leadership they have had with more experienced missionaries, and yet the love of Christ which brought us here overcomes all problems.

Surely there can be no greater difference in many areas than to be a pastor and pastor's wife in the United States and then to occupy the same positions on the mission field. I recall vividly that the good people from our little church in Kentucky always made it plain that the pastor and his family were to be entertained in the members' homes, and only rarely was I allowed to prepare food for some special occasion at the church. Here the pastor and his wife do what entertaining is done in the home, and the missionary wife can always be assured that she will be called on to help plan the menu and prepare the dessert for the "fiestas." Last year my husband was asked to shop for the ducks to make *arroz con pato* (rice with duck) for the midnight New Year's Eve dinner held in the church. My husband's remark was "It is the first time in my life I've had opportunity to go duck hunting!"

During the period of preparation prior to appointment as Southern Baptist missionaries, it had always amused and puzzled us in filling out information forms, that we were asked to list our varied interests and jobs held before receiving God's call to the

mission field. We wondered what possible use could be made of some of these past experiences. But it has been a rich discovery that every type work ever attempted is valuable in missionary life! One can certainly use to advantage the knowledge of plumber, electrician, painter, rook, musician, schoolteacher, nurse, and anything else you can mention!

The strongest single impression I have received from this first year of missionary life in Peru is that of the overwhelming amount of work to be done by each missionary. Indeed it seems to me that a missionary is the busiest of individuals. One of the biggest tasks is to decide what is the most important thing to be done at the moment. We must rely on the Lord to teach us how to distinguish between the most important and the important, the most necessary and the necessary, the eternal values and the temporal ones.

As we look back in review on this past year, there are numerous things that we would have done differently, but in mistakes we have gained experience. And there has come a keen awareness that God has intervened to teach us during our first faltering steps, and he has helped us to grow closer to him and to his people. How very grateful we are for the opportunity we have shared in serving him during this first year in Peru! Our prayer is that each year our service will be more acceptable to him whom we have come to proclaim. Please pray with us to this end.



- Venezuela
- Colombia
- Ecuador
- Peru

MISSIONARY PROGRAM

CONQUEST through New Ministries

by Mrs. Ralph Gwin

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Opening Hymn

Introduction: "This Is My Mission"

Venezuela

Prayer for Venezuela

Colombia

Prayer for Colombia

Ecuador

Prayer for Ecuador

Peru

Prayer for Peru

Closing Meditation

Call to Prayer

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GET READY

Order These: If you want to mime-graph or have printed your program outline for the month, order from WMU, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala., Latin America program covers (5 1/2" x 8 1/2") for 2c each (see below).

Order from Department of Missionary Education and Promotion, Foreign Mission Board, Box 6597, Richmond 30, Va., one copy of *Know Your Baptist Missions—Latin America—1963*, and use from it on inside page of program information about the four countries studied. On front of program cover print title and subject matter of program (see diagram).

You may ask questions based on the information using interview method. "Missionaries" have such objects as are mentioned for display, or show pictures. Each speaker will pray at the close of the "interview." Locate countries and relationships on displayed map of South America.

The four members taking part are seated at a table, the objects mentioned in discussions before them.



Order this colorful program cover, 2c each, and write in the name of program on front and program outline inside.

Conquest Through New Ministries

Introduction: "This Is My Mission"

Interviewer: Good afternoon friends. We are happy you could be present today in the studio for recording and filming a special mission program, "This Is My Mission." Your presence will encourage these four "missionary guests" who are to appear, for they like an audience. Please consider that these are personal appearances of missionaries from Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, and Colombia, all South American countries.

Let us say that the missionary families are passing through on their way back to their fields. The wives are here today for a recorded "This Is My Mission" TV program. Each has brought interesting objects from her country. They will speak in turn, beginning with Venezuela and continuing around the northwest coastline of South America to Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. Mrs. A. is the first speaker.

VENEZUELA, a Land of Contrasts

Mrs. A: Venezuela is my mission! Venezuela is about 2,000 miles south of the United States on the Caribbean coast of South America. It is one-third again larger than Texas. The population exceeds seven million. Most of the people are of mixed Spanish and Indian blood. Spanish is the language.

My miniature oil well for use picture of oil well or gasoline ad suggests that Venezuela is best known for oil. Second only to the USA in oil production, Venezuela is the largest exporter in the world. About 700,000 North Americans live there, many engaged in the oil industry. Four English language churches have been organized by US citizens in Maracaibo [mah-rah KEE-bo] and Caracas [ka RAH-kas].

Venezuela is a land of contrasts. Old ways of life and society stand out against the culture and development of the Twentieth

Century. A very small group of extreme wealth emphasizes the dire poverty of the majority. Only a sprinkling of middle class emerges. Because of its oil, per capita income is high, yet many people are unemployed for lack of education and training. Thousands live in shacks in city slums in spite of development of beautifully modern cities where low-rental housing units provide apartments for many.

My toy tractor suggests that 75 per cent of the population is agricultural and pastoral. More modern and progressive methods of farming are sorely needed. Many rural people eke out a bare existence from small plots of worn-out soil, using primitive tools. They live in thatched mud houses. Seventy per cent of the land is held by three per cent of the people.

Communist elements in Venezuela cause serious internal troubles, and with the rule of several dictators, progress has been difficult in spite of petroleum income. Armed uprisings, struggles for power between opposing factions, if not brought on by Communist influence, have helped to further the cause of communism.

Southern Baptists extended work from Colombia to Venezuela in 1919. Missionaries are in cities of Anaco [ah NAK-o], Caracas, Valencia [vah LEN-she-ah] and Maracaibo (two in Anaco and Caracas, and four each in the other two cities). Vast interior areas need our witness (point out on map).

A strategically located Baptist Book Store in Valencia supplies literature from the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Texas, to more than fifty churches—not all of them Baptist. Rapid mail order service is featured. Some people who visit the store have never before held a Bible in their hands. Many buy Bibles. English language supplies are also on sale.

This little microphone is here to emphasize the radio programs which are becoming such a vital part of our mission work. The Baptist Hour in Spanish is broadcast from Maracaibo each Sunday. Through the radio people are being won who might not other-

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wise hear or know the gospel. Not only do responses come from nearby areas of Venezuela, but letters come from Colombia and outlying islands. One man wrote, "I have never heard anyone talk of the Lord in such a satisfying way. . . . I heard that . . . the Bible was the Word of God, I asked Monsenor Martinez, and he told me that it was, but that none could understand it. It was dangerous because it was so profound. I asked him to lend me a Bible and he said he did not have one. . . . I hope that you will send me one with the hymnbook by mail." Later, expressing his gratitude, he wrote, "I am attending the church here, and they have made me president of the Young People's Association."

Marques Viloria [mar KES veel o REE a] is another who requested a Bible. In his town of six thousand he said no one "knows the Bible." The missionary was able to visit him, leaving a Bible, hymnbook, and tracts. Senor Viloria wrote that through the Bible he had found "the way of salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. . . . It is a light in the darkness! God's Word shines near our feet to keep us from stumbling, and it shines in the distance to give us direction. . . . I have found guidance, help, instruction, and the best bearings for my future." We use the radio and many other means to witness in Venezuela.

Interviewer: Thank you Mrs. A. I am sure you must have some special prayer request to leave with Southern Baptists in the States as you depart to your field. Will you let us join you in prayer?

Mrs. A.: I am so glad you asked. Both Communists and Roman Catholics are opposed to the evangelical witness. The work is not easy, but if women will pray we will enter all the doors God opens to us. Let us pray for Venezuela.

Prayer led by Mrs. A.

Interviewer: Now we will hear from Mrs. B. about Colombia (or ask a question to begin interview).

COLOMBIA, the "Most Catholic" Country

Mrs. B.: My mission is in Colombia—the gateway to South America. Perhaps you may some day drive over the Pan American Highway from Laredo, Texas, down through Panama, to Colombia. Colombia is the "most Catholic" of Latin American nations, which makes it difficult for missionaries. Religious liberty seems to mean "the liberty to practice what Catholics believe and the liberty to deny the same right" to others.

My small coffee plot tells you that Colombia's mountains and tropical climate are ideal for growing coffee, being second only to Brazil. The crop for the 1960 (1961) season totaled more than one billion pounds, requiring over two million acres of land. Coffee, the foundation of Colombia's economy, provides a livelihood for one-fourth of more than fourteen million population (*shove pot*).

In recent years Colombia has experienced industrial growth, social improvement, but political confusion. Political unrest is apparent in uprisings, both major and minor, and in recurrent political crises.

Colombia's inadequate school system is controlled by the Catholic Church, as provided in the constitution. Discrimination against those who attended evangelical churches is common. This has been a determining factor among Baptists in establishing 2 kindergartens, 27 elementary and 1 secondary schools in connection with 40 Baptist churches and 48 missions. In addition to protecting children from persecution while providing education, the schools are effective evangelistic agencies. Some of the 170 baptisms reported last year were school children and their parents.

Baptist work in Colombia began with a Colombian lawyer who fled to Cuba during a revolution. Converted in a Baptist church in Cuba, he returned to preach to his people, but he was unwelcome and no obstacles were in his way. He appealed to Cuban Baptists for help. They sent missionaries who supported themselves by secular work and converts were won.

In 1912 the first Southern Baptist mis-

sionary to Colombia surveyed the field and reported that there was practically no Baptist work. He then appealed for ten couples to come at once; he felt the country would not long remain open to a Baptist witness. After 21 years we have 19 couples and 5 single women working in the capital and four other large cities. These are so few. Baptists of Colombia are fortunate in having 37 (one national) pastors.

Shortage of workers places heavy burdens on those who serve the Lord. One missionary wife is choir director, teacher of a woman's class, counselor of an Intermediate Union of 18 members, "banker" for the church money, sponsor of the WMU which has both English and Spanish language circles, teacher of 18 piano pupils and 5 in conducting, teacher of religion in third and fourth grades in the school, and church corresponding secretary. All this and more in addition to being wife, mother, and homemaker for the family. Colombia not only needs more missionaries to do present work, but needs more missionaries for numerous large towns where there is no Baptist witness.

Two Southern Baptist institutions in Colombia are especially fruitful. Our fine hospital in Barranquilla [bah rahng KEE yah] provides a training program for practical nursing and conducts three clinics each week in nearby towns. The missionary-doctor-director of the hospital reports 1,770 bed patients last year (an increase of over 300). The 20,000 out-patients was a decrease caused by reduction in the number of employed doctors, interns, and residents.

Chaplaincy services to patients include a portable library, daily visits, delivery of newspapers, Scripture portions, and a New Testament at each bed, daily Baptist Hour message, four devotional services each week, selling of Bibles and books, and counseling.

The other institution is the International Theological Seminary in Cali [KAH lee], which serves students from Central America and the northern part of South America. The Seminary's enrolment has grown from three to thirty-nine students in its ten years

of service. Last year's seven graduates were from Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, and Peru. Five of them pastored churches in the Cali area.

Carlos Garcia, from Peru, won the award for the highest grades. Holding a degree in law from the University of San Marcos in Lima, Peru, he expected to make a fine living in that profession. Then God spoke to his heart to preach the gospel. As a member of a seminary music-evangelistic group he visited many of the churches in the Andes Mountains during the interim between semesters.

Overflow crowds heard the team in many places, and sometimes the church auditorium had to be deserted for the yard to accommodate attendance. Senor Garcia's text on one occasion was "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). God's Spirit was at work. At the invitation several young men and women of culture and education indicated their desire to give full time to the Lord's work.

A monthly visitation program in Cali called "Operation Lightning" had its origin with seminary students. Results of the visitation have inspired them to plan to visit oftener. After choosing an area of the city they pair off for door-to-door assignments and seek to win to Christ those whom they visit. The activity concludes with an evening evangelistic service in the church or mission in that section. Eight professions were made in one such service.

Student wives join their husbands in visiting, the wives taking turns at baby-sitting.

Interviewer: Mrs. B. do you have special prayer requests and will you lead us as we pray.

Mrs. B.: Yes, I do. Mine is thanksgiving as well as petition. Colombia was once closed to missionaries. I am so grateful that it is open now, and that I have the privilege of serving Christ among these wonderful people. Let us give thanks and pray

that we may have more freedom in preaching the gospel of Christ.

Prayer: Mrs. B. repeats requests and allows time for silent prayer. She then closes with audible prayer.

Interviewer: Mrs. C. is next. Will you tell us about your mission?

ECUADOR, Banana Country

Mrs. C.: I work in Ecuador—my mission, along with 16 other Southern Baptist missionaries where our work began in 1950. We now have 5 organized churches and 13 missions centered in the two cities of Quito [KEE toe] and Guayaquil [gwah yah KEEL].

These beautiful bananas may have grown in Ecuador. By 1950 it had assumed world leadership in the banana trade. In 1955 twenty-four million stalks of bananas were being exported each year. Ecuador is next to the smallest of South American nations, about the size of Arizona, with over four million people.

Did you know that this Panama hat was not made in Panama, but in Ecuador? The decline in popularity of these hats has affected Ecuador's economy. The straw used in them is toquilla [tue KEE yah].

The people of Ecuador range from tribes of savage Indians to people as highly cultured as can be found anywhere. The primitive Awa Indians were thrust into world-wide attention a few years ago when they killed five missionaries who tried to befriend them. A majority of Ecuador's Indians, however, are peaceful farmers, many working on farms and ranches owned by descendants of their Spanish conquerors.

A wealthy land-owning population largely controls political life, as well as economic and social affairs. In contrast, abject poverty abounds. Many walk the streets daily looking and begging for jobs. Housing conditions are bad. Such economic conditions provide rich soil for turmoil and revolution.

Economic conditions carry over into our mission work. Students in Ecuador's Baptist Theological Institute in Guayaquil have financial problems which North Americans

can hardly comprehend. Some have never owned a suit, yet they customarily wear one and tie in the pulpit, even if it is borrowed. One missionary has seen the same coat and tie used by different men on several occasions.

Toward the improvement of general living conditions in Ecuador, our mission undertook an agricultural experiment which proved helpful as far as it went. The mission secured one hundred Angona goats which do well in dry coastal areas. They were distributed to groups who formed eight co-operatives. After a year there were to be returned for redistribution the same number of goats to provide to another group. Sometimes a whole village would turn out to receive the goats. Some schools were dismissed for the occasion.

The project was discontinued for lack of funds and for lack of a missionary to devote at least half of his time to the experiment. However, we earned much good will for our mission work and for our missionaries through the effort. We hope soon to hold special evangelistic services in all these villages where we were received so enthusiastically. Teams from the Theological Institute show religious movies and distribute Bible portions. We asked for money from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to buy a portable generator for this work.

A medical dispensary in Guayaquil treated 1,130 patients last year using the paid help of an Ecuadorian doctor one hour a day. Early in 1963 the mission secured the services of a Baptist woman doctor. The majority of the patients are a challenge to soul-winning efforts, for they are lost.

The year 1962 was a year of evangelism in South America with the campaigns conducted by Dr. Billy Graham. Ecuador shared in these. In Guayaquil 816 persons made professions in the city-wide Sunday meetings attended by an estimated 10,000 people. Forty-five from our eight Baptist churches and missions served as counselors and supervisors.

A simultaneous evangelistic campaign in the Baptist churches and missions

in the professions, one of whom was a former provincial governor. Two guest preachers came from Costa Rica. Another, Carlos Garcia of Peru, has already been mentioned as a graduate of the Cali Seminary.

Two splendid Ecuadorians are meaning much to our work. One is a civil engineer, Ruben Jarrin [ha REEN], a professor in Guayaquil University, and subminister of public works for the city. Not long ago he and Mrs. Jarrin dedicated themselves to full-time Christian service. She has had two years of college education. Most women in Ecuador do not finish grade school. They have plans to enter the International Seminary this month.

Luis Galvez is well known to Ecuador radio and TV audiences as an actor. Things are not going so well for him since he gave his life to Christ some months ago. "Luchin," as his friends know him, wants to use his talents for his Lord, but there is little professional opportunity for religious drama and radio work. He wrote and directed a Christmas play last year, and an Easter presentation this year. We hope to send some of his work to the El Paso Publishing House soon for their consideration.

My prayer request to you in the States is that you pray earnestly for these men. They need the encouragement your faithful praying brings. Their influence will be great in our work. Pray also for a young man in Quito, with a wife and three children who feels God is calling him. A high school graduate, he is exceptionally talented in music. He thinks God may be calling him to preach in addition to work in music. We need national leadership which these three can give.

Interviewer: Mrs. B. will you lead us in prayer?

Prayer led by Mrs. B.

Interviewer: Our last representative is from Peru.

PERU, Half Indian

Mrs. D.: Peru also experiences political

In the four South American countries, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, there are ninety-one Southern Baptist missionaries.

revolutions. Early March of this year there was a bloodless revolt.

For centuries Spain's prized possession in the new world was Peru, the seat of the ancient Inca Empire which once covered an area extending from southern Colombia down into Chile, and over into Argentina and in the Amazon Basin. Peru was conquered for the Spanish and the capital city of Lima [LEE mah] was established more than a half-century before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth. The University of San Marcos in Lima is much older than Harvard University.

Peru is third in size of South American countries with a population of more than ten million, half of whom are Indian. Three-fourths of Peru's people live in the Andes Mountains which occupy two-thirds of the land area. Inca descendants in the highlands speak the ancient language, terrace the hillsides, cultivate and irrigate their crops by ancient methods from which they wrest a meager living.

Cotton is the principal commercial crop. This "pima" cotton (*show cloth sample*) is one of the finer varieties of cotton. It is known for its satin-like sheen in finished products.

This little jar of water could tell a story of the lack of water. It is estimated that it rains only once every seven to thirteen years along the coast of Peru. Water, therefore, is priceless. Western Peru would be a different place if ample water could be made available (*show jar*).

Peru also needs the Water of life. The life which Christ alone can give would make of Peru a spiritually different place. The first evangelistic missionary was sent there from the Free Church of Scotland. They no longer work there but a number of inter-

denominational organizations as well as several North American denominations have missions. Nevertheless, just a fraction of the people have heard of abundant life in Christ. One of our missionaries talked with the mother of seven children. She pointed to three church buildings and said, "We've had religion for a long time, but why hasn't someone come before now to tell us the true message of Christ?"

Southern Baptists went into Peru in 1950. Five couples now work in Lima where our Theological Institute is located. One couple each works in Arequipa [ah ray KEE pah], Trujillo [troo HEE yo], Chiclayo [shee CLAH yo] and Piura [pee OO yah]. Five Baptist churches, sponsoring 13 missions, have a total of 222 members. After his first term of service in Peru, Missionary Bryan Brasington said, "In four years we have come to feel to a degree the heartbeat of these people and to know something of their needs. There are many who seek the true Way of the Lord."

These books are symbols of the teaching of missionaries. Not the least of these are mothers who must pinch-hit as teachers for their elementary school children when there is no school for them. A room, or some small corner of spare in the home may be turned into a classroom (*hold up books*).

Three missionaries have accepted English teaching assignments in universities where they are stationed. This extra duty affords opportunities for witness which otherwise would not be available. Often students ask questions which give an opening to explain why a missionary is there, what he believes, and why. Sometimes an English class in a church will attract students, and here the missionary has more freedom to speak than on the campus.

Our work was extended this year to extreme northern sections of Peru when the Lowell Leiford's moved from Lima to Piura. Seven provinces in this area have no evangelical witness. Response to advertisements for correspondence Bible study was good. A house-to-house campaign last January enlisted others in a Bible class. Mr. Leiford

said, "We hope to have a regular study class about the time we open rented quarters with an evangelistic campaign." New work in Chiclayo was opened with a week of such services with good results. One of the first persons to make a profession of faith was Senora Edith de Vasquez. A few nights later her husband followed her example. They attend regularly with their four small boys, one of whom is crippled from polio. They also bring three neighbor children.

Interviewer: Now please give us your prayer requests.

Mrs. D.: Please pray that effective contacts may be made with university students who could significantly influence Peru's future. Pray for the new work in Piura, and for more workers to help us go into needy sections.

Prayer led by Mrs. C.

Closing Meditation by Interviewer

I am sure these missionaries would say, paraphrasing the words of Jesus in John 4:34, "My mission is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work." A very special mission of Woman's Missionary Union members everywhere is to pray daily for the work of the Lord—and for his messengers.

A missionary asked the question, "Is it worth it? the loneliness, the separation, the learning of a new language, and adjusting to a different culture? Has it been worth the money invested, the prayer of many Christians?" Then he answered his own questions. "God is the true judge. But I would like to proclaim for myself from the highest mountain so that all can hear—it has been worth every effort, every penny, every prayer, every ounce of energy exerted by those who have made me stay here possible."

The missionary's work will be more fruitful if you will pray. One good way to do this is to follow daily *Call to Prayer* in *Royal Service*. Let us close with a prayer for missionaries on the calendar today, and for their work.

Call to Prayer



by Cyril E. Bryant

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Dr. Rusk's Dream World

DEAN RUSK, Secretary of State for our United States, has the job of handling America's relations with other nations on this high speed, shrinking planet. His main task, we all understand, is to keep the peace, and, we add hopefully, to set forth an enduring foundation for lasting peace. To do it, he must out negotiate Communist leaders.

The Secretary of State is a Georgian whose thinning red hair and freckled forehead invite friendliness and a sort of unguarded confidence. He gathered his education at Davidson, a Presbyterian college in North Carolina, at Oxford University and the University of Berlin. He was president of the Rockefeller Foundation when President Kennedy picked him in 1960 to direct the American foreign policy.

A democratic attitude is one of Dr. Rusk's outstanding attributes. "Foreign policy is everybody's business," he said recently. "Your job and your earnings, the price and variety of the goods you buy, your freedom to lead your life as you choose, your very safety and that of your family and friends, all depend in part on foreign policy."

"How easy our task would be," he added, "if in some way we could subject all these problems to a collective, informed judgment of the people."

Seeking to gain such a composite of opinion, Dr. Rusk invited the leaders of

non-governmental organizations across the nation to a national Foreign Policy Conference last May 27-28. Religious organizations were included. The purpose: To share with America's grass roots leaders the goals and procedures of the State Department, and in turn to gather from them the thinking of men and women at all the cross roads of our vast nation.

Dr. Rusk shared with the conferees a description of the kind of world he is seeking. This is the Utopian goal toward which his Department is working:

1. A world free of aggression—aggression by whatever means;
2. A world of independent nations, each with the institutions of its own choice but co-operating with one another to their mutual advantage;
3. A world which yields continuous progress in economic and social justice for all peoples;
4. A world which provides sure and equitable means for the settlement of disputes and moves progressively toward a rule of law which lays down and enforces standards of conduct in relations between nations;
5. A world in which, in the great tradition shared by peoples in every continent, governments "derive their just powers from the consent of the governed";
6. A world in which the powers of the state over the individual are limited by law, practice and custom—in which the personal freedoms essential to the dignity of man are secure.

The Secretary admits this dream world is "opposed by the world Communist movement, which seeks a radically different end: the imposition of the Communist system on the rest of the world by any system which will serve." But he points out, too, that the American goals are shared by most other nations of the earth—those outside the Communist orbit.

"This then is our ultimate goal, as Americans, in the world beyond our shores: an enduring peace," Dr. Rusk assured conference guests. "We will never falter in our efforts to achieve it."

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PRICED from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham 3, Alabama:

Royal Service, 15c each
Invitation Card, 15c a doz.; 65c for 100
Doorknob Calling Card, 2c each; \$1.60 for 100

FREE from your state WMU office:

The leaflet "Our Church Wants You in WMS"

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RETROSPECT--

Prospect

The observance of our 75th Anniversary is nearly over. Our 76th year is almost here. Soon we shall be on the way to our centennial.

The past twelve months have been retrospective. They have been contemplative.

What has this looking back meant to you? Information, understanding, appreciation, dedication . . . yes, but more than that!

The past has brought a sense of responsibility for the future . . . and our retrospect has turned to prospect . . . vision, challenge, determination, anticipation.

The prospects are tremendous, even frightening were it not for His promise, "You go and I will go with you!" So we face the future with courage.

SEPTEMBER
Forecaster

the PRESIDENT

September is a significant month. It closes one WMU year and looks toward the opening of another. The president and the executive board, "the old and the new," work co-operatively to close the WMU year in the right way and to begin the new one in the best possible way. Here are some pointers which may help with your September planning.

1. Annual meeting of officers, chairmen, counselors, and leaders for making broad plans based on current WMU Year Book. (See article, "Plan a Happy New Year," page 24.)

- It is the duty of the WMU president and the other WMU officers to plan for the meeting—the date, schedule, publicity, etc.

- In churches with more than one WMS, it is the responsibility of the WMS president and the other officers to lead WMS executive board members to participate in the meeting.

- Every leader at the meeting should have her own copy of the current WMU Year Book. Order from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala., price 25c each.

2. Annual planning meeting of each committee

- The president will lead the chairmen of committees to have an annual planning meeting and to schedule regular meetings throughout the year. Broad plans will be made for the entire year and specific plans for the first month of the first quarter.

For example, the annual planning meeting of the mission study

committee would include such plans as:

- How the mission books will be taught—in circles or in the society

- When the books will be taught—Mandelbaum Gate—October, November, December circle meetings or?

Apogee—January, February, March circle meetings or?

WMU History—April, May, June circle meetings or?

Spiritual Life Development—July, August, September circle meetings or?

- What type classes will be planned—lecture, relay, extensive, intensive (see WMS Manual for explanation)

- Who will teach the books

- What publicity will be used

- How will the reading of mission books be promoted

- What plans will be made for the WMS Round Table(s)

Plans which need executive board approval will be presented as recommendations to the board.

All committees will find the Forms for Committee Report to Executive Board helpful, 10 for 10c from "600."

3. Executive board meeting

The president soon discovers the necessity of a regular meeting of the executive board. At this meeting the president presides. She will plan for someone to lead a Bible meditation and prayer, praying for missionaries in Royal Service Call to Prayer. The agenda will include:

Reading of minutes of last board meeting (approve minutes as read or corrected)

Reports of officers

Reports of circle chairmen

Reports of committee chairmen (summary of plans implemented by committee since last executive board meeting and committee plans for month or months ahead)

Committee reports co-ordinated

Reports of special committees whenever appointed

Formulate recommendations to WMS and plan for promotion of work at missionary program meeting

Check progress on Akms for Advancement and 75th Anniversary Announcements

Prayer and adjournment

4. Leadership training

The president arranges for each member of the executive board to complete during the year the respective basic leadership course, WMU, SBC. If every member has completed the course in a class or by the individual method, the president will encourage every member to renew her leadership card. During October, 1962—September, 1963, the card may be renewed by reading the 1962-63 WMU Year Book, 25c, and *Enlistment for Missions* by Helen Fling, 85c.

See page 70, WMU Year Book, for listing of other materials to order for leadership training.

"Soul-winning Visitation and the Distribution of Bibles and Christian Literature"

A letter has come from Mrs. David C. Anderson, president of WMU of France, in which she tells some results of their community missions efforts. She says:

"I thought since our community missions emphases for the year 1962-63 are soul-winning visitation and distribution of Bibles and Christian literature, the following experience might be of interest to readers of *Royal Service*. We request your prayers as we undertake to witness to the French through the distribution of tracts. We have given out 8,000 in Chateauroux. We have 23 members in our WMS and the ladies have been enjoying every part of the work. The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions was especially inspiring.

Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal was \$300 and the offering was \$500.18; the Annie Armstrong Offering was \$135."

Madame Louet Confesses Christ As Her Saviour

"Madame Louet had to stop working in the nursery at the First Baptist Church in Chateauroux, France, because of her health. She is about sixty-five years old and has a very serious illness. Mrs. Jernigan, the president of the WMS, is her neighbor and friend; she felt that Madame Louet was getting worse and she was concerned about her soul. She spoke to Pastor and Mrs. Anderson about going to visit Madame Louet and talking to her about her spiritual

welfare. A French New Testament was prepared with the plan of salvation marked; and after prayer, they went to her home. The Andersons had been in the home before for a friendly visit, and Madame Louet was expecting them today. After a warm welcome, Mrs. Jernigan told her how they had missed her at the church and had been praying for her. She asked if it would be all right if the pastor read the Bible and prayed with her. When Pastor Anderson handed her the French New Testament and asked her if she would read it, she was so excited to see it in her own language. She said the mass was always in Latin and she never understood it. She turned to Romans 3:23 and then to the other verses and was so anxious to see what the next verse said, she could hardly wait to turn the pages. She read on until she came to Revelation 3:20; when Pastor Anderson asked her if she had ever felt that Christ was knocking at the door of her heart. She said that she had. Her face beamed as she confessed Jesus as her Saviour and asked about baptism. Although the pastor knew very little French, it was wonderful the way the Holy Spirit gave him the words to answer her questions and explain the plan of salvation. All joined hands and prayed, some in French, some in English, thanking the Lord that Madame Louet was now a child of God. The Holy Spirit was there in that room and bore witness to our hearts that she was a child of God."

Community missions chairmen can use this experience to encourage WMS members to participate in soul-winning visitation and the distribution of Bibles and Christian literature. (See February Forecaster.)

Cooperative Program

There are two quarterly emphases for this last quarter: the Cooperative Program and the state mission offering, if promoted by your state.

This is an excellent time of the year to give additional information to WMU members about the Cooperative Program. This preparation for adopting the church budget should mean an increase for missions in the budget.

Have these three Cooperative Program tracts been distributed among your members?

1. "The Cooperative Program in Missions" is a special tract for church budget finance committees. It shows how they can effectively present the Cooperative Program. This tract contains a strong appeal for a regular increase in the Cooperative Program percentage. It should be placed in the hands of budget committees and others at the time they begin their work on the new budget.

2. "Dedicated Checks" by Leonard Hill is for church treasurers, pastors, deacons, and finance committees. It is an appeal to church leaders to send the Cooperative Program check promptly to the state convention before paying local bills.

3. "The Baptist Dollar" by John Williams is written for deacons by a deacon. It sets forth the place and importance of the deacon in the promotion of the Cooperative Program in his church. This tract contains facts that every deacon needs to know and suggests how he can convey this knowledge to others in the church.

These may be secured through your state convention office.

STATE MISSIONS

Aim II, basic objective one, reads "Observance of . . . Season of Prayer for State Missions."

Aim IV, basic objective three, reads "Members giving to the . . . State Mission Offering."

September is the month in which most states observe the Season of Prayer and promote the State Mission Offering. Program material

and offering envelopes are provided each organization through the state WMU offices.

The prayer committee will plan carefully for this important Season of Prayer for State Missions and the stewardship committee will cooperate in promoting a worthy State Mission Offering.

• Concerted Prayer •

For a long time this concerted prayer effort of Woman's Missionary Society was known as the "nine o'clock" prayer hour. Then it was recognized that this hour might not be the most convenient hour for every Woman's Missionary Society. It was then decided that every WMS should choose the hour best suited to its members, and encourage every woman to pray for missionaries at that time. Six or six-thirty in the morning may be the time chosen by some societies; nine o'clock, ten o'clock, or at noon may be the times for others. The evening hours may be more convenient for some, but the morning still seems to be the favorite time for a concerted prayer experience.

"My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up" Psalm 5:3.

"Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud; and he shall hear my voice" Psalm 55:17.

If WMS members are not using

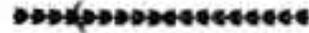
the intercessory prayer cards, secure them free from your state WMU office. The following message is on one side and space is given on the other side for a personal prayer list.

Seeking to follow Christ's example of intercession.

I WILL PRAY DAILY
for people who are oppressed, the hungry, the fearful, the lost,
for leaders engaged in the affairs of our nation and all nations,

for those who work that the world may know the Saviour, and for a faith to believe that God grants petitions made in Christ's name and according to his will.

Lead your WMS to designate some hour of the day that WMS members, wherever they are, may unite in intercessory prayer for our missionaries on their birthdays. The above passages of Scripture verses may be printed or written on cards to remind WMS members to pray during the concerted prayer time. Call to Prayer in Royal Service gives daily direction.



Still in Style

After 75 years, reporting is still in style in WMU. Plans for reporting have changed, but the necessity for measuring progress and determining weak areas of work must not be overlooked.

September is the last month of our 75th Anniversary observance. It is time for your final check on

anniversary goals. Will your WMU be recognized for having attained twelve of the sixteen anniversary goals? Here is your check list. Be sure to fill in the report blanks given in the local presidents' bulletin and send it to your associational WMU president who will forward it to your state WMU office.

Check List on Anniversary Goals

Yes	No	
___	___	Did your WMS, YWA, or GA have an Anniversary Prayer Retreat?
___	___	Do 75 per cent of WMU members in your church receive WMU magazines?
___	___	Did 75 per cent of WMU members, above Beginner Sunbeam Band age, read a mission book?
___	___	Do 75 per cent of WMU leaders hold a current leadership card? (leaders nominated by nominating committee)
___	___	Was there a 15 per cent increase over last year's gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in your church?
___	___	Was there a 15 per cent increase over last year's gifts to the Annie Armstrong Offering in your church?
___	___	Are there 15 per cent more tithers in your WMU this year than last year?
___	___	Are there 15 per cent more members in your WMU this year than last year?
___	___	Was there a five-day observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions in your church?
___	___	Was there a five-day observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions in your church?
___	___	Was the book, <i>Annie Armstrong</i> , studied?
___	___	Was the book, <i>World Awareness</i> , studied?
___	___	Was a Special Cooperative Program Presentation given?
___	___	Did your WMU organize or participate in the work of a mission?
___	___	Will at least one of your Woman's Missionary Societies, YWAs, GAs, or Sunbeam Bands attain the Honor recognition this year?
___	___	Was your WMU represented at an associational, state, or Convention-wide anniversary meeting?

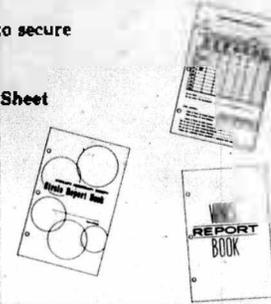
If you can check "yes" to 12 of the 16 goals, your WMU will receive recognition.

USE THESE MATERIALS to secure accurate reports:

Individual Monthly Record Sheet for WMS Member

Circle Report Book

WMS Report Book



Now Is the Time

Now is the time to decide whether or not there is need for more than one WMS in your church. Is there need for additional circles?

Read about "Initiating Additional Societies" and "Need for More Than One WMS" on pages 40-41, WMU Year Book. You will not be caught

napping if this is the way to help your WMS grow.

Now is the time for promotion from one WMU organization to the next. Read about "Plan of Promotion," "Preparation for Promotion," "Promotion Certificates," and "Promotion Service," pages 52-53, WMU Year Book.

?? Have You Heard ??

There is a Picture Sheet to use in teaching the book, *Annie Armstrong* (12 pictures to the sheet, price 25c). Every teacher of the book will want it and the Teacher's Helps, price 25c. Teacher's Helps suggest the use of the Anniversary Paper Dolls (price 50c for package of 8) in presenting the book. Order these materials from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala.

Every WMS member should own

a copy of the book, *Annie Armstrong*, for her WMU bookshelf. This story of the life of the first Corresponding Secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, the one for whom the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions was named, may be ordered from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala., or Baptist Book Stores, price, paper, 35c; cloth, \$1.50.

Binder for ROYAL SERVICE

This quality binder is designed to hold twelve copies. Magazines are held in place by removable wires. Washable plastic cover in blue with name *Royal Service* stamped in gold on front and spine.

Order from Baptist Book Stores, price \$3.75.



What Does WMU Mean to You?

Women with a challenge, with a purpose . . . women actively participating in missions . . . this is Woman's Missionary Union. . . .

Visiting a local nursing home

Helping men and women forget the weariness of their bodies by uniting their hearts in adoration of our Saviour
Old hymns, bringing calm and sweet repose

God's Word evident in the eyes of those to whom we witness

Eyes gleaming with assurance that he cares

Mission programs inspiring us to go and be actively engaged in missions

Many areas crying out for Christ . . . to meet this need is Woman's Missionary Union.

This is . . . Woman's Missionary Union!

—Adapted from "What WMU Means to Me" by Mrs. Donald Horvey, Savannah, Georgia



Last Chance

This is your last chance to order 75th Anniversary materials. If you

want the WMU Anniversary Year Book (25c) to place among your souvenirs, and the May *Royal Service* (15c), order them immediately. Designate Anniversary Year Book in ordering; otherwise order will be held until the 1963-64 Year Book is available. See pages 23-24, WMU Year Book for list and prices of other anniversary materials. Order from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala.