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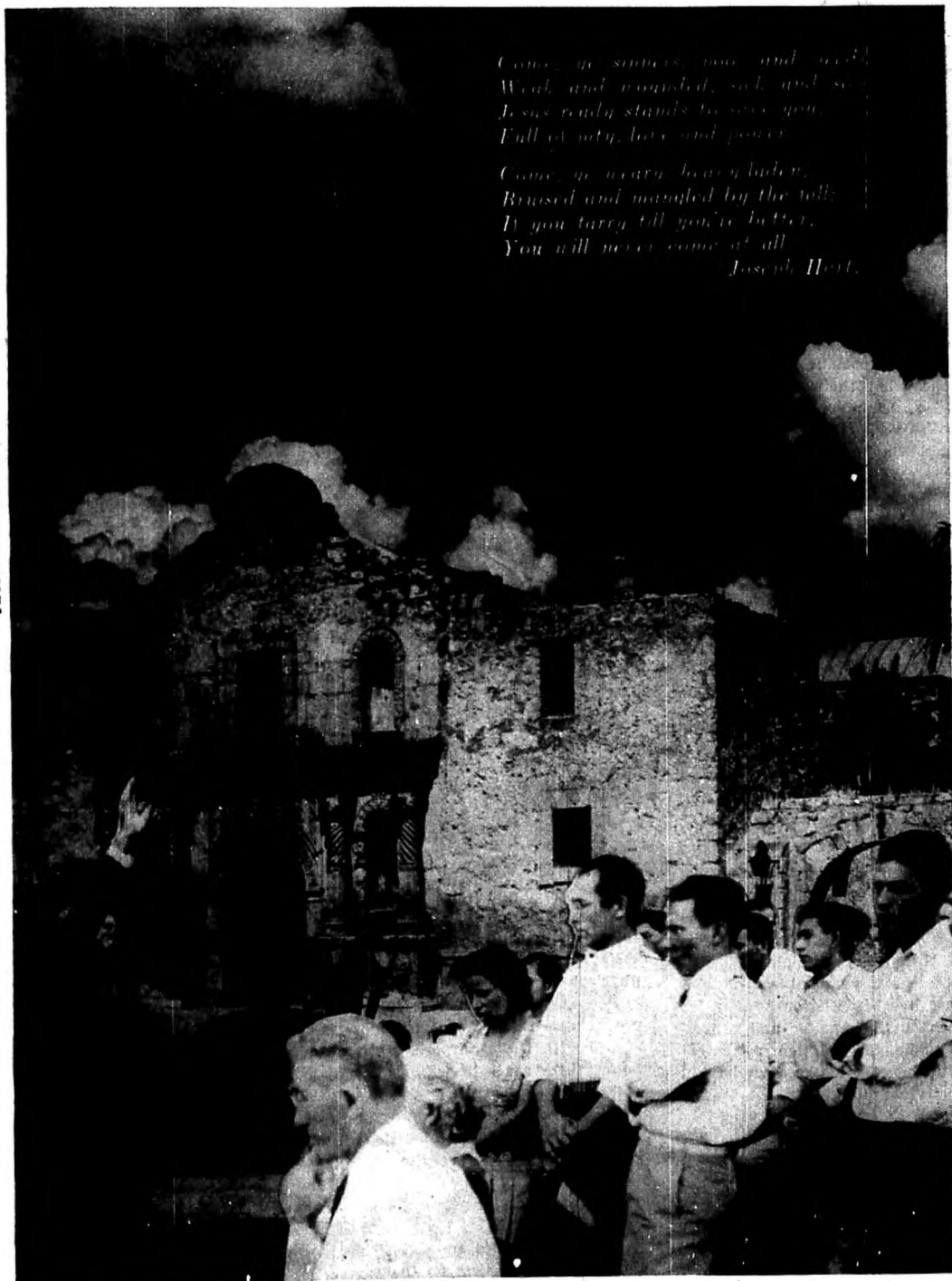
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*Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore,
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and power.*

*Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and mangled by the toll;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.*

Joseph Hett.



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Making Drunkards of the Soldiers

THERE was a statement recently from the brewers which indicated that it was their purpose to make drunkards out of our soldier boys.

This statement said, "There is a chance to cultivate the taste for beer in millions of young men who will eventually constitute the largest beer consuming section of our population by the drinking facilities in Army camps."

Booze was prohibited for all American soldiers and sailors in uniform in 1917 and '18, but sobriety is many times more important for our armed forces now than then. The more complicated mechanism used demands steady nerves, clear eyes and unclouded brains, and if we are to win this war we had better keep our soldiers sober.

Preaching by the Pew

THE *Religious Telescope* calls attention to the responsibility of the membership of the church in making Christ known to the world.

"The Gospel," it says, "must be preached by both the preacher and the members of the church, from the pulpit and from the pew and the parish. It must be preached on Sunday and through the week. It must be proclaimed by the example of all who count themselves Christian."

How true this is! If the world is ever evangelized every disciple of Christ must become a missionary.

We must have an all-out evangelism if we win our land to Christ. This means that every disciple of Jesus must become a personal soul-winner. He must live his religion and by his godly conduct, character and conversation make his religion so potent that others seeing his good works will be constrained to glorify the Father in Heaven.

Star Gazing Increasing

REV. Patrick H. Yancey, S. J., professor of astrology at Springhill College, tells us that astrology is increasing in our land. He says there

are now thousands of followers in this country, and it is his opinion that this cult will become more popular under the pressure of war.

Astrological publications in the United States are mounting, he tells us, by hundreds of thousands of volumes, and our people are spending millions of dollars to obtain the advice of astrologers.

Paul spoke of these times. He said that in the last days men would have itching ears and would go off after various cults.

How much more enthusiastic we should be in preaching the Gospel. The only cure for the ills of the day is the Gospel of Jesus.

A Will-Making Campaign

TEXAS Baptists have launched a "Will-Making Week" in which they hope to bring to the Baptists of Texas the importance of including the denominational institutions of Texas in their wills.

It seems that it would be a fine thing for all of our states and South-wide agencies to agree to launch a campaign on will-making.

Let those who have money to leave to the kingdom include all objects in their wills, on the basis of the present division of denominational funds. In our kingdom work we should be "one for all and all for one."

Defeatism Denounced

BISHOP TUCKER, of the Episcopal Church, in a meeting of the bishops in Jacksonville, Florida, denounced defeatism in the church.

He said, "Something more than a physical triumph is needed to make the ennobling peace an opportunity for producing a better world, one more in accord with God's purpose. It would be of little avail to win a physical victory in our struggle to preserve freedom and a democratic way of life if in winning we became infected with the germs of those very moral diseases which have always proved destructive of liberty, peace and human well-being."

Bishop Tucker is correct. This is no time for defeatism on the part of

the churches. There is misery in the world, there is hunger in the world, there is distress in the world, but bemoaning this fact will not get us anywhere.

Many doors are closed against us, but, thank the Lord, many doors are open to us. Let us therefore raise our banners, gird our loins and march forth with a victorious spirit to prepare spiritually for the world's conquest when the war is over.

Conscientious Objectors

THE *Religious Telescope* tells us that more than 50% of the total number of conscientious objectors certified by Selective Service authorities belong to the Mennonite, Quaker and Brethren denominations.

Up to date 3,286 have been listed as conscientious objectors. Jehovah's Witnesses claim 204. Among the major denominations the Methodists far surpass others with a list of 246. The Baptists are not listed.

We respect and recognize the conscientious convictions of every individual, but we rejoice that there are millions of men who are willing to fight in the defense of their country. Let us give to these men the Gospel through the chaplains that they may not bear the sword in vain.

White Lightning Still Running

REVENUE officers destroyed 1,939 "moonshine" stills in Georgia and 1,227 in Alabama in the last twelve months. How many they did not destroy is another story. Reports say that the "white lightning" is still flowing freely.

If the ratio throughout the United States is anything like comparable to this, then the glorious days we were told to expect if the Eighteenth Amendment was repealed have failed to arrive.

Making liquor easy to get does not destroy "bootlegging," "blind tigers" and the illicit stills, but it does increase drunkenness. The destruction of the liquor business is a task for our Christian people.

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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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OUR spiritual fathers organized the Southern Baptist Convention at Augusta, Georgia, May 8, 1845, for "the purpose of carrying into effect the benevolent intention of our constituents by organizing a plan for eliciting, combining and directing the energies of the denomination for the propagation of the Gospel."

The purpose of the Convention has not changed. Its work has been vastly enlarged. Many things are included now in the program of the Convention which our forefathers could not anticipate. The kingdom of God is a growing, developing idea, and as our social order becomes more complex the kingdom interests and activities become more numerous. Many agencies have been created since the organization of our Convention, but the task now, as it was then, is to pull in, pull together and push out. The objective is the preaching of the Gospel of repentance and remission of sins in Christ's name to all nations beginning from the homeland.

In our kingdom work we are laborers together with God. Baptists should not forget this. The churches, the boards, the institutions, the conventions—state and southwide—are tied up together in one great kingdom undertaking. It is this unity of interest and purpose and task that makes possible and necessary the Co-operative Program. Denominational co-operation roots here.

Because of this unity of interest and purpose in kingdom work each denominational institution and agency should stand with and for every other agency: "One for all and all for one." There is no other basis upon which we can proceed with assurance of success. We must also remember that to work together we must work for and with each other.

There are some things which, it seems to us, are fundamentally essential if we would as a denomination work together in eliciting, combining and directing our forces in the evangelization of the world.

1. There is the matter of objective. All of our organizations, conventions, boards, agencies, institutions and churches should learn what it is all about. The task of one is the task of all.

2. There is the question of relation. We are all churches, boards, institutions and agencies—

tied up together in one common kingdom enterprise. We are "laborers together with God."

3. There is the problem of emphasis. All of the workers should recognize that our agencies are not ends in denominational activity, but only the means through which we co-operate in kingdom work.

4. There is the spirit of co-operation. Our agencies and institutions are not rivals or conflicting interests, but co-operating factors in kingdom undertakings.

5. There is the question of adequate information. Our people must be informed about the whole work of the whole denomination. We go and grow as we know. The state papers and the two mission journals should be in the budget of every one of our churches.

Allow us to suggest, as a means to denominational co-operation, that the leaders in all the organizations, agencies, boards and institutions among Southern Baptists should come together for a week at Ridgecrest every year to study the whole denominational program. We have segmental meetings and meetings of groups representing special interests. These are essential. There is danger, however, that these meetings if continued indefinitely without any sort of effort to think things together, may break us up into units which assume that what they are doing individually is a complete kingdom program.

Baptists are one great, big brotherhood. Their interests are one. They have one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one Great Commission. The Holy Spirit has been given to them that they might have power. If there ever was a time in all their history when Baptists should move as one man toward the solution of the problems which this age is thrusting upon them, it is now. In the name of our Lord and for His glory let us walk and work together as we travel with Christ towards tomorrow.

The spiritual state of our churches is an index of the efficiency and wholeness of their missionary activities. There is an immediate connection between the spiritual life of a church and its ministries. Hence, a need for a Home Mission passion, for we cannot carry abroad what we do not possess at home.

How Do the Missionaries Work With the Deaf? A. T. D.

A. THERE are a hundred or more places throughout the South where work is carried on regularly among the 45,000 deaf. Obviously the Board's staff of only two missionaries, one working east and the other west of the Mississippi River, can visit this number of missions over such a large area only infrequently. The work must depend for its continuance, therefore, upon volunteer workers at these mission points, the missionaries meanwhile visiting the communities as often as possible in an itinerant ministry. At the right E. D. Ward of Atlanta is commenting on a sermon preached recently to the deaf congregation of his city by Missionary J. W. Gardner. "Good," he says in the sign language. "Yes," agrees Mrs. Ward.

Q. How many members does the Home Mission Board have and how are they selected? T. V. H.

A. The constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention provides that the Board shall consist of eighteen members residing at or near the locality of the Board, and one member of each cooperating state and the District of Columbia. These members are elected by the Convention upon recommendation of a committee, and are elected for terms of three years. The Board is divided into three groups so that the term of one-third of the membership expires each year.

Q. What is the total number of Southern Baptist churches? G. T. L.

A. According to latest estimate, 25,259.

Q. What is the total membership? G. T. L.

A. The latest estimate gives a total of 5,104,327.

Q. How many converts do Southern Baptists baptize in one year? B. T. D.

A. The last annual reports show a total of 243,500.

Q. What effort is being made to win the foreigners? G. R. E.

A. The Board has a number of missionaries among the Italians as well as other workers laboring among mixed nationalities on various fields.

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. How much expense in the printing of *Southern Baptist Home Missions* is borne out of mission offerings received by the Board? G. R. E.

A. In the Home Mission Board's bookkeeping set-up, as shown in the audited financial statements, income and expenditures on the magazine and mission study books are kept in one joint account, since both the magazine and the books are printed and distributed to promote Home Missions. In 1941 the Board expended on its magazine and books a total of \$13,130.85 and received from subscriptions, advertising and book sales \$14,216.25, which means that these promotional materials represented no expense at all to mission funds but that they actually brought in a net profit of \$1,085.40. This unusual record was possible because most of the magazine paper stock had been purchased in the previous year. However, over a three-year period, 1939 through 1941, all issues of the magazine and mission study books were printed at a total net cost of \$1,964.43, during which time the Board printed 1,532,630 copies of *Southern Baptist Home Missions* and approximately 225,000 copies of mission study books.

Q. Please give me information as to requirements for becoming a Home Missionary. C. O.

A. The requirements for work with the Home Mission Board are general rather than specific. As stated by Dr. J. B. Lawrence, these requirements are: (1) genuine experience of conversion; (2) the ability to tell a lost person how to become a Christian; and (3) a divine call to a specific Home Mission task. Specific preparation for the work to which one feels called is regarded as a valuable qualification and is given proper consideration by the Board in making up appointments.

Q. Is there any difference in requirements for missionaries for some foreign-speaking settlement, except for the language? C. O.

A. The nature of Home Mission tasks is such as to require a specialist in every field, so that for work among any group one is needed who is qualified by background and experience in such a way as to make him able to render effective service with that group. Thus, he needs to understand the customs, habits, attitudes, traditions, as well as the language of the people with whom he works. The Board seeks missionaries who are superbly qualified through training and experience for work in the groups among whom they will serve.

Q. How many states are included in the Southern Baptist Convention? T. G. S.

A. Eighteen and the District of Columbia.

Q. Name these states. T. G. S.

A. Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois (southern), Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona.

Q. Is the French field in Louisiana especially difficult? E. S. H.

A. The age-long notion instilled into the people by the priest that the Bible should not be read because it will disturb the mind has made it difficult to win the French to Christ. However, great progress is being made.

Call for Chaplains

By ALFRED CARPENTER

SOUTHERN BAPTIST'S quota for chaplains is again increased. The Army asks for 424 on duty by the end of this year. This means the appointment of approximately 180 for the remaining nine months, which necessitates the endorsement of thirty each month. The first three months of this year we averaged thirty-eight endorsements per month.

The Navy is asking for twenty-five Baptist chaplains now. This is an urgent need. We have already endorsed nineteen during the first quarter of 1942, and yet the Navy is now calling for twenty-five more.

We await the application of those qualified pastors upon whose heart the Lord has placed this call—a call to soul-winning opportunity and missionary endeavor.

Spiritual Meditations of an Army Chaplain

By CHAPLAIN RAY L. ALLEN

THE problems that these men face each day ring in our hearts. To listen to the many burdens that these soldiers have would melt a heart of stone.

To go behind prison bars and win a man to Christ; to go into hospital wards and hold the hand of a soldier who is in pain and weeping, and to stand by his bedside and offer a prayer and read God's Word—to do all of this brings a joy unspeakable and full of glory to me.

Never in all my life have I had a greater challenge than I am having now. This work of an Army chaplain has deepened my spiritual life; it has broadened my vision for a greater spiritual conquest for Christ. I had rather be an Army chaplain than to be pastor of any Baptist church in the world.

To win young men to Christ and render service to men in trouble—how much greater joy could any pastor want?

Most men like athletics, and there is no avenue of approach to the men by working with them in athletic events. I have had three years of

wrestling at Oklahoma A. & M. College at Stillwater, and I have charge of the wrestling here as head coach on this post.

It was a joy to me to win the love and confidence of one of my wrestlers. He was converted on his knees in my office. The joy that filled his heart and mine is beyond description.

We have moved into our new chapel. My clerk is also my organist for our new electric organ. We had two good services last Sunday, and at Sunday night services we had one conversion and one rededication.

One soldier was from New York and the other from Virginia. The East meets the South at the foot of the cross in an Army chapel. Such is the power of the Gospel.

Five soldiers, each from a different state, met in a prayer service on Wednesday evening. Scripture was read and every soldier present led in prayer. Many of these soldiers are personal soul-winners.

If I had a dozen lives to live I would spend each life in an Army chapel winning soldiers to Christ. Now we need more chaplains!

Below is reproduced a letter from a chaplain across the seas to whom the Home Mission Board sent a public address system.

HEADQUARTERS INFANTRY



March 16, 1942.

Dr. Alfred Carpenter,
315 Red Rock Building,
Atlanta, Georgia.

My Dear Dr. Carpenter:

The Public Address System that you shipped to me on January 9, 1942 arrived Saturday. I used it twice yesterday and the response from the Men was very gratifying.

It would have given you the thrill of your life to have been with me yesterday at one of my camps, out in the woods. I have visited this camp several times before and held Religious Services with 25 to 100 men attending. The men are widely scattered and dug in for protection from bombing attacks, and it takes some unusual interest to draw them from their camouflaged positions. Especially after they have worked hard all the week building fortifications, and have been alerted a few times at night during the week.

However, it was a different story yesterday. When I went into the camp and set up the Public Address System, and started playing some of our favorite old hymns like, *The Old Rugged Cross*, *Rock of Ages*, *Jesus, Lover of my Soul*, etc., you could see men crawling out of their camouflaged positions all around. Finally some one made the move to come forward, and soon they were all collecting around us. After one or two records had been played, Sergeant [Name], Son of Pastor and Evangelist [Name], of Alabama City, Alabama, came forward and started leading the men as we sang those familiar hymns. I'll tell you, we had a wonderful experience, the Holy Spirit was with us.

I can not thank you too much for making this Public Address System available to me. I have 16 camps just like this one, and I am looking forward to some glorious experiences. We trust that you will continue to pray for us. Our men are out at the battle front, waiting, waiting, wondering when the war will come to them again. And if it comes what shall be their lot. However, they are ready to give their lives for their country if necessary. I hope to lead them to give their hearts to Christ before that hour comes.

Again, I want to thank you, and I shall endeavor to make the investment pay many hundred fold in regenerated and revitalized souls.

Yours in Christ,

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Financial, Spiritual Progress Revealed In Board's Report

OFFERINGS to Home Missions in 1941 broke an eighteen-year record, the Board's annual report to be made at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in San Antonio will reveal.

Income to the Board from all sources last year reached a total of \$782,251.82, which was more than reported in any year since 1924 when the amount was \$1,004,747.

In climbing to more than three-quarters of a million dollars last year, receipts of the Board jumped \$222,083.73, or 40%, above the total of \$560,168.09 for 1940.

Spiritual progress is also noted in the Board's report. Dr. M. N. McCall, superintendent of Cuban missions, sounds the keynote in his statement that present conditions are "good for the missionary in the sense that people are more willing to hear."

Places of worship, he adds, are fuller than ever before. "Many seem to be thinking more seriously about God and the meaning of life," Dr. McCall comments.

"The report of the work for the year," he summarizes, "shows a 10%

increase in baptisms, an 8% increase in general offerings and increase along the lines of general activities."

On the Cuban field the Board now has ninety-three workers, six more than reported a year ago. These conducted 14,578 services last year in 162 churches and missions; they made 57,188 missionary visits and distributed 587,580 tracts and 10,597 Bibles and Scripture portions.

The report lists two needs in the Cuban work, one "which only God can give—development according to the measure of our faith"; and the other "which only our brethren can give—more liberal provision for our workers, more and better equipment, more workers and the prayers of Southern Baptists."

Baptists Witness Revival

"This big business of evangelism is clamoring eternally for the primal place in every phase of Southern Baptist endeavor," Dr. Roland Q. Leavell asserts in his final report as superintendent of evangelism before assuming the pastorate of First Baptist Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida.

"Southern Baptists have been ex-

periencing the most remarkable revival in their history," the report states, and as evidence the record of 1,168,029 baptisms in five years is cited.

The superintendent lists as the greatest needs in evangelism (1) a coordinated, comprehensive program of evangelism in the 908 associations and (2) more personal soul-winners.

Workers in the department of missions in the homeland, of which Dr. J. W. Beagle is field secretary, report 6,560 professions and 2,574 baptisms.

The report further summarizes the activities of the 280 missionaries in this department: services conducted, 27,242; religious visits, 14,329; churches and missions served, 631; membership, 16,530; Bibles and Gospels distributed, 8,861; tracts distributed, 218,616; periods taught in day schools and kindergartens, 11,605.

Workers in this department "are contacting people that speak twenty-six different languages which does not include the tribal Indian dialects."

Jewish work, according to Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, has been characterized "as a year of the greatest tragedy on one hand, and the greatest spiritual triumphs on the other." An excerpt from the annual report of the Jewish department is given on page 8.

The report of the new department

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of education quotes the resolution adopted by the Board to establish the new department "to correlate our work in publicity and education."

The resolution, dated February 5, 1942, provides "that we create a Department of Education to include publicity and mission study, and, second, that Rev. Joe W. Burton be designated as the head of this department with the title of Secretary of Education and that Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence be designated as Mission Study Editor in this department."

The department's report indicates that a two-fold task has been undertaken, namely, "(1) to produce the materials for study and promotion, and (2) to give direction to the use of these materials." In the past year, the report reveals, the Board has printed and distributed some 60,000 mission study books and 644,000 copies of twelve issues of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.

Spiritual Ministry to Armed Forces

"The youngest, yet probably the most far-reaching movement of our missionary enterprise," according to Dr. Alfred Carpenter in the report of the department of camp work, has had as its purpose "to render a spiritual ministry to our armed forces through and with the chaplains and to the communities contiguous to the camps and in defense centers."

Requiring most of the superintendent's time has been his work in "securing well-qualified chaplains and supporting them in their spiritual ministry within the camps." Since the declaration of war the department has endorsed 129 to the Army and twenty to the Navy.

Southern Baptists, the report states, have 215 chaplains in the Army and twenty-two in the Navy. The quota for the Army is 424, and the Navy requests twenty-five more Baptist chaplains immediately.

Another new phase of Home Mission work is that being done in the city mission program reported by Rev. Solomon F. Dowds, superintendent of city missions in Atlanta.

The Board's program, according to Brother Dowds, contemplates a co-operative mission enterprise engaged in by the Board and city or association mission organizations. As funds and workers are available, and local groups enter into the co-operative arrangement with the Board, the plan is to appoint superintendents to direct mission work in the larger urban centers.

The effectiveness of this plan has

Negro Worker Leads Seminar In Conference on Rural Church

A SEMINAR for town and country ministers held here at Virginia Union University under the auspices of the department of field work of which I serve as director had in attendance fifty-one ministers from all parts of Virginia.

A number of interesting developments have grown out of this meeting. In one situation the ministers are attempting to establish a cooperative for the purpose of helping the farmers purchase seed and fertilizer.

In another situation a minister has started a very vital young people's group. A number of other developments seem to be coming out of the meeting — J. Oscar Lee, teacher-missionary, Virginia Union University.

Pastors and Deacons Discuss Rural Church Problems

I was invited to be guest speaker at a one-day ministers-deacons institute. It was a meeting in which the pastors and deacons of York County discussed seriously their particular relationship and responsibility to the local church.

I was impressed with the eagerness

already been demonstrated in Atlanta and Houston, where it is in operation. It is expected that other cities will be added to the program at an early date.

A definite emphasis upon evangelism, pressed upon the chaplains by Dr. Carpenter, has shown results. "Since July 1," the report points out, "60% of our Southern Baptist chaplains report 8,091 professions of faith, 20% report no professions and 20% have not returned monthly reports. Religious services conducted during this period number 13,676."

Dr. Carpenter predicts that Southern Baptists will be asked "to furnish 750 chaplains by the close of 1944."

After traveling through fifteen Southern states and Cuba in her field work last year, Miss Wilma Bucy says that it is true that there are three Americas — North, South and Lost! Everywhere on Home Mission fields she has found the people hungry for the Gospel.

During the year Miss Bucy delivered 237 addresses and 28 illustrated lectures, had 69 conferences, spent 87 days in mission study, and secured 2,131 subscriptions to *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.

demonstrated by these leaders of the rural church to learn more about their tasks. There were twenty-five pastors and fifteen deacons present, together with about twenty women. It was a good sign of growing interest in the King's business — Maxie S. Gordon, teacher-missionary, Friendship College.

Tuskegee Teacher-Missionary Has Varied Experiences

We have begun holding conferences in the various dormitories with the students each week. The gatherings are informal. The object is to try to increase the interest of all the students in religion on the campus.

So far, these meetings have been very well attended, though, of course, voluntary. The fact that refreshments are served may have something to do with such good attendance.

Recently we held our annual interdenominational ministerial alliance here. The meeting is also interracial. The attendance was better this year than ever. This was the ninth session of the alliance.

Among the outstanding ministers present and taking active part on the program was Dr. Frank Tripp, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama, who spoke at one of the sessions, and led in the after discussions and questions.

The meeting was well worthwhile and much was accomplished, I believe. Some four hundred ministers were invited and ninety-five were present, thirty being white.

Thirty-five missionaries to foreign countries recently held a meeting here at Tuskegee. They came from China, India, the Philippines, Hawaii and the Congo. They were all white. I sat in on some of their meetings, addressed the group and told them something of our work as a missionary under the Home Mission Board. — Chas. W. Kelly, teacher-missionary, Tuskegee Institute.

There are some who pretend to believe but work not; there are others who work, but do not believe. A true believer does both, he obeys the law, as if there were no Gospel to be believed, and he so believes the Gospel as if there were no law to be obeyed. True believers are enthusiastically missionary.

Home Mission Board Receipts by States

	Co-operative Program	Miscellaneous	Annie Armstrong	100 M Club	Designations	Camp Work	Totals
Alabama	\$ 15,161.20	\$ 1,487.34	\$ 10,062.05	\$ 4,291.24	\$ 130.50	\$ 6,421.24	\$ 37,553.57
Arkansas	5,502.01	782.24	5,965.05	3,415.46	45.00	7,403.18	23,112.94
Arizona	267.08	64.64	392.38	233.97		161.30	1,119.37
D. C.	2,388.09	—	530.19	339.91	5.00	243.54	3,506.73
Florida	11,287.30	845.50	7,618.05	5,219.06	331.30	2,805.43	28,106.64
Georgia	20,100.66	4,616.12	16,538.28	12,454.92	750.45	8,758.52	63,218.95
Illinois	4,005.39	349.55	1,000.00	1,766.02		4,252.93	11,373.89
Kentucky	28,469.47	4,253.99	12,944.96	5,301.58	135.05	4,685.84	55,790.89
Louisiana	6,726.54	1,630.48	10,707.71	3,099.49	562.55	4,072.86	26,799.63
Maryland	4,777.64	236.44	1,815.14	817.92			7,647.14
Mississippi	7,862.79	2,270.38	13,636.39	2,356.78	326.52	2,254.92	28,705.78
Missouri	14,458.35	1,608.10	9,789.42	6,286.26	4.30	1,041.20	33,186.63
New Mexico	756.35	225.79	988.25	659.63	10.00	573.13	3,113.15
North Carolina	29,452.27	6,688.82	18,961.46	6,175.25	426.75	7,591.86	69,296.41
Oklahoma	4,907.83	4,630.82	3,491.99	3,874.08	1,035.89	5,076.86	22,817.47
South Carolina	28,449.31	2,137.85	14,132.18	3,892.41	316.00	12,257.73	61,194.48
Tennessee	28,780.41	3,883.58	14,494.97	4,402.32	34.00	7,161.24	58,756.52
Texas	30,315.07	2,135.74	28,779.72	10,895.48	3,323.94	1,533.28	76,983.23
Virginia	47,585.43	1,286.06	21,324.91	5,158.11	1,593.79	5,365.25	82,313.55
Miscellaneous	—	403.65	125.25	2,202.43	20.00	13.60	2,764.33
Totals	\$291,253.19	\$39,537.09	\$193,298.35	\$82,540.32	\$9,049.04	\$81,673.31	\$697,351.30
Bottoms Trust Fund							46,411.51
Other Miscellaneous Income							18,457.01
Total							\$762,251.82

Tragedy and Triumph Mark Thrilling Year Among Jews

ONE finds it most difficult to record all of a busy year's work when one day of experiences alone would more than fill many pages. From month to month we have sought to acquaint our people with the work among Israel through *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, from platform and pulpit; but even then we have only been able to touch on the marvelous works of grace.

The past year may be summed up as a year of the greatest tragedy on one hand, and the greatest spiritual triumphs on the other. Satanic fury has burst forth in all its intensity seeking to wipe the Jews from the face of the earth. One calamity after another has befallen them. They have fled from one pursuing enemy, only to fall into the clutches of a more ruthless one. Cold, hunger and murder have been their lot, children dying in the arms of their mothers. One shudders at the reports from all parts of the world.

Endure Ghastrly Tortures

"Never before in all their unhappy history," declares the London *Jewish Chronicle*, "has the savage hate of which they are victims sunk to such depths. Jews have been forced to dig their own graves and then have been buried in them alive. Whole Jewries have been uprooted and despoiled, or thrown into slavery, or locked up in ghettos, or cast adrift on the open seas in hell ships, drifting amid horrors from one inopportune land to another, or at the end finding in the waves oblivion of their ghastly tortures."

But amidst this tragic condition of the Jew, he has taken time for an in-

Trying conditions of the past year have opened Jewish hearts to the Gospel, says Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus in this excerpt from his annual report to be made at San Antonio.

ventory in regard to his spiritual welfare. He is crying out for a faith strong enough to carry him through the valley of the shadow of death. His heart and ears are inclined to the message of hope.

In a letter from a cultured young Jew now in the service, he expresses

appreciation of the literature I sent him which, he says, "was most welcome, as army life offers very little in the way of spiritual matter. As Kipling once wrote, 'Army barracks aren't conducive to spiritual development!'"

"In quiet moments, while relaxing on our bunks, we try to find a solution to our difficulties, but all we do is rehash intellectual platitudes voiced by international experts, and then find ourselves against a stone wall, no nearer the answer than before. PERHAPS YOUR GROUP HAS THE SOLUTION."

Reaching Jews In Camps

Some months ago I was introduced to this young intellectual by a Christian friend, his fellow teacher. The two came to Washington from a neighboring city with the sole purpose of meeting me and we spent several hours together during which time some of the most heart-searching questions were raised, and I sought to convince him that in Christ alone is the only solution to individual, national and international problems.

Later in the evening they both accompanied me to the church where I spoke. Again I sought to impress upon this young man and the others present that only in Christ may we ever hope for a universal brotherhood, that whenever He enters the front door of the heart, prejudice, hatred and misunderstanding flee out the back door; that this middle wall of partition which has divided individuals and races crumbles to the ground when Christ is permitted to reign in the hearts of the people.

I did not hear from this young man for many months until Uncle Sam called him to the service and sent him to a Georgia camp from which he wrote me that it might be the hand of fate that brought him so near to me, as later developments clearly indicated it to be.

From the Bible Institute Colportage Association of Chicago comes a letter stating, "You will be interested in the enclosed letter, which is a copy of one that reached us. It is from a Jewish soldier at Fort Knox."

I quote the following from that letter: "I am a Jewish soldier of the mechanized force. I am not saved. I heard Dr. Gartenhaus on the radio."

He spoke in Yiddish. We have 500 Jewish boys here on the post."

Immediately upon receipt of this letter I contacted this young man and within less than a month he was not only gloriously saved himself, but was busy trying to win the other 500 of his own race to a knowledge of the Saviour. I sent him one hundred tracts and in less than a week he wrote for more.

Packages of tracts and Testaments have been sent to other camps. One of the chaplains reported, "Those Jewish boys are eating up everything we have given them and are asking for more."

Spiritual Hunger Prevalent

Whenever I hear of such a hunger I wish I had been twice so that I could redouble my efforts. There are just a few echoes which describe the spiritual hunger of the Jewish youth in the camps.

Through our literature, and I say it humbly, we have almost enriched the globe. Jews in hundreds of communities whose names have been furnished by Christian friends, are regularly receiving the *Mediator* which has literally revolutionized Jewish thinking. It has opened doors long shut, softened hearts that were once

By JACOB GARTENHAUS

like stone, and it has been the means of winning many of my people to their long looked-for Messiah.

In one city it has aroused sufficient interest to bring the Jewish people together for a study of the New Testament.

In another city where it preceded me, it was not only the means of bringing the leading Jewish citizens to the church, but brought us together for a conference in one of their homes after the evening service, which lasted until the early hours of the morning, during which time heart-searching questions were asked. I was assured that this would not be the last of it, but that this meeting would be followed by similar meetings for further study.

During the past year the demands for my services have been too numerous to fill. I have been on a constant "go" with little time to rest. It is difficult to say "no" when the opportunities for service are so great.

Evangelism At Convention Planned by Committee

By ROLAND Q. LEAVELL
Chairman Convention Committee on Evangelism

THE Southern Baptist Convention often decides to hold its sessions in a certain city, believing that the convention will make a great contribution to the kingdom cause there. The committee on evangelism appointed last year will endeavor to make this come true in San Antonio.

The evangelistic committee consists of L. R. Scarborough, Texas; Chester Swor, Mississippi; Luther J. Holcomb, Oklahoma; W. W. Melton, Texas; Edgar Godbold, Missouri; James W. Merritt, Georgia; W. H. Knight, Louisiana; James R. Bryant, Virginia; Robert Humphries, Kentucky; and Roland Q. Leavell (chairman), Georgia.

The committee met in Dallas, Texas, July 15, 1941, and outlined a far-reaching program of evangelism to be promoted during the convention days in San Antonio.

The chairman of the committee visited San Antonio in December and set up the following program.

Street Preaching. The committee is seeking permission to have a noon-day street meeting in Alamo Plaza, 12:45 to 1:15 o'clock, for four days. The local committeeman to help in this is Rev. T. F. Hoffman.

If these plans are carried out it will mean that thousands of passersby will hear the Gospel preached by the four Southern Baptist preachers who will be asked to speak.

Chapel Exercises. Troy V. Campbell of the First Baptist Church of San Antonio has been asked to arrange for chapel speakers in schools, and he has arranged for speakers in eight schools of the city.

Radio. The committee hopes to have at least one evangelistic sermon per day go out over each of the four radio broadcasting stations of the city. Sixteen to twenty sermons at different times of day throughout the convention should reach millions with the message of salvation. Ralph E. Caldwell has cordially agreed to help arrange these engagements.

Club Clubs. While evangelistic sermons are not entirely the order for Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Civitan, Exchange and other such clubs, yet a constructive Christian address is highly appropriate and helpful. Chester Sump of San Antonio is seeking to

make engagements for our speakers in all these clubs.

Industries and Institutions. L. C. Bradley has agreed to endeavor to

make a number of engagements for speakers in industrial plants where possible, and in all institutions such as orphanages, hospitals, homes for the infirm, jails, and the like.

Gospel Tracts. The Home Mission Board will supply thousands of tracts for distribution. The two especially useful will be *Plainly, How To Be Saved* and *Are Baptists Narrow and Selfish?*

Shreveport Baptists Witness Revival As Leavell Conducts Last Campaign



Dr. M. E. Dodd and Dr. Leavell in front of a billboard advertisement of the Shreveport campaign which brought 584 additions to fourteen churches.

IN the recent city-wide simultaneous evangelistic campaign in Shreveport, Louisiana, led by Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, fourteen churches co-operated. There were 584 additions to these churches. The churches, pastors and numbers of additions are as follows:

Church	Pastor	Additions
Barksdale Bossier	Rev. Joe Hinkle	16
Bossier City First	Rev. R. H. Smith	55
Broadmoor	Rev. Stanley Wilkes	18
Caddo Heights	Rev. E. P. Smith	16
Calvary	Rev. H. G. Buchanan	71
Emmanuel	Rev. Paul J. Starnes	19
First Church	Dr. M. E. Dodd	78
Highland	Dr. John Caylor	72
Ingleside	Rev. T. C. Pennell	54
Lakeshore	Rev. B. P. Wallace	35
Parkview	Rev. A. T. Pilegreen	19
Queenborough	Rev. C. W. Culp	67
Southside	Rev. J. P. Kane	45
Trinity Heights	Rev. Roland Smith	19

While there was evangelistic preaching daily in each church, there were also programs of visitation evangelism, radio preaching, street preaching, addresses in school chapels, services in industrial plants, civic club speakers, and so forth. During the Shreveport

campaign, for instance, Dr. Leavell, in his closing campaign as superintendent of evangelism, delivered fifty-nine sermons and addresses in fourteen days.

The superintendent conducted a school of evangelism for eight days at breakfast meetings for the pastors, evangelists and song leaders. The following topics were studied:

1. Finding the Lost
2. Self-Discipline in Soul-Winning
3. Training Church Members to Win Souls
4. Associational Programs of Evangelism
5. Evangelism in "Highways and Hedges"
6. Evangelistic Music
7. A Perennial Church Program of Evangelism
8. Conservation of the Results of Evangelism

The pastors in a statement written after the campaign said to Doctor Leavell:

"By your passionate love for lost souls and your broad and practical knowledge of methods you have not only led us in a great and successful campaign, but have imparted as well a greater desire for winning the lost and training our membership in the glorious work of evangelism."

Missionary



Illustrations

Acclaim

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.—Mark 11:9.

Songs of praise are daily on the lips of Mexican children in the Zarzamora section of San Antonio, according to the testimony of their mothers as given at a meeting of the Mothers' Club and reported by Miss Amelia Diaz, Home Board missionary.

"I am happy to have my two girls in the Christian school," one Catholic mother said as they discussed Miss Diaz' kindergarten. "They learn Bible stories, beautiful songs and other good things. They sing all day long the songs of the school."

Robbery in the Temple

It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.—Matt. 21:13.

In Port Arthur a woman told us she was not going to the Catholic church any more because the priest of the parish collected from every one of the parishioners \$5 a year. And she went into those who do not pay, because they are shamed from the pulpit.

She also said there are seats in the temple that no one can use except the persons who paid for them.

One day she arrived in the temple and without knowing, occupied one of those seats, when a woman, owner of the seat, came in and in an ugly manner left.

From that time this woman who was talking with me never attended the temple. But now she and her husband are regular and faithful visitors at our mission. Lately they have expressed a desire to unite with our church.—Pascual Hurtiz, Mexican missionary.

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Apologetic

And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.—Matt. 22:46.

The other day I met a man who seemed to have a cultured mind. As I began to talk with him about his salvation he appeared to be interested. I discovered, however, that he had very little knowledge of the Bible, and that in many things he is in doubt whether it is truth or not. He told me that he thinks the Bible contains many errors, and I asked him to show me even one error.

He called attention to Gen. 1:11, 16. In the eleventh verse Moses describes the creation of grass and herbs yielding fruit after its kind, and in the sixteenth verse he describes when God made two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night.

So my friend upon these verses brings an argument, saying that Moses makes a very great mistake, because science has proved that grass and herbs could not exist without the sun, whereas Moses had the grass and herbs created first on the third day, and the sun and moon on the fourth day.

"So Moses is entirely opposed to science," he concluded.

After my friend finished his argument, I said to him: "I am not surprised that so many men speak of science as a supreme authority, and I believe science is right when it is understood rightly, because when science is well understood it is found to back the teachings of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. So science is not responsible for so many absurdities which the scientists are trying to explain from their own inclinations."

"Look here," I said, "remember that Moses was educated in the best colleges of his time, that he spent forty years practicing the affairs of responsibility at the royal court of Pharaoh in Egypt, and that his mind was developed in a peculiar way more than the scientists of his day. So

Moses, in giving us the description of the creation of this world, is using both sciences, the natural and the spiritual."

I then called attention to Gen. 1:3. "And God said, let there be light, and there was light." Light was made by God on the first day (verse 5). I asked my friend to explain to me if this light was the same light of the sun as in the fourth day, and I tell you that he was embarrassed from his head to his feet! His reply was that he did not know.

I said to my friend, "Moses knew more science than any of the scientists of all ages and of today. Moses says that God made the light on the first day, and that means the light with all its powers and functions over all the things created by God."

I advised my friend that it is better for him to study his Bible to know the purpose for which God created man, the fall, and also about the love and compassion which God has toward all men. He promised that hereafter he will take my advice.—J. G. Sanchez, Spanish missionary in New Mexico.

In Remembrance

This do in remembrance of me.—Luke 22:19.

A memorable observance of the Lord's Supper which became a definite experience with those present was held in the Pima Indian Church in Arizona, where Rev. C. F. Frazier is missionary.

All who were to take part in the Supper moved into the center of the room and stood with eyes closed. Tears streamed down the faces of those Christian Indians as the missionary gave thanks for the broken body of Christ.

After the bread and wine were passed the congregation sang a hymn as a prayer with eyes closed. Then immediately they went out of the house without a word uttered by anyone.

"If we have ever seen it actually done in remembrance of Him that was," Brother Frazier states

May, 1942.

Stewardship Practice Brings New Blessings To Indian Christians

By A. W. HANCOCK

FOUR years ago, Rev. M. N. Wesley, then pastor of the Only Way Church, taught a Christian stewardship book and the majority of the members began tithing into the church and they are continuing to practice it.

This church is one of the leading Indian churches. Pastor Thomas Wade, a full-blood Choctaw Indian, is leading his people to participate in all phases of the denominational work. This church baptized more Indians and whites than any other church in the association.

We have organized a worker's conference in this association, and at these meetings we devote our time to teaching the principle of Christian stewardship.

One of the members of the Only Way Church told me recently that since he started tithing a year ago he has had a steady job, and that his home is happier and more consecrated to the Lord's work.

He has a family altar in his home, and all the children are Christians with the exception of the youngest child. I know the life this man lived, and it is marvelous what the Lord has done for him.

A Creek Indian Church (Montezuma) has started to practice stewardship in the church under the leadership of their pastor, Rev. W. William Stoddard, and the church is doing better in attendance and in soul-winning. We hope and pray that it will become one of the leading churches among our Creek Indians.

French Converts Are Faithful Tithers, Says Home Board Worker

ALTHOUGH transferred three times in five weeks, the superintendent and his wife of a mission Sunday school among the French—both of them recent products of Home Missions—have been unflinching in giving their tithes, according to Rev. A. D. Muddy, Home Board missionary.

Others in the congregation have also had to move recently, and such circumstances, according to Brother Muddy, have given opportunity to the recent converts to show evidence of faithfulness. Three families have moved thirty-five miles away, but they have attended services regularly, bringing their tithes with them.

Profit From A Funeral

French Hear Gospel In Own Language As Maurice Aguilard Pours Out Heart

By OSCAR PERKINS

Pastor, Memorial Baptist Church, Port Arthur, Texas.

WHEN a young Frenchman who had been converted at a mission operated by our church was killed in an accident at a defense plant here I was asked to conduct the funeral service.

Rev. Maurice Aguilard, Home Board missionary, assisted by bringing a message in the French language, for many of the members at the mission are French.

As Brother Aguilard spoke, I noticed many of the older people listened intently, for some could scarcely speak the English language. Some were Catholics and perhaps had never heard a Gospel message.

They did not miss a word, as the missionary poured out his heart to them in their own tongue, as he held up Jesus as the only hope of salvation and asserted that His blood alone cleanses from all sin. It seemed that God took complete charge of the service and the message was delivered with a gripping power.

Brother Aguilard has been able to get into many French Catholic homes, but there were still many homes where he wanted to go, but the doors would not be opened. Now, since the funeral, there are more doors opening to him than he has time to enter.

His type of work is of such a nature that it cannot be ad-

vertised. His plans must be made quietly. He makes his contacts with Catholic homes, through Baptist friends or relatives, then goes in and brings the Gospel message.

We had won a French couple to Christ in the mission, and then we saw the first evidences of regeneration.

"Brother Aguilard," said the French wife, "my father and mother, aged sixty-five and fifty-five respectively, are Catholics and have never heard the kind of a Gospel you preach. Won't you go with us and tell them about Jesus and how to be saved?"

It was a drive of twenty-seven miles to the home. At first there was little concern as the missionary preached Jesus to them. Practically all the support he received was from the two new converts and some of our church people who work at the mission.

After the second trip, there was some concern, and finally the Holy Spirit's convicting power was felt and both were won to Christ, and then they were brought to our church and baptized.

Brother Aguilard's work reads like the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Thank God for sending him and his wife our way.

We thank God, too, that He can turn a funeral into an occasion where the lost can come and hear the Gospel for the first time in their own language.

transferred recently has been a Christian twenty-five months, and another was baptized less than eighteen months ago.

"Thank God for what He can do in the hearts of roughnecks," says Brother Maddy.

Another member who has been

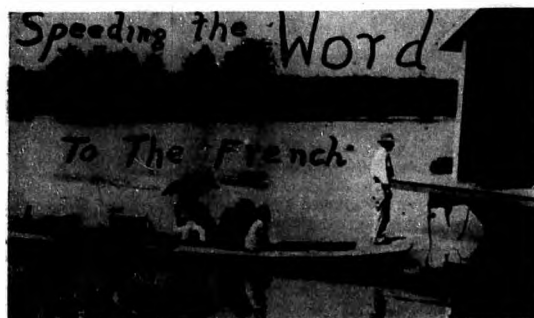
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A MISSION which I once served on the French field grew so rapidly in numbers and in stewardship that it soon surpassed the church which had sponsored the mission.

This happy experience was mine in a mission known as Grosse Tete, in the French country of Louisiana, some eleven miles from the church location. The work at Grosse Tete was so successful that in a short time after it was started the mission had outgrown the mother church in membership.

It was evident that stewardship must be taught these incoming converts, who numbered about seventy-five in that one community in the period of four years. The only way I knew to teach these new Christians was to bring them to the knowledge of God's command about the tithe. I preached sermons on tithing and giving for the ongoing of God's kingdom work.

Some Baptists who lived in the community previous to the mission work had taken their places in the leadership in the Sunday school of the mission. Some of these objected severely to my preaching on the tithe to these poor people because they said the folks were too poor but I went on preaching God's word on giving.

Leaders Learn Lesson

Remarks were made that Brother Thibodeaux was trying to abuse the poor converts, but very soon some of the poorest of these converts were bringing in the tithe and gifts to God. In a short time the folks were co-operating so well in their giving that the leaders themselves received a stewardship lesson from the poor Christians who were doing their best.

The mission soon built a church building which had been needed. Many said it could not be done as the people

By LAWRENCE THIBODEAUX

were unable, but through the consistent giving of a group of the people, very soon the beautiful little chapel was dedicated free of debt, having been constructed through local funds altogether. Stewardship was evident.

Later on, the church was organized with fifty-seven charter members and has been a growing church ever since it has been the most promising mission church I have ever served. I believe the success was largely due to the teaching and co-operation in stewardship by the people.

It is to be remembered that most of the converted Catholics are hard to be approached on the money question, as they have been under the influence of the force-pay system that makes it hard to present stewardship in such



A poor home among the French-Indians in lower Louisiana. Note the soot chimney, dirt floor and roof covered with leaves. Once a French convert understands the Bible plan of giving, even if he is poor, he becomes a faithful steward, according to Missionary Thibodeaux.

A French family coming by boat to revival services held by Missionary Thibodeaux in a houseboat.

a way that they do not feel they are being pushed.

Two French couples moved to the community, and I visited in their home to read my French Bible to them. Within one year they were baptized converts.

The first time I preached on tithing following their conversion they became faithful tithing stewards of God and have been ever since, even though they have moved to another community. Once a French convert understands the plan of giving of the Bible, he becomes a faithful steward.

Poor Convert Makes Offering

A dear French mother in the French quarters in New Orleans was a convert in one of the street corner meetings which I had been holding. She and her husband both made professions on that street corner. I visited them in their third-story apartment, and had services there.

I was leaving the city of New Orleans and this wife and mother came to me with two dollars. I refused to take the money at first, but then I saw she was hurt. She said that she wanted to help me tell the saving news to someone like she had been. It made her so happy when I took the money, because she felt sure that somebody else would be led to Christ. A convert with such a desire can easily be led to tithe or give to the Lord's work and so become a good steward.

BLESSINGS

In First Vision of Stewardship

By R. M. AVERITT

Missionary to Indians in Alabama



Group attending services conducted by Missionary Averitt on the Indian field in southern Alabama.

WHERE there is no vision of true stewardship the people perish. The lack of that special blessing Jesus had in mind when He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

It was only about six years ago that the backward and benighted people on our mission field seemed to get their first glimpse of the true vision of stewardship, in giving money to the Lord's work.

For many years even the Christian people seemed to have had only the idea that they were to just sit and get or receive. The light of stewardship had never pierced through dark clouds of their personal vision of selfishness.

Six years ago I presented and tried to make clear the fact that every Christian could have and should have a part in obeying the command of Jesus to take or send the Gospel to all the world.

The Holy Spirit soon caused the scales of darkness to fall from the eyes of the people and they began to see, and blessings of joy came as they saw that it was not so much the amount of the gift that Jesus looked upon, but the giver as to ability and purpose of heart.

They expressed praise to God at the thought of the widow's mite. They thanked God for the joy which filled

their hearts. They rejoice now that they can have a part in helping send the Gospel to all the world.

We have no definite record of how long this particular mixed race has existed in this part of the world. But we do have the record that there have been Christians and even some form of church life for half a century.

Still to the date of this new light of stewardship they had never given a dime, according to records, outside the upkeep of their own little local church.

Calling Up The Collection

Since that date our people have given on their mite. They are systematic givers to the Co-operative Program. I have in hand receipts for \$164.74 which they have given for same.

Our people give liberally according to their abilities and, too, they are joyful givers. May I illustrate by giving the exact words of one of our men at the close of a preaching service one night.

After having many disturbances during the service and feeling discouraged over the conditions, I asked that the people stand for the benediction. I had forgotten to call for the collection for the Co-operative Program. May the Lord forgive me.

As the people stood to their feet, this man said, "Let me say a few

words." All remained standing as we heard what he said.

"We are about to make the same mistake we made one time before," he continued, "and I do not want us to do it. We talked one time before to call up the money for the Co-operative Program and I just did not feel right about it for several days. I missed the joy in my heart. Now, cold or no cold, I want us to take time to call for that money if we do not get but one red penny."

Then he added, "The Lord said it is a better blessing to give than to receive. He will give a happy blessing in our hearts when we give to Him. And if we really need it He will give us a blessing in our pocket-books."

Joy Comes From Giving

Then he told this about himself, "One time I was a long ways from home in the big city of New Orleans. I was dressed up, but I had only one nickel in my pocket, and I did not know how I would get home or get my next meal."

"As I had my head dropped a person called to me. I looked up and there stood a pitiful looking person. "He said, 'Mister, give me a nickel.'"

"He did not ask me to give him what I did not have, but exactly what I had in my pocket. I forgot myself and pulled out the nickel and gave it to him without saying a word."

"After I had walked two blocks and still thinking of the beggar I saw and picked up a five-dollar bill."

Our people say they want their children to know how to live and also how to give. They will take even habes in their arms up to the money table and place a nickel or dime in their hands and then have the baby put the money on the table.

A few days ago a man said, "My little three-year-old likes to go to Sunday school and church better than anything. She talks during the week about putting money on the table for the Lord."

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Cuban Series Sales Indicate 1,000 Classes Have Studied Books

EARLY sales of the new graded series of mission study books on Cuba indicate that around 1,000 classes have studied these texts in the few weeks since they were brought from the press.

This estimate is based on sales of the *Resource Book* which was published as a guide to teachers in the use of the five reading books of the series. If this estimate is approximately correct and each class averaged no more than twenty enrolled, then upwards of 20,000 Baptists have engaged in the specific study of Home Mission work in Cuba in recent weeks.

Such an enthusiastic early response to the series is prophetic of an even wider use of the books in the summer assemblies in every state during the next few months.

Miss Kathleen Mallory, receiving a set of the series as soon as they came from the press, hastened to write a note to "heartily congratulate" those who "made the books possible" and to give her assurance that she hoped "that they will be well used."

Fills Long-Felt Need

Such a commendation is typical of others which have come unolicited, especially from W. M. U. leaders. Mrs. Ida M. Stallworth, president of the Alabama W. M. U., writes:

"I must express my appreciation of the fine series of books on Cuba. We have long needed such a series on Home Missions, and this comes at a most opportune time."

Also from Alabama comes this note from Mrs. E. H. Hawkins, mission study chairman: "The books present interesting pictures of our work in Cuba and bring valuable information to the reader in a fascinating manner. The authors had a keen understanding of the age groups for which the books are intended."

The young people's leader in Louisiana, Miss Virginia Wingo, has found the books for primaries, juniors and intermediates (*Carmila of Cuba, Tin Tella a Story and Dear Margaret*) especially interesting.

"Usually," Miss Wingo admits, "I dislike intermediate books. They lack interest for the younger boys and girls. But *Dear Margaret* is an exception. It is the most teachable new intermediate book I have seen in three years."

The young people's worker is high in her praise of the art work and photo-

Underfed Infant Has New Chance

Worker Finds Food and Loving Care for Babe; Parents Given Sorely Needed Spiritual Ministry

By M. HELEN JOHNSON
Missionary in Baltimore

THE little nine-month-old bundle I rushed to Harriet Lane Dispensary three weeks ago was skin and bones, a pitiful sight to behold.

Weak and hungry from lack of food and care, she tried repeatedly to put a dirty little fist to her mouth. Her cry was faint! I wondered whether I would get her there alive!

The news of her arrival spread and soon six doctors had looked her over.

"Get a bed for a constant drip ready immediately," was the order, and within an hour Marie was in the arms of a kind nurse and on her way upstairs to a new chance in life.

She had a good start at birth, weighing eight pounds, but had never been fed cereal, vegetables, orange juice or given cod liver oil, and milk and tea only helped her to tip the scales at ten pounds.

Her parents were "share-croppers" as the welfare called them. After they returned last fall there was no steady income. Their three rooms contained a stove and baby's carriage—no other furniture.

A dissipated young father regarded liquor and cigarettes more essential than food and milk for his four little ones and the few cents received in pay for cardboard and rags had to supply his wants first of all.

I saw little Marie the next day. A thrush mouth was treated with gentian and the purple lips against the smooth

white skin as she slept peacefully gave her the appearance of a wax doll. What a transformation! How happy I was to see her no wall cared for.

At first, too weak to register a temperature, her fever was not noted, but she had pneumonia in one lung. This has cleared up. Then a running ear brought the danger of mastoid. That was cured.

The wonderful hospital care is showing marvelous results in this precious little life.

Her mother has not missed a mother's or Sunday night service, has taken a New Testament and asks for our prayers constantly. The father came once but was under the influence of liquor and had to be put out.

Today one-half of the allotment of pretty, warm, fluffy little garments I bought on faith came in. Already one-third of the funds for this shipment are in. There are sweaters, pajamas, dresses, kimonos—perhaps the last I will be able to buy for the "duration" as the Red Cross is in need of them.

Little Marie will come back home in nice new little warm garments—but I hope not for a long time to come.

We must find a place to take her until she regains her strength and is normal for her age.

When we do take her home she will be welcomed by a mother who already has been won to Christ. By that time we hope to have touched the father's heart, too, although drink is his curse.

each book. It helps any teacher to know something of the background of the writer. This information is not always so easy to obtain as I have learned from experience."

COVER PICTURE

SAN ANTONIO'S historic Alamo is shown in the cover picture. Superimposed in the foreground is Rev. J. L. Moye, superintendent of Home Mission work in Texas, conducting a street service—a typical Mexican mission activity.

He Tithes from his Doughnut Sales

By J. B. PARKER

OUTSTANDING examples of the development of mission converts in stewardship are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Espinosa of our Spanish-American Baptist church at Raton, New Mexico. They are products of Home Missions. When our mission was opened at Raton in the fall of 1939, they were among the first to become identified with the work. Stewardship was taught from the very beginning.

Brother Espinosa is treasurer of our church, was ordained as deacon the first Sunday in April and is teacher of the adult class in the Sunday school. When the church was organized last year he was the first native Christian to subscribe to the budget.

He believes that the tithe is the minimum that a Christian should give. His good wife believes the same. Every Sunday they bring their tithe to the house of the Lord and an offering which is over and above.

Some Italian people have recently been attracted to our church. A few Sundays ago, above the sound of all the choosies in our small building, an Italian woman was heard to say, "Brother Espinosa is the best teacher I ever saw."

"Lord Blesses In Everything"

He said to me recently, "Christ gives us salvation and everything else that we have, so it is our duty to give to Him and to His cause. Oh, if I could just get my Sunday school class to realize the importance of real Christian living and service."

"There was a time when my husband was making almost twice as much as he is making now," Mrs. Espinosa told my wife, "and yet we were always having a hard time financially. Since we have begun to honor the Lord with our money, it seems that the Lord has blessed us in everything that we have undertaken."

Our brother cooks at a local cafe. On the side he cooks doughnuts which are sold by his wife. The tithe from the doughnuts also goes to the church.

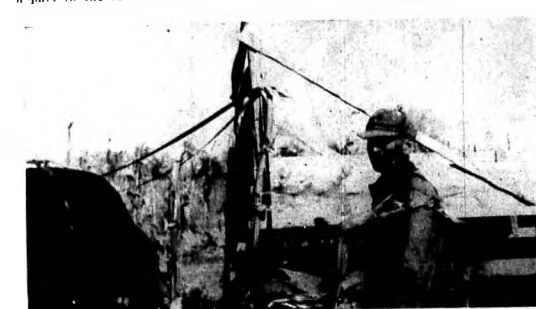
Visiting preachers are entertained at the Espinosa home. Brother J. G. Sanchez says that it is a *fan-tia fina*. Two young fellows who were hungry



Treasurer Robert Espinosa of the Spanish-American Church, Raton, New Mexico—shown here with his wife and daughter—believes that the tithe is the minimum that a Christian should give. He brings his tithe and an offering every Sunday.

and cold recently went to a friend's house asking for food. They were told to go see the Espinosas. "They are religious people," the friend said. "They help fellows like you." One of them is still living at the Espinosa home working for them.

There are many other choice souls in New Mexico, just as fine as the Espinosas, who are yet to be discovered and trained by the messengers of the Cross. Everyone who has part in supporting Home Missions will have a part in the reward.



This Mexican deacon in an Indian mission church tithes faithfully, even though his income is no more than \$1 a day.

DIRECTORY

The complete directory of workers of the Home Mission Board is printed on this page each quarter. It was carried in the March issue, and will run again in June.

His Pay Is Small But A Tithe Is The Lord's

A MEXICAN deacon in the Kickapoo Indian Church in Oklahoma served by Missionary D. D. Cooper brings his tithe regularly every Sunday.

Even when working recently for a farmer at a dollar a day, this faithful Mexican steward brought a tenth of his income each Sunday to dedicate it to the Lord along with the offerings of the Indian members of the church.

Born in Mexico, he had an uncle who was a bishop in the Catholic church, and the boy was kept in school nineteen years in training to become a priest.

One day he was being taught that he could forgive the sins of others. Knowing that his own sins were not forgiven and that he certainly could not forgive those of others, he threw the prayer book down and left.

After wandering around for years he finally drifted into the Kickapoo mission and was converted. Here he became not only a living example of the saving grace of God but an inspiration to the Kickapoo members in the stewardship of his talents and substance.

He has used his time for the Lord by keeping the mission building and grounds clean and beautifying the yards with shrubbery and flowers.

Grandmother's Hut in the Marshes

*She Lived Down the Bayou
Until Missionary DeVille
Brought Her Out*

FAR down the bayou from the missionary's home on Point au Chien Rev. Berkman DeVille, Home Board worker among the French Indians in lower Louisiana, found an eighty-six-year-old grandmother living in a crude hut over the mud.

After trudging over four miles through the marsh — through which one could go only by walking — the missionary found the old woman sitting forlornly on the floor of her simple shack.

She had an oil drum for a fire-



This eighty-six year old grandmother lived in this hut in the Louisiana marshes until Missionary DeVille found her more comfortable quarters.



Mail comes to Point au Chien Indian settlement for the first time in history. In the picture are Missionary DeVille and his son and Mrs. L. Grace Thompson, another Home Board worker.

place and had kept warm by it all winter. Each night, she said, she climbed up to her son's house to sleep on the floor.

Back at his home the missionary made a pack of quilts, blankets, sheets, towels and soap, and again he plodded through the mud to carry these necessities to the forsaken and probably unwanted grandmother.

Later Mrs. DeVille joined her husband in securing a bed for the woman some distance away in a daughter's camp boat. Brother DeVille took her in his arms and carried her there.

"She has sat so long flat on the floor until she cannot sit in a chair," says Mrs. DeVille. "I have walked there every other day for the last two weeks. As we minister to her physical needs we are trying to show her the way to that better home."

Just such ministries require much of the missionary's time, Brother De-



Ten or eleven children live in this one-room hut. All of them could not get in the doorway.

Ville reports. "Much of our time is spent," he explains, "in taking people to the doctor, reading and writing letters for them, and giving them advice as they come for counsel."

"I told a lawyer the other day that I was going to have to study law and medicine."

One morning to the Home Board school on Point au Chien a little girl came with her arm burned from her elbow down in one solid blister.

"The skin was all off," says Mrs. DeVille. "I nearly fainted as I looked at it. I dressed it twice a day until it was well. We have much of this to do."

Out of an enrollment of thirty-two children Brother DeVille says that only four were Baptists and three others were from Baptist homes.

"So twenty-five out of the thirty-two were Catholics and came out of Catholic families," he states. "The priest worked hard to make these families take their children out of our school, but they all refused and said they were satisfied."

Mission services, Brother DeVille reports, are well attended.

NEGRO STUDENTS ARE BLESSED

RELIGIOUS Emphasis Week brought spiritual blessings to the students at Arkansas Baptist College, according to Rev. B. L. Marchant, teacher-missionary.

Dr. Roland Smith, Home Board enlistment secretary, spoke twice daily. He also conducted informal conferences each afternoon, at which the voluntary attendance averaged 150. The entire school was benefited spiritually, according to the teacher-missionary.