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"Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer,
and rise again from the dead the third day; and that
repentance and remission of sins should be preached
in his name unto all the nations, beginning from
Jerusalem."



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AMERICA

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing!
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrim's pride,
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring!

My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love.
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills,
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above!

Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing!
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light,
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.

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1. Members of the society read the chapters at home and talk them over at the meetings; the topics may be still farther elaborated by papers, talks and discussions on various allied themes.

2. The main chapter is read aloud at the meeting. The illustrations following each section are read by different members present, and discussed by all.

3. A leader appointed at a previous meeting, prepares herself by thorough study of the theme to give the substance of a chapter in her own words, and to answer questions upon it; others should do their part by asking numerous questions.

4. A given chapter is divided into sections, and a member of the society assigned to take charge of each section and to present it in whatever way she sees fit at the next meeting.

6. Written questions are distributed, to be answered from previous reading of a given chapter.

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CENTRAL THOUGHT

IT should never be forgotten that the end and aim of Woman's Home Missionary work, aside from the personal salvation of those brought under its influence, is to uplift the homes of the nation—and, thereby, its citizenship. The proudest distinction of America is that it is a land of homes.

To uplift the home requires effort along many and varied lines. There must be housekeepers trained in all deft and womanly arts of housewifery; there must be nurses and doctors able to take intelligent care of the sick; there must be schools and teachers capable of co-operating with the home at its best. Hence, for the development of a race, or a nation, there must be industrial Homes, normal classes, advanced education of young men and young women, that they may keep step together as makers of homes.

With this thought in mind, the subject-matter of this book centres around the home, in the broad sense of the term. Does an organisation of Home Missionary women maintain a school for the children in some neglected or forgotten region? The reflex influence of the school is felt