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First Copy

Home Mission Board President Ellis A. Fuller, standing in front of his pulpit, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, receives from Miss Dorothea Leavell, a Sunbeam, a copy of *The Trail of Seed*, the book now being studied by W. M. U.'s in preparation for the March Week of Prayer for Home Missions.



Character Revealed

A MAN reveals his character in the use of things and time. He shows what he loves in the same way. The individual who professes to believe in Christ and to love Him, who does not use his time and money to advance and bring in the reign of Christ among men, is deceived. No one can have fellowship with Christ without working to establish fellowship between Christ and all men. This is missions.

CATHOLIC IDEA OF FREEDOM

At the American Negro Exposition in Chicago, Catholics in order to make their display had removed a banner giving information about Baptist churches and Baptist work.

The *Christian Century* calls attention to this act and observes: "It is probably fortunate that we are not permitted for long to enjoy the illusion that with all its good the Catholic Church really knows the meaning either of tolerance or of religious liberty."

It is a fact in history that wherever the Catholic Church has been dominant it has prohibited, as far as it was able, every other form of religion. If America wishes to maintain her freedom she must not entrust it to the Catholic Church.

More Than Airplanes Needed

WRITING in the *New York Sun*, H. R. Phillips calls attention to the fact that the United States needs something more than 50,000 airplanes. He says we need spiritual awakening, a little more respect for the ancient truths and for the lessons of history and the Word of God.

We need a retreat from cynicism, a return to the old-time standards of character that make it easy for a man to become indignant over corruption and injustice and to become fighting mad over a wrong.

We need the faith of our fathers in

Holy Writ and the impulse in all crises to turn to God instead of turning to politicians for relief. We need faith in Jesus Christ and without this all the airplanes in the world will not save us.

In our Home Mission work we are endeavoring to establish these things in our land.

John's Gospel Certified

THE Sinaitic Code purchased recently by the British Government from Russia, is now being studied critically by the use of violet light. This study has definitely proven the authenticity of the last verse of John's Gospel which critics have long asserted to be a later addition.

A colophon, which was in ancient times placed at the close of a book by the author, had been rubbed out so that it could not be seen by the naked eye, but the violet rays show its presence and prove that it was a part of the original text.

As time goes on science is gradually proving the authenticity of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. The experience of the human race has long since proven its truthfulness. Our task as missionaries is to preach it as the Word of God.

Missions to the Navajo Indians

THE report on the Navajo Indian problem published by the Phelps-Stokes Fund of New York gives some very interesting information concerning mission work in this tribe.

There are 45,000 Navajo Indians and the five national Protestant home mission boards, not including the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, have 308 missionaries and are spending \$364,200 per year in mission work in this tribe.

There are 200,000 Indians in the Southern Baptist Convention territory and very much less than this amount of money is being spent in mission work among them. The Home Mission Board has 68 missionaries among the Indians. This is the largest number of missionaries to the Indians Southern Baptists have ever had.

An Applied Gospel

THE time has passed when we can hope to save the world by preaching theories. The world is judging us and our doctrines by what it sees of an applied Gospel. It will be the Gospel as applied in the evangelization and Christianization of the homeland that will carry the finally convincing missionary message of Southern Baptists to a lost world.

SPREAD OF SALACIOUS LITERATURE

CHAPLAIN Frank C. Rideout, U. S. A., asks the question, "Are we suffering a moral collapse?"

He cites the alarming spread of salacious literature in this country as an evidence of the terrific loss of moral and spiritual power and the mental degradation of a large and growing number of people.

One has but to look at the news stands to get some idea of the type of literature that is now being served to our people.

Chaplain Rideout says, "The ease with which a great deal of this filth can be obtained should cause the parents of adolescent boys and girls tremendous concern. During recent years there has grown up a considerable army of degenerate young men who make their living by peddling foul literature and pornographic pictures."

One difficulty is that the natural guardians of our morals—preachers, teachers, leaders of the young, clean writers—are naturally averse to touching such subjects.

The Catholic Church has been making a fight against this salacious literature. Every Christian in the land ought to join in and help to banish it from our news stands and from our land. Here is a task for mission-minded people.

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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

DO we really know what Christ had in mind when He organized the church? What did He intend for it to be and do? Oh, we say that the mission of the church is missions. It is, but what else? It seems to us that Christ intended for each church to become in its corporate capacity and life

Churches As Samples Of The Kingdom

a sample of the Kingdom of God in the community where it is located. Suppose our churches should become Christian co-operatives functioning under the principles enunciated by Christ in the Sermon on the Mount. Would they not have irresistible spiritual power? If the outside world saw in actual life a demonstration of real Christian living by a group of people, would it not be convicted of its own wrong way of living?

We think it would. The Golden Rule put into actual practice by a group of people in the godless social order of the world would have such a terrific impact upon that order that it would cause men to stop and think on their way of life. Such living on the part of our churches would make the Gospel the power of God unto salvation to a lost world.

The conviction has been growing with us that Christ intended for his churches to become Christian co-operatives where brotherhood in Christ is wrought into the corporate life of the group so as to give to the world a sample of the kingdom of God. This would mean that each individual church would establish a Christian social order for its members and that the churches in a given territory would unite in enlarging that order so that it would be comprehensive enough to take care of all the social, physical, economic, intellectual and spiritual needs of the members of the churches and of their families.

What a glorious experiment it would be for some church to try this out. Evidently the New Testament churches were Christian co-operatives. They were conscious of their fellowship with Christ and with one another in Christ and wrought that fellowship into the actuality of a Christian community life. It would take a great deal of religion to do this. Can we today make Christ so real in our church life that our churches will become Christo-centric in their organization and group life? What power our churches would

have if this could be done! We can make our churches better by making Christ more central.

America A Base For World Evangelism

GOD is calling to America to become the base for the international operations of Christianity. Communism has its base in one of the largest countries in the world. Russia, with its 150,000,000 people, has committed herself as a nation to the propagation of communism in the world. Fascism has its headquarters and so has nazism. These ideologies are now at death-grip with the democracies to make the world over according to their ideas.

But there is no country in all the world irrevocably and unchangeably committed to the exemplification of the Christian faith in the operation of its institutions. There is no place in the world where an inquiring heathen could go and find a sample of the kingdom of God.

Why should we not make America a base for the propagation of the Christian religion, as Russia is a base for the propagation of communism? To do this, however, something will have to take place in American life. It would mean a citizenry predominantly Christianized so that in its internal legislation and its international relations the United States would be decidedly Christian and would have as its national objective the making of the whole world Christian.

Here is a task for our churches, and what a task it is! To fully grasp its meaning we need a new sense of spiritual values, a new and deeper realization of the power of the Gospel to transform the lives of men and to remake the world in which we live.

"The greatest of all faults is to be conscious of none," says Carlyle. He who can see no evil in himself is blind indeed to the high standard of morals as set out in God's Word, for "If we say that we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us."

There can be no soul-absorbing passion for a world's evangelization without a soul-consuming faith in the eternal verities. We must have the old-time religion if we would have the old-time Pauline zeal in missions.

HONESTY the Simplest Form of Stewardship

By B. M. CALLAWAY

THE first principle of stewardship is the recognition of God's sovereignty over a man's life, whence it follows that his talents, time, and property shall be used in conformity with his best conception of God's will. This is so fundamental that any other conception of stewardship is superficial and probably based on error. The acceptance of God's sovereignty furnishes to the man himself the measure of liberality.

Seeking to know God's will he discovers that as His child he must use his best intelligence in all things, and whatever he does must be the sincere expression of his real nature. Responsibility for understanding and sincerity is no where more necessary than in business relations. As a steward of intelligence and resources he will make all agreements in business with the best effort to understand the obligation involved and a sincere purpose to carry out his agreement. He will assume no obligation which he does not believe he can carry through.

Its performance becomes a measure of his intelligence and his character. It is not a question of pride in his own resources, but of desire that as a Christian he be wholly trustworthy. Honesty for policy's sake is no longer his attitude, but honesty for Christ's sake.

Debts are usually easy to make, and too often are incurred without due care for payment. This fact alone requires a Christian to be more careful in making a debt and holds him all the stronger to its repayment, because he cannot afford to be careless about his promises. He is the steward of his mind and thinking, and his promises are the representation of his real nature. How can he as a follower of Christ be untrustworthy, and in the eyes of others discredit his Lord whom he professes to follow?

He not only pays his debts on Christian principle, but his regard for his fellowman who is the creditor is the expression of the Christian attitude that would never desire to cause another any loss or injury. Should he be so indifferent to the welfare of another to the end that under pretense of promise he might cause the other to lose through trusting him, then he has abused the Christian profession shamefully. If the new life has not

overcome selfishness and greed, then elementary sin still dominates him. But if he is seeking the other's good by protecting his interests, then good will becomes righteous conduct.

When he says, "I will do this," or "I promise to pay," he commits a



Debts are easy to make.



Paying debts is a measure of intelligence and character.

Christian to an obligation. He will live up to the obligation, protecting the creditor, protecting his own reputation, but above all expressing the full trustworthiness of a child of God.

This primary virtue has not been sufficiently emphasized nor practiced by church members to distinguish them from outsiders, and yet it is an elementary Christian virtue, the simplest form of stewardship of talent, time, and property.

When a group of Christians as a church contract a debt for the church house or any other purpose, the cumulative resources of responsibility might surely to demonstrate trustworthiness. If the religion professed does not make for honesty and responsibility, it should be questioned as to its nature.

A church debt or denominational debt should only be made on consideration and prayer, and for the best possible use. Once made, the requirement of its repayment goes even beyond reputation, honesty, and integrity. It is the act of children of God fully doing right as the expression of a new nature.

How shameful is the attitude of some churches in evading or repudiating their debts!

Even in rare cases where the debts were excessive, do they propose for the consequences of their own mistakes to fall on others who have become their creditors? It does appear that many churches in such financial embarrassment, having sought cancellation or compromise of debt, have not only failed to bear responsibility, but have exhibited no difference between a church and a selfish secular corporation trading for its advantage.

Those churches and denominations which have taken responsibility for debts and even under misfortune have set themselves to fully pay, are not merely living up to Christian profession, but in so doing have maintained integrity and builded a reputation for Christians as trustworthy.

This is the manifestation of stewardship, and suggests that church members ought always to pray that they may have the intelligence and will to enter only into contracts which they are able to fully execute.

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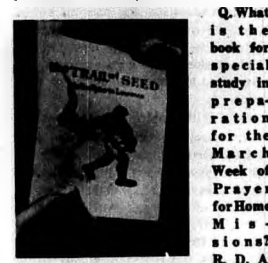
Does the Home Board Plan To Retire All Debts By 1945?

Q. HAS the Home Mission Board made any plans to retire all of its debts by 1945? R. D.

A. The Home Mission Board has adopted a debt-paying program which, on the basis of receipts for 1940, will retire all of its debts by the centennial year of 1945.

Q. What policy has the Home Mission Board adopted to reach the goal of "a debtless denomination by 1945"? R. D.

A. In addition to applying all receipts from the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club on the principal of its debts, the Board has included the debts in its budget of receipts from the Cooperative Program. From Cooperative Program funds the Board paid on debt principal in 1940 \$124,254.37.



A. Under the direction of the W. M. U. committee, Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence has written the preparatory study book, *The Truth of Debt*, which is now on sale at Baptist book stores for 25c.

Q. Are Home Mission Board bonds selling above or below par in the bond market? M. E. F.

A. Few bonds of the Home Mission Board are being offered for sale. Those that are sold bring above par. In 1933 when the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club was begun, Home Mission bonds were selling far below par with few buyers offering to take them.

Q. How long has the Home Mission Board operated the Rescue Mission in New Orleans? J. K. T.

A. The Baptist Rescue Mission in New Orleans was opened February 11, 1927, with Dr. J. W. Newbrough, missionary of the Home Mission Board, its first superintendent. Rev. Clovis A. Brantley is now in charge of the mission.

Q. What is the annual interest saved by the Home Mission Board in the reduction made since the beginning of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club? S. M. E.

A. On the total of \$805,214.80 paid on its debts by the Home Mission Board since the Hundred Thousand Club was begun in 1933, the annual savings in interest is \$48,312.89.

Q. How many missionaries could be employed with this annual saving in interest? S. M. E.

A. This saving in interest charges pays the salaries of 53 Home missionaries.

Q. What is the goal for the 1941 Anne Armstrong Offering for Home Missions? W. L.

A. The goal adopted by the Woman's Missionary Union for this special Home Mission offering is \$140,000.

Q. Who is the chairman of the W. M. U. Committee on this year's March Week of Prayer for Home Missions? B. G. H.

A. Miss Blanche Sydnor White, corresponding secretary, Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia, is the chairman of this important committee for 1941.

Q. What is the new book dealing with world conditions today which the Home Mission Board has just published? R. S.

A. *Signs of the Times*, edited by Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, has just been placed on sale. This new book presents an able study of the conditions today which impose new opportunities and responsibilities on the cause of Home Missions.

Q. What percentage of Baptist Hundred Thousand Club receipts does the Home Mission Board now receive? B. M. E.

A. The Home Mission Board now receives 29.7% of the Club funds.

Q. Who are the creditors of the Home Mission Board? B. I. C.

A. The Home Mission Board has a bonded indebtedness of \$515,000, these bonds being owned by individuals. The balance of the Board's indebtedness is represented by notes in the amount of \$353,785.

Q. How much has the Home Mission Board received from the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club? D. O. B.

A. Up to January 1, 1941, the Home Mission Board has received a total of \$324,756.37 from receipts of this Club.

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, 215 Red Rock Building, Atlanta, Ga. Please enclose 3c for reply.

Q. When was the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club started? C. T. B.

A. It was begun in 1933 at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Washington on a proposal made by Dr. Frank Tripp, now pastor of First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala. Dr. Tripp, shown at left, promoted the Club until the election in 1936 of Dr. J. E. Dillard as director of promotion of the Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention.

Q. What disposition has the Home Mission Board made of its Hundred Thousand Club receipts? E. B. P.

A. The entire total of \$324,756.37 has been applied on the principal of the Board's debts, according to the plan of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club.

Q. How much has the Home Mission Board paid on its debts since the inauguration of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club? H. T.

A. The Board has paid \$805,214.80 since the Club was begun in 1933, of which total \$324,756.37 came from the Club receipts.

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Pleasant, Profitable Study

By
KATHLEEN MALLORY

PLEASURE, as well as profit, is a natural result of duty well done. A long recognized responsibility of Woman's Missionary Union is that "of stimulating a missionary spirit and the grace of giving among the women and young people of the churches" co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Specifically, W. M. U. immediate responsibility pertains to the carrying out of plans as adopted by the Union in its last annual session concerning the observance of the 1941 Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 3-7. Included in such plans is the study of W. M. S. and Y. W. A. members in January or certainly before March of the preparatory book *The Trail of Seed*. Unquestionably the faithful study of this book will prove pleasant as well as profitable.

Thought-Provoking Study

This pleasing, thought-provoking study of the work of the Home Mission Board during the last decade is the latest book by Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence. Collaborating in its editing were Miss Blanche S. White as chairman of the W. M. U. committee to recommend plans for the observance of the 1941 March Week of Prayer and Joe W. Burton, publicity secretary of the Home Board. These three gifted writers worked faithfully to produce and publish this preparatory study book.

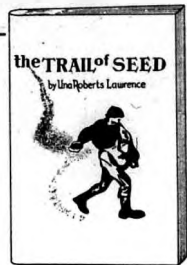
All expense is being borne by the Home Board, which is furnishing to each of the state W. M. U. headquarters a sufficient number of copies to give one free copy of the book to each W. M. S. and each Y. W. A. organization. Additional copies are to be secured for 25c a copy from the state Baptist Book Stores. It is sincerely hoped that each organization will persuade many of its members to order and study this book before March.

(Editor's Note: The free copies referred to by Miss Mallory have been sent to the W. M. U. Headquarters in each state by the Home Mission Board for distribution according to the plans of the W. M. U. No free copies are available from the Home Mission Board office.)

Among the pleasures to be expected from such study will be satisfaction

in its clear flowing English; few if any of the sentences are involved; seldom if ever is the meaning obscured by style or by the choice of difficult words.

Pleasing also are the author's reminiscences of many Home Board connections and happenings which were beginning to fade from the memory of many of her contemporaries and which were wholly unknown by other W. M. S. and Y. W. A. members.



Story of Triumph

The record of ten eventful years of Home Missions is preserved on the pages of this new book.

An understanding of economic, social and political conditions of the era, together with an intimacy in Home Mission affairs since 1928, provide the author's basis for this appraisal of the period in its spiritual implications.

Here is a story of triumph over the darkest days Southern Baptists ever faced. It is a record of adventurous leadership in the name of the Lord. You will read and re-read its pages with spiritual animation.

Prepared under the direction of the Committee on the Week of Prayer for Home Missions of Woman's Missionary Union, Miss Blanche Snyder White, chairman.

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Some of these reminiscences as well as certain other facts in the book deal with heavy losses and big problems encountered by the Home Board during the past decade; gratefully is it acknowledged that the author of *The Trail of Seed* discusses them with dauntless faith in the divine purpose of Home Missions and with devoted love for each cause as promoted by the Home Mission Board.

Highly profitable also will be the study of this book. The Union's plans for its study clearly state that the book is to be used in preparation for the observance of the March Week of Prayer.

Women prefer being prepared for every occasion; therefore, W. M. S. and Y. W. A. members readily recognize the value of preparation for the March week. In such preparation there will accrue interest in the facts as set forth in the book, also a deepening devotion to the causes as presented. Since each of these Home Mission causes has its inherent needs, it will be natural for the students of the book to weigh these needs in the light of their own environments and to want to help in the meeting of such needs.

Will Inspire Readers

Therefore, the cause of Home Missions is certain to be enriched through the study of *The Trail of Seed* because many W. M. S. and Y. W. A. students of the book will henceforth pray, study, witness and give more in behalf of Home Missions.

When should the extra copies of the book be ordered? Immediately, if not sooner! When should each class meet? In January or certainly as early in February as possible! Why not combine the study of the book with the actual observance of the Week of Prayer, March 3-7? Because the very title of the book and the fact that it was written to prepare minds and hearts for the Week of Prayer prove that it should be studied early just as gardeners break the soil and sow the seed in preparation for the anticipated harvest!

Dyess Colony Baptists Resume Building Church

BAPTISTS in Dyess Colony, Ark., where Rev. W. E. Haltom is missionary, are eagerly looking forward to the day when they can have their church building completed.

The missionary writes that they now have sufficient funds to begin work again and that very soon they will be able to meet in the basement.

Working Hard

ADVERTLESS Denomination by 1945". This slogan, daily becoming more familiar, is striking a responsive chord in the hearts of Southern Baptists. It is indicative of a vigorous purpose. We have every reason to believe that it will find full realization in our centennial year.

The Home Mission Board not only joins heartily in endorsement of the slogan, but, in fact, it has led out in the matter of maintaining our denominational integrity by its own attitude toward its obligations to its creditors. In the fall of 1938 the Board found itself with a staggering indebtedness of \$2,527,458.44. In the face of this critical situation the reorganized Board, with Dr. Ellis A. Fuller as president and Dr. J. B. Lawrence as executive secretary-treasurer, set up a budget which provided for a debt-paying program that would discharge every obligation in full within a reasonable time.

In that determination the Board has never wavered. The depression greatly reduced receipts but not the strong purpose to meet all responsibilities. There has never been, from the first day until now, even the slightest disposition on the part of the Board to discount its debts or seek any form of compromise.

Premises Full Payment

At a time when nations, states, great secular institutions, and private individuals, were repudiating their responsibilities and availing themselves of every possible "loop-hole" to avoid the full payment of their debts, the Board said to its creditors, "If you will give us a little time we will reimburse you in full."

This policy is not only good business, but it is also evidence of a real Christian conscience.

In the words of Dr. Lawrence, "When these debts are paid, as they will be, interest and principal, one hundred cents on the dollar, then principal paid becomes the evidence of principle held. The attainment of this end will make the world think of Baptists as a people who can be trusted."

The churches of the South did not let the Board down in the position it had taken. They have demonstrated their confidence in its program by their loyal financial support.

The Board has been paying its debts, but the people have been supplying the money.

The Home Mission Board has felt a



By K. OWEN WHITE

Vice President
Home Mission Board

two-fold responsibility in regard to its debts. First, to discharge every obligation in full, thus keeping good faith with its creditors; second, to help maintain and uphold the good name of the denomination as a whole, to rightly represent it to all the world and thus to strengthen its morale and inspire it in the full payment of all its debts. In this it has succeeded.

The story of the heroic struggle of the Board, groaning and travelling beneath the awful burden of its debt, facing suspicion, mistrust, criticism, antagonism, and even threat, and of its triumphant emergence into the full confidence of all men and the acclaim of its most severe critics, will be told again and again as one of the brightest pages in our denominational history.

Today the credit of the Home Mission Board has been fully re-established. Its bonds sell above par. It has met the requests and surpassed the expectation of its creditor. Some of them have expressed amazement at its achievements; all have agreed that it is an outstanding and unusual demonstration of integrity, honesty, and determination to meet an almost unparalleled situation. It has silenced those who had been scoffing and sneering at Christians as being devoid of business acumen and of moral and ethical standards of conduct. In this respect alone it has rendered a real service for Christ and for His cause.

Two-Fold Objective

It may be asked what the Board has been doing as a missionary agency. Has it ceased to function in this capacity while it was paying its debts?

to Reach a Goal

Not at all. It has had a two-fold objective, namely, to pay its debts and vigorously to promote its chief task of evangelizing and soul-winning among the millions of unsaved, unchurched, underprivileged, neglected, needy, heart-hungry people of the South. The Board now has more actual missionaries in service than ever before and a much wider outreach of work.

The Baptist Hundred Thousand Club has saved the day for Southern Baptists. God grant that it may receive ever increasing support and go on to greater heights of success! But had the Home Mission Board depended only upon the receipts of the Club to pay its debts it would be in a bad way today. Altogether the Board has received from the Club, up to January 1, 1941, \$324,756.37, of which \$46,876.05 was received last year. During the existence of the Club the Board has thus received annually an average of about \$45,000. Yet in 1937 the Board paid \$108,313.88 on the principal of the debt; in 1938, \$145,560.37; in 1939, \$163,660.89; and in 1940, \$181,130.41. In addition, all interest has been paid in full as it was due.

Schedule Faithfully Followed

The total indebtedness of the Board is now only \$868,788. The schedule of debt payment has been faithfully adhered to. We are now far in advance of our adjusted schedule, and if present receipts do not decline victory by 1945 is assured.

For seven years the Board has lived within its income and has borrowed no money for operating expenses. Bear in mind that it entered into the depression with this crushing load upon it, that it carried on an aggressive program through all those years and that it has been consistently reducing its indebtedness year by year. It has done so with the deep conviction that the full payment of any indebtedness is a part of real Christian stewardship.

Debts create doubts. Debts neglected dim the vision and dull the conscience. Debts unpaid discourage faith. Debts repudiated dishonor God. We are paying our debts. We will pay them in full. We will discharge every obligation with scrupulous honesty. We will declare to the world that Baptists are a people whose word can be trusted. This is our serious purpose. We are fulfilling it and with the help of all our people and the leadership of the Holy Spirit we shall finish the task.

MARCHING CHRISTIANS

By MARY STOVER JAECKEL

Listen! Can't you hear the
Marching -- Marching -- Marching!
Of five million Christian feet?
Beneath our Royal banner
Which never knows defeat.

Marching with our dollars
One hundred thousand strong;
Marching -- Marching -- Marching!
With a great triumphal song.

Marching down the aisles of time
To 1945,

Marching with our chins up,
Marching with a smile;
Marching sure of victory—
By faith we'll reach our goal;
Marching on to victory,
One hundred thousand souls!

Home Board Makes Great Comeback

THE most thrilling financial recovery I know of is that of our Home Mission Board. A few years ago this great Board was approximately \$3,500,000 in debt, its paper was almost worthless and the general public thought it was facing bankruptcy. But they did not know Southern Baptists and the genius of this Board. Today the total debt upon this Board is only \$868,788, its paper sells above par and it is doing the finest and most constructive work in its long and helpful history.

The Home Mission Board expects to be entirely out of debt by 1945, the centennial of its organization; it is making its plans that way. This scribe prophesies that this high hope will be fully realized. (How we wish every board and institution we have could do as well.)

Several things have contributed to the rapid financial recovery of our Home Mission Board.

1. The clear headed, capable, honest, and frank leadership within the Board itself has been largely responsible for its rapid recovery. There has been no muddled thinking; no Wilkins Micawber efforts to dodge issues or cover up facts, and no hunting for pots of gold at the end of rainbows. Our leaders have realized that mathematics is an exact science, that there is no way to pay these debts except with money, and that there is no place to get the money except from our own people.

Under those conditions it was as clear as noonday that the Board must either cut expenses or increase its income, or better still, do both. Without a moment's hesitation it decided to do both in the quickest, biggest, and best way. The Board is still following this policy.

2. The second thing that helped and is still helping the financial situation of our Home Board is its clearly defined policy and determination to live well within its income. This Board took no chances by hoping that its income would be immediately and greatly increased. It put interest charges in its budget as the first item. It was going to pay its interest whether any thing else was cared for or not. This pleased its constituency and its creditors.

3. Another thing that greatly helped the credit of the Board and

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strengthened its appeal to our people was the avowed determination to pay every dollar of both interest and principal. The Board never asked for a dollar reduction in principal nor a cent in interest. All it asked for was time and a bit of patience. The Board is making good on its promise; bankers and bondholders have confidence in the integrity of the Board; its paper now commands a premium.

4. "Where has the money come from?" Well, the Annie Armstrong Offering has been a big help, and the launching of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club was a veritable life-saver.

We had reached the depression point where the current receipts were so small that if the Board should pay its interest charges in full and make a substantial payment upon its immense debt it would necessitate cutting the operations of the Board to such an extent that it would well nigh destroy the work of the Board itself. If this work were destroyed there would be no income.

Here were the two alternatives: (1) to pay interest and make substantial reductions on principal, thereby letting the work die, or (2) to carry on the work adequately and fail to pay on the debt. It appeared that either course would be fatal. Then came the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club.

The Club sought 100,000 loyal Baptists who would give an extra dollar a month to be paid upon the principal of the debts of the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention. We did not get and have not yet secured the full 100,000, but we did get enough to help us through the most tragic financial period in our denominational history. Each of the agencies receives from the fund in proportion to its relative debt needs.

The Home Mission Board now receives 25.7% of this Club fund. It has received up to January 1, 1941, a total of \$324,756.37. And every dollar of this has been paid upon the principal of the debt of the Board. (Our Sunday School Board pays the expense of promoting the Club.)

While the amount that the Home Mission Board has received and is receiving through the Club is not nearly so large as we had hoped, it should be borne in mind that it came at a time when our financial situation was desperate.

Remarkable Recovery Points to Complete Victory by '45

By J. E. DILLARD

But for the timely and substantial help this Club gave, it is hard to see how several of our agencies, including the Home Mission Board, could have carried on. The Hundred Thousand Club has enabled the Board to carry on its work while reducing its debt and reduce its debt while carrying on its work.

The Home Mission Board has complied to the letter with the agreement to use these Club receipts for the reduction of debt principal only, and it has shown its appreciation by promoting the Club in every possible way. We are grateful to all who have or will help in this special effort for a Debtless Denomination by 1945.

5. Finally, the Home Mission Board has used a portion of regular receipts for payment upon debt principal.

The Hundred Thousand Club has helped all our causes, has probably saved the very lives of some of them. But it became evident several years ago that these Club receipts, unless greatly increased would not be sufficient to pay the principal upon the debts of all our agencies by 1945.

Many plans have been suggested for supplementing these Club receipts but objections have been found to all of them, the chief objection being that these plans might conflict with or hinder our regular Cooperative Program. It has been quite generally felt that every effort should be made to strengthen the Cooperative Program and that a part of the receipts through the Cooperative Program should be applied upon principal debt payment. (Many churches in all states and in a few instances state organizations have felt this so strongly that they have even objected to the Baptist Hundred Thousand.)

In view of these facts the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for several years has been suggesting the policy adopted at the last Convention in the following recommendation: "with full appreciation of the efforts of the agencies in sub-

The Director of Promotion gives five reasons for Home Mission Board's rapid financial recovery:

1. Capable leadership in the Board.
2. Clearly defined policies.
3. Determination to pay every dollar, both principal and interest.
4. Annie Armstrong Offering and Hundred Thousand Club.
5. Application of part of Cooperative receipts upon principal debt payment.

stantially reducing their debts, we urge that in addition to providing for fixed interest charges every agency and institution of the Convention which has a debt set aside as large a per cent as possible of its regular receipts to pay upon its debts."

The Home Mission Board has not only approved of this plan but has been acting upon it for several years. The Board uses for current work and applies all the rest upon its debt. This helps to account for the rapid reduction in the indebtedness of the Board. Since the Cooperative receipts are showing a healthy increase year by year, we feel sure that the high hopes of the Home Mission Board will be more than realized.

If the other boards and institutions of our Convention will comply as fully and as graciously with the suggestions and plans of the Convention as the Home Mission Board is doing we feel confident that we shall have a Debtless Denomination by 1945. So mote it be.

Led By The Spirit

AFTER delivering my scheduled message at the Missouri Baptist Convention I had to rush to catch a bus for my next appointment at Harrisburg, Ill., where I was to speak at the Illinois Convention the following day.

But even as I opened the back door of the church to leave for Illinois I was stopped by several individuals, among them a prominent Baptist layman who had been attending the convention.

He introduced me to a Jewish friend, telling me that the two of them had been reared in the same community, and upon learning that I was to appear on the program he got in touch with this Jewish friend who now resided in St. Louis, inviting him to hear me. Out of friendship which went back to childhood and respect for his Christian friend whose genuine love and sincerity he never questioned, he accepted the invitation.

I had not seen a more enthusiastic person in many days. Repeatedly he remarked, "Wonderful! Wonderful! I have never enjoyed a service more in my life. The impressions will linger with me for the rest of my days. I came only at the request of a friend, leaving my place of business, and right now several people are in my office waiting to see me. But it was worth it all. Your message so excited me that I forgot my hat in the church."

Every moment we talked I realized that time was passing and if I did not hurry I would miss my bus. But the man was reluctant to let me go and in order to talk more with me he went part of the way to the station. I told him how sorry I was that our visit had to be so short and added that the next time I visited St. Louis I would make it a special point to have a long visit with him.

"Remember, it is a promise," he said.

He wanted us to plan on having a good Jewish feast.

By
JACOB GARTENHAUS

There is no question in my mind but that the representative of our Home Mission Board, Dr. Paul Weber, after reading a brief report on Home Missions, had been moved by the Spirit when he publicly requested that I confine my address to the Jews, adding, "This is such a vital question; and we can read about Home Missions in our denominational literature."

Holy Spirit Leads

Neither is there a question in my own mind but that the Holy Spirit led me in the choice of the message that morning. It was really a message that I would have chosen if I had had a Jewish audience. Whenever I am conscious of such direct guidance of the Holy Spirit, with Paul I cry out for joy: "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" (Romans 11:33).

The Jewish Song Of Christ

*When first I heard of Jesus,
It seemed some mystic tale—
He, root of barren dryness,
No fragrance could exhale.
But as I came to know Him,
His precious name grew sweet,
And like a perfumed rainbow
Love arched the mercy seat!*

*At first I saw no beauty—
No captivating spell—
Felt no divine emotion
In my bosom swell.
But when through beams of glory
God shone in Jesus' face!
All other objects tarnished,
Before His matchless grace.*

*I read that He was wounded,
And bruised upon the tree,
Yet felt no thrilling wonder!
As though He died for me:
But since—oh, since I know Him,
And saw Him bear my load!
I cannot cease from praising
My Great Redeeming God!*

*O Rose of rarest odour!
O Lily white and pure!
O chieftest of ten thousand!
Whose glory must endure:
The more I see Thy beauty,
The more I know Thy grace,
The more I long uninterred
To gaze upon Thy face!*

—From The Hebrew Lutheran.

The very next morning just before bringing my message to the Illinois Convention I was debating which of two cities I could visit in the day I had open before my next engagement. I had about decided to go in one direction when a visiting preacher from another state stopped me, saying, "I just caught sight of you and want to shake your hand before leaving in a few minutes."

"Where are you going?" I asked.

He told me, and it happened to be one of the two cities I had been thinking about. I told him that I had not been able to make up my mind all morning as to which direction to take. "I wonder if the Lord has led you to me," I said.

This brother remained to hear me speak, immediately after which we left.

Imagine how overjoyed I was when the following morning I learned that a Jewish friend of mine in that city was facing a problem in his life and was wishing that he could discuss it with me; and when he heard my voice on the telephone he shouted for joy.

I told him how I happened to be in his city and he remarked, "It was not a coincidence, but a direct answer to my prayers." Can you imagine the thrill this was to me?

These are just two of many evidences of His guiding hand in our lives. Oh, that we had sufficient faith to put our complete trust in Him who said, "And I will bring it to pass."

Bible Wins Woman

SEVERAL marvelous professions of faith have been witnessed recently by Miss Agnes Miller, missionary, on her field in Lake Arthur, La.

Miss Miller sent a Bible to one French lady and when she went later and read to her she accepted Christ.

One grown boy made a profession of faith in prayer meeting and his sister said that he was a new boy since God had so changed his heart.

A mother who is already a Christian told Miss Miller that she was going to bring her son to services, for she was afraid he would commit suicide if he were not changed.

"I told her I had the medicine for the worried soul," says Miss Miller, "so she is coming with him sometime soon."

Baptist Rescue Mission Closes Fourteenth Year

By
CLOVIS A. BRANTLEY
Rescue Mission Superintendent

AN answer to the dreams and prayers of many people who had the interest of unfortunate men and women at heart was the opening of the Baptist Rescue Mission in New Orleans February 11, 1927.

Dr. J. W. Newbrough, missionary of the Home Mission Board, became its first superintendent. Services have been held nightly, not one night having been missed since its beginning. Six years later the Woman's Emergency Home was opened for unfortunate girls.

The purpose of the mission is twofold: preaching the Gospel of Jesus and the rehabilitation of the men and women to whom we minister.

The purpose for which the work was established is carried out faithfully by the workers in the Mission. Local pastors, students from the Baptist Bible Institute, as well as the Mission workers, preach and testify.

The rehabilitation of the men is attempted whenever possible. Beds are furnished for rest. Each man is required to bathe and clean up. His clothes are washed, ironed, and returned clean to him next morning, thus helping to make him presentable as he begins to look for employment. We also have a system at the Mission by which we help to secure work for those who desire it.



Following the service, men sign up for lodging during the night.

The results have been worth much more than the money spent: 403,962 men have attended our services, with 418,500 beds having been furnished, 332,792 meals given; 546 women and children have been cared for, with an average of 30 babies being born each year; 5,838 services have been held without a break. There have been 8,463 professions of faith in these services.

On the Jericho road, as in Jesus' story, men and women today are stripped of their possessions, their positions, their virtue, and their hope. Such come to us in an endless stream, poor, despondent, heartbroken, disillusioned, hungry and tired.

The other night we had an old-fashioned testimonial service. Three men made interesting testimonies.

The first said: "I thank God for the Mission. I lived across the street from it."

"One night four years ago as I passed, the singing had already begun, and some way I was drawn in. Dr. Newbrough poured out his heart and gave an invitation for men to come to Jesus. I arose and went forward. Dr. Newbrough put his arm around my shoulders and led me to the Cross."

"Though I have travelled over all the world and have had what joy there is in sin, I am now the happiest man, happier than I ever was before."

This man is now a preacher and a student in the Baptist Bible Institute.

The second, a native of Sweden,



The superintendent of the mission preaching at one of the regular services.

said: "Five years ago I wandered into the Mission after having slept in the park for several nights, for I had not known that Baptists had provided such a place. Someone told me about it. Cold and tired, as well as hungry, I slipped into the Mission. I heard the Gospel for a few nights and as I heard the call of the One who had died for me, I answered by giving my heart to him."

He has lived true to his profession for these five years. Always with a smile of happiness, he thanks God for the ministry of the Mission.

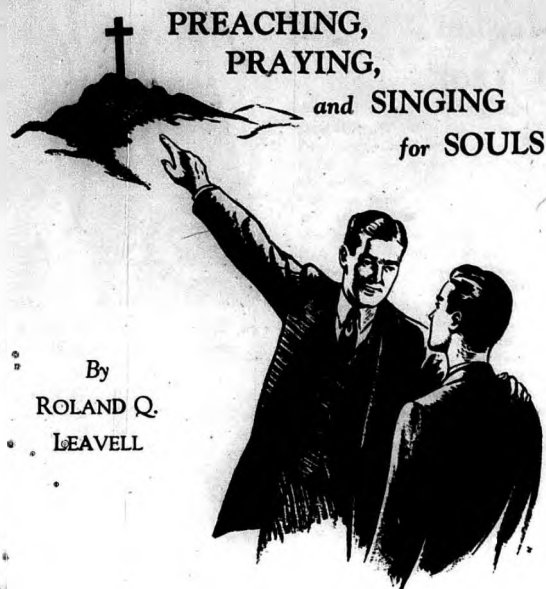
The third, in his broken Italian-English, spoke with tears in his eyes as he told almost the same story. The impelling and drawing power of the Gospel could not be resisted, and he, too, surrendered himself to Jesus. He has for several months directed an independent mission where he is winning others to Christ.

Hearing Gospel First Time

These neglected men and women are hearing the Gospel, some of them for the first time. Not all are won, but some believe and make the work worthwhile.

The Home Mission Board is making this work possible by employing the workers and furnishing the two buildings. Baptists from many states send linens, other necessities and some money for operating expenses. The Baptist Hospital furnished more than \$3,000 worth of free service last year.

May God continue the Mission as long as there is a need for this type of work. The thousands who have been helped will rise up one day to give praise to God for the Baptist Rescue Mission and Woman's Emergency Home.



Preaching

DURING 1941 the superintendent of evangelism will conduct city-wide simultaneous evangelistic campaigns in the following cities: Kansas City, Winston-Salem, Beaumont, Atlanta, Jacksonville, New Orleans, Texarkana, and Balboa Heights in the Panama Canal Zone.

Besides these, many other engagements have been made for associational campaigns, evangelistic conferences, and articles to be written for the denominational press.

Praying

In making out your prayer list for 1941, consider placing the following items on it.

1. That the lost individuals whom you know and love shall be saved.
2. That not less than 300,000 people be won to Christ and baptized by Southern Baptists during 1941.
3. That evangelistic programs be projected this year in 908 district associations.
4. That mighty soul-winning successes shall come among students, soldiers, migrant groups in trailer camps, and in congested city centers.
5. That there shall be a soul-winning Andrew Club in your church.
6. That soul-winning victories shall

come to our associational missionaries, state missionaries, home missionaries, and foreign missionaries.

If you desire a prayer list form and tracts on soul-winning, write to us for "Brightening Up Heaven," "An Andrew Club in Every Church," and "Plainly, How To Be Saved."

Singing

Spiritual music is a God-ordained aid in attaining many essential results in successful evangelism.

Music as a Means — Evangelistic music should always carry a message of Gospel truth, quickening the intellect. Second, it should stir worthy spiritual emotions. And then, it should help to move one's will power to worship, to praise, and to surrender in obedience to God.

Music in Church History — In Old Testament times such musicians as Moses and Miriam, David and Asaph, sang the Psalms. Such music produced worship, consecration and good works. Jesus and the Apostles likewise sang the Psalms. Paul exhorted the churches to sing psalms of praise, hymns of doctrinal instruction, and spiritual songs of Christian experience (Ephesians 5:19). Such music builds character and inspires soul-winning.

During the Middle Ages and Reformation periods Christians sang psalms,

Latin hymns, and chorales. During the revivals of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, musicians added hymns of doctrine and teaching, conforming to the mighty preaching of that time.

During this period Isaac Watts wrote "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." Charles Wesley wrote "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Perrenet wrote "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Newton wrote "Amazing Grace," and Toplady wrote "Rock of Ages."

In the past one hundred years evangelistic music generally has turned from exalted hymns to Gospel songs. Worshipful music often has been supplanted by jazzy, jumpy tunes. Poetic praise often has degenerated into "pop" songs. Spirituality often has given place to sentimental slush, cheaply playing upon the "mother, home, and heaven" themes. Often the musical director has turned jokester and clown. Commercialism in the sale of song books often has marred the spiritual results. Musical programs often have produced purely physical reactions rather than worthy emotionalism and spiritual reach.

Musical Trends Today — Thank God, the trends in evangelistic music today are toward worthier ideals. During the fifteen years, 1920-1935, evangelistic preaching as well as evangelistic music lost much prestige and power. Today both are regaining their rightful places of service through sanity, spirituality and scriptural messages.

Today the organ is being used more and more frequently in evangelistic services. The organ is far more conducive to spiritual, worshipful atmosphere than is the piano.

More thought and better talents are being given to compiling song books. Hymns of praise, doctrinal teaching, and worship are crowding out the senseless little four-line choruses in vogue a decade ago. Hop-skip-and-jump, jiggy-jiggy quartet music is being frowned upon. Attention is being directed in the following order: the text first, the musical arrangement second, and the musician third.

Let spirituality and prayer win over speed and power. Let God be praised both for our music and by our music.



NEW MISSIONARIES

Rev. H. J. Mikhailchuk, E. St. Louis. Work among Poles and Russians.

Rev. and Mrs. Pedro Carranza, Deming, N. M. Spanish field.
Mrs. Aurora R. de Morales, San Benito, Texas. Mexican kindergarten.

Mrs. Consuelo Costello, McAllen, Texas. Mexican kindergarten.

Mrs. Alicia Laurel, Laredo, Texas. Mexican kindergarten.
Mrs. Daniel Delgado (wife of missionary), Eagle Pass, Texas. Mexican kindergarten.

Mrs. S. P. Mireles (wife of missionary), Del Rio, Texas. Mexican kindergarten.

Transferred

Rev. and Mrs. Loyd Corder, from Uvalde, Texas, to Houston, Texas. City missionary.

Rev. and Mrs. Napoleon Guerrero, from Beeville, Texas, to Uvalde, Texas. Mexican field.

Rev. and Mrs. P. G. Carranza, Deming, N. M., to Gallup, N. M. Spanish field.

Retired

Miss Fannie H. Taylor, Tampa, Fla., after 28 years' service. Italian field.

Died

Mrs. M. N. Wesley, Koota, Okla., December 20. Cherokee Indian field.

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INDIAN WORKER DIES

AFTER a prolonged illness, Mrs. M. N. Wesley, wife of a Cherokee Indian missionary, died at her home in Koota, Okla., December 20.

Mrs. Wesley was herself a product of Home Missions, having been reared in the Murrow Orphans' Home which was founded by the pioneer missionary, J. B. Murrow.

She was married to Rev. M. N. Wesley in 1910. She became a capable leader, speaker and worker, and with her husband she did constructive work.

Pima Indians Become Personal Soul-Winners Under Worker's Lead

WOMEN in the Pima Indian Church in New Mexico, where Rev. C. F. Frazier is missionary, are developing into real personal soul-winners, according to the missionary.

One woman went to the hospital with her Bible and some evangelistic tracts to talk with those she might find who would hear her. She found a very sick Catholic woman who was afraid of death.

The Christian read to her, told her how she could trust Christ, and then if she died everything would be all right. She left a tract with her.

Not long after her visit, the sick woman realized the end was coming. She told all the women in her ward that the Christian lady's message was true, and urged them all to believe it.

"I can see into the other world," she said. "Oh! the most beautiful flowers and the river of life."

Turning to her mother, she said, "Don't weep at my grave like you have for others of our family. I will not be there. I am going on to that beautiful country I see."

As Christ's sacrificial offering of Himself for man's redemption was the crowning characteristic of His earthly ministry, so must the church by its sacrificial service for the world's salvation, justify its claim to be the true church of Christ.

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My Brother's Keeper

Am I my brother's keeper?
—Gen. 4:9.

Ministries of the Italian congregation in Birmingham to those in need during the recent holiday season are enumerated by Miss Bertha Wallis, missionary, as follows:

"After the morning service our Italian women cooked a spaghetti dinner here in Good Will Center and served it. In the afternoon we took a basket to a blind old Italian man and his mother.

"On Wednesday afternoon and on Thursday morning we delivered ten baskets.

"We went about dark to one place where the husband is eighty and his wife is seventy-six. She was crying. They are very, very poor and I have been trying to get them on Public Welfare for a long time.

"Yesterday the cane worker came to their home to get the papers filled out. After she left he walked over here in the rain to tell me she had been there and to thank me for everything.

"He was at church Sunday before last. He does not go to the Catholic Church and reads his Bible. I hope soon he will make a profession."

Faithful

He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much.—Luke 16:10.

Faithfulness in small things in the life of a missionary of the Home Mission Board has proved, even as Jesus said, dependability for larger responsibilities, and in consequence has brought increased opportunities and results in his work.

His application to his task is described by a fellow worker:

"He is undoubtedly the best personal worker on this field. Much of his time is spent in making personal visits and bringing people to the service. He often travels as many as twenty miles on Sunday nights to carry people home who come to service.



Illustrations

"He is an ardent worker for the Lord, as the twenty-seven professions we had last week are ample witness. His stay with us was a blessing for me and for all the church."

Because of his faithfulness in small things, even in carrying people home from services, the Lord has committed to him even the great responsibility of winning souls.

Gratitude

And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God.—Luke 17:15.

A modest, clean, country youth, rather small but straight as a royal palm, with eyes that were fearless and earnest was Viviano Molino. He was in Havana, Cuba, to study theology and music that he might go back to his people in a country village and preach.

The story of his conversion and call to the ministry as he related it to the missionaries in Havana, follows:

"I have always lived in the country, where the Gospel has never been preached. Several years ago my father let me go to Palmira, the nearest



"I want to . . . go back to my people."

town, to attend school and while there I went to the Baptist church. What I heard fired my soul. I accepted Christ and determined to learn what I could about Him, but soon my father called me home. He needed me, and I had to go. I had a Bible which I took with me, but there was no one to explain it. My family and friends made fun of me.

"Oh, how I did pray that God would open the way for me to go back to Palmira and learn more. But when two years had passed I was still in the cane fields.

"One morning I prayed, 'Lord, may be you don't want me to go back. I have been praying two years, but still the way is closed.'

"But that very day I cut my finger with a sharp blade and had to be sent to Palmira to the doctor. The doctor advised me to stay in town until danger of infection was passed.

"I remembered my prayer of the morning. I did not know how God would choose the way. I went straight to the Baptist church, heard about the missionaries in Havana, and here I am. But I want to learn quickly so that I can go back to my people. There is no one there to preach the Gospel. I should never have heard it myself, had I remained in the cane fields."

She Kept On Praying

And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.—Luke 18:3.

Senora Diaz, a blind widow, lived with her daughter and son on Zarramora Street in San Antonio. Although unable to see physically, she, being a devout Christian, had keen spiritual vision.

She prayed for her children. She prayed for her community. Especially did she pray that a mission would be opened in that section of the city which was crowded with Mexicans who did not know Christ.

The Lord called Amelia, the daughter, to mission work. Now Senora Diaz prayed that some way might be

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Greater Responsibility Now On Home Missions Discussed in New Book

A TIMELY new book is the Home Mission Board's latest volume for mission study, *Signs of the Times*, which is now on sale at Baptist Book Stores.

Conditions of today's world which impose great responsibilities on Home Missions are outlined in five captivating chapters ably edited by Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence.

Three chapters are contributed by Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of the Home Mission Board; Dr. J. F. Palatfield, Italian missionary; and Lawson H. Cooke, Brotherhood secretary.

"One would be very foolish," says Dr. J. B. Lawrence in the foreword, "to attempt to predict what the coming months may witness.

"We are planning physically to defend our liberties and our land. Vast sums of money have been appropriated for airplanes, tanks and battleships. The man-power of the nation is being enlisted and trained. A peaceful people are being regimented for war. But physical preparation, however necessary as it is at a time like this, is not enough. We need something in addition to airplanes, tanks, bayonets and battleships. We need spiritual preparation.

"No one knows how long the war now raging in Europe and Asia will last. It may go on for ten years. The nations engaged are evidently preparing for a war of exhaustion. It will be that. But when it is over, an enervated world—a world morally, spiritually and economically exhausted—will come to America for a blood transfusion. What kind of blood will we be able to give to the war-torn, depleted, disillusioned and morally maladjusted nations?

"We must prepare now for that hour of opportunity. Our armament for that task when it comes—and it will come—must be spiritual. Our mission program in the homeland must look to and prepare for that day. With this in mind the Home Mission Board is offering this book to our people. We feel that a study of the signs of the times will help us to prepare for that task that will be ours when the world is at peace."

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SHE KEPT ON PRAYING

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opened to send the girl to school. The prayer was answered: Amelia went to the Home Board school at Bastrop for Mexicans.

Still Senora Diaz prayed. Another answer came: Amelia returned home to open a kindergarten in the front room of the store building which was home to Senora Diaz and her children.

The blind mother kept on praying. Still another answer: the Home Mission Board appointed Amelia as a missionary and began to pay rent on the mission kindergarten room.

Finally the climax came when the Board bought and repaired the building, a church was organized, and a missionary appointed to serve as pastor on that field.

"I am happy," said Senora Diaz. "I have prayed all of these years that God would have a permanent place of worship here on this corner."

POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

WINNERS in the Y. W. A. poster contest conducted by the Home Mission Board as announced by the judges are:

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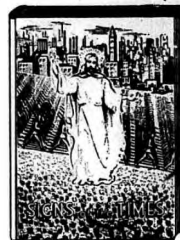
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The Federal Government will call into service of some kind or another, between now and 1945, approximately ten million young men. This does not include the hundreds of thousands of other young men and women in the industrial centers and governmental service who will also be deprived of the religious opportunities incidental in the normal civilian life in the home churches.

It is a conservative statement that one-half of America's young manhood will during this emergency be uprooted and transplanted into a form of life in which they will be so regimented that the normal church life and Christian habits will be denied them. This constitutes a call unparalleled to our churches and denomination.

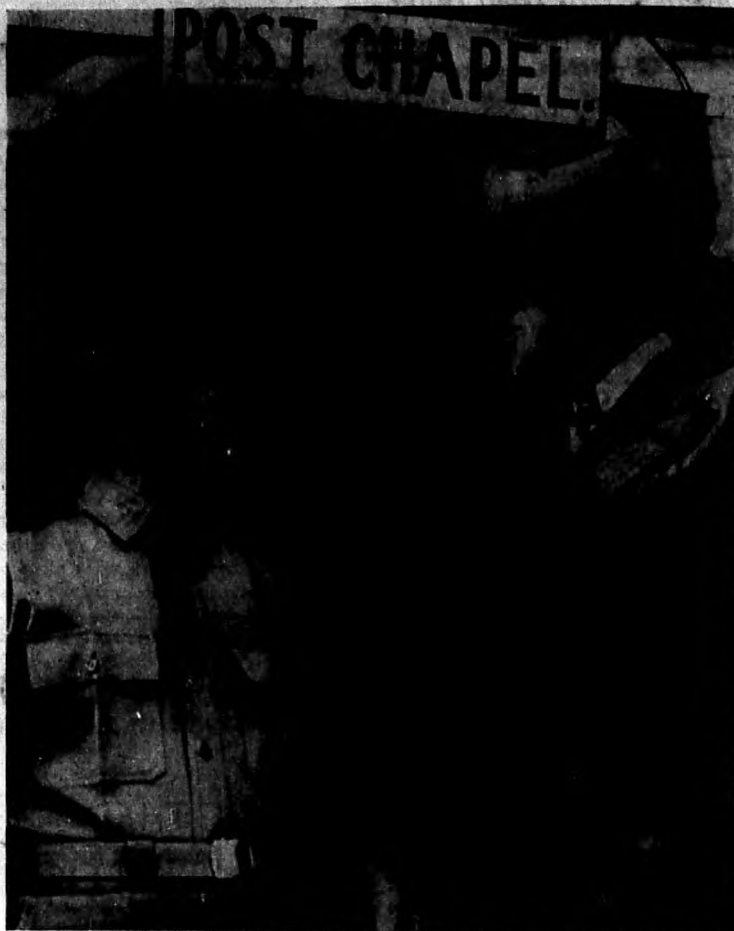
The life of these men will not be lived under normal conditions. Home, family, friends, the churches—all that now is their accustomed environment—will be far away. The young men will face temptations to live carelessly, to let standards slip, to permit the pattern of Christian living to be blurred and obscured.

It is the clear duty of the churches and denominations to help these young men in this abnormal life imposed by the national emergency. Our young men out of all types of homes and churches are leaving to go into camps; our churches must follow them there with a service of spiritual stimulation, encouragement and counsel.

We have a large number of capable young men serving as chaplains in the various branches of service. They, along with their fellow chaplains of other denominations, will have charge of the service within the camps.

We will have the privilege and opportunity of cooperating with them

Co-operation Welcomed



Chaplain J. T. Axton of Fort McPherson, Ga., assures Dr. Beall that he and other chaplains will welcome the help of Southern Baptists. Dr. Beall was named January 3 by the Home Mission Board as contact man in the military training areas of the national defense program. Already he has visited twenty camps and has attended a meeting in New York called by Dr. Rufus W. Weaver "to study the whole program of the responsibility of the evangelical churches in America for the moral and spiritual welfare of those communities near training areas involved in the national defense program."

and providing for the spiritual and moral needs of the men. It is our purpose to give these chaplains every assistance possible in reaching and helping the men, both in the official and enlisted personnel.

The work needed to be done in the communities adjacent to the camps will be in the hands of the pastors and churches in those areas. We will

cooperate with the General Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains, Dr. Paul D. Moody, director, and the C. C. C. authorities, in counseling and arranging with the pastors and churches to provide such types of service and facilities as may be necessary for the direction and welfare of the men on leave from the posts and camps.

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