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Taking Stock for 1941

Home Missions receipts are increasing and our mission work is gradually being enlarged. We are not, however, beginning to reach the need. We need more missionaries in the mountains, a city mission program, a country mission program, a mission program in the great Government projects. These are tasks that challenge the strength of the entire denomination.

—J. B. Lawrence, page 3.

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The Jew of today has not had his chance until the Gospel has been offered to him.—Jacob Gartenhaus, page 14.

Canadian Baptists are aroused and ready to launch a mighty forward movement.—Roland Q. Leavell, page 11.

The membership in less than a year has grown from nine to thirty.—Frank Ramirez, page 9.

Mountain men today are the result of what yesterday made them. Prospects for men of tomorrow to be clean in morals and pure in life are meager. Tomorrow's men (and women) begin smoking at six years of age. If tomorrow's men are to be saved, the pure Gospel must be preached NOW. Baptists must send more men to the mountains NOW. Mountain men are still sinful.—L. W. Martin, page 6.

Home Missions Faces the Future

F. S. A. Photo





The Word Giveth Light

THERE is hope for the world so long as the Bible is distributed and read. This is taking place, according to the American Bible Society's report.

Their estimate is that nine-tenths of the two billion people on earth may now read the Bible in the language which they can understand. In 1939, 7,370,908 volumes of the Scripture were distributed. This was five per cent over the previous year.

It is not, however, those that read or those that hear the Word that are benefited. The benefit is to those that do the Word. Christianity cannot move on unless the people read the Bible, but Christianity will not move on when people read the Bible without understanding it or obeying it. Let us pray and work that all may learn, love and live the Word of God.

Home Mission Progress

THE past year has been a year of glorious achievements for Home Missions. The Lord has richly blessed our missionaries in every field. We have now 411 missionaries working in 863 mission stations. During the past year we have added 40 new missionaries to our mission force, opened 93 new mission stations and acquired 14 pieces of mission property.

During the year our missionaries have distributed 40,362 Bibles and Testaments, and 660,847 gospel tracts. They have preached 34,008 sermons, led over 9,000 to make profession of faith in Christ and received over 5,000 into the membership of the churches. Large crowds everywhere attend the services. The prospects for the future are as bright as the promises of God and the faith of His people.

Evangelize to Save Civilization

DR. ROBERT A. HUTCHINS, president of Chicago University, recently

criticized our modern educational system as a "large scale housing venture" which fails to develop freedom of thought. To this lack of freedom he ascribed the major ills of the modern world.

"The great problem of our time," Dr. Hutchins said, "is moral, intellectual and spiritual. With a superfluity of goods we are sinking into poverty; with a multitude of gadgets we are no happier than we were before; with a declining death rate we have yet to discover what we should do with our lives; with a hatred of war we are heading inevitably towards it; with a love of liberty we see much of the world in chains."

The reason for these things, he tells us, is that "we have directed our lives and our education to means instead of ends. We have been concerned with the superficial instead of the enduring and basic problems of life and society."

How true! The modern world is endeavoring to build a civilization without Christ. Such a civilization, having forgotten God, will go like all other such civilizations have gone, to the dust of the earth. We must evangelize our homeland to save our civilization.

Churches and the Census

THE Census Bureau has listed 256 religious denominations in the United States, with 56,807,366 members. This is nearly half the population of the country. These findings are based on 1936 statistics. There has been an increase since 1926 of more than a million members.

But the contributions of the churches have dropped nearly \$300,000,000 in the past ten years. In 1926 the churches gave \$817,214,528 and in 1936 they gave only \$518,953,571.

Among the non-Catholic groups Baptists are first, having 8,000,000 members. Methodists are second with 5,571,000.

We are not to deceive ourselves, however, by thinking that members are all. Dr. E. F. Alldredge tells us that about 50 per cent of Southern

Baptists render very little service to the Kingdom.

What a mighty force and power we would be if every member was consecrated and devoted to Christ and His cause. Here is a great mission task, the mobilization of our forces for conquest for Christ.

Drifts in America

THE United States expends \$88.30 annually on each pupil enrolled in the public schools. For rural pupils the expense is \$67.40; for city pupils \$108.50. Between 1920 and 1930, the farm population declined more than one million. Elementary schools reached their peak in 1930.

The school men say that what the churches interpret as a lack of interest in religious education is due to a decreasing birth rate. That, however, will hardly account for the fact that the Bible content in our school books has steadily decreased until now it is almost nil.

Religion and Education

THE "Russian Godless Magazine" is urging that atheistic education in the schools be strengthened. This magazine claims that anti-religious work among school children in many schools is being carried on only superficially and points out that in the teaching of history, biology, astronomy and other subjects there is an extraordinary favorable opportunity for the development of materialistic philosophy in the children. It urges that the teachers be more enthusiastic in making the children atheistic. What Russia is endeavoring to force upon the people in their schools, is being done voluntarily in many colleges and universities in America. We need, if we would cultivate the ground in the minds of our people for the spread of Christianity, to bring the forces that make for culture under the control of the forces that make for character. Missions must extend to education.

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

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WE are happy to bring, at the beginning of this new year, a hopeful and victorious message. Home Missions was never more prosperous, progressive and popular than now. We have recovered from the despondency and

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despair of the debt and depression and are now moving out on a forward-looking mission program travelling with Christ towards tomorrow.

Confidence has been restored. The integrity of the Home Mission Board as a functioning agency has been permanently established and the credit of the Board in the financial world raised to par. Our receipts are increasing and our mission work is gradually being enlarged. In 1934, the deep year of the depression, we were happy to report 160 missionaries. Today we can report 411 missionaries working in 860 mission stations.

We are doing this and at the same time paying our debts. In the past twelve years we have paid approximately \$1,250,000 on the principal of our debts. We now have the debt budgeted so that if we receive the same amount of money that we received in 1940, we will liquidate the debt in 1945. Believe it or not, the Home Mission Board owes less right now than it has owed since 1923.

We do not say it boastfully, nevertheless we say it with pride, the Board has handled its debt obligation without disturbing the denomination with extra appeals and without asking for or receiving special consideration of any sort.

Do not understand us to say, however, that we have done this in our own strength. Far from it. We could never have gotten through without divine help. We took our problems to the Lord and He gave us the wisdom from above to solve them. By His grace we are what we are and where we are. He gave us a motto, "Trust the Lord and tell the people." He gave a passage of Scripture as an anchorage to our trust, "Philippians 4:19." He gave a mission slogan, "The making and baptizing of disciples." He gave the pillar of cloud by day and fire by night to lead us across the Red Sea of discouragement and through the wilderness of financial disaster and across the Jordan of debt adjustment into the Promised Land of credit integrity and financial security. He put our feet on the solid rock of endeavor.

We are not, however, doing all that should be

done. Last year sixty-four distinctly new fields made their appeal to the Board that we were unable to enter because of the lack of funds. We have in our files the names of some seventy-five or a hundred young men and young women, the very best in our land, educated and trained, who feel a call to do Home Mission work, that we are unable to put in the field for lack of funds.

We need more missionaries in the mountains, for there are millions of men and women, boys and girls, wholly without a chance unless we send missionaries to them.

We need a city mission program. Our rapidly growing cities are fast passing beyond the place where our churches in these cities can begin to meet the spiritual needs of the people. We have twenty-four cities, each with a population of more than one hundred thousand in our homeland, and in not a single one of these cities is there an adequate mission program.

We need a country mission program. Our country churches are gradually being lost. There is a constant drift of the better element in our country to the cities, leaving behind a citizenship which because of economic and educational deficiencies, are unable to cope with the problems that confront them in the country.

The twin tragedies today in our American life are the migrant worker and the share cropper. These tasks are of such proportions and so widely distributed over our entire territory that the impact of the whole denomination should be brought to bear upon them.

There is also the task of ministering to the spiritual needs of workers and their families in the great Government enterprises, industries, rehabilitation projects and training camps which are increasing in number and magnitude. We cannot expect the Government to provide religious services for these people. That is a task for Home Missions.

Nor should we overlook the foreigner and the alien in our midst. Five million foreigners, two hundred thousand Indians and eleven million Negroes are looking to us for spiritual leadership and help. These are tasks that challenge the strength of the entire denomination. These are tasks that must be accomplished if we would prepare ourselves spiritually for the conquest of the world for Christ.



Carlos Paredes, young Mexican Christian, developing his voice to use for the glory of God.

THE Mexican of yesterday felt very deeply that he was a stranger within our gates. He felt that he was a man without a country. As a rule he was in every sense of the word economically handicapped, dependent upon his American friends who were not always as friendly as one could wish, and because of language barriers he generally felt himself to be very much alone.

The Mexican of today is becoming more and more one of us. The Mexican children attend our public schools along with the other children and as they learn to read and write the English language they have a different viewpoint. The language barrier being overcome, the Mexican feels that he is a part of the country and its life.

In Texas thousands of Mexican business men are taking their place in the business world. In many cases we can see that the Mexican has a great influence on the body politic for it is not an uncommon thing in some elections in Texas for the Mexicans to cast the deciding ballot.

Mexican Christians Influential

The Christian Mexican of today is a great asset to the community, while the non-Christian Mexican may be a hindrance, especially in questions of politics. One million Mexicans in the state of Texas would indicate that the entire state is greatly influenced by them. Everywhere you go you can see the influence of the Spanish race.

The Mexican of tomorrow must re-

Mexicans— Present and Future

By J. L. MOYE

ceive greater recognition. He has in many instances been overlooked. The transient Mexican population has created an economic problem which entirely overlooks his needs. They are slaves of circumstances. These conditions should and must be improved. Properly dealt with, the Mexican can and will become a great blessing, but maltreated he may become a menace. As the great Lincoln said: "This country cannot remain half slave and half free." Among this group of underprivileged people within our gates, we have an opportunity to render a wonderful service to our fellowman, to our country and to the kingdom of God.

Thirty years ago the Mexican Baptist State Convention of Texas was organized. From the day of its organization the Convention has grown until we have more than 100 organized churches and 120 missions, making a total of 220 places where the Gospel is preached to the Mexicans in the state of Texas. During this time the total membership of the Convention has grown from a few hundred to more than 10,000 members.

As we think of the Mexican and the kingdom of God, we note many Gospel triumphs which seem to be prophetic of what the future holds for the work. A brief summary of some of the high points of the work for the past year tells of progress and triumphs.

During the early months of the year



Mexican girl at Sunday School

we had district pastors' and workers' conferences throughout the state. In these conferences the work of the various organizations of the church and the work of the church as a whole was emphasized. It was evident that the spirit of the Lord was directing in the meetings. These conferences have been a living demonstration of the fact that progress is being made and that interest in the work is increasing. There were eighty-five churches represented, ninety pastors and preachers present, with a total attendance of 1,400.

Progress Indicated

Another indication of progress is the fact that our people are seriously studying their task. *The Preacher and His Task*, *The Coming Revival*, *God's Plan*, have been translated into Spanish. *The Preacher and His Task* has been used as a text book in our Institute at Bastrop and also in our Seminary at El Paso; *The Coming Revival* has been used as a basis for our conferences in the six districts throughout the state; and *God's Plan* was used in our stewardship campaign. One year ago the Convention took over the publication of our state paper, *El Bautista Mexicano*. It is indeed gratifying that we have been able to secure more than 500 subscriptions and have paid for the paper independent of any outside help, having enough in the treasury to publish the paper for two months.

The W. M. U. of the Mexican State Convention has shown growth and progress through the year. The W. M. U. has given for all missionary purposes \$1,125, which in itself indicates that they are developing along missionary lines.

If the kingdom is to come among the Mexicans they must be evangelistic and missionary. Our Mexican preachers are evangelistic. The Home Board preachers among the Mexicans baptized on an average 25 people each last year. Our Home Board workers reported over 1,420 additions, with 1,125 coming on a profession of faith and baptism. At the close of our Convention on Sunday, June 30, there

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ITALIAN MISSION CHURCH



North Boulevard Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla., in the moonlight, stands as a memorial of the growth and promotion of the cause of the Kingdom in its community.

HAS ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

IMPRESSIVE was the eighteenth anniversary service of the North Boulevard Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla., where Rev. Harry A. Day, missionary of the Home Mission Board, is pastor. The program, including hymns, short speeches, special music, and other varied features, was presented on November 15.

Introduced with words of welcome by the general chairman, J. F. D'Arpa, the program was given.

One of the greetings brought was from Mrs. Alfredo Diaz, a member of the mother church, First Baptist. She had been present in 1922 when 105 letters from the First Church were presented to be charter members of the Baptist Italian Church, former name of the North Boulevard Church.

Inspiring messages relative to the growth and forward movements in church and missions on the large field were brought by the pastor and superintendents of the four Sunday schools operated by the church.

An attractive closing for the program was given in the presentation by Miss Fannie H. Taylor, missionary, of a beautiful anniversary cake lighted with eighteen candles. Miss Taylor gave facts in the history and development of the mission from the

time she went to the field twenty-eight years ago.

The large number of members present, including groups of leaders in all departments of Sunday school and church, bore testimony to the enlargement and bright prospects for the future.

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were 24 who united with the church at El Paso for baptism.

But to me nothing so indicates the purposes and wish of the Mexican Convention to go forward as does the progress of missionary work. A total budget of \$1,520 was adopted by the Convention at its recent session in El Paso.

This is not a large sum, but it is something definite. As we think of the Mexican and tomorrow we feel that real progress is being made. On every hand we have noted triumphs of the Gospel.

The Chinese church in San Antonio, where Rev. G. L. Stanley is missionary pastor and Miss Ollie Lowellyn is also missionary, has sent more than \$300 to the cause of refugee work in China.

Real Spiritual Hunger Evident Among Deaf

AN indication of a real hunger for more spiritual help is being found on every hand by Dr. J. W. Gardner, missionary to the deaf, as he continues on an extensive tour of the fields of work among the deaf in the South, visiting especially places where there are prospects of establishing work.

The missionary has visited several schools for the deaf in recent weeks. In a series of services in a school in Tennessee, eighteen of the pupils indicated an acceptance of Christ and a desire to unite with the Baptist church. Several others also professed Christ but did not unite with the church.

Dr. Gardner writes that he has found a most hearty welcome among the deaf all along his route during the entire past year, and the prospects for the coming year are encouraging.

Everywhere, he says, the cry is "Why can't you come oftener and stay longer?"

CUBANS GREET YEAR IN PRAYER

By CHRISTINE GARNETT
Missionary in Cuba

THE last day of the year was a great time for our group. We began at seven in the morning, and until nine we were in prayer, adding from time to time messages from the Book. Then we were busy in meetings from nine-thirty till three-thirty, though we did have a half hour of prayer before Sunday School. Again after the evening service we met, and from nine-thirty till eleven we felt greatly helped by the united prayers.

It was bitterly cold that night and we had been able to prepare chocolate cake, so until eleven-thirty we enjoyed that in my home which is by the side of the church. Again to prayer, testimony and devotionals until two in the morning.

One lovely young girl, just as we were ready to close, gave a fine testimony of faith in the Lord. The next day one woman, my next-door neighbor, told me that she, too, is saved, but had not had the courage to say anything that night. She has said publicly now, however, that she is the Lord's.

MOUNTAIN MEN

TODAY'S yesterday was another day's tomorrow. Today's children are tomorrow's men. The future of any state, condition or people is determined by previous influences, forces, and circumstances. Tomorrow's men will be reflecting the influences of their parents and grandparents—today's children, and this is possibly more true of the mountains than in the more cosmopolitan cities and those rural communities which are more easily accessible to extra family influences.

Mountain men today are the result of what yesterday made them. Many mountain men today are poor. There is much wealth in the mountains and many people enjoy abundance of material things, but in those areas which are still mission fields, for the most part men are poor. Eighteen of the thirty-two mountain counties of Kentucky are pauper counties.

Population increases have put more people on limited portions of land. The rural population of the mountains is two and one-half times as dense as the average density of the rural population of the United States.

Surplus of Man Power

Mining camps are full of poor people. Once a few mines, with constant production, provided abundant income for those first to be employed. Now the production of the great number of mines far exceeds the demands and the thousands who have drifted to the camps for the public work need not be employed more than two or three days per week the year 'round.

There is a surplus of man power in the mountains. One-fourth of Kentucky's population lives in the mountains and produces forty per cent of the live births. This greater birth rate makes the mountains the source of supply for manpower now and will be the source in years to come. Men tomorrow will flow out of the mountains to fill vacancies elsewhere. This situation increases the great responsibility of Baptists to send more missionaries to an ever-increasing population.

Few and poor schools of yesterday have produced illiterate men today. Illiteracy always hinders truthful preaching and stable following. Thus the emotional false message receives greater response than the simple truth.

Mountain men are for the most part anti-missionary today. The "two-seed



By L. W. MARTIN

doctrine" of Daniel Parker has for over 100 years been bearing its fruit. He said, "If man is born, predestined, to go to hell, no need to give him the Gospel. If he is destined to go to heaven, why give him the Gospel?"

To oppose the urgent appeals of Luther Rice, this doctrine was spread broadcast and because of poverty and the hard labor even to provide meager necessities, it was warmly welcomed and has been a joy to many ever since. Kentucky mountains are a vast mission field today because of what yesterday's doctrine has made of men today.

Mountain men are still lost. Eighty-two per cent of the people are still unevangelized and unchurched. There are still five county seats in Kentucky without a Baptist church.

Mountain men are still sinful beyond description. All of the forces and influences of the past years have combined to produce the worst moral and vice conditions the mountains have ever known.

Prospects for Tomorrow

What are the prospects for men of tomorrow in the light of conditions and forces at work today?

Prospects are not favorable for the removal of poverty. There is some increase in production by the coal mines because of the present war situation and in some quarters the lumber business is better, but days of still greater poverty for the ever-increasing population are to face men of tomorrow.

Prospects are favorable for the abolition of illiteracy. Public schools

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have made unbelievable progress. New modern houses, buses, free text books, and a higher standard of preparation for the teachers have caused education to advance more rapidly in the mountains than elsewhere. But for the most part the teachers are unchristian and are hindrances to the work of Christ.

Prospects are for growth of non-denominationalism. Men of tomorrow will be prejudiced more than ever against denominations.

Faith missionaries with, for the most part, a true Gospel, yet with indifference toward or opposition to the established denominations, are fast occupying the mission fields of the mountains. They are increasing in number while Baptists are saying we cannot add any more to our force of missionaries. They are increasing in influence because of the greater number of workers, while we are losing in influence because of the need of missionaries. Their greatest efforts and results are among the young people who are to be the men of tomorrow.

Baptist Responsibility Great

Prospects for men of tomorrow to be clean in morals and pure in life are meager. Tomorrow's men (and women) begin smoking at six years of age.

Just a few days ago I saw a junior boy staggering drunk making his way along a railroad track in a coal mining camp. Road houses and night clubs are cultivating the young people in communities where there are no Sunday schools or services for young people.

What of Baptist responsibility for tomorrow's men?

If tomorrow's men are to be saved men and are to be what God would have them to be, the pure Gospel must be preached NOW. "How can they believe in one of whom they have not heard?"

How can they hear without a preacher — without a pure truthful Gospel?

Baptists must send more men to the mountains NOW. We need God-called, Spirit-led, Bible-preaching, trained, able men, the best Baptists have NOW.

The writer would ask, "If there is no need of additional missionaries today is there any need of his being on the field?" If Baptists do not soon send men to occupy the field, the

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Teacher-Missionary Cities Progress in Youth Training

YOUR bread cast upon the waters is returning with golden harvests. Writes a Teacher-missionary of the Home Mission Board working in Florida, in a few words of appreciation to the Board for its work in training Negro preachers over the South.

"Our preachers are making rapid progress by the blessedness of your kindness," he continues. "This is evidenced by the larger results of revival work and conversions, and by the better pulpit work being done by my brethren. The Negro churches and

ministers of Florida unite with me in sending thanks to you for the good you are doing for them."

Reports coming in from all the teacher-missionaries employed by the Board in Negro colleges in the South show progress, both on their campuses and in institutes, and all express deep appreciation for the work that is being done.

"In my visitation of five district Sunday school and B. T. U. congresses," writes another worker, "I found an exceedingly gratifying response to the appeal for trained workers in our local churches. The requests for local institutes and study courses were amazing."

Still another teacher-missionary, in writing of his varied activities, reports several addresses he has made regarding the cooperation of the Southern Baptist Convention in Negro education in Negro colleges in the South. Several institutes were conducted by him recently in addition to his work on his college campus.

One worker states that "there is a remarkable increase in the anxiety of church workers to take study courses and be trained."

TRACT FROM WORKER BEARS FRUIT

SEVERAL years ago a very strong Italian Catholic man was given a tract by a Presbyterian missionary, which caused his conversion. He became a very active Christian worker and started a Presbyterian mission in Brooklyn, N. Y.

In some way the man learned the name of Miss Mary Kelly, missionary of the Home Mission Board in Christopher, Ill., and sent her some of his tracts. Miss Kelly wrote him that she could not conscientiously give out his tracts since they did not teach baptism as Baptists believe, and she sent him some Home Board tracts on baptism.

Before very long the man replied to Miss Kelly that one of those tracts had changed his views on baptism and that he had been baptized. Later she heard from him that he had become a Baptist and was operating his mission in the Baptist name.

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day will come when the field will be occupied by others, and future Baptist missionaries will have but a work of competition. We are outnumbered now and will be more greatly so tomorrow.

Because tomorrow's men will be largely a result of today's reading, Baptists should produce adequate publications.

Most of our periodicals are above the educational ability of the average man. Too much of our literature is published for the favored group that has a college education.

Adventists and Jehovah Witnesses have realized this and have produced and spread at small cost millions of copies of error.

Why cannot Baptists send out missionaries who will spend their full time selling "Home Readings" with a Baptist Interpretation, or books on "Salvation," "Creation," "Sanctification"?

Does any denomination surpass us in the production of books, in the number of book stores or in the volume of sales? Yet how few Baptist publications ever reach the homes on the mission fields in the mountains. I have yet to visit in a mining camp or a most remote rural community that I have not found books of Jehovah Witnesses and Adventists. If those people can finance and distribute their publications, Baptists could, too, if they tried.

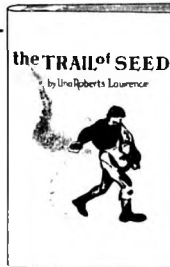
Turn to 2 Corinthians 6:1. Read the whole chapter. Often and again this second verse has been read to lost people to get them to surrender to Christ NOW. But this was not written to the lost. "Now is the time" was written to the church of God at Corinth. "Now is the day of salvation" was not written to the lost, but for the saved to heed.

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When Was Mission Work With the Chinese Begun?

Q. On which Chinese field has the Home Mission Board worked the longest? M. H. J.

A. The Home Mission Board has had work among the Chinese in San Antonio since 1923, Miss Ollie Lewellyn being located on that field since that date. This is the oldest Chinese field of the Home Mission Board.

Q. Are the Mexican churches becoming self-supporting? L. J. G.

A. "Churches are becoming more conscious of their own local responsibility," says Rev. J. L. Moyo, field secretary of Mexican mission work in Texas. "It is encouraging to hear the brethren talk about self-support and to see them increase their gifts along this line."

Q. How is the Home Mission Board budget prepared? A. C. T.

A. The budget, as proposed according to the Board's by-laws by the administrative committee, is presented for adoption at the annual meeting. According to the financial plan adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1939, the proposed budget is "on the basis of the cash receipts, distributable and designated for the regular work of the previous year, not including wills, bequests and special gifts."

Q. How should we organize a Friends of Israel group in our church? C. L. T.

A. In his tract, "A New Emphasis on Jewish Evangelization Through the Local Church," Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus sets forth plans for the organization of such groups to win the Jews. He makes definite suggestions on how every local church can have a part in this ministry. The tracts are free by writing to the Home Mission Board.

HOW TO ASK QUESTIONS

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

Q. What percentage of the Home Mission Board's annual expenditures are for mission work? T. S. B.

A. In the 1941 budget adopted by the Board on November 7 a total of \$217,000 was appropriated for mission work out of a budget of \$530,000. Even with debts requiring \$228,000, the amount for mission work represents 41% of the 1941 budget.

Q. Where does the Home Mission Board do work among the Chinese? N. T. S.

A. The Board has three regular Chinese fields of work, in San Antonio, Texas; El Paso, Texas, and in Phoenix, Ariz. The latter field has been opened recently and Miss Margaret Jung is doing work there. Rev. Shau Yan Lee, a native of China, is a general missionary who works throughout the South in addition to his regular ministry in El Paso.

Q. Please tell us some Home Mission field that needs used Sunday school and training union quarterlies. Mrs. S. E. S.

A. For actual use in mission Sunday schools the workers prefer current quarterlies, because the same lessons are being studied each Sunday as are being used in other churches. On most fields, therefore, used quarterlies would be out of date for use in classes; but the missionaries appreciate the value of distributing good literature on their fields and any such material can be used to advantage on any English-speaking Home Mission field.

Q. How many missionaries to the Chinese are now employed by the Home Mission Board? T. R. P.

A. The Board now has six missionaries to the Chinese, three being located in San Antonio, two in El Paso, and one in Phoenix.

Q. How many rescue missions does the Home Mission Board foster? T. S. J.

A. The Board fosters three rescue centers, two in New Orleans, La., and one in Jacksonville, Fla. Rev. Clovis A. Brantley is superintendent of the Rescue Mission and Woman's Emergency Home in New Orleans, and Rev. L. C. Bennett is in charge in Jacksonville.



Q. How many of the Home Mission Board's missionaries to the Chinese are Chinese? D. W. B.

A. Only two, Rev. Shau Yan Lee and Miss Margaret Jung. Above, praying in her home in Atlanta, Ga., is a Chinese Christian, Mary Wong.

Q. What is the best approach to Jewish neighbors and friends? R. L. E.

A. Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus answers this question in the free tract, "How to Win the Jews to Christ," which is now in its nineteenth edition.

Illness Gives Chance For Gospel Witness

WHILE one of the teacher-missionaries employed in the Home Mission Board's program of Negro ministerial education was confined in a hospital recently, he was given an opportunity to witness to workers in the hospital.

The janitor, who had been in a discussion on prayer with a group of other men, came into the missionary's room to ask the interpretation of a certain passage on prayer.

Being satisfied with the answer given, the janitor went back and got the whole group of men and brought them into the teacher-missionary's room. For a whole week following, until the patient was dismissed, those men went every night into the room for interpretations on the Scriptures.

Progress in Santo Domingo

By FRANK RAMIREZ
Missionary in Cuba

WHEN we came to Santo Domingo, not yet one year ago, after having worked for a number of years among Spanish-speaking people in the States, we found here practically nothing in the way of an organized work. There had, at one time, been a small organized church, but with no pastor being on the field and preaching services only occasionally held, you can understand why the work was so small. The Sunday school, of one class, had been conducted by the deacon. He had an attendance of from about eight to twenty.

All of our members were attending and contributing to the support of another group called an evangelical church, but now they are more stable in their convictions and have more of the symptoms and semblance of a New Testament Baptist church.

Membership Grows

The membership has grown from nine to thirty. Seventeen of these have been added by baptism and four by letter. We have organized a young people's training union with twenty-two members, and a Woman's Missionary Society which we hope will develop into a lively missionary organization.

In one family who are of good standing morally and socially, the father lost a good position and had become dependent over unemployment. When we first saw him he had already attempted suicide and was bedfast, refusing to eat, and making God responsible for his condition.

After our first talk with him, telling him of his need of a Saviour who was amply able to solve all his spiritual as well as his material problems, he began to reconsider things, and got up to eat supper with his family for the first time in many days. He soon began attending preaching services, he and his wife, and in a few weeks both were saved.

The Lord has since blessed him materially; he has hardly been without work a day since becoming a Christian.

There was one young man who was converted when he was a small boy, but had never been baptized and become a member of the church. He brought some friends, twelve or fifteen, to the services. Most of them have now publicly confessed Christ as their Saviour. Seven have followed Him in baptism. Others may be baptized later, but they must prove first by their lives and their works that they have really had the experience of a new birth.

We cannot afford to baptize candidates immediately, because many times people who do not fully understand (as is the case in all Catholic countries) profess faith in Christ and yet do not prove by their works that they have been saved. Perhaps more than half of the number who have professed Christ have not been accepted for baptism.

We have to be careful, or some day



Members of the newly organized B. T. U. in the church at Santo Domingo.

we would find ourselves with a church, perhaps large in membership, but full of unsaved people. This would be an unsurmountable block to the growth of our church, because the people from the outside watch the lives of the members of our churches, and if they do not see sincerity then our opportunity of winning them is gone.

YULE TURNS MEXICANS TOWARD CHRIST

MANY opportunities have come through the recent Christmas season to Rev. C. Hernandez Rios, missionary, to reach the people on his Mexican field with the Gospel. While people have been thinking especially about Christ's birth, many have wanted to read in the Bible the beautiful story of His birth, and many have requested the missionary to come and read it to them.

Considerable progress has been made on Brother Rios' field during the past year in getting the people to tithe. One little boy, having earned a dollar for good work in school, brought it immediately to his father, saying, "Daddy, of this dollar I will give ten cents for the church because it is my tithe."

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A Christian Interprets Affliction

We have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities.

Heb. 4:15.

A family has been going through much sorrow on the foreign field in Birmingham where Miss Bertha Wallis works as missionary of the Home Mission Board.

One son, who has separated from his wife, tried to kill himself and his brother. When Miss Wallis heard of it, she went immediately to try to help the family.

As the missionary talked with a girl in the home, the young Christian exclaimed: "Oh, this is bad enough to us who know God, but it would be much worse if we did not know Him. We want to know Him better!"

Much of the responsibility in the home has been on this girl, Miss Wallis explains, but even the recent harrowing experience has made her stronger in faith.

Human Values

Is not the life more than the food, and the body than the raiment?

Matt. 6:25.

The spirit of missions grows out of an ability to see values inside of people which cannot be detected by the world.

Jesus saw possibilities and values inside the demoniac which were not realized at all by the Gadarenes.

There are a number of groups in the South who to the majority of Americans are unattractive, repulsive, inferior, and, if not wholly worthless, are so far below the strata of those of us in the upper level as not even to merit a generous feeling toward them.

The spirit of missions, if possessed by Southern Baptists, will reveal something of worth in these people who according to the popular attitude are unpromising. This spirit will not manifest itself in pity nor in condescension but in a genuine recognition of worth.

It will make it possible for us to see

inside people — to see their hearts which can be made noble by the grace of God, to see their souls which Jesus said were worth more than the whole world—to see indeed that they are human beings even as we are, that they are on the same spiritual footing with us, and that we are brothers. When motivated by such a spirit, and when we are on a plane of equality with them, we can then win them to Christ.

The Invitation Rejected

Come; for all things are now ready.

Luke 14:17.

Strange visitors came to services on a Sunday morning recently at the First Baptist Church in Miami.

Leading the procession, at which worshippers gazed in amazement, was Dr. J. W. Beagle, field secretary of the Home Mission Board.

STEREOPTICON SLIDES IN TWO SIZES

THE many friends of Home Missions all over the South who use the ever-popular colored slides are reminded that the Board now has slides of two sizes.

One is the old standard 4x3 1/4-inch slide which can be shown on stereopticon machines having this size carrier.

The other is the new 2x2-inch slide to be shown on any projector with a slide carrier of this size.

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Those who write for pictures should specify the size slide desired. A complete list of lectures is available on request. Churches using the pictures are required simply to pay carriage charges and to return the pictures promptly.

Behind marched Rev. Willie King, Creek Indian missionary to the Seminoles. Next came Mrs. King, and behind her was six-year-old Ruth King.

The last figure was the one on whom all eyes were fastened. Costless, dressed in blue shirt and denim trousers, his stolid face, framed by long hair, turning neither to right nor left, his bare feet falling softly on the carpets, came an old Seminole, head man of his primitive camp.

As the little group marched down the aisle to take a seat at the front, the hushed audience watched with open-mouthed wonder. Through the service the Indians sat, the old Seminole never taking his eyes from the preacher.

"Don't you want to take the Jesus road?" Dr. Beagle urged after the sermon.

"Walk in devil road long time," the old man replied slowly. "Good enough for me."

Concern for the Lost

The Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost.

Luke 19:10.

"A good thing about Cuban Christians is that they are never satisfied with knowing Christ themselves, but they want to make Him known to others and want others to be happy in Him, too," says Missionary Imanuel Negrin.

A fine young Christian girl worked continually to make Christ known around her, and many could say, "Lily told me of Jesus and His love."

One day Lily saw in a young Cuban boy the need of the knowledge of Christ and she told him that Jesus wanted him for a worker. She did not give up with one time, but continued to pray and work with him.

That young man was converted and then began preparing himself for Christian work. He began immediately in his humble way to help his companions to know Christ.

"No one can realize how happy these people are when they do come to the knowledge of Christ," says the missionary.

Canadian Baptists In Evangelism

By
ROLAND Q. LEAVELL

HIS Majesty King George VI of England, in a broadcast to the British Empire, recently quoted:

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year—

Give me a light that I may read safely into the unknown.

And he replied,
Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God—

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.

—M. L. Haskins.

We sang "God Save Our Gracious King" on every occasion. Frequently those courteous Canadians sang "America" in my honor. Busy and happy were my two weeks, October 27 through November 10, promoting evangelism in the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec.

On November 1, the Rev. H. H. Bingham, D.D., who for ten years has been pastor of the Walmer Road Baptist Church of Toronto, began his new work as general secretary of the Convention. He is launching a special emphasis on evangelism.

Activities

On Sunday, October 27, I preached in three different churches in Montreal.

Five all-day conferences in evangelism were held in Montreal, Ottawa, Hamilton, Collingwood and London. In these five days I gave exactly twenty-eight sermons, addresses, and round-table discussions. We reached representatives from every Baptist association in Ontario and Quebec. More than half of the total number of persons attended.

ANDREW CLUBS

WORD comes from North Carolina about an Andrew Club for men. A letter from Missouri tells about an Andrew Club of young people who are really winning souls. A leader in Kentucky says the missionary society circles are forming Andrew Clubs. A prominent pastor says the idea of an Andrew Club is of divine inspiration.

Write to us for literature about an Andrew Club. Have one in every church, and many of them in the larger churches.



Baptists north of the border have a new interest in evangelism, Dr. Leavell discovered on his recent visit. Here the superintendent of evangelism, right, is shown with the new general secretary of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, Dr. H. H. Bingham.

tors attended. These associations set up organizations and programs for the coming year.

On another day I delivered addresses morning, afternoon and evening, before the 66th annual meeting of the Toronto Association of Baptist Churches. The evening service was in Massey Hall, a downtown city auditorium. More than twenty-five hundred people attended.

An eight-day evangelistic meeting was held in the Talbot Street Baptist Church, London, Ont. Rev. Stanley Morris Inman is the pastor. There were thirty-two professions of faith. Other addresses were delivered to business men's clubs, to students in the University of Western Ontario, and to theological groups in the London Bible School. It was a consummate joy to visit McMaster University, the great Baptist school at Hamilton.

Evangelistic Interest

The attitude of Canadian Baptists toward evangelism is about like that of Southern Baptists at the time of the Convention in Richmond, Va., in 1938. They are aroused and ready to launch a mighty forward movement.

Providence could have provided nothing better than the selection of Dr. H. H. Bingham of Toronto to become General Secretary of the Con-

vention. His life has been given to pastoral evangelism, and his soul is afire with love for souls.

Dr. Bingham will have noble assistance in promoting evangelism from such men as Dr. A. F. McCutcheon and Rev. J. A. Johnston of Montreal, Chancellor H. P. Whidden of McMaster University, Rev. Carl Farmer and Rev. Caleb Harris of Toronto, Rev. H. E. Eastman of Collingwood, Rev. Stuart Ivison of Ottawa and Rev. S. M. Inman of London.

The war is affecting Canada, naturally so. There is no flag waving, no hand playing, no soldier parading, no hysteria. The people speak of the war with a grim, steadfast, determined tone of win-or-die. Canada seems one vast training area for military aviation.

The war situation seems to have aroused the church leaders to more earnest effort in winning others to Christ. I have never seen preachers more anxious for new ideas about evangelism in churches and associations.

Canadian Baptist Work

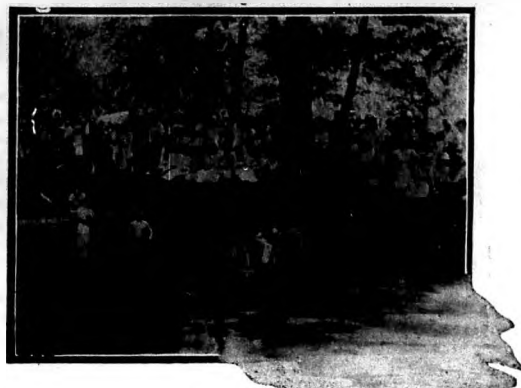
Canadian Baptists have three conventions, the Maritime, the Western, and the Convention of Ontario and Quebec. The Baptists are "not many but much" in Canada. I never saw higher types of personality, genuineness and consecration. The pastors are well-prepared educationally. The church buildings are well-kept. Their services are worshipful and bordering on the formal.

We thank God for our every remembrance of those great friends North of the border.

ASSOCIATIONAL EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE

HAVE you organized your associational evangelistic committee for 1941? If not, have a committee of five in which one is general chairman, the second is leader of publicity and census, the third is promoter of "highways and hedges" evangelism, and the fourth is promoter of study courses in soul-winning, and the fifth is the organizer of Andrew Clubs in the churches.

Seeing A Missionary At Work



Baptismal scene on the Mexican field. Pastor McKinney and Deacon Thompson called out the fire department at midnight to assist in a baptismal service.

By C. S. McKINNEY
Pastor, First Baptist Church,
San Benito, Texas.

FOR many of us who live here on the Mexican Border, Home Missionaries are a very definite part of the work. Their toils and trials and triumphs are so well known to us that they no longer stir us as they once did.

However an experience of a few evenings ago is worth reporting. I asked Brother Thompson, a deacon who recently came here from Missouri, to go with me to the Mexican Baptist Church where Rev. L. E. Kelley of Alice, Texas, one of our best missionaries to Latin-Americans of southwest Texas, was holding a week's meeting.

Pastor Watches Deacon

My first thrill came in seeing the pleasure of Brother Thompson. He said to me on the way to the service, "I have never seen one of our missionaries at work on the field."

As Brother Kelley preached, the face of Brother Thompson was aglow with interest and pleasure though he was not understanding a word of the Spanish being spoken. (Nor was I understanding much.)

Our next thrill was at the invitation when four people came out of the audience that comfortably filled the church building, to publicly announce their acceptance of Jesus as Saviour. Two were little girls, one seven and the other ten years of age.

When Pastor A. R. Saenz, another Home Board missionary, presented the

older child after questioning her, several members of the church spoke, saying in effect, "We do not know this child. We do not know her parents. We do not know what instruction she has received, nor how her parents will feel about her coming with us."

It was only after discussion that she was received, pending a visit to her home and further inquiry into her qualifications for baptism.

When the younger child was presented she said, "We know this child. She is in our Sunday school. Her parents are with us and we know them. We know how she has been instructed, and she is ready for baptism." She was received without reservation.

The other two who came were a man and his wife of middle age—life-long members of the Catholic Church. The man speaks good English and has a good job. They had been attending the meetings and had in their home decided on the step they were now taking, so came with clothes, prepared for the baptizing.

Firemen Called at Midnight

The Mexican Church uses our First Church baptistry and it was explained to the man that the hour was late and to open our building and fill the baptistry would take several hours and that it would be midnight or later before we could be ready.

However the man insisted, saying that when the eunuch was converted he said, "See, here is water; what

doth hinder me to be baptized?"

He also reminded us that it was after midnight when the jailer took Paul and Silas from the jail and washed their stripes and was baptized by them.

We were afraid they might think baptism might be, in some way, connected with their salvation, but the man explained that he would be working when the time suggested for the baptizing would come and he wanted to do it then.

On the way from the Mexican Church to our church we passed the city hall, and I asked the fire department if they would come and fill our baptistry which they agreed to do, and soon we were ready.

My last big thrill of the evening came as Brother Kelley read the Scriptures in Spanish, and Brother Saenz led the happy couple into the water and buried them with their Lord in baptism.

Brother Thompson told me the next day that he was so happy over the whole circumstance that he did not sleep at all that night.

Home Missionaries Help Illinois Groups In Mission Schools

SCHOOLS of missions in four associations in southern Illinois have just reached their conclusion, with fine reports coming in from the Home Board missionaries participating in same.

Rev. G. O. Foulon, missionary on the field, reports a good reception everywhere the workers went. He discovered that there is some lack upon the part of many Baptist people in knowing just what "Home Missions" really is.

Going in rotation from one church to another in the associations, Rev. Thomas J. Wamego, missionary to the Indians in Oklahoma, Rev. Paul C. Bell, and Rev. Donato Ruiz, missionaries to the Mexicans in Texas, and Miss Mary Headen, were the Home missionaries who took part in the programs. There were also foreign and state missionaries participating.

Books were taught each night and different ones of the missionaries gave inspirational messages following. The schools were very successful.

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Distressed Choctaw Calls Missionary, Finds Christ

LATE afternoon a phone call came to the home of Rev. A. W. Hancock, Indian missionary, from a young Choctaw Indian in great distress. The Indian wanted to see the missionary as soon as possible, so Brother Hancock told him to wait where he was and he would come to him.

When the missionary arrived he asked the young man into his car. Immediately in his distress the Indian began relating how that he had tried everything to find happiness, but had failed. He said he had to talk to someone that very night.

The missionary talked with him for about an hour, but he would not surrender to the Lord. Finally he persuaded him to go to his home, and there Mrs. Hancock also talked with him about his soul.

At one o'clock in the morning the young Indian still had not yielded. The missionary told him that the man himself was the great hindrance to the Lord in saving his soul and suggested that he go home and talk to the Lord alone. Before he left, however, he said that he was going to pray for him once more, and he knelt beside a chair to pray.

When the prayer was finished, the man arose and said, "Brother Hancock, I believe I'll just settle everything before I go," and he knelt himself, telling the Lord what a great sinner he was and thanking him for his salvation.

Immediately he arose and asked Mrs. Hancock to call his wife and tell her that he was not ever going to cause her any more worry and for her to please be at home when he got there. He had finally found the happiness which he had so long sought for.

Spanish Impressed While Viewing Baptism

A CONCLUSIVE doctrinal message was brought in an impressive baptismal ceremony by Rev. J. G. Sanchez, Spanish missionary, in which he baptized a convert in a beautiful lake at Dexter, New Mexico.

According to Brother Sanchez many people gathered to see the baptism and were impressed by the symbol of the death and resurrection of Jesus, following the missionary's explanation from Romans 6:3-11.

After the baptism a man approached the missionary and said: "All the time I was under the impression that the act of baptism was by sprinkling, and I thought that Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan by John putting water on His head from a horn. Now I am convinced through the explanation you gave from the Bible that Jesus was baptized by immersion. Catholics have no baptism at all."

NEW MISSIONARY LAYING FOUNDATIONS

A WELL-PLANNED foundation is being laid for work during the new year by Rev. A. D. Maddry, new missionary on the French field in Jeanerette, La.

Brother Maddry is making progress in meeting the people on his field, trying to make personal friendships.

"I am trying to lay a missionary foundation and attitude now in the hearts of the local group that I find to be in great need of teaching," the missionary writes. "I am trying to get them ready to go about mission work with me rather than simply watch me go."

Old Man Professes, Is Baptized Before Stroke Of Paralysis

WHILE Rev. Loyd Corder, missionary of the Home Mission Board in Uvalde, Texas, was going over town one Sunday afternoon announcing from his car through a megaphone the evening services, he was stopped by a grey-haired old gentleman.

Sitting in the shade in front of his humble little one-room shack, the old man arose when he saw the missionary and asked him to go into his house.

When he and the missionary were seated he recounted the difficulties and suffering of his later life and concluded by saying, "Now, brother, I am old. For some time I have wanted to go to your services, but I am unable to walk that far. I want to be baptized and be one among the Christian brethren before I die."

Upon questioning the man, Brother Corder found that he was genuinely repentant, so arrangements were made for him to be brought to the services that night. The man could hardly wait until the invitation was made to profess his faith and ask for admittance to the church as a candidate for baptism.

On the following Sunday night he was baptized. There was a gleam of satisfaction in his eye as he shook hands with the missionary before he went home.

During the week following the new member had a stroke of paralysis. He is not expected to live.

"His conversion at this late hour was the fruit of a series of mission services given in his home by our church many years ago," writes Brother Corder.

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To The Jew First

As we are about to enter the New Year it would be well that we consider anew the divine command, "To the Jew first" — a subject which occupied such a prominent place in the mind and heart of the Saviour, the apostles and early followers of Christ, whose sole reliance for guidance was the Holy Spirit, and devout believers through the centuries who looked upon the Holy Scriptures as the supreme authority for all questions pertaining to Christ and His kingdom. "Thus saith Jehovah," settled their every problem. They did not believe in man-made creeds but in complete and unquestioning obedience to the command of Christ as recorded in the Scriptures; and they did not accept any amendments to Christ's command, but followed His instructions implicitly. A subject which has received such emphasis in God's Word and played such a vital part in the lives of our Lord, the apostles and others should not be lightly dismissed as of no significance by us today.

The idea latent in the minds of Gentile Christians that the Jew had his chance at the Gospel in the beginning, but having rejected it he has forever forfeited his privilege — has no scriptural foundation. The fact of the matter is that the Jew of today has not had his chance until the Gospel has been offered him. It might be argued that inasmuch as the Gentiles have had the Gospel preached to them for nigh nineteen hundred years and are still trampling it underfoot, we are therefore no longer obligated to give them the Gospel.

Must Heed Divine Command

But I contend that not only has the Jew not lost his chance but that it is imperative that we carry out the divine command "To the Jew first" in every generation of the Christian age. Nowhere in the Scriptures are we warranted to change this order. One of the hardest lessons for Christians to learn is to do first things first.

If we carefully examine the New Testament we shall find that the com-

"First to the Jew!" the Apostle said; For theirs is the greatest need for bread. Today is their day for the Truth sublime; Today for salvation God's truest time.

"First to the Jew!" is the Saviour's plan; But Christians have listened to words of man, Reversed the method, the message reserved; "We'll visit the Jew when all others are served."

"First to the Jew!" brings richest results While work is oft wasted with various cults. John was a Jew; so were Peter and Paul; And they led the way for God's followers, all.

"First to the Jew!" Let the Baptists be true To the task that the Saviour is calling to do; Win nobly for Christ his blood brothers, the Jews. We'll rejoice in the skies if the Lord's way we choose. —SCOTT W. HICKEY.

mand "To the Jew first" stands out prominently. Such passages as: "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16), and "Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24:47) speak for themselves.

A casual reading of the Acts of the Apostles will convince anyone. We read in the accounts of all the inspired apostle's missionary journeys the familiar phrase, "As his manner was" when in visiting a city he went "to the Jew first." Just a few passages to illustrate: Acts 14:1, 17:1-2, 17:10-17, 18:4-11, 19:8-10, 28:23.

Command For All Ages

Should someone dismiss this subject with the argument that the command "to the Jew first" was meant to be carried out during apostolic days only, I would reply that it is to be observed by Christians in all ages, even as are the other doctrines and practices of the apostles. Diligent students of God's Word have believed and practiced "to the Jew first."

It was the custom of years of the founder of the China Inland Mission, Hudson Taylor, to send John Wilkinson, founder of the Mildmay Mission to

By JACOB GARTENHAUS

the Jews, a subscription every January with the following message: "This is the first money that comes to me this year which I send you for Gospel work in your mission, in accordance with the Scripture 'To the Jew first.'" This was usually responded to by Mr. Wilkinson sending a personal subscription with the word, "And to the Gentile, also."

Space does not permit to discuss the various objections frequently made against this order, practically all of which are without Scriptural authority.

Apart from the Scriptures, when we stop and think of the debt we owe to the Jews, on the ground of common gratitude, we would seek to reach out a helping hand as a definite expression of appreciation to them. "Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises: Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever" (Romans 9:4-6). Israel's prophets were the heralds of the salvation which is now the Christians, for the Saviour said, "Salvation is of the Jews."

Then there is a special blessing promised to those who seek Israel's welfare, "I will bless them that bless thee" (Genesis 12:2-3). Whenever this command "To the Jew first" has been faithfully discharged the results have been manifold.

Great Opportunity Offered

The present day presents to us the greatest opportunity for service as we see these people cast about from pillar to post with no hope for their storm-tossed souls and broken bodies but the hope which is held out to them by the Messiah. May God help us to do first things first.

The above poem written by Rev. Scott W. Hickey of Colorado, Texas, was inspired after reading one of my articles in *Southern Baptist Home Missions*. May it be the sentiment of every true follower of Christ.

January, 1941.

Indian Student Happy To Have First Bible

By PAULINE CAMMACK

THIS is the first Bible I ever had." With evident enthusiasm, an Indian boy, senior in the government school, repeated the words several times, as he proudly brought his Bible for some help in finding some references.

As I talked with him about God's wonderful Word, I recalled that he was from a community where there are no Christians and until recently no Bibles. After our brief conference, eager to share his information about God's Word, he went down the hall to help another boy who was receiving his first Bible.

Before leaving, he promised to read that night the Sunday school lesson for the next Sunday about the parable of the sower.

At Sunday school the next Sunday he was a most attentive listener at both that service and the worship service—his first time to attend an evangelical church. I am trusting that his heart will prove to be good ground which will bring forth fruit.

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE APPOINTED

CONTEMPLATING the sale of all property not usable for mission purposes, the Home Mission Board has appointed B. M. Callaway and G. Frank Garrison as a special real estate committee. They will work with Dr. J. B. Lawrence in the sale of vacant lots and other real property which has come to the Board in wills and other special ways.

Two new missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Jesus Rios, have been appointed by the Home Mission Board for work on the Mexican field. They are located at Sweetwater, Texas, and their appointment was in cooperation with the First Baptist Church of Sweetwater.

Home Mission Board receipts in November totaled \$26,094.73, an increase of \$3,449.37, or 10%, over the same month last year.

Hundred Thousand Club offerings, showing an increase over the same month last year, brought to the Home Mission Board in November \$4,870.61 to be paid on debts.

John 14:2 Appeals To Poor Homeless Woman Seeking Aid At Mission

ONE evening there came to the Rachel Stone Memorial Mission an old woman with a note asking Miss Gladys Keith, missionary, to do what she could for her for she was really in need.

Thinly but cleanly dressed — white tennis slippers and cotton stockings, with a dress full of holes and sleeves torn and short—she stood before Miss Keith, and said, "I don't want money and I don't want you to give me anything. Just let me scrub the building and then you give me some clothes."

Upon inquiry the missionary learned that the woman had no people and no home, and that she was sleeping at night on a stack of papers in an old back room. Miss Keith felt led immediately to read to her from God's Word the passage, "In my Father's house are many mansions." She cried as she learned what that could mean to her.

The next morning the woman returned to do her work. The missionary gave her what clothes she could find, though most of them were too large. She then read the Bible to her and in less than five minutes she accepted Christ. In her broken English she expressed a desire to become a member of a church and asked where Miss Keith went.

Upon learning that the missionary went to the Third Street Baptist Church across the block from the mission, the old lady promised to be at church Sunday. She was there — at eight o'clock in the morning. She was there for Sunday school, then the worship service.

When the invitation was given, down the aisle went the little old woman, clothed in the much-too-large dress given her at the mission, her white tennis slippers and stockings, and a white apron

tied around her waist to hold the dress on, professing her faith in Christ and asking for membership.

Dreams for the River Front along the Mississippi are coming true, Miss Keith adds. She expects to open two more mission centers on the river before long, plans even now being under way.

SIXTY-FIVE CONVERTS BAPTIZED

SIXTY-FIVE people converted in meetings held by Rev. Percy Ray, missionary, were baptized by the pastors of churches near their homes during the past month, writes the missionary.

One young Methodist preacher gave up a full-time pastorate in the Methodist conference to be baptized into the Baptist church and ordained to preach during one of the missionary's revival meetings.

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By CLOVIS A. BRANTLEY

OUR driver received a call to go to a certain address in New Orleans to receive a donation for the Rescue Mission. Through this call the donor became interested in our work. On Sunday morning she came inquiring if it would be all right for her to attend our Sunday school class. Of course this permission was joyfully granted.

It was found that she was not a Christian, having never aligned herself with any church, but rather feeling that she did not need salvation, as she thought herself to be better than many people who had it.

Some special words, both through personal conversation and through the message of the evening hour, were given her, in which the Bible position on that condition was plainly declared.

With a prayer in the speaker's heart the invitation was given, but she did not respond. Our interest grew, as we continued to pray and think about her. Next Sunday evening she again attended the service.

After a heart-searching message on the plan of salvation, the invitation was again given, and this time, with trembling lips and tear-filled eyes, she came forward, making as beautiful a confession of faith as has been witnessed in the Mission.

Next day she called and asked us to go with her to present herself for baptism and church membership in a local Baptist church. This we happily agreed to do. With rejoicing in our hearts, we saw her present herself for membership in one of our New Orleans churches.

This is another ministry of the Baptist Rescue Mission. Your prayers will help us to carry on this work which God has so definitely blessed during the years.

If we would project the Gospel of Jesus Christ into all the world and into all the life of the world, then our own lives must root in that Gospel and be an expression of it.



NEW TITHING CLUB ATTRACTS CHINESE

A NEW tithing club is the latest development in the work of Miss Ollie Lowellyn, missionary to the Chinese in San Antonio.

Already, the missionary reports, attendance at the club is increasing and the outlook is "very encouraging".

This is the first time there has been a tithing club on this field.

Miss Lowellyn also reports that one of the training unions in the church is for young men who do not speak English. Leader of the union is a young Chinese man.

The missionary adds that she is concerned because souls are not being saved on her field.

Pima Indian Churches Progressing In Work

WORK on the Pima Indian field is continuing to show improvement along all lines, according to the missionary, Rev. C. F. Frasier.

In the Sacaton church the attendance is holding up well and the members are planning to remodel their building. The funds for this work will come from the tithes which they will bring in just as soon as they get their money from their cotton.

Work on the Casa Blanca church, although halted at intervals because of bad weather, is going forward in an enthusiastic way. The church has been heartily received into the Baptist General Convention of Arizona. The members are happy over the progress that has been made and are in eager anticipation of the time when they can leave the open arbor where they are now holding meetings despite all kinds of weather to move into their new building.

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