

# Woman's Work

## SUGGESTIONS.

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"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."—2 Chron. 7:14.

## A HOME MISSION PROGRAM.

Hymn—Tune, Materna.

O Lord, our God, Thy mighty hand  
Hath made our country free;  
From all her broad and happy land  
May worship rise to Thee;  
Fulfill the promise of her youth,  
Her liberty defend;  
By law and order, love and truth,  
America befriend.

## Prayer.

For all dwellers in America, of every blood and race, that all may become true followers of Christ and earnest citizens of our nation.

## Responsive Reading.

## Some Reasons for Christian Americanization.

Less than four hundred years ago occurred the first authenticated migration to our shores, and it was to the Anglo-Saxon race that God looked, to found a new nation for Himself.

Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries.

Our country is known today as the greatest of nations, and stands before the world as a leader of all mankind. If she is to fulfill the mission which we believe God has entrusted to her, we must rally to the standard of Christ, and make the light of the gospel shine into every dark spot of our land.

He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor: He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.

We have in this land of ours many poor, many broken-hearted aliens who have come among us, seeking deliverance from the bonds of poverty, and have found it not, because the Christian people have neglected to see that God's command is obeyed by our nation and all its people.

Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

If Christian Americanization is to be more than a campaign slogan, the consciences of Christians must be stirred, until they shall demand that some of the laws laid down for nations be observed.

And the Sabbath of the land shall be meat for you; for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for thy stranger that sojourneth with thee.

There are today in our United States about 14,000,000 people of foreign birth. One person out of every three is of foreign birth or foreign parentage. They build our railroads, mine our coal, can our food—and we too often leave them to themselves, crowded in tenement sections, never really knowing the Christian American—and expect them to become loyal Americans.

The stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among

you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

Because of their ignorance of our customs and language, too many of our foreign American women and children are forced to toil all day long for mere pittance.

Thou shalt not oppress an hired servant that is poor and needy, whether he be of thy brethren, or of thy strangers that are in thy land within thy gates: at his day thou shalt give him his hire, neither shalt the sun go down upon it; for he is poor, and setteth his heart upon it: lest he cry against thee unto the Lord, and it be sin unto thee.

Until our national conscience is aroused, and we realize that these foreigners are entitled to all the rights and privileges of our land, we can scarcely hope for them to have much faith in the sincerity of our desire to help them, and in the real Christianity of our nation.

One law and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.

Our love for our land is very real, and there is no sacrifice that we are not willing to make for it, but we must not forget that our country is a trust of which we must prove ourselves worthy, and that we are here on sufferance.

The land is mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with me.

No other force in our national life is doing so much to uplift the foreigners as the Church of God. In bringing to him the message of salvation, its workers are also interpreting the aims and ideals of our country, and making useful citizens; and many of them have found their Saviour, and have caught the vision of our national ideals and mission.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

No department of the Home Mission work of our Church has been more fruitful of good than the work among the foreign-speaking people—Mexican, French, Cuban, Hungarian, Chinese, Syrian, Indian, Italian, Bohemian.

We do hear \* \* in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

Most of our new Americans come from Roman Catholic countries and are accustomed to beautiful churches, in which they may worship. An unpainted store-room on a poor street is not to them a fit dwelling place for the God they worship.

Behold the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?

Gradually through the gifts of self-denial during Home Mission Week, we have been equipping these stations. We are going to devote our Home Mission Week offerings this year to the upbuilding of a church for the Mexicans at Austin, to much-needed repairs on our mission property at Ensley, and to providing a manse for our evangelist in Indian Presbytery.

Take heed now; for the Lord hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it.

Our Church has many faithful bands of earnest Christians, scattered here and there, among these newcomers, worshipping in old, dilapidated buildings, or in the neat new

buildings which she has provided for them; beacon lights among their fellowmen, helping to bring them out of the darkness and into the light.

Moreover concerning the stranger, which is not of thy people Israel, but is come from a far country, for thy great name's sake, and thy mighty hand, and thy stretched out arm; if they come and pray in this house; then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; that all people of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as doth thy people Israel, and may know that this house which I have built is called by thy name.

## Hymn—Our Country for the World! We Sing.

Our country for the world! we sing,  
But in no worldly way;  
Our country to the Lord we bring,  
And for her fervent pray;  
God make her true; God make her pure;  
God make her wise and good;  
And through her may the Christ make sure  
Man's world-wide brotherhood!

—Denis Wortman.

## Prayer.

For all the work of our Church among aliens, that it may win many souls to Christ, and that we may come to realize that these peoples who make such valiant allies against a human foe, need only to be enlisted to make them allies in our battle against sin and wrong.

## Scripture Reading.

Wherefore remember that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called uncircumcision by that which is called the circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us:

Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself the twain one new man, so making peace;

And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone;

In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

—Eph. 2:11-22.

## Pageant—Our Sojourning Sisters.

## Hymn.

Look from thy sphere of endless day,  
O God of mercy and of might;  
In pity look on those who stray  
Benighted, in this land of light.

—W. C. Bryant.

## Self-Denial Offering.

Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord.

## Offertory Prayer.

## Hymn.

Our country's voice is pleading,  
Ye men of God, arise!  
His providence is leading,  
The land before you lies;  
Day-gleams are o'er it bright'ning,  
And promise clothes the soil;  
White fields, for harvest whit'ning,  
Invite the reaper's toil.

The love of Christ unfolding,  
Speed on from east to west,  
Till all, his cross beholding,  
In him are fully blest.  
Great Author of salvation,  
Haste, haste the glorious day,  
When we, a ransomed nation,  
The scepter shall obey.

## Benediction (In Unison).

To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Note: The Pageant may be omitted, and a paper may be read on Christian Americanization, and the relation of Christian women to it.

## Daily Topics for Prayer and Praise.

Sunday—Christian Americanization. A sermon by the pastor on opportunities for real patriotic service in reaching the neglected people of our land.

Monday—Alien Americans. For all aliens in our land, that they may be no more aliens, but fellow-citizens.

Tuesday—For Industrial Workers in Our Factories. That the Church shall realize her obligation to give them the gospel message, and that employers may be so filled with the spirit of Christ that justice and love shall characterize the relationship between employer and employee.

Wednesday—The Negro. That in entering wider fields of service he may also be led into a truer knowledge of Christ, and that Christian people may realize their obligation to guide him.

Thursday—The American Indian. That as he comes into full citizenship in the United States, he may come into the full knowledge of the saving power of Christ Jesus.

Friday—The Dwellers in the mountains. That these "only pure Americans" may come also to be citizens in the kingdom not made with hands.

Saturday—The Great West. That the West may be won and held for Christ and his kingdom.

Sunday—Assembly's Home Missions. For the blessing of God upon the work of the Home Mission Committee, that through its efforts men shall be brought to Christ and made into a vital force for the upbuilding of our nation and of the kingdom of God.

(Note 2: This excellent program furnishes material for a complete Home Mission meeting. The pageant, "Our Sojourning Sisters," will be given in full on this page next week.

As many copies of program and pageant as you need can be had for asking from the Home Mission Office, Hurt Building, Atlanta, Ga.—C. L. C., Editor.)

