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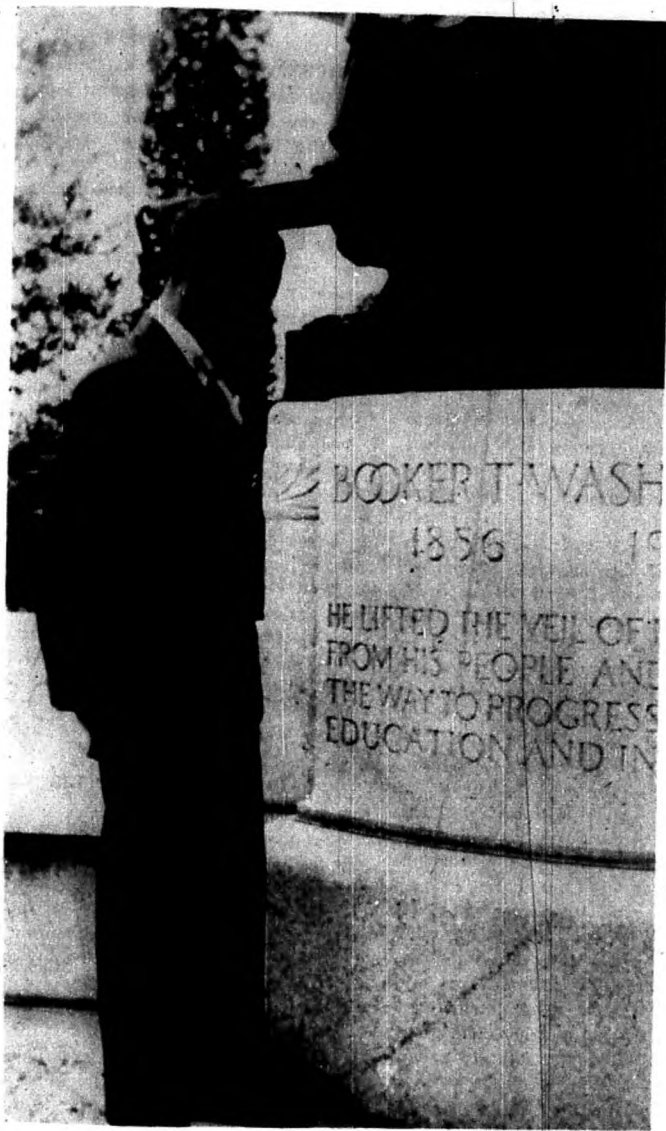
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A student at Tuskegee Institute reads the inscription on the monument to Booker T. Washington who "lifted the veil of darkness from his people."

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Beginning of Missions

THE missionary movement did not begin with Paul at Antioch, but with Jesus Christ who gave Himself for a world's redemption. It began in a home mission movement launched by Christ in the calling of the twelve and the sending out of the seventy, but it is not to stop until it has encompassed the whole earth with the Gospel.

College Credits in Christianity

THE University of Southern California, one of the great institutions of the land, is blazing a new trail in modern education. This institution has decided to give college credit to any student who will study his own church and its background on a college level.

A course entitled, "The Church and Its Program," has been established with a professor chosen from each denomination and approved by church officials and by the University. Students may make the study of some other denomination than their own if they prefer.

This seems to be a step in the right direction. Students in our high schools, colleges and universities have courses on the pagan philosophies, but no course in Christianity. They say that they cannot put the Bible into the school, and therefore cannot put Christianity into the school as taught by the Bible because of the separation of church and state. It seems as if the University of Southern California is finding a way out.

The Kingdom of God

WHEN Jesus spoke of the Kingdom of God He spoke the language of current religious thought in Judea. The prophets had foretold the coming of the Kingdom of God. Jesus tells them that it is now at hand. This message touched a responsive chord in the heart of the nation.

It was a belief in the coming reign of God on the earth, rocked by the storm winds of popular hope that brought the multitudes to the Jordan to hear John, that thrilled the throngs that followed Jesus about in Galilee, and that inspired the early disciples and lent wings to the Gospel. It was the hope of a great common salvation for all people, a belief that the kingdom of God on earth was at last in sight, that inspired the people to flock

in great crowds to hear Jesus and the apostles.

A message of this sort today would be in all the confusion and uncertainty and fear in the modern world be inspiring. Nothing would be more uplifting, encouraging, hope-kindling than the ideology of the kingdom of God as revealed in the New Testament.

Why can we not turn our people's thoughts to the teaching of Jesus about the kingdom of God? Why can we not set our churches to developing in their membership a sample of kingdom life? Here is a great task for missions. Judgment must begin at the house of God.

Catholics and Persecution

CATHOLICS in the United States are attempting in their program of publicity to make the American people think that the Catholic church is the author of religious liberty. History does not bear them out in this claim.

Dean Inge, one of the most brilliant and one of the most noted and scholarly Anglican writers and ministers, has this to say about Romanism: "Catholic Christianity persecutes cruelly whenever it has the power. Its diplomacy is tortuous and dishonest; it has perverted the Gospel beyond recognition; it maintains its influence by bogus miracles, indulgences, and purgatory pick-purses. Like all governments which collect their revenues by false pretenses, it is driven to impede education and to issue a list of prohibited books. It is quite safe to predict that there will never again be a universal empire or a universal church. These twin ideas are utterly antiquated. However, the claims and pretensions of the Catholic Church are as persistent as ever: the whole world is the patrimony of Peter; no other churches have a right to exist; they are rebels and their priests and ministers are laymen. The Roman Catholic Church has a monopoly on grace; no non-Catholic can hope to escape eternal damnation."

We do well in the United States to watch the Catholic Church, for that church in all of its history has never believed in religious liberty as we believe in it. The only religious liberty the Catholic hierarchy believes in is liberty to be a Catholic.

Rationalizing Selfishness

WE live in a day of alibies and evasions. We have much to say about our lack of individual responsibility for denominational acts, and we talk much about extravagance and negligence and all that. But it might be a shock to our own souls, if we had the courage to face the naked facts, in the discovery that all this talk is simply a rationalization of our own selfishness.

More Drinking

THOSE who asked for the repeal of the eighteenth amendment told us that the amendment was responsible for the increase in drinking, which supposed increase, by the way, was only a figment of political imagination.

We have had several years now under repeal, and in the place of decreasing, drinking has increased. The per capita consumption of alcoholic liquors increased from 1.69 gallons in 1933 to 14.30 gallons in 1938.

It is estimated that three times as many women and girls work in taverns and bars as there are women students in the public universities, colleges and teachers' normal schools in the country. There has been a 300 per cent increase in the number of women arrested for drunkenness.

Woe be unto the man that places the cup of strong drink to his neighbor's lips! The people called Baptists should use every influence at their command and every opportunity given to vote against the licensed liquor traffic.

Objective of Missions

THE missionary movement in its final meaning sets before us the task of actualizing on the earth Christ's vision of the kingdom of God in which all people, conscious of their relation to God and to one another, live together in brotherly love. Thus conceived, missions is profoundly more significant than many of the members of our churches have realized.

Our ultimate task is the creation of a Christlike social order. Sending out missionaries is only the means to that end. Every province of our thinking, every area of our social attitude and conduct, every region of the relation of industries, classes, races, and nations to each other must be brought under the influence of Christ.

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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EDITORIAL

THERE are four houses that symbolize the four pillars of civilization. These houses are the dwelling house, the state house, the church house, and the school house. The dwelling house symbolizes the home, the pillar of social security. The state house symbolizes government, the pillar of national security. The church house symbolizes religion, the pillar of moral and spiritual security. The school house symbolizes education, the pillar of intellectual security.

All four of these pillars must stand up together. The structure of national life is insecure if any one of these pillars fall. The social order, to be right and righteous, must have good homes, good government, good religion, and good schools. The individual must have these things. We cannot grow the right sort of men and women unless we have the right sort of atmosphere to grow them in. The right sort of homes, churches, government and schools are necessary to create an atmosphere and furnish the facilities for growing great and good men.

Civilization roots here. The progress of the race roots here. Each generation packs into these four symbolic houses—into its home life, into the form and character of its government, into the purity and spiritual power of its religion, and into the character of its educational system—what it has produced and hands it on to the next generation. On and on, from generation to generation, the race accumulates what each generation has produced. If the things produced are good, the race advances; if bad, the race falls back.

It has been said that men cannot live the "good life" under a bad system. This may be true when we think of men's lives in the aggregate, of the social order; it is not only shallow, but it is also false to think that a "good order" can be established by bad men. The development of good men is necessary to the development of a good order. The two must go together. If we are to have good homes, good government, good churches, good schools, we must have good men, and men to be good must be rightly related to God. Disaster will inevitably overtake us if we

lose living contact with God through Jesus Christ. Our Home Mission work looks to and makes for the establishment of the pillars of civilization.

Germany Running True To Form

THE disturber in world affairs today is Germany, but Germany is only running true to form. About a hundred years ago higher criticism originated in the universities of Germany and the scholarship of that country gave itself to the task of discounting the integrity of the Bible. The Bible was rejected as a divine book. It was not even accepted as an historically accurate record, but was considered only a collection of folklore stories and valuable simply as revealing one of the steps in evolution of the race as it progressed in its upward climb intellectually.

Concurrent with this rejection of the Bible new philosophies were developed which were antagonistic to the philosophy of Christianity. The people of Germany have been bred and brought up on these atheistic, paganistic and communistic ideas. We could not expect, therefore, anything else from Germany except what we now have. The race that forgets God becomes a menace to the peace, progress and prosperity of the world. Germany is only running true to form.

We must not forget, however, that America is headed in the same direction. President McGiffert, of Union Theological Seminary, said last year: "We have learned not to think of the Bible as the final infallible authority, and have come to see that there is no divine authority and that we need none." Dr. Lorraine Boettner, in his book *The Inspiration of the Scriptures*, states: "Perhaps no event in recent church history has been more amazing than the swing away from faith in the authority of the Scriptures on the part of large portions of Protestantism." Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, declared in a recent address to the board of trustees of that university: "So far as religious instruction is concerned, the tax-supported school is on the side of that part of our population which is pagan and believes in no religion whatever." If we would save America we must Christianize it.

What Is the Chief Business Of the Home Mission Board?



Q. What is the chief business of the Home Mission Board? R. P. T.

A. Making and baptizing disciples on fields of mission need in the homeland, in Cuba, and in Panama, and developing these converts in their church life is the task of the Home Mission Board. Above, Missionary C. F. Frazier is baptizing converts in Arizona.

Q. How many teacher-missionaries does the Home Mission Board now have employed in Negro colleges? R. L. P.

A. There are twenty such teacher-missionaries offering courses in Bible, religion, and related subjects, to students in Negro schools.

Q. Is the work of Home Missions included in the task of the local church? D. M. N.

A. No, because the work of the Home Mission Board is on fields and among people not reached by local churches.

Q. Are the Cuban people responding to the Gospel message of the missionaries? O. R. E.

A. Dr. McCall reports that the congregations are larger throughout the island and that baptisms increased last year nearly 30%. New churches are being organized every year.

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, 118 Red Rock Building, Atlanta, Ga. Please enclose \$1 for reply.

Q. In how many Negro colleges does the Home Mission Board have teacher-missionaries? C. E. B.

A. The twenty teacher-missionaries are at work on eighteen campuses in eleven states.

Q. What is the extent of Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus' work? M. S.

A. The work of Brother Gartenhaus must of necessity be different from other mission work of the Board since most of the missionaries are stationed in definite centers from which they work. On the contrary, Brother Gartenhaus' activities include the entire Convention. Obviously his territory is too great for any one man, and in consequence he must spend most of his time in enlisting the local churches in the work of Jewish evangelization.

Q. What is the Home Mission Board's plan of work among the Negroes? M. D. J.

A. The Home Board has a significant program of Negro ministerial education by which it is hoped that future leaders of the race will be trained in the colleges under the influence of teacher-missionaries. Below is a pre-med student in Tuskegee Institute whose life is being influenced by the Home Mission Board's teacher-missionary, Rev. C. W. Kelly.



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Soul-Winning Triumphs

HOME BOARD REPORT TO BE GIVEN AT BALTIMORE, RECORDS GREAT YEAR IN EVANGELISM

EVANGELISM on every field has marked the work of the Home Mission Board the past year, as will be noted from the annual report to be presented to the Southern Baptist Convention in Baltimore June 12.

More than 8,000 were led to Christ by home missionaries, while 3,062 were baptized. A total of 32,221 sermons were delivered by the missionaries in the 821 churches and mission stations. Bibles and scripture portions distributed totaled 40,362, while tracts handed out numbered 660,847.

"Christ for our country is the solution for our problems," says Dr. J. B. Lawrence in striking the keynote of the report. "We must make the religion of Jesus triumphant at home if we would make it triumphant abroad. We must show that the gospel of Jesus Christ can solve the problems of the modern world by solving those problems here at home."

(Citing from the statistical summary, Dr. Lawrence points out that the Home Mission Board now has 411 missionaries working in 863 mission stations. During the year 40 missionaries, 93 mission stations and 14 pieces of property were added. Receipts totaled \$544,289.04, and \$159,585.15 was paid on the principal of the debt.

Steady Increase in Baptisms

Calling attention to the steady increase in baptisms throughout the South from 191,993 in 1935 to 269,155 in 1939, Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, superintendent, says that "the department of evangelism of the Home Mission Board is happy in the privilege of having had any part in these widespread evangelistic victories."

The evangelistic leader predicts that the time will soon come "when Southern Baptists will win to Christ and baptize a half million or more persons every year."

Continuing, Dr. Leavell states that in the past year he has engaged in six city-wide simultaneous evangelistic campaigns, in Louisville, Richmond, Little Rock, Tampa, St. Louis, and Knoxville, in which 211 churches participated.

His evangelistic activities also included associational and state centers,

Home Mission Board Receipts in 1939

Cooperative Program	\$233,840.32
General Designated	27,121.44
Annie Armstrong	
Offering	149,968.59
Special Designated	10,115.34
Hundred Thousand	
Club	47,236.93
Bottoms Trust Fund	45,632.08
Miscellaneous	30,824.34
TOTAL	\$544,289.04
Total in 1938	\$513,841.80
Increase (5.9%)	\$ 30,447.24

ences, as well as a series of similar engagements in Northern Baptist seminaries.

"While all our centers of activity are also centers of evangelism," Dr.

M. N. McCall reports in the section on Cuban missions, "special efforts have been frequent."

The superintendent of Cuban work mentions a special campaign in the winter (see *Southern Baptist Home Missions* for May, p. 61), in which approximately 75,000 heard the message and nearly 1,800 signed decision cards.

Six properties were acquired during the year through the Bottoms Trust Fund, Dr. McCall points out. "Advantageous purchases were made in Taguayabon, Ranchuelo and Palmira. A pastor's home was built in Cardenas. In Calhoun a church building is being constructed. Extensive improvements were made on the church building at Colon. The total cost of all these improvements made during the year has been approximately \$20,000."

Over the radio Cuban missionaries have proclaimed the gospel regularly in five cities, and arrangements have been completed recently by which an early morning service in Havana goes out over eight stations which cover the entire island.

"Twenty-one new missionaries have been appointed, either to enter new

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Asked why he had come, he said, "I have been a Christian two years and I missed one service. I want you and the church to forgive me."

Proving God

A Choctaw Christian in Oklahoma had had a great deal of sickness in his family and his wife was ill for months before she died in a hospital. A carpenter by trade, the Indian was out of work for a long time and had no money. On several occasions the church had helped him get food and medicine.

A few days after his wife had been buried, he came to the missionary, Rev. A. Worthington, and said, "I have some money I want to give the church."

"Sam, where did you get this money?" Brother Worthington asked.

"I got three days' work to do this week," he said, "and this is my tithe."

Faith Justified

When Willie King, zealously foolish Creek Christian, of Oklahoma, loaded his earthly possessions and his family into an automobile and set out for the distant Florida Everglades, like Jonah of old, he went out to declare God's love to a sinful people.

A hopeless, thankless, and certainly-to-be fruitless task was this one-man crusade of the indomitable Indian preacher.

The run-away, defiant, unconquered Seminoles, had clearly demonstrated that they would have nothing that came from the white man, even though it might be brought indirectly by another red man. The white man's ways, especially the white man's religion, were taboo in the camps of the Seminoles in the Florida swamps.

Many missionaries had gone into the Everglades with the Gospel. All had failed. Without stopping to take counsel of reason which would have proved the uselessness of his foolhardy mission, Willie King, hearing only the insistent call of God, thrust



Rev. Willie King
He thrust his life into the swamp homes of the Seminoles.

his life into the swamp homes of the Seminoles.

The result and justification of his faith is attested by the fact that the Seminole Baptist Church is the only church of any denomination in the Everglades of Florida.

Writing It On The Skies

"For months," says Rev. G. Lee Phelps, who was missionary for over thirty years to the Indians, in telling of his call to the ministry, "I recoiled from the thought of becoming a preacher. At times I determined that I would not be.

"A little boy was born in our home, and we named him Paul. I said, 'Lord, here is your preacher; I will raise him up and educate him, and he can become a real preacher to be proud of.'

"Seventeen months later I held little Paul in my arms while he succumbed, a victim of membranous croup. The Lord seemed to say to me, 'No one can do your work.'

"A short time later I received a letter from a man I did not know, who informed me that the Dixon Baptist Association had designated me as a missionary for a period of thirty days at one dollar a day, and that if my work was satisfactory they might employ me longer.

"If the Lord had written it on the skies, it could not have meant more to me. I accepted the offer to become a missionary to serve four counties in Missouri for thirty days. The thirty days grew into seven years' service, and from that day I have never doubted that the Lord called me to preach His Gospel."

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Left: Dr. J. B. Lawrence confers with a pastor in Home Mission convention exhibit. Below: Two missionaries in the same popular place.



Evangelism Will Feature Home Mission Hour

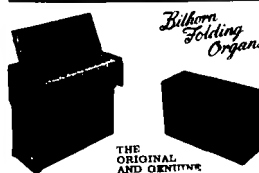
Baltimore meeting will hear thrilling
soul-winning record from Board workers

IN a convention program featuring evangelism, Dr. J. B. Lawrence hopes that Home Mission Board night on Wednesday, June 12, will set the spiritual tempo for a great week at Baltimore as Baptist hosts gather for the ninety-fifth annual session.

Leading off on the opening night, the Home Mission panorama will strike soul-winning as a keynote in a glorious display of spiritual victories from Cuba to the mountains, and from the streets of Baltimore to the adobe villages of Arizona.

"Soul-winning is the main business of the Home Mission Board," said Dr. Lawrence in discussing Baltimore plans. "Our missionaries have had their greatest year in leading people to Christ, even as Southern Baptists have set a record in baptizing converts.

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In the Bible

(This is the second of three Scripture studies by the professor of Old Testament interpretation in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.)

Home Missions In The Struggles And Sometimes Failures Of A Nation

2 Chronicles 30:10-12; 34:14-21; 34:29-33.

After the death of Solomon the kingdom of Israel split and both kingdoms started on a steady and sure decline. The Word of Jehovah largely was neglected and forgotten. During those years many attempts were made to bring about reforms and returns to the revealed Word of God.

During the preaching of the Isaiah group of prophets reforms were attempted by King Hezekiah. In large measure he succeeded because the leaders and the people heeded and returned to the Word of Jehovah, 2 Chronicles 30:12. For the time being the nation was saved.

But during the preaching of the Jeremiah group, a copy of the lost Bible (Book of the Law) was found and brought to King Josiah. In dismay he attempted a reform patterned somewhat after the reform under Hezekiah. The effort miserably failed. The people, steeped in sin, refused to return to the word of Jehovah, and to live by its teachings. On the contrary they continued in their course of sin, failed as a nation and were carried away into captivity. Such is the inevitable fate of a people that neglects or rejects the Word of Jehovah and vital religion!

B. A. Copass

Anxiousness to Learn Of Baptist Organization Evident at Fine Institute

IN a recent institute conducted by Rev. B. L. Marchant, Home Board teacher-missionary at Arkansas Baptist College, eighty per cent of the pastors enrolled could be considered in the underprivileged group.

"It was amazing to note how little all knew about the organization of the Baptist church and yet how very anxious they were to know," comments Brother Marchant, in describing the conference with representatives of twenty-two churches, including deacons and women missionary workers as well as pastors.

"Naturally all the deacons showed that they had had no training and but little contact. In this particular district considerable friction had existed between the pastor and deacons which resulted in hampering the work. Those present expressed the confidence that the whole district would benefit by the conference.

Problems discussed during the day, according to Brother Marchant, included the relation of the deacon to the

pastor, how to maintain interest in the missionary society, God's method of financing his church, and how to get rid of the pastor without a fuss.

"The conference was so well accepted," Brother Marchant concludes, "that I have been invited to address the district convention and to conduct an institute this summer."

WORKER LIFTS STUDENT TO BETTER OUTLOOK

A CHANGED attitude in one of his students will make a useful Christian of him, in the opinion of Rev. M. S. Gordon, teacher-missionary at Friendship College.

"His outlook on life could best be described as rotten," according to this Home Board worker in the South Carolina college.

In a personal talk with the young man, the teacher-missionary was able to discover what he calls the "right spot" and to lead the student to a better outlook.

"Today he is a changed man," says Brother Gordon, "and I believe he is well on the road to a useful life. I shall watch and aid him in his religious development, for I think I see a useful Christian in him."



Rev. A. Pucciarelli distributing Bibles

BIBLE BRINGS PEACE TO ITALIAN HOME

By A. PUCCIARELLI

ALMOST a year ago by request I sent a Bible to Sam Gambino, Detroit, Mich. His wife was before her marriage a member of our Italian church in Birmingham, and it was she who sent the request.

A few weeks ago I received a communication from Mrs. Gambino saying that her husband reads the Bible every day and has given his heart to God. He has been baptized. The wife says that they both thank God with all their hearts for the wonderful peace that has come into their home.

She adds, "Both our little children are learning to sing church songs, and they never go to the table without asking God's blessing."

CHRISTIAN ATMOSPHERE PERVADES CAMPUS

ONE of the most thrilling experiences of the year to Rev. Robert L. Holley, teacher-missionary at Florida Memorial College, was when a teacher professed Christ.

"I am now willing to accept Christ," said the college graduate. "I have never had the gospel explained to me in that way."

The teacher-missionary adds that the whole atmosphere on his campus has changed toward Christianity. "Teachers and students have a different attitude toward religion," says Brother Holley.

Twenty student preachers and nine pastors are enrolled in the courses offered in the Florida school by the Home Board worker. Pastors are continually requesting the missionary to go on with his work.

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Spiritual Guidance for Negro Youth

An Interview with Dr. George Kelsey, teacher-missionary, Morehouse College.



Dr. Kelsey, left, in conference with a Morehouse student.

IN giving spiritual guidance both in class and in private conference to students at Morehouse College (said Dr. Kelsey), the greatest problem is intellectual, for we are dealing in the main with the adjustment of religious ideas to ideas received from a secular source.

Most of our students are thoroughly religious in their background, having come to us from Christian homes, and our main problem therefore is not to introduce them to religion but to help them understand religion and to make it intelligible for themselves.

As a result the questions raised in my classes conducted at Morehouse as a teacher-missionary of the Home Mission Board indicate a frank and honest attempt at a correct appraisal of the meaning and practical value of religion in everyday life.

For instance, one young man, a freshman, came to me early in the year with serious questions about the call to the ministry. What is a call? how does one know? were the questions which were causing him pain.

He had heard preacher after preacher tell about great cataclysmic experiences which they termed "calls," until he expected to be knocked down as was Paul on the Damascus road.

After having been assured that one may more gradually and quietly reach the conclusion that he should give his full life to the cause of Christianity, he now has full confidence of his call and his pain has been eased.

This young man is excellent in personality, intelligence, and ability. Although this is his first year in college, he is on the honor roll and stands second or third in his class. He is a

Religion Must Be Practical to Meet Student Demands, Says Educator.

is the church—its meaning, its function? What can the church contribute to us as college students? What can we as college students contribute to the church? How can we make religion real in our lives? How should we treat our brothers?

These are the questions of young men who, though from religious backgrounds, are honestly seeking the truth about religion. They are earnest inquirers trying to adjust themselves to life.

Students in my classes have reached the conclusion that they must follow the New Testament as expressed in all the concrete areas of life, that no talk about religion that does not affect conduct is really religious, that religious activity is born of inner attitudes. To them, religion is different from the meeting house variety with its long prayers and pious logic, for to be real it must get a man out of the gutter and find expression in conduct.

We are glad to note, both in the thirty-five ministerial students and in the 390 other young men at Morehouse, a general awakening and response to religion, born probably principally out of a new respect for its representatives. It has helped them to find here that respectability does go with religion and that the crude expressions in their home communities were not the whole of it.

They are encouraged to take the responsibility of lay leadership, having realized through our teaching their responsibility to go out and lend their intelligence and ability to the spiritual uplift of their communities. To accomplish this attitude in the lives of students is indeed the aim of our work at Morehouse.



This student writes his examination in Dr. Kelsey's campus home

RECONSECRATION DAY HELD ON CAMPUS

THE greatest spiritual experience of the year to Rev. Wm. R. Strassner, teacher-missionary at Bishop College, was the week of prayer, when 236 students and faculty members made vows of reconsecration.

On the third and closing day when the opportunity was given for rededication for the Christian life, students and faculty members filed past the pulpit and signed their names in a record book provided for the purpose, as evidence of personal rededication.

So evident was the Spirit's power on this closing day, according to Brother Strassner, that students who were confined to their beds because of illness requested that the book of rededication be sent to their rooms for their signatures. Classes for that afternoon were dismissed.

"I had never seen or heard of such an experience on a college campus in modern times," says the teacher-missionary.

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SOUL-WINNING TRIUMPHS

fields or to fill vacancies," writes Dr. J. W. Beagle in his report of missions in the homeland. "The workers are caring for the work in 663 churches or mission stations regularly. These fields report 16,291 church members; 18 new churches constituted; 77 new mission stations opened; 223 revival meetings conducted; 28,436 persons contacted in personal work; 5,829 converts; 2,625 baptisms; and 863 added by letter or restoration."

Breaking the work in the homeland into sections, Dr. Beagle summarizes the progress among the foreign speaking groups, including Spanish, Mexican, French, Italian, and Chinese; the deaf, the Indians, and in the mountains and cities.

"During the past year," Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus comments, "we have seen the greatest ingathering of Jewish souls ever witnessed. From all parts of the Southland letters have been pouring in telling the joyful news of Jewish friends turning to Christ. One letter tells of three in a family who have found the Saviour; another tells of a Jewess, for whom much prayer had been offered up for a number of

years, making a public profession." Encouraging also has been the increasing demands for literature. Brother Gartenhaus points out, these requests having come both from Christians and Jewish friends. A word of appreciation is added for "the ever increasing number of friends of Israel who have given unstintingly of their time."

One hundred loyal Baptists have agreed to serve as "Approved Mission Teachers," Dr. Noble Y. Beall indicates in the section on missionary education.

"The Board will cooperate with all agencies of Southern Baptists in training schools and mission study in teaching Home Missions, stewardship, and evangelism," the report explains. "It will not duplicate but supplement the missionary educational efforts of other organizations."

Several thousand were enrolled in all types of classes on and off the campuses in the work of twenty-one teacher-missionaries, says Dr. Beall of the cooperative work with Negroes. One of the chief accomplishments of these men, he adds, "is in directing the student activities of more than

9,000 students enrolled in the schools where they teach."

Citing the fact that *Southern Baptist Home Missions* through twelve issues last year had a total circulation of 431,600 and that over 70,000 books and multiplied thousands of tracts were distributed at no production cost to the Board, the report on publicity states that "revenue from the sale of books, subscriptions to the magazine, and advertising in the magazine fully met the manufacturing costs of this great bulk of printed matter."

"It is a significant accomplishment," the report continues, "when a south-wide agency with an annual mission budget of a half million dollars can carry on a persistent publicity campaign through eighteen states without incurring any expense for the printing and mailing of its great volume of literature."

A B. S. U. has recently been organized on the campus of the Virginia Theological Seminary and College, where Rev. Finis Hugo Austin is the Home Mission Board's teacher-missionary.

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Aged Institute Student Ambitious to Prepare For Kingdom Service

By A. WALTER WILLIAMS
Teacher-Missionary, Jackson College.

RECENTLY I was invited to conduct an institute at Bolton for the ministers of the town and vicinity. Included in the enrollment was an old preacher above sixty years of age who was unable to read the Bible except for a few passages which seemingly he had committed.

Although his condition was to be pitied, he was one of the most ambitious members of the group. He attended on the first day of the institute and was present every evening and on time.

This minister is not a pastor, but he said that he is going to buy books and continue his studies so that when the opportunity comes for him to take charge of a church, he will be prepared for it.

As I attempted to teach him, there came to my mind the wish that the same zeal might take possession of the entire group. If our young ministers in larger numbers would make use of the opportunities they have to prepare themselves for service, the day would soon come when our churches would be able to carry on a more effective campaign against Satan and his hosts.

GENUINE REVIVAL SWEEPS MEXICAN CHURCH

A RECENT revival in the Mexican Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, in which Missionary Matias C. Garcia of San Antonio preached, brought forty into the church by baptism and six by letter, according to Rev. I. E. Gonzalez, missionary at Austin.

There were a total of forty-eight professions, the report shows.

Writing to Dr. J. W. Beagle about the meeting, Brother Garcia highly praises the work of the pastor-missionary, and says that all organizations of the church cooperated in a great way.

At an institute in B. T. U. work conducted by Dr. B. L. Marchant, teacher-missionary at Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, Ark., sixty-one were enrolled and fifty-two received certificates. Four of the Negro churches in Little Rock had students enrolled.

SINGING THREE WAYS

SINGING in three languages at one time! It works! writes Mrs. M. Helen Johnson, Home Board worker in Baltimore, Md. The missionary places a Russian songbook, a Polish one, and an English one in the hands of the respective persons and together they sing each in her own language.

"It's not so bad," states Mrs. Johnson. "We all get the message in our tongue. The Gospel services are a blessing."

CUBAN MISSION SHOWS PROMISING GROWTH

WHEN members of the Baptist church at Colon, Cuba, where Rev. Enrique Pina is missionary, last year became interested in the work of a nearby town, Jovellanos, a house was rented and services begun.

Interest in the mission grew, attendance increased, and visitors were converted to Christ.

A year later the first seven were

baptized after having been instructed and after they had given fruits of their conversion.

Recently a Sunday school has been started and attendance has been good. In the near future the mission will be organized into a church.

POLISH WOMAN TESTIFIES TO ANSWERED PRAYER

A DEFINITE answer to prayer has been realized by Mrs. M. Helen Johnson, worker in Baltimore, Md.

Since last fall the missionary has been assisting a Catholic woman on her field to locate and bring her granddaughter over to this country from Poland.

In a most remarkable way the prayers have been answered. The granddaughter landed in New York recently.

The grandmother, who had been refused time or aid by priests, found in the missionary friendship and counsel. She has testified to answered prayer in front of reporters, has taken a New Testament which Mrs. Johnson has given her, and is slowly reading portions.

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Home Mission Book Shelf

Understanding Our Neighbors. R. B. Eleaser. Commission of Interracial Cooperation. 32 pages. 10c.

This little volume is packed with information prepared for the use of parents, teachers, study groups, young people's societies, speakers, program leaders, and others interested in America's major race problem. Among the subjects treated are racial origins, African environment and culture, the Negro's part in American life and history, the problems incident to his presence here, and the common fallacies and fears which complicate the interracial situation. A comprehensive survey in brief compass and popular form, meant to present facts rather than opinions, and to stimulate inquiry rather than to state conclusions.

Bible Study Work Books. Adelaide Khodier. Chattanooga, Tenn. Two volumes, 30c each.

These two handbooks for Bible teaching aim at filling a vital need in the public school — a renewed emphasis on the Bible in the classroom. Approved by the Chattanooga public school Bible study committee and by Baptist pastors in the city, these guide books would be helpful in any survey of the Bible and especially in vacation Bible schools.

Highland Shepherds. Arthur Wentworth Hewitt. Willett Clark & Co. 246 pages. \$2.

This book is a gold mine of wholesome common sense, New Testament religion, wit and wisdom about every phase of the pastor's task. It is something of a combination of Horne's *Romance of Preaching*, Broadus' *Preparation and Delivery of Sermons*, DeBols' *Problems of the Modern Minister*, and a whole seminary course in pastoral efficiency. Preachers, young and old, rural and urban, will be blessed by reading it.—R. Q. L.

Assurance of Divine Fellowship. Clyde L. Breland. Broadman Press. \$1.50.

These essays are a devotional commentary of the First Epistle of John. The author's aim is to present the truths which are in the Epistle in such form as to make them understandable and interesting. All questions of higher criticism have been left out of his writings. The book is divided into twelve perfectly logical chapters. The narratives are rich in spiritual insight and heart applications.—N. Y. B.

Product of Home Missions



MEET Miss June Thompson, of Baltimore, age three years and four months.

Her smiling face and beautiful voice are a real asset to the Good Will Center, according to Miss Hazel Robb, missionary.

She sings the names of the books of the Bible right through without a mistake or a hesitation. She knows fifteen choruses. Also she has memorized Psalm 23 and other verses.

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Her mother, won at the mission, is also a singer who now uses her voice as a volunteer worker in the Good Will Center.

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This Nation Under God. Arthur E. Holt. Willett, Clark and Co. \$2.00.

This publication of the Rauschenbusch lectures in 1938 at Colgate by Dr. Holt, is an earnest, scholarly study of the application of Christian principles to social problems. With deep appreciation of democracy as a way of life, and of Christianity as a right principle of life, he pleads for a spiritual outlook and social justice in a stimulating and thought-provoking statement.—B.M.C.

Poster Contest Rules
Given Y. W. A. Members
By Home Mission Board

THE Home Mission Board has announced a poster contest open to all Y. W. A. members. The rules, as agreed upon by Miss Juliette Mather, south-wide W. M. U. young people's leader, and Joe W. Burton, publicity secretary of the Home Mission Board, are as follows:

- (1) The poster shall illustrate the theme of the 1941 March Week of Prayer for Home Missions: "I am debtor. Am I ready?" (Rom. 1:14-15) or the theme of the week of prayer preparatory book, *The Trail of Seed*.

It is to be noted that the theme is to be applied to Home Missions, the verses from Romans suggesting the Christian's responsibility to the groups on Home Mission fields and questioning his readiness to meet this obligation. The poster should illustrate our obligations to Home Mission needs and our readiness to meet them.

The preparatory study *The Trail of Seed* to be written by Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, will cover particularly the work which has been done in the past decade with special emphasis on the present program among hungry and forgotten peoples in the homeland, and the unfinished task of Home Missions.

In illustrating this theme the words, "The Trail of Seed" by Una Roberts Lawrence, and no others, should appear on the poster, since the winning design may be used as a cover for the book.

Contestants may select either one of these two themes.

- (2) Posters will be judged on a basis of:

(a) Home Mission message	75%
(b) Attractiveness	15%
(c) Technique	10%
 - (3) Posters may be made in any three colors, the background being considered one color. Whatever colors are used, a black and white drawing of the same size as the poster must also be submitted.
 - (4) The drawing shall be on the regular poster size cardboard, 22 by 28 inches.
 - (5) Each poster submitted shall become the property of the Home Mission Board, to be used in any way, according to the discretion of the Board.
 - (6) Posters must reach the office of the Home Mission Board, 315 Bell Street Building, Atlanta, Georgia, by October 1, 1940.
 - (7) Two awards will be given by the Home Mission Board: \$15 for the winning design; and \$10 for the second best.
- The decision of the judges will be final.

June, 1940.



Rev. Bert Caldwell

MULE BACK TO
SCHOOL BUS

An Era of Advancement
In Mountain County

By J. W. BEAGLE

Below in the Sandy Hook congregation at the anniversary services.



TWENTY-FOUR years ago I rode a mule from Morehead to Sandy Hook, the county seat of Elliott County, Kentucky, on a thirty mile trip which the writer will never forget.

The purpose of going to Sandy Hook was to see about the possibilities of opening mission work in this county that did not have a missionary Baptist church, yet its population was nearly 10,000.

Very little encouragement was given at that time to enter this important but neglected field. Twenty-one years later the Home Mission Board became interested in this field, and after another year, on April 28, 1938, the writer was present at the dedication of the new Philipian 4:19 chapel at Sandy Hook.

Even though the membership at that time was only eleven, the Lord was evidently directing in this matter, for the chapel was built without any aid from the Home Mission Board or any public appeal being made for funds. Yet, the chapel costing \$1,200 was dedicated free from debt.

On June 1, 1938, the Board appointed Rev. and Mrs. Bert Caldwell as missionaries to Elliott County, Kentucky. In the first service that Brother Caldwell conducted, there

were only eleven people present.

On April 28, 1940, I visited Brother Caldwell, the occasion being the second anniversary of the building in Sandy Hook.

The little chapel was so crowded by the 157 people present in the morn-

The following is from the *Elliott County Times* in regard to the anniversary service at Sandy Hook.

"They are hoping for the largest attendance on this anniversary day, for the two-fold purpose of doing honor to the church and to Doctor Beagle for his kindness and generosity."

"The Baptists are making a jubilee celebration of the day. To the oldest man and the oldest woman present at the Sunday meeting a Bible will be presented. The largest entire family present will receive a present of a Bible, and the person who brings the greatest number of new members will also receive a Bible as a gift."

A family of eleven was given the Bible for the largest entire household present.

ing service that they could not form into classes for the Sunday school period. It was quite evident that the chapel was inadequate to care for the work, so a movement was launched to enlarge the building.

Brother Caldwell has three mission points—Brown's School, Newfoundland and Vencil School—all on the highway.

The people from these points are brought each Sunday morning by a large school bus to Sandy Hook for Sunday school and church. It was an inspiring sight to see forty-four people, young and old, coming to church on a bus.

This bus costs the church \$2.50 each Sunday. They are planning in the near future to have another bus go into a different section each Sunday morning to bring others to worship.

The writer was so elated over the attendance and the offering of \$16.70 that he encouraged the enlargement of the present building at the earliest possible date.

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Search for an Anchor

THE story of a young Jewish teacher who was seeking some anchor in life was described to me in a recent letter from a Christian friend in Maryland.

The writer of the letter had made the acquaintance of the young Jew about three years ago. Very intelligent and alert, with a most attractive personality, he was well thought of, a tireless reader, and well informed. Though from a strictly orthodox Jewish family, he himself seemed to have little interest in their faith; to him the traditions of his people were archaic, meaningless and empty, without purpose or hope.

It was while at college that he threw overboard all of these customs and with them whatever faith was instilled in him, which left him dissatisfied and broken in spirit.

Drifts Aimlessly

Like so many others of his own people whose number is legion he was drifting aimlessly about on the sea of life, wondering if there was anything left in life for him. He had been trying to forget his unhappiness by keeping his mind occupied. Christianity to him had no attraction whatever, judging from his experiences from childhood with his so-called Christian associates who persecuted and shunned him, excluding him from all their activities, for no reason at all except that he happened to be a Jew.

This friend writes that notwithstanding all this he bore no hatred for those people, that now he looked upon it all very philosophically. Unfortunately for him, his present environment was likewise unchristian. All about him there was Sabbath violation, drunkenness, immorality.

But the good Lord always raises up a faithful witness who does not allow His light to go out entirely. In this instance it was the Christian friend who wrote me the letter asking for advice in dealing further with this young man. Already she had had a number of conversations with him and seemed to be encouraged about him.

She wanted to know if I ever came to Washington or Maryland, that her Jewish friend wanted to make the acquaintance of one of his own who believed what she does and could explain it to him from the Jewish standpoint.

You can imagine how happy I was to be able to inform this friend that within a week's time I would be in both Washington and Baltimore, and that I would be delighted to meet her friend in either city. A reply came back immediately that she was thrilled beyond words to know that I was coming and that both she and the young man would meet me in Washington Sunday afternoon.

By
JACOB GARTENHAUS

Upon my return to the hotel Sunday afternoon these friends were waiting for me in the lobby.

I found the young man to be everything his friend had described him. He was really anxious to find an anchor on which to fasten his hopes. We spent the entire afternoon together and then had supper, after which we all went to church. Many things were discussed. Like so many others he was much concerned about the fate of our people in the present persecution in Europe which is fast spreading over the world and about the growing anti-Semitism in our own land.

In quiet moments, he said, he would wonder if Christianity was not the only solution to the world's ills, but again he could not entertain the thought of leaving his people in the hour of their suffering by breaking away from them.

I told him that was the last thing I wanted him to do, that such would

be a cowardly act, that if there was ever a time when our people needed the message of peace and hope which can only be found in Jesus, the Messiah. It is now, and that instead of leaving our people we should seek to go among them proclaiming this peace, that I personally could have been completely cut myself loose and have been swallowed up by the Gentile world, denying my nationality, but I chose to stay by them, suffering along with them, and what is worse, sometimes at their very hands. But, I went on, someday those of us who would pay that price will be honored by our people as well as receive a reward from the Saviour.

Thankful for Help

He was greatly touched, and for a few moments could not speak. One of the greatest obstacles in his way of becoming a follower of Jesus was the price of separation from his loved ones. However, he practically admitted that once he would take a stand, no price would be too great.

In my message that evening I spoke of the present Jewish tragedy which has broken up homes, shattered hope, taken the lives of tens of thousands, leaving many children orphans and millions destitute, and that the cry that goes up to heaven—"How long, how long, O Lord?"—is enough to break a heart of stone.

I pled with Christians to use every available means to come to the aid of these forsaken people; that to withhold the message of life from them today would be nothing short of criminal.

Before parting, this young man could not thank me enough for the time I had given him, and he assured me that he would give much thought to the things which we discussed. His friend was overjoyed because of our meeting. The Lord may have a great purpose with this young life. Who knows?

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The mantle of that young millionaire is falling upon the Christian youth of our nation. Youth are winning youth to Christ.

A college student gave me the following testimony. "On entering college I found two classes of girls, those who worked hard to get everything possible out of school and those who merely tried to get by. I watched those girls and found that practically all of the first class were working in the B. S. U. They had something which I did not have. Deep in my heart I wanted their God. One of them talked to me about my soul. I was converted. After that, temptations came, and I drifted. It was then that those girls of the first type talked to me, prayed for me, and gave me work to do which kept me away from temptation. God talked to me through those girls."

The Romance of Consecrated Youth

An intriguing discovery that comes to any careful Christian observer today is the evidence of consecrated Christian youth in our churches. Not all young people are devotees to the dance, lounge lizards, or saxophone serenaders. Not all of them belong to the "Hedonic Hosts of Hell-bent Heathen." Hosts of them are happy and noble-minded, thrilled at the opportunities for winning others to Christ.

During a simultaneous campaign in one of our large cities, the writer observed the young people in a church which was pastorless and run-down. Those Christian youth prayed in relay

—Soul-winning is a cause big enough to challenge the best in the life of youth.



YOUTH SEEKING SOULS

By ROLAND Q. LEAVELL

style for the meeting, one praying until another came to his aide, praying every minute day and night for a week. There were more conversions in that run-down pastorless church than in any two of the other churches.

One successful soul-winning young man says emphatically, "There is nothing unusual that I do." What he means is that he is trying to be a normal rather than sub-normal Christian as he wins his friends to Christ. He keeps a prayer list and prays daily for the lost. He reads the Bible daily. He is faithful at church. And he quietly but continually speaks to his lost friends about Christ. Let us hope that to do these things will become less and less unusual among our young people.

Soul-Winning Suggestions for Youth

Summer is an ideal time for the pastor and the young people of a church to win souls. Many methods may be used.

(1) The youth revival idea, carried out by groups of B. S. U. students at home from college, has been a mighty means of developing soul-winners as well as winning souls.

(2) Young people who work in the vacation Bible school can be encouraged to win to Christ the older boys and girls of the school.

(3) Classes in soul-winning taught to the Christians in the B. T. U. groups have been an inspiration to wide soul-winning activity.

(4) Young people will assist in taking a religious census, in distributing

tracts, in conducting street meetings and jail services, and in visitation evangelism.

(5) Almost every pastor can get five to twenty young people to meet him before Sunday school each Sunday, to talk and pray and take assignments for personal soul-winning.

(6) Youth week in the church has proved to be an inspiring plan. A young preacher preaches, young men serve as deacons, and young women direct the missionary society activities. Young people lead the Sunday school, sing in the choir, take up the

offering, and so on. The responsibility for winning the lost souls of their companions can be laid upon them.

A Youth Church

A youth church for three summer months might prove to be marvelously useful. This can be done where there is a separate educational building. Have church for the juniors and intermediates at the Sunday school hour, and let them have their Sunday school at the eleven o'clock preaching hour.

The pastor preaches to the young church at ten o'clock and also to the others at eleven o'clock. Have a youth choir, youth ushers, and youth performing all service except the preaching. This enables the pastor to preach to many young people who ordinarily go home after Sunday school.

A perennial soul-winning passion of Christian youth is the hope of our land. Winning young people to Christ counteracts the crime wave, purifies the social order, preserves the home, and saves souls from death and doom.

Youth is the ideal age for soul-winning. Young people are challenged by the chivalric, the heroic and the courageous which are required in personal evangelism. Soul-winning is a cause big enough to challenge the best in the life of youth. Christ's crystal character is a clarion call to Christian youth to point other youth to him.

So nigh is grandeur to our dust,
So near is God to man,
When Duty whispers, "Lo, Thou Must."
The youth replies, "I can."

—Emerson.

Prayer of Dying Man Answered in Salvation Of Wife and Children

By HAZEL ROBB

Missionary in Baltimore

LAST fall I spent an hour by the bed of a man seriously ill who was a Christian but whose wife and children were lost. I read the Word of God to him, which he so loved, and prayed. Even though he could no longer see, there was sweet assurance in his heart. His only concern was the salvation of his family.

Almost his last cry was, "Miss Robb, I won't meet them in heaven, for they are not saved."

Just a month before, the wife's mother who was a godly woman had gone to be with her Lord, and she also had longed and prayed that her daughter and grandchildren might accept Christ as their Saviour.

After the funeral of the husband, I kept visiting the wife, but I had little opportunity to really talk with her for the interruptions. I kept holding on to the Lord for the salvation of this family.

Finally the mother came to our Sunday school and sent the children to our week-day groups and Sunday school. But still she avoided me personally. I waited for His time, and it came.

One Sunday I felt urged to tell this mother that I wanted to have a real visit with her. She grabbed my hands and with tears in her eyes said, "Do come tomorrow. I want to see you. I'm not saved. I'm lost."

The Lord was working—her heart had been prepared. What a visit we had! She accepted the Lord as her Saviour and yielded herself wholly to Him. It has been a joy to witness the manifestation of His life in her.

Recently I had the joy of leading this mother's girl, age 13, and her son, age 9, to accept the Lord Jesus.

The prayers of that father and grandmother have been answered. Praise the Lord!

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