

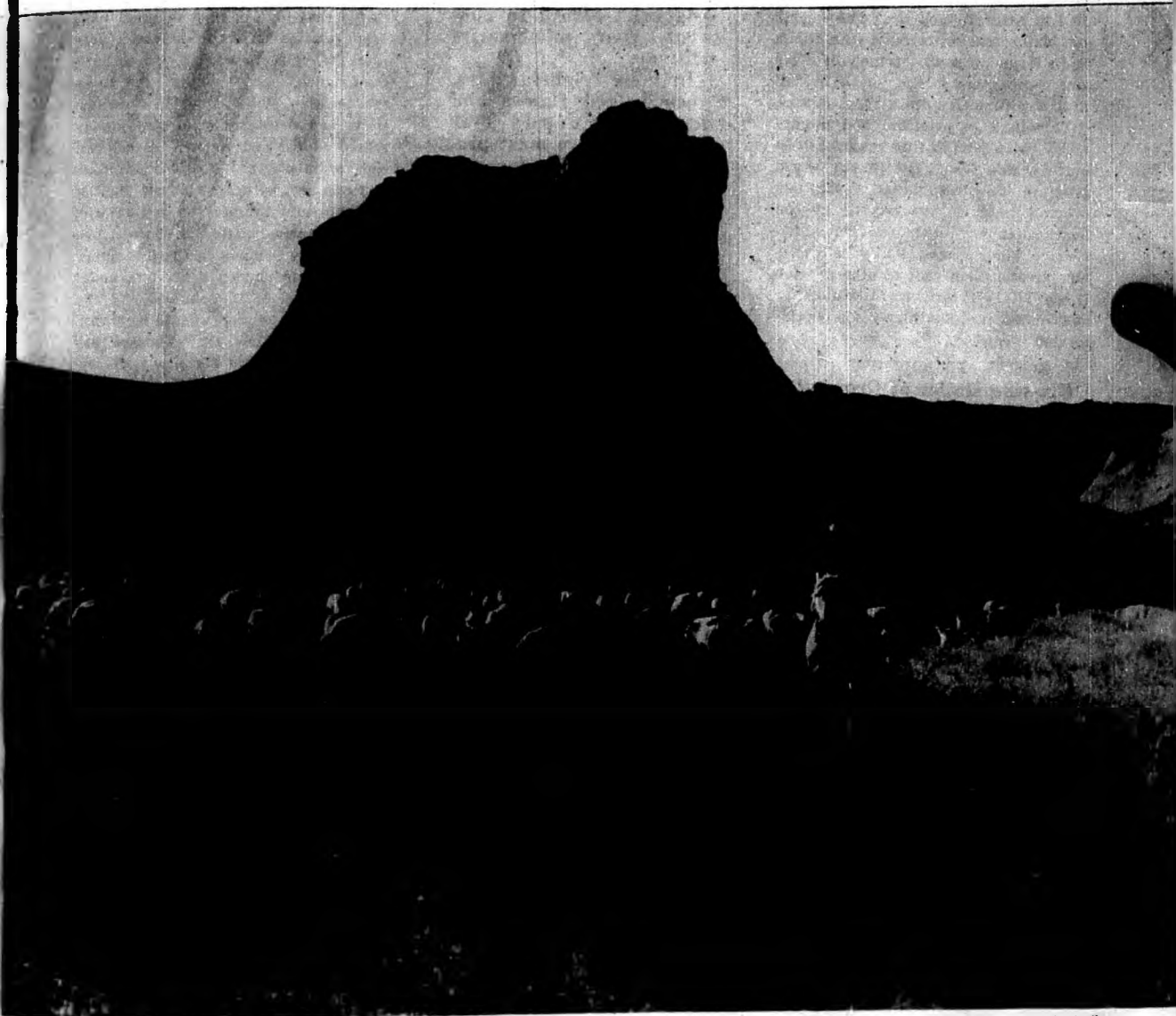
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News From the Homeland ❖ Needed Missionary Emphases
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Potential Spiritual Possibilities

THE Southland, the largest geographical field of Home Missions, is a vast empire of untold potential wealth and religious possibility. There is no country like it in all the world. It is rich in minerals, unsurpassed in climatic conditions, unequalled in fertility of soil, and practically unlimited in natural resources. The sun, in his daily journey around the earth, looks down upon no territory of given size comparable to the South in natural wealth and cultural possibilities.

This land so potential and mighty must, with all of its resources, be made usable for Christ in His world program for redemption. Baptists control more of the wealth of the South than any other two denominations. Their responsibility is therefore greater than that of others. Our Home Mission task is to evangelize and enlist the Southland for world-service.

Growing Better or Growing Worse

According to the report on social conditions made to the General Conference of the Methodist Church at Atlantic City last April, the United States does not seem to be growing any better. In fact, if statistics prove anything, they show that the United States is growing worse. According to this report, the United States now has 4,750,000 active criminals in its population. Half of these are less than twenty-one years old. In addition to this there are many debauching influences at work. Fifteen million children and young people are receiving no religious instruction whatever. Back behind this condition of crime and religious neglect, there is a public sentiment which makes these conditions possible. Surely there is need for a strong mission program in the homeland!

Treat cares as you treat sin — hand them over to Jesus one by one as they occur. Commit them to Him, roll them upon Him, make them His. By an act of faith look to Him saying, "This, Lord, and this, and this I cannot bear; Thou hast taken my sins, now take my cares. I lay them upon Thee and trust thee to do for me all, and more than all, I need. I will trust and not be afraid."

HOME MISSION WEEK Ridgecrest — August 4-9

Coming! Sure — every real Baptist wants to know what is being done to make his own land Christian.

A great program, great addresses, the finest fellowship, a delightful time. You can't afford to miss what your missionaries will say.

In these frightful days, when hatred flames and desolation reigns over many lands, we must prepare spiritually in our homeland to give the right sort of blood transfusion to an anemic Europe when the war is over. We must prepare for that day now.

Come to Ridgecrest August 4-9 and go with us as we travel in our program with Christ toward tomorrow.

Catholic Pressure on the Press

GEORGE SELDES has written a book entitled *The Catholic Crisis*. He does not mean by the title that the existence of the Catholic Church is at stake, but that it is confronting an issue that may have consequences as serious as the Reformation.

The book brings out some interesting facts concerning how the priests produced the pressure that was exerted upon our statesmen in Washington to keep our country from selling war implements to the nationalists in Spain during the Spanish civil war.

The chapter on the "Catholic Pressure on the Press" contains the most amazing revelations of the power of the Roman Catholic Church to suppress anything that is not favorable to it.

The chapter on "Catholic Pressure on the Movies" reveals that the Catholic Church is concerned for something beyond clean movies: it is working towards a general censorship in the interests of Catholic doctrine and history.

Anyone who desires to be well informed concerning the spiritual forces that are at work in the world, today would do well to read this book.

Juvenile Delinquency

In Washington, D. C., it was found that more than 72% of all juvenile probationers came from crowded or congested dwellings, says the United States Housing Authority, which finds that much juvenile delinquency is linked with slum homes. Some time back a judge of a juvenile court declared that of all the delinquent children coming through his court, less than 5% of them were found to have been Sunday school pupils. Put these two together, delinquency in slum districts and delinquency of non-Sunday school pupils, and we have a real reason for missions. Most of our slum sections are within reach of Baptist churches and there is no reason why these churches should not operate mission Sunday Schools in these sections. In Cuba our churches average about two missions to the church. In the homeland the average should be higher than this because the churches are stronger. Shall we not grasp the opportunity for winning the lost who live right at the door of our churches?

Housing Authority Projects

The United States Housing Authority in March, 1940, reported that to date 184 projects, totaling 71,699 dwelling units are under construction, or have been completed in twenty-five states, the District of Columbia and the territories of Hawaii and Puerto Rico. These housing projects are the beginning of a new social movement in which, under Government supervision, large groups of people are living. They offer a new opportunity for Home Mission work and a new obligation. The Home Mission Board is at work in Dyess Colony, Arkansas, one of these projects. There ought to be mission work in every one of the projects in the southland.

Christ alone can save the world, but Christ cannot save the world alone.

It is by doing our duty that we learn what our duty is. So long as men question what their duty is they will remain in doubt. Let them set ever so weakly about doing it and the face of things alter. They find in themselves strength which they knew not of; difficulties which it seemed they could not get over disappear.

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

THE general assembly of the United Presbyterian Church recently in session at Buffalo, passed a resolution cautioning congregations building or remodeling buildings to have at least 60% of the cost provided before beginning construction.

Baptists Should Keep Out of Debt

This is wise advice. There is no doubt but that the world is headed into what will be one of the greatest depressions known in all time. This depression may come in one year, two years, five years or ten years, but if all the signs of the time mean anything at all, that depression is sure to come.

The world cannot destroy its assets without feeling the effect. Billions of dollars are being destroyed in the World War. The credit of nations under the heel of Germany is depleted. Their outstanding bonds, totalling billions of dollars, will never be paid. They can no longer furnish a market for the produce of America. This means that our factories will be idle, there will be no market for our farm products, and millions of men in the United States will be out of employment. The outlook for the future is anything but promising.

Not only is this true from the economic standpoint, but a new order will evidently be established at the close of the war. If Germany wins in this conflict, then evidently a new economic order will be set up. More than likely a new basis for trade will be established. There will be no longer a gold standard for the money of the world. If that should happen, and it may, then all the gold that the United States has stored away, for which we have paid billions of dollars, will be only so much metal. Whatever standards may be established for barter in the world, if Germany wins the war she will control the markets of the world and, of course, will control them for her own profit and to the disadvantage of the United States. These are uncertain times and we cannot afford, as a denomination, to barter our credit or to make debts now. We must pay our debts and stay out of debt.

Christ spoke to his disciples and to the people on one occasion and told them that they could read the sign of Heaven but could not read the

signs of the times. Shall we be wise in our day and read the signs of the times, or shall we ignore these signs.

Large reserves should be set aside by all our agencies and institutions. All budgets should be made so that they can be reduced if necessary. There will come a day after this day when the need will be as great or greater than now. Let us prepare for that day!

Somewhere beyond the stress and strain of the present hour there is the dawning of a new day when we shall proceed with well prepared budgets, with due reserve for emergencies, with careful reckoning of income, with our minds not set on the bigness of our enterprises, but on doing the will of our Lord; and the name of the new era will be, "We-pay-as-we-go."

Graduates of Christian Schools

DR. GEORGE W. TRUETT gives the following figures: "Eight of our chief justices were college graduates and seven of the eight were from Christian schools. Eighteen of our nation's presidents have been college graduates, while sixteen of the eighteen were from Christian schools. Eighteen of the twenty-five masters of American letters were college men, while seven were from Christian colleges. Of the members of our National Congress whose efforts or prominence have secured for them a place in Who's Who, two-thirds of them were graduates of Christian schools."

Dr. Truett is referring, of course, not to elementary schools, but to higher institutions of learning under Christian auspices. The Christian college has a very definite place in the educational system of America and it must assume a very important position in the educational program of Christianity. Our colleges must be supported by our churches. Christian parents should send their boys and girls to Christian colleges. A denomination should make its schools equal to the best in scholastic standing and superior to all state institutions in moral and Christian character. Our schools can greatly assist in influencing our people to support them with their patronage and their money by making the school's distinctively Christian.

Missionary



Illustrations

The Only Way

A quarter of a century ago a little band of Sac and Fox Indians met to organize a church.

The missionary, Rev. G. Lee Phelps, asked the Indian members to name the church. They talked for quite a while in their own language, and then the interpreter reported to the missionary that they had decided to call it the "Only Way Church".

They explained that they had tried all the old Indian ways, but now they had found the only way, and they thought it proper to call the church the "Only Way Church." This name was printed over the door and there it has remained.

Seeking The Word

After preaching on the streets, a Frenchman came to Rev. Lawrence Thibodeaux, French missionary in Louisiana, and asked for a Bible.

He stated that he had been reading the gospel and that he now wanted the entire Bible. He said he believed the gospel and that he wanted to know more fully from the entire Bible God's way.

God's Care of a Cuban Believer

A devoted young Christian from Cienfuegos, Cuba, was in the operating room of an Havana hospital, waiting for surgeons, nurses and the anesthetist to begin her operation. Everyone paused as they heard her saying, in a weak voice, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."

Ada Diaz knew there was little hope for her recovery, but she was intimately acquainted with the Great Physician, and placed her hope in Him.

And as the anesthetist began his work, the patient continued that beautiful psalm, and she slipped into unconsciousness just as she said, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me."

A young intern in the room, recognizing in her a fellow Christian,

though he did not know her personally, clasped her hand, and whispered, "Trust God. He will bring you through."

Ada Diaz did not die. Before she left the hospital she gave a copy of the twenty-third psalm to the surgeon who had said she could not live.

Confession and Forgiveness

The burdened heart of a mountain girl who had been saved but had become a backslider was lightened and she was made happy when she again repented of her sins and put her life anew in the hands of the Lord.

Talking and praying with the girl, Miss Minnie Berry, missionary in the mountains, 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 her Saviour. For some time Satan hindered her in making a full surrender and confession, but in a few days her burden was lifted, and she went about with a radiant face and a new light in her beautiful blue eyes.

In the midst of tears the young girl went forward at an evening church service and made confession of her sins, asking God's people to pray earnestly that her life henceforth might please Him. Stubbornness vanished and humility came in answer to her prayer.

The largest crowds ever attending the regular services of the church at Basile, La., are reported by Rev. Maurice Aquillard, missionary, who writes that his work is most encouraging.

It is hardly possible to be conformed to the world in outward life while we are being transformed into the image and likeness of Christ in our inward life.—J. B. Lawrence.

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Out In The Navajo Country

Visiting In The Hogans On An Indian Reservation

By WILMA BUCY



A group of Navajo Indians in front of a hogan.

Courtesy: Santa Fe Railway.

GO with me out to the Navajo Indian Reservation where we have one missionary family among the 45,000 Indians on this reservation. There, in a desert country, these people live in their little hogans made of rock and brush wood, covered over with dirt.

A low, narrow door, facing eastward always, and a hole in the top—to let the smoke and evil spirits escape—are the only openings in this circular dome-shaped home. Sometimes several families live in one hogan about twelve or fourteen feet in diameter.

An Independent Race

The poverty of these people is almost unbelievable. Yet they are so proud and independent they have repeatedly refused to accept government relief. Consequently many of their number have died from starvation and exposure.

Sheep are the chief source of income among these people, as well as their chief supply of food. Vegetation is so scarce in the desert that no family can have a very large flock. The medicine man has more than anyone else. I saw his flock and am sure there were not more than fifty head in it.

Our missionary, Rev. R. A. Pryor, took me into fourteen of these hogans one day, on his regular round of visiting. In only two of them did I see a single stick of furniture.

In one there was an old discarded

radio or victrola cabinet. In the other was an old worn-out cot the missionary had given to a man all crippled up with rheumatism. He had put a wide plank over the holes in wire mesh springs, and was lying on that naked plank with a sheep skin for covering.

In only one hogan did we see any surplus food. Scarcely any of them have any clothing except what is on their backs.

According to the best information available, less than one-half of one per cent of these 45,000 souls have a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The poverty of their language and the lack of educated Christian interpreters make it tremendously difficult to get a gospel message over to them. They just do not have words to express Christian ideas.

The government has provided splendid schools for them, but they are very reluctant to take advantage of them. The Methodist women of the north have been operating a Christian school near Farmington, N. M., since 1890. Last year was the first time they had a class to graduate from high school. That is how slow the work is among these people.

It is estimated that ninety per cent of those who attend government school go right back into the homes from which they came, and take up the same old manner of life and customs. Another five per cent drift back within five years' time, and only five per

cent ever make their way into the business world or the white man's way of life.

In spite of the many difficulties and the almost insurmountable barriers, Brother and Mrs. Pryor have done a noble piece of pioneering among these people.

It has taken years to win their confidence and trust, because they have been tricked so often. But this they have done by their lives of service among them. They have ministered to their material and physical needs first of all in order to get an opportunity to minister to their spiritual needs.

There is a great and crying need for many more consecrated men and women who are willing to go in and bury their lives here for the sake of Christ and these 45,000 pagan souls for whom He died.

The supreme, undelimited authority of Jesus Christ is the true and unending organizing principle of every Baptist church. This principle stands as an impassable barrier between Baptists and all other bodies.—J. B. Lawrence.

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Rev. Joe Odle, 1927 Bridge St., Paducah, Ky.

SOME NEEDED MISSIONARY EMPHASES

By T. B. MASTON

Professor of Social Ethics
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

NOTHING I may say in this article should be construed as a criticism of what we are now doing. My purpose is to point out some supplementary emphases that are needed in our modern missionary enterprise.

1. We need a more extensive, better correlated program of missionary education.

Southern Baptists have great missionary statesmen who stir our souls with their inspiring messages. Such inspiration is needed but we need, along with these great messages, to give more attention to the quieter educational approach to missions. This is necessary if our missionary interest is to be more intelligent and consistent and less emotional and spasmodic. One danger of a great inspirational address is that it may be a sort of emotional bath for the listeners, an experience satisfying within itself; and hence one that will not eventuate in very much helpful missionary service.

All Must Be Reached

For this program of missionary education to be effective it must reach all ages and work through all church agencies. The children and the young people as well as the adults must be reached. The Sunday School, Training Union, Men's Brotherhood and Women's Missionary Union must all be utilized. These organizations should not be concerned about receiving credit for the work. What difference does it make who receives the credit just so our people are reached with a vital program of missionary education? Schools of Missions should be fostered by the church with every agency cooperating to the fullest in promotion and with the proper attention being given to local, state, home and foreign missions.

2. We need to bring missions closer home to the lives of many of our church members.

We have emphasized giving to missions and without slackening one iota of that emphasis we need to lead our people to do real missionary work

and to manifest the true missionary spirit in their immediate community. A little missionary effort will do more than any one thing to kindle the missionary fire in the hearts of people. Not only do individual church members need this practical emphasis, but our educational organizations also need it. Much of our religious education lacks in drive and motivation. We tend to move in a vicious circle—we train people that they may become leaders in our organizations to train more people of infinitum.

Then it is possible that some of the "most remote parts of the earth" spoken of by Jesus are in our communities. We have the uneducated, the Mexican, the Negro, the economically and socially disinherited in our cities, towns and rural sections. Regardless of how much we may give to carry the gospel to the peoples of the world we are not really missionary in spirit as long as we have an unchristian attitude toward the "untouchables" about us.

Churches may give liberally to missions but they are not really missionary when they oppose the organization of new churches in neglected sections because such might take some of their members.

3. We need to remember that the will of the Lord includes not only where we are and what we do but also what we are.

We need our present emphasis on God's call to various fields of religious service both at home and abroad and should seek more diligently, than most of us do, his will as to the place where we should serve, but many of us need to broaden our conception of the will of God. God's will includes our everyday lives, the kind of character we build, our relationships to all of those about us. Possibly he is just as concerned about these things as where we are and what we do.

4. We need to change our attitude toward those who serve in places of dire need here in the homeland.

We have honored those who have gone to the foreign field and rightly

so. They have made real sacrifices in giving up loved ones, native country and personal ambitions. However, many of those who stay here and work under state and home mission boards or as pastors in rural sections and neglected urban areas make greater material sacrifices. Unfortunately these latter are frequently ostracized and sometimes ridiculed by many of us who have larger places of service. Usually we think that they are where they are because they could not succeed in a bigger, better paying situation. We are never going to be able to meet adequately the leadership problem of our country churches and industrial sections of our cities until we have changed the denominational attitude toward those who give themselves to such fields.

We Must Be Sacrificial

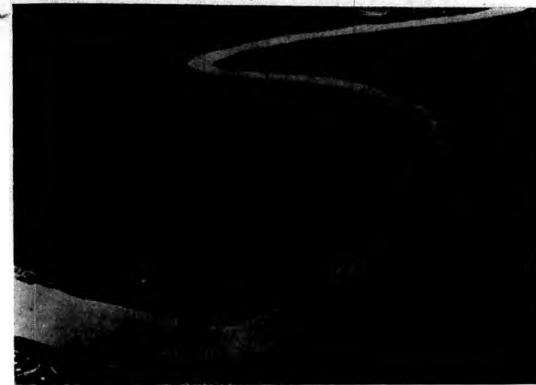
5. All of us who stay at home should have the sacrificial spirit we expect the missionary to have.

We have made too sharp a distinction between the one who goes to the foreign field and those of us who stay here. We expect the former to be willing to make whatever sacrifices are necessary—to give up loved ones, a good salary, a happy pastorate, and so forth. But too frequently it is taken for granted that the one who remains at home will secure as large a church as possible with a good salary and that he will accept every opportunity for advancement to "larger fields" which usually also mean bigger financial returns.

Of course some must serve the big churches but they should not seek them and should have a deep conviction that such is the will of God for their lives. Naturally some will receive big salaries, but again they should not be sought and possibly it would be good if denominational boards and agencies would set a reasonable maximum salary limit. It might be a healthy sign if more preachers serving big pulpits would refuse proffered raises in salary, suggesting to the churches to apply such on worthy missionary objects.

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What Work Does The Home Board Do In New Orleans?



Q. What is the extent of Home Mission work in New Orleans? C. O. R.

A. The Home Mission Board operates the Rescue Mission and Woman's Emergency Home, of which Rev. C. A. Brantley has charge. Miss Gladys Keith, who is in charge of the mission and good will center on Clay Square, has also under her supervision a number of other missions. Above is the Crescent City from the air.

Q. When does the Home Mission Board expect to complete the payment of its debts? T. C. P.

A. The Home Mission Board has worked out a program of debt reduction which will enable it to complete final payments by 1945. Southern Baptists' centennial year. This program anticipates receipts each year equal to last year's offerings to Home Mission.

Q. When has the Home Mission Board had the largest number of missionaries? R. M. C.

A. The present total of 411 is the largest number of workers the Home Mission Board has ever had in its direct employ, although in its cooperative work with state mission boards the number was several times the present figure.

Q. Does the Home Mission Board have evangelistic tracts for free distribution? A. M.

A. The evangelistic department, under the leadership of Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, has distributed hundreds of thousands of evangelistic tracts. No charge is made for these, but contributions for reprinting are accepted.

Q. What success has Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus had in his work among the Jews? W. G.

A. Brother Gartenhaus states that in the past year more Jewish people have been won to a knowledge of Christ than in all of the previous eighteen years of his work combined.

Q. What place does tract distribution have on Home Mission fields? S. F. N.

A. The distribution of tracts is of great importance to mission work on every field. Missionaries of the Home Mission Board last year distributed a total of 660,847 tracts.

Q. Why was Dr. I. T. Tichenor called the great home mission statesman? J. A. S.

A. J. S. Dill, in his biography of the great secretary of the Home Mission Board (1882-1900), describes Dr. Tichenor's work of welding the scattered Baptists of the South into a great denomination. He quotes the Board's resolution passed in 1900 upon his retirement that "no man had more to do with the maintenance of the Southern Baptist Convention than

this noble man of God, the long time honored secretary of the Home Mission Board."

Q. Does the twenty-five-cent subscription price of *Southern Baptist Home Missions* actually pay for twelve issues of the magazine? N. B.

A. The actual cost to the Home Mission Board last year of printing and mailing twelve issues of *Southern Baptist Home Missions* to each subscriber was 21.6c.

Q. What medical work does the Home Mission Board have in Cuba? C. P.

A. There are two free clinics on the Cuban mission field, one in Havana where a deacon in the Baptist Temple, Dr. Sydney Orrett, gives his time without charge, and the other in Cardenas, where the missionary, Dr. Antonio Martinez, is also a physician.

Q. What is the largest foreign speaking group in the South? L. W.

A. Mexicans, Spanish, and Cubans, all of whom speak Spanish, number approximately 1,000,000 in the southern states, this being the largest foreign-speaking group in our convention territory.

Q. Do the students in Mexican Baptist Institute at Bastrop engage in actual mission work? B. S. W.

A. According to Rev. Paul C. Bell, principal at Bastrop, students the past school year carried on religious work regularly in twenty-two churches and missions. These students preached 474 sermons during the year.

HOW TO ASK QUESTIONS

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Students of the Baptist Seminary, Havana, Cuba.



A Chinese girl in Texas.



Mrs. H. R. Moseley, Home Board missionary in Havana, Cuba.



Dr. M. N. McCall, superintendent of Cuban work, and Mrs. McCall.



Above: Interior of an Indian Baptist chapel which is furnished rent-free by Jojola. Right: Some Negro boys playing in a lot near the headquarters of the Home Mission Board.



Left: Missionary L. C. Smith baptizing 23 converts in Bayou Des Plaines, Louisiana; Above: Hungry hearts waiting for the bread of life in French Louisiana; Right: A home out in the Indian country.

News From The Homeland

By J. W. BEAGLE

New Missionaries

WE are introducing to the missionary family in the homeland and to the readers of *Southern Baptist Home Missions* the following new missionaries:

Rev. W. E. Haltom, of Little Rock, Arkansas, is to labor on the Dyess Colony, Arkansas, field. Brother Haltom is a graduate of Ouachita College Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and is well qualified for this work. He has had seven years' experience serving as mission director in the college, working with Negroes, Mexicans and street preaching. He has served as pastor of several churches while studying at the Seminary and as county missionary of Grayson County, North Texas. Brother Haltom began his duties June 27th.

Miss Helen Lambert, of Pinckneyville, Illinois, has been named successor to Mrs. Mildred B. Stein, as missionary on the East St. Louis and Granite City, Illinois, field. Miss Lambert is a graduate of the W. M. U. Training School at Louisville, Kentucky, and has had several years' experience in Good Will Center work in Illinois. Miss Lambert also began her duties June 1.

Miss Viola Campbell is a native of South Carolina, a graduate of Furman University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. She comes to us very highly recommended. She was appointed and began her duties as missionary to the Chinese in El Paso, Texas, on July 1.

We extend a cordial greeting to these new workers in the Home Board family and pray that their work will be blessed of the Lord.

New Chinese Church

In the First Baptist Church of Houston, Texas, under the leadership of Missionary Shau Yan Lee of the Home Mission Board, a new Chinese Baptist church was organized at 3:00 p. m., May 26. The *Houston Post* gives the following about Brother Lee and the church:

"One hundred years ago the first Christian missionary to China came from the South," Dr. Lee said. "Ten years ago I came from China to the South as a missionary. I was graduated 26 years ago from the Grace Theological Seminary, at Canton, China. I taught for some years in the university, my subjects being com-



Introducing: Left, Miss Viola Campbell; center, Miss Helen Lambert; and right, Rev. W. E. Haltom.

parative religion and New Testament. I received the call from the Baptist Home Mission Board and came South to take over the work.

"My wife and seven children are in China. The oldest is 21 and the youngest is 11. The three oldest children will come to the United States to enter school in September."

"A group of nine members, with 39 in Sunday school was organized last Sunday and Dr. Lee was called to complete the organization. It is the first Christian Chinese church in the city. A revival will be held in various homes while he is here, Dr. Lee said. There are approximately 150 Chinese in Houston."

Work With the Cherokees

We feel that if the Cherokee Indians are to grow and develop, their young people must be reached, so we are arranging for Rev. and Mrs. Roe R. Beard to devote their time among the young people. We have equipped them with a camp outfit and all necessary materials for holding Daily Vacation Bible Schools among the young Indians.

We quote from a recent letter as to the results of their first school: "We had 42 boys and girls enrolled and about 20 adults. They were so delighted with the work that they did not want us to close and said that it was the best meeting they ever attended in their lives. We had 11 conversions and two by letter. These 11 were baptized by Brother John Hitcher, pastor of the church. We were surprised at the eagerness of the old Indians to come to this school and express their appreciation of the work that was done. Our hearts are overflowing with joy at the results of this

first daily vacation Bible school among the Cherokees."

Vacation Bible Schools

Recently the Board made it possible for Dr. C. W. Stumph and other workers in New Mexico to hold thirteen Daily Vacation Bible Schools among the Pueblo Indians and Spanish-speaking people of New Mexico. Brother Stumph writes that he is confident that they will have twice this number of schools before the summer is over.

The school at Isleta and two others among the Spanish have already been conducted with more than 100 in attendance. Doctor Stumph is highly elated over the results and prospects for the reaching of these young people among the Indians as well as the Spanish-speaking people.

Ozark Deaf Convention

Rev. C. F. London, our missionary to the deaf, writes of the Ozark Deaf Convention which convened in Monett, Missouri, as follows: "Am walking the streets of Zion. The Spirit of the Lord was with us in the Monett meeting. There were ninety-three in attendance who came from all parts of the state as well as Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Phil. 4:4 was used for the text with the delivery of Paul from prison and the jailer's cry, 'What must I do to be saved?' to climax the sermon. When the invitation was given twenty accepted Christ as their Saviour, most of whom were young people. One couple were in their sixties. One man who had a deaf daughter present said: 'Preacher, it's been a long time since I've seen a meeting like this one. I had some

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EVANGELISM— Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

MY first words to the Southern Baptist Convention, after becoming associated with the Home Mission Board, were, "Something is about to happen!" It has been happening! A genuine spiritual revival has been gloriously happening during the past three years.

Evangelism Yesterday

There was a serious reaction during the early 1930's against the type of evangelism prevalent just following the World War. That evangelism was super-sensational, hyper-emotional, and ultra-commercial. The reaction brought Southern Baptists to a low ebb in soul-winning during 1936. Since 1937 our people have turned to a type of evangelism which is

Kingdom-building in aim,
Church-sponsored in promotion,
Bible-centered in message,
Christ-honoring in emphasis,
Spirit-guided in direction,
Sin-destroying in power,
Soul-saving in imperative,
Society-purifying in application,
World-girdling in scope.

A glorious increase in soul-winning and baptisms has been seen year after year, as follows: 191,993 baptisms in 1936; 204,687 baptisms in 1937; 256,814 baptisms in 1938; and 269,165 baptisms in 1939.

Evangelism Today

Sane, spiritual, scriptural evangelism is desperately needed today. We are facing new frontiers, meeting new religions, and opposing new forces.

New frontiers of paganism — War and strife and pagan ideologies have brought the world into a time of unprecedented hatred, revenge, crime and paganism. Social evils, liquor, divorce and personal immorality are challenging our gospel message. The lossiness of men without Christ was never more apparent or more appalling.

New religion for old — New religions are replacing the old. Confucianism has almost vanished as a vital force. Taoism has collapsed. Hinduism is about shattered. Humanism, that religio-philosophy of trusting in the inherent goodness of humanity, that philosophy which held as strongly in college centers a decade ago, is discredited and is fading into twilight. The religions of materialism, nationalism, secularism and formalism are clamoring for the allegiance of

MOTION PASSED BY SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION ON JUNE 13, 1940



"I move that the evangelistic emphasis of the Southern Baptist Convention, so blessed of God for these past two years, be renewed and continued for this next Convention year with special emphasis upon evangelistic programs for the district associations, and that a committee of twelve be appointed by President L. R. Scarborough, this committee to include President Scarborough, the superintendent of evangelism of the Home Mission Board and ten others, who shall work out suggestions for associational evangelistic programs, and who shall work with various denominational agencies in promoting these programs."

W. W. Hamilton.

The committee appointed by President Scarborough were as follows: Roland Q. Leavell (chairman), L. R. Scarborough, W. W. Hamilton, James W. Merritt, Edgar Godbold, R. C. Campbell, J. D. Freeman, James R. Bryant, Thomas Haskins, D. A. McCall, F. T. Moffitt and W. H. Knight.

men. A glad evangel of the old, old gospel, the ever new gospel of God's love, is desperately needed now.

Three conflicting forces — Today, in our Southland, three conflicting forces challenge each other and clamor for the hearts of the people. The first is materialism, which gives allegiance to material things and ignores all religious experience. Second, there is an aggressive Roman Catholicism, which is ritualistic, sacramental and external. The third is evangelical Christianity, which in its purity is scriptural, personal and spiritual. A crusade to win to Christ the last man on earth is imperative.

Evangelism Tomorrow

What can Christians do today and tomorrow, when Christ's kingdom and men's souls are besieged by ten thousand foes? "When under bombardment, attack!" is an established military principle. Southern Baptists must wage an aggressive evangelistic crusade from now onward, along four lines.

More individual soul-winners — More Christians must give themselves to the primary task of winning the lost to Christ. Let secondary things take second place. Other details have tempted preachers to become chore boys in an ecclesiastical organization rather than prophets of God and ministers to the souls of men. Next year, let our churches set a minimum standard of not less than one convert and baptism for every ten members.

Perennial programs — Soul-winning must no longer be relegated to one or two weeks in the year. Every church should have a perennial program, if there is to be a perennial revival. Any church can use one week out of every month for an evangelistic activity, such as a census or survey, a visitation program, a study course in soul-winning, a loyalty campaign, a revival meeting, a vacation Bible school, a program to reach non-active and possibly unsaved church members, a radio revival, a park or tent meeting, a new mission church, an engagement campaign, a Sunday school revival, a home-evangelism plan, a printed page revival, evangelism in jails or other institutions, or a new soul-winners' band organized.

Associational programs — The outstanding plan for evangelism in the future should be cooperative programs for associational areas. Our six thousand churches which do not baptize one solitary convert each year need the strength of united effort. Unevangelized areas between churches need concerted action. By order of this convention, we shall make it our dominant dedication, both today and tomorrow, to promote challenging, comprehensive, cooperative evangelistic programs in our more than 900 district associations.

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Address by Roland Q. Leavell,
Superintendent of Evangelism,
delivered before the Southern
Baptist Convention, Baltimore,
Maryland, June 12th, 1940.

NEVER in the history of Jewish evangelization have the opportunities for presenting the gospel to the Jews been greater than today. The present European upheaval has brought to our shores thousands of refugees, among whom are found the flower of the Jewish race, professors of universities, students, physicians, renowned authors, business men, musicians, etc. It was my privilege to have personal contact with several of them in the past few days.

In Europe they have had a very small taste of true Christianity but arriving on these friendly shores many of them have been received with open arms by Christian people and perhaps for the first time in their lives they have had demonstrated to them the true meaning of Christianity.

Christians Befriend Jew

A young lady in our Home Mission Board office told me of a young professor who had come over from Austria, whom she had met in her church. A Christian friend in the same boarding house had befriended him and invited him to the church where he received a most cordial welcome, and you can imagine how impressed he was to come in contact with people of another religion who at the same time revealed a deep interest in him. He could see the love in their faces. Needless to say, he could hardly wait for the next service. Never in the old world had he been thrown with such kind people. This young lady told him about me and gave him some of my literature and after reading it he expressed a desire of meeting the author of these pamphlets.

It was my good pleasure to meet this cultured Jew from Austria, and we first exchanged views on the present plight of our people. Few of us in this free land of ours have any conception of the suffering which is going on in the rest of the world. The press and radio do not tell one-half of the sad story. This man was a professor in one of the universities of Germany, and was held in high esteem by the faculty, student body and the community, until the Nazi purge when he lost his position and decided to return to his native Austria. There his happiness was short-lived for the ghastly claws of the enemy soon reached out to that friendly land and people, and wrought havoc. Miraculously, he escaped to England from where he came to America. His story is very sad, to say the least.

He told me that for a number of

THE JEW IN OUR MIDST

years he had held advanced ideas concerning Christianity and had sought to mold the thoughts of Jewish youth of which he was a leader, with the result that they came to a better understanding and appreciation of Jesus and His teachings. He was indeed delighted to meet a member of his own race who had gone a step further than he. Eagerly he listened to what I had to say concerning the Messiahship of Jesus. A very pleasant afternoon was spent with him. The next morning he accompanied me to the First Baptist Church for Sunday school and the morning service and then came to my home for dinner when once again I had the privilege of pressing home the importance of not only believing that Jesus is the "lost prophet," as he said, a great benefactor of humanity and the greatest Jew that ever lived, but that we must also publicly acknowledge Him as

By JACOB GARTENHAUS

HE WAS A JEW

*He who sat by Jacob's well
Suffering thirst for you,
Wore upon His sacred face
The likeness of a Jew.*

*He who on red Calvary bore
The wrath of God for you,
Had in His throbbing heart and veins
The lifeblood of a Jew.*

*He who now in highest heaven
Wears the crown for you,
Bears the stamp of Judah's race—
The features of a Jew.*

*Can the child whom Jesus loves,
With careless coldness view
The homeless, weary wanderer—
The dying Christian Jew?*

*When life's flickering flame is low,
You'll never regret that you
Helped on the cause He loved so well
To save and bless the Jew.*

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Messiah and follow Him in Baptism. While admitting that it was the right thing to do, he reasoned that he could accomplish more in his present state than if he were baptized. "As I now am, I am admitted into Jewish circles and have excellent opportunities to give expression to my views concerning Jesus," he said, and he told of some wonderful results. "But should it be known," he said, "that I have been baptized I would not be a welcome guest."

He told of literally thousands who like himself believe that only in Jesus will the hopes and aspirations of the Jewish people be realized, but they feel that by uniting with the church their influence would not be as great. However, he agreed that men like me were likewise necessary and are rendering a great service to the cause by trying to bring Christians and Jews together into a better understanding of each other.

The man was deeply grateful for the kindnesses and courtesies shown him and I could see that he deeply impressed him.

Others Not So Fortunate

Fortunate it was for this one and others to have been befriended by Christians, but I am thinking of those who are not so fortunate, because Christians have not seized the opportunity close to their doors. In a recent paper here in Atlanta, I read the sad news of a young Jewish student who had hanged himself. The account tells of this smiling boy from Vienna who came thousands of miles, fleeing the blitzkrieg oppression, trying to find happiness here. The police found his body swinging from a tree in the swampy flats near Georgia Tech, the finale of a drama that began when the legions of Adolf Hitler rolled into ancient Vienna. In his pocket on a small card were inscribed his last words to the police: "I committed suicide. Please don't save me. Reasons: unhappiness; no hope. Born, March 22, 1921, Vienna, Austria." My heart breaks as I read it. I wonder if this young man would not be alive and full of hope at this moment if some Christian had befriended him. Surely some of us will have much for which to answer.

Everyone of us can find a few moments to contact such individuals who have been uprooted from their native lands, separated from their loved ones and are alone and friendless, and invite them into our homes, demonstrating to them the true Christian spirit of love and kindness.

August, 1940.

Impressive Services Held on Pima Field

A very encouraging report concerning the work among the Pima Indians comes from our missionary, Rev. C. F. Frazier. Progress is being made at Sacaton and Casa Blanca where he is working.

The Pima reservation covers about forty square miles and contains 6,000 Indians. Our missionary is in constant demand, receiving calls from many communities and preaching constantly to groups of Indians in various sections of the reservation. In this territory in Arizona and New Mexico, there are large groups of Indians not being touched by any of our missionaries. The Papagoes and Apaches are insisting that mission work be established among them. "Last Sunday," says Brother Frazier in his report, "was another red letter day in our church at Sacaton. A packed house witnessed the baptizing of eight people, three men, three women and two girls. The three men and three women were from Casa Blanca community fourteen miles west of Sacaton, where we have been going two Sunday afternoons each month for the past three months. The men and women have been members of another denomination, but when they heard me preach and talked to me about the doctrines, they found that they were Baptists but did not know it. So they joined the Baptist church. One man, Luke Johnson, is a preacher whose soul is on fire for the Master. He has ability and a fair education. We are praying that he will be our first native worker. We plan to organize a mission church at Casa Blanca in the near future.



Above is the group of people who were baptized in the church at Sacaton by Brother Frazier.

Out of sixty-two boys and girls enrolled in the vacation Bible school at Albuquerque, N. M., where Rev. J. G. Sanchez is missionary, about half were Catholic children who came by the permission of their parents.



Luke Johnson, age 68, who walked 13 miles to church at Sacaton, Ariz. He started from his home before sun-up and arrived at the Indian church at 11:30 A. M. His shoes are made of car tires.

"Our entire church membership was present Sunday. One old man sixty-eight years old, a member of our church, walked thirteen miles to be in the service.

"This entire reservation could easily and quickly be evangelized if we could more speedily get to them with the Gospel message. They have been neglected so long they are Gospel-hungry and will accept the plan of salvation without question. At our last baptismal service we had three hundred present, all Indians. They came for miles, in wagons, on horseback, on trucks, in cars, and many walked. Some witnessed their first Baptism. They were all deeply impressed and were very attentive and reverent."

Doing nothing for others is the undoing of one's self. We must be purposefully kind and generous or we miss the best part of existence. The heart that goes out of itself gets large and full of joy. This is the great secret of the inner life. We do ourselves the most good when we do something for others.—J. B. Lawrence.

EVANGELISM

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City-wide campaigns — Our great growing cities, seething with the unsaved, challenge our most earnest soul-winning efforts. As you look out upon the roof-tops of a modern sinful city, your imagination can feel the appropriateness of the following poem by Charles Hanson Towne.

Roof-tops, roof-tops what do you cover?
Tired folk, sad folk, and many a
grieving lover;
Wise people, simple people, children
of despair—
Roof-tops, roof-tops, hiding pain
and cure.

Roof-tops, roof-tops, O what sin
you're knowing,
While above you in the sky the
white clouds are blowing;
While beneath you agony and dolor
and grim strife
Fight the hidden battle, the hidden
battle of life.

Roof-tops, roof-tops, cover up their
their shame—
Wretched souls, prisoned souls, too
pitiable to name;
Man himself hath built you all to
hide away the stars—
Roof-tops, roof-tops, you hide ten
million scars.

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Two young girls from leading Catholic families of the vicinity were converted at an encampment at Lake Arthur, La., recently reports Rev. Maurice Aguilard, French missionary.

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Home Mission Book Shelf

Jack of the Bean Field. Nina Millen. Friendship Press. 32 pages. 25c.

In simple language and appealing photographs this booklet tells the story of migrant children in truck farm harvests. The large pictures can be used effectively in posters for adult classes.

Home Missions on the American Frontier. Collin B. Goodykoon. The Carlton Printers, Ltd. 460 pages. \$3.50.

Here is a thorough, scholarly study, written according to the high standards required for a doctoral dissertation at Harvard University, which will be welcomed especially by those who desire a comprehensive treatment of the home mission activities of the various denominations on the frontier. Beginning with the colonial period, it traces religion in the advancing settlements until the final conquering of the West. Although it deals more particularly with Congregational and Presbyterian missions, Baptists will find this to be a fruitful study for its historical accuracy, its analysis of motives in missions, as well as for the highly interesting, though limited, references to Baptist missions.

Across the Fruited Plain. Florence Crannell Means. Friendship Press. 112 pages. Cloth, \$1; paper, 50c.

Migrants, now the focus of attention in missionary, educational, and governmental circles, are made real in this human story for juniors. Down the eastern seaboard, thence to California, the drifting family moves, the one bright spot in their dreary rounds being the services at a Christian Center. As must inevitably be true throughout the nation, the solution to this family's problem comes through Christianity.

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

This publication of the Rauchenbunch 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 the right principle of life, he pleads for a spiritual outlook and social justice in a stimulating and thought-provoking statement.—B.M.C.

MISSION NEWS

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sort of an idea of the need for a missionary because of my daughter but I never fully realized just how important it was until today."

Chinese Work Growing

Dr. Shau Yan Lee, our Chinese missionary, recently visited the field at Augusta, Georgia, and reports three conversions there. Brother Lee has also visited the Norfolk, Virginia, field and writes: "I am holding meetings in Norfolk. We had a prayer meeting at the Chinese Church last night and four accepted Christ as their Saviour. Tonight we are going to have a meeting to discuss further plans for the Chinese language school for next year."

Indian Tithers

For a number of months we have received a money order from Missionary Richard Glory who serves the Echota Cherokee Baptist Church. He states, "The money order enclosed is the tithe of two of our members." The amount varies from \$3.00 to \$4.00 each month. Realizing that the Cherokees are poor, yet they are conscientious of the teaching of the Word of God to the extent that they bring their tithe out of the meagre income that the Lord has blessed them with, we should be even more conscientious.

Missionary's Wife Passes

Dr. A. A. Brady, pastor, First Baptist Church, Perkins, Oklahoma, writes: "I am writing to tell you of the death of Mrs. Solomon Kent, wife of your missionary to the Iowa Indians, south of Perkins. Her death occurred on Friday, May 31, from a heart attack. Mrs. Kent was loved by her people and they consider her going a great loss. She was a great force in Solomon's life. She leaves four little girls and her husband to mourn her passing."

FAMILY OF EIGHT SAVED ON MEXICAN FIELD

EIGHT members of one family have been converted on the Mexican field served by Rev. P. H. Pierson.

When the mother was called away to the bedside of her sick father the other members of the family said that they wanted to await her return so that they could all be baptized together.

Brother Pierson states that there have been a number of professions on his field in the past month and that he is expecting to baptize many of them soon.

Mission Church Happy As First Glorious Year Shows Great Blessings

Every seat in the Third Baptist Church, New Orleans, La., was occupied and every available chair was taken over there from the Rachel Sims Mission recently when the church held its first anniversary service, writes Miss Gladys Keith, missionary.

This little church, which grew out of a mission, has come through its first year with wonderful blessings. "I see more clearly every day the power of the gospel," states Miss Keith.

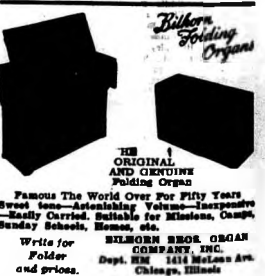
Everyone at the church that day was happy. The baptistry of the church had just been completed and the baptism service was beautiful. Representatives from the Missions Committee of the First Baptist Church of the city were present.

During this first year of its existence, Miss Keith writes, six have given themselves for Christian service. One honor graduate from the Louisiana State University goes this fall to the Seminary in Louisville for special training in preparation for teaching in South America under the Foreign Mission Board. The pastor resigned just a few weeks ago to complete his course in Baptist Bible Institute to go out as a foreign missionary.

And now four young people, all trained in the mission, have publicly said, "God is calling me, and I am willing."

"I want to open more work," Miss Keith writes. "Pray for us."

When some good bit of good fortune or success comes to a friend, do we hasten with shining eyes to congratulate him? Here is an old saying that fits human nature like a glove: "A man that would have friends must show himself friendly."—Dr. J. B. Lawrence.



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THREE MOUNTAIN GIRLS TRUST JESUS

An unspeakable joy to Miss Minnie Berry, missionary in the Kentucky mountains, was the decision for Christ of three precious little girls, ages eight, nine, and ten years.

While teaching a Sunday school class the missionary was impressed to speak personally with three little lost girls who sat before her. As they talked together, one little blue-eyed girl looked into Miss Berry's face and said, "Yes, I'll trust Him." Another was deeply impressed.

"As we walked into the church auditorium," Miss Berry writes, "I paused to ask the pastor to please make the plan of salvation plain for my girls who were thinking seriously. Very simply did he present it and all listened attentively."

At the close of the service the little one who had told the missionary she would trust Christ and one of the others made a confession of faith. Replies to questions were assurance that they had understood and accepted.

On the following Sunday the third of the girls, not yet nine years old, spoke to the missionary showing concern for herself. In the quietness of the late afternoon, she said, "I'll trust Jesus."

School of Missions Held in Cuban Church

When a Cuban mission church conducted a school of missions recently, it proved to be a most worthwhile occasion, according to Miss Christine Garnett, missionary at Consolacion del Sur.

Beginning at 8 o'clock each morning with consecration service, the four days of special study and prayer also included afternoon meetings for children, and services each night which lasted until 10.

One night after the second class period had adjourned at 10 o'clock, a group of people remained to talk further about kingdom work. "It has been a great week with us," said Miss Garnett, "the largest thing of this kind held yet in Cuba, and we are going to reap great results in our church, while we hope that the other churches who had their representatives here will feel lifted by the teachings that have been carried home to them."

A seventy-five-year-old Mexican woman was baptized recently by Rev. P. H. Pierson, missionary.

Boy and Girl Saved In Good Will Center

Kneeling in prayer in her Sunday school class in the Good Will Center at Herrin, Ill., taught by Miss Mary Headen, missionary, a twelve-year-old girl called on God to forgive her sins and save her.

Then it was that the girl said she felt a peace come into her heart.

Miss Headen states that the parents are worldly non-church-going people, but they have promised to let her be baptized and join the Baptist church.

A young boy was also saved in the Center recently when the missionary felt led of the Spirit to speak to him after church. They stayed and prayed together and the boy claimed Christ as his Saviour. Although his parents doubted him, he joined the church and said that he was truly saved, and was baptized.

CONVERSIONS AT HOUSE OF HAPPINESS

"I know Jesus suffered what I should have suffered," a 12-year-old Armenian boy cried to God as he asked forgiveness for his sins at services in E. St. Louis, Ill., according to Miss Helen Lambert, missionary on the field. After his sweet surrender he asked God to help him live for Jesus. He prayed, "Lord, make me a messenger among my own people."

Deep conviction came into the hearts of an 11-year-old Greek boy and two American boys at a prayer service in the same place. After Bible pictures had been shown and an appeal made, the boys cried as if their hearts would break and prayed and surrendered their hearts to the Lord Jesus, expressing deep desires to live for Him.

Still another conversion which was very impressive was that of an 11-year-old girl whose mother is Greek and whose father is Armenian. She was gloriously saved one night in a prayer service, after she had become deeply convicted and asked God to forgive her sins. Her face was radiant after she accepted Jesus as her Saviour, and she said, "I feel like I have a clean heart."

NEEDED EMPHASES

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Whether our place or our salary is big or small, our desire should not be to get as much as possible but to give ourselves as completely as possible to the Lord and the people whom we serve in the Lord; not how big a name we can make for ourselves, but how big in soul and heart we can be for the Lord; not how big a place we can secure but how big we can make the place where the Lord wants us to serve; not how rapidly we can advance from one place to a larger one but how much we can contribute to the advancement of the cause of Christ in our own local communities to the ends of the world.

Baby's Death Brings Conversion of Mother

In a non-Christian home where a little baby had died, Miss Mary Headen, Herrin, Ill., was given an opportunity to talk to the parents about their souls. After the baby's funeral the missionary gave the mother and father a Gospel of John and some tracts on salvation, talking with them about their soul's salvation.

The next day the mother came to church and when the altar call was made she went forward, surrendering to Christ and presenting herself as a candidate for baptism. The father has not surrendered.

This home was one of poverty and ungodliness, and the mother's heart was broken through the death of the little one. But now she has found peace in her heart and joy in her soul.

A well-attended and successful vacation Bible school has been held recently at the First Baptist Mexican Church of Pharr, Texas, where Mrs. Arab Swindle is our missionary.

"Some interesting things are taking place in some of these communities in New Mexico where the Bible is practically an unknown book," writes Rev. C. W. Stumph, missionary to the Navajo Indians in Albuquerque, N. M., and vicinity.

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