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Here and There With Home Mission Youth



Left—Indian boy and girl in the mission school at Pointe au Chien in southern Louisiana. The parents of these youngsters are also enrolled as well as two other members of the family—six in all from one home.



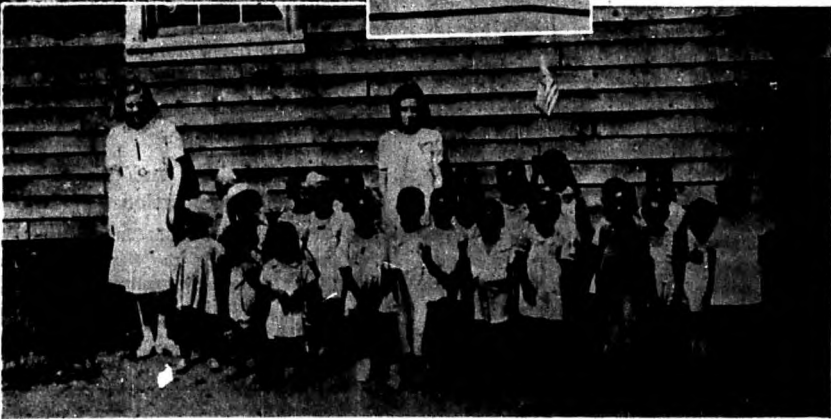
Italians attending mission services in Birmingham. Rev. A. Pucciarelli, missionary.



Bill Falls, below, says hikers at left will have to hurry to make the speed limit. These two views from an Indian B. T. U. Assembly in Oklahoma.



Beginners department in Vacation Bible School, New Orleans, at a new mission opened by Miss Gladys Keith and other white workers. Over 100 were enrolled.



The Prevalence of Crime

J. EDGAR HOOVER is authority for the following crime facts: There is one felony every twenty-four seconds, one burglary every forty-four seconds, one auto theft every two minutes, one robbery every ten minutes, one murder every forty minutes and one criminal assault on a woman every sixty-seven minutes. The crime bill in the United States amounts to fifteen billion dollars per year. These are cold facts which make one hot. The only cure is the gospel of Jesus.



Missions and the City

OUR modern civilization has created great cities with which our churches have not yet been able to cope. Those who have made surveys tell us that if it were not for the influx of Baptists from the towns and the country that few, if any, city churches would be able to hold their own.

These cities are growing at a tremendous rate. Nothing in Christendom is more significant for the future of the church and civilization itself than the evangelization of our cities. The city sets the tempo of our modern life. It determines our policies. It creates our moral standards. It runs the world. Unless they are captured for Christ, there is little hope of making our land Christian. The church must win the city.

Is the Catholic Church Consistent?

IN THE United States the Catholic church stands for religious freedom, or at least claims to. Much is said in their papers about what Catholicism has done to establish freedom of conscience in America.

But when we read about the things happening in Catholic countries we wonder if the Catholic church really stands for religious freedom. We find that in all countries where it dominates, religious freedom is denied to Protestants.

Ethiopia is an example. So is Yugoslavia. So is Rumania. In Ethiopia nobody can preach or teach or do religious work who is not an Italian. This means that all the work now being done by Protestants in Ethiopia will fall into the hands of the Catholics, unless the Protestants in Italy are able to take it over.

History shows that Catholicism has never been in favor of religious freedom. We wonder if the Catholic Church has changed.

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A SICK WORLD

THE modern world in which we live is dangerously sick. The plague is not confined to Soviet Russia, to war-torn Spain, to disturbed Mexico, to Fascist Italy, to Nazi Germany, to afflicted China, or to other old-world countries where near boundaries and highly congested districts cause people to look on with envy and jealousy and count covetously the blessings of their neighbors.

America is attacked by the pestilence. Revolution with its boiling pots in far-flung countries sends its stream of discontent to our own fair land. Hunger, unemployment, unfair rewards for labor, social injustice, avarice, selfishness, greed and all the sins in the category have become cumulative.

People are not merely under-nourished and poorly paid; they are not simply unemployed; they are morally and spiritually sick.

There is nothing that will save us except the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ. The task of building a new world is ours. Let us set ourselves to the task of evangelizing our cities. How we do need an adequate city mission program.

Wicked Waste of Wealth

SINCE the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment the American people have spent \$9,200,000,000 for liquor. Add to this the millions spent, each of the four years since the repeal, for crime due to liquor and you have about \$33,200,000,000.

This sum of money would build eleven million homes costing more than \$3,000 each. These homes would have 55,333,330 people, allowing five to a family.

What a waste of money, but this does not include the destruction of life, the breaking up of homes and the general moral debauchery that follow the licensed liquor traffic. What is the matter with our people when they will allow a thing like this to happen?

Home Missions and World Evangelization

THE evangelization and Christianization of the homeland is the New Testament method for world-evangelization. The spread of Christianity in apostolic times seems to have been due largely to the migration of those won to Christ in home mis-

sion fields. This overflow from home mission work accounted for a large part of the progress made by Christianity in New Testament times. The great church at Rome was evidently a product of this overflow, and also the church at Antioch.

There must be a center from which Christianity boils up like a mighty spring, and this center is the homeland of the people who go out with the gospel in all directions to the uttermost parts of the earth. A well evangelized homeland would create such an overflow to foreign lands today.



College Students Religious

A NATION-WIDE survey made by the Council of Church Boards of Education directed by Dr. Gould Wickey, general secretary, shows that 83.3% of students in American colleges have a definite religious preference.

These figures are based on information received from 1,840 institutions of higher learning involving 838,071 students. This includes 91.9% of the total number of students in American colleges.

It is the duty of the American people to see that these students who enter college with a religious preference should not have their faith destroyed by atheistic teachers while they are in college.

Startling Facts

WE are told by those who have made a careful study of church attendance that only 8% of our people attend church on Sunday morning, only 2% attend the evening service, and less than 1% attend the prayer meeting. On the other hand, however, 70% of our people attend a picture show at least once a week. No wonder we have so much crime in the land.

Catholic Papers

THE Roman Catholic church has in the United States 134 religious papers with a circulation of 2,335,516, and 196 reviews with a circulation of 4,000,000. In the past few decades there has been a tremendous increase of the Catholic journals and also in the number of readers of those journals.

On the other hand, in the past few decades literally hundreds of Protestant journals have disappeared. We wonder if it is not time for our Baptist people to wake up to the importance of putting their state papers into the homes of the people.

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My God Shall Supply All Your Need According To His Riches In Glory By Christ Jesus.—Phil. 4:19.

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EDITORIAL

NO GROUP of men are more important in our denominational life than our state mission secretaries. They are back at the base of things, and what they do largely determines what Southern Baptists do in the wider fields of denominational activity.

Our State Secretaries

They are charged with the training and direction of our churches in the co-operative work of the denomination. They are promoting all that Southern Baptists are doing. Their particular task may be State Missions, but their work includes a great deal more. Christian education is part of their work; the benevolent institutions are to receive their attention; the denominational paper and general publicity are within the scope of their services; Home and Foreign Missions are interests with which they are directly concerned. At the same time they have to give attention to the promotion of state mission interests—the B. T. U., the Sunday school, the W. M. U. and pastors' support. All of these are to be looked after by our state mission secretaries. What a big task is theirs! How tremendously important it is!

Southern Baptists should pray unitedly and constantly for these servants of theirs. Every morning at ten o'clock we stop our work in the Home Board office for a period of meditation and prayer. Each day we pray not only for the Home and Foreign missionaries who are out on the far-flung lines of Kingdom endeavor, but we never fail to pray for our state mission secretaries.

We invite our Baptist people throughout the length and breadth of our territory to join with us in prayer for these noble servants of Christ. They merit our best support. Their work is invaluable in our denominational life.

Scientists Changing Front

THE real scientists of today are coming more and more to the Christian position. Recently at a meeting of the British Association of Science, the president, who has been an earnest student of evolution since 1881, said in his presidential message: "I myself and many others who have studied this subject (evolution) with amazing thoroughness have reached no agreement. There is no agreement among scholars now; but certain interpretations and the hopes based upon them have been tried and found wanting. The belief in progress as it was understood in the latter decades of the nineteenth century has been abandoned, and a more sober concept is taking its place. We can scarcely modify the struggle for existence by our planning. But there is little to encourage those who make Darwin into a prophet of the Marxian order. The unwarranted application of biological science to the spiritual life of man has been largely abandoned."

Scientists change their opinions with the years, but the Word of God is the same today, yesterday, and forever.

The Threat to Our Freedom

THERE is no doubt that in the world today individual freedom and liberty of conscience are threatened. The totalitarian state assumes to take control of the faith of its citizens. Communism as expressed in Soviet Russia assume to destroy all faith. Communism and totalitarianism are more than local. They are threatening to become world-wide.

The Christian cannot accept the control of his faith, or the imposition of articles of belief by a civil and secular authority; nor can he accept the position that faith is a private matter confined to the conscience of the individual and that worship is purely an individual act which can be as well performed in the dining-room or kitchen as in the church. Christianity makes its appeal to the individual, but it builds a fellowship. Liberty of conscience cannot be whittled down to the permission to hold certain beliefs, but must also include the right to discuss these beliefs publicly and to communicate them to others.

We must forever contend for the right of individuals to hold public worship and to propagate their faith. Any liberty which does not include this is an insulting parody of the term.

Baptists Against the Field

THE Federal Council of Churches is authority for the statement that "more than 80% of all members of all non-catholic Christian churches in the United States are now represented in a Christian working unity. They are members of forty-two Protestant communions which co-operate through one or more of six inter-communion organizations." Southern Baptists are not included in this list.

John Clarence Petrie, speaking at the Crosscut Club in Memphis, Tennessee, recently said, "The Southern Baptist line-up is strongly against any form of federation or union with other denominations, while the Disciples of Christ, Methodists and Episcopalians seem to incline the other way. The Southern Baptists take the inexplicable position that the final source of authority is the Bible. Several Methodists, Disciples and Episcopalians have spoken in public on the untenability of this position. Rev. J. J. Walker, pastor East End Christian Church (Disciples), pointed out with unassailable logic that an infallible book is of no avail in the hands of fallible interpreters."

These gentlemen overlook the fact that the Holy Spirit is given to interpret the Word of God. Hence we have an infallible interpreter of an infallible book.

Mexican Orphan Girl Gives Up Home Rather Than Renounce Christ

By C. HERNANDEZ RIOS
Mexican Missionary

WE HAVE here a case of a very strong faith. Andrea Galarza, member of our church, and an orphan, had been suffering certain persecutions from her stepfather because she is a Christian and he is Catholic. Some time ago Andrea's mother died and she became alone without other relatives except some step-sisters.

A few days ago Andrea's stepfather said to Andrea: "I will help you and will give you everything that you need if you will become a Catholic again."

Andrea became sick, and when the nurse saw her and knew the story of her suffering, she said to her: "Why do you not become a Catholic again and cease your suffering?" "I do not want to be a Catholic any more because I have believed in Christ and I prefer to suffer for him than to come back to Catholicism," she replied.

Andrea lost her home because she was a faithful Christian. Now she is living in a little room that a member of our church lent her, and all the members of our church bring to Andrea at her new home milk, groceries, clothes and everything that she needs. May God bless Andrea and give her the certitude of Rom. 8:35-39.

Business Men Note Repairs on Jacksonville Mission

BUSINESS men in his part of town appreciate the recent improvements made at the Rescue Mission in Jacksonville, according to the missionary, Rev. L. C. Bennett.

"They tell me that they are glad for the improvement in the looks of our building since the Board had the front repaired and painted," Brother Bennett writes. "I am sure it gained respect for us and helped our influence in this part of town."

The missionary indicates that the influence of the mission service is also a source of encouragement. "Just now," he adds, "I have received a card from a Catholic woman who has been saved and hopes soon to be back with us in the mission. Surely the hand of God spreads out in almost unbelievable ways in connection with this rescue mission work."

All the estates in Zion are called from the Convention and what seems to be from the will of Christ to take the initiative step and set the spiritual machinery of the kingdom into an active, organized, persistent effort to follow God in this great evangelistic movement.—L. R. Scarborough

Ten trailers were used to bring the people to a revival in the community building at Dyess Colony, Arkansas, in which Missionary Harvey Gray preached.

Special Gift Provides Funds For Mexican Church

A NEW house of worship, built with money given by an American woman, has been built on the Mexican field at Devine, Texas, according to a letter from the missionary, Rev. Calisto Rodriguez.

While the building was being erected a revival meeting was conducted by Rev. Paul C. Bell, who also supervised the construction. The missionaries worked during the day on the building, and at night they continued to work by preaching the gospel. Six were converted.

Brother Rodriguez states that there are about 500 Mexicans on his field. He preaches in homes, as well as in the church, large groups often hearing him in these services in the homes.

Evangelistic Opportunity Afforded By Vacation School

A TWO weeks' Vacation Bible School brought three converts into a mission church in the Tennessee mountains, according to Rev. G. L. Ridenour, new missionary of the Home Mission Board.

Following the school, the missionary conducted a camp for intermediates from the mountain communities of his field.

"These groups were given a Bible study, a mission study and handwork," the missionary stated. "Our major emphasis in these camps is evangelism."

Brother Ridenour says that the evangelistic opportunity in such camps is even greater than in most communities. He asks the prayers of friends in this important work.

Kingdom News

Suggestions for your next program, taken from this issue.

Prepared by UNA ROBERTS LAWRENCE

Round Table Discussion

1. How the State Mission Board and Home Mission Board relate and correlate their work. See page 11.
2. The Evangelistic Opportunity in Our Association. Page 7.
3. The Rich Returns on Home Mission Investment. Pages 12 and 13.

Special Feature

Signs of the Return of Israel to God. If you can find the right persons to do it, the account of Rev. Jacob Garthman's interviews with several people in Richmond could be turned into an impersonation with all the ones taking part speaking in the first person. Let the leader of the program introduce the feature by reading the letter from Dr. Le Sourd (page 15) on "The Importance of Being Christian."

Then between the different episodes of the interviews, the leader may comment on the opportunity represented by the next one, opportunities that are given to every Christian in every town where Jews live today.

Meet the Missionaries

My Missionary — a Game. Recently in a Y. W. A. the regular program was very brief and most of the meeting time was given over to playing a new game. Two or three copies of *Missionaries of the Home Mission Board* (25 your state Baptist Book Store) had been circulated in the group the week preceding and each girl taking part had chosen a missionary to present.

On the map of that mission field she had marked the location of her missionary's field. Because the Home Mission Map was too small to show these locations to the best advantage, highway maps had been secured of the whole territory and each girl

taking part had marked her map so everyone could see the section in which her missionary worked.

Paper and pencils were passed to every member when this part of the program was reached and every girl taking part was scored on the following points, giving her personal reaction.

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| (1) Most interesting missionary | 25 points |
| (2) Most interesting mission field | 25 points |
| (3) Most interesting kind of work | 25 points |
| (4) Most interesting manner of presentation | 25 points |

A really exciting time was had by all, and in the end everyone won, for the scores showed the interesting variety of interests these Y. W. A. girls themselves had in missions and missionaries. And they learned much they had never known before about the missionaries and their work.

In the presentation, news items from issues of *Southern Baptist Home Missions* were used to show how very interesting the work of these missionaries is and what kind of work they do. It is a new way to use news items and turn them into a special feature on a program.

Scrapbooks

Are you keeping a scrapbook on the Home Mission field most interesting to you? Recently an R. A. Chapter had a display of the scrapbooks they had made on Indiana and Mexican. It was amazing how much of a connected story can be told of the work on some one field from the issues of *Southern Baptist Home Missions* and related items gathered from newspapers and periodicals. Try it for yourself.

In the picture, top to bottom—Navajo village in Alamo Canyon; tent stretched for Y. W. A. Navajo



church at Alamo Canyon; four women teachers and their interpreter; Seferino Jojola (center) and his family.

Jojola Sees Dreams Come True at Alamo

WHEN Seferino Jojola and his wife visited Alamo Canyon recently they saw something which made their hearts sing and their eyes fill with tears of joy.

There was nothing about a group of Navajo boys and girls attending school in a crude rock church at the back side of a desert to make one shout for joy, one would think—unless he had been Jojola.

For you see it was Jojola and his wife—themselves converted from their Indian ways only a few short years ago—who originated the idea of giving the gospel to the forgotten Alamo Navajos. It was at his suggestion that the missionary made his first journey far up the canyon over impossible roads to the Navajo village.

Jojola had been to Alamo Canyon many times, but his last visit brought unusual joy. He saw the little rock church built by the Navajo Christians who were converted through the work of the missionary who had gone at the suggestion of Jojola. He saw Navajo boys and girls, and older people, too, eagerly learning to read the Bible. He saw the courageous Christian women teaching in this short summer school for illiterate Indians.

He had a feeling of pride and joy in this work and in the progress which had been made in a few years. There was another reason for special joy to this one who had originally suggested the work at Alamo, for he himself now went in the capacity of a missionary—not as an ordained worker, but as a fellow helper to Dr. C. W. Stumph and the other missionaries to the Indians in New Mexico.

Since his conversion at Ialeta he had had a growing interest in the salvation of the Navajos and of the Indians in his own village. Now he was to have a real part in that work. No wonder his vision was blurred with tears of joy.

A world fellowship in Christ will break down racial barriers.

Navajo Chief Learns With Children of Tribe

By C. W. STUMPH
Missionary to the Indians

THE most prominent feature of our work just now is the school at Alamo among the Navajos. The school has been in operation now for five weeks, and has three weeks yet to run.

I am keeping in close touch with the school by trips to check up on things and to haul out provisions for both the teachers and the Indians.

The school has done much to break down the wall of partition which has always existed between these remote Indians and all outsiders. There is now coming to be a freedom of social relationship which has not previously existed. It seems that this school has really demonstrated to these people that we are trying to do something for them without a money consideration.

It seems that the school has done much to remove the ever-present suspicion that the Indian has of all white people, and that the way is opening more and more for a larger work of the gospel among them.

It is nothing short of wonderful just to visit the school and see the program in operation. The old "Chief," who knows no English, sits with the beginners all day long and tries to learn what he can. Several other men are at the school all day as helpers and interpreters.

Several women are there all day learning to use the sewing machine which the Government let us have. They are making many useful things for their families out of the scraps, old clothing, and remnants which have been provided.

Some of the young people are being inspired to go to the Government schools, and to go on with their education.

There is no telling what benefits are to be derived by this school effort. It is certainly one of the most interesting and, I believe, most profitable experiments with which I have ever had connection.



Bulletin Briefs

Terse Sentences of Home Mission News Appropriate
For Use in Church Bulletins

NOTE TO PASTORS—Use freely the materials on this page, and on other pages, in your bulletins, in sermons, in mission talks and reports, and in any other way.

Three Vacation Bible Schools conducted by Miss Gladys Keith, missionary of the Home Mission Board in New Orleans, had a total enrollment of 407.

The Iowa Indian tribe in Oklahoma had a revival in August conducted by Missionary Solomon Kent.

Eleven converts were received for baptism in a schoolhouse revival in Dyess Colony, Arkansas, conducted by Missionary Harvey Gray.

Seventy-five per cent of the pupils were Catholics in a Vacation Bible School on the Mexican field at Cameron, Texas, conducted by J. C. Hernandez Rios.

All exterior work in renovation of the Baptist Temple in Havana has been completed, and the interior will soon be finished, according to Dr. M. N. McCall, superintendent of Home Missions in Cuba.

Twelve churches co-operated in an associational evangelistic campaign recently in Elizabethtown, Ky., conducted by Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, superintendent of evangelism of the Home Mission Board.

Miss Gladys Keith, city missionary of the Home Mission Board in New Orleans, has opened a new Negro mission.

Many Catholics are attending services at the Mexican church, Cameron, Texas, according to Missionary Hernandez Rios.

Four street revivals in succession were conducted this summer by Rev. A. Pucciarelli, Italian missionary of the Home Mission Board in Birmingham.

Twenty-two professions and eight baptisms are included in the monthly report of Missionary Emmett V. Rodriguez, Mexican missionary in Texas.

Interest grew daily and the enrollment increased from 68 to 115 in a two-weeks' Vacation Bible School at the Mexican Baptist Church, Corpus Christi, Texas, according to Missionary Elias Delgado.

Rev. Oscar Hill, new part-time Spanish worker, preaches twice each Sunday and conducts three services regularly on week nights. In addition to his secular work at Alamogordo, N. M.

Six conversions, one the wife of the tribal medicine man, resulted from the Vacation Bible School on the Navajo reservation in New Mexico, according to Missionary R. A. Pryor.

Among other useful arts taught the Navajos in a Vacation Bible School this summer was shoe cobbling. Missionary R. A. Pryor reports.

Moving pictures of Home Mission work in Tampa taken by the pastor were shown by Dr. A. J. Moncrief, Jr., in the First Baptist Church, Tampa, recently.

Miss Amelia Diaz, Mexican missionary in San Antonio, visits regularly 85 Catholic homes because the people are afraid to come to the mission to hear the gospel.

Once Abandoned Field Has Growing Church In French Louisiana

AN abandoned field less than three years ago, the church at Basile, La., records show, is one of the best organized and most systematic in its work of any French church.

When Rev. Maurice Aguilard, French missionary appointed by the Board in November, 1935, went to Basile he was discouraged by friends who told him that he was undertaking a hopeless task.

From only four or five Baptists the church membership has grown to about seventy-five, for which growth the missionary gives all credit to the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

"We are aware of the fact that many people are discouraged about French missions," says Brother Aguilard, "but we believe the failure and slow progress have resulted not because the work cannot be done, but in the fact that it was not given sufficient support and because it was managed the wrong way.

"We have faith in the future of this work, or else we would do something else."

That the missionary's faith is justified is seen in the remarkable growth of the Basile church to which he has given his undivided attention for nearly three years.

Brother Aguilard suggests that he could use many more French Bibles.

A TIMELY TASK

ONE of the mightiest achievements of Home Missions is the well-planned, much-needed and eminently successful work among the increasing number of foreigners in our midst.

This work among the foreigners has influenced the denomination by teaching us to think and plan and live in larger spheres. It has impressed us with the responsibility of the mission task to be done right here in our southland; a task that individual churches cannot do.

It has shown us the world-wide need for the Home Mission task as we have realized that many of these foreigners leave our shores to return to their own native lands.

God grant that when they shall leave, they shall go as Christian heralds of the cross.

IRA D. S. NEWTON

The outlook on the Indian field is the best in many months, according to Missionary Richard Gray.

The Navajos are turning to us for physical, moral and spiritual help as never before. The opportunities and responsibilities are greater the longer we work among them. R. A. Pryor, missionary to the Indians in New Mexico.

Ten thousand copies of the Gospel of John were distributed by Miss Gladys Keith and her associates in missionary work in New Orleans.

I have never found a Bible in a Catholic home.—Amelia Diaz, Mexican missionary in San Antonio.

Of the many homes in her community in San Antonio, Miss Amelia Diaz, Mexican missionary, says that she knows of only four which are Baptist.

Miss Mary Headen, missionary of the Home Mission Board in southern Illinois, says that she is busy and happy in her work at three Good Will Centers.

An Italian woman was so happy when she found Christ that she hugged the Bible given to her by Missionary G. O. Foulon.

Missionary G. O. Foulon, worker among the foreigners in southern Illinois, states that he is treated with respect even in the saloons and gambling halls where he goes to distribute tracts and other free literature.

Religious freedom means freedom to propagate one's religion and to meet all criticism of that religion in an open thought forum.

The Key to the Evangelistic Opportunity

By ROLAND Q. LEAVELL

Superintendent of Evangelism

THERE are whole groups of associations and whole sections of some states where the churches are in utter dilapidation and the cause which they represent is lost. There is the most immediate and desperate need for mobilizing all the best workers and the launching of a great campaign of rehabilitation—the first part of which should be a great associational-wide revival of religion, led by the best workers and ablest pastors in the state.

In these words Dr. E. P. Aldredge sums up the evangelistic situation in the south, after having given a full year to making an evangelistic survey of the various states.

An Associational Program

THE key to the evangelistic opportunities open to Southern Baptists is the associational campaign, covering the evangelistic needs of the entire associational area.

In the July issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions* we published an article giving a workable evangelistic plan for district associations. This article gave suggestions for the organization of an associational program.

The associational representative of evangelism is the logical man to inaugurate such a program. If he is not active, the moderator can take the lead. For that matter, any fervent-hearted pastor or any zealous layman could bring the matter before the association, and thereby set the movement started.

The preparation for the program should be begun now if it has its fullest effect during 1939. There is no time for start-

ing an associational evangelistic program that can equal the annual meeting of the association. The best leaders from every section are present at the associational meeting. The fullest discussion concerning the area as a whole can be heard there.

Many Evangelistic Needs

THE fullest possible study of the history of evangelistic results in the association should be reviewed at the associational meeting. This should reveal both the good points and the weak points of the past ten years.

The discussion should bring out the fact if there are strategic unchurched centers where evangelistic meetings should be held with a view of establishing new churches.

Attention can be given to the need of tent meetings, the possibilities of radio preaching, the opportunities for preaching in school houses or under brush arbors, and other aggressive evangelistic efforts.

If there are pastorless churches in the association, their representatives can voice their needs and secure the co-operation of the other churches.

In the spirit of the times, every association should set forth an evangelistic program which comprehends all its needs and which challenges all its resources. It should contemplate active co-operation by every church, at least by having a revival meeting in every church. Especial attention should be given to the unchurched areas.

It is tragically true that about one-fourth of all our Southern Baptist churches do not win a single person to Christ during an entire year. The fires of evangelism in these backward churches may be stirred up in a co-operative associational plan.

In every association there is need to encourage a return to the New Testament method of evangelism in which personal soul-winning by the rank and file of the church members holds a major place. The preaching by the evangelist should be the climax of a program of evangelism which begins with prayer and is continued in personal witnessing to the lost.

Hundreds of thousands of church members go year after year without seeking one time to lead another soul to Christ. Any associational plan should incorporate the most strenuous and most spiritual methods of enlisting the laymen, women and young people for the task of winning others to Christ.

Any careful study of the increasing population of the unseared and unchurched in our territory will convince the seeker that Southern Baptists must double or probably treble their evangelistic efforts if we are to

any adequate way to meet our opportunities and discharge our responsibilities in leading our people to the Lord.

An Evangelistic Resolution

THIS article will be off the press in the midst of the meetings of the district associations. While the opportunity is at its best, a resolution should be passed by every district association in the land, setting up a far-reaching evangelistic plan for 1939.

Below we are suggesting a resolution, which should be adapted to the needs of any association where it is to be offered. The one which we offer here is in perfect accord with the unanimous decision of the heads of the various Southern Baptist agencies and of the various state mission secretaries. Its adoption and vigorous, prayerful promotion would undoubtedly unlock a mighty door of evangelistic opportunity for Southern Baptists.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS:

A major emphasis of the Southern Baptist Convention and of our state mission program during 1939 is to be on evangelism,

Be It Resolved, First, that a committee on evangelism (either a standing committee or one to be appointed immediately) be instructed to make a survey of the evangelistic needs of this associational area, and to inaugurate a well-defined associational program of evangelism; and,

Second, that more prayer and effort be made for winning the lost; that an evangelistic meeting be urged for every church; that evangelistic preaching be promoted over radio, in tents, under arbors, in school buildings, and in every advantageous way in unchurched communities; that emphasis be placed on development of personal soul-winners; that stress be given to establishing family altars; that there be an adequate program of conservation of the results of evangelism through enlistment, training, indoctrination, and stewardship; and,

Third, that this committee plan for an associational evangelistic rally early during 1939, for prayer, preaching, and promotion of the objectives mentioned above.

EMPHASIS upon evangelism has been the greatest contribution of Home Missions to American life, in my judgment — evangelism with the message of man's lost estate and God's plan of redemption — evangelism with a technique which bears this message of divine grace in language that every man can understand — the poor man and the rich man — the ignorant man and the scholar — the young and the old — all races — all tongues — all men!

Louie D. Newton.

Interesting Interviews In Richmond

By JACOB GARTENHAUS

IN CONNECTION with a recent trip to Maryland, I stopped in Richmond, Virginia, at the invitation of the newly-organized Friends of Israel group which is being so splendidly directed by Mrs. R. S. Jones, wife of the home secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. A full schedule was planned which began immediately upon my arrival.

My first engagement was with Dr. B., a dentist. When I first arrived in the city I was told that this man who had lived in a Christian home had read some of my publications and expressed a desire to meet me, but he wanted it to be in the utmost secrecy. In calling him I was advised to ask his secretary for an appointment. This I did, and it was arranged for me to see him after office hours.

Upon arrival there he escorted me into his private office, locking several doors which led to other rooms. That it was more than just curiosity on his part was very evident from the earnest questions he began to ask.

He told me he had been reared in an orthodox Jewish home, and as long as he was under the supervision of his parents he was subjected to the traditions of his people, though they seemed to have no attraction for him.

No sooner did he get away from under their roof, than he threw these traditions to the wind, trying hard to make himself believe that he was an atheist. But this he could not do.

When he moved into the home of some Christian people he could not help but admire their faith which seemed to inspire and comfort them in their daily lives, and he began to wonder if after all there was not something to their religion. When these friends told him about me he immediately wanted to see me.

Like so many others of my people, he desired to know how I came to believe in Jesus Christ, and after telling him a little about my experience to which he listened raptly, he asked several other questions, remarking that were he to accept the teachings in the Old Testament he should have no difficulty in accepting the New as well, for the virginal birth of Jesus is no greater miracle than the creation of Adam.

"It was such reasoning that led me to believe in the Messiah," I said, "for as a good Jew I accepted the teachings of the Old Testament, and it was therefore not hard for me to accept the New. That is why Jesus urged the Jews of his day to search the scriptures."

The man expressed profound gratitude for my visit, assuring me of his intention to study the subject further. He was glad to get one or two of my other publications.

FROM here I rushed to the home of Mrs. J., where I was to meet a prominent Jewess who, too, had asked to be notified about my arrival in the city, as she wished to talk with me.

I was rather doubtful as to whether I would find her there because of the heavy rain that was then falling, but apparently

God's Chosen People

Forgotten! no; that cannot be:
All other names may pass away.
But thine, My Israel, shall remain
In everlasting memory.

Forgotten! no; that cannot be:
Inscribed upon My palms thou art:

The name I gave in days of old
Is graven still upon my heart.

Forgotten! no; that cannot be:
Beloved of thy God art thou,
His crown for ever on thy head,
His Name for ever on thy brow.

Forgotten! no; that cannot be:
Sun, moon, and stars may cease
to shine,
But thou shalt be remembered still,
For thou art His, and He is thine.

HORATIUS BONAR

her interest was greater than I expected, for she was there waiting for me.

Here a very profitable hour was spent. Before parting, a portion from God's word was read and prayer offered.

"I've been thrown with Christians practically all my life," she remarked as we parted, "but this is the first real Christian home I have ever visited."

It was very evident that she was profoundly impressed. What greater tribute could be made to any of us?

Another Jewish person contacted did not fail to show appreciation of the efforts of Christians to win the Jew. The words of the Christian who had approached him were not forgotten.

"We are doing it because of the love in our hearts for your people," the Christian had said. "It is natural for one who has received so much joy and peace to wish to share it with one's friends, especially Jewish friends."

These earnest words, backed by genuine love, elicited from the Jew this remarkable conclusion: "If all Christians were like you, every Jew would be a Christian."

Another Jew who was approached, asked, "If what you believe is true, why have you waited so long to give it to us?"

IT WILL be noted that in each one of the above cases it was the life of the Christian that impressed more than actual words—a ministry within the reach of all. From still another Jewish friend comes this cheering letter:

"I am going to ask a favor of you and hope you will be able to help me. Yes, believe it or not, I am getting religion and I am going to ask you to help me. First, I would like for you, if possible, to get me a Bible; then we will let God do the rest. Hope this little note doesn't shock you too much, as I really and truly mean it."

In an outlying town in Louisiana, of which I had never heard, I noticed a Jewish name on a store window and walking in I introduced myself to the proprietor, not expecting to tell him at once who I was.

As soon as I mentioned my name he smiled and said, "I have heard and read of you. You are speaking at the Baptist assembly this week. I am going to hear you tomorrow night. I think you are doing a fine work and I am really glad to make your acquaintance. I think Christians and Jews are getting closer to each other every day."

I did not realize how far-reaching is our ministry. It seems to have penetrated into every corner.

Before departing from this store I promised to return, adding that I would expect Mr. C. to be a good deacon by the time of my next visit.

"That is not impossible," he replied. I urged him to visit the Baptist church, and later communicated with the pastor, asking him to cultivate the man's friendship.

The Jewish Festival. Hayyim Schauss. Union of American Hebrew Congregations \$2.50.

Here we have a very interesting volume on Israel's festivals in which the author not only gives the historical and ceremonial significance of each but also the different manners of celebration and the changes in the customs as influenced by environment. It should be in the hands of every student of Jewish life.

Two most helpful features of the book are the bibliography and the notes giving the source of material on the many festivals of Israel.—J.G.



Speakers, missionaries and other representatives of Home Mission Board at Ridgecrest conference, July 31-August 5, 1938.

Home Missions At Ridgecrest Called Significant Conference

CHARACTERIZED by one as the "best conference I ever attended in my life," Home Mission week at Ridgecrest in August was acclaimed by all as a successful and most significant meeting.

"I wish that all of our people could have gotten the inspirations which the meeting meant to me," said Dr. L. L. Gwaltney, editor of *The Alabama Baptist*, who was one of the conference speakers. "If our people could get an inside view into the working and the effectiveness of the Home Mission Board, the cause of Home Missions would receive far greater interest and appreciation."

Dr. W. Marshall Craig of Dallas, another speaker, was also high in his praise of the conference, a new appreciation of Home Missions and of the missionaries having been given to him by the meeting, he said.

A woman prominent in the W. M. U., one who has attended many conferences, was the person who said it surpassed all others in her experience. "I never realized that the Home Mission Board had such a conference," she said. "It is the best I ever attended in my life."

Another woman, distinguished in the Southwest, came with tears in her eyes to Dr. J. W. Beagle, the Board's field secretary. "Never before," she said, "have I attended a conference where the people told their Christian experience. This is one of the most vital things in the program here this week. It just takes that, and there is no substitute for it in Christian work."

A WELL-KNOWN judge from another state, eyes also alight, remarked that he had not realized how much he loved Home Missions until he heard the stirring messages of the missionaries and the ringing words of others on the program.

"This has been a wonderful experience for me," one missionary said earnestly. "I wish I could come every year."

Another missionary said that the conference gave him a new understanding of the wide work of Home Missions and that this new knowledge had quickened his interest and zeal in his own work. A woman worker of the Board expressed her joy at blessings received from the meeting. Another missionary said the week was the greatest mountain-top experience of his life. "The Lord is here!" he exclaimed.

"There is just no telling how much good this conference is doing," said an outstanding man from the Southwest who was on the program a previous year. "Not only does it benefit Home Missions, but it contributes to the spiritual life of everyone here. The influence of this meeting will be felt in every department of our denominational work."

These statements, made spontaneously and without solicitation during the week, reflect the significance of the meeting. They explain why there was unanimous agreement when Perry Morgan, manager of the Assembly, said at the closing session that not only had the conference attracted the largest attendance but that it was the best the Home Mission Board had ever had at Ridgecrest.

Forceful Addresses Ready as Book Soon

BECAUSE of the popular demand for them, the principal addresses of the Home Missions Conference at Ridgecrest are being printed in book form.

Issued under the title which was the theme of the meeting, *Building A Better World*, the book will be ready for delivery by September 15. Orders can be filled by any Baptist Book Store after that date at twenty-five cents a book.

"Can the Church Answer Human Needs?" is the theme of one of these able addresses, this question having received a scholarly and spiritual treatment by Dr. Ira D. S. Knight, of Durham, North Carolina. "Reclaiming Lost Church Members" is another valuable contribution, this address having been delivered by Dr. Walter E. Woodbury, secretary of evangelism, American Baptist Home Mission Society.

The final address of the conference, "Back to Paganism, or On With Christ" by Dr. W. Marshall Craig of Dallas, Texas, is a ringing appeal which every pastor and Christian leader will want from this new book.

The volume also includes two addresses from W. M. U. leaders on topics relating to women and missions. Miss Blanche Sydnor White, corresponding secretary, Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia, contributes a superb oration on "Paths Into World Highways," and Miss Kathleen Mallory, executive secretary, Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, adds a masterpiece on "America: the Beautiful."

Many orders for the book were received during the conference at Ridgecrest, and others can be handled now (for delivery after September 15) by any Book Store or by the publishers, the Home Mission Board, Ridgecrest.

Cubans Have Summer Institute; Profit From Week of Fellowship

By W. L. MOORE

THE second annual summer workers' institute of the Baptists of Western Cuba, held in Havana in July, was attended by almost every pastor and missionary for the full week.

In addition, fourteen fine young men from as many different churches, came for our first B. T. U. encampment. These attended all the classes with the pastors. In addition to one or two features planned especially for them, and they have returned to their homes with zeal and inspiration for the work of Christ.

The young men are already showing the benefits of their experience. One has organized special evangelistic services in which there were more than a dozen professions of faith. A number of letters from different persons have testified to a genuine religious awakening. Several have reorganized their B. T. U. organizations in line with Southern Baptist plans.

One pastor who was in the office here recently said that he never dreamed that he had such a power in the young man who came from his church until after the institute. Almost all the young men have written glowing testimonies of what the week here meant to them.

Score Saved in Third Vacation Bible School Conducted by Foulon

THE third Vacation Bible School for the summer is reported by Rev. G. O. Foulon, French missionary.

In the last school a total of 163 were enrolled and 21 were converted. The missionary preached each night in connection with the school.

"The younger people are pretty well convinced that we are right in our position on baptism," the missionary states, "but with the older folks it is quite different. Doctrinal tracts in different languages are sorely needed, but it seems cannot be found."

Brother Foulon states that regular preaching services each week have been arranged for the three missions where the Vacation Bible Schools were conducted, and that he also goes regularly to three other points.

Following the last school, the missionary engaged in an evangelistic meeting in the Good Will Center at Madison, Illinois. The attendance was composed chiefly of Bulgarians.

"We had other meetings along with two services each day at the Center," he states. "A fine bright young lady was converted and a number of others promised to yield as we left, I being forced to close on account of illness."

This institute was held practically without cost to the workers. The pastors slept in the new classrooms that are being prepared for the school. The boys slept in the gymnasium. All took their meals at nearby restaurants, where a very economical arrangement had been made for them to be given their meals on the presentation of tickets.

The expenses were paid from a special fund, some of which was given for the purpose by the Home Mission Board, part by the Havana church, part by the Cuban mission board, and part by one or two individual gifts.

Economic conditions among our people in Cuba now would have made it entirely impossible for the men to pay their own expenses without this help.

As always, the visit of Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Home Mission Board secretary, was perhaps the highlight of the week. The Baptists of Cuba have come to love him personally, and to delight in the privilege of hearing him preach. His daily discourses were translated by Dr. Sydney Orrett, who is in charge of the Baptist Dispensary here in the Temple Building, and the preachers took advantage of the necessary delay incident to the interpreting of a sermon sentence by sentence in order to make practically verbatim copies of Doctor Lawrence's lectures in Spanish.

These workers are the heart of the mission work in Cuba, and the week of the summer institute is the inspirational heart of the year's activities for them. May God make it possible to have another next year.

If Baptists are to give their message to the world, they must function as a denomination—J. B. Lawrence.

Missions is the churches of Jesus Christ without exception, going into all the world without limitation, preaching the gospel without modification, to every creature without discrimination.

BELL TOLLS AGAIN

Church Chime Reminds Catholics Of Spiritual Worship

AFTER a silence of several years, the bell rings again every Sunday at Calvary Mexican Baptist Church in San Antonio.

"When I came as pastor of this church in 1924," Missionary Matias C. Garcia states, "the bell was used to call the people to services, but most of the members objected to it, and its use was discontinued."

Recently when the church was being repaired, the bell also was put in order, and its clarion peal calls the people to worship on Sunday morning.

"The Monday following the first Sunday when it was rung," says Brother Garcia, "an old lady about the age of seventy came to see me. She wanted to kiss my hand, to which I did not consent."

"Little priest," she said, "I could not come to mass yesterday, but now I know that when the bell rings, I will come."

"She has continued coming now for several times."

"Our members live very far from the church, and the bell for the majority of them is useless, but we are surrounded by Catholic people and on Saturdays we visit them, and on Sunday morning the bell rings three times like the Catholic style, so we are having many new visitors in our services now."

Stream Dammed for Baptism

AN Indian friend told me of a consumptive girl sixteen years old who wanted to talk with me and to hear the Ten Commandments read. I went several miles up the mountain to see her. I read the Commandments. I read also the commandments of the Lord and the story of his love. She accepted Christ. A little later she was baptized by damming the mountain stream that runs close to the house. Now she is happy and satisfied.—W. H. Fitzgerald, missionary to the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina.

We sometimes hear people speak of one mission interest as if the advancement of the other mission causes would hinder and retard that cause. There are people also who give to one cause and do not give to the other causes.

There is danger that these people will segregate the mission enterprises into separate undertakings, and, having set each mission interest off to itself, will think of the particular task they are interested in as a complete Kingdom program.

If they should do this, Kingdom work would be the doing of some one thing selected from among the whole number of things the denomination is engaged in. This would be fatal to our co-operative program. It would destroy Kingdom unity. One lives a Kingdom life when he participates in all the things included in the Kingdom program of Christ.

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Home Missions in the Mission Program of Southern Baptists

By J. B. LAWRENCE

I WISH always in speaking of Home Missions to relate the Home Mission Board and its work to other missionary enterprises in such a way as to cause no one to think of Home Missions in contrast with, or in opposition to, whatever else we are doing in the mission field as a denomination.

For convenience in thinking, and for economy and efficiency in operation, Southern Baptists have been led to group their mission work under three departments—State Missions, Home Missions, and Foreign Missions. They have organized three separate administrative agencies—state mission boards, the Home Mission Board, and the Foreign Mission Board. This gives to Southern Baptists, led as I believe by the Holy Spirit, a complete and efficient method for doing mission work.

A Danger to Be Avoided

THERE is, however, a danger which we should be very careful to avoid, namely, that of separating these different departments of mission work from each other and setting each out in our thinking as if it were a complete Kingdom task within itself.

It might be detrimental to the Kingdom work as a whole to create for each missionary agency a constituency exclusively its own. Every agency should have the full support of the entire denomination.

The state mission boards should be supported by all the churches in the respective states, and the Home and Foreign Mission Boards should be supported by all the churches in all the states belonging to the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Three Departments of Mission Work

STATE MISSIONS, Home Missions, and Foreign Missions are simply three parts of

ONE MISSION. There is only one sort of witness to Christ and every one of his disciples is to render that witness. Every one, however, is to witness in three fields: State, Home and Foreign Mission fields.

Our Home Mission work, therefore, is not to be thought of as set over against and in opposition to State Missions and Foreign Missions, but is related to and joined with them in a complete mission program.

The task of State Missions is the development and training of churches. The task of Home Missions is the preaching of the gospel to the Indians, foreigners, Negroes; the evangelization of the Jews; ministering to the underprivileged groups; taking the message of life to the deaf; and helping to reach the unchurched in our cities. The task of Foreign Missions is the evangelization of the people in foreign lands.

Home Mission Work Distinctive

HOME Mission work is distinctive but not disconnected from State and Foreign Missions. It is a part of our world-mission program, but it requires for satisfactory prosecution workers with special adaptation and training. It has a field all its own. This field has to be studied.

It is necessary to make careful surveys of the field, to study the social characteristics and religious needs of the people with whom we are working, and to be able at all times to shift workers from one place to another if and when necessary. Italians are Italians wherever found. Mexicans are Mexicans whether in Texas or Mississippi. Cities are cities and their problems are practically the same wherever they are.

Too Big for Isolated Groups

THE evangelization of the various groups in the homeland is a task very large, very difficult and very important. It is too big and too complicated a task for isolated groups.

Every group should, of course, work—every church, every institution and every board, each one doing its part and doing all it can to evangelize the homeland—but in addition to what each and all can do, there are tasks common to our whole territory, so large and so difficult that they challenge the whole denomination.

Through the Home Mission Board the impact of the whole denomination is brought to bear upon these difficult and complicated southside tasks.

Our mission program must not overlook the twenty-nine nationalities here in the homeland.

Christ has not overlooked them. There are no preferred nations in the atonement of Christ. He died for the Indian in Oklahoma as well as for the Chinese in China.

The Negro in Mississippi and the Negro in Africa are both alike provided for in the sacrifice of the Cross. The underprivileged groups in the slums of American cities are just as precious to Christ as the cannibals on the islands of the Pacific.

Every nation and kindred and tribe in every land stand on the same footing in the redemptive program of Christ. He loves all men everywhere, and has commanded his disciples to preach the gospel both at home and abroad. The homeland has not been overlooked by Christ; it should not be overlooked by Southern Baptists.

Southside Mission Board Necessary

ARE we in the mission business to win for Christ? If we are, then we must project a mission program and plan of work that will be strategically sound, economically sane, religiously safe, and denominationally effective.

The Home Mission Board makes for these very things. The Board enables us: (1) to secure through adequate surveys a more general, specific, and comprehensive knowledge of the mission needs in the homeland; (2) to procure better trained and more efficient and effective workers; (3) to transfer, as occasion demands, workers from one place to another without regard to state lines; and (4) to secure a unified, adequate southside mission policy and program.

These things are very necessary. It takes a special sort of fitness and a special training to do effective mission work among the various groups and nationalities we are to evangelize.

The one who works among these people must have the right approach. He must live and move and think with the people he serves. This he cannot do unless he has a call from God and enters into his work because of a divine urge.

Such workers are not plentiful, but are invaluable, and when found, should have the impact of the whole denomination behind them. The best and most experienced in an enlarging mission program can always be used profitably to open up new missions or to instruct and help new missionaries in getting the right approach to their work.

Economy, efficiency and unity require a southside approach to the difficult task of evangelizing the homeland.

The Home Mission Board gives that approach. It has a distinct place in the mission program of Southern Baptists.

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Oklahoma W. M. U.

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CHAPTER I

Method—Impersonation

The Trail Begins

Poster: A man surrounded by a group of Indians to whom he is preaching. Print: "Master, carest thou not that we perish?"

Devotional: Mark 4:35 (first sermon text). Hymn: "Only a Sinner."

Lesson: Method of Presentation.

Impersonation

One woman gives the entire chapter using the first person pronoun making the story as realistic as possible. The speaker should locate the towns on the map as they are mentioned.

Assignments for Discussion

Striking sentences.
Other missionaries who became Baptists by studying only the Bible.
Three incidents that show the protecting care of God.

Early surroundings that contributed to the missionaries' success.
Central Thought: God calls men to do his work and equip them for the task.

CHAPTER II

Method—Assignment

Into Indian Life

Poster: Picture of Indian woman with paucose on her back, medicine man, tepee, man and woman in Indian dress, etc. Print: "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways."

Devotional: Psalm 23, Indian translation. See "Suggestions for Teaching Tepee Trails" by U. R. Lawrence or *The Bible and Missions* by Helen Barrett Montgomery.

Hymn: "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us."

Lesson: Method of Presentation.

Assignment

Topics in text-book

Darlington (*Gospel Among the Red Men* by Robert Hamilton, p. 183 ff)
Mary Jayne (*Pioneer Women* by U. R. Lawrence).

Present day Indians and whiskey. Church organized (*Gospel Among the Red Men*, p. 185).
Moral Life (See Six Attitudes, leaflet "The Indian Girl, her Social Heritage, Her Needs and Her Opportunities," Department of Interior).
Central Thought: Christianity's power to uplift the civilization of a people.

CHAPTER III

Method—Assignment and Dramatization

Meeting Heathenism

Poster: Picture of Indians dancing around a camp fire or any other typical heathen scene, placed in the top left hand corner; in lower right hand corner place the picture of an Indian church around which Indians are assembled.

Devotional: Acts 10:34-35.

Hymn: "Amazing Grace."

Lesson: Method of Presentation.

Assignment and Dramatization

(Assignment)

Religious Nature of the Indian (*Gospel Among the Red Men*, pp. 18-19).
Peyote Worship (ibid, 20-28).
Ghost Dance (ibid, 25-26).
Sun Dance (ibid, 19-24).

(Dramatization)

Scene I. Cheyenne Worshipping the Sun (pp. 60-70).
(Blow-a-Way is seated on platform.)

Reader: (pp. 60-61).
(Enter Burnt-All-Over.)
Action and conversation between Blow-a-Way and Burnt-All-Over (pp. 61-64).

(Exit Burnt-All-Over; Blow-a-Way retires to rear of platform, listening unobserved.)

Reader: About three o'clock in the afternoon, etc. (pp. 64-70).

Scene II. The Power of God (pp. 70-75).
Musician plays "Jesus Saves."

Enter a number of women dressed in Indian costume. They are seated on the floor. Present: "Indian Warrior in the Battle of His Life" (pp. 71-72). One by one the characters rise and give the testimonies (pp. 72-75) using the Indian manner of expression.

Blow-a-Way: (Who has listened to the testimonies, stands and sings): My whole life is lost in the darkness of sin.

Christians: The light of the world is Jesus. Like sunshine at noonday, His glory

The light of the world is Jesus. Come to the light, 'tis shining for thee;

Sweetly the light has dawned upon me. Once I was blind, but now I can see—The light of the world is Jesus.

(Blow-a-Way joins Christians and kneels in prayer as Christians, with bowed heads, gather around him.)
Audience: (As group remains in above position): Jesus Saves.

CHAPTER IV

Method—Conversation

Adventures Along the Way

Poster: Picture of a white man surrounded by guardian angels, or picture of a white man with a picture of Jesus in upper right hand corner. Print: "Kept by the Power of God."

Devotional: Joshua 1:9.

Hymn: "God Will Take Care of You."

Lesson: Method of Presentation.

Conversation

Mrs. W. M. S. at the request of her sisters in the South interviews Brother Phelps that she may secure first hand knowledge concerning his work. Brother Phelps locates on the map the towns as he mentions them.

Mrs. W. M. S.: Brother Phelps, will you tell me about Oklahoma Territory and Indian Territory when you first saw it?

Brother Phelps: (pp. 79-80, to be given in own words).
Mrs. W. M. S.: With conditions as you have described, traveling must have been quite a hardship. Where did you spend the nights? Were you ever frightened or afraid? Didn't you suffer from the cold?

Brother Phelps: (pp. 80-83). My life has not been all tragedy and hardship. There were many amusing incidents.

Mrs. W. M. S.: And through all of your discouragements you still could see the humorous side of life?

Brother Phelps: (pp. 80-83). My life has been without a sense of humor a missionary would have a hard time, indeed.

Mrs. W. M. S.: Tell me some of those amusing experiences.

Brother Phelps: (pp. 83-85).
Mrs. W. M. S.: Your sense of humor has helped you over many dark places. Tell me of your work with the Sac and Fox tribes.

Brother Phelps: (pp. 86-89).
Mrs. W. M. S.: Were there any permanent results from your work with these people who seemed so hopeless at first?

Brother Phelps: (Only Way Church, p. 89).

Mrs. W. M. S.: Did many of the Indians become preachers after their conversion?

Brother Phelps: (pp. 90-99. Give a brief sketch of the outstanding Indians).

Mrs. W. M. S.: Another thing I have wondered about is how you preached to the Indians since you do not speak an Indian language.

Brother Phelps: (pp. 99-100).
Mrs. W. M. S.: Thank you, Brother Phelps, for this inspiring and informing interview. The Baptist women of the South will have from this time on, a more kindly understanding of the red man. As a result of our conversation, I pledge our heartfelt support, most earnest prayers and loyal co-operation. May the Lord, who has protected you in dangers often, continue to bless and keep you in the prayer of Woman's Missionary Union.

Assignments for Discussion:
History of the Sac and Fox (*Gospel Among the Red Men*, pp. 138-139).
Baptist work with Sac and Fox before appointment of Brother Phelps (ibid, pp. 139-142).

The Seminoles (ibid, 96 ff).
Outstanding characteristics of John McIntosh (pp. 90-95, *Gospel Among the Red Men*, pp. 172-186).
Central Thought: God cares for his children when they are doing His work.

CHAPTER V

Method—Group or Panel

Widening Roads

Poster: Map of Oklahoma on which Indian mission fields are indicated. Pictures of missionaries to the Indians and Indian preachers surrounding the map. Red lines drawn from pictures to respective fields of service.

Devotional: Psalm 145.

Hymn: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

Lesson: Method of Presentation.

Group or Panel

Divide the class into groups, each group having a leader. Assign a topic to each group, suggest supplemental reading on which the group is to report.

Assignments: Group I. Possibilities of Indian Missions. (Textbook, pp. 103-109.)
Location of government and denominational schools.

"The Indian Girl, Her Social Heritage, Her Needs and Opportunities," pp. 4-6, Department of Indian Affairs.

Location of Indian churches.
Amount of government allotments.

Assignments: Group II. Indian Missions Today (Civilized Tribes, pp. 109-115).

Supplemental reading:
Early Baptist Churches (*Story of Oklahoma Baptists*, pp. 25-27).

Florida Seminoles (*Gospel Among the Red Men*, pp. 96-100; late home mission news).

Assignments: Group III. Indian Missions Today. Blanket Tribes (pp. 114-119).

Supplemental reading:
Life stories of missionaries (*Missionaries of Home Mission Board*).

Assignments: Group IV. Departmental Organizations and The Future of Indian Missions (textbook, pp. 100-126).

Supplemental reading:
The beginning of "woman's work" among the Indians (*Story of Oklahoma Baptists*, pp. 70-72).

Indian music (Bulletin No. 19, 1928, Department of Interior, Office of Indian Affairs).

Solo: "Pale Moon;" "From the Land of the Sky Blue Waters."

The value of a school for Indian preachers. Outstanding Indians.

The Indians not a vanishing race.

For Class Discussion:
Prayer challenges.
Some Indian characteristics white people should imitate.

Our reaction to present knowledge of Indian character and their needs.
What will we do about it?

Central Thought: The power of the gospel where lived and taught by a consecrated Christian.

Mimeographed copies of the above outline may be ordered in any quantity desired. These same methods may be used in teaching any mission study book.—U. R. L.

Importance of Being Christian Stressed By Northern Leader

By GILBERT Q. LE Sourd
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Movement.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was recently received from the distinguished business secretary of the Missionary Education Movement. We share it with the readers of these pages that they may see how the Christian leaders of other sections are anxiously watching trends in American life. Thank you, Doctor Le Sourd.—U. R. L.

IN LOOKING over a recent issue of the *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, in your column entitled "Kingdom News," I notice that you are suggesting that the people consider two tremendously important topics—what will be the effect of American attack on Japanese who are now in the United States, and danger of persecution of the Jews breaking out in our country. I just want to thank you for putting these topics before your people, because I feel they are so tremendously important at this time.

Last fall I visited my old home state of Washington, in which of course there are many Japanese. Most of these are American born, some third generation. They consider themselves American and not Japanese, yet they are feeling bitterly the resentment against Japanese that was being taken out on them. Certainly we need to be very careful that we are constantly Christian in our attitude about the Japanese here in our own land.

Living as we do in New York, the greatest Jewish city in the world, we are painfully aware of how easy it is to stir up bitter hatred against the Jews. We think that conditions such as exist in Germany could never come to pass here, but racial hatred is one of the easiest things in the world to stir up. The greatest danger that some politician, having no real cause of his own, will make one by starting a campaign of racial hatred. There is plenty of feeling in dealing with the Jews. There is no doubt that they do many irritating things, and to off set this we need to be Christians to understand the reasons for their actions and have a patient and sympathetic attitude toward them.

If we could establish a really Christian attitude toward the Jews, I believe that many of them would become Christians. A very prominent Jew here in New York told Doctor Searle that he personally was ready to accept Jesus as the Messiah, but he would not join a Christian church because he felt there would be no real fellowship for him among its membership.

I feel so keenly about this that I am cer-

tainly glad to see you are getting your people to study topics of such importance. I hope you have great success in your effort to make them think seriously about these things.

Converts Will Witness In Homes, Worker Says

OUR hearts rejoiced to see the wonderful surrender of people who are going to be living witnesses for the Lord in yet unreached homes and places in Louisiana," writes Missionary Lawrence Thibodeaux, in telling about a recent revival on his field.

Rev. B. P. Martin, pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church in New Orleans, assisted the missionary, and was used of the Lord "in a most wonderful way."

Eight were converted in the revival, of whom three were Roman Catholics.

"Last Sunday night at Thibodeaux," the missionary writes further, "we had two conversions and two additions by letter at the regular services. An old Frenchman who had been hearing the gospel for years surrendered fully to Christ; also a young man for whom we had been praying."

"We plan to baptize these converts in the waters of Bayou Lafourche. We expect hundreds at this service. Pray that others may be touched and led to Christ."

There is rejoicing in heaven over one sinner that repenteth. Thank God for the opportunity of leading a Negro girl to him. I am so glad that God is no respecter of persons.—Mary Headen, missionary to the foreigners, Herrin, Illinois.

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Market Buyers Hear Organ Strains Above Noise of Busy Crowd

By CHRISTINE GARNETT
Missionary in Cuba

ALONE in a multitude with the Rock of Ages," were the words that rushed through my mind the other morning. It was early. My Cuban mother and I had run over to Pinar del Rio, the nearest town, to get to the market before all good things were sold. The ride had proved most exhilarating to both body and soul, and the beauty of nature as the sun rose made the contrast of the market place even more striking.

One has to see our markets here to understand: filth, flies, folks, unclothed children running hither and thither, every buyer apparently trying to talk to the same seller all at the same time, voices in ordinary conversation raised to the nth degree, and above all, this wild medley of noises the familiar sound of the policemen's clubs as they wildly beat on the sidewalks to try to keep order.

The presence of an American caused a lull for just a second among those in the wide doorway, brought screams of "Americana" from others, while still others opened a way for me to pass. As I stood still just to catch my breath—for even twenty years of it has not taken away the surprise—suddenly there came from above us all, as if from the very heavens, the melodious peals of some great organ.

I raised my eyes to see, my ears to hear, and my heart to feel the beauty of "Rock of Ages Clef for Me." Then I felt a great sadness sweep over my soul as I realized that some radio far away was trying to ring out the old, old story, and that my companion and I were probably the only ones in that vast throng of souls who recognized the music.

How alone I felt! How I yearned to cry out to the people to keep silent a few moments and listen. Then sadder I grew as I remembered that even should they listen they would not be able to grasp the spiritual meaning. Yes, Clara and I were "alone in a multitude with the Rock of Ages."

The music ceased, we continued our buying, and soon we were on our way home. All along the road I felt like crying out to all those who live in a land where the one who would feel alone would be the one who did not understand instead of the one who did, and ask, "What are you doing for those who are without Christ?"

If the spirit of evangelism does not permeate the whole church life and shoot a soul-saving passion through and through every organization and every department from the cradle-roll to the pulpit, then the church is lacking in the motivating purpose of the Christian religion.

DEAF BOOKS FREE

DR. J. W. MICHAELS, pioneer missionary to the deaf, writes that he will distribute his book on the sign language without charge to those who can use it.

Brother Michaels states that he will send copies to any one requesting it, provided postage is included with the request.

"I am very anxious to place all of my sign language books where they may prove to be of some use to the deaf people in future generations," the deaf worker writes.

Those who will use the book to advantage, should write direct to Dr. J. W. Michaels, Mountainburg, Arkansas.

Stamps or coins to cover postage should be enclosed.

Mexican Missionaries Gather In Third Annual Meet

MEXICAN missionaries of the Home Mission Board met in their third annual conference at Bastrop, Texas, the last week in August, for a program arranged by Dr. J. W. Beagle, field secretary of the Home Mission Board.

All Mexican missionaries of the Board came to the campus of Mexican Baptist Institute in a five-day session to discuss the common problems of their field, and to receive inspiration from fellowship.

Prominent leaders of Texas Baptists, including Dr. R. C. Campbell, Mrs. J. E. Leigh and Dr. T. C. Gardner, joined the group at Bastrop to make the meeting one of significance for Mexican missions in Texas.

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Children Protest Father's Baptism On Italian Field

ONE of the recent converts baptized by Rev. L. Di Pietro, Italian missionary in Kansas City was a man 72 years of age.

"Seldom do we ever hear of children opposing parents in taking a stand for Christ, but in this case one of his daughters who with her husband lives in the same house, after cursing him violently, declared that she would disown him and leave the house.

"We are particularly happy over his stand in response to her that she had always had her way in things before but now she absolutely could not say one thing to prevent his right relationship to God.

"However, we are not despairing of her for we are expecting her to come into the fold before many months when she sees the difference in her parents."

Woman Finds Peace, Home Re-established When Gospel Prevails

By J. F. PLAINFIELD
Italian Missionary in Tampa

ON a recent Sunday morning I preached. It seemed, with a sense of some great need among the membership attending. It is wonderful how the Spirit can take hold of the preacher and lift him so high that his message is unlike any message he has preached on other occasions.

There was a hush all over the building and tears streamed down the cheeks of several in the audience.

I was attracted at the end by the demure appearance of a young woman who had sat all by herself during the service. Her black dress seemed to indicate that some dear one had passed beyond.

When I approached and inquired of the reason of her tears and her dark robes, she told the most pitiful story I had heard in a long time. Her husband had run away and fallen among gamblers and drunkards, and she had come to the church to find solitude and comfort. I remembered then that once before I had spoken to her of her soul's need, but she had refused to surrender to the Saviour.

The Spirit told me that it was a propitious moment, and with all the power of my prophetic message and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, I drew the picture of her terrible plight at that moment as being caused by her stubbornness, making clear to her the sinful condition of her life and the need of Christ as Saviour.

Then I turned to her and said, "Mrs. Mattiny, don't you want to give up yourself to the Lord now?"

"Yes," she said, and fell on her knees asking God's forgiveness and promising to fulfill all righteousness.

Last Sunday she stepped forward to acknowledge her Saviour before the whole church and was baptized. It was such a glorious ending to another beautiful service, and all who came forward to shake the hand of the new sister felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in the congregation.

Since then the husband has returned and repented, and both of them are being helped to their feet and to find work for a living.

Indian Baptized in River

RECENTLY an old man was converted in the hospital, after which he sent his son eight miles to arrange with the church for his baptism. On a later day we carried him to the river, and he was happily buried with Christ. His name is Joe Wolfe. This is the third old Indian who has made the request to be baptized in the river.—W. H. Fitzgerald, missionary to the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina.