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Some Sign Boards Pointing the Way Out for Southern Baptists.

Do I know the way out? Sure! I am not the only one either; there are a million Baptists who know the way out. I am nailing up a few sign boards which point the way out.

First, each and every agency, board and institution both State and Southwide, must set itself to the task of solving its own problems and working its own way out in the light of present-day denominational conditions.

Our denominational difficulty is the difficulty of our denominational agencies, and this difficulty cannot be solved by resolutions passed in conventions. Each agency must be brave enough to face the facts as they are, wise enough to adjust its budget of operation to its receipts, and unselfish enough to join hands with every other agency, State and Southwide, in the common task of rehabilitating all the denominational enterprises.

Second, no agency, board or institution, State or Southwide, should assume in these difficult times that it is a preferred interest of the denomination.

It may be the most important interest of the denomination, but this does not give it the right to go on with the budget of work that it feels ought to be carried on, regardless of denominational conditions or the condition of the other agencies of the denomination. Each and every interest, State and Southwide, should recognize its cooperative relationship with all the other interests and adjust itself sacrificially to the task of working in cooperation with all for the common good of all.

Third, if the debts of any one agency, board or institution, State or Southwide, are to be made preferred claims on the Cooperative Program, then all the debts of all the interests included in the Cooperative Program, both State and Southwide, should be made preferred claims.

All the interests in the Cooperative Program should be treated alike. Cooperation means just this. A Cooperative Program should be a COOPERATIVE Program. It is not a COOPERATIVE Program when any interest, either State or Southwide, is a preferred object in that program; it then becomes a preferred program with cooperative features. Percentages of distribution and bases of division of funds should be so stabilized that they will have the same meaning in all the states; they mean nothing definite so long as preferred charges of uncertain and variable amounts are made against the Cooperative Program in any one of the states.

Fourth, the debts of the denomination, both State and Southwide, should be itemized and classified and totaled by institutions, agencies and boards.

Over against these debts there should be set the property values of each institution, agency or board with a careful analysis of the property owned, showing its nature, use, need, and the advisability and possibility of selling it and applying the proceeds to the debt. There should also be made in this connection a careful analysis of the resources and the income of each institution apart from the Cooperative Program and designated receipts from the churches. We need a careful survey of the affairs of the denomination with a view to discovering our real condition, preparatory to making out an intelligent program for paying our debts and carrying on our work.

Fifth, we should pool our debts—not merge them, but total them and treat them as a whole—both State and Southwide.

We could then work out a debt-paying policy for the denomination on a percentage basis of reduction in debts. This program of debt-paying should include an "OWE-NOMAN OFFERING" to be taken in all the churches every fall, the money to be applied on a percentage basis to the debts, both State and Southwide.

A suggestion was made in the fall of 1929 to pay off the debt on Foreign Missions by a "LOVE OFFERING" in December. That suggestion was severely criticised on the ground that a special offering for any object would disturb and tend to disrupt the Cooperative Program. Since that suggestion was made every state in the Southern Baptist Convention, except two, have put on debt-paying and other campaigns for state causes.

If we are going to have campaigns for debts on one group of objects, then we should have debt-paying movements for all the objects.

Sixth, our churches must assume their rightful, God-given place in the on-coming of the Kingdom.

By Divine appointment the churches are the agents for the spread of the Gospel. They are to support and direct the enterprises of the Kingdom. Our pastors are our denominational leaders. Right here we strike bed-rock. The problem, therefore, of the denomination is, in its final analysis, a local church problem. If we can grow virile, vital, functioning, New Testament churches all through the Southern Baptist Convention, then our problems are solved; for a New Testament church in vital touch with its Lord will produce money for mission work just as naturally as a healthy apple tree will produce apples. It will produce everything else the Kingdom needs also.

Seventh, we should set for ourselves a well defined five-year denominational program with certain desirable things to be accomplished as goals.

On the fifth of last March I presented to a joint meeting composed of the Executive Committee, the State Secretaries and the Southwide Agencies, a five-year denominational program with denominational objectives set up as goals. The objectives set forth in the paper presented were as follows:

"(1). To reaffirm the Cooperative Program as the method by which the denomination is to finance its work, and, during the five-year period, to make an effort to get at least seventy-five percent of the churches to adopt it and put it on in an effective way.

"(2). To set a basis of fifty-fifty for the distribution of funds by the churches between local church support and denominational work, and, during the five-year period, to try to get seventy-five percent of the budget churches to adopt this basis.

"(3). To set a basis of fifty-fifty for the distribution of Cooperative Program funds between State and Southwide causes, and, during the five-year period, to get all the states to adopt this basis.

"(4). To fix the tithe as the minimum that any church member should give through his church to the local church and denominational work, and, during the five-year period, to endeavor to enroll one million church members who would agree to give as much as a tithe through their church treasuries to the work of the Kingdom.

"(5). To put on each year a Southwide, every-member canvass with the purpose of reaching every church and se-

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IN THIS ISSUE

In this issue of the Big Tract we are giving the full report of the Board made to the Convention in Birmingham.

There is also a brief of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board, which brief contains all the actions of the Board of any importance.

We are also giving fresh and interesting items from the field. Dr. Beagle has added several from his Department. Dr. Gartenhaus has a couple of interesting items about his work, and Dr. O'Hara is telling us about the new Department which he has been asked to take charge of.

Read this Tract through and see if you do not find it interesting, refreshing, helpful and stimulating. It is brim full of the very finest kind of Home Mission material.

Eugene Sallee, Brother and Co-laborer

Eugene Sallee, brother and friend, went home the other day, but he left behind for us, as a glorious fact, a precious memory, and a rich inheritance the life that he had lived among men.

He was a noble work-fellow. I shall miss his genial face, his beaming smile, and his cheerful voice; but my contacts with him shall remain in memory as springs of good-cheer and hope to thirsty and discouraged thoughts.

To know him was to love him, for he was lovable and loving. His genial disposition, his gracious bearing, his heartfelt sympathy and his kind and gentle manner won all hearts to him.

He possessed the essential graces of the Christian worker—religious devotion, missionary passion, unswerving purpose, deep conviction, sacrificial spirit, victorious faith, and the spirit of cooperation.

I am richer in life because I knew him. Southern Baptists are richer because they had him for a brief period in their midst. But he belonged to Christ and Christ took him. We bow our heads in submission to the Divine will.

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BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS

Please! Please! Please!

Brother Pastor, will you not either make the following announcement from your church bulletin. The announcement is as follows: Those interested in Home Missions can secure a copy of "SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS" by writing to J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Home Mission Board, 310 Red Rock Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

This publication contains a full report of the Board made to the Convention in Birmingham, a full statement of the financial operations for the year, receipts and disbursements, a digest of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board with a detailed statement of next year's budget, and other valuable and interesting information on Home Missions. A copy of this Tract will be sent free to anyone for the asking. Send and get the Tract and inform yourself about Home Missions.

Into the By-ways and Hedges in Cuba.

Dr. M. N. McCall.

Cotorro is a little town of two thousand or more, so near Havana that a five cent bus fare takes one to it in less than thirty minutes from the Temple. Notwithstanding its nearness, no work had ever been done there, though we had often looked longingly at its homes as we passed. We thought we had neither the force nor the money to open work there. But recently we asked Brother Renato Alfonso to try to find a home that would be willing for us to hold a service. He returned from his first afternoon's visitation, saying that the Misses Lopez would be willing to have us on Tuesday night. So we went out, preacher, baby organ, organist, group of singers and package of tracts. The living room was so packed with listeners that we had to stand in the door of an adjoining bed room to preach. Beyond the living room the porch was full, and beyond the porch the street was crowded. It was not a new experience but one that does not come every day, to preach in a home where the pictures of saints were hanging on the walls and where just behind the door was the little image before which candles are always burning. It was a good service, and interest was intense as the messenger tried to bring his message on "Ye must be born again."

At the close of the service we asked if some other home would receive us on the following Tuesday. Another was offered, and the Misses Lopez said they would be glad to have us again. That was three months ago, and so far service has been held every week since the beginning.

"I love all the saints," said the lady in whose home we held the second service. We had gone during the day to carry the little organ, in preparation for the night's service. And she had numbers of them there, or their pictures, hanging on the

walls of the room. She had also a print of one of the famous paintings of the First Supper. The visitor drew from his pocket a little Testament and said, "I would like to read you the story on which that picture is based." It was the first time she had ever seen the Bible or heard any part of its message. Now she never misses one of the neighborhood services and Christ means more to her than "all the saints." We believe she and others of her household are near the Kingdom.

Some day we hope to have a Gospel wagon to make regular rounds to places like Cotorro, where we can not now bear the expense of established missions, but where there are many souls waiting for the message of life.

First Baptist Indian Church of New Mexico.

Una Roberts Lawrence

Rare good news came in March from New Mexico. The work that has for some four years been done among the Indian people in and around Albuquerque crystallized into a church, the larger number of charter members being young people from the Indian Government School in Albuquerque. Since 1923, the First Baptist Church of Albuquerque has been doing work in this Indian School, beginning with a Sunday School Class of girls. The work grew until, when the Home Mission Board located an Indian missionary in Albuquerque, there was a good sized Sunday School of Indian young people utilizing the old First Baptist Church building as an Indian Department of First Church.

When the First Church recently sold this old building the Indian Baptist Sunday School moved out to the Indian school, being given permission to use the school auditorium, though the earnest hope of the missionaries is that there will soon be a chapel to house this growing and important Baptist work near the school. Lots are available adjacent to the school property that are very desirable and just now low in price. Building costs are also lower than formerly and the opportunity is ripe now for some friend of Indian missions to invest here in Indian youth for Christ.

The organization of the church was a realization of a dream of the missionaries and a step toward permanent Indian Baptist work in this State of thousands of Indians wholly untouched by the evangelical faith. There were 42 charter members, and six were received for baptism at the first service. There are only two white people in the church, the missionary, C. W. Burnett, and his wife. A veteran Cherokee missionary with his family now living in retirement in Albuquerque, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wilson, our Indian missionaries, were the older folk who joined with these fine Indian Baptist young people in the organization. The Sunday School has provided the literature for the first quarter, a genuine missionary contribution. The little new church undertook its whole duty from the beginning, observing the March Missionary Month programs in the Sunday School and taking an offering on the Fifth Sunday that amounted to \$6.32 for Home and Foreign missions. There are 126 enrolled in the Sunday School, an army of Indian youth for the future evangelization of the Indian tribes of the Southwest.

BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS

Suggested Associational Report on Home Missions

This suggested report with the other material in this issue of the Big Tract will furnish the Chairmen of the Committees on Home Missions ample facts on Home Missions for their reports and speeches. Use these facts freely. They are for public consumption.

HOME MISSIONS DEFINED

Home Missions is the effort of all that group of missionary and evangelistic tasks which either because of their nature or their size and difficulty can best be handled by a Southwide denominational agency. The object in operation should always be and is to conserve whatever is being done by any other agency working in the same field by a careful coordination of the work of all with the purpose of evangelizing the whole Southland. It differs from Foreign Missions only in the conditions under which the work is done, not at all in the message and very little in the method.

HOME MISSION OPERATION

The Home Mission Board through which the Southern Baptist Convention is doing its Home Mission work, has worked itself out of a very precarious financial condition and now stands on solid ground. Some workers have been dropped but the real mission work of the Board has been continued. This has been done in the face of decreasing receipts, in two ways: (1) by giving to the missionaries more territory; and (2) by reducing the appropriations to institutions. The Board is interpreting "Missions" to mean primarily the "making and baptizing of disciples" and is therefore majoring on preaching the Gospel to Foreigners, the Indians, the Negroes in the congested centers of our Homeland, and in Cuba and Panama.

THE BUDGET OF WORK

Following the instruction of the Southern Baptist Convention the Board is living within its income and paying its debts. Last year, in spite of decreased receipts, the Board by combining departments and practicing the most heroic economy paid \$111,000 on the principal of its indebtedness and carried on its mission work. Not one single mission field has been abandoned.

The budget for next year at the annual meeting of the Board, June 3rd, was laid out, according to the instruction of the Convention, on the basis of the cash receipts of the year before. The receipts were \$413,283.96. This was \$26,510.80 less than the Board received the year before. The Board was, therefore, forced to the painful necessity of cutting \$26,500 off of its budget of operations. This reduction was made by economizing in overhead expense and in reducing the appropriation to institutions. Only a very small percentage of reduction was made in the Mission work. Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars was set aside for payment of interest and principal on indebtedness. The Board has definitely decided to retire its indebtedness as rapidly as possible.

During the past year the Board has had 252 missionaries and helpers who have given 3,162 weeks of labor, conducted 3,563 religious services, preached 9,373 sermons, held 5,857 prayer meetings, made 51,356 religious visits, received by profession and baptism 3,562 people, added to the churches 3,015 members and distributed 634,514 pages of tracts.

FUTURE POLICY

In its report to the Southern Baptist Convention the Home Mission Board announced some general principles by which it would be governed in its future operation. These principles as announced by the Board and accepted by the Convention are as follows:

1. It shall be the policy of the Board to practice every possible economy, watching carefully every item in the operating

expense and in the mission work so as to secure 100 cents worth of service out of every dollar expended.

2. It shall be the policy of the Board to give itself primarily to strictly mission work—the making and baptizing of disciples. The Home Mission Board is a mission board and has only one reason for its existence, namely, mission work in the Homeland, Cuba and Panama.

3. It shall be the policy of the Board to work in the closest cooperation with all the State and Southwide organizations.

4. It shall be the policy of the Board to stand absolutely for the Program adopted by the Convention, and to give at all times its undivided support to that Program.

5. It shall be the policy of the Board to pursue a wide-open policy and to have no secrets about the handling of any of its funds or the administration of any of its affairs.

6. It shall be the policy of the Board to live within its income. The Board regrets the necessity which requires a reduction of its work, but it is definitely of the conviction that it should not attempt to do more work than can be done by the money received.

7. It shall be the policy of the Board to keep intact and to faithfully administer every trust fund committed to its care. All trust funds, annuities and bequests shall be sacredly guarded.

8. It shall be the policy of the Board to adopt a definitely defined debt-paying program. The debt-paying program which the Board has adopted will, if continued, retire the entire indebtedness of the Board in approximately ten years.

9. It shall be the policy of the Board to dispose of all property not being used for mission and church purposes and apply the proceeds on the debt.

10. It shall be the policy of the Board to pay its debts and to stay out of debt.

11. It shall be the policy of the Board to turn over to the local congregations the church property now owned by the Board just as soon as the congregation is strong enough to maintain the property. The Board will retain a gift contract covering the equity it has in the property.

12. It shall be the policy of the Board to make surveys of mission tasks in order that the Board may be assured in the work it is doing and apprised of work that it might do, so that it will be able to judge as to the fields of greatest need.

13. It shall be the policy of the Board to get out to the churches adequate and accurate information about Home Mission work.

14. It shall be the policy of the Board to take the churches into its confidence and to seek their counsel and help on all the work to be done.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

The Home Mission Board provides an agency through which Southern Baptists can bring the impact of the whole denomination to bear upon any mission problem anywhere in Southern Baptist territory. With the cooperation of the State Boards, Southern Baptists through the Home Mission Board will be able to evangelize the Southland, preach the Gospel to the foreigners who are in our midst, help the Negroes to come into their own as a Baptist people, build denominational morale, and revitalize our spiritual interest throughout the whole Southern Baptist territory. The prospects for the future for Home Missions are as bright as the promises of God and the faith of His people.

Annual Meeting of the Home Board

We are giving practically the full Minutes of the annual meeting of the Board. Nothing but minor details are left out. Read them and be instructed on what the Board is doing.

ANNUAL MEETING of HOME MISSION BOARD June 3, 1931

The annual meeting of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was called to order by Dr. Ellis A. Fuller at 9 A. M., June 3rd, 1931, at the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Lawrence led a brief devotional.

The following state members were present: F. L. Hardy, Alabama; J. F. Tull, Arkansas; T. E. Boorde, D. C.; T. V. McCaul, Florida; L. A. Henderson, Georgia; O. A. Carmean, Illinois; L. C. Kelly, Kentucky; T. V. Herndon, Louisiana; W. A. Hewitt, Mississippi; Paul Weber, Missouri; J. F. Nix, New Mexico; W. H. Williams, North Carolina; Rupert F. Nagey, Oklahoma; R. G. Lee, Tennessee; M. T. Andrews, Texas; T. R. Sanford, Virginia.

The following local members of the Board were present: Ellis A. Fuller, M. A. Cooper, A. J. Moncrief, J. G. Davis, J. E. Sammons, Walter Ward, B. M. Callaway, Col. B. L. Bugg, J. M. Harrison, E. D. Thomas, P. S. Etheridge, G. F. Garrison, Ernest F. Brown, C. W. Outlaw. Others present: J. W. Beagle, J. W. Wing, M. N. McCall, Jacob Gartenhaus, Geo. P. Whitman, J. W. O'Hara, George J. Burnett, E. M. Altman, Mrs. Geo. W. Bottoms, Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, J. B. Lawrence.

The following members of the Board were absent: Z. A. Snipes, Atlanta; W. S. Smith, Atlanta; J. M. Walker, South Carolina; H. F. Jones, Maryland.

Dr. Ellis A. Fuller was re-elected President; Dr. A. J. Moncrief, Vice-President, and Mr. G. F. Garrison, Recording Secretary.

Dr. M. T. Andrews moved the re-election of J. B. Lawrence as Executive Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. Lawrence was unanimously elected.

The Executive Secretary-Treasurer read his annual report to the Board and Dr. F. L. Hardy of Alabama moved that the report submitted by Dr. Lawrence be received and that the procedure suggested be adopted. This motion was carried.

Dr. Fuller read the list of Standing Committees for the conventional year.

The Heads of Departments were then called upon for verbal reports of their work for the year and the following made reports: Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, Dr. J. W. O'Hara, Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, Dr. M. N. McCall and Dr. J. W. Beagle.

Dr. Fuller appointed a Special Committee of six to report on the budget for the next year. R. F. Nagey, Paul Weber, T. V. McCaul, B. L. Bugg, B. M. Callaway and M. T. Andrews.

While the Special Committee was preparing its report, Dr. Fuller threw the meeting upon for discussion by the State members and the following members spoke: T. R. Sanford of Virginia; T. E. Boorde of Washington; W. H. Williams of North Carolina; F. L. Hardy of Ala-

bama, O. A. Carmean of Illinois; L. C. Kelly of Kentucky; T. V. Herndon of Louisiana; L. A. Henderson of Georgia. These members spoke very encouragingly of the outlook for Home Missions in their respective states.

The Committee appointed by the Board to visit Cuba, consisting of Dr. Fuller, President; B. M. Callaway and J. B. Lawrence, made its report. Mr. Callaway reporting for the Committee. The Committee made two suggestions: One was to build the college provided for by the Bottoms Trust on six acres of the ground held by the Board, leaving on the bond acres to be sold and applied on the bond issue, the building project consisting of two dormitories, administration building and preparation of the ground not to cost over \$200,000, and the rest of the trust fund to be used as an endowment. The second proposition was to take the money available in the Bottoms Trust and develop the Temple property, building in the heart of Havana a modern, up-to-date church plant with the facilities for operating an up-to-date church and also a school.

Dr. Nancy of Oklahoma moved that a Committee of five, with the Executive Secretary and President of the Board as ex-officio members, be appointed by the President of the Board to work the matter out with Mrs. Bottoms and Dr. McCall; this Committee to make its report at the next monthly meeting of the Board or as soon thereafter as possible. Dr. McCaul of Florida seconded the motion and it was carried.

The report of the Committee on Budget was made by Dr. Rupert Nagey. The Committee recommended that the budget for the year be laid out on the basis of the cash receipts of the year before, which were \$413,830. Out of this amount they recommended that \$250,000 be set aside to meet payments on interest and principal of indebtedness. It recommended the following budget of operation:

Independent & Direct Missions	\$ 55,000
Cuba	45,000
Schools or Missions and Mission Schools	8,500
Jewish Work	4,500
Field Work	2,500
Panama	1,500
Mission Study	8,400
Publicity	1,400
Southern Baptist Sanatorium	1,400
Insurance	8,000
Taxes	500
Reserve	500
Interest on Annuities	2,500
Office Salaries	2,500
Rent	1,500
Supplies	500
Postage, Express	1,500
Printing	200
Telephone & Telegraph	400
Incidentals	200
Travelling Expense	1,200
Extra Help	500
Employees' Bond and Audit	1,000
Attorney	600
Dr. B. D. Gray, Secy. Emeritus (Salary)	2,400
W. M. U. Operating Expense	12,000
Baptist Brotherhood Operating Expense	2,200
Southern Baptist Convention Expense	2,800
Expense Annual Board Meeting	1,000
Total	\$162,900
Appropriated for Debt	250,000
TOTAL BUDGET FOR YEAR	\$412,900

The Budget Committee recommended that the work of Dr. O'Hara be enlarged to include Church School of Missions. This recommendation was adopted.

The present force of superintendents and workers was re-elected for another year: Dr. J. W. Beagle, Superintendent of Independent and Direct Missions; Dr. M. N. McCall, Superintendent of Mission in Cuba; Dr. J. W. O'Hara, Superintendent of Church Schools of Missions and Mountain Schools; Dr. Jacob Gartenhaus, Missionary to the Jews; Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, Mission Study Editor; Miss Emma Leachman, Field Worker.

Dr. Nancy presented the following resolution on Mountain Schools:

"Be it resolved by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, at its 1931 annual meeting duly assembled, that it is declared the policy of the Home Mission Board to disassociate the Board from its Mountain Schools as the operating agency thereof, and provide for the operation of its Mountain Schools under such arrangement or agreement as will permit the use and operation of its Mountain School properties and equipment by local boards of trustees who may be willing to so use and operate same with sole financial responsibility in the operation thereof, and without financial obligation on the part of the Home Mission Board beyond such appropriation or appropriations as the Board may make thereto; it being the purpose and intent of this resolution to provide for the disassociation of the Home Mission Board as the operating agency of its Mountain Schools, and to transfer the operation thereof to boards of trustees, locally organized, who shall act as their own representatives and the representatives of their local communities and not as the representatives of the Home Mission Board, in making contracts and in incurring obligations in the operation thereof."

Dr. Weber of Missouri moved the adoption of this resolution and it was seconded and carried.

Dr. L. C. Kelly of Kentucky moved that the Mountain School Committee go thoroughly into the needs of the mountains to determine what is possible as to evangelism and preacher training, and to make recommendations at the next annual meeting of the Board. This resolution was seconded and carried.

Mr. B. M. Callaway moved that Mr. Geo. P. Whitman be continued as the Board's attorney at a salary of \$600.00 a year. Motion seconded and carried.

Dr. M. A. Cooper of Atlanta, Chairman of the Committee on Independent and Direct Missions, presented the report of the committee. This report brought the operations of this Department within the appropriation made for the year. The report was adopted.

Mr. B. M. Callaway presented the report on Church Extension. This report provided for the continuation of this Department with the Executive Secretary as Superintendent and Mr. Geo. F. Austin as Field Representative.

Col. B. L. Bugg, Chairman of the Committee on Cuba and Panama, made the report for the Committee. This report provided for the operation of the Cuban Mission work within the budget fixed, with Dr. M. N. McCall as Superintendent. It also provided for the operation of the Panama work within the budget fixed with

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Mountain Missions and Church Schools of Missions

Dr. J. W. O'Hara, Superintendent.

Dr. O'Hara has been given a new work in connection with Mountain Missions. In this article he tells us about his enlarged department.

The Home Mission Board at its annual meeting, on account of limited finances, was not able to make any appropriations for maintenance of any of its seven schools. They, however, are planning to continue their operations. Seven of the schools on the advisory list will also continue, thus leaving fourteen schools in nine states. They will make their appeal to the local constituency and friends elsewhere.

The Home Board continues to furnish its property for use by local boards of trustees and proposes, when the bond issue is retired, or turn the property over to the trustees. The Board continues the superintendent with instructions to help the schools in any way possible consistent with their needs and the larger work committed to him. This work will consist of help in securing teachers, counsel in operation of schools, advice to trustees, help in bringing together needy students and inquiring friends, furnishing information about the status and needs of these schools, supplying information as to the larger needs of the mountains, and the usual contacts with schools with encouragement and counsel to faculties. During the year, the Mountain School Committee will make a survey of mountain

territory, looking to a larger missionary program in the mountains.

The addition of the new feature calls for a change in name. Hereafter it will be known as the Department of Church Schools of Missions and Mountain Schools. The preachers' schools will be continued. Any one interested in any of these phases of work, or desiring information concerning them may communicate with the Superintendent at Asheville, North Carolina.

Church Schools of Missions J. W. O'Hara, Supt.

The Home Mission Board at its annual meeting, June 3rd, added to the Department of Mountain Missions and Schools a new and important feature called Church School of Missions in the South. This enlarges the Department of Missionary Education to include all the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The aim and purpose of this phase of work will be to stimulate missionary study on the part of the entire church. The curriculum will be selected so as to provide mission study books for adults, seniors, intermediates, juniors and primaries. Lamenting the year, the Mountain School Committee will make a survey of mountain

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Rev. Alfred Carpenter as Superintendent, done within these limitations and to express the belief that the value of this work is incalculable. We commend both the Executive Secretary and the Mission Study Editor for the splendid results.

"The avenues of publicity open to the Board without cost are as follows: (1) Periodicals of the Sunday School Board; (2) the periodicals of the W. M. U.; and (3) the State papers. Other lines of publicity employed are: (1) Missionary days in Sunday School; (2) March Week of Prayer; and (3) study course texts and helps, maps, charts, pictures, lantern slides, tracts and exhibits.

"We recommend the continuance of the quarterly publication of Southern Baptist Home Missions as has been done in the past year.

"We recognize the need of a graded mission study course and recommend the development of such a course as rapidly as possible.

"We recommend that the Board continue to cooperate with the Sunday School Board in the publication and circulation of Home and Foreign Fields, emphasizing the development of this organ."

The report was unanimously adopted. A few minor details were attended to and the Board then adjourned at 9:50 P.

M. with prayer by Mr. Geo. P. Whitman. be developed. The women of the Southland have built up a Mission Study Course which is unsurpassed. The efforts of this department will be to reach that portion of the churches now unenlisted. The Superintendent feels assured beforehand that the women will lend every possible effort to stimulate this broader application in mission study, and thereby secure larger results.

The Superintendent was a pastor for twenty-six years and knows from experience that the pastor is the key to the situation. He not only offers to them his help and counsel in organizing Church Schools of Missions but earnestly seeks their cooperation. Suitable literature will be prepared and carefully selected books will be recommended. The Superintendent asks that pastors and church leaders address him at Asheville, N. C., in reference to plans for such courses of study. To carefully plan for such schools will necessarily require weeks.

Our schools will of course feature in the largest measure Home Missions and the urgent needs of the Homeland, but at the same time it is desired that there be incorporated in them study of State Mission needs and the call of the world. The field is one. We believe the saving of our own land and mobilizing its resources is necessary to the saving of the world.

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curing from every member of every church a subscription both to the local church work and to denominational work, and, during the five-year period, to make an effort to enlist at least eighty percent of the membership of the churches as a minimum-average for the budget churches.

"(6). In order that these goals may be reached that a Promotion Committee be created to consist of the State Secretaries, the Executive heads of the Southwide agencies, and a committee from the Executive Committee, which Committee shall set itself to the task of leading Southern Baptists in attaining these goals within the five year period."

The action of the Southern Baptist Convention at Birmingham provided for most of these objectives with slight variations, but it did not provide for a five-year program with these objectives as definite goals. This we should do. A program is different from a campaign. A goal is something to work to as an end; but if the goal is a desirable thing, it will stimulate interest and sustain action. We need both.

In conclusion let me say that these sign boards are nailed up by my own hand and are not official in any sense of the word. They are statements of what I think might assist the denomination in working out its problems and do not in any way come from the Home Mission Board. They stand on their own merit. The common sense of most in denominational life can always be trusted. Things refuse to be mismanaged long. Whether we go one way or the other—my way or yours—we shall go under the leadership of the Holy Spirit out to the destiny God has for us. That will be the way of Divine leadership. I shall be satisfied.

Report of Home Mission Board to the Southern Baptist Convention

Dr. McGlothlin, President of the Convention, said that the Home Board report was one of the most encouraging and hopeful reports made to the Convention. We are giving it in full. Read it and pray for the Board and the work of Home Missions.

Our fathers, when they organized the Southern Baptist Convention, provided for the witness of our churches to Christ both at home and abroad by creating two boards—the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board. This was in 1845. Since that good hour the Home Mission Board has served Southern Baptists as an agency of this Convention in helping to create a Christ-like world. We bring to you a report of our stewardship for the Conventional year 1930-31.

I. ADMINISTRATION

The Home Mission Board, confronted with handicaps the like of which perhaps no denominational agency has ever faced, is heroically endeavoring to meet its obligations to the Denomination.

1. Solving its Problems

The Board is working out of a very complex and delicate situation. It is not free from its financial burdens nor has it solved all of its problems, but it has worked itself out of a very precarious condition and now only needs time and the continued support of the churches. No one, not on the Board, can possibly know how intricate, delicate and difficult the problems faced by the Board were. The most annoying of these, however, have been solved. The Board now stands on solid ground.

2. The Mission Work Saved

The Board is preserving and continuing what at one time seemed to be a depleted mission work. Workers have been dropped and appropriations reduced, but the real mission work of the Board has been continued. This has been done in the face of decreasing receipts in two ways: (1) By giving to the missionaries more territory; and (2) by reducing the appropriations to institutions. The Board is majoring on preaching the Gospel to the Foreigners, the Indians, the Negroes, in the congested centers of our Homeland, and in Cuba and Panama.

3. Defining Mission Work

The Board has found it necessary to re-define Mission work. It is interpreting "Missions" to mean primarily the "making and baptizing of disciples." The Board believes that God-called men speaking out of a heart of love to lost men about Christ and urging them to accept Him as their Saviour is primarily, fundamentally and essentially Mission work. Believing this, the Board is giving preeminence in its Mission program to the work of preaching the Gospel.

II. OPERATION

The Board has during the past Conventional year given assiduously to the tasks assigned it by this Convention. It has

faced three major problems: (1) Living within its income; (2) meeting its financial obligations; and (3) preserving its mission work.

Decreasing receipts have made the task of the Board most difficult. Administration is easy when you have plenty of money, but with a depleted treasury administration becomes a problem. The Board has been forced again and again to make reductions in its budget of operation. It is in making these reductions that it faces one of its most serious difficulties, namely the danger that the brotherhood will misunderstand its actions and think the reductions are made arbitrarily when, in fact, they are from necessity.

No one can be pained more deeply than the members of the Board over every reduction made, but we cannot—we must not—go further in debt. The extent of the operations of the Board must not exceed the amount of money received. The debts must be paid and the Mission work carried on with the money that comes into the treasury. This is a fixed policy of the Board.

1. The Budget for the Year

The Board was instructed by the Convention in New Orleans to lay out its work on the basis of the cash receipts of the year before. The Board received the year before \$439,754.76. This necessitated a considerable reduction in the budget of operations for the past Conventional year. At the annual meeting in May, 1930, the budget was reduced from \$446,940.78, the budget of the previous year, to \$434,557.75, which is just a fraction under the cash receipts of the Conventional year, May 1, 1929-May 1, 1930.

The Board was also instructed by the Convention to live within its income. It found December 1st that it had received \$16,906.00, less for the first seven months of the Conventional year, May 1st to December 1st, than for the same period the previous year. This decline in receipts necessitated another cut in the budget. In making these reductions, the Board exercised its best judgment. It canvassed the whole field of its operations, looked at every piece of work it was doing and picked out those things it could leave off with the least injury to the Mission program of the Board.

2. Economy in Operation

In planning its work the Board at the annual meeting in May, by combining departments and making other adjustments, cut more than \$5,000 off of its overhead expense. Since then, by moving to cheaper but adequate quarters, \$1,260.00 has been saved in rent. This same sort of economy is being practiced in every department of the work and in all the fields. The most careful scrutiny will be given

effort of the Board to secure 100 cents worth of service for every dollar expended. The most careful scrutiny will be given to every detail of operation in order to eliminate every penny of unnecessary expense.

3. The Mountain Schools

The Board announced to this Convention last year that its policy toward the Mountain Schools would be to make careful surveys and then on the basis of these surveys determine what should be done. During the past year the Board has been studying the Mountain School problem in the light of its financial situation, and is of the opinion that the Board should disassociate itself from the operation of schools. This does not mean that the Board is planning to quit its educational operations in the mountains, but it does mean a change in its methods of operating the Mountain Schools. The plan is for the local boards of trustees to operate the schools and the Home Board to furnish them the use of the school property without cost. It is hoped by this plan to enlist the trustees more actively in the operation of the schools and to relieve the Home Board of responsibility outside of the specific amounts appropriated for the support of the schools. It is the purpose of the Board just as soon as the bonded indebtedness is paid to deed the school property to the local boards of trustees.

4. The El Paso Sanatorium

In its report to this Convention last year the Board expressed the opinion that unless the institution could be made a "going concern" it should be disposed of in some way. The Board found that it was apparently impossible to make the Sanatorium self-supporting and therefore arranged with Dr. W. W. Britton to operate the Sanatorium without cost to the Home Board. Dr. Britton took charge of the Sanatorium on October 1, 1930. Every month since then he has operated the Sanatorium without a deficit. The arrangement with Dr. Britton is for a period of twelve months from October 1, 1930.

It was the purpose of this Convention, as shown by a resolution passed in Kansas City when the Hospital Commission was created, to transfer the El Paso Sanatorium to the Hospital Commission. The Home Mission Board thinks that this transfer should be made, but the Hospital Commission is unwilling to assume the responsibility of operating the Sanatorium at El Paso unless the Home Mission Board will guarantee it against any deficit. The Board is of the opinion that if the Hospital Commission cannot be induced to take over the Sanatorium and operate it without a guarantee from the Home Board that the Sanatorium should be disposed of or handled in such a way as to relieve the Home Board from any financial obligation in its operation. A Mission Board ought to be engaged exclusively in Mission work.

5. Evangelism

The Convention in New Orleans referred the report of the Special Committee on Evangelism to the Home Board with instructions "not to employ a Commissioner of Evangelism" until the Board could find its way clear to provide in

some way for his salary and such other expenses as are therewith connected." The Board regrets to report that because of decreasing receipts the salary and expenses for a Commissioner of Evangelism could not be provided. The Board is committed to Evangelism and earnestly longs for the day to come when this department of work can be re-established, but under present financial conditions it is inadvisable to undertake any new work. The Convention may be assured, however, that whenever the receipts will justify an enlargement of the work, the Board will launch a well-thought-out program of Evangelism.

III. SPECIAL ITEMS

There are several items to which the Board would call special attention:

1. The March Week of Prayer

The missionary interest of our women can always be depended upon. Their enthusiastic and sacrificial giving is as a silver lining to the dark cloud of decreasing receipts. The goal for their offering this year was set at \$75,000 but in their enthusiasm they went beyond that amount in their giving. The amount received up to the first of May on the March Week of Prayer was \$90,180.00. All honor to our women!

2. The Bottoms Trust

So far, the Board has been unable to secure a permit from the Cuban Government to begin the erection of the Cuban-American College provided for by the munificent gift of Mrs. Ida M. Bottoms, of Texarkana, Ark. The application for a permit to build was made early in the fall of 1929. The Cuban Government expressed itself as being willing to grant a permit provided the Home Mission Board would give a right-of-way for and agree to build certain streets through the property on which the college is to be erected. The Board was unwilling to bind itself by any agreement that necessitated a possible outlay of money. It is asking for a permit which does not carry with it any obligations whatever outside of the erection of the college building. So far, the Government has not acceded to our request.

The delay, however, has not been without its advantages. The Trust established by Mrs. Bottoms, from dividends on the stock given and interest on the money in hand, is rapidly increasing. We give below the report of the Trustee showing the condition of this trust. This report is as follows:

Report of the Texarkana National Bank, Trustee under Trust Indenture executed by Mrs. Ida M. Bottoms.

This report covers the trust as of January 31, 1931.

Securities on Hand	
Stock, Meridian Lumber Company, Ltd., Certificate No. 217 for 1,000 shares capital stock, par value \$100 per share	\$ 20,000.00
Stock, Crowell & Spencer Lumber Company, Ltd., Certificate No. 217 for 1,000 shares capital stock, par value \$100 per share	100,000.00
Cash on hand July 31, 1930, in Savings Account, Texarkana National Bank	140,252.01

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Dividends, Crowell & Spencer Lbr. Co., Ltd., from 8-5-30 to 1-8-31	12,000.00
Interest on deposits in Savings Bank on January 1, 1931	2,838.10

Total including the par value of the stock	\$275,090.11
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Disbursements	
To The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, salary of Miss Mildred Matthews, which salary is provided for in the trust	\$ 1,347.50

Net total of Trust in the hands of the Trustee January 31, 1931	\$274,742.61
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3. Bequests

The Board has received during the year the following bequests:

General Fund	
Mrs. G. J. Drake	\$1,000.00
Nannie G. L. Moseley	160.71
	\$1,160.71

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

Your Board is of the opinion that the Co-operative Program should be strengthened in every way possible and made, as under proper conditions it may become, an effective and efficient method of financing the entire work of the denomination, both State and Southwide. Co-operation between all the groups of the Southern Baptist Convention is a necessity. The activities of Southern Baptists are so multitudinous, the agencies so numerous, and the State and Southwide interests so interwoven, that chaos and confusion will result unless we have a well-defined method for promoting and financing our work. No plan yet devised has the potentialities of the Co-operative Program. It furnishes to our churches a satisfactory system for handling their finances. It protects the churches against the scramble of eager agencies hungering for funds. It offers to the churches an adequate method for the enlistment of their members in the support of the kingdom work. When properly put on in the churches and rightly handled by the denomination, it will cause to flow into the treasuries of all our boards and agencies streams of revenue large enough to turn the wheels of progress and prosperity for each one of them.

Your Board, therefore, recommends that this Convention re-affirm its acceptance of the Co-operative Program as the method for financing its work. It further recommends that the Convention project and put itself and all of its agencies behind a Southwide movement this fall for an every-member canvass in all of the churches of the Convention with the purpose of reaching every member of every church and securing from each and every member a subscription to both local church work and to the denominational work, State and Southwide.

INDEPENDENT AND DIRECT MISSIONS

J. W. Beagle, Superintendent

In making our annual report, we call attention to the action of the Board in its Annual Meeting, May, 1930, when the

budget for this department was placed at \$55,000.00. This action called for a reduction of \$12,200.00, which was made and the work so adjusted as to come within the amount allocated.

Through the statistical report we find that God has greatly blessed the labors of our faithful missionaries, for in spite of the reduction mentioned above, they report 1,543 baptisms compared with 1,860 baptisms last year.

FOREIGNERS

The twenty-six foreign-speaking mission pastors look after the work at 110 churches and mission stations, have constituted four new churches, organized four new Sunday Schools, while fifty-four societies of various names have been organized, and nine new mission points have been entered.

Statistics of Work Among Foreigners

April 1, 1930, to March 30, 1931	
Number of workers	27
Weeks of Service	1,213
Sermons and Addresses	5,802
Prayer Meetings Conducted	2,217
Religious Visits Made	13,974
Additions by Baptism	695
Additions by Letter	356
Total Additions	1,045
Churches Constituted	4
Sunday Schools Organized	4
Societies Organized	54
Bibles and Testaments Distributed	1,380
Pages of Tracts Distributed	158,847

Schools and Good-Will Centers

In making up the Report of Schools and Good-Will Centers we include the Mission Work of Miss Fannie Taylor, West Tampa, Florida, among the Italians.

Mrs. Aurelia Baez, Ybor City, Florida, among the Cubans and Spaniards.

Miss Ollie Lewellyn, San Antonio, Texas, among the Chinese.

Miss Eathyl Burnett, Albuquerque, New Mexico, among the Spanish-speaking people.

Miss Mildred Bollinger, East St. Louis, Illinois, among the Spanish and other nationalities.

Schools

Angelo Mexican Institute, El Paso, Texas, A. Velez, Principal and Mission Pastor; students 156. Miss Lillie Mae Weatherford and Miss Gladys McLanahan, teachers and missionaries, in this vast field. They report forty-nine baptisms for the past year.

Acadia Academy, Church Point, La., Rev. A. S. Newman, Principal, aided by five consecrated Baptist teachers; seventy-four students in attendance, thirty-four preparing for the ministry, and thirteen for Mission work.

The Mexican Baptist Institute, Bastrop, Texas, Rev. Paul C. Bell, Director, aided by two other teachers. There are forty-one students. Most of them are preparing for the ministry or some form of Christian service.

Brother Bell follows the example of the Master. When Christ instituted his first church with the Twelve, he began also the work of training them in evangelistic services as he went about over the country. Brother Bell takes his preacher boys with

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him from town to town, pitches his tents, teaches them in the morning, visits in the afternoon and holds evangelistic services at night.

This work with the Mexican preacher boys has resulted in the salvation of hundreds of Mexicans in the last two years.

Brother Bell also has twenty-three Mexican orphans which he cares for at the Institute and gives them fatherly counsel and Christian training. This most Christ-like service merits the prayers and financial help of every Southern Baptist.

Good-Will Centers

Our Good-Will Centers are located at West Frankfort, Illinois, with Miss Mary Headen in charge; at Christopher, Illinois, with Miss Mary Kelly in charge; at Birmingham, Alabama, the work is in connection with the Italian Mission, Rev. A. Pucclarelli, in charge.

Statistics of Schools and Good-Will Centers

April 1, 1930, to March 31, 1931

Number of Workers	18
Periods Taught Week Days	11,820
Periods Taught Sunday Schools	746
Meetings and Societies Attended	1,069
Teachers' Meetings Attended	967
Religious Meetings Assisted in	2,666
Religious Visits Made	4,349
Conversions	93
Bibles and Testaments Distributed	766
Religious Papers Distributed	350
Pages of Tracts Distributed	15,522

Work Among the Indians

We are happy to report the constitution of our first Indian Baptist Church in New Mexico. This new Indian Baptist Church has fifty-six members that worship in the auditorium of the Indian Government School at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The twelve mission workers among the Indians take care of twenty-one different missions or centers. This is concrete evidence that our mission force among the Indians needs to be enlarged.

In the statistical report the two months' work of the seven workers at Nuyaka Indian School and Orphanage are included.

Statistics of Work Among the Indians

April 1, 1930, to March 30, 1931

Number of Workers	19
Weeks of Labor	524
Sermons and Addresses	1,479
Prayer Meetings Conducted	483
Religious Visits	2,685
Periods Taught in Day School	1,093
Periods Taught in Sunday School	100
Religious Meetings Assisted in	147
Churches Constituted	2
Societies Organized	29
Pages of Tracts Distributed	19,234
Bibles and Testaments Distributed	298
Additions by Baptism	262
Additions by Letter	141

Work Among the Negroes

The sudden death of Dr. A. D. Williams, corresponding secretary of the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, occurred March 21, 1931. In the passing of Dr. Williams, the organic link that related this Board to the National

Baptist Convention is broken until his successor is appointed. Dr. Williams was a true and faithful minister of Jesus Christ, a wise leader among his people. He served well and faithfully and rests from his labors and his work will follow him.

Dr. R. T. Pollard, Dean of the Bible, Selma University, Selma, Alabama, gives the following facts not included in the Statistical Table:

We have thirty-seven preachers enrolled in the University. Also have 157 pastors enrolled in group classes in different parts of the state studying "The Life of Christ," and the "Preparation and Delivery of Sermons." Dr. Pollard visits these classes as often as he can and gives them personal instruction.

Other pastors and licensed ministers of the state are studying under Dr. Pollard in what may be termed a "Correspondence Course."

Southern Baptists are not dealing fairly with our Negro brethren. Instead of reducing our working force among them, we need to employ well-trained, consecrated men in each state that will give their full time to the evangelizing and developing of the Negro people.

The Statistical Report includes all workers for part or full time.

Statistics of Work Among the Negroes

April 1, 1930, to March 30, 1931

Number of Workers	14
Weeks of Labor	373
Sermons and Addresses	1,971
Prayer Meetings Conducted	1,044
Religious Visits	2,569
Additions by Baptism	527
Additions by Letter	510
Total Additions	1,037
Churches Constituted	28
Sunday Schools Organized	16
Bibles and Testaments Distributed	96
Pages of Tracts Distributed	11,627

Work Among the Deaf-Mutes

Dr. J. W. Michaels, our veteran missionary, began work with the Board in 1905. Until four years ago he covered the entire field as best he could. In that period he organized and established classes for the deaf-mutes in ninety places in the states of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Also he bought lots in North Fort Worth, Texas, on which he built a neat chapel and a modern bungalow for a mission home. This property is deeded to the Home Mission Board. Dr. Michaels financed this enterprise out of his own income, aided by friends, without cost to the Home Mission Board.

Rev. A. O. Wilson came to the work in 1927, and has proven that he is God's man for this task. Brother Wilson looks after the work East of the Mississippi, and Brother Michaels, West of the Mississippi, while each makes occasional trips when needed over the entire field.

A recent survey shows there are more than seventy towns in Texas where there are a sufficient number of deaf-mutes to have a class if we had some one to teach them. A good worker is needed in each state to give all of his or her time to this worthy and much-needed work. God grant that Southern Baptists will make this possible.

Statistics of Work Among the Deaf-Mutes

April 1, 1930, to March 30, 1931

Number of Workers	2
Classes in Various States	98
New Classes Organized	10
Sermons and Addresses	387
Prayer Meetings Conducted	58
Religious Visits	254
Baptisms	26
Cash Collections	\$323.17
Tracts Distributed	530

Work Among the Soldiers

We give only the statistics for work done for part time by Chaplain W. W. Williams, at the Government Hospital, Oteen, North Carolina. Also the work of Rev. M. W. Royall among the Midshipmen, Annapolis, Maryland.

In recent reductions this work was discontinued.

Statistics of Work Among the Soldiers

April 1, 1930, to March 30, 1931

Number of Workers	2
Hours in Camp and Hospital	2,280
Sermons and Addresses	121
Class and Group Meetings	43
Hospital Ward Visits	7,910
Religious Visits, Talks and Prayers	1,064
New Testaments Distributed	354
Professions of Faith	29
Baptisms	24
Letters to Home Folk or Church	240
Inquirers Dealt With	52
Tracts Distributed	925

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE

CAPT. W. Y. EVERTON, Superintendent, Jacksonville, Florida

The past year has brought many problems to the men of the sea. Steamships have felt the general slump of business. The seamen are without work and the calls of the Relief Department have been heavier than last year. We have tried to meet the calls as best we could with our limited funds.

Relief Department

Given First Aid and Sent to Hospital	51
Sick and Distressed Men Helped	435
Free Lodgings Given Seamen	3,150
Cost of Free Lodgings	\$1,010.25
Free Meals Given at Cost of	281.95

Total \$1,292.20

Many pieces of clothing, sheets, pillowcases, quilts and other valuable articles that bring a ray of joy and comfort to the seamen, have been sent the Institute from various societies in the South and a number of remembrances have come from the good women of Pennsylvania. For all of these gifts we extend thanks to each donor and praise to Almighty God.

Special Attention is Called to the Following Items:

Religious Services Conducted in the Chapel	154
Decided to Live Christian Life	961
Enrolled in Fellowship Bible Class	584
Seamen Received into Church Membership	9

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REPORT OF CUBAN WORK FOR YEAR 1930-1931

DR. M. N. McCALL, Superintendent

Seamen Baptized	9
Visits to Sick Seamen in Hospitals	98
Visits to Ships in Port	584
Helped out of Trouble	472
Seamen Placed on Ships	207
Men Visited the Reading Room	7,065
Bibles and Testaments Distributed	845
Money Handled for Safe-Keeping of Seamen	\$1,325.00
Rooms Paid for, Total	2,784
Free Beds, Total	3,150

The Baptist Rescue Mission New Orleans, Louisiana

J. W. NEWBROUGH, Superintendent
C. C. MORRIS, Assistant

This fourth year of the work of the Baptist Rescue Mission has seen a decided advance above any preceding year. While an increase was expected because of the general financial depression, throwing out of employment hundreds and thousands of men, yet the increase in actual attendance was decidedly above what I had anticipated. Beginning early last fall, it began to tax all our facilities for caring for, and continuing to do so, the increased numbers until winter began to give way to spring. Surely the Lord has shown most definitely that we have a great opportunity to reach a class of men unreachable by any of the ordinary efforts of our people.

Primarily, this work was begun to meet the needs of those generally regarded as "down and out," but the experience of these four years has intensified my conviction that any such classification is both incorrect and unjust, because of the larger proportion of these men are not strictly the "down and out," but temporarily in a condition calling for assistance, not always resulting from dissipation, and only needing help for a comparatively short time, when they can again care for themselves. The work is humanitarian and decidedly missionary. We give material aid in beds and food, but the best of all, and most needed by them, we undertake to give them an opportunity of finding help from a gracious God and a loving Saviour. Here we have planted ourselves to definitely work-towards this end, giving them the gospel as simply, as earnestly, and as effectively as it is in our power to do.

Financial

Received from Beds and Offerings at Mission Hall	\$ 883.23
Received from Executive Board, New Orleans Baptist Association	1,004.97
Total Receipts	\$1,888.20

Expenses, Including Lights, Water, Gas, Telephone, Food (approximately 20,000 meals), and Care of Premises	1,937.57
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Total Deficit \$ 49.37

For some six months in the year, the industrial department paid above operating expenses approximately \$400.00, which was devoted towards payment of equipment, and such items as belonged to the general improvement of the premises and property of the Mission. For the last six months, owing to lowered prices coming from the general financial depression, instead of having any net earnings there has been a loss that the superintendent has had to bear personally, as he does not allow the industrial department to be a burden to the Mission, nor to any of its friends.

zeal who could do this work admirably if it could be financed. A gospel car to reach many untouched places would be a great blessing.

2. *More and better schools.* The school as an evangelized agency is of very great value. Our eleven schools, with one exception, are dependent entirely on tuition receipts for their support, and have very inadequate equipment.

3. *A Summer Assembly.* For three years we have been unable to finance our Summer Assembly. Expenses had been paid exclusively by those attending its sessions, and reduction of salaries made it too difficult for the workers to meet the extra expense. Some denominations have such a school for their workers, making attendance obligatory and paying their expenses. The inspiration, practical training and Bible knowledge that come from such a meeting would well repay the outlay involved.

4. *Restoration of salaries.* Our salaries are too small and they should at least be restored to the status that prevailed before the last cut of from fifteen to forty percent was made.

5. *Property repairs.* Some of our properties have suffered deterioration and we have been unable to make the necessary repairs during the last two years.

6. *Re-employment of former workers.* We are losing the best service of some good men whom we have had to turn loose on two different occasions during the past three years.

7. *Preacher training.* We are doing so little at present to prepare men to take the places of those who must fall out of the ranks in the future. There are numbers of young men who feel the call to service.

The following statistical report is given:

Number of Churches	42
Total Membership	3,142
Baptisms	221
Preaching Services	3,409
Prayer Meetings	2,113
Special Meetings	873
Tracts Distributed	428,359
Missionary Visits	26,033
Bibles and Portions Distributed	5,506
Ordained Workers	34
Unordained Workers	12
Schools (day)	11
Pupils Enrolled	533
Teachers (paid from local tuition)	28
Preaching Stations	53
Contributed by Churches	\$15,891.31
Women's Societies	48
Young People's Unions	11

Mountain Missions and Schools

J. W. O'HARA, D. D., Superintendent

Your Superintendent is submitting herewith the thirty-first annual report of the Department of Mountain Missions and Schools. Fifteen schools are in operation, seven of which have received support from the Home Mission Board. Financial reports this year are very good considering the financial depression and the small appropriations. The local effort for maintenance has been large and generous.

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Statistics

Statistics are as follows: school fifteen, of which seven receive partial support from the Home Mission Board; teachers 106; pupils 2,019; ministerial students 99; conversions 130; graduates 214; volunteers 123; total income \$96,918; value of improvement, equipment and repairs \$10,509, paid from school income and special gifts; total value of all property \$1,244,000.

Bible Course Record

The chief features of the mountain schools are the Bible Course and the Christian atmosphere. One year is required in Bible and one in denominational textbooks. Vesper and chapel services contribute further to the religious life of the schools. The record for the year is as follows: number in Old and New Testaments 1,028; number in teacher training 490; number Sunday school diplomas 232; number B. Y. P. U. diplomas 258; number in missions, doctrine and miscellaneous books 1,065. The value of this course in building character, preparing for Christian service, and indoctrinating young people is invaluable. It provides a trained Christian leadership.

Needy Students

During the year 48 have been helped by the Opdyke Fund and 600 have paid part or all of their expenses in work and scholarships. We have turned away during the year 658 boys and girls. They could not pay expenses and we could not give additional work. We greatly need scholarships and student endowment to provide for this class of young people.

Designated Gifts

During the year \$1,435.46 has been sent to the superintendent with instructions to apply it to certain objects in selected schools. This has been promptly forwarded, and complete record kept in the superintendent's office. Your superintendent has secured on local fields in cash and pledge \$7,089.29, which has gone direct to the schools. He has also helped in setting up organizations which have secured much additional for certain schools.

Preachers' Schools

Under the Board's instructions to enlarge the work, giving special attention to evangelism and industrial centers, your superintendent has added to the program Preachers' Schools for the ministry of the mountains. During the past five months of the Convention year, six schools have been planned, five schools have been conducted. The attendance has been approximately 305, of whom 102 were preachers. One hundred and ninety-six churches have been represented in the schools. The curriculum has consisted of New Testament Interpretation, Stewardship, Missions, Church Organization and Round Table Discussion. Your superintendent has carried from two to four periods daily, having given 79 lectures and made a number of addresses to night congregations. It is impossible to express the appreciation of these called men of God for this help. They can neither go to the Seminars nor to the Preachers' Schools at the Colleges

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in the summer. The training must be carried to them in their native heath. This is the most direct way to evangelize and enlist the mountain churches and people. The native preacher is the key.

Need for Evangelism and Enlistment

Surveys made of the mountains reveal the fact that not more than twenty-five or thirty percent of the population belong to any church or sect. In the Ozarks, this percentage is distributed among seventy-six denominations and sects. The record in the Southern Appalachians will be somewhat similar, though this survey has not been completed. Unionism, Mormonism, Russellism and scores of other isms hostile to Baptist truth are vociferous claimants for the mountain people.

Our program of service to them must be enlarged or we will lose a heritage admittedly Baptist. Churches are weak and struggling, preachers are poorly equipped to meet the attacks of false teaching, and destitution is acute. There are adults in the mountains who have never heard a gospel sermon.

Changed Relationship

Newton County Academy, Parthenon, Ark., and Armo Baptist Academy, Blue Eye, Mo., have become consolidated schools with support from County and State. The latter has carried the full Bible Course this year, and is, therefore, kept on the advisory list. Each of these schools continue to operate their dormitories, and pupils cared for therein will need the assistance of friends. Your superintendent keeps contact with them, and seeks to keep the missionary fires burning in territory adjacent.

Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C., receives all its support from other sources and has requested that it be left off the advisory list. The enrollment of the school has been around 500. During the year the Board has administered the Watson Fund.

Death of Chairmen

It is with sadness that your superintendent has to chronicle the sudden and tragic death of Judge George W. Sutton, for years Chairman of the Trustees of Sylva Collegiate Institute, Sylva, N. C., and the passing of Mr. Calloway Howard, for years the Chairman of Trustees of Magoffin Institute, Salyersville, Ky. Judge Sutton was struck at night by automobile, and Brother Howard succumbed to encroaching infirmity and disease. Both men were faithful, capable, conscientious, and uncompromising. They served not only the schools, but their day and generation well.

Our Objective

We seek to provide a trained leadership for church and school. Our desire is to anchor young people in the bed-rock of truth, prepare them to meet the responsibilities of home, church, state and nation, and give them vision of the needs of the world, filling them with a compassion for the lost. Service in Jesus' name and for Jesus' sake is preeminent in the daily program. We aim to bridge the chasm between the mountain cabin and the school room, and turn the youth of the mountains out on life's highway, ready for any Christian service or civic duty.

JEWISH WORK

Jacob Gartenhaus

With this report I enter the eleventh year of service for Christ among Israel and lift my heart in prayer and praise to Him for the manifold blessings which He has so bountifully bestowed upon us.

We are carried back a decade when, in a small way but with great faith, we launched forth into this pioneer work among his ancient people Israel, who, up until then, with the exception of a few spasmodic efforts by individuals, had been pitifully excluded from the program of evangelization. Realizing the gross neglect of these people so dear to the heart of the Saviour, Southern Baptists endeavored to reach out a saving hand to them. How vividly do those pioneer days of tears and trials come before my mind. On the one hand, facing a stubborn and rebellious people who bitterly resented every attempt to reach them with the gospel message; the very name of Christ was an anathema to them. (And before we could hope to win the tens of thousands of these sons and daughters of Israel we needed the fullest co-operation of Christians. On the other hand, turning to Christ's followers for support in this stupendous task we found they had seemingly lost practically all sense of duty towards their Jewish neighbors.

But patiently, prayerfully and persistently laboring on, came the dawning of a new day. We sought to lay the responsibility for Jewish souls at the door of the local church which has nobly responded. Christians, as never before, began to study, pray and work for Israel's salvation. Numerous calls poured in to the Home Mission Board for the services and co-operation of the missionary. Only recently a letter came from one of our missionaries in China bringing unspeakable joy and encouragement. It needs no comment.

"The thought of the 'Jew first' has been in my mind so much I have decided to give my tenth to the work among the Jews. I am sending my tenth for January and February, 1931, to you. There are no strings to it. Use this small amount, thirteen dollars and thirty-four cents, as the Lord Jesus leads you. Wish it was a larger amount. It is my tenth and I am coming to feel that his tenth should go to his Chosen People."

Jewish people, too, began manifesting unusual interest and looking back to these years, the words of the Psalmist comes to my mind: "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:5-6. No longer do they turn deaf ears, for verily a book could be written giving the many experiences which have caused us to sing praises to his name.

Some idea of the demands made upon your missionary may be had from the following: Last night found me in Brevard, North Carolina, addressing the Western Regional B. Y. P. U. Convention, the last in a series of five such meetings. (It was with regret that I was forced to miss one, on account of a severe attack of lumbago which rendered me helpless several days.) During the interim I was kept busy speak-

ing in many of the churches, schools and colleges or in making personal visits in the Jewish stores and homes. After the service friends volunteered to drive me to Greenville, South Carolina, so that I could catch the early morning train, spend one day at home with my family, catch up with my office correspondence and prepare this report before leaving for a series of engagements in Kentucky.

Nor is this an exception for prior to these engagements in North Carolina, a twenty-three day itinerary was concluded through Texas which took in almost every section of the state, speaking fifty-six times, and riding on the trains for seventeen nights. Such has been the schedule for the entire year. But for the grace of God we could not have carried on.

My travels have brought me in personal contact with numbers of the sons and daughters of Israel who have found Him for whom their hearts were longing, and others eager for the gospel message.

The many letters received would be an inspiration but I must be brief and quote one from a Rabbi:

"I received your letter and literature and thank you very much for them. I thank you again for trying to open my eyes but I should like to see you again and have a little debate with you. Until now I have not had satisfaction from anybody."

Through our city-wide meetings we have made known the gospel story to large numbers. In connection with this phase of work we quote a letter from Dr. P. E. Burroughs, and a telegram from Dr. O. E. Bryan, Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee:

"I told you last night that I must leave the city this morning. I regret to go when you are here. Please let me thank you for your ministry and for the good influence which you have already set in motion in our city. I am pleased with what I see of your methods and organization. I think I can see how far-reaching good must come from this special ministry. (Signed) P. E. Burroughs."

"The Good-Will meeting in Nashville was better than we had hoped. Co-operation of the Jews was fine. Many of them are interested and inquiring concerning the truth. Our own Baptist people were revived and united in a way unsurpassed by any meeting of any kind in our city. No bad results were left; a high spiritual tide remains. Tell the Atlanta brethren that we will highly recommend our Jewish brethren co-operating with the Home Board. Our prayers are for you in your Atlanta meeting. (Signed) O. E. Bryan."

We express here our deep appreciation to those who have so unselfishly given of their time, strength and means for the advancement of this great work. May their example be an incentive to all Southern Baptists, for this is not an individual task but one that requires the whole-hearted co-operation of our loyal people. Then may we expect the fulfillment of not only the completion of God's remnant but a great multitude which no man could number of all nations and kindreds, and people and tongues crying, "Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb." Rev. 7:9, 10.

BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS

ANNUAL REPORT MRS. UNA ROBERTS LAWRENCE

Mission Study Editor Home Mission Board

May 1, 1930-April 30, 1931.

The work summarized under this head is two-fold. First is the gathering of publicity material, and preparation for print in many forms. From the desk of the editor has gone this year a steady flow of articles to every type of periodical published in Southern Baptist life. Second is the work on the field, keeping in close touch with all phases of the life of churches, schools, associations, and State and Southwide organizations.

Only nine months of this year are here accounted for, since two months was granted by the Board on leave of absence without pay in addition to the regular vacation time, in order that I might accept the invitation of Mrs. Geo. W. Bottoms to be her guest in a trip to the mission fields of South America during the summer of 1930.

In these nine months of work much less than half the time has been spent at my desk. Much of the writing here recorded has been done on trains, in hotels, and in bits of time between meetings. In this way 45 articles have been written for the nine monthly magazines of Southern Baptist life, and the seventeen State Baptist papers. Programs and program material for other writers has been supplied for seven program departments for the months when Home Missions was the topic. Four splendid issues of our own big tract have during the year brought Home Missions very close to the pastors and other leaders who receive this very vivid news bulletin of our work. Most of the work on this is done by the Executive Secretary and the mission study editor has majored on the current contributions to the different magazines and papers that reach the varied sections of our constituency, such as B. Y. P. U., S. S. and W. M. U. periodicals. These offer splendid access each month to the larger part of our Baptist reading public.

In the cultivation of interest in the study of Home Missions, 1255 letters have been written, 15 programs on Home Missions prepared or material provided for, 2 leaflets, 1 pageant and 2 booklets for the study of our work, these last being especially for the season of Prayer and Offering for Home Missions. To gather fresh new material for all this, 14 Home Mission fields have been visited, and from many sources authoritative information has been secured for our purposes. At the request of Dr. P. E. Burroughs of the Sunday School Board a chapter on "Why Home Missions" was prepared for a forthcoming book on our Baptist missionary enterprise. Several hundred slides have been re-catalogued, and 6 lectures re-written. Others are in preparation.

In pursuance of the plan outlined in last year's report, many items have been carefully carried out. Two mission fields have been surveyed and reports of the findings given in HOME AND FOREIGN FIELDS and the booklet, HOME MISSION TRAILS. This booklet, with its accompanying one for young people, THE TRAVELING STORY HOUR, have been even more popular than the ones of previous years and have greatly stimulated the study of Home Missions.

So much field work was done this year that personal attention could not be given to preparation of a larger textbook, but we are fortunate again in having fairly acceptable books from the general missionary press that, with supplementary helps on our own work, have proven to be useful. Especially helpful was the April issue of SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS, with its survey of our work in Cuba used with the general books on the Caribbean region. A picture sheet, prepared especially for use during the March Week of Prayer, has been most helpful in presenting all the fields of Home Missions.

On the field the second phase of the work—the days have been filled with interesting contacts with all phases of Southern Baptist life. Three W. M. U. Conventions, the very wonderful B. S. U. Conference of student life in Atlanta, the Sunday School Conference in Jackson and the Home Missions Congress in Washington have brought a most satisfying variety of emphasis on our Home Mission work. In each of these meetings there has been either an exhibit of posters and maps, or the use of the slides in addition to addresses to make Home Missions vivid and real. At the B. S. U. Conference both ministered to a very adequate presentation of our work. In between these larger gatherings, your mission study editor reached 3 colleges, 2 Seminaries, touched in Associational and State Rallies 167 churches, taught 11 Mission study classes, made 46 addresses and held above 100 conferences with groups of workers.

In order to do all this she traveled 20,000 miles within our Home Mission territory at a total expense of \$826.97. All the expense of office supplies, printing of pictures for use in the magazines, and miscellaneous expenses of the writing side of her work amounted to \$175.16, while the three Exhibits at S. B. C. in May, B. S. U. Conference and S. C. Conference totaled \$156.87, which included the making of a large set of new posters for the S. B. C. meeting in New Orleans.

Turning to the program of publicity last year we find one section of it still not carried out—the provision of textbooks, graded for all ages on our Home Mission work. To that we have set ourselves in earnest for this next year. We now have in hand the material necessary to prepare a full graded course of Home Mission study. We have enlisted the writers to help in such a task and the set is now in the course of preparation, it being planned to have it ready for use by January, 1932. The theme used will be "The Bible on Home Mission Fields." We contemplate a series of at least four books, Primary, Junior, Intermediate and Adult. If time permits there will also be one especially for Young People. The series will tell the story of how the Bible transforms the lives of men and women, boys and girls on our Home Mission fields, among people who have not known its message until the missionaries came. We bespeak your interest and cooperation in making these books effective factors in the stimulating of missionary enthusiasm in our churches.

Another item that is proving very helpful will mean more next year. The slide lectures are being revised most carefully. There will be several new ones ready by

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July 1st, 1931, that will cover the whole field of our present Home Mission work. Others will be historical in value, while every major field will have at least one complete lecture presentation. Lists of these lectures by title will be printed from time to time in the State papers as they are ready.

Of the joy of the work during this year neither time nor space will suffice to tell. Three months spent in South America with Mrs. Bottoms, journeying much of the time with Dr. and Mrs. Truett and Miss Mallory, living all of the time with our missionaries, seeing them at work on their fields, coming to know better the homelands of our own Latin peoples in the United States, has broadened my experiences until I am sure I serve Home Missions more efficiently than I could possibly have done without such rare opportunity for first hand study of these mission fields. For this I must thank Mrs. Bottoms, ever the friend of missions and missionaries, who made such a trip possible to me by caring for all the expenses. I am sure I understand Home Missions better for having seen how like all missionary tasks are, at home and abroad. One month was spent on the Canal Zone, a mission field about which we have known little, and in Cuba, while the greater part of another month was spent in the Ozark regions studying this mountain region as a mission field from the standpoint of the survey of the Home Mission Council made during this past year. This last trip was made possible by the gift of his vacation time by my husband who gave not only his time but turned chauffeur that I might cover the greatest possible territory in the least possible time.

Many besides these two, however, have helped to make the work effective and delightful. To them, and to loyal and faithful co-workers in the Atlanta office, your mission study editor gives sincere thanks. We have every reason to believe that next year will be full of even more blessed opportunities to serve, so despite the discouragements of this year now closing we take courage and go on in even more interesting plans than even before.

Summary:

Letters written	1,256
Articles and stories	45
Leaflets	2
Programs	7
Program materials supplied	8
Slide lectures written	6
Booklet survey	1
Booklet stories	1
Pageant	1
Book lists	4

Pictures on Home Missions supplied many mission study classes, rallies and institutes, church schools of missions, etc. Exhibit used at 3 State Conventions, 3 Southwide Conventions.

Miles traveled in Home Mission territory	20,070
Addresses made	46
Churches reached	167
Conventions attended	5
Seminaries and Colleges	5
Home Mission fields visited	14
Days on the field	153
Days in office	120
Vacation	30
Leave of absence without salary	62

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REPORT OF MISS EMMA LEACHMAN

Field Worker

Another twelve months of Baptist history has been written never to be changed. I find myself wondering how as a denomination we feel about it. Are we satisfied with our efforts or do we find ourselves asking God to give us another chance?

God in his wisdom has raised up a great host of Baptists and if He is concerned about the sparrow that falls by the wayside, surely He is concerned about the millions of people who call themselves Baptists.

It has been my privilege to touch the life of our great host of Baptists in every section of our Convention territory. I truly feel as this Convention year closes, Baptists are taking their opportunities and obligations more seriously than for several years previous. God has surely blessed us in the past. Can we not love him more, trust him more, and serve him better during the year ahead of us?

Never have I had a heavier nor harder year's work than the one just closing. God has been good to give me all the work I could do and the strength to do it. I praise his name and ask only that I may have open doors for service another year.

It is impossible to tabulate all the work that I do as I am busy every day in the week and every week in the year.

Statistical Report

Days in Actual Service	328
Miles Traveled	20,981
Sunday Schools Visited	43
Local W. M. S.	146
State W. M. U.'s	4
County Associations	4
State Assemblies	8
Mission Study Classes Taught	30
Talks on Home Missions	276
Letters Written	506
District and Divisional Meetings	21

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH EXTENSION

J. B. Lawrence, Superintendent

The Board at its annual meeting in May, 1930, in order to reduce expenses, transferred the duties of the Superintendent of the Department of Church Extension to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. This action of the Board released Dr. A. J. Barton who had been Superintendent of this Department since August, 1927. The Board passed the following resolution expressing its appreciation of the services of Dr. Barton:

"The Board wishes to express its appreciation of Dr. A. J. Barton for his long and faithful service as an officer of the Home Mission Board, and to assure him of its love, gratitude, best wishes and prayers, and regrets that the present condition of the work suggests the wisdom of discontinuing the present office of Superintendent of the Church Building and Loan Department."

The operation of this Department is the regular business routine of making and collecting loans. This Department has been reorganized and a select committee of business men placed in charge of the making of loans. The purpose is to guard the fund with all diligence in the making of loans so that no church will be given a loan larger than it can handle. The pay-

ments should not be more than the church can meet promptly. Most, if not all, of the loans now overdue and unpaid by the churches are loans that were too large for the churches to handle. The making of loans to churches is being carefully guarded and the churches and the Fund both protected as far as the Committee is able.

Not only is great care exercised in making loans, but the Board is putting forth every effort to get the churches to meet their payments on their loans promptly. The Board is also making every effort to put and to keep all loans in a satisfactory condition. Some progress has been made in this direction. According to the Auditor's report as of April 30, 1930, 16 per cent of the total loans outstanding was overdue. The Auditor's report as of December 31, 1930, showed that the percentage had been reduced to 13 per cent.

The Board is having some difficulty in getting our churches to understand that the Church Building Loan Fund is a trust fund to be loaned to churches on a strictly business basis and not a mission fund to be given to churches. Nor is it simply an emergency fund to help churches out of financial difficulties which have arisen either because the church has over-built or because the members of the church have failed to do their duty in meeting their obligations. Its purpose is to provide loans on a strictly commercial basis at a low rate of interest for necessary building projects, to churches that might find difficulty in securing money from other sources. It is strictly a loan fund and primarily to help churches in the building of new houses of worship.

The treasurer's report included in the report of the Board to this Convention will give the present condition of the Fund.

The Work in Gambrell Association

B. Diaz

Rev. B. Diaz, our missionary in Gambrell Association, reports:

"During the month of March I held a meeting in Stockdale, where I had the following experience as to the power of prayer: There was a man, father of a large family, who had supported the preaching of the gospel since he was a little child, his age about forty-five years. We took him and his family to the Lord in prayer, the first, second and third days. On the fourth day after my preaching service at night he invited us to his home to pray for him and his family. We went with him and had prayer service at his home with the result that about eleven-thirty that night he was converted to Christ and also four of his daughters. They were baptized May the tenth."

"At Nixon, I preached five nights and it seemed to me we wouldn't have any conversions, but on the sixth day my little eleven year old daughter, without my knowing anything about it, went to pray for a girl thirteen years of age who was converted that night and also three more by her influence. I have baptized all of them."

"At Kenedy, during my meeting, a man not a member of the church came to me and invited me with all the brethren who could go, to spend the next day at his home. He prepared a nice lunch and invited all his neighbors to hear the preaching of the Gospel. We had about forty-five in attendance and that afternoon six were converted. I have baptized four of them."

HOME MISSIONS ON THE GULF COAST

Edited by Una Roberts Lawrence

Paul Bell's Orphans

A letter just received from Missionary Paul Bell at Bastrop, Texas, tells of the new developments in the Mexican Baptist Institute where young Mexican missionaries are being trained for their life work and given also a training in some trade or agricultural pursuit that they may be self-supporting missionaries among the million and a half Mexican people of our South.

"Since you last heard from us our orphanage has increased and we now have 26 children. But with the farm, and our cows, chickens, hogs, garden and field crops, we are able to feed these children much better than we have ever done at a cost in money of about \$3.50 per child. Each child gets an average of about one quart of sweet Jersey milk per day. They get all the fresh eggs they can eat. Our garden is supplying plenty of fresh vegetables, such as carrots, English peas, onions and greens, snap beans, and potatoes."

"The Lord has blessed us in our meetings. Up to the present we have had 136 conversions since February 6, when we began our evangelistic work for the season. We are running three meetings this week. One group of the boys is in Yorktown, another in Runge, and another here with me in Kenedy. We close and return to Bastrop Monday and start a series of meetings in the large plantations out from Bastrop, continuing for several days. We are scheduled to be in Port Worth in the first part of May. (This reached us too late for the Big Tract in April, but it is still fresh.)"

"Right now it is a bit windy and the tents whip about pretty badly, but a little later before the real hot weather sets in, it is real pleasant. In spite of the unusual rainy and cold spring, our tents have been crowded at every service."

Good Meeting at Washunga

Orlando Johnson

"In my previous letter I stated that I held a two weeks' meeting when the Kaw Indians at Washunga, Oklahoma, and so am reporting only two weeks of labor done on the Ponca field."

"In our meeting at Kaw we had seventeen conversions and five joined by letter from other churches. Last Thursday evening I attended the weekly prayer meeting of the Kaw Church and there were five more conversions that night, making twenty-two in all. Last Sunday afternoon, here in Ponca City, I baptized seven candidates into the Kaw Church. I was authorized by that church to administer the ordinance. Next Sunday afternoon I will baptize fifteen more candidates."

"I am happy to make this report concerning the work done with the Kaw Indians, because, as I have already stated, they are my people. The Lord was with us in that meeting and gave us the victory over several false cults that have been working in that place. I think there are great possibilities for missionary work among the Kaw Indians and I hope and pray the day will come speedily when the Baptists will be able to take care of these needy people."

Brother Johnson will give half-time to the Kaw Indians and half to the Ponca Indians, thereby taking care of both tribes.

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Acadia Academy Interests Virginia Women.

Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence

From the W. M. U. Page of the Religious Herald, Va., comes the following interesting story, told by Mrs. Fred Pfau, the Associational Superintendent in Richmond, whose interest in Acadia Academy, La., has been great ever since Virginia women began to provide the money for the teachers' salaries in the "Lighthouse of the French Country."

"One day, late last summer, a young man came to our door soliciting subscriptions to a magazine, saying that he was completing a very successful effort to put himself through another year in college. L. S. U., Baton Rouge, La. Glad of an opportunity to talk with someone from this needy field of our Home Mission Board, I asked if he were a Christian, to which he replied, 'Yes, indeed. I am a member of the First Baptist church in my home town, Natchitoches, La.' When I asked if he knew anything about Acadia Academy, his reply was that no mission work in all the world is greater than that done by this school, no foreign field could be in greater need of the Gospel. After telling me many soul-stirring stories of the work being done by the students, he said: 'Last year we were heart broken when we were told that the school must close because of lack of funds, then a wonderful thing happened—I don't know where it came from—but money came at the last minute and the school was not closed.' His face beamed as he told of their joy, and mine beamed even more as I told him that the women of Virginia made this possible; that our Corresponding Secretary sent that 'last minute' telegram, saying that Virginia W. M. U. would supply the needed funds. The magazine was forgotten as we talked for more than an hour of the work and the workers; of the transforming power of the Gospel in the lives of the people reached through this school, people who have never heard of the living Christ."

"Surely the hearts of Virginia women will be made to rejoice as we bring our offering for Home Missions, knowing that the first \$5,000 will go to pay the salaries of the teachers in this great mission school which would not be able to 'carry on' but for our gift of love."

Great Meeting at North Boulevard

Dr. J. P. Plainfield writes of his meeting at North Boulevard Baptist Church, West Tampa, Florida, as follows:

"We have just ended an Easter Week Revival and added twenty-nine to the church membership, twenty-three of whom are by baptism and six by letter and restoration. For the convention year fifty-six in all, the largest number since the beginning of my pastorate among the West Tampanians."

"In spite of rain which washed out the now famous Shriners' Easter Service in Plant Park, and covered the streets everywhere with a foot of water, our Sunday School numbered 262 attendance; the Church at North Boulevard was filled for the occasion of baptism. The Lord is blessing us most wonderfully. Tell the Convention for us that the Lord is not dead as evidenced by those who seek to join themselves to Him, and that He is ready to pour upon all true Baptists the richest blessings for the asking!"

The Miracle of a Gospel Song.

Dr. M. M. McCall

It was just a song by a group of children, but it meant life to a passer-by that morning, life in more senses than one. It was at Guane, Pinar del Rio province, Cuba. That is at the extreme end of our mission field, so extreme that it has been necessary to retire from the town, for the sake of economy.

The native pastor had a day school in connection with his work, and the group of thirty or more children were accustomed to begin the day with singing, Bible reading and prayer. The mission house was on the main street, with a porch that reached to the sidewalk, and it was only a step from sidewalk to porch. That morning a man who was passing with pre-occupied air, stopped a moment on the sidewalk, and, entering the porch, stood near the door while the simple opening exercises were in progress. No one paid any attention to him, and nothing was thought of his action, for we get accustomed to live before the eyes of the public in Cuba.

But a little later the pastor received a message from the hotel, asking him to come down to room number seven. As soon as he was free he complied with the request, and to his surprise it was the stranger who had stopped a while on the porch.

"I have sent for you," said he, "because I am in a terrible state of mind. I got up this morning determined to kill a man, the man who is now sleeping in the adjoining room. He had done me a great injury, and I went out early and bought this drink to settle the matter before night. But I heard the children sing, and now I can not do what I had planned. Somehow the song has awakened strange emotions in me. It is the first time I ever heard anything of the kind, and I can not understand it. I felt like I wanted to talk to you." Needless to say the pastor was not slow to take advantage of the opportunity to preach Christ to him, and earnestly invited him to come to the service to be held that night. At the close of the little prayer that was offered, the man said: "Well, you may look for me tonight, and here goes for the vengeance I had intended." Taking the knife by its two extremes he brought it down across the back of a chair, and broke it in two, throwing the pieces into the corner of the room.

Did he go that night? Yes, and kept going until he found the Lord and was baptized into the little congregation. That was several years ago, but the other day the same pastor ran across him in a town where there is no mission work, and never has been. He said: "I have been out of touch with you, but I have been following the way you showed me."

Gifts to the Jesus Way

We were made very happy a few days ago to receive a check from the Osage Baptist Church for \$525.00, designated to Indian work. Then at the Convention in Birmingham, a good Indian Baptist pledged \$250.00 for that work in Oklahoma. This shows the appreciation our Indian Baptists have for the Jesus Way.

Reports from Mexican and Other Fields

Dr. J. W. Beagle, Superintendent.

Dr. Beagle gives news fresh off the bat from his field of work. What a telling work could be done in this department if we had the funds available.

The three mission fields we report in this issue have sixteen stations in Texas, and one in Old Mexico, with a population of more than 55,000. These missionaries in charge had 104 baptisms the last conventional year. A study will convince any one that they are kept very busy and at best cannot care for them as they ought to be cared for. This is a fair example of all our mission fields among the foreign-speaking people. O how badly re-enforcements are needed! Surely this will convince us that we need to pray the Lord of the harvest to give us more laborers to gather the ripened harvest on all the foreign fields in the homeland.

Brownsville, Texas, George B. Mixim, Missionary.

Brother Mixim has built up the Brownsville Mexican Church to a membership of 136; also has five mission stations, four in Texas, and one in Old Mexico. On these fields there are 25,000 Mexicans. Brother Mixim reports the average attendance on each field: Brownsville, 50; Mission 14, 60; Garden Park, 30; West Brownsville, 22; Matamoros, Old Mexico, 35; had 41 baptisms last year.

Harlingen, Texas, Abel R. Saenz, Missionary.

The membership of the Harlingen Mexican Baptist Church is 110. Brother Saenz looks after the work in four different places. He gives the average attendance for last year at each mission point: Harlingen, 40; San Benito, 20; Primera, 35; Santa Rosa, 25. On this field there are approximately 15,000 Mexicans. He reported 27 baptisms last year.

Corpus Christi, Texas, Daniel Delgado, Missionary.

This field is composed of eight stations with Mexican population of over 15,000. He reports each field with its church membership and population as follows:

The Mexican Baptist Church of Corpus Christi, Texas, has 92 members, and the number of Mexicans living are 6,000.

In Robstown, Texas, we have 63 members and the population is 2,000.

In Springfield, Texas, 69 members and the population 400.

Refugio, Texas, 39 members, among Mexican population 1,200.

In Premont, Texas, 10 members, and the place has 800 Mexicans.

In a farm "Los Olmes," we have six members, and 125 Mexicans live there.

The Mission at Falfurrias, Texas, has two members; the number of Mexicans 2,000.

In Alice, Texas, 12 members, with population of 3,000.

Mexican Missions in New Mexico

J. G. Juantet

"Perhaps the following will be of interest to you: During the past ten months and since I was taken over by our Home Mission Board, I have visited twelve places as regularly as possible (once a month more or less), have traveled 20,808 miles, preached 323 times, seventy-five

prayer-meetings conducted; other religious discourses sixty-five. Gospels, Testaments, Bibles sold and given away, 236; religious visits 267, pages of tracts distributed, 17,176. We have baptized fifty, an average of five per month, and collected \$34.55 for missions.

"The work in general is more encouraging than ever before, and the Spanish-speaking people are becoming more enlightened and are more ready to accept the blessed Gospel of our Christ. On account of the insignificant forces we have at present among these benighted people, and having such strong opposition by the forces of Rome, under these difficulties it has been impossible to accomplish more than we have. We praise the Lord for what we have been able to accomplish."

A Word From Dr. R. T. Pollard

Dr. Pollard is dean of Selma University, Selma, Alabama. He writes:

"I attended two days of the Southern Baptist Convention in Birmingham. It was very inspiring. I wish all our missionaries had been there to see their progress."

"The month of May has been spent or given mainly to the work of the school. We have just closed a very excellent commencement, having a special ministerial program. The year closes with forty enrollment and 150 in convention groups and beginning June first we have three institutes of ten days each arranged for June and July to be assisted in by white and colored ministers."

Work Among the Italians, Birmingham, Ala.

A. Pucciarelli

"I have just closed one of the best meetings of evangelism I have ever held among the Italians. From the point of view of baptism it has not been great, but I have attracted a large number of Italian Catholics, who will be the prospect of a large number of baptisms in the near future."

"This week I am running a revival service at the church of Cardiff. I hope the Lord will give us a complete victory there in reaching all the Italian natives for Jesus Christ. Pray for us always. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."

"Collections for May, \$30.00."

Missionary Retained

A special designation makes possible the retaining of Rev. A. W. Hancock as Missionary to the Sac and Fox and Otoe Indians. Here is Brother Hancock's reply: "Received your letter confirming the telegram sent and of course, I am more than glad to have been retained by the Home Mission Board. However, I had no intention of leaving the field unless advised by you to do so as I really feel and believe that the Lord is not through with me from these two fields as yet. You will note we have been having additions to both of the churches."

Episcopal Church Opened to Our Italian Missionary.

By A. Pucciarelli.

You know, for a long time we have hoped and prayed the good Lord to provide a house of worship for us, and thanks be unto Him. He has answered our prayer. For on the third Sunday of this month we began conducting services in a very attractive church house. Let me tell you how this happened:

Not far from the place where we rent an ordinary house to do Good-Will Center work, and where we held the preaching service, there is a fine looking church. I noticed that for several years the house was closed, no one using it for service. So one day the idea came to me to find out who owned this property, and if found, ask if we would be permitted to use it for worship. I got started, and found the property belonged to the Episcopal Church. I went to see the Bishop and asked him if they would let the Italian Baptist Mission, whose pastor I am, have the use of their church house in the Elyton section of Birmingham? To make the story short, this is the way I got started. The Bishop took the matter up with other officials and laymen and they concluded to let the Italians use their church house. It was not long after my first visit to the Bishop until I received notice to go and plan to use the house.

When some Baptist leaders of Birmingham heard of this conclusion they were taken with surprise because others had tried to get the use of the church house. By the way some years ago the Southside Baptist Church asked to use it for a Mission, the request was denied. We are pleased for the appearance of the church house and for its location. It is going to be a great help for the progress of the Mission. I can see the effects already.

A Sample of Calls That Come to Enter New Fields

Rev. J. M. Reynolds, Goliad, Texas, requests aid for the Mexican work in Blanco Association which is composed of seven counties and part of nine other counties. In this territory there are approximately 28,000 lost people, 20,000 of them Mexicans. There are thirty English-speaking churches with a membership of 3,000 in this Association that have a struggle to carry on their own work. Surely this is a great mission opportunity!

And this is only one of many mission fields in the Southland calling on the Home Mission Board to make it possible for mission work to be done among foreign-speaking people in our midst.

Baptisms

April was one of the most precious months we have experienced in baptisms since I have been in charge of the department. Baptisms reported by our missionaries were: 130 Indians; 122 Mexicans; 26 Italians; 37 Negroes, which total 315 for the month.

The first day of May, Rev. T. D. New baptized 87 Pawnee Indians. Rev. G. Lee Phelps, Missionary to the Five Civilized Tribes, wrote me at the Convention at Birmingham, that during the month of April 88 were baptized.

May the good work go on, for the purpose of the Home Mission Board is the making and baptizing believers and teaching them the commands of Jesus.

Pawnee Indian Mission

Thos. D. New, Missionary

The Pawnees are growing and gradually developing along all lines. Last year we had a membership of 437, loss by death twelve, by letter five; gained in membership by baptism eighty-two, by letter eight, total gain of ninety, or net gain for six months of seventy-five.

The Sunday School averaged 215. Baptist-Brotherhood, W. M. U.'s and Y. W. A.'s all doing splendidly; five B. Y. P. U.'s, one at the church and four at the school, have an average attendance of 110.

The new hospital has capacity of forty-five beds for the relief of the sick from the Five Civilized Tribes which gives wonderful opportunity to our church workers for mission work among them. We are having some good meetings in this institution with conversions frequently. Some workers from our church visits there every day. The young people go, sing and pray with the younger ones, and the older to the older ones. When I go, the doctor says: "Preacher, we are full but if you have some one that needs to come we will make room." It is full all the time. When I go to the office of the Superintendent, he says: "Preacher, what do you want this time?" He is never too busy to hear me. My answer to him the other day was: "I want to visit this time for I do not wish it said that every time I come I want something." He said: "Well keep in mind the latch string is on the outside."

The new building being erected will provide for 300 students. The enrollment this year was over 200. This increased capacity for students will more than double our opportunity and obligations as we are the only ones doing mission work in the school and if we fail, we lose this privilege.

Another influence these improvements will have over these tribes is merely a prophecy but certainly the Pawnees are wide awake to the fact that this is the center of their tribes commercially, educationally and spiritually, and are so talking of this, and in the words of the President of the Baptist Brotherhood, who, after pointing this out, said: "We Indians must see the time has come for us to begin to do things." They are talking of a new building that will take care of all the Lord is sending their way. I hope these brief words convey some idea of the great responsibilities resting on us in this field.

Indian Work in Oklahoma

By G. Lee Phelps, Superintendent

The following is copy of letter from Rev. G. Lee Phelps, sent in reply to inquiries from various Women's Missionary Societies and we feel it of such importance we are running it in the big tract to give our readers a general view of the various fields:

"There are 125 full-blood Indian Baptist churches in Oklahoma and about the same number of native ministers who are affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. More Baptists than all other denominations combined."

"There are three white men giving full time to Direct Mission Work among the Indians of this State: Rev. A. Worthington, in charge of the Osage Mission, Paw-

huska; Rev. T. D. New, in charge of the Mission at Pawnee, and Rev. G. Lee Phelps, supervising the work among what is known as the 'Five Civilized Tribes.'

"There are six Indian Baptist Associations comprised of the above mentioned churches, five of these Associations maintain one and two Associational missionaries."

"All the churches have native pastors. These do their work on very meager support. The highest salary paid to any Indian pastor is \$75.00 per month, many others receive practically nothing, and of the forty-two Cherokee pastors not one owns an automobile. They walk to and from their appointments."

"A few of these native pastors have a small income from their allotment of land, many others have been swindled out of their holdings. The Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma is able to supplement the salaries of only a few of these in amounts from five to ten dollars per month. Our Home Mission Board is paying in full the salaries of the following among the Western or 'Blanket Tribes':

"Miss Mary Gladys Sharp (Part Chickasaw) at Chillico Government School, salary \$100.00 per month.

"Rev. Orlando Johnson (Full-blood Kaw) at Ponca City, Ponca Tribe, salary \$75.00 per month.

"Rev. D. D. Cooper (Full-blood Choctaw) at Shawnee, to the Kickapoo Tribe, salary \$45.00 per month.

"Rev. Burt Peters (Full-blood Pawnee), Assistant with the Pawnee Tribe, salary paid by Mrs. Geo. Bottoms.

"Rev. A. W. Hancock (Full-blood Choctaw) at Shawnee, to the Sac and Fox and the Otoe Tribes, salary \$75.00 per month.

"Another need is for mission societies throughout the Southland to interest themselves in making up and sending to these native ministers boxes of clothing and supplies. This may be thought a small item but during the past years these boxes have made the work possible. (These names and addresses can be furnished by Rev. G. Lee Phelps, Wetumka, Oklahoma.)

"Greatest of all needs at this time is for a renewed missionary spirit in all our churches that our Boards may be able to increase their program of missions instead of retrenchments."

Missionary T. D. New in Great Revival

During the month of April, Missionary T. D. New experienced a great awakening among the Pawnees and students at Chillico Government School. He reports 118 baptisms for the month, the meeting continuing at Pawnee for the first week in May. He has made improvements upon the Mission home and has it in fine shape and has paint on hand to fix the church and beautify it. The Pawnee Indians are very happy that Missionary New is back among them. He informs us that the government has already begun building the auditorium of the government school and when completed will have capacity to care for 500 students instead of 250 at present. This will double our Mission opportunity at Pawnee.

A Message From Miss Grace Clifford

"I am glad it has been a good year. Am indeed sorry the receipts for missions have fallen off so, but rejoice in the fact of the large number of baptisms."

"Since I have been off the field of active service, I have learned more how to 'pray without ceasing' for the work and the workers who are carrying on the work. I also have learned to trust more. I find great joy and comfort in the words of Jesus as recorded in Matthew 6, and try to follow its teachings each day. Our Heavenly Father knows my every need. I commit all to Him. How He wills to provide for my future is not mine to know but each day I praise Him for the great blessings I receive. Surely no one could be more grateful to our Home Mission Board than I am for the provision made for me since I left Fairfax and I pray God's richest blessings on the meeting June third. Oh, that there might not be more cuts in the mission work! How I trust every worker now on the field may be retained!"

"I read in our Baptist Messenger an account of Brother Worthington's work, where the Osage Church gave last month \$550.00 to the denominational program. Again my heart was made to rejoice in that God gave me strength and courage to hold on to the work amid great trials and heart-breaking experiences. About twelve years ago, when it seemed results were not justifying the expenditures, I pleaded for the continuance of the Pawhuska Mission because I felt God had a purpose in the life of one young convert, for a time he was the only one who stood loyally by this missionary when I spent a year alone on the field. This was Brother Wakon Iron, who for several years has meant so much to the work."

"Truly we sowed in tears but now rejoice with those who reap for that was our purpose in toiling on that there might be a reaping time. To God be all the glory! I thank God for sufficient strength to perform the duties that are mine. May God richly bless you in all your work. Pray for us."

A Call for the Negroes

"I am writing you in regard to a Negro settlement at Francis, Florida. There is no church in six miles of this place. A large number of these people work in the turpentine woods and on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. Their wages are small and they have no funds to get them a place of worship. Recently a meeting was conducted here and many were saved and a Baptist church and Sunday School organized. Before this church was started there was drinking, 'shine' selling, crap games and all kinds of wickedness going on, but God gave them a blessing and they now go to church and Sunday School in a temporary improvised place of worship. They need a permanent place of worship. There are two places, one a small building on a large lot, can be bought for \$275.00; a larger place across the railroad can be bought for \$600.00. If ever a place needs help it is here. Please, please, come to our relief at once or tell us some one that will help us to reach and train this large number of children that never have had the gospel."

(Turn over the page and continue Dr. Beagle's Report)

TELLING THE GOOD NEWS

Jacob Gartenhaus

Late one Saturday evening, having no engagement for the Sunday evening service, I pondered as to where I might be used best at that hour. The thought came to me to speak in one of the good sized churches near by, but when one of the smaller churches in the city, somewhat out of the center of things, was mentioned, like a flash it came to me perhaps these people would benefit by the information and inspiration of a missionary's message. Getting immediately in touch with the pastor I found him delighted at the suggestion. He had just time enough to 'phone in the announcement to the local paper before it went to press.

The next evening on reaching the church it was gratifying to see the groups assembling. As the pastor greeted me at the door, his countenance suddenly took on a look of surprise mingled with gratification, and following his glance sought the cause for his radiant expression and saw none other than the distinguished municipal judge and his wife who were my brethren according to the flesh. When we were introduced the judge remarked: "You know, Mr. Gartenhaus, it is a coincidence that we are here. Mrs. J. in reading the paper came across the announcement and when I reached home said she had made an engagement for us to go to the Baptist Church."

The pastor and I were delighted, to say the least, to find several Jewish citizens in the congregation we were not expecting to come. In my message I sought to bring out the fact that Christianity is not a new religion nor another religion—but completed Judaism. That the difference between the faith of Abraham and Christianity today is, Abraham looked forward to the day of the coming of the Messiah, through whom God would redeem His people and be reconciled to them; while we Christians by faith look to the same Messiah, through whose cleansing blood we are reconciled to God, not through any merits of our own nor merits of Abraham but faith in God is necessary to salvation.

That my message went home to the heart of the judge was evident. At the close he came forward with a liberal contribution, expressed his fullest approval of the service and added that the time is not far off when enlightened Jews and Christians will be drawn closer together. He seemed genuinely thankful for the literature given him, expressed a desire to learn more on the subject, and asked the speaker to visit him if possible.

Some of our people seem discouraged because of the hardened hearts of Israel toward the gospel, while on the contrary, I find their hearts as responsive as any others. With the right approach numbers can be won into the Kingdom. Give the subject your earnest thought and prayer. Let us Christians equip ourselves for the task of winning our Jewish friends and we will marvel at the result of our labors.

Missionary Worthington Happy

"The Osage Indian Church, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, presented me with a good Ford car at the Wednesday night prayer-meeting service for which I am very thankful. One thing I can say about the Osage Indians they are surely thoughtful of their missionary."

"What Did It Cost You To Accept Christ?"

By Jacob Gartenhaus

It is the many encouraging experiences with my people that help make this work a joy. Just to see one Jewish person disturbed about his soul; to see a Jewish brother or sister manifesting a curiosity, a yearning for the Truth, whatever it is, in search of that which can be substituted for the old forms and rituals of Judaism which cannot pacify the human soul—these compensate for the physical and mental energy expended in this work of great opportunity.

Especially do I recall the case of a mother in Israel, who upon reading an announcement of my visit to her city immediately 'phoned the pastor to urge him to bring me to see her as she was in sorrow and needed comfort.

She opened her heart by telling of her gropings in the dark, how she arrived at what she thought was the solution—Christian Science—only to become disillusioned. She asked me point blank, "Are you satisfied with your religion?" I assured her that from the moment I accepted Christ peace came into my life, a peace the world can neither give nor take away. "That is exactly what I want," she sighed, "peace and salvation."

That night found this Jewish seeker in church, on the front seat, and while there were several hundred in my audience, I saw only her. My heart went up to Him in silent prayer for the right words necessary to put this soul in the right path. When I looked into that eager, upturned face, drinking in word after word it was a difficult matter to stop.

When the meeting was thrown open for questions, at the close, this woman fearing to ask herself, urged the man sitting by her to ask: "What did it cost you to accept Christ?" It was not easy to tell of sufferings, persecutions and heartaches to one on the verge of Christianity, but this would have to come sooner or later, and, strange as it may seem, instead of these causing her to shrink away, on the other hand, she was the more determined to try this new religion to see for herself what it would bring to her life and before I left promised to faithfully follow her Messiah, Jesus Christ.

Thus another soul was won for Him! What joy there was among the angels in heaven over this poor lost woman who at last had found her way back home.

With the Choctaws in Mississippi

S. E. McAdory

"During the month of May I have had some real interesting services with them and especially the fifth Sunday Board meeting. The Indians are very hard pressed and can not raise much money. However, they raise a little money every time they have service, most of the time some for their pastor and some for missions. They are helping one of their own men to preach in one of the mission points that I opened after I came on this field. He told me he was now having good congregations after about five years of tedious trying by himself and myself. I have not been there in several months but plan to go soon. This place is filled with almost savage Indians but we hope to reach them and lead them to the light. Pray for us."

Gifts From the Deaf-Mutes

Through the instrumentality of our veteran missionary, Dr. J. W. Michaels, twenty-five classes or individuals were enlisted to make an offering to the Home Mission Board to aid the work among the Deaf-Mutes. At present the total is \$159.00. This is a very worthy offering as many of them are out of employment and are struggling to live, yet appreciate the work of Dr. Michaels and Brother A. O. Wilson and in this offering show their appreciation to the Home Mission Board for making possible these missionaries to labor among them.

Missionary Diaz Happy

Read what he says and rejoice: "I am sending pictures of baptisms on my field. Big crowds attend and much interest. It is a great pleasure to me to tell you there are many and big difficulties on this field but the Lord has turned His blessings upon us and I have the pleasure to baptize seventy-four in the last eleven months and many more candidates to baptize soon. Church and Sunday School attendance is the largest since I have been on this field. I feel like I need to have some rest but better keep on the line of service."

The Southern Baptist Sanatorium,
El Paso, Texas.

Dr. W. W. Britton, Supt.

In a letter from Dr. Britton we have encouraging news from the Sanatorium. He tells us that the attendance is holding up fine during the summer. "This is because," says he, "we have cheaper rates than other institutions and keep our food up to the best. Therefore, we have no complaints from our patients."

A reduction has been made in the rates for the summer. Rooms now can be secured, the cheapest for \$15.00, the most expensive for \$26.00 per week. The rates are as follows: \$15.00, \$17.50, \$20.00, \$22.00, \$24.00, \$26.00. Beginning with October 1st, \$2.00 per room will have to be added.

All of these rates include medical attention, pneumothorax if a patient's case indicates its use, nurses on general duty, bell boys, orderlies, tray service, maids, and in fact everything that is required to equip a first-class sanatorium.

The rates quoted are 25 percent to 50 percent cheaper than the rates given in similar tubercular institutions in the West. Those interested can write to Dr. W. W. Britton, El Paso, Texas, for information.

A Call for the Indian Work

On my desk is a letter that reads as follows: "For a number of years I have been wanting to work among the Navajoh Indians. Now that I am here on the field and can do some work to supplement my salary, my wife and I are willing to give the same time to mission work among the Navajohs as we give to our church here if the Board can pay us thirty dollars a month. We are ready to enter this the greatest mission field in the United States."

"Other denominations are coming in and we Baptists are doing nothing. These people are easy to reach. They are anxious for the light. They want something to worship. They prove this by their daily acts. Make it possible for us to give them Christ!"