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MEXICAN WOMAN
AT CHURCH

*Lo, this is our God; we have
waited for Him, we will be glad
and rejoice in His salvation.*

Isaiah 25:9.

A Deathly Peril

DR. RAYMOND PEARL, professor of biology at Johns Hopkins University, recently made a survey of life insurance companies which gave this startling revelation:

Out of every 100,000 heavy smokers at the age of thirty, only 46,266 were alive at sixty. Out of every 100,000 moderate smokers, 61,911 were alive at the age of sixty. Out of every 100,000 non-smokers at the age of thirty, 66,564 were alive at the age of sixty.

In other words, moderate smoking kills 4,663 and heavy smoking kills 20,338, a total of more than 25,000 people in their prime killed by tobacco between thirty and sixty years.

More Foreigners Coming

IN 1939, 82,998 foreigners were admitted to the United States, as reported by Immigration Commissioner James L. Houghteling. Calling attention to the steady increase in immigration from Central Europe since the German annexation of Austria in March, 1938, he said: "The increase of quota immigration from 27,762 in 1937 to 62,402 in 1939 has been largely attributed to the pressure imposed by certain European governments to drive into exile elements of their populations uncongenial to the ruling group." If conditions continue in Europe and other sections of the world as they are now, we may expect a continuous stream of foreigners to our land. This means more need for Home Missions.

America and Liberty

ALF M. LANDON, declares in an article in the *Christian Advocate* that "America is charged with the responsibility of keeping alive religious freedom and that other institution called Democracy."

"You and I," he continues, "profess to be church members. We assert that we believe in religion. If our religion means anything to us, start using it in a practical and a decisive way before it is taken away

Make A Will

Take Care of Your Property While You Live

SOME time back in *Readers' Digest*, Jerome Beatty urged everybody to make a will of his own while he lives. He said, "Fewer than four out of ten persons who own property have wills, and when men and women die without a will, they usually leave a perfect hell to remember them by."

"One should make a will not just to save administrative expense," he continued, "but to provide mercifully for those he leaves behind and to keep his property out of the hands of what the Germans call 'the laughing heirs'—those who are delighted when you die."

We would suggest also that Christians should make wills which would perpetuate their lives in Christian service after they have gone home to glory. Many times enthusiastic and faithful church members have left their property to unfaithful sons and daughters.

We would not for one moment suggest that the sons and daughters be left out, but if one is able he should also include in his will the work of the kingdom. We know of no better service that one can render than to leave money for the evangelization of the homeland.

Such money set up in a trust will be a perpetual servant for the bringing in of Christ's kingdom. Do not forget to place the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in your will.

from us. Religion has been banished from Russia, strangled in Mexico, submerged in Italy, driven out of Germany and is often forgotten in America."

Let us remember that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. We must guard religious freedom at every point. Hence, the protest against the appointment by the President of a representative to the Vatican.

How Shall We Escape?

IN the language of modern psychology and philosophy, we hear a great deal about "escape." People are trying to find a way out. The worldly-minded seem to assume that they are hemmed in by a cruel providence and that "escape" is the main thing.

This sort of philosophy is a mark of weakness and a sign of an inferiority complex. A man must live with himself. There is no escape for the soul. What we want is not an "escape," but an objective. We do not

want to get away from life, but we want to make life worth while.

We need two things: (1) to get along better with ourselves; and (2) to get along better with God. We can do this only when we find Christ as Saviour and Lord.

Menacing Organizations

THE United States is infested with 800 essentially un-American organizations, so Dr. A. D. Black, speaking for the New York Society for Ethical Culture, tells us. These organizations are working against American traditions and the faith of people in themselves.

"These organizations conceal themselves," he said, "behind names like 'American,' 'Patriot' and 'Christian.'" He mentioned the Christian Front, the followers of Father Coughlin and the Knights of the White Camellia. We are indeed living in the times spoken of by Paul. All of which emphasizes the need for a strong Home Mission program!

HOME MISSIONS

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

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EDITORIALS

NOTHING perhaps would help the on-going of the kingdom of God so much as the hearty cooperation of our Baptist people in kingdom work. There are very few churches which could not put on a challenging program if all the members worked together. The church services would have spiritual power, the church life vitalized, broadened and elevated, and the influence of the church strengthened and enlarged if all the members worked together with God. Every church we have could be made a growing, going, dynamic, spiritual force in the community and a kingdom agent for world conquest for Christ. All this and more could be accomplished in every church if the members would give themselves unreservedly to the church life.

There is every reason why this should be done and no reason why it should not be done. Everyone would rather belong to a great, good, live, working church than to a poor, inactive church. What joy it would be to every member to personally assume his responsibility in the creation of spiritual life and spiritual activity in his church! This is an easy matter to do. It only takes interest, attendance upon services, contributions to the work, spirituality and cooperation on the part of all the members. Let us as a denomination pray unitedly and continuously for the spirit and practice of cooperation in all our churches.

Unselfish Service

WE must become completely unselfish as a denomination in our work for Christ. Pastors, secretaries, boards, teachers, presidents of colleges, editors, and denominational workers of all sorts and groups must forget themselves in their passion for Christ.

Christ did not send us into the world primarily to build great churches, to establish great institutions or to maintain specific enterprises as an end; He did not commission us to develop great Sunday schools and strong boards and group organizations of wide scope, influence and power simply; but He sent us into the world to evangelize the world—to make

disciples of all nations, not only in the local community, but unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Hence, away with the personal ambition of individuals or groups that would make the local task the end of activity! Build great churches, strong boards, flourishing group organizations, widely circulated and read papers, and gloriously successful enterprises of every sort, but build them not as an end, but as a means to the world's evangelization; do not set them out in conflict with any other thing in the Kingdom, but blend them into all the other activities of the kingdom for the crowning of Christ first in all the world.

The Radio And The Gospel

WARRING nations today are using the radio to propagate their ideologies throughout the world. They are trying by this means to break down the morale of their opponents with propaganda. We have listened of late to news broadcasts from every capital involved. We get today over the radios the headlines of our daily papers before those papers go to press.

The radio is one of the most important things in modern world life. It is doing more to internationalize thought than any agency that has ever been created. It is doing more to make us all acquainted with the entire world and what is happening in the world than anything else.

Why cannot the radio be used to give to the world the ideology of Christ? Here is a method of propaganda that is more extensive and immediate than any other method. Why can we not use it?

Indeed the children of this world are wiser than the children of the kingdom. If we will mobilize our forces as the world has mobilized its forces, and avail ourselves of these modern methods of publicity, we can make it possible to preach the Gospel every Sunday morning to the entire world. Has not the Lord brought about this condition for just such a thing?

Missions is the people of the Gospel giving that Gospel to the people without it no matter who they are or where they are.

Missionary



Illustrations

Hating Evil, Loving Good

One night at New Orleans a stranger, countenance heavy because of the ghastly deed of evil which his mind was plotting, was arrested by strains of music even as his deliberate steps carried him ever nearer to the premeditated act of crime.

He paused a moment to listen, and then turned in to the mission—Rachel Sims Memorial on Clay Square, of which Miss Gladys Keith, missionary of the Home Mission Board, is superintendent.

Careful not to attract attention—for might he not decide at any moment to continue on his errand of evil—he sat at the back, his shifty gaze on the floor, until at length the preacher's message stabbed his heart. Then, smitten of conscience, he listened alertly to the offer of pardon through Christ.

"As soon as the invitation was given," Miss Keith says, "he came. I have never seen anyone cry as he did."

As the workers talked with the new convert, he showed them a long knife. "I was on my way to kill a man," he said, "but now I do not want to kill him."

Confessing Sins

By MINNIE BERRY
Mountain Missionary

"I'm a backslider," sobbed Frankie. She told me how she was saved, united with a church, but when she was not asked to do anything she felt she had no particular place in the life and work of the church and turned to worldly things.

I tried to show her from God's Book that if she would confess her sins God would surely forgive and restore unto her the joy which came when she first trusted Christ as Saviour. We prayed together, but she did not ask forgiveness and went away still burdened and unhappy.

With some dear girls who had accepted Christ only recently, I prayed for Frankie, and at last her burden was lifted. She came to Bible school the next day with a radiant face and

a new light in her beautiful blue eyes.

At the evening service Frankie went forward to give her young life anew to her Lord. In the midst of her tears she made confession.



Miss Amelia Diaz visits a Mexican home in San Antonio.



THE REASON
Far in the fields of France
My dear love lies asleep.
But not for that, my tears—
Because he killed, I weep.

—Margery Mansfield.

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Finding Peace

Upon visiting a sick man recently in San Antonio, Miss Amelia Diaz, missionary to the Mexicans, learned that he could not find peace.

The man had been taken to the priest, but he kept asking for the missionary. When told that she had come, he said, "Tell her to read me the Book."

Miss Diaz immediately opened the Bible which she had in her hand and read, after which he said, "I am glad to hear the Word of God."

The missionary explained the plan of salvation to the man on his sick bed, as well as to others in the home. He accepted Christ and in a few days died.

The Gospel brings peace to individuals and also to nations. "Let the homeland become a leader in righteousness," says Dr. J. B. Lawrence, "and it will do more towards the restoration of peace, happiness and prosperity among the nations of the world than it can ever do in economic and industrial fields."

A Very Present Help

A telephone call one day urged Rev. Aaron W. Hancock, missionary to the Indians in Oklahoma, to go to the home of an Indian couple. The wife had been stricken with paralysis and was at the point of death.

The missionary found the husband walking around mumbling, not eating nor sleeping, and threatening to kill himself if his wife should die.

Brother Hancock read the Scriptures and he and the husband prayed together. He comforted the man with the words that if his wife should die she would go to her eternal home, since she was a believer in the Lord. The man had said that his wife was a praying woman and was by far more devoted to her Lord than he was.

The wife died three days after, and Brother Hancock preached the funeral. However, the husband was altogether a different man. He appeared as a man who had the utmost confidence in the God who had given him comfort and in whom he had found peace.

What Is the Nation-Wide Evangelistic Crusade?

Q. HOW many Baptist organizations are cooperating in Nation-wide Baptist Evangelistic crusade of 1940? M.B.

A. Nearly twenty organized Baptist bodies in the United States, speaking a dozen different languages, are cooperating with Southern Baptists in the 1940 evangelistic program.

Q. What reduction has the Home Mission Board made in its indebtedness? S.A.N.

A. The debts of the Board have been reduced from \$2,425,531 in 1929 to \$1,049,918 on January 1, 1940, a reduction of over \$1,300,000 in eleven years, or an average of nearly \$120,000 a year.

Q. How many members does the Home Mission Board have? B.W.

A. According to the constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Board has eighteen local members living in Atlanta, and one member in each of the cooperating states and the District of Columbia, making a total of thirty-seven members.

Q. What is the Home Mission Board's five-year program of missionary education? W.C.H.

A. Under the direction of Dr. Noble Y. Beall, educational field secretary, the Home Mission Board has launched the five-year program to emphasize the study of evangelism,

stewardship, and the mission program of Southern Baptists in the homeland.

Q. How is the Home Mission Board's Budget made out? T.R.P.

A. The budget is prepared by a special committee and presented to the Board at its annual meeting for consideration and adoption. The budget is not operative either in part or in whole until approved in every detail by the Board.

Q. Is any money from the Church Building Loan Trust Fund given to churches for the erection of buildings? B.C.

A. No. The entire fund is a trust set up for use by churches in their building programs, the principal plus interest being repayable to the trust so that other churches may have the use of the money.

Q. Does the work of the Home Mission Board duplicate that done by associations or by state conventions? J. T. L.

A. While there is some similarity in the fields and in the work, the Home Mission Board has been charged with the responsibility of direct missions on fields so large that they must have the ministry of a southwide agency. Thus the work of the Home Mission Board is distinctive from any other mission activity.



Q. How many men have been won to Christ in the Home Mission Board's Rescue Mission in New Orleans? B.A.C.

A. More than 7,000 men have professed faith in the thirteen years that the Home Mission Board has operated the Rescue Mission.

Pictured is an old man at a recent service at the Rescue Mission.

Q. Are Indians responding to the Gospel? R.C.T.

A. Every letter from Home Board missionaries on Indian fields brings news of some converts being won, although the numbers are not large.

Q. How many converts were won by home missionaries last year? T.F.M.

A. The Board's annual report shows that over 5,250 made profession of faith in Christ.

HOW TO ASK QUESTIONS

Any reader can get the answer to any specific question of fact concerning the fields, tasks and needs of Home Missions in the South and in Cuba by writing Questions Editor, 315 Red Rock Building, Atlanta, Ga. Please enclose 3c for reply.



Q. What is the cost to mission funds of the Home Board's magazine, Southern Baptist Home Missions? O.P.G.

A. The magazine is printed without any cost at all to mission funds, the entire expense of publication being met with receipts from subscriptions, advertising, and the sale of mission study books.

Above, the entire family of Missionary J. I. Moye, San Antonio, enjoy the magazine.

Winning The City To Christ

Christians Can Defeat Sin, Says Bowery Worker

WINNING the city is a tremendous task presenting a problem to which every city pastor would like to have an answer.

It was the city over which Christ wept; it is the city over which Christ weeps today. Only about one-fourth of the average city has been won to Christ. In my own—of 8,000,000 souls—only 750,000 are called Christians.

My residence is in the borough of Brooklyn, known as the city of churches and the graveyard of preachers. Riding about my city it seems that there is a church on every other corner, but in nine-tenths of them you could shoot a cannon down the center aisle without any casualties. In the metropolitan area there are twenty church seats for each member. On Sunday evenings eight of every ten churches are closed, while at the theatres they stand in line extending for a block or more, and in front of the ticket windows are "standing room only" signs.

Every soul won to Christ in New York during the past year cost \$100,000.

No Conversions in 27 Years

In the great majority of city churches the inactive membership roll is in the majority. In Yonkers a church with 1,800 members could locate only 300. In a church in Cleveland they told me that there had not been a conversion in twenty-seven years.

In Hoboken, New Jersey, I preached and a twenty-two-year-old girl was converted. They said it was the first in eighteen years.

I am reminded of the confession of Christ's disciples when they said, "Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing." Following Christ's plan, but with the same boats and nets, the fishermen became successful.

We must go to unusual places and

do unusual things as home missionaries if we are to win the millions of souls about us who are doomed.

I like to visit saloons. You place your Bible on a bar, read a passage and pray, and when you have finished there are no customers. I could close every saloon on the Bowery if I had time. I did close two.

Even as a church must take a stand against whiskey, it must also take a definite stand against imposters. There are isms and organizations in your midst, such as the Father Divine cult, that reflect no credit upon the kingdom. We are within our rights in condemning them publicly.

Our churches must break the frost and warm up because there are many "across the track" who would be uncomfortable in their dress if they should come into our churches. Every church should have a mission "across the tracks." We are so busy winning the up-and-outs that we forget the down-and-outs. There are seventeen square miles of slums in my city where the sun never shines. In the narrow streets and alleys nothing can be seen except kids and laundry.

Are Christians Tired of the Lost?

The city will be won to Christ when you and I and every Christian in the city preaches Christ, lives Christ, and serves Christ. The only organization commissioned to go after the lost is the church. The only individual who has been commissioned to go after the lost is the saved.

"How do you stand this dirty, filthy Bowery atmosphere day after day?" Christians have said to me.

Let's look at it another way. Suppose the doctor would say, "I am tired of the sick," or the laundryman would

say, "I am tired of soiled clothes," or the teacher would say, "I am tired of ignorant children."

I walked into a saloon one afternoon. A little woman was on her knees begging a drunken brute to marry her and give the little babe in her arms a name. I listened, drew back, gave him a right uppercut, and his jaw was broken.

After I had taken him to the hospital, I went back and got the girl and set her up in a small home. When he was out of the hospital I took him to the apartment, called their parents as witnesses, and made them man and wife. Now they have a happy home.

By

CHAS. J. ST. JOHN
Superintendent Bowery Mission
New York City

The next morning after the drunk had been sent to the hospital with his broken jaw, I walked into another saloon.

"Good morning, sky pilot," "Hello, kill-joy," they said.

A man followed me to the door, he was met by two others, and these three down on the Bowery sent me to the hospital.

The devil goes into your home, your church and into every part of your city, and brings his victims to his dens, there to crush them in body and soul.

I worship a Saviour who can restore these bodies and save these souls. I am not His true disciple if I fail to bring these victims to the feet of Christ for healing.



Men at Bowery Mission Enjoy Gospel Singing Led by Superintendent St. John

Italian Women Brave Below - Zero Weather To Hear Word Taught

GREAT encouragement is felt by Rev. L. Di Pietro, Italian missionary in Kansas City, because of the increased interest manifested by the women's group.

"This interest is shown," he states, "by the fact that twenty-three were present recently when the mercury registered five degrees below zero and the streets were slick with ice and snow."

One mother, particularly, he relates, has shown exceptionally fine interest. After attending services four years ago she stopped for a period of three years, but for the past year has been coming regularly, being one of the twenty-three present at the recent service to which she brought her six weeks' old baby.

"Her whole facial expression has changed from a hard, rough discontent to one of brightness," says Brother Di Pietro.

Recently when the missionary's wife carried some dishes of food and clothing for the baby to this Italian woman, the mother exclaimed, "I do not know what we would do if you people did not help us once in a while. My church takes all we can give and ain't willing to give us a thing."

The missionary adds that his prayer is that his life may be such that it will win this family as well as many others to Christ.

EARNEST pleas for missionaries of the Gospel have come to the Home Mission Board from forty-six communities in the past year, according to Dr. J. W. Beagle, field secretary of work in the homeland. Requests for workers among the Spanish led, with sixteen towns in four states—Texas, New Mexico, Florida and Arkansas—outlining definite needs.

Twelve urgent petitions came for missionaries among the Indians in Florida, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, and North Carolina. Six were received from the French in Louisiana and Illinois, and four each from communities in the mountains, Italian centers, and large cities.

Product of Home Mission



Carlos Paredes

INFLUENCED by his mother, who read the Bible to him every day, and by Prof. A. Velez, missionary of the Home Mission Board who is pastor of his church in El Paso, Carlos Paredes was converted and baptized at the age of thirteen.

A graduate of the El Paso High School, this young Christian is now a sophomore in Baylor University, Waco, Texas, where he is majoring in voice, thereby developing a great talent which he knows God has given him to be used for His glory. He now plans to go into the musical field unless he feels God's call to the ministry.

Since this volunteer for mission work is himself a product of Home Missions, he realizes the great value and need of witnessing at home for his Saviour. He is president of Bautista de Juvenes (Young People's Union) and director of the choir in the Mexican Church in Waco. He is also substitute teacher of a class of young men.

"I am not satisfied unless I am doing my Lord's work," this fine young student has testified, both in speech and in life.

A Christian is not free from sin, that is his burden; a Christian is not free to sin, that is his blessing.

THE SEVENTH ANGEL

Verse by verse, not vaguely but definitely, this book explains the Revelation; not by ideas nor opinions but by the other prophecies and their fulfillment in history. 192 pages. At book stores or sent postpaid for \$1.50 by The Book Company, Carmel, Illinois.

WHO SHOULD BE EXEMPTED FROM GIVING TO MISSIONS?

- (1) Those who do not believe that the world is lost and needs a Saviour.
- (2) Those who believe that Jesus Christ made a mistake when He said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."
- (3) Those who believe that the Gospel is not the power of God unto salvation and cannot save the heathen.
- (4) Those who wish that the missionaries had never come to our ancestors, and that we ourselves should have remained heathen.
- (5) Those who agree with Cain in asking, "Am I my brother's keeper?"
- (6) Those who believe that they will never have to give an account before God as to how they have been using their money here on earth.

—Horace Bushnell.

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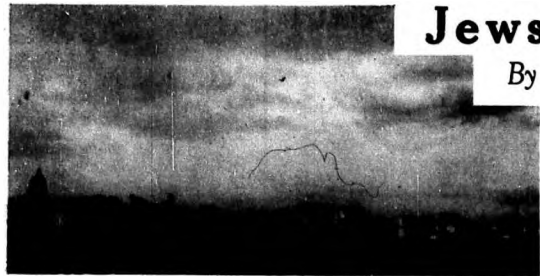
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Jews In Havana

By JACOB GARTENHAUS



THE RISE of Nazism which has turned Europe into a hell, leaving the Jews harried, de-mated, torn apart, scattered and homeless, has driven thousands of these harrassed creatures to Cuba, a friendly port.

For many months I had felt a call to "come over into Cuba," and at last, in February, I was able to go.

At the port of Havana I was met by Dr. M. N. McCall who took me to the Baptist Temple where there awaited me a most cordial welcome and where I was greeted by the friendly faces of his associates, teachers and students.

Today there is a thriving Jewish life in Havana. There are five synagogues, a Centro-Israelita (Jewish Center) with its day school, clinic, a Unioip Zionista de Cuba and other societies, a Jewish publishing house; strictly Jewish streets where one may see small stores, kosher butcher shops, kosher restaurants and where one can hear the Jewish language as in any large city of Poland, Palestine or the United States. A conservative estimate would place the Jewish population at 20,000 to 25,000.

Finding the "New Jerusalem"
"Realizing that my time was limited I wanted to make the most of it by letting every minute count. Upon inquiry as to the location of the Jewish community, I immediately set out. After considerable wandering through the narrow crooked streets of old Havana, at last I heard a familiar tongue and realized that I had already entered the "new Jerusalem" which happens to be very old.

It was here that I got my first picture of Jewish life and the poverty which prevails in that country through my first conversation in the Jewish tongue. Approaching a man dressed in European garb as one sees in the streets of Poland, I learned from him a tale of woe. Mirac-

ulously he had escaped from Poland just as the German army was approaching, and for three months he had been on the high seas stopping at first one port and then another until finally he found a landing place in Cuba. As yet, he had not received one word from his wife and children from whom he was torn apart during their escape.

From there I went to the Centro-Israelita, a well equipped headquarters for Jewish activity. There was a spacious hall for meetings and various school rooms for Jewish children. I saw a hundred or more of the refugee children, many of whom do not know whether their parents are dead or living. I introduced myself to one of the officials who gladly gave me some information as to the life of the people.

Eager Jews on Havana Streets

Now, I proceeded on the mission which took me to Cuba, namely to make known to these destitute and spiritually impoverished people the One Hope for them. Never in all my born days have I found more open doors, or spoken to more hungry hearts. My supply of literature was soon exhausted, so we had several thousand leaflets printed, both in English and Spanish.

No sooner did some of these leaflets fall into the hands of the Jewish people than inquiries began to come in. The first came from a Jewish woman, manager of a factory, who received her leaflet from one of her Baptist employees. In response to her request, I went to her home, accompanied by Brother Herbert Caudill. The woman was rather reluctant to endorse what I had to say, but a young man and his wife who were visiting her—sent there no doubt by God—might well have been my assistants in trying to persuade the others of the truth which I proclaimed.

"Many of our sorrows as Jews, we have brought upon ourselves," he said. "There is so little that divides the true Christian from the Jew. The sooner we get together the better off we shall be." Before leaving, he requested that I send him literature including the New Testament.

From there we proceeded to the home of Mr. Einstein, a second cousin to the great scientist, who only a short while back united with the Baptist Temple and was received for baptism. This high type, cultured and refined business man lived for several years in Italy where he was a prosperous manufacturer. But he sensed the growing anti-Semitism which at first he didn't think could affect the Italian people, who counted among their most loyal citizens the finest people of the Jewish race. But, he reasoned, was that not also the case in Germany? Even in Italy laws were soon put into force limiting the rights of the Jews, and while they did not affect him directly he saw them as precursors to others more drastic, and so he left the country.

When I asked him what appealed to him most in the Baptist faith, he replied, "The simplicity of its worship and the earnestness of its followers as contrasted with the Roman Catholic church with all its ostentatious ritualism. Over there, I saw too much church but no vital religion."

No Resentment Felt

Though this man was uprooted from his home in Italy, his business practically wiped out, and he was separated from his own loved ones for months, he seemed to have no bitterness toward anyone and was most hopeful for the future. His eyes were set toward the United States. Certainly no land would become poorer for having admitted such a high type man.

While walking on one of the avenues I was accosted by a peddler. When I asked him in Jewish if he were a Jew he was amazed.

"Are you Jewish also?" he asked. When I replied "Yes, I am a Jewish Christian," anxious as he was to make a sale he forgot about his merchandising and listened eagerly as

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TRIBUTE TO A GREAT LEADER

Thirty-five Years of Unwavering Service
Wins Sincere Plaudits of Cuban Baptists



Dr. M. N. McCall

"This life is a poem."

HUNDREDS of people crowded into the Baptist Temple in Havana on the night of February 16 to pay tribute to Dr. M. N. McCall. The occasion was the thirty-fifth anniversary in Cuba of this man who has so largely served the cause of Christ on the island.

Many of the throng were his children in the Gospel, some of them having been baptized by him many years ago. All of the ministers present have looked to him as their teacher, counselor, and guide.

Represented in the large audience were seventeen churches and twelve mission stations. From Santiago de Cuba came a representative of Northern Baptist work in eastern Cuba, and from the South came Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, Home Board field secretary.

"Although not a financier, Dr. McCall knows the value of a penny," said Dr. L. M. Gonzalez, as he pointed out "the miracles worked with the Bottoms Fund" in the construction of a dozen mission churches and chapels.

"He is not an architect," the speaker continued, "but he surprised the official architect by his knowledge of architecture. He is not a diplomat, but he could easily teach diplomacy to others."

"No one can say that Dr. McCall is not a teacher, for he is a master teacher. He is not a poet, but his

life is a poem which shall live throughout eternity."

Describing the celebration accorded Dr. McCall by Cuban Baptists, Brother Gartenhaus says that the Baptist Temple was a veritable beehive of activity several days prior to the anniversary. Almost every few minutes a messenger arrived with congratulatory telegrams from all sections of the island.

Long before the time of the celebration, people began to gather until in a short while the spacious and beautiful auditorium of the Temple was filled and it was soon necessary to bring in extra chairs.

Presentation of the anniversary program evolved around the thirty-five years of Dr. McCall's work in Cuba, divided into three periods, each presented by a different speaker.

Relating the beginnings of the work, Dr. R. R. Machado, pastor of Vibora, said that Gospel work was begun in Cuba before Dr. McCall arrived but had been interrupted due to war.

"When Dr. McCall arrived in 1905," Dr. Machado said, "he found hard work awaiting him, with difficulties in abundance, one of them being the learning of a new language. It was a period of re-laying foundations which had been interrupted during the Spanish-American War which closed in 1898."

"This great leader never wavered or halted in his stupendous task," the speaker declared.

In 1905 there were only a few weak, struggling churches in Cuba. Now, after thirty-five years of Dr. McCall's work, there are many strong churches.

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Baptist Temple at Cienfuegos, Cuba
Dr. McCall "worked miracles with the Bottoms Fund"



Group of Cuban Missionaries
These are some who were trained by the "master teacher"

Home Mission Book Shelf

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Saving America to Save the World. Roland Q. Leavell. Fleming H. Revell. \$1.00.

The title of this book is the subject of the first of twelve ringing messages by a man who counts it the highest honor to herald for the Gospel. These sermons, evangelistic in purpose and largely expository in nature, fit directly into the insistent and basic human need of man's heart for something more than bread.

Desert Democracy. Roy L. Smith. The Abingdon Press. \$1.50.

This book deals with what the author conceives to be the experiences of the children of Israel out of which grew their conception of democracy as they traveled from Egypt through the desert, the promised land, captivities on to their re-settlement in Palestine. He discovers that a nation without a living faith dies. When democracy speaks, the souls of men are free at last. The book is worth reading.—N. Y. B.

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And they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word

Above is the picture of the wedding of Gil Villarreal and Eunice Velasco both members of the First Mexican Baptist Church of San Antonio. Since the wedding young Villarreal and bride have gone to Los Angeles to take charge of the business of his uncle. During the last month Brother Antonio Villarreal, the father of Gil, and family have also gone to California to live. This took four from the First Church, a deacon and the pianist. Our prayer is that the Baptists among the constantly changing Mexican population may be faithful in preaching the word.—Mrs. J. I. Moye, missionary to the Mexicans.

Italians Receptive, Interested in Word

A GRACIOUS reception in a number of Italian homes in Thibodaux, La., was recently given to Rev. Lawrence Thibodeaux, French missionary in the community, and Rev. S. A. Condal from the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans.

"There are many Italians in Thibodaux," writes the missionary, "and we are very anxious to reach them with the Gospel."

While visiting over the community, Brother Thibodeaux states that they met the local Roman Catholic priest, who told the visiting preacher that he had no business there. He also informed the missionary that if he didn't leave the people alone he would put him out of business.

Brother Thibodeaux says, however, that several of the Italian families expressed their interest in hearing the Word, and Brother Condal is planning to return for services soon.

"Please pray for us that we may be used of our Lord to win some of the many lost ones in these needy hills," requests Miss Minnie Berry, missionary in Vicco, Ky.

Missionary Testifies As Mothers Seek Aid

THE new work in Baltimore, Md., under the direction of Mrs. George L. Johnson, is encouraging and progressing nicely.

The missionary reports that mothers of the community are seeking her out for various things and she has been given a number of opportunities to testify of God's love. She has worked with the mothers and has also had open discussion with the children.

"God is working and prayer is being answered," Mrs. Johnson states. "All glory and praise to His name."

LIGHT IN DARK HOME

THE experience of a Catholic mother in San Antonio, Texas, is related by Miss Amelia Diaz, worker among the Mexicans there.

"This mother is the fruit of our Mothers' Club. Recently she said, 'All my life I have been a Catholic. This was the religion taught me by my mother. But since you have come I believe Christ is the only Saviour.'"

"The mother has two daughters who are angry because she has accepted Christianity. But she is a real believer and is a light in that home."

April, 1940.

Streamlined Evangelism Wins Tampa

Gospel Carried Into Streets And Parks In Florida City Revival

TERMED by newspapers a "streamlined evangelist," Dr. Roland Q. Leavell carried the Gospel into the streets and parks of Tampa, Fla., as he led twelve churches in a two weeks' revival, ending March 3.

Speaking over public address system, the Home Mission Board's superintendent of evangelism was heard on the streets each day by several hundred Tampangans.

"It was the first time an evangelistic service designed to appeal to office workers during a lunch hour had ever been presented in Tampa," a newspaper commented.

"Sin is evident everywhere," Dr. Leavell said in this first street service as he spoke on Christ in the city. "We see the ravages of crime, gambling and dissipation before us constantly. If a man would take Jesus He would solve all of our crimes, divorces, political corruption and other problems of today."

Dr. Leavell raised the question, "How can a sinful man stand before a righteous God?" His answer was, "The only way he may stand is through Jesus our Saviour."

Large throngs attended two Sunday afternoon services in Plant Park.

Crutcher Heads Committee

The street services and Sunday afternoon park services were sponsored by the Baptist churches of Tampa and the Tampa Ministerial Association, the committee in charge being headed by Dr. George H. Crutcher, pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church.

Other evangelists coming from over the South to assist in the simultaneous campaign were C. L. Hammond, Walter B. Frazier, J. C. Ball, E. D. Solomon, Frank Parrish, Lloyd King, Carl Howell, Tilman Howerton, Paul Goodner, S. K. Entzinger, and Roger M. Hickman.

"It was a very effective campaign," Dr. Leavell stated at the conclusion of the two weeks. "Unusually good meetings were held in several of the churches."

Following the Tampa campaign, Dr.



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Dr. Leavell preaching on a city street.

Leavell was engaged in similar evangelistic work in St. Louis, with forty white churches and many Negro churches cooperating. Dr. S. E. Ewing, general secretary of the St. Louis Association, was general leader of this movement.

Participation in regional conferences on evangelism and stewardship

in Georgia the first week in April will follow the St. Louis revival. Included on these conferences arranged by Dr. James W. Merritt, executive secretary-treasurer of the Georgia Convention, are Dr. Earle V. Pierce, Dr. J. E. Dillard, Dr. W. H. Faust, Dr. Ellis A. Fuller and Dr. R. C. Campbell.

JEWS IN HAVANA

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I told him how I found the Messiah. In a short while some other young peddlers who perhaps thought that

their friend got hold of a millionaire, came over and joined us, and we had a little open air meeting.

When I saw how wretched, helpless and pitiable was the condition of these people, abandoned and neglected as sheep without a shepherd, their souls uncared for, the words pressed heavily upon my heart, "But when He saw the multitudes He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd." Nor is my heart lightened yet, nor can it be until the Lord raises up a witness to this shepherdless flock.

NEW MISSIONARIES

Rev. and Mrs. P. G. Carranza, Deming, N. M.

Rev. Victor Ortiz, Elgin, Texas.

Rev. G. C. Valenzuela, Austin, Tex.

Mrs. Wollforth, New Orleans, La.

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Rev. Pascal Arpaio, Krebs, Okla.

February 23.

Value of Mission Study

Spiritual Results Seen for Whole Church

SOMEONE has said, "Knowledge is power," and another, "Information is the basis of inspiration." Since 1907 we have had courses in mission study as a planned activity in our W. M. U. work. Seven fundamental elements in mission study have remained unchanged: prayer, soul-winning stewardship, history of W. M. U. missionary methods, the study of the missionary message of the Bible, and current missions on home and foreign fields. "That ye may know." (1 John 5:13) has been a fitting motto for our mission study work as we have sought to lead our women and young people to more intelligent prayer for missions and increased gifts to missions.

All through the years we have heard our missionaries emphasize that the study of a mission book caused them to answer the call to go to their field of labor. Henrietta Hall Shuck, our first Baptist woman missionary, attributed her great desire to go as our pioneer to China to the reading of *The Memoirs of Ann Judson*.

As a lad of twelve Basil Lee Lockett would climb up a ladder to the barn loft and read Stanley's *How I Found Livingstone*. Later we see Lockett himself as "A Beloved Physician" in the dark continent of Africa.

Entire Church Studying

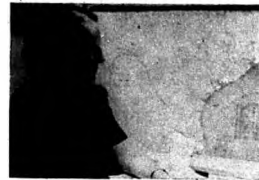
Because of the influence of the reading and studying of our fine mission books the pastors and leaders in our churches are now seeking to teach missions to all of our church family.

Through schools of missions such a plan is being perfected since a school of missions is the whole church, unitedly and during the same period of time, studying missions in graded classes according to a definite plan and program. Through such a plan our adult men, young men, boys and girls, as well as all the women in the church, are enlisted in mission study.

Recently in an association in Texas fifteen churches cooperated in conducting schools of missions and as a result 5,000 people were enlisted in the study of missions during the same week.

A good plan is to alternate the study of Home and Foreign Missions. Many churches will find it impossible to have two schools during the year, so it is well to alternate the study from

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Knowledge ABOUT missions



and prayer FOR missions



will result in practice OF missions

year to year. In the spring, when Home Missions is being stressed in all of the organizations of the church, is an ideal time for a school of Home Missions.

In making a school a success there are several points to consider. First of all, plans must be made several weeks in advance. The pastor is the key to the situation. He will appoint a committee representing all of the organizations of the church. If the W. M. U. has a capable, efficient mission study chairman she should be one of the members of the committee for she will be acquainted with the courses of study, the new mission study books and the best methods for

promoting the work.

Much care should be used in the selection of the teachers. It adds interest to the school and increases attendance if a missionary can be secured. If the school meets every evening for a week, which is an ideal plan, the missionary could be used as guest speaker, or used as teacher and speaker. If the evening meal is served, the missionary and people are drawn closer together by the contacts during this period of fellowship.

Others who are to teach should also be missionary-minded people who love missions and are willing to study and plan in order to present missions challengingly.

Those who are to teach should be given plenty of time to secure all necessary materials for the presentation of the study. Supplementary materials, such as poster sheets, maps, teaching outlines and helps of many kinds can be secured for the text-books from the Home Mission Board.

Emphasis needs to be placed on the advertising of the school. The pastor should announce it from the pulpit each Sunday for some weeks in advance. Departmental superintendents, directors, teachers and leaders should keep it before those whom they teach or lead. Attractive posters can be used to great advantage. Notices should appear in the church bulletin and local daily paper.

Permanent Results Sought

Throughout the school we should remember that we have for our chief aim the presenting of mission work in such a way as to bring results in increased prayer for missions, enlarged gifts for missions and surrendered lives for definite mission work.

The study of missions which brings a knowledge of needs, trials, struggles, life and death on the mission fields, will lead to prayer for the missionary cause. Others will be praying as one junior boy prayed: "Dear Lord, bless the missionaries. Give them food, shelter and rest. Help them win many souls to Christ. And help us, too, dear Lord, never to forget them, their needs and their work."

To get people to act like missionaries, to be missionaries, to practice missions—that is our aim. Knowledge about missions and prayer for missions will result in practice of missions.

NEEDS ILLUSTRATED

A POOR man's death on his field recently indicates the need for the Gospel of the Spanish-Americans in New Mexico, according to Missionary Oscar Hill.

Left by the deceased were four little children and a grown son who did not have the money to give his father a decent burial. The Catholic priest charged one dollar merely to ring the church bell, Brother Hill states.

"The superstition and ignorance of the Word of God is astonishing," concludes the missionary. "I doubt if there is a people in the world that needs the Gospel more than the Spanish-Americans in New Mexico."

NEW MISSIONARY



Rev. Percy Ray

FEELING a definite call for work in rural communities, Rev. Percy Ray, of Myrtle, Miss., has begun mission work in the Pickwick Dam area upon appointment of the Home Mission Board.

Born May 21, 1911, at Chalybeate, Miss., Brother Ray is a graduate of Union University in Jackson, Tenn., and for the past seven years has been in the ministry in his native state. He has helped organize and build seven churches during this period in Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri, and Mississippi.

The new missionary was pastor at Waller, Miss., prior to going to Myrtle, and during both of these pastorate new church buildings were erected at a cost of \$3,600 each. Both these new buildings are now paid for, and have been quoted by one contractor at \$9,000 value.

Brother Ray has expressed his expectation of giving his entire life to rural work, and the Board has appointed him to continue in many communities the type of work he has done so successfully at Myrtle and Waller.

AGED WORKER FAITHFUL IN DAILY WITNESS

THOUGH unable to get about over the city as she formerly did, Miss Mary Kelly, 88-year-old missionary in Christopher, Ill., witnesses faithfully in all her contacts.

"A man came to my house recently wanting to sell me something," writes Miss Kelly. "We talked business, and then when we were through, I asked him if he were a Christian."

"When he said no, I asked if he would read a 'Little Book', which he promised to do before he went to bed that night. I gave him a Gospel of Luke. He seemed so glad and thankful to have it."

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NEW MISSION OPENED

A NEW mission has just been opened in a suburb of Roswell, N. M., by Rev. J. G. Sanchez, Spanish missionary. Around forty are now regularly attending services.

"The mission has services on Tuesday and Friday evenings," writes the missionary, "and we also have preaching on Sunday afternoons."

Plans are being made to organize a Sunday school because so many children attend regularly.

The First Baptist Church and the Spanish Baptist Church of Roswell are cooperating heartily with the new mission. "We hope," Brother Sanchez says, "that in the near future we are going to organize the Second Spanish Baptist Church in Roswell."

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BULLETIN

Forty white churches and a number of Negro churches cooperated in an evangelistic campaign in St. Louis in March under the direction of Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, superintendent of evangelism of the Home Mission Board.

Baptisms on Home Mission fields have totaled 2,500 since April 1, according to Dr. J. W. Beagle, field secretary.

Street and park services marked the recent Tampa, Fla., evangelistic campaign in which twelve churches cooperated under the leadership of Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, superintendent of evangelism of the Home Mission Board.

Do you use these briefs each month in your church bulletin, or in some other way? If so, please tell us about it. A postal card will do.

Officials in the Cherokee Indian reservation at Cherokee, N. C., are maintaining a very friendly attitude to the work of Missionary and Mrs. W. H. Fitzgerald, workers of the Home Mission Board, the officials having requested that there be no athletic functions on Wednesday nights and furnishing conveyance for people to attend services on bad nights.

A Bible class for adult Indians has recently been organized in Santa Fe, N. M., where Miss Pauline Cammack is missionary of the Home Board, this class meeting in the home of a young Indian couple.

Saving America to Save the World, a book of evangelistic sermons by Roland Q. Leavell, has been published by Fleming H. Revell Company.

Because of crop failure around Kenedy, Texas, and the increased use of tractors in farming, many Mexican people are being compelled to seek living elsewhere and are returning to their native country, writes Rev. P. H. Pierson, Home Board missionary, who feels that although this will take many away from his field they will be a blessing to the work wherever they might go.

The Preacher and His Task by Dr. Noble Y. Beall was the textbook used

at the Mexican Workers' Conference held in Bastrop.

One of the greatest campaigns ever had in Colon, Cuba, where Rev. Enrique Pina is Home Board missionary, was held recently with five days of services attended by crowds which filled the church and yard.

Twenty-six members of the church at Cruces, Cuba, served by Rev. Ismael Negrin, missionary of the Home Board, recently received their school teachers' diplomas, at the close of one of the largest classes of that type ever held on the island.

"Papa, come with us to the meeting the devil told you not to come to," said a five-year-old fellow in Colon, Cuba, whereupon the father was so surprised that he decided to go to the services and has continued to go since that time.

Seven former and present students of Acadia Baptist Academy are serving churches in Louisiana.

Thousands have heard the Gospel and several hundred have made profession in recent evangelistic services in Cuba, according to Rev. Herbert Caudill, missionary of the Home Mission Board.

Three young Indians have been converted recently on the Isleta Indian field in New Mexico served by Rev. C. W. Stumph, missionary of the Home Mission Board.

Plans are now being made for the erection of a church building for the new Spanish church organized under the leadership of Rev. Joe R. Madrid, missionary of the Home Mission Board.

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

The Anglo church at Raton, N. M., extended an arm to receive two Spanish converts won by Home Missionary J. B. Parker.

Highly encouraging reports are continually coming in from Baptist churches over the South about schools of missions led by Dr. J. F. Plainfield, superintendent of the Italian work of the Home Mission Board.

Forty-six ministerial students have enrolled for the 1939-1940 session of Acadia Baptist Academy, this being one of the largest ministerial enrollments in the history of the school, of which Dr. Alfred Schwab, missionary of the Home Mission Board, is superintendent.

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McCall's magnificent leadership, there are over fifty churches with about 4,000 members in western Cuba, where Dr. McCall has worked.

Recalling the development of the organizations in the churches, Rev. A. Lopez, pastor at Calbarien, spoke of the Sunday school and its remarkable progress. He described the wonderful work done by the Federation of Young People's organizations. He gave an account of the beginning of the Woman's Missionary Union and its splendid present work.

Members of the various churches represented brought their greetings. The program lasted from 8 p. m. until after 11, but even then there was reluctance on the part of the audience to leave.

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Italian's Death Ends Quarter Century Of Home Mission Work

TWENTY-EIGHT years of missionary service ended on February 23 when death claimed Rev. Pascal Arpalo, Italian worker of the Home Mission Board.

Born in Italy in 1880, Brother Arpalo came to America in 1903. After being educated at Colgate University, Columbia University, and the Bible Training School of New York, he entered the ministry in May, 1912, at the time being appointed by the Home Mission Board for work with the Italians in Tampa, Fla., where he remained until 1917.

Following a short period of work with the American Baptist Home Mission Society, he was re-appointed by the Home Board for mission work in the mining district of McAlister, Alaska, the Italian mission being located at Krela, where the missionary lived until his death.

Brother Arpalo was a resourceful, patient and earnest preacher, and in addition to his own mission work was successful in enlisting the help of volunteer American workers in many centers.

INDIAN BOY CONVERTED

RECENTLY a Choctaw Indian boy in Oklahoma called at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Anton W. Hancock, missionaries of the Home Mission Board, seeking the Lord. He said that he had been troubled at heart for sometime, and that he wanted to know the truth.

Brother Hancock and his wife prayed with the young boy, and he finally gave his heart to the Lord. Proudly he went away rejoicing and carrying the good Book under his arm.

MISSIONARY PLEADS FOR SEVEN HOURS

VISITING in the home of a friend one evening, Rev. C. Hernandez Rios, missionary in Cameron, Texas, began reading the Bible. After reading three hours, the missionary closed the Book and stated that he would leave.

"No, sir," begged the friend, "read and explain a little more, because I am hungry for those things."

The missionary then read and explained, answering questions at intervals, for four hours. The man finally promised to make a public profession and be baptized soon.

"I went to my home, at four o'clock, happy," states Brother Rios.

Sixteen chapels and homes acquired recently by the Home Mission Board for its work in the homeland have been provided by Phil. 4:19, according to Dr. J. W. Beagle, field secretary.

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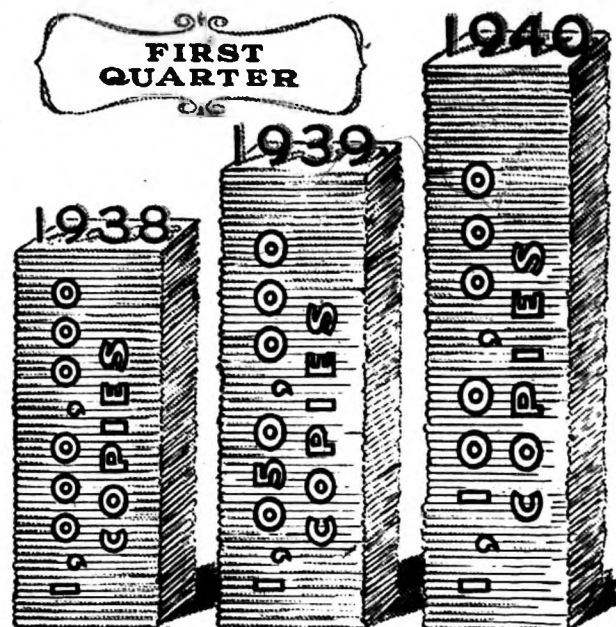
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