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PAGAN YOUTH — A PERIL TO DEMOCRACY

In the International Council of Religious Education held recently in Chicago, Dr. Roy G. Ross said, "The twenty million spiritually illiterate young people in the United States form a greater peril to democracy in this country than any of the highly propagandized 'isms' from the old country."

This is a startling statement, and the tragedy of it is that the great majority of these young people are college and university graduates.

It must be recognized by all, as Dr. Ross said, that "the unchurched youth of our land becomes a fertile field for teachings that belittle our heritage of democracy and glorify state domination of its citizenship."

Southern Baptists are fortunate in having a program for college men and women. The Baptist Student Union is a mighty force for evangelization on the campuses of our colleges.

BAPTISTS OUTGROWING CATHOLICS

THE Official Catholic Directory for 1939 gives the increase for 1938 in the United States, Alaska, and Hawaii at 239,827. This includes every one received, including all the babies baptized, for Catholics count all baptized children as members and do not exclude or drop from the roll anyone no matter how wicked he may be unless he quits the Catholic church and joins another church.

Dr. E. P. Alldredge tells us that Southern Baptists alone baptized 256,814. That is 16,987 more than Catholics received in all the United States, Alaska, and Hawaii.

Catholics claim a membership of 21,322,688. Southern Baptists have only 4,770,185. Baptists baptize only those who accept for themselves the Lord Jesus as Saviour and Lord. Those who come into a Baptist church must do so of their own choice. Catholics baptize babies who cannot choose for themselves or help themselves.

NO PREFERRED NATIONS

THERE are no preferred nations in the atonement of Christ. He died for the Indian in Oklahoma as well as for the Chinaman 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

FRONT COVER

THE Christian influence of a Chinese mission conducted by volunteer workers is illustrated on the front cover.

In the picture, Mary Wong waits expectantly in front of the laundry in the back of which her family lives; her brother, Yin, pauses for prayer after reading the Bible; and Chia Cui is instructed in the Word by H. Lawson Alexander. See story on page 13.

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 to all men both at home and abroad.

Christ did not overlook His homeland, nor should Southern Baptists overlook their homeland.

HOME MISSIONS MAKE FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

THE spiritual strain upon the home churches in their home ministry is often intense. It is always direct and can never be delegated; it furnishes the final test of a church's spiritual efficiency.

We sometimes speak of the regeneration of the home churches through foreign missions. If we go no further, we shall be caught in a distressing delusion.

The "reflex" has no such potency. The mission to the distance, if it is genuine and wholesome, is an effect; it must spring from a life in the church, which transmits energy as steadily and as inevitably as the heart pumps the life-blood into the healthy organism.

To think that foreign missions alone will revitalize a church is to provide for the infusion of blood by some artificial device, from a source outside the organism, is simply to protract decay. Foreign missions is the overflow of spiritual life in the churches; home missions make for foreign missions.

ROOTED IN TRUTH

MISSIONS is rooted in God's purpose to give the world the truth. "Know the truth and the truth shall make you free" is the basic reason for missions. This reason centers in God's purpose to preserve the world from the destructive effects of error. The entrance of sin was a tragic threat to all that was true and right. Sin biased the soul of man toward evil and against right. Men found it easy to believe a lie. Error became enthroned, and truth trodden under foot.

Even the knowledge of God which man had was prevented and great systems of idol worship were built up.

We meet these man-made religious systems in heathen lands today; Christ is the truth that alone can save the world. In missions we give Christ to the world.

MANY LANGUAGES

THE Indians within the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention speak a number of languages and dialects. In Oklahoma they speak thirty languages and dialects. There are some four or five other languages and dialects spoken by the tribes in other sections of our territory. We must send missionaries to them who can speak to them in their own language.

DANGER OF MINORITY CONTROL

Our Sunday Visitor, a most aggressive Catholic weekly, in its issue of July 2, has this to say: "During a session of the association of Catholic Trade Unionists (A. C. T. U.), labor leaders themselves admitted that in every 'local' there is a minority which rules and that the minority is more interested in the promotion of communist objectives than it is in the workers' welfare."

The drift in all organizations is to control by a few, and the tragedy is that in many organizations certain groups antagonistic to Christianity and alien to American ideals are working themselves into places of leadership. American life is rapidly being grouped, and in our mission work we must not overlook this group movement. While our message is to individuals, at the same time it may be easier to reach the individual if we make a group approach. What a task Christianity has in this, our day!

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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

A GREAT deal is being said about the union of Northern and Southern Baptists. Evidently those who are saying the most do not understand the church polity of Baptists. Suppose Southern and Northern Baptists were to

Northern and Southern Baptists

form an organic union, what would they do?

There is nothing to unite, except the boards of the two conventions, and since these are chartered institutions it would be necessary to surrender present charters, disband present organizations, and create entirely new boards. This would be to cut away from the rich sentiment which has gathered around these organizations through the years. What a loss! And what would be gained? Just exactly nothing. In fact, it is a serious question as to whether united boards and institutions of the two conventions would be or could be as effective and efficient in bringing in the Kingdom as the present separate boards are.

Evidently, those who are talking about the union of Northern and Southern Baptists overlook the fact that Baptists fix authority in the local churches and not in the conventions. The two conventions might vote to unite, but the union of conventions would not unite Northern and Southern Baptists. If the conventions should unite and all the boards and institutions should be merged, then the only difference would be that all the messengers would go to one convention instead of two, leaving the churches and pastors just as they are. Why tear us all up just for that?

Moral Rearmament

THE "Moral Rearmament" campaign of the Oxford Group headed by Dr. Frank Buchman is commanding considerable attention right now. We do not have the time nor the space to give a review of the Oxford Group movement. We have read several books descriptive of the movement and have found nothing worthwhile in it that one cannot get in his own local Baptist church.

Every one with moral and spiritual discernment will agree with Dr. Buchman that today's crisis "is fundamentally a moral one" and that the first and foremost need is for the nations to rearm morally. But when it comes to the method of

procuring this moral rearmament, many will not agree with him when he assumes that it can be produced by the Oxford Group.

He may not mean just that, but he says: "We can, we must, and we will generate a moral and spiritual force that is powerful enough to remake the world." The Scriptures say, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." If we ever have "moral rearmament" it will be when God's people humble themselves, and pray, and seek God's face, and turn from their wicked ways (2 Chron. 7:14). No religious group of itself can generate spiritual power. The power is from God and is always available when we make ourselves usable for His purposes.

A Protestant Daily Paper

THERE is an effort being made to establish a Protestant daily paper in the United States. The instigator of this movement and the one who is promoting the enterprise is Dr. Charles M. Sheldon of *In His Steps* fame.

A news dispatch from Topeka, Kansas, quotes Dr. Sheldon as saying: "I received much encouragement on my recent trip and found a definite interest in a publication that would be devoted to news of religion. There is a general movement among the churches to get together, and it seems as though a daily newspaper, or several daily newspapers, would aid materially in this plan."

No doubt a daily newspaper giving world and national news from the religious point of view and through it all promoting the ideology of Christianity would be a mighty factor in building a better world if it were adequately financed and ably edited. But why make it an agent for the uniting of the churches?

Some people do not seem able to understand that the organic union of the churches is not necessary to the co-operation of Christian people in any good undertaking. Being a Baptist does not prevent me from co-operating with other Christians in any movement for the common good. Individuals are the units in all co-operative movements and not the churches anyway, so why always bring them in?

Let us have the religious daily, but let us keep our church affiliation inviolate also. There is too much to do in this modern world to reduce the focuses of influence and approach to the task.

Recovery of Concern For Lost Souls

By ROLAND Q. LEAVELL

RECENTLY the writer was "stabbed awake" by hearing a layman say, "There is not a firm in the city which would employ a lawyer who was not more concerned over a \$5 law case than the average Christian is concerned about lost souls!"

Before a great revival can come, Christians must recover a soul-deep, all-absorbing, heart-breaking, Christ-like concern for lost souls. Southern Baptists now are feverishly planning programs, calling conferences, and organizing campaigns for evangelism. Thank God for them all. God grant that in them all there shall be a compassionate, consuming concern for the lost.

Let us suggest some ways to recover this concern for lost souls.

I. Learning From the Scriptures

The Scripture leaves no one in doubt about men being lost. It says that men are conceived in sin and shapen in iniquity. It cries aloud that unregenerate men are aliens and enemies to God, under God's wrath, estranged, and gone backward.

The lost man's head is sick, his heart is faint, and his feet stand in slippery places. His throat is an open sepulchre, his tongue uses deceit, his lips contain the poison of asps, and his mouth is full of cursing and bitterness.

Yes, God's Word declares that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. The Christian who studies his Bible can never forget the lostness of men.

II. Looking at the Field

Jesus was always trying to get His disciples to "look on the fields." When He looked at the world field, Jesus saw men lost, scattered as a sheep without a shepherd, despairing, defeated, doomed, and dying. We should see the world through the eyes of Jesus.

Of the present-day world population of 2,012,000,000, only 606,883,855 people are even nominal Christians, counting all the Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, Protestants, and evangelicals of the world. That leaves 1,405,116,145 people who have never named the name of Christ.

And of those nominal Christians there are multiplied millions, perhaps

a majority of them, who came into their church relationship through infant baptism, without ever having repented for sin and without knowing that one must put personal faith in Christ in order to be saved.

It is a heart-breaking fact that the pagan population of the world is increasing about 6,000,000 per year faster than Christians are winning the pagan people to Christ. There are more lost people in the world today than the world has ever had before.

"The great world-heart is aching. Aching fiercely in the night. And God alone can heal it. And God alone give light. Then, they to speak the message And to send the living Word. Are you and I, my brother. And the others who have heard."

Recent surveys show that there are 15,347,600 unevangelized people, ten years old and above, within the Southern Baptist Convention territory. That means that there are three lost people of conversion age in the South for every Southern Baptist church member.

In 1938 we had a victorious year in soul-winning, receiving 256,814 people by baptism into Southern Baptist churches, but let us not forget that there are 15,090,786 others who are still lost.

Our cities are filled with lost people from Italy, Mexico, Russia (Czechoslovakia, Rumania, China, Syria, Japan, Poland, and other parts of the far-away world. These lost and lonesome but lovable people should stir the deepest compassion and concern within us.

There are 15,000,000 people who have moved from the country into the cities of the United States during the past ten years, the majority of whom are unsaved and unequipped to

The Better Part

When the difference 'twixt right and wrong

Is plain, and it's not hard to tell Which is the right, why then my heart Can easily choose the better part.

But when the two so blended seem, It does not matter which I take, Why then I crave to know the art Of choosing, sure, the better part.

JOSEPHINE STEWART BIGGS

withstand the new temptations and snares of the metropolitan centers.

Likewise there are 12,000,000 Negroes in our land, the most of whom are lost. There are 1,500,000 Mexicans and over 4,000,000 Jews within our borders, almost all of whom know not Jesus as personal Saviour.

The great Appalachian mountain range covers about 120,000 square miles, touches nine states, and has a population of more than 600,000 people. The vast majority of these mountain people have no regular church life nor any opportunity to hear the clear Gospel preached. Are ye not concerned, all ye who pass by?

Surely lost children will stir the soul of any Christian. Less than one-half of the approximately 37,000,000 children of the United States go to Sunday school or have any religious instruction. Within the Sunday schools of Southern Baptists there are more than 700,000 enrolled who have never trusted Christ.

It should stir our hearts to deep concern when we learn that the population of the South is increasing about 133,000 each year faster than the membership of all churches is increasing.

There are lost people everywhere. There is scarcely a reader of these lines who does not have some lost loved one in the immediate family or in the close circle of kinship.

III. Listening to the Saviour

Every Christian needs to hear Jesus crying and to see Jesus dying for lost souls. Jesus seemed always to see sinners through His tears and through His blood. "He beheld the city and wept over it" (Luke 19:41), not merely with a tear on His cheek, but with a sob in His soul. He was always conscious of being surrounded by the lost. They absorbed His soul's attention. They broke His heart. For them He preached and prayed. He served and sacrificed. He suffered and died.

Tradition says that Constantine, at the Battle of Milvian Bridge near Rome in 312 A. D., saw an apparition in the sky like a luminous cross with the words, "In hoc signo vinces" meaning "by this sign conquer." We doubt the truth of that tradition. But we can point men to the Saviour who was always sighing and crying and dying for lost souls, and we say, "By that spirit we will conquer."

August, 1939.

A SHARP increase of 23% in offerings over the same month last year was shown in the Home Mission Board's financial report for June.

Cuban missionaries of the Home Mission Board heard Dr. J. B. Lawrence each day in a five-day Institute in Havana the second week in July.

Vesper services each evening of the Home Missions conference at Ridgecrest, August 6-11, will be conducted by Dr. W. R. White.

The compelling of another's sun will not make your own sun shine any brighter; it is not through criticism of others, but through efficient service rendered that one makes his way up.

A message over the air was delivered recently by Rev. A. Puccinelli, Italian missionary of the Home Mission Board in Birmingham.

Twenty-five missionaries of the Home Mission Board will have part in the Home Missions conference at Ridgecrest, August 6-11.

A Bible class to meet each Friday afternoon has been established by Rev. Y. T. Shehane, Home Board missionary at Key West, Fla.

Bulletin Briefs

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.

Sixty-one conversions and thirty-nine baptisms are already reported this year by one missionary of the Home Mission Board who has a goal of 100 professions during the year.

With the vacation Bible school at the half-way mark, Rev. Harry A. Day, Home Board missionary to the Italians, reports an average attendance of 167.

Two young people from the North Boulevard Baptist Church, Italian mission church of the Home Mission Board in Tampa, have volunteered for special Christian service.

A missionary address each day of the Home Missions conference at Ridgecrest, August 6-11, will be delivered by Dr. M. E. Dodd.

Six vacation Bible schools were conducted this summer before the first of July by Rev. M. K. Cobble, mountain missionary of the Home Mission Board.

A challenge to the Chinese young people in El Paso, Texas, that "Each One Win One" this year was given them by Rev. Shau Yan Lee in a recent revival meeting held there.

A grandmother and two grandchildren were baptized recently by Rev. L. DiPietro, Italian missionary of the Home Mission Board, thus completing an entire family group of eight.

To be a leader is a great strain and a great test of one's integrity, for the leader of any group has to be willing to pay the price of leadership—he must live what he preaches.

Two revival meetings on the Cherokee Indian field in North Carolina were conducted in June by Rev. W. H. Fitzgerald, missionary of the Home Mission Board.

Vacation Bible schools held by Home Board missionaries in the homeland through the month of June numbered thirty-one, with total enrollment of 2,307.

Last Call



COOL breezes — invigorating mountain air — nights for sleeping and days for inspiration at the feet of sacrificial servants who are carrying the Gospel to neglected corners of the homeland: Ridgecrest beckons Southern Baptists for a glorious week, Aug. 6-11, at the Home Missions conference.

Featured on the program will be personal experiences from the lives and fields of twenty-five missionaries, daily devotional and uplifting addresses by Dr. W. R. White and Dr. M. E. Dodd, and panel discussions in which the minds of many will seek solutions to current problems through public conversation.

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The Negro Church and Racial Development

By NOBLE Y. BEALL

THE Negro church is one of the most powerful factors in the development of the Negro race. It is a most unique institution in American life; it is likewise one of the most interesting and useful institutions in all Christ's kingdom.

In the May issue of *The Sunday School Informer*, "A Journal of Christian Education," published by the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, Inc., there appeared an article from the pen of a Negro pastor, Rev. Arthur H. George, on the topic of the Negro church and race development. I wish to pass it on to our readers, as follows:

History has shown [Rev. George writes] that certain definite consequences follow certain definite causes, that each cycle in the religious world may be traced to a definite cause. So then, in order to appreciate the present status and some of the contributions of the Negro church, we do well to note in passing some of the creative forces leading to the establishment of this institution.

Contact With Christianity

The Negro came into contact with Christianity largely through the white clergy. His church as a separate organization came into being in one of the following ways according to the historian Brawley: (1) as a result of special missionary effort; (2) as a result of discrimination against Negroes in divine worship; (3) as a natural sequence of unusually large congregations; or (4) as the expression of the preference of the Negro communicants themselves.

The establishment of the Negro church brought to the fore the Negro minister. He became the outstanding personality in the community. He was from the very beginning in the center of things—the most unique character in the activities of his group. His counsel was sought and followed in almost every phase of life. His leadership was unquestioned, and it was difficult to gain standing in the community without the endorsement of the minister. His church in a very real sense became but the amplified shadow of his personality.

History attests the fact that though limited in knowledge, this pioneer minister rendered a most significant service in lifting every phase of Negro life to a higher ground and cleaner air. He built a foundation sure and certain upon which the present-day minister is rearing his structure.

While we still have a large number of untrained ministers, it is worthy to note that in increasing numbers the ministers are being properly trained for their tasks. We find them graduating each year from leading seminaries of the country.

It is the aim of the church to produce a type of ministry in keeping with the growing intelligence of the race. This is imperative if the church is to move in the stream of life.

Negro Church in Action

Bereft of many of the avenues of expression common to a free people, the Negro turned to the church. It is unquestionably the center of his social, civic, and religious life. It is an expression of himself at his best.

Primarily a house of worship, it is more also. Its attention is focussed on the whole range of interest. It may be considered the community's open forum.

The easiest and surest way to reach a group is through the church. The fact that one can get a hearing for his project through the church adds prestige to it.

Indeed, there is hardly a movement having as its aim the amelioration of the condition of the racial group in which the church cannot claim a large share in its inception and progress. Its voice is heard and its hand is seen in the whole story of the upward climb of the race. Through the church racial solidarity and racial consciousness have been developed.

The church developed and sustained in the masses (young and old) pride of race and faith in its potential possibilities. It taught him to stiffen his spinal column and to keep his soul standing upright and strong. It injected into him an energy and a momentum that helped him climb out of the depths. The church has been to the racial group like the shadow of a high and mighty rock in a dry and thirsty land.

Through the church the Negro has been taught dignity, honor and group self-respect. He once sang: "Been down so long, down don't worry me." He now sings: "Lift up thine eyes to the hill tops, there shines the bright golden lights."

The church has given the Negro a newer and brighter outlook on life by affording avenues of expression for his creative and assertive desires.

Emotionalism Supplanted

Our fathers, cut off from most of the primeval rights of mankind, accustomed to little but hardship and restrictions, with their political aspirations unceremoniously crushed, sought escape from this oppression psychosia in contemplating the life to come where these things did not exist. Emotions held sway.

Gradually the program is being shifted. Emotionalism is being pushed aside for a sane and practical program for meeting the problems of everyday life. Instead of dodging them by dwelling on the compensations of the life to come, he is taught to face them courageously, and to ask not for mercy but for simple justice and the opportunity to prove his worth.

While the church strives to stir the mind to deep and passionate thoughts about salvation and citizenship in the Kingdom above, it also strives to instill those principles that would make better citizens on the earth.

Church and Civilization

The Negro's church is striving to teach the group how to work out its own social, economic, and civic salvation. He who is aware of the trend of present-day events knows that there are certain changes going on that will affect our entire civilization.

The Negro, caught in this whirl of things, found the ground upon which he stood for security only sinking sand, the path which he tread proved to be a vicious treadmill.

The more aggressive churches, aware of these social and economic changes, are moving with vigorous strides into the forefront with a program designed to bring to a disinterested and shackled group the benefits of the new social order, or to at least prepare them to make the needed adjustments.

May we make this observation in closing, that the Negro church is not without fault or blemish. Doubtless many of the things said about it by scoffers and critics are true. In spite of them it stands as the most potent force in the civilizing aspects of our group. The church is putting a new soul into people of color.

SOME time ago an interesting book came off the press entitled *All in A Life Time* in which the author told about his colorful life, the countries he had visited, the celebrities he had met.

The Jewish worker could write a book about his experiences of one day. However, because of lack of space, he must confine them to a page or two.

While visiting in one of our cities, accompanied by the pastor, I started out one morning to contact a Jewish man, and as we passed the Hebrew Temple the office window was open and we saw a man at the telephone.

"That is the rabbi, I believe," my friend remarked "let us stop in to see him."

As we walked in, the minister, not having met the rabbi before, first introduced himself and then me, after which the rabbi most courteously and graciously offered us chairs.

After a brief but very pleasant exchange of words, I came to the main object of our visit, to make the message of Christ known to him by handing him a copy of the *Mediator* which publication has been mightily blessed in making our mission and message plain to our Jewish friends.

This he gratefully accepted, and as he glanced at it he smiled and said, "Yes, I have been receiving this publication and have read it with pleasure. It is a very attractive paper."

Many Things in Common

He seemed especially glad to meet one of his editors, and when he heard that I was leaving the city that day, he expressed much regret that he could not have a longer visit with us. He was already late for an engagement he said, and we could see several people waiting for him. He urged the pastor to make that the beginning of other visits.

"We have more things in common than some people would admit," he said.

"I am glad that you realize that," I added. "I have been trying to tell just that to our Jewish and Christian friends."

Before we left the office, the rabbi said he was anxious for us to read a book which had just come to his desk which my friend was glad to take, and as we later examined it we found that its author sought to develop the argument that Christ's unity alone is the solution to the world's social, economic, and political problems. It was quite evident

Christians Under the Skin

that the rabbi's ideas coincided with the author's.

As I glanced at the rabbi's name and former address in the book, the mystery as to who was sending him the *Mediator* was immediately cleared up, for though I did not recall sending it to this man in his present home, I did remember sending it to him to the city in which he had previously lived, and I recalled that it was the Baptist pastor of that other city who had sent in the subscription for him two or more years before.

With tears in his eyes he said, "Thank God for answered prayer."

This minister in a humble way by his life and deed sought to exemplify the Master, and did not fail to make an impression, though he did not hear of it for two years.

This incident and many like it brought to my mind the words of another rabbi, who had publicly confessed Christ after a long struggle within his soul.

"There are many more rabbis like me," he said, "who deep down are Christians under the skin, believing that Jesus of Nazareth is the hope of Israel, but they are not willing to pay the price of a public acknowledgment."

After leaving the rabbi's office, we went to see the man we had originally set out to see, one of the leading lawyers, a very prosperous man. After waiting for a while, we were at last conducted into his private office and following a few introductory remarks we came to the point.

"We Baptists all over the south have a great deal of confidence in Mr. Gartenhaus, one of your own people," the pastor remarked.

"Naturally so," said the lawyer, "since he has left his own and gone over to your religion."

"You will pardon me for correcting you," I put in, "but I have not left

By
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my religion. Christianity is not another religion, but the development of Judaism. Jesus does not stand out in antagonism against, but in supplement to the teachings of Moses and the prophets. In Him alone do the teachings of the law and prophets find their fruition. The system as it was developed during the Mosaic dispensation was only preparatory to the more advanced revelation in Christ, without which it is incomplete."

That this man had been thinking on the subject was very plain to see. "Granting for the sake of argument," he said, "that you are right in trying to Christianize the Jews, what happens to God's promise concerning the future glory of Israel if they all become Christians?"

Like many others, this man was confusing nationality and religion. According to him, a Jew who embraces the Christian religion ceases to be a Jew. But I reminded him that such was not the case; that a Chinese remains a Chinese no matter what his beliefs may be, and even when he becomes an American citizen he is still a Chinese.

Difficulty Explained

I called his attention to the fact that I was on my way to attend a conference of Jewish believers in Christ who are trying to preserve their identity as Jews. And this was a revelation to him.

"That explains my question," he said.

Our conversation was running smoothly until my pastor friend innocently asked what turned out to be a very embarrassing question.

"Do you belong to, [he referred temple?]" he asked.

"No, I do not," was the lawyer's reply.

To make matters even worse, the pastor then said, "Then I take it that you are affiliated with the orthodox synagogue."

"You will be surprised to learn that I do not belong to that one either," he replied.

So it turned out that this great defender of Judaism who was so deeply concerned about the future of his race was not affiliated with any religious group!

How sad that so many among the Jewish people are travelling in the same rudderless ship as this man. Let us lead them to the Captain of the seas who will steer them safely over the tumultuous waves of indifference, doubt, and unbelief, and guide them safely ashore.

Large Chinese Centers Are Fertile Fields In Evangelism

By SHAU YAN LEE

WE HAVE about 8,000 Chinese in the South, many of whom live in Texas and Arizona. I am indeed thankful that I have had the privilege of visiting these two states. I have never seen any people so hungry for the Gospel as in El Paso recently.

In this evangelistic work in El Paso, Dr. I. L. Yearby, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and Mrs. May T. Robinson, missionary of the Texas W. M. U., went with me to visit from house to house.

We asked Mr. and Mrs. Chow if we might have permission to hold a prayer service in their home. They welcomed us and we started the work in this home. They became very interested, and other Chinese caught their enthusiasm and invited us to go to their homes. Thus we went from house to house. Many attended, some even coming from the Mexican homes as well.

On Sunday afternoon all were invited to attend the Chinese mission service. I preached on the text, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." Twenty came forward confessing their faith in Christ and asking for baptism. These were received into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church.

Fathers Weep

We continued our services in the homes, and on the next Sunday afternoon came back into the mission service with 115 present. Seventeen put Christ on in baptism, and two more were accepted for church membership, one a Chinese mother and the other a Mexican, the wife of a Chinese.

Some of the fathers were deeply concerned, and I believe will soon come into the church. Some broke down and wept as they saw their wives and children baptized.

It was a very touching scene. I have never seen a group of people yield themselves in a more beautiful way. It was a great opportunity to win lost Chinese to Christ.

They permitted the Chinese missionary to speak in the First Baptist

Church in Chinese for the first time in El Paso, and the people were very happy and sought to glorify His Name.

My people called on me to help them organize a Chinese language school for the instruction of their children. They asked that I secure the meeting as follows:



Shau Yan Lee

He never saw Chinese as heung.

for them a teacher of Chinese. We employed a Miss Pong; she is from Hong Kong and a Christian. This school will meet in our mission building, made available to the Chinese work by the Home Mission Board.

I also spent two weeks in Phoenix, Arizona. Five night services were conducted in the Central Baptist Church. The largest attendance was well over one hundred. There were seven Chinese baptized into the fellowship of the Central Baptist Church. Three others were approved for baptism.

Many have expressed an interest in my work among the Chinese and have assured me of their prayers for the work. I am deeply grateful to every one for their prayers. Whatever has been accomplished is partly the result of their praying.

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Good Revival Results As Missionary Helps Phoenix Volunteers

FOLLOWING up the activities of volunteers from the Central Baptist Church in Phoenix, Arizona, Rev. Shau Yan Lee, Chinese missionary of the Home Mission Board, conducted a recent revival in the western city.

Led by Rev. C. G. Sewell, pastor, Miss Blanche Rose Walker, formerly missionary in China, and Mrs. W. C. Henderson, state W. M. U. president, Central Church has sponsored a Chinese mission for several months.

The *Arizona Baptist Beacon* reports the meeting as follows:

"Most of the time spent in Phoenix was devoted to visitation in the homes, prayer meetings, and the use of the Christian Chart, a type of teaching so very successful among the Chinese people.

"Five night services were conducted in the church auditorium with the largest attendance being more than one hundred. A total of seven Chinese were baptized into the fellowship of Central Church with three others having been approved for baptism.

"Miss Blanche Rose Walker has been working with the Chinese people for several weeks and her testimony, influence, and leadership have been of untold value in opening up this new field of service."

According to Brother Lee, some of the girls wanted to join the church but their parents would not allow them to.

"We learned the reason was that the parents feared that they would find no Christian boys to whom their daughters might be married," the missionary explains. "I told them that they need not worry about that, for Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek had married a Christian girl."

BIBLE SCHOOLS CLAIM WORKER'S TIME

REV. M. K. COBBLE, missionary on the mountain field in Tennessee, has conducted six vacation Bible schools thus far this summer, with an enrollment of 375, and several more are yet scheduled.

The missionary reports that volunteer helpers have been of valuable assistance, some of these helpers including college students.

"These college students have rendered a wonderful missionary service which only eternity can properly evaluate," says Brother Cobble.

Late Hours—For a Reason

Heavenly results justify unearthly hours in Chinese study classes and Bible school in San Antonio

By G. L. STANLEY

Missionary to the Chinese in San Antonio



Banquet Honoring Chinese Young People Graduating from San Antonio High School

IMAGINE! Having a study course beginning at nine o'clock in the night! Why, I never! But we did have one at that time.

For over an hour each night our young people came through two weeks in order to have the required time for their course as Miss Rose Mary Winter taught *Senior B. V. P. I. Administration* and Rev. George Baston, ministerial student and past president of B. S. U., Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Texas, brought inspiring and challenging messages each night.

There also might have been some tired eyebrows as passersby read the beautiful poster made by one of our Chinese young men, Keen Wong and fastened on the door of our church: Vacation Bible School, June 19 to June 30, Monday through Friday, 1 to 3 in the afternoon.

But we did have a vacation Bible school at that time, and a good one, too, with an average attendance of over fifty.

My, how those boys' and girls' eyes did shine and their voices lift in praise of God as we had our worship program each day, and with what earnestness and zeal they did study God's Holy Word, hiding it in their hearts that they might walk upright before Him.

One little boy wanted to know why we could not have Vacation Bible School all summer. The time of any person would have been well spent to have seen our twenty-one piece rhythm band.

Perhaps you have wondered why it is that we had our services and school at these unusual hours. Each morning through the summer, with the exception of Saturday and Sunday, the children attend school at the Chinese school, learning the language, science, and history of China. That is the reason for our Vacation Bible School being in the afternoon.

The great majority of our Chinese own or work in grocery stores, there being eighty grocery stores, ten restaurants, and five Chinese laundries in San Antonio. Since these stores do not close until nine o'clock at night, it was impractical for us to have our study course at any other time.

Yet would have been inspired, had it been your privilege to have been with us then, to see our helpers, Miss

Ollie Lewellyn, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Annie Nimms, Mrs. Bellah, Mrs. Kimbrough, and Brother Bastian as they worked so faithfully and so well. I know that you would have thrilled at the sight of our young Chinese Christian girls, May Lee Ng, Sadie Louie, Gim Wong, Janie Wong, Elizabeth Louie, and Naomi Liang.

But most of all we rejoice over the fact that this last month God has been good enough to let us baptize three into the fellowship of the church, and two others have made professions of their faith in Jesus Christ. In our study course two surrendered to special service we are sure God is going to use mightily in service.

All is not sunshine and happiness, however. Many are the obstacles that arise because of superstition, ancestor worship, and suspicion.

Many are the heartbreaks and tragedies coming from "arranged marriages" and its companion evils that have been related to us in confidence. Were it not for the word given that these things were not to be repeated, the words of this page might well make your blood run cold with horror and heartache.

We plead with you for prayer, sustaining prayer, entreating prayer for strength and knowledge and energy to present our Saviour to the some seven hundred and forty to eight hundred Chinese in San Antonio.

Their lives are so wrapped around mammon, that they care nothing for the Messiah, and only the power of the Holy Spirit through the preached word can reach them. Pray for our young Christians that as they come to maturity God will have the preeminent place in their lives so temptation will not find them weak. Pray for our older backslidden Christians that they will return to the house of the Lord and will find His word pleasing unto their ears and bide His statutes in their hearts.

Surely there is no need to try to make things appear as they are not; therefore, I request prayer for two of the deacons of this church who have wives both in China and in America. For Jesus' sake, Christian, do not forget to pray for your missionaries, wherever they might be!

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Seeing Dreams Come True

Chinese Christian triumvirate realize years of praying in Mississippi delta mission school

A MISSION SCHOOL completed a year ago and crowded in its first session by eager pupils with others seeking admittance, and plans now nearing completion for a chapel have brought to realization the dreams of three leaders in the Chinese mission in the Mississippi delta.

These three—J. H. Lett, layman, missionary Shau Yan Lee, and Dr. Ira D. Eavenson, Baptist pastor who started the work four years ago—worked almost night and day to complete their dreams of many months to provide a school for the 150 full-blooded Chinese children in the delta who know a little bit of English and a little bit of Chinese—but not enough of either language to be able to find their way in a modern world, here or in China.

"You see," Lett explains in the very excellent English which has been taught him since his primary school days back in China, "the state laws are so worded that Chinese children are discriminated against, and in only a very few communities are they allowed to attend the white schools. For a number of years Chinese children in the delta have been without any educational facilities except some part-time private tutoring."

No wonder, then, that Chinese parents dreamed of a school for their children—although one does wonder that Lett had such dreams, for he never married—and it is no wonder that the new building at Cleveland, Miss., was soon filled to capacity.

Acres of Diamonds

Doctor Eavenson, who began the Mississippi delta mission, a former missionary to China, traveled all the way across the Pacific and back to find his missionary work laid out for him at his own door. After six years in China, he came back to Mississippi and located at Cleveland where he has been for nine years.

"When I first came back," he relates, "it worried me considerably the way we send missionaries to China, but do nothing for the Chinese over here. It's as if we are only interested in their religion as long as we can keep them at arm's length."

At the Cleveland Chinese Baptist Mission, which he succeeded in organizing four years ago, plans for the pro-

posed school were first discussed. Here it was pointed out that there are 1,500 Chinese in the delta, all of whom are merchants. They own 300-odd stores, which if strung out in a straight line from Memphis to Vicksburg would be



a grocery store to every half mile along the way.

"It is not unusual," Doctor Eavenson states, "to find a college graduate and his wife, who also is a college graduate, living in one room behind a store, for most of the Chinese live behind their stores. They live cheaply and save their money for trips back home. Often they leave their wives and children in China because of the

educational advantages which the children would not receive here."

This explains the fact that there is but one child to every ten Chinese inhabitants in the delta. There is also what might be called a shortage of wives.

Lett came to this country ten years ago as a Chinese merchant's son. His father had come to the delta before him, and later his brother, Joe Howman, joined them. The father returned to China, and the brothers, both named Joe—a name common to 29 of the 32 Chinese men in Cleveland—remained to operate two stores in the delta.

Two years ago Shau Yan Lee came from Canton, China, where he had been professor of New Testament interpretation in the Graves Theological Seminary and joined Doctor Eavenson at Cleveland as an appointee of the Home Mission Board.

The school completed a few months ago is the result of many months of dreaming, planning and working of the trio—Lett and Eavenson—and of a few other faithful helpers.

Their dreams have also included a mission chapel, which also may soon become a reality if the Home Mission Board is able to construct a house of worship on the mission grounds.

When this has been done, Lee, Lett and Eavenson—the Chinese Christian triumvirate of Cleveland—will know that the day of dreams come true has not passed.

Forgets Language—Still Reads Bible

A N old deaf man eighty years of age who had been living by himself for so long that he had almost forgotten the sign language, was found by Rev. C. F. Landon, Home Board missionary to the deaf, in a recent visit to the Oklahoma panhandle.

"He was living on an old homestead that he had staked out many, many years ago," Brother Landon reports. "His wife had gone on to glory, and he was living by himself about twenty-five miles from any other deaf people."

"When I introduced myself and began to talk with him, I found that he had been away from his kind of people so long he had forgotten his own language. He remembered the manual alphabet, but the signs he had forgotten."

"So we talked, slowly, pain-

fully, spelling each word out letter by letter. Occasionally I would bring in a sign or two. At the end of our visit the signs were coming slowly back to him."

"When we made ready to go he asked me to step into his bedroom and there he showed me his Bible, well marked and thumbled from constant use."

"I don't get to hear preaching," he said, "but I still read the Bible every day."

"He quoted many passages to me and told me of his faith in God."

"Another soul was made happy, even though it was a very brief visit. Someone had talked with him in his language about God's Word."

"That night I thanked God that I was able and that Southern Baptists had made it possible for me to do this."

Former Missionaries Join Chinese Students in Mission

A N EFFECTIVE team for Chinese work in New Orleans is the combination of Chinese students and former missionaries to China who conduct a mission under the direction of the Institute practical activities department.

Intermittently for nearly sixty years Baptists in the city have carried on volunteer work for the hundreds of Chinese who at times have numbered as high as 500.

Leading spirits now in evangelistic and educational efforts for China's residents in New Orleans are Misses Alice Wong, Moonbeam Tong, Pauline Cheung, Theresa Anderson and Hannah Plowden; Dr. P. H. Anderson and Deaver Lawton. These seven include three Chinese, two former missionaries in China, and the son and daughter of missionaries.

The team also includes the vice-consul and former vice-consul at New Orleans, according to Miss Plowden.

"Fine co-operation and advice have been received from Dr. C. S. Lee, former vice-consul, and Dr. H. S. Wong, present vice-consul," Miss Plowden points out. "The latter is a graduate of the University of Shanghai, which is also the alma mater of the three young Chinese women who are studying and working in New Orleans."

"From 1930-1932, Alex Herring and Deaver Lawton, both missionary sons born in China, studied at the Baptist

Bible Institute." Miss Plowden, a former missionary, continues. "They visited every Chinese home in the city, distributed tracts and gospels, encouraged the Chinese people to go to the churches and to take advantage of the friendships that were offered them by Christian people."

"They left a complete list of the addresses of Chinese people with the practical activities department of the Institute for future workers."

Survey Made

"In 1937, Misses Moonbeam Tong and Pauline Cheung came as students to the Baptist Bible Institute. Dr. J. T. Williams of Shanghai, China, and Shau Yan Lee of Greenville, Mississippi, came to the city, and after a thorough survey, made recommendations for the work among Chinese."

"A school was opened at the Baptist Bible Institute for the Chinese children. The school has been more than self-supporting. Classes meet four hours per week."

"The sessions are all deeply evangelistic. Miss Tong and Miss Cheung have kept constantly before the children their need of Christ, and Christ's need of them."

"Last year the pupils were re-



Miss Alice Wong

divided for one session each week into a Royal Ambassador chapter and a Girls' Auxiliary."

One of the latest additions to the volunteer force is Miss Alice Wong, who came to the Institute last year. In addition to her work in the mission school, Miss Plowden says that Miss Wong has frequently gone into Chinese homes as a personal worker.

GRATEFUL FOR GOSPEL

ONE of the missionaries of the Home Mission Board, himself a convert of Home Mission labor, had occasion recently to feel deeply grateful for the work of Home Missions when his father died.

"As I saw my father go," he writes, "I had to bow my head and thank God anew for having sent us the Gospel. I thought, What if they had not sent us the Gospel?"

"Thank God for those people who love lost souls and send them the bread of life. How different would be our feelings today but for the knowledge of the Lord. Thank God for the message of the blessed hope."

Although reports are coming in from almost every Home Mission field that illness is prevalent, increased numbers of conversions are being recorded and steady progress is evident.

Miss Kelly at Home After Long Illness

THE glad news has been received that Miss Mary Kelly, eighty-seven-year-old missionary of the Home Mission Board, is back at her home in Christopher, Ill., after several months in a hospital in Du Quoin.

Miss Kelly was appointed a missionary of the Board November 1, 1911, when she began to feel a deep interest in the thousands of foreigners who had come into southern Illinois during the development of the mines. Much of her work has been in the homes of the people, distributing the Word of God printed in the languages of twenty-seven different nationalities, and this work she continued to a great extent even while confined to the hospital in Du Quoin.

"It is good to be home," Miss Kelly writes. "My heart's desire and prayer to God still is that Christopher may be saved."



Royal Ambassadors of the New Orleans Mission

Home Board Supplies Two Great Needs In El Paso

By MRS. MAY T. ROBINSON

TWO great needs of our Chinese work in El Paso were met recently by the Home Mission Board in supplying a home for the mission and a missionary to harvest the field in an evangelistic meeting. Under the control of the W. M. U. of Texas, with the First Baptist Church of El Paso assisting by furnishing literature and supplementing the salary of the missionary, we had met in the church basement even while realizing that a home was needed if the work was to develop.

Since the women controlled the work, Mrs. B. A. Copass, Texas W. M. U. president, was asked to make request of Dr. J. B. Lawrence for permission to use the vacant property here, formerly occupied by the Mexican Publishing House, which belonged to the Home Mission Board.

Dr. Lawrence graciously granted it for the Chinese work, and we held our first meeting in our new home, March 19, 1939.

On that afternoon the fathers accompanied the mothers and children to see the new home for the work and the place that was ultimately to be theirs. All were excited and interested, though it was a most uninviting place.

Some of the American Christians thought it daring to undertake it; others thought one had to have courage to dare; but we believed God had answered prayer in giving it for this purpose.

Faith in Phil 4:19

There was no money and no one offered any, but faith rested on Philippians 4:19, and on that promise the work began. It has been proven to a marked degree that God's hand of approval rests upon this work. We wish all could see the transformation since we moved in—redecorated walls in seven rooms.

Having the home was necessary, but not paramount. The greatest need was to have a man of God come, and in the language of his people preach the unsearchable riches of Christ.



This Building Is Now Used by Chinese Mission

God heard the cry for help again and put it in the hearts of Dr. Lawrence and Dr. J. W. Hoagle to send Rev. Shau Yan Lee to preach Christ in His saving power to these fine people.

How faithfully, zealously and unselfishly he labored night and day among the lost men in Chinatown and in the homes of the Chinese!

God gave twenty-two precious souls, seventeen have followed Christ in baptism and the remaining five—mothers



Twenty of the twenty-two converts of the recent revival are in the above picture

—will do so this summer. No, the men did not come but they heard the gospel, and we believe seed has been sown that will bear fruit.

One phase of the work that has developed since coming to our new home is the organization of a language school. The Chinese are interested and have held many meetings in the building looking forward to this organization.

A Cautious People

The Chinese are a cautious people and do not act hastily. After many deliberations they voted to have the school in our building. The Chinese teacher here, who lives at the Center with me, is from Hong Kong, China.

The Chinese fathers under the direction of our faithful Sunday school superintendent are taking an active part along with the conservatives in making possible this phase of the work.

A fine class of fathers and mothers is taught each Sunday in Chinese; this is a new class taught by our superintendent.

The Chinese young men, the teen age and up, not Christians, came the first night the building was open, eager to know what was to be their part in this new enterprise.

Athletics was the strongest appeal, and when they were shown the third floor, their faces beamed as they talked in their language to one another. Then they turned to me and asked if that was meant for them.

Being told that it was theirs if they wanted it, immediately they began

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Crossing Two Continents in An Atlanta Garden

Georgia florist bridges an ocean, becomes intimately familiar with international affairs, and spans present and future worlds through influence of mission

By JOE W. BURTON

HUEY FONG shot down six planes in one combat and landed his own ship safely," he said casually. "He wrote back from his army post in China to ask us to pray with him that the Lord would use him to help save his people from destruction."

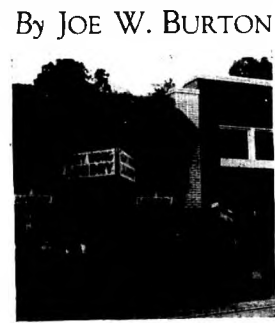
Just like that he said it calmly, quietly, as you would tell about a neighbor crossing a creek to pick berries. Yet in this casual conversation he bridged an ocean, crossed two hemispheres, spoke familiarly of an international conflagration which may yet engulf the world in its blaze and spanned both the present world and the world to come.

His deeds as well as his conversation are across the world in their extent, for the influence of this man from his flower garden in Atlanta, Georgia, reaches to China.

Cultivating Chinese Hearts

He digs about his flowers and sets out shrubbery to make a living, but for a score of years H. Lawson Alexander has been digging into the hearts and lives of a little group of Chinese, and the effect of that work is felt on two continents.

For nearly twenty years Mr. Alexander has conducted a mission for the Chinese in Atlanta. He has done this without remuneration, except for the joy which always comes from Christian service and the dividends in rich Christian character which he has seen produced both in his own city and in China.



Ready to go to the Mission — Mr. Alexander and a Chinese family.

"From our little mission as products of our work," he said, "a number are now teaching the Bible in China. Huey Fong, who received Christ and his license to fly in America, now an aviator in the Chinese army, is one of them."

"Another is Hule Akong, who was ready to sail for China when he was converted. Only one Sunday morning service remained at which he could be baptized, but so anxious was he to tell his family in China that he was a Christian and had been baptized like Jesus, that the pastor went into the baptistry at the beginning of the service, gave an invitation for membership. Hule came into the pool to ask baptism, and both the candidate and the preacher waited in the water while

the church received the Chinese convert.

"Hule Akong won his two boys and one girl as soon as he returned to his family in China, and the children and parents are now active in Christian work."

The first convert of the Atlanta mission carried the Gospel back to China. Mr. Alexander pointed out, the mission's influence thus being felt on two continents from the beginning.

One Mission Only

"As soon as Lee Wing was converted he wanted to return to China," the voluntary missionary said. "At first he would not tell us the reason for his desire, but as soon as we learned that it was because his father and mother had never heard of Jesus, the Chinese themselves raised the money to send him back."

"He went on one mission only—to tell his parents and brothers and sisters about Jesus. After about nine months in China, he returned, his mission having been completed in the conversion of his entire family."

The concern of this young man for his family in China and his incessant efforts which did not cease until they had been won, is typical, Mr. Alexander states, of all converts who have made professions in the Atlanta Chinese mission.

Indeed it is suggestive of the importance of all Chinese mission work in the homeland, as well as of the activities of every missionary of the Home Mission Board among the foreigners in America.

ITALIAN YOUNG PEOPLE ARE VOLUNTEERS

TWO Italian young people in the North Boulevard Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla., surrendered themselves for Kingdom work during the state Baptist assembly in Deland recently.

Rev. Harry A. Day, pastor of the church and Home Board missionary, states that God has answered their prayers in calling out these young people for definite Christian service.

Chris Napoli surrendered himself to become an evangelistic singer, and Mary Conte volunteered to serve as a missionary. Brother Day feels that they will be of great service to home mission fields when fully prepared for this great calling.

SPIRIT CONVICTS INDIAN ON FISHING TRIP

In a revival held at Yellow Hill, N. C., led by Rev. W. H. Fitzgerald, missionary to the Indians, one backslider told the preacher that he went fishing to keep away from the meeting.

Rev. Fitzgerald said that he made three trips to the church before he would give up and go in.

The missionary states they are doing all possible to try to reach the unsaved Indians on his field.

"With patience, love, and a plain Gospel there is hope," he states. "We are encouraging united effort among the churches in revival efforts. Some services are pretty loud, but the Indians seem to think this is necessary."

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All books reviewed may be purchased from the Baptist Book Store in your state.

Handsome Road Gwen Bristow Crowell. \$2.50.

The gifted daughter of Dr. Louis Bristow, superintendent of the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, puts us in her debt with this richly written story of reconstruction in the same southern Louisiana setting as her first novel, *Deep Summer*. Following up that really great picture of colonial life, *Handsome Road* depicts the life of that region just before, during, and after the War Between the States her chief theme being the deeply rooted antagonisms of race and caste, with the upper house Negroes and the "poor white trash" as the leading actors in the story.—Una Roberts Lawrence.

Our Country, Our People and Theirs Tracy. Macmillan. \$1.75.

This is a book unique both in content and method of presentation. In parallel columns is given page after page of comparative accounts of the actual possessions of Germany, Italy, Russia, and the United States. It is a mighty demonstration of the many great advantages of living in this land we call the United States of America.—Una Roberts Lawrence.

Ye Must Be Born Again Hyman Appelmann. Zondervan Publishing House. 142 pages. \$1.00.

To those who have heard Hyman Appelmann, the Christian Jew, Southwestern Seminary graduate, and Texas evangelist, this book has an urgent and personal appeal. It will help anyone to read these ten revival mes-

FRENCH WORK GROWS

A VERY unusual and successful revival meeting has been held recently on the French field in Montegut, La., led by Rev. Berkman DeVille, missionary. Ten people were baptized in a very solemn service, with a large crowd to witness it. There have been three more professions.

"The Lord has been blessing us lately, and the work is still growing," Brother DeVille states.

sages. They are quite "Appelmanesque." These sermons are scriptural, spiritual, soul-searching, and compassionate.—Roland Q. Leavell.

The Golden Isles of Georgia Lovell Little, Brown and Company. \$3.

The only book we know which gives the conditions of the Negroes on the seven sea islands off the coast of Georgia.—Noble Y. Beall.

STUBBORN MAN YIELDS

REV. G. O. FOULON, missionary among the foreigners in Greenville, Ill., reports the conversion and baptism of a Frenchman 72 years old. "He is happy and now thinks his friends are as 'stubborn as mules,'" Brother Foulon reports. "He is now helping me in the hope of winning his brother-in-law."

The missionary has recently secured a tent which he has pitched in East Camp, Ill., and good crowds are attending the services.

NEW CLASS GROWS

INCREASED attendance is shown each week in a Bible mission school just recently established by Rev. Y. T. Shehane in Key West, Fla., for the Cubans there. Children up to 15 years of age attend these classes and have become very attentive.

Brother Shehane, recently appointed by the Board, has hopes of the enrollment being 100 in a short while. He is also planning to have night classes once a week for adults in the near future.

ISLETA HEARS WORD

A SUCCESSFUL Vacation Bible School has been held at the Isleta Indian mission by Dr. C. W. Stumph, missionary in Albuquerque. N. M. Home Board missionaries on the field were aided by several volunteer workers in conducting the school. The average attendance was 29.

A mother and daughter, two recent Isleta converts, taught classes in the school, following up an effort to have all Isleta Sunday school classes taught by Indians.

Cuban Church Growth Requires Enlargement Of Inadequate Building

By MRS. ENRIQUE PINA

AS the attendance in our church in Colon has grown so rapidly we have no room for the Sunday school, and when we have a special service the church building is too small. Besides the floor of the building is not good, so for some time we have been raising a fund for the building which, little by little, has finally reached \$167.

When Dr. M. N. McCall, superintendent of the Cuban work of the Home Mission Board, saw the great need he provided enough more to make \$700 for the new floor and to enlarge our building. We hope that very soon we will have an annex with enough rooms for our Sunday school classes and other church meetings.

Recently we had a special meeting called "Dia del Templo" (Temple's day). That night all who could brought something to be used in our church building. Such things were brought as a broom, a duster, glasses.

Eight of the newly converted were baptized in February and nine in May. Our church was crowded and the testimony of the believers that were being baptized was recognized by the church.

Sixteen had asked to be baptized. For several weeks they had been receiving special lessons, and at last each believer was examined and nine were accepted. The others are ready to wait until their testimony is satisfactory to all.

Most of the members of this church attend services five or more times during the week. Though they cannot help much with their money as most of them are poor, they do help with their presence and with their co-operation in inviting the people to the meetings.

"My girl after coming to your mission school is teaching me to sing God's songs and pray before we eat," said a Catholic mother to Miss Amelia Diaz, Home Board Mexican worker in San Antonio.

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Mexican Convention Hears Reports of Steady Progress

By J. I. MOYE

AT Harlingen, Texas, June 27 to July 2, in the magic Rio Grande Valley, the Mexican brethren came from all parts of the state for their annual convention. In many ways it was a convention that showed real progress. Registration reached 410.

Of course all of our hearts were made to rejoice in the realization of the fact that more people had been converted and baptized in the past year than in any year of the convention. There were around 2,800 conversions reported, more than 1,400 of whom were baptized; evangelism was stressed from the very beginning to the end of the convention.

It was indeed gratifying to note that more than forty churches made a report to the convention and we are made to believe with the emphasis being placed on evangelism that the coming year will be a great year indeed.

Some of the best speeches I have ever heard on stewardship were given. Our Mexican churches have a mind to give more to local support and also to missions. As soon as funds can be collected the Convention will employ a state evangelist.

Evangelism Stressed

Almost every speaker stressed the importance of evangelism. Our purpose is to evangelize, to give, to put on a real missionary program.

The Baptist Training Union of the Convention paid \$50 for missions in the convention itself, and also voted to help with the education of a young ministerial student in Mexico.

The convention voted to put an evangelist on the field as soon as funds are available. Definite plans were outlined to raise the salary of said worker.

The W. M. U. showed marvelous progress in its work during the past year. This organization gave almost as much in one year for missionary work as they have given in any previous four years. The amount given totals almost \$1,000.

All offerings for the weeks of prayer had substantially increased over last year's offerings. Particularly notice-

able was the increase in the offering taken during the week of prayer for the work of the Mexican Baptist Convention, May 22-26, the goal for which was exceeded by 26%.

The W. M. U. budget is as follows: 30% for education purposes, 30% for general expenses, 35% for salary of Mexican missionary and 5% for minutes and printing.

The women are determined to press forward under the leadership of Mrs. I. E. Gonzalez, president; Mrs. M. C. Garcia, vice president; Mrs. Daniel Delgado, secretary; and Miss Virginia Velva, treasurer.

It was voted to publish a state Mexican paper, *El Bautista Mexicano*. We rejoice that progress is being made and that the convention has a mind to go forward.

We plan during the coming year to do our best to develop the work of the various organizations together with our evangelistic program.

We can truly say that there is a sound of an abundance of rain.

HOME BOARD SUPPLIES

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to make plans. They play basket and volley ball, have a track for its use, and they enjoy their club room, a little side room where they meet and print a little periodical they get out occasionally in Chinese. They love music, and plans are on foot to organize a choral club. If God moves to send Shau Yan Lee to El Paso again, what an opportunity he will have with this fine nucleus of young boys and men. These boys are all in vacation school and at night some come to the Center for help on the next day's assignment. Yes, they work and are so anxious to make time count.

Do you wonder that one's heart yearns for them for Christ? Yours, too, would burn within you if you looked on each Lord's day as they gather to sing God's praises.

We thank our Heavenly Father for answered prayer and look to Him with unwavering faith to bless the carrying on of this blessed work for Him.

Deaf Worker Speaks At Annual Convention In Missouri Ozarks

PROMINENT in the program of the thirteenth annual convention for the deaf of the Ozarks at Monett, Mo., June 18, were religious services conducted by Rev. C. F. Landon, Home Board missionary to the deaf.

Two sermons and the Sunday school lesson were brought by the missionary at this one-day meeting which annually attracts the deaf from several states. Newspaper accounts of the meeting and letters commend the work of Brother Landon in this significant meeting.

"Brother Landon signs rapidly, forcefully, and with much grace," writes Mrs. D. E. Britte, president of the organization. "I believe he will become a great force among the deaf."

The convention lamented the absence of Rev. A. O. Wilson, missionary of the Board, who had been the minister at the meeting for ten consecutive years before his death on January 26, 1939.

According to the newspaper reports this annual meeting is undenominational, nine denominations being represented at the recent session, but a missionary of the Home Mission Board has preached at each meeting.

ITALIANS HEAR WEEKLY RADIO SERVICE

SERVICES were recently held over the air in Ensley, Ala., by Rev. A. Pucclarelli, Italian missionary. It is the intention of the missionary to carry on similar services every Saturday. If the Italian people support the program.

Although rainy weather has retarded outdoor meetings on his field, Brother Pucclarelli states that two weeks of services have been well attended and the outlook of the future in general is very bright.

Three Vacation Bible Schools on the Navajo reservation are being conducted this summer by Missionary R. A. Pryor.

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Mountain Mission Work In a City

By L. W. MARTIN

ONE morning while attending the Southern Seminary spring conference I was expecting mother to arrive in Louisville on an early train. I left the residence where I was staying even after the train was due at the suburban station near by.

As I drove out Bardstown Road, at the end of the city street, a man thumbed for a ride. If I have room I always give a lift, for by so doing I have a rare opportunity to preach Jesus. Early He was preached in a chariot.

In a brief exchange of words I learned that the man was on his way to Harlan, Ky., hitch-hiking as he went.

It was just a short distance to the station and Satan said, "You do not have time to deal with this man long enough to win him. Never mind your question."

But there was another voice. I heeded it, and asked the man if he were a Christian.

"No, but surely I ought to be," he replied.

"You can be," I insisted. "God loves you and gave His Son to die for you."

"This expression of love and kindness brought tears to his eyes. Very few words were passed until we were at the station. The train was gone, and no one waited for me on the platform.

Presses for Decision

We sat in the car and I pressed the claims of Christ. I had left the house so hurriedly I had failed to put my Bible in the car. I asked forgiveness for that error, but I rejoiced in the memory that gave out the Gospel in Bible verses.

The man poured out his sin burdened heart in tears. He welcomed the message of Jesus, but when we asked him to receive the Christ by faith he said, "Yes, some time I will."

But here was too much evidence that our meeting was providential. It was not to meet a mother. She did not come. I went to the station hardly expecting her. I had gone fifteen minutes late. I passed just at the right time to pick up that man. No one in years had presented God's love in Christ to him. His heart was ready. God had sent a messenger.

How dangerous it would be to turn away this providential presentation of His grace.

I pressed the matter. We bowed that I might pray God to help him believe. As I prayed he wept. I paused in the prayer to press for a decision. He mopped his tears with a soiled handkerchief. Then reaching out his hand he assured me that he was trusting Jesus and surrendering his life to Him.

The continuation of the prayer was a thanksgiving. Then the man lifted his voice in confession of faith to God and in thanksgiving to Him. Something convinced me that this was genuine faith and surrender.

"Sir, what is your name?" I enquired.

"Will you believe it? Sinner that I have been, my name is Christian!"

Now in truth he was to go on his way a Christian. He had been a taxi driver in years past in Harlan. A relative was a member of Harlan Baptist Church. He was given the name of the pastor there, tracts, and other aid. He went his way apparently rejoicing.

As I returned alone tears dripped on the steering wheel as I sobbed for joy. Is there any joy comparable to that of winning lost people to Christ Jesus?

A mountain man met a mountain missionary at the edge of a great city; one received the joy of salvation, the other the joy of soul-winning.

Graduation Exercises In New Italian Church

BEAUTIFUL commencement exercises for the Vacation Bible School in Ensley, Ala., were held in the new church recently, reports Miss Bertha Wallis, missionary.

During the service a fine little Italian boy confessed the Lord Jesus as his Saviour, but said he could not join the church. He has been faithful in Sunday school attendance and preaching, and tries hard to get others to come.

"The W. M. S. of our association furnished cars to bring the boys and girls from the old community to the church each day," Miss Wallis adds. "On commencement night I sent a truck for them and their parents."

New Summer Program Opens Doors to Homes

WORKERS in New Orleans, La., have been working out a new plan for their summer program, which has good prospects. Miss Gladys Keith, missionary of the Home Board on the field, describes the new plan as religious and recreational.

"A friend of the work has rented a large house on the Coast for a month," Miss Keith states. "Our workers are to take a group of fifteen or twenty children and young people there for each week."

Children to be taken on the trip are selected from non-Christian homes, and the workers hope to do much in a spiritual way for the children, also opening homes to them. Friends in the city are providing food for them.

Bible Schools Fruitful

EXCELLENT reports of Vacation Bible Schools are coming in from missionaries on all fields.

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