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I Am Resolved—

To *think* toward people of all races as becomes
a Christian;

To be Christian in my *dealings* with others;

To *pray* in sincerity for people of all races;

To *use my means*—the entire ten-tenths—to
honor God.



Europe Turning to Religion

THE report comes to us from Dr. Tracy Strong that in Europe there is a growing interest in religion. "Bible study," he says, "has again become central in Europe."

And then he declares, "If the church has anything to give, it is not because its leaders are wise or clever, but because they have the Bible. Paganism has already had its day and has undermined all those virtues which have rooted in the church."

He then asks the question, "Will the church be able to answer the needs recognized by laymen generally and by governments as well to furnish leadership to re-establish public concern for the preservation of those virtues?"

That is the question. The big task of Christianity now is to prepare for

the peace that shall follow when the war is over. The world will be wide open for the preaching of the Gospel and those of us who have it to preach should be spiritually prepared to bring a message of salvation and life to a lost world. This is our supreme missionary obligation at home and abroad.

Baptists and the Declaration of Independence

IT is said by those who have examined the colonial records in Culpepper County Court House, Virginia, that these records prove conclusively that Thomas Jefferson got his inspiration and information for framing the Declaration of Independence from the records of church discipline of a country Baptist church in the hills of Virginia.

One thing we know, that Baptists

have always stood for the independence and freedom of the individual before God. In fact, this is, in all of its ramifications, the distinctive and definite differential of Baptists, and when applied all the way through life makes them a separate and distinct people. May they ever continue to be the protagonists of individual and religious freedom.

The Catholic Church and the Country

CATHOLICS held recently what they called a National Catholic Rural Life Conference at Peoria, Illinois, in which they discussed the problems of the country and projected a program to extend their work into the country area.

Heretofore the Catholic Church has confined its efforts to the cities and larger towns. But now Catholics have set themselves to make America a Catholic country.

They are being squeezed out of a great many of the European nations, but in this country, where everything is free and one can have any religion he pleases, they find fruitful soil for their activities.

They have an extensive program on. They are working among the Negroes, the foreigners, in the factory districts and congested sections and now they have begun their work in the country.

It seems that they have plenty of money for their program, whether it be in the city or in the country. They are spending thousands of dollars to make our Southern Negroes Catholics, and now they propose to spend thousands of dollars to make our country people Catholic.

This certainly ought to stimulate our Baptist people, who have through out the years majored on country work, to begin a program of revitalization for the country church. The Home Mission Board has such a program in mind and will begin this work when its debts are paid.

The disciples of Christ have more than others, therefore they should do more than others.

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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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ONWARD and upward is the keynote of heaven. It is the watchword of earth. It contains the sum of human progress. It expresses the law of man's life and explains the divine purpose which reveals itself in the story of human affairs. The accumulated momentum of the past is the driving power of the present and the future.

It is ever onward and upward in human history. Each hilltop man ascends is a new footing for a higher climb in the altitude of progress in the onward and upward ascent of endeavor.

The Home Mission Board is moving onward and outward and it finds the going glorious. The past year has been the best of the past dozen years. The receipts have climbed back to the hilltops of seventeen years ago when the slump in receipts really took a dive. Last year from all sources we received right at \$775,000, which was \$125,000 more than we received the year before.

During the past year we enlarged our work in all fields and added two new departments; one, the certification of Baptist pastors for the chaplaincy, and the other, city missions. We are adding this year a new feature to our educational department, namely, church schools of missions, and putting Rev. L. W. Martin in charge. Another department is in the offing, the revitalization of the country church. Missions in the cities should be balanced by missions in the country. The revitalization of the country churches and the evangelization of the rural sections cannot be overlooked if we would save the homeland for the saving of the world.

The Home Mission Board is going on. The work to be done here in the homeland is just as important today to the ongoing of the kingdom of God as it is anywhere in the world. It is as vital to the saving of the homeland as it has ever been; in fact, the mission task in the homeland is larger, more difficult and more important to the whole task of the denomination than it has ever been at any time in our history.

The Board would, therefore, in the light of modern world conditions and movements, invite our Baptist people to make a new appraisal of Home Missions.

The challenge today of Home Missions is a call to new tasks and new frontiers. It is a call to love for the lost of every tribe and nation right here in our midst; to help the spiritually helpless who lie wounded on the side of the road that runs

by the door of all our churches; to the adjustment of racial relationships here at home that test the Christ spirit of our churches and our people and prove or disprove the reality of our mission passion and love for the people of lands afar to which we are sending missionaries; to denominational strategy in the winning of the foreigners in our land that we may have their help in winning the lost in foreign lands; to emulate the spirit of Christ who died for the whole human race and who has commissioned us to make disciples of all the nations at home and abroad; to establish through the Gospel wrought into the actuality of conduct and character a Christlike social order here in the homeland as a demonstration of what Christ can do for a nation that accepts the Christian way of life.

The Home Mission Board accepts the challenge and is girding itself for the task ahead. The going in the past has been glorious. The going in the future will be more glorious.

Christ Our Strength

PAUL says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." If this passage means anything it means that every Christian is able as a Christian to obey his Master. Christ asks nothing impossible. What makes His commands seem too hard for man is the man's own will which pulls the other way.

Divine grace is given for every task and our heavenly Father meets our necessity by doing for us what we cannot do for ourselves, while at the same time He challenges our ability by doing nothing for us that we can do for ourselves. God works in us to will and to do, but we must put the impulse into action in the formation of character. The present situation with all of its discouraging features finds its solution here.

The Worker That Counts

GIVE two painters the same pigments and one of them will produce a "Transfiguration" and the other will exhaust his genius upon the signboards of a country road. Give two workmen the same kind of stones and one will build a beautiful temple while the other will rear an unsightly structure. So in life. Out of the same material one man will lay up treasures in heaven while another will pile up wealth on earth. Dirt touched by consecrated fingers becomes gold; gold grasped by selfish hands becomes dirt. It is the worker that counts.

Why Every Friend of Home Missions Should Belong to the 100M Club

By J. E. DILLARD

1. BECAUSE when the Home Mission Board was in deep financial distress the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club came to its relief and assured its creditors that they would be paid in full and all we asked was a little patience and a little time.
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7. Because the more Club members we have the sooner we can be out of debt.
8. Because every dollar paid upon the debt stops interest and strengthens the work.
9. Because when we get out of debt we can do away with special debt appeals and concentrate on our Co-operative Program.
10. Because the sooner we get out of debt the sooner we can get ready for a larger program for home and world evangelization.
11. Because if we can get the full 100,000 memberships in the Club the Home Mission Board and all our Southwide agencies can get out of debt in 1943. Let's get them. Let every friend of Home Missions help on Debtless Denomination Day, February 14, 1943.

DEBT-FREE IN '43 — COUNT ON ME

TODAY we can report 422 missionaries working in 819 mission stations. At almost every meeting of the executive committee of the Board, which meets every month, we have since 1935 placed new missionaries in the field.

We are doing this and paying our debt. In 1928, the Home Board reported to this Convention a debt of \$1,617,922.44. In the fall of that year the tragic disaster occurred in which a trusted officer was discovered to be in default to the amount of \$906,000. This raised the debt of the Home Mission Board to more than \$2,500,000. In the Honor Day offering Southern Baptists gave \$397,444.23, which was applied to the principal. Through the depression years the Board has been struggling with this debt.

On February 1, 1941, at the first refinancing, the debt stood at \$850,000; a year later, \$495,000; today, \$220,000, and provision has been made by the new budget to pay this entire balance in 1943.

The tragic years have become an asset as we have risen on the trials and troubles of that period as stepping-stones to higher things. We rejoice in the fact that we have handled our difficult problems without disturbing the denomination with special appeals and without asking for special consideration of any sort.—J. B. Lawrence.

New Mexico Indians Enjoy Chinese Supper Given By Missionaries

ON a recent visit to Miss Pauline Cammack in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Miss Bonnie Jean Ray, missionary to China, helped to establish a bond of Christian fellowship between the Indians to whom she spoke and the Chinese in their distant land.

Features of the visit, according to Miss Cammack, included a Chinese dinner, eaten with chopsticks, showing of pictures of the Chinese friends and witnessing of the power of the Gospel in the lives of some of the Chinese.

The Indians were particularly interested in the pictures of the Chinese, related Miss Cammack.

One young Indian woman remarked, "These people look just like us, don't they?" A little Indian girl who was dressed in Chinese clothes made an excellent little Chinese girl the missionary from China said.

Stories of the Christian Chinese awakened the interest of every adult Indian present, stated Miss Cammack. One young man asked several questions about Christianity. His wife invited the missionary to come to their home.

A young woman who had not attended church services for some time resolved to be more faithful. An Indian mother from a strong Catholic home accepted gratefully a Bible for her own.

MEMBER ORDAINED BY ITALIANS

ORDINATION of a member of the Italian mission church in Ensley, Alabama, was a recent significant event for the congregation, according to Rev. A. Pucclarelli, Home Board missionary. The newly ordained minister, Rev. John Rawlings, joined the Ensley church some four years ago, Brother Pucclarelli reports, and at that time had already been licensed.

"In our church he developed the desire which was in his heart," said the missionary. "He was called last month to be pastor at Graceville, where he preaches twice a month. Two Sundays a month he serves the Cardiff church, a branch from our church."

January, 1943.

VOICES in the VALLEY

Cubans Hear Call to Prayer About World Crisis

By CHRISTINE GARNETT

Missionary in Cuba

LAST New Year's Day a group from our church took a trip to one of the most beautiful spots in Cuba: Vinales Valley.

Early in the morning my home was a veritable beehive of happy voices. When a rather dispirited looking bus pulled up at the door, we all climbed in. What a mixture of races, ages, and colors! Each person carried his dinner in a paper bag; boiled



A Cuban Senorita
"the valley echoed in care-free voices"

sweet potatoes and bread without butter was a meal for many.

The President of the United States had urged all of America to be in prayer on this day, and never would you find my church behind when such a call comes. That morning, as the hour arrived for leaving, all were silent, then several fervent prayers were mingled with thousands of others all over the world.

The bus was noisy with happy songs and conversations as we drove along. When someone called out, "The valley is in sight," a hush fell over all as thoughts of wonder went out to meet those huge rocks, all shapes and sizes now rising into mountain peaks, now falling away into the shadows of a valley.



Dr. M. N. McCall
His voice is heard by radio throughout Cuba.

Voices came to us—voices of the winds, sighing and moaning as live things, groaning for the sin-sick, war-torn world—and silently we bowed our heads to blend our voices in prayer that all might have courage and faith to work and wait for the peace that will surely come.

For a while the valley echoed to care-free voices of our group as we explored, climbing hills, descending into the valley, picking flowers, marveling at the wonders of nature. "Look" and "Listen" were heard at every step. Giant peaks rose above us as if to touch the very sky, twisted and turned into every conceivable form, great palms growing from their dirtless sides.

The Voice of Challenge

Voices of strange birds were a challenge to our voices to rise even higher than the highest peak, to reach into the very heart of God. Again all were silent while we prayed, feeling that a strong tie bound us to all who are fighting for justice.

On and on we went, this time to the caves. Marvelous works of God are they! In the room of fruits we saw the bunch of bananas, carved by the centuries out of the rocks, the large coconut shaped rock hanging from the many colored ceiling and the forms of other fruits so beautifully cut that we could scarcely believe they were not real.

Then our guide showed us Saint Joseph carved in the rocks. Poor deluded Catholic friends, making a saint out of these wonders! Myriads of voices from the emptiness of the cave reminded us of

the emptiness of hearts without Christ. There seemed to be people calling to us, and right there in the blackness of the inside of the mountain, we responded with voices of prayer: thanksgiving, praise, petition.

After enjoying the fellowship of the lunch hour, we drove to Sulphur Springs. Sitting there beneath large shade trees, where the swaying branches sounded like "the still, small voice," we felt close to the Father. Our voices were eagerly lifted to join the finite with the infinite. Perhaps no other moment in the day was more sacred than this one. There were confessions of sins, prayers for strength to win the men of our town before they must go out to war, pledges of better living in the new year.

There still awaited us the head of the river which comes out of the rocks, that marvelous gushing out of water apparently from nowhere, a cavern above that looks like the huge dome of some cathedral. Into the water went the young people, wading, shouting, laughing in harmony with the laughing waters.

The Voice of Prayer

A group of us who remained after others had gone to the bus felt the urge of prayer as the voice of the waterfall spoke to us of power and surety. There in the peaceful woods, apart from all the world, yet feeling ourselves a very part of democracy and justice and peace, we resolved to strive harder that the Prince of Peace might come into darkened hearts.

By this time the shadows were falling, those shadows that to us meant a peaceful, quiet night of rest, but to many parts of the world, a night of bombs and terror, of death and destruction. We hurried home, tired and happy, feeling that we had helped in the great world crisis.



Cuban R. A.'s and G. A.'s Leaving Church
The voices of children are lifted in thanksgiving and petition.

\$733,207 Budget Adopted Receipts Top Any Year Since 1924; All Home Board Officers Re-elected

ENCOURAGED by receipts in 1942 surpassing any total since 1924, the Home Mission Board in annual session December 2 and 3 adopted a budget of \$733,207.67 for the new year. Significant in the budget was the anticipation of the paying of all debts in 1943, the total of \$223,000, to take care of all remaining principal and interest, being provided for this purpose.

For all of the Board's missionary operations in eighteen southern states, the District of Columbia, Cuba and Panama, the sum of \$442,207.67 was included in the 1943 budget.

Caution was exercised by the Board, in order to be able to meet any emergency which might arise, by setting aside a reserve and contingent fund of \$78,000.

All officers and employed secretaries were re-elected as follows: Colonel B. L. Bugg, president; Dr. K. O. White, vice-president; G. Frank Garrison, recording secretary; Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary; Dr. M. N. McCall, superintendent of mission work in Cuba; Dr. J. W. Beagle, Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, Dr. Noble Y. Beall, and Dr. Alfred Carpenter, field secretaries; and Rev. Joe W. Burton, secretary of education.

Dr. Solomon F. Dowls was elected field secretary in charge of city mission work, and \$43,500 was included in the new budget to extend the activities of this department to ten cities.

Named to give direction to church schools of missions was Rev. Lewis W. Martin, who begins his new work January 1 after a number of years of service on the mountain mission fields.

Divine Help Given

"We have looked to the grace of God for help in paying our debts," said Colonel Bugg in accepting re-election to the presidency. The Atlanta layman and prominent business man, who has been a member of the Board for thirteen years, said that bankers had changed their minds "toward our solvency and ability to pay our debts."

The Board is meeting its obligations and will pay the balance in full in 1943, the president added, because of divine help.

Total offerings to Home Missions in 1942 will exceed three-quarters of a million, Dr. Lawrence stated, as he reported a total of \$688,642.74 already received and \$63,500 anticipated during the remainder of the year.

Partial reports of work done in three cities showed a total of 2,118 volunteer workers engaged in mission

activities under the direction of city mission superintendents, according to Dr. Dowls. In mission services 46,136 persons were reached, with 483 making professions and 317 being baptized.

Mission services numbered 216, with a total attendance of over 10,000, while fourteen tent meetings were conducted which had a total attendance of above 15,000.

Dr. Dowls stated that work has been started in three other cities and that four more will be added, to make ten metropolitan areas in which the program will be in operation by early in 1943. The field secretary will also give his counsel to churches and workers in other cities which the Board may not be able to enter immediately with its city mission program.

Congregations in Cuba are larger and there is an added seriousness on the part of the people, according to Dr. M. N. McCall. Significant developments include the opening of a training school for young women; purchase of property and erection of

mission buildings at a cost of \$21,550; projection of an evangelistic campaign; and continuation of weekly radio preaching.

Cuba's Needs Cited

"We will need more workers and more and better equipment," was Dr. McCall's appeal. "Not much has been done in the open country and we long to be able to carry the Gospel to the neglected districts. We are in great need of another young woman worker to help with the training school, preferably one who knows music."

The Board has in the South 288 workers among the different language groups, the Indians, the deaf, and in the mountains, Dr. J. W. Beagle reported. Since January 1, 1942, these missionaries have baptized 2,013 converts.

Nine chapels, one home for the missionary and one Sunday School building have been built or purchased during the year, while four other properties have been repaired. The Board now has on these fields in the South 101 chapels, homes or work centers, Dr. Beagle revealed.

The program of education aims at cultivating the fundamental Christian attitude of good will toward all people, said Rev. Joe W. Burton.

"The missionary enterprise is projected on the assumption that all men are equal," he asserted. "This fundamental concept of missions has untold potentialities, especially in this day of ill will and prejudice."

Practical means used to build up Christian attitudes of good will include the publication and circulation of books, tracts, and *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, which now has a circulation of above 77,000; preparation of press releases for denominational

PROPHETIC DEVELOPMENTS

1942

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and secular newspapers; distribution of illustrated lectures; and public addresses.

Southern Baptist ministers now serving as chaplains number above 600, Dr. Alfred Carpenter stated. Applications handled by the committee on Army and Navy chaplains have numbered 823 since November, 1942.

The committee has endorsed 229 applicants who have not yet been appointed by the War Department, he said.

Indicative of the response to the present critical need, Dr. Carpenter pointed out, is the fact that some 4,500 preachers have made inquiry concerning the chaplaincy.

"We have not circularized our preachers nor made individual contacts in an effort to influence men to the chaplaincy," he explained, but all have applied on a voluntary basis.

Negro Work Reported

"Through the program of our teacher-missionaries we believe that we are making the best possible contribution for Christianizing Negroes," said Dr. Noble Y. Beall.

In the past year, he reported, through co-operation with nineteen schools 1,258 were enrolled in classes taught by teacher-missionaries, this enrollment including 313 ministers. Institutes and extension classes had an additional enrollment of 4,623. Students directed in religious activities numbered 528.

A new phase of work entered during the year came through the appointment of Rev. W. L. Buffington who prior to his appointment by the Board had established twenty-three community libraries for Negroes. Brother Buffington is continuing his promotion of these Faith Cabin Libraries in connection with his work as teacher-missionary at Benedict College.

In facing the stupendous task of evangelizing 600,000 Jews, Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus declared that he realized that "the old methods of mission halls and stations were neither practicable nor desirable."

Such methods would require at least a hundred stations with as many workers, thus entailing an enormous expenditure, and even that program would not be adequate.

Also the Jewish worker added, "I was well aware of the traditional aversion of the Jew to a mission."

Accordingly the two-fold plan of Jewish evangelization has been (1) to seek the wholehearted co-operation of the local church in reaching its Jewish neighbors through Friends of

Early Secretary's Picture Presented



Dr. J. D. Grey, right, presents to Dr. J. B. Lawrence on behalf of First Baptist Church, New Orleans, the picture of the Home Mission Board's first corresponding secretary, Russell Holman, who also established and was the first pastor of the New Orleans church. Dr. Lawrence also was at one time pastor of First Baptist Church in New Orleans.

A LIFE-SIZED picture of the face of Russell Holman the first corresponding secretary to set Home Missions forward with an aggressive program, is now hanging in the Board's office as the gift of the First Baptist Church of New Orleans.

Even prior to his official connection with the Home Mission Board, which began December 1, 1845, Holman had distinguished himself in Home Mission service by establishing in 1843 the First Baptist Church in New Orleans. Presentation of the Holman picture, reproduced by an artist in New Orleans from a miniature woodcut, was made by his present successor in the

Israel groups and (2) to put a greater emphasis on the printed page.

This method, he declared, has yielded encouraging results in winning Jews first to friendly attitudes toward and then to faith in Christ.

pastorate of the church, which he founded ninety-nine years ago, Dr. J. D. Grey, at the recent annual meeting of the Board.

He succeeded in the office of corresponding secretary D. P. Bestor, who had served only a few months following the organization meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in May, 1845.

Coming to the Board at a time when his leadership was greatly needed, Rev. Holman served as secretary from 1845 to 1851 and again from 1857 to 1862. In the Board's report to the Convention in 1863, it is stated that Rev. Holman had resigned his position because of ill health.

"His experience, talent and piety," the minutes read, "admirably fitted him for the office he held for so many years, with distinguished credit to himself and profit to the interests of the Convention."

MOTHER KNOCKS

Brings Children Back To Mission After Long Absence

AN ITALIAN mother knocking at the door of Miss Tenette Lavender, Home Board missionary in Kansas City, brought new encouragement to the worker.

The mother and her children were returning to mission services after a long absence, Miss Lavender reports.

"My heart rejoiced," she said, "when I knew that this Italian woman was seeking our way of life and wanting her children in our meetings."

The young mother's husband died recently, Miss Lavender explains, and the missionary had tried to help her in her time of need. Her family persuaded her to return to the Catholic church with the argument that her sorrows had come because she had attended the mission services.

Many times the missionary had sought to get the mother and her children back into the services, and now she had come of her own initiative, bringing her children.

"I realize more than ever that they can be won through much prayer and patience," said Miss Lavender.

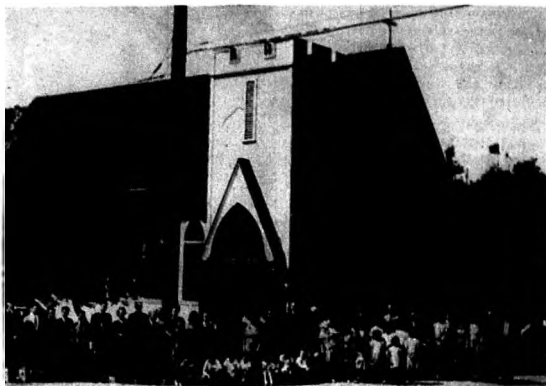
BULLETINS AID WORK AMONG INDIANS

DISTRIBUTION of a mimeographed bulletin each week to the homes of prospects and members and to Indian soldiers and sailors is made by the Baptist Indian Center at Albuquerque, New Mexico, according to Rev. George Wilson, Home Board missionary to the Indians, who with his wife is in charge of the Center.

The bulletin includes the schedule of activities for the week, articles concerning plans for the further development of the Center, report of special events in connection with the life of the Center, and items of personal interest to the Indian friends.

A recent issue of the bulletin stated that the purpose of the Indian Center is "to be of service to the Indians in this territory." The last item carried in this issue stated, "Our services are Happy, Hopeful, Helpful. Come!"

Mexican Mission Property Dedicated



DEDICATION of newly acquired Mexican mission property marked a new step in the response to opportunities for a spiritual ministry among their Mexican neighbors by the Calvary Baptist Church in San Antonio.

The church building, shown above, is one of three units in the property, an educational building and home for the pastor also being included in the \$5,000 plant which covers a half block in the Mexican section of the Texas city. Pastor Neil Ellis of Calvary led his church to make the purchase from the Episcopalians.

Home Board workers on the program included Rev. P. A. Carranza, pastor of First Mexican Baptist Church; Mrs. J. L. Moye, wife of the superintendent of Mexican mission work; Rev. M. C. Garcia, pastor of Calvary Mexican Church; and Rev. Alfredo Cavazos, evangelist for the Texas Mexican Convention.

Other speakers were Rev. C. L. Neal, superintendent of Southern Baptist mission work in Mexico; Rev. Paul Sieberman, pastor of the Good Will Center; and Rev. Hiram Duffer, secretary of Sunday School and Training Union work among the Mexicans.

Prayers Answered For Mission Needs In Chinese Center

By MARGARET JUNG
Missionary to the Chinese

ANSWERED prayers have met the needs and strengthened us for the tasks ahead in a remarkable way recently.

Equipping our new Chinese center has not been an easy task but prayers and efforts have helped to make the place attractive to the Chinese of Phoenix and the Chinese cadets in training here.

Fifty dollars came from the Home Mission Board in time to provide much needed equipment for our kindergarten, and this amount has been supplemented by gifts from local friends. A

young couple, members of Central Church, lent us a piano to be used for a year. Various missionary societies have come forward with things to make the place more attractive. Little by little the needs are being filled.

For months the car used in the missionary work has not been dependable. At the most unexpected moments it would fail to start. Repair bills were greater than I could take care of. The only thing I could do under the circumstances was to pray.

Now that prayer, too, has been answered! We were successful in selling the old car and in securing a much better one second hand. Central Baptist Church of Phoenix financed the trade. It is a joy to know I can depend on my car when I need it.

January, 1943.

Pastor's Interest Is Basis For New Work With Mexican Group

By JON W. ENGLISH
Pastor First Baptist Church,
Truscott, Texas

THE evident need for work among the Mexicans of my community has long been on my heart and in my prayers.

For years when distributing my weekly pastoral letter, I have given copies to the Mexicans on the streets. Though some of them could not read the letters they seemed interested in receiving them. Through these letters I made many friends among the Mexicans.

When I was asked to conduct a Mexican funeral, I went even though I could not speak in their own language and many of them could not understand English. But the Lord heard my prayers and touched the hearts of many.

The next Sunday the stricken family were all at Sunday School. After that they followed me each Sunday, going from one to the other of the two churches where I preach. Through them I became acquainted with other families. Some are land owners and store keepers.

Recently Brother Pedro Hernandez, Home Board missionary, came to our church to preach to the Mexicans. On Saturday evening we went to a store where Mexicans trade. I introduced him to those I knew. He stood and quietly preached to an undisturbed group for an hour. The store man's wife, just lately from Mexico, was interested along with the rest.

On the next day when the Mexicans came into our service in great numbers, eleven made profession of faith and six of these, after a thorough examination, were received as candidates for baptism.

Through prayer and effort a new work has been inaugurated for Mexicans in this locality.

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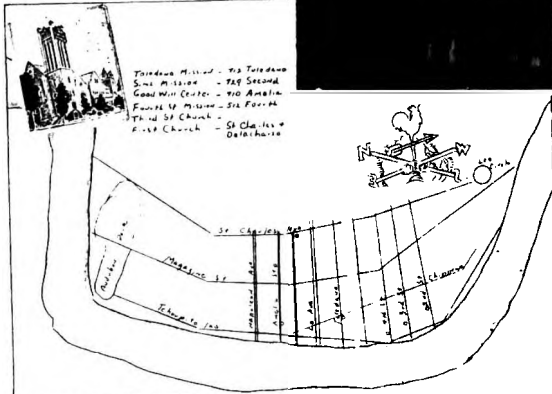
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A City Church with MISSIONS At the Center

Below is a map of the section served by the River Front Missions in New Orleans—from Audobon Park to Canal Street, and from Magazine Street to the river. Inset, First Baptist Church. At right, three Home Board workers on the River Front: left to right, Miss Gladys Keith, Mrs. Leona Wollfarth and Miss Amelia Rappold.



A CHALLENGE to open new missions and enlarge the present work was sounded by Pastor J. D. Grey of First Baptist Church, New Orleans, at a recent banquet of 150 of his members, held in the interest of the city mission program sponsored by the church in co-operation with the Home Mission Board.

The meeting, arranged by the missions committee of the church, of which Deacon C. J. Briant is chairman, was more than a banquet. It was a time of honoring workers who are serving in the four missions.

Miss Gladys Keith, superintendent of the River Front Missions, inspired the group with her recital of the history, achievements and challenge of the field and workers.

Miss Keith, who has been serving since 1935 as a missionary of the Home Mission Board, has led in enlarging the work from one center. Rachel Sims Memorial Mission, to four stations with six full-time paid helpers and twenty-five volunteer workers. The whole program, aptly known as

River Front Missions, takes in all of the city known as the Irish Channel and considerably beyond. It reaches from Audobon Park to Canal Street, from Magazine Street to the river.

Workers include Miss Keith, Mrs. Leona Wollfarth and Miss Amelia Rappold, whose salaries are paid by the Home Mission Board; Mrs. Minelle Graves, paid by the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church; and Miss Lottie Stevens, Miss Edrie Hatton and Mrs. Alpha McDill, who are paid by the First Baptist Church.

Dr. Grey pointed out that in addition to these missionaries and stations the church carries on radio missions in the broadcast of "The Gospel Hour" over WSMB each Sunday morning.

He said also that a committee of the Brotherhood has approximately twenty tract boxes at strategic points in the city through which thousands of pieces of literature are distributed monthly.

"This is a city church with missions at the center," he said. "We will have a similar banquet each quarter to further this program."

Glorious Month Reported By Italian Worker in Tampa

By ALEX PASSETTI
Italian Missionary

NOVEMBER was a glorious month in our mission work among the Italians in Tampa, the first week being the best we have had in a long while.

We had a revival in which Dr. J. F. Plainfield was the speaker. During the week six young people accepted Christ. For the following two weeks I drilled them in the teachings of the Master, the meaning of baptism and the responsibilities of church membership.

Last Sunday two more came forward accepting Christ. We had worked with these two for many weeks in attempts to lead them to Jesus.

One of the two was a young lady who, though she is a good worker, hoped to reach perfection or a better state before she surrendered to Jesus. We did all we possibly could to show her that without Jesus we can never hope to reach that point of perfection, nor even come near it.

Then Sunday morning our hearts were filled with joy to see her come forward accepting Jesus as her Lord. Her two boys had accepted Him during the revival.

I had the privilege of baptizing the two boys together with three other boys a few days ago, while this young mother and two others will be baptized soon.

God Takes Care of Everything

The father of one of the other boys would not permit his son to follow the Lord in this step, but we reasoned with him and read a few passages out of God's Word concerning the individual's responsibility in choosing whom to serve and how.

The boy is nine years old and the father wanted him to wait five more years before being baptized. We left the house feeling that we had done all we could even though we had lost. We left all in the hands of the Heavenly Father who took care of everything.

After the Sunday night service the boy told me that his father was no longer standing in the way of his baptism. We thank our Father for these eight souls who have turned to Him, and we continue to look to Him for others who are still on our hearts.



An Italian girl in Tampa winning her friend to Christ.

Worker Entertains At Thanksgiving Dinner

THANKSGIVING dinner served by Miss Elizabeth Taylor on her Cuban field in Key West, Florida, was attended by twenty-eight children and parents, the missionary reports.

The idea of having such a dinner originated from the suggestion that the R. A.'s and G. A.'s have a banquet. Plans grew until the kindergarten children and their parents were included.

With the help of the Cuban mothers and two friends, Miss Taylor served the dinner on the kindergarten tables which had been beautifully decorated in banquet style.

The children gave a program on the occasion, which pleased the parents and helped along Miss Taylor's plans to form a mothers' club.

"It matters not what goal you seek. Its secret here reposes; You've got to dig from week to week To get results or roses."

Ten Tribes Attend State Convention



Navajo Indians going to church in New Mexico.

Ten tribes were represented at the recent New Mexico convention. Missionary Stumph reports.

THIRTY-FOUR Indians representing ten different tribes appeared on the platform during the Home Mission program at the recent New Mexico Baptist state convention, according to Rev. C. W. Stumph, Home Board missionary.

The main address was delivered by Dr. J. W. Bougle, field secretary of the Home Mission Board.

Brother Stumph reports that many favorable comments were made concerning the effectiveness of the program.

Brave Jewish Lad Openly Accepts Christ—Wins Father

By JACOB GARTENHAUS

AT an associational meeting in Tennessee, Rev. John A. Davis related a story which made a great impression on all. During his student days, he recalled, in the midst of a revival he noticed an attractive boy who sat spellbound under the preaching of the Gospel, and he decided to go up and speak to him. He asked if he was a Christian.

"No," was the answer. "Would you like to become one?" he asked.

It was then that the boy told him that he was Jewish. "But," he added, "I believe that Jesus is the Messiah." "Have you made a public confession?" asked the minister.

"That I cannot do," was his reply. "Why?"

"Do you realize what that would mean? It would mean that I could not return to my home."

It was then that the minister realized for the first time what a price some people have to pay for their faith.

He made an appointment to talk further with the lad and through this contact he learned a great deal about the prejudicial attitude of the Jews toward Christ and how deplorably ignorant of His true person they were.

Rebuked for Interest in Jesus

The boy told him that when he first asked his father who Jesus was he rebuked him for even bringing up the subject; but when the lad insisted on an answer he was told that Jesus was a Jew but that He departed from the Jewish faith and misled many of His people, which caused a great deal of friction between Him and the rabbis. However, they did not succeed in their efforts to suppress Him and the gap between Him and the Jews became wider and wider.

When the boy innocently asked about some of the miracles this Jesus was reputed to have performed, the father replied, "He did those through trickery learned from the magicians in Egypt."

But the boy was not satisfied. "How is it," he asked, "that so many intelligent and educated people seem to believe in Him as Saviour if He was just an ordinary trickster?"

"It is all right for the Gentiles to

believe in Him; they were brought up that way, but no Jew should have anything to do with Him."

(Lest the reader consider the foregoing a description of the present-day Jewish attitude to Christ, let me state that whereas that was the general attitude in the past, it is not of today. Today one rarely finds a Jew who would avow such an opinion. The general attitude today is that Jesus is a great reformer, a marvelous personality, even a prophet like unto the others.)

For a while the boy seemed to be satisfied with this explanation. But as time wore on the more he thought about it the more he realized how puerile such an explanation was.

Impressed by Christian Message

At his school commencement one of the ministers spoke of the beautiful life of Jesus and how He went about doing good, loving, forgiving and helping people; praying for His enemies; trying to lead people to live better lives. It was then that he wondered if his father knew this same Jesus. But he dared not ask any more.

It was his Christian chum, a member of the Baptist church, who asked him to go to church with him, which he did several times without even letting his parents know. And he was greatly impressed with the many things that he heard.

All of this profoundly touched the minister. Nevertheless, he impressed upon the boy that one should be willing to forsake even father and mother for His sake, and quoted from Matthew 10:32, 33 and 37: "Whoever, therefore, shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me." He then asked the boy which was the better: to have a home here or a home in heaven.

The boy thought much on this matter, praying for courage to make the right decision and after informing his parents as to what he intended to do—when the invitation was given at one of the services he went quickly forward and publicly acknowledged

Christ as his personal Saviour, telling the people that he no longer had a home to which he might go, for his parents warned him that if he accepted Jesus he need no longer come home.

Youth Confesses Christ

That brought tears to the eyes of the people and made many of them realize for the first time the great courage and sacrifice it requires for a Jew to openly confess Christ. A number of them volunteered to open their homes to the boy, but the minister asked for that privilege.

Several days later the father decided to make another attempt to win his son back. When he saw him he knew that a remarkable change had taken place in the life of his boy, for he had nothing but love and appreciation for his parents in spite of the fact that they had forbidden him his home, even threatening to put him in a reformatory.

But instead of the father succeeding in changing the son, it had the opposite effect: the son won the father. Not many days passed before both father and mother came to know the Saviour.

Here we have another demonstration of the power of the Gospel and the part each of us can have in helping win those with whom we come in contact. All that is necessary is a little patience, tact, and the love of Christ in our hearts.

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China Stronger Now Than Five Years Ago, Worker Tells Church

CHINA is stronger now than she was five years ago, and her people have the strength and the will to build another wall 10,000 miles long. In the opinion of Home Board Missionary Shau Yau Lee, according to an article clipped from a local newspaper in Norfolk, Virginia.

The missionary, who is pastor of the Chinese First Baptist Church of Norfolk, spoke at services held in his church commemorating the thirty-first anniversary of the founding of the Republic of China.

Brother Lee spoke in both English and Chinese. He was one of four speakers who discussed the history of the republic before a congregation of American and Chinese adults and children that included a Chinese-American soldier.

Brother Lee, who lost his oldest son, his home and possessions five years ago in the bombing of Canton, and a daughter, when she died after leaving Hong Kong and walking fifteen days to reach the Huyen district in inland China, said in his address, "God praises America, God praises China, God praises the United Nations."

He spoke of the faith and courage of the Chinese people, and emphasized that China will win through to victory with the aid of the United Nations.

Brother Lee said after the services that there are 200 Chinese in Norfolk and Portsmouth.

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Eager Interest Marks Church Service Despite Outside Disturbances

SIXTY-SIX Spanish-Americans gathered in the church at Taos, New Mexico, recently for special services, according to Home Board Missionary Cloma Huffman, Las Vegas, in spite of the fact that the streets outside the church were lined with Catholics celebrating the feast to a saint.

The street was lighted with lanterns (small fires) as the people chanted and performed their rituals. Inside the church building, the Word of God was preached and the people listened attentively in spite of the distractions from without. Brother Huffman reports.

The responsiveness of the people and the definite evidence of interest encourages the missionary to hope for great results from the series of services he is holding at Taos.

For a New Christian

Little one, so newly born,
Thou art not with care outworn;
Standing there so new and clean,
All thy spirit life to live,
All thy service yet to give,
Full of grace and amative;
Thou on Him must always lean
To grow strong!

He will care for thee each hour,
With His mighty, gentle pow'r;
Thou art yet a tender plant,
And the object of His grace,
He thy way shall plainly trace—
If thou see Him face to face—
Matching progress with love's grant,
And grow strong!

Thou shalt not be left alone!
For thou art His very own;
Though so young and fall'ring new
He will daily watch thee grow;
When thou'rt weakest, He will know,
And a bypath to thee show.
There to teach thee, tell thee how
To grow strong!

Faith and service is thy need,
Trust and confidence thy creed;
Always looking to the Lord,
Doing service, day by day
In His name, along the way;
'Tis the utmost earthly pay.
Walk with Him in sweet accord,
And grow strong!

—Edwin McNamee.

Liquor Stirs Up Anger

THE Metropolitan Life Insurance Company is quoted as saying that in the study of 500 homicides among its policy-holders, half of these occurred from trifling incidents, because they just got mad over some little thing while they were drinking.

The American public has the wrong conception of our men in the Army. Many people think that the Army is full of men with low ideals and low morals. Many think that they are a rough, gambling, poker-playing, whiskey-drinking group of men. I would say that about three per cent of the soldiers come in this group; ninety-seven per cent are the cream of our American homes. Alfred Carpenter.

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Cause for Pride

Southern Baptists Respond Worthily To Nation's Needs in Perilous Times

By ALFRED CARPENTER

BAPTISTS may well be proud of their response in support of the nation in the war effort. Our young men are serving in the armed forces. Our pastors are volunteering as chaplains. Churches are ministering to spiritual needs of the uninformed in their communities. The various state boards are co-operating in every possible way.

Throughout the armed forces, in any unit, Southern Baptists are well represented. In some outfits the number reaches 41%. These men are the pick of our Southland and the pick of our churches as well. Places of official rank and leadership are well filled by our church men. Many are assisting their chaplains in different phases of Christian leadership. Often we find our church trained men supplying for chaplains.

Southern Baptist pastors are true to historic form in volunteering for service. The response to the present emergency has been heroic. During 1942, 4,484 preachers have inquired concerning the chaplaincy. 626 were endorsed to the Army and 85 to the Navy.

Approximately 550 Southern Baptist chaplains are ministering in every branch of the armed forces, on the continents, seas and isles of the earth. What a vast missionary enterprise this is destined to be!

Many inquire, "Is our Southern Baptist quota for the chaplaincy filled?" Yes, as numbers go it is filled for the Army. We are short for the Navy. 56 Southern Baptist chaplains are needed NOW.

Our concern, however, is not to fill quotas but rather to meet the need of our rapidly expanding armed forces, and to use the opportunity to minister spiritually to men. We ask every pastor who feels the Lord is leading, to offer himself to the chaplaincy.

We have just begun to meet this need. With the predicted expansion of the armed forces, Southern Baptists will be expected to supply as many



Sailors receiving Bibles from a chaplain.

winning campaigns are in progress. Recreational and social activities are promoted.

Across the Southland our several state mission boards are promoting worthy activities for the men in service. Twenty-two soldier centers, chapels, missions, recreational halls, together with varied other types of organizations are maintained. In this field eighteen workers are employed.

Southern Baptists are responding heroically to this national and world-wide crisis. We must continue to do so, to a greater degree and in larger numbers. We not only have a grim war to win but also a gloomy world to win. We have only begun. The greater task still lies ahead. A glorious finish will be realized with men and leaders of the Gideon type.

The chaplain's position of spiritual leadership is vital not only to the men and officers as individuals but also to the promotion and settlement of the war in consummating a victorious peace negotiation.

FRENCH MISSION SHOWS GOOD PROGRESS

MISSION work in Crowley, Louisiana, where Miss Vena Aguilard, Home Board missionary, is serving gives hope of developing into a church according to Miss Aguilard.

The neighborhood around the mission is filled with French people. All the services are conducted in French. Miss Aguilard is very much encouraged concerning the outlook on this field and hopes eventually to see a church established.

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Evidence of Grace Seen In Interest Of Straying Christians

By L. GRACE THOMPSON
Missionary in Louisiana

SEVERAL months ago a man and his four children who were members of our church on Point au Chien went back into the Catholic church. The wife had never made profession of faith in Christ.

These left us unwillingly, but they paid the price that the new baby might be christened.

The twelve-year-old girl came to see me a few days ago. She asked if she might go in and see the church.

"It is so pretty!" she exclaimed when she came back into my room.

It really is not pretty, but the room held sacred memories for her, and to her it was pretty.

The older girl has been to see me several times. All of the family are friendly.

Another young woman went back just before she married. She, too, has been to visit me. She asked me to sing for her, and called for song after song.

This shows that there was a work of grace done in their hearts and there is still life there.

Brother and Mrs. DeVille, with whom I am working, have a big task on this island. They are working faithfully. The Lord is gracious and makes it possible for Brother DeVille to cover the ground between his several places on worn tires with very little trouble.

There is but one way to serve the denomination well and that is to do the things that are right, trusting the brotherhood as it may ever be trusted, to approve the things which count in the bringing in of the kingdom.

Where there is no inner light there can be no outer radiance.

Pray for Bible Ship

PRAY for a ship carrying Bibles to Africa, just as you pray for ships carrying our missionaries!

The American Bible Society asks prayers for the ship which carries Luba-Lulus Bibles to the Belgian Congo. Translated in Africa, printed in England, bombs did not ruin them, but did delay printing. Shipped via New York to Africa, for greater safety, submarines did not sink them. They still have far to go before they can tell of Christ in the native tongue which reaches the hearts of some two and a half million people eagerly waiting through the long months since the last supply was exhausted. Pray for the spiritual possibilities which are at stake!—Thomas T. Holloway.



Missionary reading Bible to a Mexican. Recently a Mexican convert turned the tables and became a missionary to an Anglo, according to Missionary Pierson.

Mexican Christian Becomes Missionary To American Friend

By P. H. PIERSON
Missionary to Mexicans

A MEMBER of the Mexican Baptist Church at Kenedy, Texas, recently made the most of an opportunity to be a missionary to an American friend.

The two women were neighbors and often visited together. One day in their conversation, the Mexican Christian learned that her American friend had never attended a religious service in all her life.

"You are my friend and I want you to go to the English-speaking Baptist church in this town," the Mexican woman said.

The next Sunday the American woman went alone to the Sunday School, but when the women left the assembly room to go to classrooms, the stranger became confused and embarrassed. She left the building and went home.

When she told her Mexican friend what had happened, the meaning of the moving around was explained to her, and a second time she promised to go to the church. Fortunately this time she was welcomed into a class and attended the preaching service.

"How I did enjoy it," she reported to her missionary-minded friend.

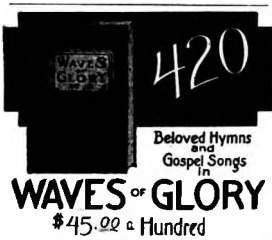
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Building for the Future By Utilizing Fifteen Negro Baptist Schools in the South

By NOBLE Y. BEALL

THERE are fifteen Negro Baptist schools strategically located in the South which Baptists, white and colored, North and South, have agreed to support. These schools serve the Negro Baptists of the nation.

The schools are well provided for in buildings, equipment, and grounds. A few are re-conditioning their old buildings, and Virginia Union University is in the process of completing the Belgian Friendship Building, which, when completed, will be worth more than three-quarter million dollars.

The total assets of these fifteen schools is well over \$11,000,000. They have more than 300 teachers and more than 6,000 students on the campuses this year.

There is a renewed interest on the part of Northern Baptists in these schools, all of which, except one, were founded by them in co-operation with the Negroes of the South. Northern Baptists have invested in them millions of dollars. They are handling certain endowments, and are making substantial contributions to the schools.

Baptists must look to these schools in the South for the leadership of the Negro Baptist churches of the nation. Several of the largest cities in America have more than one hundred and fifty Negro Baptist churches which must look to these schools for trained leaders.

Fifteen Schools Supported

The Negro Baptists of the nation are supporting these fifteen schools. The National Baptist Convention has voted an appropriation to each.

The Home Mission Board has a well defined program of Negro education. We are not lessening our emphasis upon evangelization and direct mis-

sions; we are cultivating a relationship between Baptists with the hope that together we might be able to utilize these fifteen Negro schools as we build for the future.

It is hard for Southern Baptists to realize that Negro Baptists, the next largest group of Baptists on earth, have a leadership 96% untrained. They have been evangelized and churched. A small number of leaders have been trained. But we have not mastered the problem of a trained leadership for Negro Baptists.

Our task not only includes training the preachers, but also lay leadership. There are more than 21,000 Negro Baptist churches which must have deacons, Sunday School, B. T. U., and W. M. U. leaders.

By co-operating with the colleges, we are helping to train such a leadership. Last year we enrolled in the various classes more than 5,000 preachers and more than 10,000 lay leaders.

This school year we have more than 6,000 men and women in the schools, and, through extension classes, we expect to reach a larger number than we did last year.

Best Type of Race Relations

A great deal is being said today about race relations in America. We believe the best type of race relations is provided for by our co-operating and maintaining these fifteen schools. Here are four reasons:

1. Our Negro Baptist institutions are training grounds for Christian leaders. At the present time, most of the leaders of Negro Baptists have been educated in these colleges.

2. The definite Christian viewpoint of the professors and others in the institutions reflects itself in the character and religious growth of the students.

3. The colleges are denominationally supported and controlled.

4. The colleges are small enough to provide home-like relationships and to help build in each student those qualities of character which are essential to a well-balanced career in a bi-racial social order.

With respect to the Negro, we need to realize that he is coming of age. We need not have a fear complex nor assume a patronizing attitude in our efforts to work with him. We need to utilize our assets — institutions, churches, social orders.

Social Aims for Negroes

William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, recently gave a clear conception of the social aims of Christianity. In terms of the Negroes, they are:

1. Every Negro child should find itself a member of a family housed with decency and dignity, so that it may grow up in a happy fellowship unspoiled by underfeeding or overcrowding, by dirty and drab surroundings or by mechanical monotony in environment.

2. Every Negro child should have the opportunity of an education till years of maturity. This education should be inspired by faith in God and find its focus in worship.

3. Every Negro citizen should have a voice in the conduct of the business or industry which is carried on by means of his labor, and the satisfaction of knowing that his labor is directed to the well-being of the community.

4. Every Negro citizen should be secure in possession of such income as will enable him to maintain a home and bring up children in such conditions as are described in paragraph one above.

5. After the war, every Negro citizen should have sufficient daily leisure, with two days of rest in seven, and an annual holiday with pay, to enable him to enjoy a full personal life.

6. Every Negro citizen should have assured liberty in the forms of freedom of worship, of speech, of assembly and of association for special purposes.

But only as their leadership is trained can the Negro, or any other race, be entrusted with or utilize such advantages. As we face the future together it is our part to maintain and utilize the colleges which we have to the end that the Negroes may be prepared for a fuller life.

How Has Gas Rationing Altered Mission Work?

A. THE missionaries, like all other civilians, have for patriotic reasons and because of shortages limited their travels. However because of the nature of their work they will no doubt be allowed to have enough gas and tires to continue their ministries without serious handicaps.

Q. What is the largest foreign group in the South? **B. G.**

A. The Mexicans constitute the largest foreign group in the South, numbering around one million.

Q. How many Christian Jews are now members of Southern Baptist churches? **V. R.**

A. There is no satisfactory way of estimating the total, according to Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus. However, he knows of Jewish deacons, Sunday School teachers, pastors and evangelists who stand out as leaders. He states that there must be "hundreds of Jewish Christians in the South."

Q. When is it the plan of the Home Mission Board to begin an aggressive rural mission work? **L. M.**

A. According to Dr. J. B. Lawrence the Board expects to enter on this work as soon as the Board's debts are paid which will be by the latter part of 1943.

Q. What is the nature of the rural work contemplated by the Home Mission Board? **L. M.**

A. Dr. Lawrence states that the Board hopes to enter upon a rural mission program in each state in co-operation with the state mission boards.

Q. What progress is being made in the Board's city mission program? **R. H.**

A. The Board now has work in a half dozen cities and negotiations are under way which will add four more metropolitan areas soon. It is the Board's expectation to be actively engaged in city mission work in at least ten cities by the early part of 1943.

Q. What amount is included in the Home Mission Board's budget for 1943 for city mission work? **R. H.**

A. The Board's budget for next year includes \$43,500 for the city mission program.

Q. How many members constitute the Home Mission Board? **F. T.**

A. There are eighteen local members and one representative from each of eighteen states and the District of Columbia, making a total of thirty-seven members.



Q. Is there a great need for mountain mission work? **A. L. M.**

A. The mountain areas which include sections of eleven states in the South constitute a great field according to Home Board workers. In some counties, the missionaries report, the church membership is less than 10% of the population. In the above picture miners are coming out of a coal mine in a mission field served by Home Board workers in Kentucky.

Q. What states in the South include mountain areas? **A. R.**

A. There are two principal mountain areas in the South, the Appalachian and the Ozark. In the Appalachian region sections of the following states are included: Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Maryland. The Ozark mountains lie in Arkansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma.

Q. What is the tenure of a Home Board member? **F. T.**

A. A member is elected by the Southern Baptist Convention for a term of three years. He is eligible for re-election.

Q. How often does the Home Mission Board meet? **F. T.**

A. The Home Mission Board has an annual session usually the last week in November or the first week in December. The executive committee of the Board, composed of the eighteen local members, meets the first Thursday in each month.

HOW TO ASK QUESTIONS

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