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Thou shalt teach
them diligently
unto thy children.

Deut. 6:7



The Church and National Unity

LOWELL THOMAS says, "In my broadcasting of comment on the news of the world it is necessary for me to reflect often on the significance of the various forces that are at work in our land. I have been led to the conclusion that the church is the most basic of all our institutions and more than any other holds the key to national unity and national welfare."

And, let us add, that the mission of the church is more essential to the peace of the world than the work of diplomats. If men do not become brothers in Christ they will never live together in peace. Our missionary task is to make them brothers.

An Ominous Drift

ACCORDING to statistics gathered by one statistician, "Church attendance reached a peak in 1880. The average pastor today preaches to a church seventy per cent empty. Ninety per cent of our people attend no church regularly. Weekly attendance at movies is sixty per cent of the population. The Sunday School gets fifteen per cent. Morning church service draws eight per cent, and evening service two per cent."

These statistics, if true, tell a tragic story of spiritual decline in America. We do not believe that they are true with Baptist churches. In the last few years there has been a marked increase in the attendance at Baptist churches in the Southern Baptist Convention territory at the morning service, but the evening services, as a rule, in our churches are not so well attended.

If Christianity is at the base of morals and our churches are an indication of our spiritual life, then we need a blood transfusion of spiritual power. We must not forget the assembling of ourselves together.

Catholics Wide Awake

LONDON Catholic weekly tells us that "the Vatican City radio station would increase its power so that the Holy Father's voice can be heard in all parts of the globe."

Catholics know that after this war

there will come the greatest opportunity in all history for the propagation of the Christian religion, and they are planning to take advantage of that opportunity by having the Pope broadcast the Catholic faith to all the world from the Vatican City.

Baptists should make arrangements for the world-wide preaching of the Gospel over the radio. A tremendous opportunity awaits us right here.

What Are We Fighting For?

THE question of all questions is: What are we fighting for? The saving of democracy is not enough. We can save democracy and lose our souls.

Deep down beneath all that we see on the surface in this conflict there is fundamentally a struggle between Christianity and paganism. Fundamentally, we are fighting as a nation not only to preserve our institutions of freedom and our personal liberty, but for Christianity; for the right to preach repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ to the nations of the world; for the right to establish the kingdom of God among men; for the right to bring in a Christian order in the world based upon the Christian philosophy of love, justice and right.

Following Stars Instead of Christ

THE British director of observation, Mr. P. Harrison, wrote in the *London Times* recently: "In a detailed study it was found that more people followed their daily faith in the stars than followed the advice of archbishops, preachers and parish magazines."

Naturally men are materialists. The physical is so prominent that it crowds out the spiritual. What they see is of more importance than the spiritual which they cannot see.

What a tremendous task we have in making Christ real to the world. When all the material forces of life are against us how deeply spiritual every Christian should be!

Character Out of a Blot

A FRIEND once showed John Ruskin a costly handkerchief on which a

blot of ink had been made.

"Nothing can be done with it now," said the owner. "It is absolutely worthless."

Ruskin made no reply but carried the handkerchief away with him. After a time he sent it back to the great surprise of his friend, who could scarcely recognize it. In a most skillful and artistic way Ruskin had made a design in India ink, using the blot as a basis, making the handkerchief more valuable than ever.

A blotted life is not necessarily a useless life. Jesus can make a life beautiful though marred by sin.

Catholics and Japan

EVIDENTLY the Japanese have some understanding with the Roman Catholic Church and, as a consequence, Catholic missionaries in Japan and occupied China and the Philippines are undisturbed, so we are told by *Prophecy*, a monthly publication of the American Prophetic League.

"Included among the last," says *Prophecy*, "are two hundred and fifty Jesuits working for the establishment in the Philippines of fascism in the form of the Spanish Falange."

The *Converted Catholic Magazine*, quoted by *Prophecy*, said some time back, "To Catholic authorities in general the whole fascist movement seems acceptable. To the Jesuits it was the successful climax of their four centuries of counter reformation activities."

Hitler is a Catholic, and there is no record, so far as we know, that he has been excommunicated by the pope. We may rest assured that the pope will not fail to seek to end up on the bandwagon of the victorious side in this world war. He will have, if at all possible, a hand in the post-war conferences and the new league of nations. Protestants and Baptists and others should take notice.

We need to be delivered from narrowness of vision as to nature, character, extent, magnitude, importance and insistence of the kingdom enterprise.

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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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ONE of the most delicate problems in mission work is that of the relation of the races. We all believe that in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free, white nor black. The Great Commission has no color

Race Relations

And Home Missions

nor racial lines. Nevertheless there are distinctions of race and lines of color that cannot be overlooked in our relationship in life. Some would ignore these racial distinctions. Others would magnify them. The correct attitude, it seems to us, is to recognize them as barriers which mitigate against social relationships, but should not interfere with the preaching of the Gospel to the various racial groups.

It seems to us that we make a grave mistake when we give to the Gospel of Christ a social instead of a spiritual meaning and purpose. It is easy to become side-tracked here. The churches of Christ are not primarily social institutions; they are religious institutions. No individual church can provide a social program that will satisfy all of its members. How much more difficult, not to say impossible, it is for any church to meet the social needs of the various racial groups.

We should not assume either that in order to have spiritual fellowship it is necessary to have social fellowship. This is not the case. Spiritual fellowship does not demand social fellowship nor does it imply social equality. People from various social groups may be one in Christ Jesus, but by education, training and cultural differences they may be widely separated in their tastes. What to one group might be crude and out of place in worship, to another group might be the height of religious devotion. Possibly it is this difference in social and esthetic culture that accounts for the difficulty we find in getting all the Baptists in any given community to join the same church. We need churches for the different groups in every strata of life, but all these churches preaching the same Gospel.

The Home Mission Board provides for this very thing in its mission program. Baptists will always move in different strata of society. There are racial barriers that cannot be moved. There are certain social conditions existing which make it difficult, if not impossible, for churches to serve outside their own racial group. Through the Home Mission Board all of our churches—the great city churches with rich and cultured

memberships, the small country churches with members made up of dirt farmers, the churches in the industrial centers with memberships composed of the struggling industrial and somewhat disadvantaged class, the churches composed of foreigners and aliens—can work together in reaching with the Gospel every class in every social and racial group.

Through the Home Mission Board Southern Baptist churches are preaching the Gospel to the Indians, the Italians, the Chinese, the Mexicans, the Spanish-Americans, the disadvantaged in the industrial sections and centers, the Negroes—all racial and social groups in the homeland, in Cuba and Panama—not that they may cease to be what they are racially and become racially something else, but that they may cease to be sinners and become disciples of Christ and brothers in the kingdom of God. It is not racial readjustments that the Home Mission Board is seeking—that will take care of itself—but the Board is seeking to produce spiritual adjustments between individuals of all races and God.

The Home Mission Board makes it possible for Southern Baptists to cross all racial lines in preaching the Gospel without raising the question of racial or social relationships.

Baptists And World Redemption

FOR the task of world evangelization it would seem that God has preserved and trained and equipped Southern Baptists. In olden times when He would prepare a nation to be a priest to all other nations, He fenced them in socially and politically and religiously and for hundreds of years trained them that they might fulfill His purpose.

This has happened in the case of Southern Baptists. By some strange Providence they have been more or less fenced in since 1860. They have been, as it were, isolated socially, politically, economically and religiously. But during these years, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, there has been developed here in the South one of the most virile, vital, vigorous denominations on the face of the earth—Southern Baptists. They believe the Bible. They are evangelistic. They hold the ordinances in their New Testament purity. They are a great people with a great faith and ready to be led to undertake a great task.

The objective of our Home Mission work is the evangelization of the Southland and the marshaling of an evangelized people for world conquest for Christ.

Vitamins for the Soul

By UNA ROBERTS LAWRENCE

says, but, like vitamins, the book will be stimulating and provocative of deeper thoughts concerning the problems he presents, and his gifts and achievement have earned him the right to be heard.

Last fall the East-West Association, which fosters understanding between America and the Orient, selected a list of fifteen books purporting to present a true picture of American life. There was not a book on the list that dealt with the contribution of Christianity to the making of America. To this list, I wish we might add at least one more. *This Nation Under God* by Arthur E. Holt, distinguished Methodist minister and teacher who later added a smaller textbook, *The Christian Roots of Democracy in America*, on the same theme. These are rich in the vitamins of renewed faith in the fundamentally Christian elements in the "American way of life".

Facing the Future

Along with these two, next on the shelf, is a book by a Frenchman, long resident in America where he died untimely early this year, *The Making of Tomorrow* by Raoul DeRousay de Sales. Clear-thinking, freedom-loving, sympathetically critical, this French journalist takes America apart to see what makes her tick, democratically speaking, looking especially for her spiritual foundations.

In the same way a great American journalist, Herbert Agar, on leave in England from his post as editor of the *Louisville Courier-Journal*, looks at our critical, challenging present and the responsibility-weighted future in *A Time For Greatness*.

These two will give you a good dose of stimulating vitamins for your mind and heart on the inner meaning of being an American in a day like this.

Now for a last box of vitamins. Have you dared to face America's responsibility for this war-weary world when war is ended at last? Dare we look at our task in the Orient through the eyes of a Hindu long resident in America, in *My India, My America*, by Krishnalal Shridharani, representative of Gandhi in the United States, who has no love and little respect for Christianity and Christian missions; or see the whole task of race conflict

in Asia as affected by American racial attitudes in *American Unity and Ideals* by Pearl Buck; or face our own evasions of the issue of race conflict in the South as seen by J. Saunders Redding, brilliant young Southern Negro teacher as he looks at his native South in *No Day of Triumph* with realistic pen, yet hopeful?

Is America equal to the task of making a good peace? Well, read what Herbert Hoover has to say in *The Problems of Lasting Peace*, and glimpse the future with Henry Wallace, our English-Spanish-Portuguese-Russian-speaking Vice-President, in *The Price of Free World Victory*.

Books for Pleasure

To leave a good taste in your mouth, read for pure joy, *Aryas Yankee*, the story of Balon Risk who found America the "Land of Promise" fulfilled, and for a renewing of your missionary zeal, two books by two great missionary teachers and biographers, *The Unquenchable Light* by Kenneth S. Latourette and *Christian Missions in Today's World* by W. O. Carver.

By the way, have you read *Home Missions in the New World* by J. B. Lawrence? It is packed with those very vitamins of the soul Dr. Clendenning was talking about! It will make a new man or woman of you!

Twelve Million Black Voices, Wright and Rosskam, Viking, \$3.

Angels' Men and Her Son, Roland Boyce, MacKinley, Little Brown, \$3.75.

This Nation Under God, Holt, Willett, Clark, \$2.

The Christian Roots of Democracy, Holt, M. E. M., 40c or \$1.

The Making of Tomorrow, de Sales, Reynal and Hitchcock, \$3.

A Time for Greatness, Agar, Little Brown, \$2.50.

My India, My America, Shridharani, Dupont, \$2.75.

American Unity and Asia, Buck, 1947, \$1.25.

No Day of Triumph, Redding, Harper, \$3.

The Problems of Lasting Peace, Hoover and Gibson, Doubleday, \$3.

The Price of a Free World Victory, Wallace, Fletcher, \$5.

Aryas Yankee, Risk, Doubleday, Toran, \$2.75.

The Unquenchable Light, Latourette, Harper, \$3.

Christian Missions in Today's World, Carver, Broadman, \$1.50.

Home Missions in the New World, Lawrence, Home Mission Board, 19c.

April, 1943.



I THOUGHT you were having us a new house built, daddy," said a small boy to his father, "but, I don't see a thing but a hole in the ground with a lot of rocks piled up in places."

"I certainly am having us a new house built, sonny boy," replied the father. "The workmen are busy every day. They are now laying the foundation which is one of the most important parts of the building. Unless a house has a firm foundation it will not stand."

"Do you remember," continued the father, "that recently our pastor preached a sermon about two men who built houses, one upon a rock and the other upon sand?"

"Oh, yes," replied the lad, "and the house built on the rock didn't fall down."

Magazine Provides Material

After this world-wide conflict is over, we will have to build a new world. What kind of world will it be? What kind of foundation will it have? Will the Christian people have a prominent part in the building? What can Baptists do? What part will Home Missions have in the new world of tomorrow? Is there not some way we can begin today laying the foundation for a better world of tomorrow?

Perhaps there are a number of different answers to these questions. I can suggest one good way by which the Home Mission Board is already helping to lay a firm foundation, namely, through the publication of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*. The articles in this magazine are good foundation material for character building; for truly one becomes a part of what he reads. Many people, as evidenced by the large circulation of

Laying Foundations For The World of Tomorrow

By MRS. E. E. STEELE

Atlanta, Georgia

Southern Baptist Home Missions, are becoming more home mission consciousness.

Sometimes, however, this question arises: are our people reading and using *Southern Baptist Home Missions*? The following testimonies taken at random will show in part how well the magazine is being received.

A state field worker says that she uses every page of the magazine, but she finds Dr. Lawrence's editorials especially helpful because she thinks that he sums up the Home Missions task in such a forceful way. She likes to pass this information on to others. This same worker uses every picture in the magazine for posters. In teaching mission study classes, she finds the "Question and Answer" page very useful.

Saves Copies for Others

The superintendent of a Home and Extension Department saves her copy of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, and gets the visitors in her department to save theirs, to take to members of the department who do not receive the magazine.

An associational intermediate Sunday School superintendent finds valuable material to recommend to her leaders and teachers in planning assembly programs, especially when a missionary program is desired.

A Sunday School teacher of a large adult class finds that the magazine offers good illustrations that can be used with the various lesson subjects.

An enthusiastic associational mission study chairman reads every word in the magazine, but her choice section is "Home Mission Book Shelf". In checking on the books reviewed, she always has a number of good books to add to her recommended list.

In recent months she has found the articles on camp work especially helpful because everywhere she teaches there are women whose sons, husbands and sweethearts are in our country's service. She, also, has a son in the service. She along with thousands of others are so grateful for the part our Home Mission Board has in giving the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those in our armed forces.

Many church bulletins call attention to certain articles in *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, and often quote from

these articles.

One pastor's wife tells how useful she finds the magazine in preparing programs for the different departments of the church. In a mid-week prayer meeting talk recently, she found an editorial by Dr. Lawrence helpful.

Reviews Article Monthly

A city pastor, once a month, at the evening service has a member from the Young People's Department to review what he thinks is the most interesting article in that month's issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*. In this way the entire congregation gets a small glimpse of the value and purpose of the magazine. Many are stimulated to read the magazine carefully each month, thus becoming informed on the great missionary program of our Home Mission Board. It is easy for such a fortunate Christian to develop a missionary consciousness.

These leaders are doing an excellent job in laying the right foundation for the world of tomorrow as they avail themselves of the opportunity to read and use religious publications. They are helping those they contact to be better informed Baptists. They are helping many to become more Home Mission conscious, for when one knows of the needs, the problems, the attitude of the various Home Mission groups, he realizes that God is no respecter of persons, that men, women and children are just as truly lost without Christ in America as they are in the darkest spot in Africa.

When people have knowledge of the spiritual conditions in our southland, then they are going to want to do something about them. They will want to rise up and build a Christian homeland that will in turn help to build a Christian world.

What better place on earth is there in which to lay the foundation for the world of tomorrow than in our own Southern Baptist territory? Are you helping to lay a firm foundation? What are you reading? What are you interested in?

Let us inform ourselves of the conditions and pray for and plan for an intensive Home Mission program so that the world of tomorrow may build on a firm foundation.

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:11).

Home Mission Book Shelf

Where Are the People? by Sidney W. Powell. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. 222 pages. \$1.75.

The title to this book is a question that might well be asked by the Christian minister and worker. The first answer, according to the author, is that they are not in our churches despite the efficiency of our modern church life. The author deals pointedly and in a practical sort of way with the methods which our highly organized churches should be adopting to reach the masses of the people outside our churches. His program for reaching the multitudes is very definite and workable in any church where the leadership would undertake the challenge. He sets the stage for reaching the multitude by priming our hearts in the first two chapters, then showing a little more definitely the way in chapter three. The other chapters are adequate discussions of the forces within our churches which can be used to reach these multitudes.—S.F.D.

The Odyssey of a Faith by Bernard Heller. Harper & Brothers. \$2.50. 277 pages.

In a series of episodes in Israel's history covering a period of 3,000 years, the author discusses the various conflicting philosophies that confronted Judaism in an alien world.

PALESTINE AND PROPHECY

A Special Issue of Great Interest

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Our day is witnessing events certain to bring Palestine into the center of the world picture. Great prophecies may soon be fulfilled. Read some thrilling articles about Christian-Jewish relations; World's most unique refugee problem; Amazing recent developments in the Holy Land. Why the Jews have been preserved; Is the guilt of the crucifixion on the Jewish people? Miracle forests and products of Palestine. You'll miss a great treat if you do not start your subscription to PROPHECY with the APRIL issue. Send your dollar now for this official monthly handbook of the American Prophetic League, Inc. Free sample on request.

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More than once she was in a dilemma as she faced the three alternatives: (1) capitulation, (2) preservation of Judaism in its original form, (3) adaptation to its environment at the same time holding on to its ideals. The Christian reader will find in this volume problems which have faced Christianity as well. As stated by the publishers, here one will find a "sane, scholarly, withal fascinating contribution to inter-cultural relations."—J.G.

The Peril of Bread by J. B. Lawrence. Broadman Press. 188 pages. \$1.25.

Because of the innate selfishness of the human race, Christians have had to deal continuously with the problem and the peril of materialism. Carnal desires are so imminent and the seeming gratification of them so immediate that many Christians in every age have been tempted to turn the entire system of Christian truth into a mere economic scheme to procure and to distribute wealth equitably among the people. Others have swung to the opposite extreme. They have become totally and criminally indifferent toward social and economic problems. The two groups have been so distinct that we have today two absolutely different and almost clashing schools of thought in regard to the Gospel of Christ in both its redemptive and its social aspects.

When a man who has experienced the saving grace of God deals in clear-cut fashion and with convincing logic with this great problem, he renders inestimable service to his day. Dr. J. B. Lawrence has rendered just this type of service.

In this day of confusion and universal emphasis upon physical force and material values, Dr. Lawrence has brought to us a timely message—one which Christians must hear, must accept, and must put into practice.—Ellis A. Fuller.

Forty Sermon Studies From the Book of Jonah. E. P. Alldredge. Broadman. 132 pages. \$1. Timely topics from the old prophet's experiences.

The Gospel of the Grace of God. J. Clyde Turner. Broadman Press. 186 pages. \$1. A series of good sermons by a noble preacher.

Preaching from the Prophets. Kyle M. Yates. Broadman Press. 225 pages. \$2. Discussion of the literary qual-

ities of each of the books of prophecy and the profound spiritual values to be derived therefrom.

The Imperial Christ. Selous E. Tull. Broadman Press. 198 pages. \$1.60.

A volume of sermons representing the author's views of the needs of the world today.

Let us Sing. B. B. McKinney and A. W. Graves. Broadman. 174 pages. 60c. An excellent study book on the use of music with all age groups.

Music and the Scriptures. I. E. Reynolds. Broadman. 148 pages. 40c. A challenge to higher standards in the field of church music.

Special Day Sermons. Millard A. Jenkins. Broadman. 139 pages. \$1. A worthy contribution toward meeting the demand for "timely preaching".

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Strong Home Front Needed Declares New Board Worker

EDITOR'S NOTE—Dr. Redford was recently elected by the Home Mission Board as assistant to the executive secretary. A graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Redford is in his fourteenth year as president of Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Missouri.

By COURTS REDFORD

IT IS with keen anticipation that I look forward to my work with the Home Mission Board. I know very little of the details of my new task, but like other Baptists, I have followed with much interest the progress of the Board as it has paid most of its debts and enlarged its work.

It seems to me that the Board now faces its largest opportunity for service not only because of its improved financial condition, but also because of the increasing need for its services in the homeland.

The war is teaching us that we must have a strong front if we are to win victories abroad. Just so we must have strong churches and faithful Christians at home if we are to have a vital answer to the call of a suffering, disorganized and needy world.

Southern Baptists face many problems on the home front today. With every problem there comes a challenge. The race problem is becoming more acute and it behooves us as Christians to do more than ever before for the Negroes, the Indians and the foreigners in our midst.

The cities of the South have enjoyed rapid growth so that we are faced with the urban problems of concentrated population. Most of the rural churches of America are in the South and many of these churches are dying. These churches must be saved and revitalized. The task of evangelization and enlistment is more challenging than ever before.

Soon we expect our men and women to be returning from successful military engagements abroad and from defense centers at home and then we shall have all the problems incident to rehabilitation and reconstruction.

To this task of strengthening and enlarging the spiritual forces on the home front I now dedicate my life. To me, it is God's call. I join more than four hundred workers of the



Dr. Courts Redford

Home Mission Board and plant my life along with theirs and with others who may be added soon, to help carry the Gospel of Christ with its personal and social implications and power to every nook and corner of the South.

Former Missionary in Japan Preaches to Jap-Born Soldier

A FORMER missionary in Japan, driven off his field by war, has been pushed into the biggest opportunity of his life in this country. It has been revealed by a letter received by Dr. Alfred

Carpenier, superintendent of camp work of the Home Mission Board.

"As a former missionary to Japan," Chaplain John G. Chapman wrote to Dr. Carpenier from his 109th Infantry Battalion Station at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. "I am happy to serve with a unit of the American Army which is one hundred per cent Japanese in ancestry and one hundred per cent loyal to the cause for which we are fighting."

Chaplain Chapman was assigned to the 109th Infantry Battalion at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. He learned at once that his experience in Japan was good training for his work in this Japanese-born unit.

Overseas Soldiers Send Home Mission Gift

FROM soldiers fighting the nation's battles on the other side of the world the Home Mission Board has received an offering for its work, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer announced.

The check, for \$317.75, came through the mail to the Atlanta headquarters of the Baptist agency in a letter from Chaplain R. Frank Cochran, former pastor at Chickamauga, Georgia.

"I hope God will bless this gift of our infantry to the needs of our work at home," Chaplain Cochran said in his letter. "It is the gift of many soldiers."

It will be a joy for me to be associated once more with Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer. I have been associated with him in kingdom work before, and I know him to be a great Christian and a religious leader of the highest type.

I am glad to pledge to this great leader, to my co-workers of the Home Mission Board and to Baptists throughout the South my very best efforts in prayer and service as I shall soon enter upon my new task.

Last November 1 after graduating from the chaplain's school at Harvard University, Chaplain Chapman was assigned to the 109th Infantry Battalion at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. He learned at once that his experience in Japan was good training for his work in this Japanese-born unit.

Chaplain Chapman reports that his chapel which holds five hundred people is too small and that two worship services must be held each Sunday morning to accommodate the soldiers who attend.

Recently, with the snow a foot deep and the thermometer hovering at sixteen below zero on the outside, sixteen soldiers professed Christ in a warm service on the inside. One of them was a Buddhist, the chaplain adds.

Here is the line-up of men in his outfit:

Protestants	20%
Catholics	3%
Mormons	1%
Buddhists	26%
No religion	50%

CHRIST for the CITIES



HOUSTON—Fastest growing southern city. Destined to be a most strategic metropolitan area. Large Mexican population. Excellent city mission work, first in the Board's program, is producing good results.

Rev. Loyd Corder—a missionary at heart; qualified by training and experience, especially for work with Mexicans. Houston Baptists love and respect him. The work has set a good pace for other cities.

SAN ANTONIO—Western metropolis of over 350,000; thousands of military forces. Surpassing evangelistic opportunity. Baptist forces heartily support city mission work.

Rev. E. J. Gregory, at one time missionary in Mexico, possesses an evangelistic fervor. Educational and spiritual qualities, plus wide experience in leadership, well fit him for San Antonio post.

ATLANTA—Cosmopolitan city nearing half-million mark. Educational center for white and colored. Largest Baptist center in South: 86 churches, 67,000 members. Above 200,000 unchurched.

Work begun June, 1941, under Dr. Solomon F. Dowis, who became leader of the city mission program throughout the South the first of this year, thus leaving vacant Atlanta superintendency.

BIRMINGHAM—The Magic City. Industrial center. Over 350,000 busy

LOST—Twenty families from a Sunday School. Reason: Living in an unchurched area and afflicted with the transportation problem. Reward to the church that will provide volunteer workers to reach that unchurched area in co-operation with the Department of City Missions.

TO establish a city mission program adequate to meet the needs of our large, rapidly growing metropolitan areas of the South has been the aim of the Home Mission Board for a number of years. Such a program the Board has now put in operation in eight strategic cities in co-operation with local and state forces in each case. There are many other cities throughout the South which constitute great mission opportunities and to which the work may be extended as the Board has funds available and local groups indicate a desire to co-operate. Presented on these pages are summary facts about the cities in which the Board is now working and brief characterizations of the superintendents in these eight cities.

people. Many churches, great in spirit, giving full support.

Rev. J. L. Aders—specially fitted of the Lord. Reared in Birmingham. Active in schools, churches, civic life for many years. Knows the field, the people and the needs. Former moderator Birmingham Association. These qualifications now make effective a fine city mission program.

DURHAM—A beautiful, aggressive city. Center of highly productive section. Site of Duke University. Great Baptist center. A Baptist Council has promoted a strong mission program for several years.

Rev. F. D. Hemphill—well qualified by education, training and experience. Service on Baptist Council has demonstrated ability to lead and devotion to this work. Durham Baptists believe in him.

WASHINGTON—Crowded capital of busy people representing various interests of America and the world. Many religions and cults. Good Baptist churches; pastors are fully aware of challenge and responsibilities.

Rev. M. C. Stith—knows the city

and its needs. Has demonstrated leadership in directing this work. Hopes to give full time to this great task soon. Ample local budget provided by District Association.

BALTIMORE—More than 1,000,000 population. Complete city mission program needed. Baptist forces ready and anxious, including State Board of Maryland, have heartily joined Home Mission Board in its city mission program.

Rev. G. Raymond Brooks, 19 years pastor in Baltimore. Has deep evangelistic fervor, knowledge of the people, clear conception of how to meet their needs.

LOUISVILLE—Strategic southern city of over 400,000. Southern Seminary and W. M. U. Training School make possible large mission program. Long Run Association promoted city missions for years; now welcomes Home Board help.

Rev. J. Perry Carter, pastor in city and closely connected with city mission work for years. Fitted by experience, preparation and recognized leadership for this responsible place.



Superintendent Dowis preaching at open air services in Atlanta. At right, Third Street Church in New Orleans—a product of city mission work.



Summary Facts

THE eight cities now included in the city mission program present the following composite statistical challenge.

Population, 1930	2,110,000
Population, 1940	4,520,000
Baptists, 1930	90,000
Baptists, 1940	220,000
Baptist churches, 1940	330
White population	2,124,000
Colored population	397,000
Foreign population	810,000
Total church population	
all faiths	1,270,000
Unchurched	2,250,000
Inactive Baptists	121,000
Neglected or underprivileged	400,000
New churches needed	91
Mission stations	95

Getting Started

FOUR steps in launching a city mission program in co-operation with the Home Mission Board:

1. Adopt the general type of program suggested by the Board (write for free descriptive leaflet).
2. Appoint a city mission committee.
3. Provide a local operating budget.
4. Request the Board to employ a superintendent.

The Board will employ the man as soon as conditions are fully met locally and funds are available. Dr. Dowis will be glad to confer with leaders in any city and explain the program, which should be fully understood by all concerned before the work is begun.

Below, Brother Dowis, pastor and committee study building plans for a new church in Atlanta.

Men With A Mission



Solomon F. Dowis
City mission leader



F. D. Hemphill
Durham trusts him



G. Raymond Brooks
A trusted leader



J. Perry Carter
Trained by experience



J. L. Aders
"Fitted of the Lord"



E. J. Gregory
Fervent evangelist



M. C. Stith
He knows Washington



Loyd Corder
Missionary at heart

Services at a mission in Houston, directed by Superintendent Corder. Bottom picture, Superintendent Dowis preaching at ground-breaking for a new church in Atlanta—one of eight organized in two years.



MINGLING with the MEXICANS

By MRS. J. I. FREEMAN



Mexicans on street corner in a Texas town.

Four A caravan of five cars left San Antonio on a spring day to visit the Mexican mission fields of south Texas. Eighteen cities and towns were visited in which there are twenty-one churches supported by the Home Mission Board.

Population The population of the Rio Grande Valley is 50% Mexican. There are counties having 50%, 55%, 60%, 65%, 80% and even 90% Mexican population.

The religious background of these people is Roman Catholic. One worker reported: "This is as much virgin territory as any mission field in the world. I recently preached in a county seat where a Baptist sermon had never been preached."

The party was arranged by Miss Wilma Bucy of the Home Mission Board, and the tour was directed by Rev. J. L. Moye, superintendent of Mexican mission work in Texas, and Rev. E. L. Kelley, director of the work in the Rio Grande Valley. Members of the party were from nine states.

Purpose We went with sympathetic hearts to see the progress of the kingdom in these parts, to meet our Mexican fellow-Baptists, to see the properties, to enter into the labors of the missionaries of the Home Mission Board.

Buildings The church buildings (or chapels) are small, unpretentious, modest, but attractive and well located. They are inadequate to properly provide for the Sunday schools, which average seventy in enrollment; two, three, and four classes have to meet in the auditoriums without partitions or curtains.

One is made to wonder again and again how an adequate church program of teaching and training can be promoted with the limited space provided. Many of the buildings have been repaired, enlarged, or erected recently; however, many remain seriously handicapped for lack of space and equipment.

They compare unfavorably with the elaborate cathedrals. In Corpus Christi the Catholics are erecting a \$100,000 cathedral just a few blocks from our small church building.

People The Mexican people are gracious, kind, and cordial. At San Benito they had written on the blackboard: "We cannot speak so we write a most hearty welcome to every one." In addition to the written word they extended their warm and happy greetings through their smiles and handclaps.

When they knew in advance of our coming they were at the church in large number, overflowing the churches. The old people came, men and matrons came, the young people were there, children, and even babes in arms helped to bespeak the welcome of every congregation.

Special programs presented from time to time revealed well-rounded organizational work. In Corpus Christi

every organization of the full-graded W. M. U. appeared in special features. In San Benito several churches participated under the direction of their pastors. In Laredo the kindergarten, the young people, and the W. M. U. contributed to the program.

American At nearly every Mexican church we found not only the Mexican pastor and members of the church, but also the pastor of the American church of the town. Morning, afternoon, and evening this was true. Their friendliness toward the work challenged our most careful study of and interest in each congregation.

"We borrowed \$700 to add two rooms to the Mexican parsonage," said two American pastors.

"The American church is contributing \$40 per month toward the salary of the kindergarten worker here," said another.

"My American church gave the lots on which this Mexican church is erected," said a pastor.

"The American church gave \$300 toward the erection of this building," another explained.

"In Pharr a real estate man gave two lots and \$150 on the construction of the new kindergarten building."

"The W. M. U. of the American church is assisting with our kindergarten work in an admirable way," still another added.

Patriotism It was gratifying to see how truly American our Mexican friends are. Kindergarten

April, 1943.

children proudly bore and saluted the stars and stripes—not as foreigners, but with all the pride and love of American citizens. They sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and "God Bless America" lustily and sincerely.

One missionary, apologizing for a chorus, said: "We have many young ladies but only three young men. All the others have gone into the service of our country."

Missionaries We met many of the missionaries from Brownsville to Uvalde. Some have labored long and well, some have been at their present post only a short while, and in some places the worker is yet to come.

Rev. George Mixlin has been with the Brownsville church twenty-seven years. Rev. A. R. Saenz has been at San Benito fourteen years, and Rev. J. E. Gonzalez served the church at Austin thirteen years but has recently gone to the Corpus Christi church. Others have been on their present fields for only a few months.

These, and our other missionaries, have tasks that are not easy. They need and deserve our oft-repeated prayers.

We rejoiced in the many able pastor-missionaries who are supported in their work by similarly able wives.

Students We were made hopeful for the future when it was our privilege to meet some ten or twelve of the twenty-five ministerial students and missionary volunteers who are preparing themselves for Mexican service. They are studying in colleges, Training School, and Seminary. Some are student pastors. Several are being supported financially through the Margaret Fund; some are recipients of Texas W. M. U. scholarships. They are a significant sign of the Mexican work of today and for tomorrow.

Stewardship While they are a mission field themselves, it was gratifying to observe that the Mexicans are entering into building programs, assuming local budgets, and are also contributing to mission causes at home and afar. Their average gifts to all causes was \$4.15, one-eighth of which went to missions. Gleanings from their conversations and records show a growing consciousness on the doctrine of stewardship.

"Before we taught and emphasized tithing our weekly gifts were seventy cents; now we have twenty-eight families tithing and our weekly offerings range from \$12 to \$26."

"Last year our church hardly gave anything. This year we gave \$70 to the Annie Armstrong offering." (This church reported fifty-two members with twenty-six in their W. M. U.)

"Our church gave less than \$1,000 last year. During the first six months this year we have already given \$1,200."

"We have sixteen active members in our W. M. U. Fourteen of these members are titheers."

Evangelism The most heartening phase of the work is evangelism. For every dollar invested in Mexican work, five baptisms were reported last year. They average one baptism for every four members. Southern Baptists average one for every twenty-five.

Some statements from them: "We have baptized four in two months and have eight or ten awaiting baptism."

"We had twelve additions by letter and seven for baptism on last Sunday."

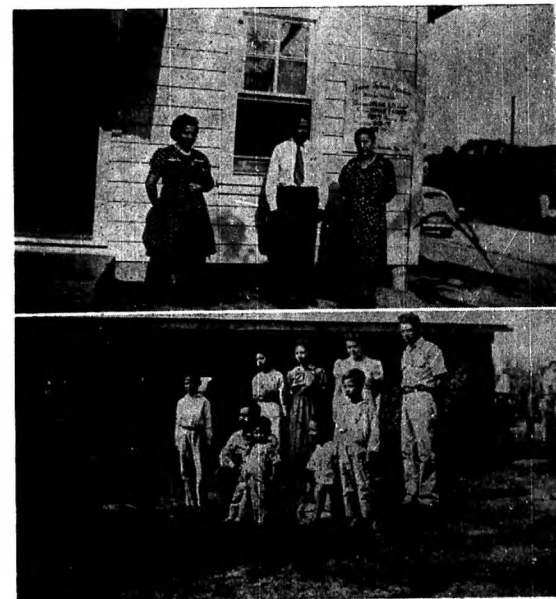
"We have baptized forty-three dur-

ing the past six months."

Loud speakers are installed in several of the churches as a means of reaching the people with the Gospel. In Edinburg the missionary reported a daily noon service. In Raymondville we were guided to the church because they were playing "Christ Receiveth Sinful Men" over the loud speaker. Brownsville and Uvalde churches are also equipped with loud speakers.

Evangelistic results are not limited to the towns in which the missionaries are located. Mexicans returning to their homes in Mexico have established churches. Others going away "to the beets", "to the apples", or wherever they go to gather crops sometime request special services in which they dedicate themselves to the mission task while they are thus away from their home churches.

Needs They need our sympathetic understanding, our prayers, our love, financial support, more missionaries, better buildings, equipment. Much has been accomplished with the little we have invested among them.



Deacon and Mrs. Olvera with their eight children and shown in front of the mission church at Sebastian which they built with railroad cross ties. Top picture, in front of mission church at McAllen are three missionaries, left to right, Miss Raquel Guerra, Rev. Hernandez Rios and Mrs. Rios.

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Young Jew Leaves Bride, Meets Christian Friend

By JACOB GARTENHAUS

ARRIVING in a certain city Saturday night amidst a heavy downpour of rain I was unable to get a room in any of the hotels which were filled to capacity. Ultimately I found myself a guest in the home of a Jewish Christian brother.

After the morning service the next day a friend of many years invited me to his home for dinner and I gladly accepted, informing him that I would need to rest after dinner, since I had been going continuously for several days; he assured me that I could.

However, I was not destined to rest. After dinner I was called to the telephone by another Christian friend who told me of a young Jew who had expressed a desire of meeting me.

"If you do not make it possible for me to meet Mr. Gartenhaus, you are not my friend. For several years I have been wanting that privilege," he was quoted as saying.

Because I needed rest so sorely I suggested that I could see the man on my next visit to that city in the near future.

"However," I added, "if he insists on seeing me today, I shall be glad to see him."

Anxious to Meet Christian
In a few moments he telephoned again saying that his Jewish friend urgently insisted on seeing me that day for he had already waited too long for the opportunity. Rest or no rest, how could I refuse to see a man who was so determined?

My host, a dear brother in Christ, took me to the hotel where we planned to meet, and we all arrived at about the same time.

As soon as I was introduced to this young Jew he exclaimed, "At last I am meeting the man I have been wanting to meet for several years."

Then he added: "You may not know it, Mr. Gartenhaus, but you have been my ideal from the time I was about thirteen years of age. You were holding a meeting in our city some ten years ago, and I remember distinctly my father and several other Jews were discussing you in the synagogue at the time."

"How can one brought up in such a strict orthodox environment embrace Christianity?" one asked.

"Another remarked, 'And he still considers himself a good Jew.'"

"His argument is that Christianity is completed Judaism," said another.

"I found out that every one of them had heard you either on the radio or in church. But they did not realize

how 'dangerous' it was to discuss these matters in the presence of a young boy, for they planted some seed in my heart that could not be destroyed. My father succeeded in keeping me from hearing you, but he did not know that one of your tracts which he had gotten at the church and left on his desk fell into my hands and increased my desire to know you and your belief."

"Had I known all of this," I said to him, "I certainly should have seen to it that we got together long before now."

"The reason I did not make a greater effort to see you," the young man said, "is that I did not want my parents to find out what was going on in my mind. For several years I have harbored these thoughts deep down in my heart and at times I have wanted to forget, but simply could not. They have haunted me and given me no rest."

"Once I made a special trip to Atlanta to see you, but found that you were out of the city. Had I met you then, you would have saved me from many depressing days and sleepless nights."

Searching for Truth

"In my restlessness I decided to leave home to make a wider search for the truth. I went all the way from Maine to California; I read every piece of literature I could get on the various isms; I contacted some of the leaders of the various cults and each one tried to convince me that he had discovered the truth this world has been seeking. Each one claimed to have received it by special revelation."

"But I could not be convinced; the more I studied Christianity the more I saw the futility of the other religions. Each time I read the New Testament I felt as though I were hearing the voice of God."

"I attended several Christian services and there found some of the happiest people I have ever known. And then, when I was about to make a decision, some Christians of my acquaintance

once would discourage me from it by their unbecoming behavior."

"But it was not long before I noticed a remarkable change in the life of one of these friends who came to me and with tears running down his cheeks begged my forgiveness for having misrepresented his Christ to me. He explained that while nominally he had been a church member, he had never experienced the new birth until one Sunday when he attended a special revival and was converted."

"He became a changed man. His language and his actions told me that something wonderful had taken place in his life. It was then that I came to know the first real Christian."

"In a few days he brought me some tracts, and imagine my surprise when I saw upon them your name, the name of the very man I had been trying to forget! Now I was determined to see you and I told my friend that if necessary I would travel a thousand miles to do so."

"Not many days later my friends called me and said, 'I have good news for you. I have just learned that Mr. Gartenhaus is to be in the city on Sunday, speaking in our church.' And now all of us are together."

Holy Spirit's Power Felt

As he spoke, there was not a dry eye, for each of us felt the presence of a mighty power, the Holy Spirit.

"Mr. Gartenhaus, to show you how anxious I was to see you, I left my bride of a few weeks and some unexpected visitors at home to come here," he said. "It might interest you to know that before I married I told my wife what was going on in my heart and was surprised to know that she had felt the same way at times; and no matter what the price she would stand by me in my decision, she said."

The more I think of this young man, the more the conviction grows upon me that there are countless numbers of Jewish youth like him, drifting about in search of that something that will fill the empty gap in their lives and give them not only the peace which they are craving, but a purpose in life.

But alas, they do not know where to look for it! What a pity! What an opportunity!

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Called To Serve

Come ye after me and I will make you to become fishers of men.—Mark 1:17.

A Southern Baptist chaplain writing from his post of duty on foreign soil reports that several men in uniform converted under his ministry have felt the call to preach.

One such soldier who has been converted under this chaplain and is now sure that the Lord has called him into the ministry is doing effective service as assistant to another chaplain.

Hearing The Word

This is my beloved Son: hear Him.—Mark 9:7.

Some time ago I bought several cheap Bibles and gave them to people

A Letter From Miss Emma Leachman

1420 South 4th St.
Louisville, Ky.
February 15, 1943.

Dear Dr. Lawrence:

I am writing to express my gratitude to you for giving Southern Baptists such a wonderful book, *Home Missions in the New World*. I feel it is the book that should be taught over the southland.

You may be interested to know that I have written to every Baptist pastor in the city of Louisville requesting them to preach a sermon on Home Missions before the Home Mission Week of Prayer, and for first-hand information to get your new book, that I had read every word of it, and found it both informing and inspiring.

I am praying God may give us a great Week of Prayer.

I am confined to my bed most of the time, to my room all of the time.

Gratefully,
(Signed) Emma Leachman.

in the country. A call came to go see a sick lady about twenty-five miles from Opelousas. When I got there I found out that she had gotten one of those Bibles and has been reading it. She wanted someone to explain it to her.

She told me she only had the Bible during the day. At night the neighbors who work in the field in the daytime would come and borrow it and pass it from house to house. In that large community that twenty-five cent Bible was the only Bible that could be found. Many of those people had never heard the Bible before.—Vena Aguilard, French missionary.

"Early Will I Seek Thee"

Watch and pray.—Matt. 26:41.

It was the first hour of the New Year. Watch night services were being conducted with laymen in charge at a mission church.

"I will trust Christ," exclaimed a woman in the service as she announced her first decision of the New Year and her definite acceptance of Christ as Saviour.

In the closing moments of the old year and the first ones of the new the little band of Christians had been faithful in prayer.

Denying The Power

He is risen.—Mark 16:6.

"Sorrow enveloped this little Yaqui village Friday as black-clad Indians lamented the crucifixion of Christ," so states a news dispatch in describing a strange mixture of paganism and so-called Christianity in an Indian village of the far west.

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Gifts Average Over \$15 Per Member

GIFTS in 1942 averaging \$15.77 for each of the forty-eight members of the Zarzamora Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas, are reported by Home Board Missionary Joshua Grijalva.

"Our budget was strictly missionary," writes the pastor. "Nothing was set aside for a church fund. Before the end of the year the gifts exceeded the budget."

"Pray with us," Brother Grijalva concludes, "that our battle cry of '100 souls and \$1,000 for Jesus Christ' will be realized in 1943."

"In their own way the devout Yaques re-enact the passion, death and resurrection of Christ, mixing Christianity and paganism in a week long ceremony that has come down through three centuries," the dispatch continues.

This tragic mixture, alas! is one which asserts the fact of the resurrection but denies its power because the participants in these strange ceremonies deny by their actions any experimental knowledge of the saving power of the risen Christ.

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Can the Church Lead?

By PEARL S. BUCK

disturb me. Times were changed, I thought. Moral leadership was perhaps to be found now in other places in our modern society.

Or, I thought, it may be that the influence of the Christian is only more diffused in our society, so that it is not so much the church corporate that works, as its representatives in secular life. We may have the Christian as groceryman, the Christian as teacher, the Christian as scientist, and so to all parts of life. This seemed to me valuable, for thus the twin pillars of the ideals of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man upon which the church has always been founded could become the foundations, too, of our society.

Christian Leadership Wanting

Whether there has been this diffusion I do not know. But I do know that if there has been it is not strong enough for this hour of crisis. Individual Christians scattered through our life have obviously not influenced our society enough to be able now to take the leadership. They do not lead our people as Christian individuals. No, they have even come to be too much like those who do not profess the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

The Christian who in his community should be the first to take his stand upon those twin pillars of the church denies them daily in his actions, even as do those whom he should lead. The Christian himself is not free from the prejudices which are most unchristian and insofar as he is not free, he cannot lead others.

And yet the time has come when it is imperative that moral leadership be found somewhere in our nation if we are to win the war and insure the peace after three centuries of failure.

For today it is obvious that although we are increasingly in earnest about this war, we are not yet putting forth our full effort to win it. This is not through lack of wish to win, but through lack of will to win. Every true American knows that we must win, lest we lose that for which our nation was founded.

Intellectually this is accepted by all

who believe in American democracy. If energy could spring from intellectual conviction our war efforts, individual and national, would swing into full and unified production, and those who do not believe in democracy would soon find themselves defined and on the wrong side.

But energy does not spring out of intellectual conviction. Its source is deeper in the human frame. Intellectual conviction may be the spark which lights the tinder which supplies the energy, but it is no more than that. The will to act finally comes out of the heart, not the head.

Why is it that as yet this will has not been stirred in our people? We are going through all the proper motions for war, but the all-out determination to win has not yet taken hold of us.

The cause for this spiritual apathy is simple—there are emotions stronger in us than the will to win this war for freedom and human equality. For, basically, this is of course what this war is about and the reason we are not yet generating full energy is that we know it is what the war is about but we do not want and are not willing to allow our knowledge to pass over into the seat of energy in us, because of conflicting emotions there.

Do We Want Freedom For All?

That is, we cannot fight to win a war for freedom so long as practically we do not want freedom for all people, and we cannot fight to win a war for human equality if we do not actually want human equality. Bluntly, the man or woman who is determined to keep alive the traditions of empire in Asia or Africa is putting imperialism ahead of winning the war, and the man or woman who insists on Jim Crowism and total Oriental exclusion at home is putting race prejudice ahead of winning the war. And if these two are to be the pillars of our society instead of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, we had better know it and stop wanting our people in this war for freedom and human equality. We cannot possibly win it.

Here then is the spiritual confusion

in which Americans now are and out of which we must somehow be led. We are faced with the necessity of fighting a war for principles in which we say we believe but which actually we do not want to practice. We talk about the American way of life and we go on tolerating and encouraging and demanding Jim Crowism and Oriental exclusion which are the Nazi way of life. We can never get pure energy out of such a conflict. The spark is applied to wet tinder. There will be no flame.

The truth is that we have not yet carried the war into the places where it really hurts. We can give up sugar, but we cannot give up segregation. We are willing to ration our gasoline but we do not want to insist that colored labor shall have equal rights with white labor. We consent to the heaviest taxes for military warfare but we are not willing to treat the Chinese as we treat the British.

We are ready, that is, to give up anything material, but nothing else. Unfortunately democracy cannot be bought with material goods, nor is human equality to be paid for with silver. Democracy can only be won by the sacrifice of everything that is undemocratic, and human equality can only be had by the will to have it at all costs.

Where is Moral Leadership?

The material sacrifice is easy, the spiritual sacrifice is hard and it is here that our people must be led. For the easy material sacrifice is not enough and the hard spiritual sacrifice must be made before our full energy is behind this war.

Where shall we get the strength to dig into our own secret places and root out the enemy within ourselves? Where are our moral leaders?

Now if ever the church must provide them, both for its own sake and for the sake of our people. For if the church cannot at this moment see the issue clearly and simply enough to lead the people to the realization of its age-old belief in the Fatherhood of God, by proclaiming its determination to practice the Brotherhood of Man through the refusal any longer to condone imperialism and race prejudice, then the church is dead, and from that death there is no resurrection.

Never, I think, in history, have human issues been as clear as they are today when millions of people in our own country and in all parts of the world cry out for one thing—freedom.

And the only way to establish freedom as a way of life upon the earth

Sincere Christians will ponder long the implications of this forceful article by the popular author. The ideas expressed are her own, but the conditions she describes are inescapable.

is to determine that men are indeed brothers, and that all shall be treated alike, without regard to color or class. Where is the church that it does not come forward and declare itself not only as a body corporate, but through its own members in the separate practice of their individual lives?

Nor can the church delay. Before our eyes this war for democracy may turn into a war for new empire. It is high time that we realize our own danger. For it is a danger when there are Americans who are not willing to declare openly the principle of human equality and are not willing to practice the principle.

Dangers to Democracy

We have here in our own country the strongest possible elements of danger to democracy, and there is little time left in which to recognize them and to stay their increasing power.

Those who say that we are not fighting for anything except our American way of life—are they better than those who fight for any other way of life, if both those ways of life include the subjection of peoples to their rule? Will not such a way of life in America lead simply to more war as it has everywhere else in the world?

Is our way of life to be immune from evil consequences if it contains within itself the same seeds of prejudice and greed and selfishness that have made all treaties of peace fail in the last three centuries? It is folly to think that we can escape.

Can we hope to escape fascism itself in this country if there are those here speaking openly and loudly the very dogmas that brought about the fascist regime in Germany?

Those dogmas are: first, race prejudice on a basis even broader here than the race prejudice in Germany; second, impatience with the slow methods of democratic processes; third, greed in business and labor; and fourth, the baiting of all those who question race prejudice and intolerance and greed.

The beginning of fascism has always been the attempt to suppress intelligent inquiry and the moment this suppression is successful, intellectuals are put into prison and killed and the books are burned. Can it happen here? It can happen here, in the name

of communism or fascism or lack of patriotism or by any other name.

Yet there are many who wait for leadership toward true democracy. All over our country there are the young, ready to be led out of old prejudices and dead traditions.

The young are ready to believe in human equality. Even in the South there are young white people, men and women, who say, "We are ready to treat the colored young people as our friends and equals—it is the older people who are clinging to traditions."

There are others, good people who have not the strength to stand alone in their goodness. They are confused and they must be led out of their confusion to know that the basic issues in this war are simple and within the mental comprehension of all. Whether they are within the practical application of all depends upon the strength of our determination now not to repeat the mistakes of the centuries, and for that determination we need moral leadership.

Another Futile Peace?

Millions in Asia and Europe and Africa, too, wait for the leadership in this war which will declare itself for freedom and human equality for all. If we cannot find that leadership then this war will end again in futile peace.

For during the last three hundred years there have been ten treaties made in Europe alone, all calling for a "Christian peace"—that is, a peace based on human brotherhood. Yet not one of them has produced this "Christian peace", from the Treaty of Westphalia to the Treaty of Versailles. They have been intellectual treaties, and the men who made them paid lip service to the idea of human equality. Even President Wilson was not willing to include racial equality in the Treaty of Versailles.

Yet any treaty which is not based upon human equality and implemented on human equality will bring the world no peace. Treaties therefore have been nothing but intellectual agreements, and they have been denied and made useless by the prejudices of those who would not observe them. And who can observe any treaty for peace who is not willing to give up

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Who Selects the Superintendents In the New City Mission Work?

A. IN each city where the work is inaugurated in co-operation with the Home Mission Board the local committee appointed to serve as a city mission committee nominates a man for superintendent and the Home Mission Board elects him to the position, gives him a program of work, pays his salary and directs him in the work.

Q. To whom is the superintendent of city missions responsible? **V. G.**

A. The superintendent has a dual responsibility: (1) to the Home Mission Board to carry out the program in the city as outlined; and (2) to the local committee with whom he works in the details of the city mission program.

Q. What is the circulation of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*? **N. B.**

A. The total mailing of the April issue will be above 85,000.

Q. Do the Mexican young people on mission fields have organizations

similar to those in Anglo churches? **M. L.**



work, is to bring about the completion of such organizations in every church on the Mexican field. Pictured here is the pianist of a young people's choir in First Mexican Baptist Church, San Antonio.

A. Training Unions and W. M. U. organizations for young people in the Mexican churches are becoming more prevalent. A definite aim of Rev. J. L. Moya, superintendent of Mexican

itself. It is only men and women of a certain mind and temper and spirit, who declare in themselves their belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. But perhaps they believe only intellectually and not in their hearts and so they sleep. If they are only sleeping, then let them awake. If the church in our country does not lead now, it may never have the opportunity again. Now is the moment of crisis.

How shall we awaken this sleeping church? Alas, I know no other way except the way by which men and women are awakened anywhere. Will men and women of the church practice what they profess? Those who say they believe in the Brotherhood of Man, will they act as they believe? Can the church rise to this new greatness?

But so to rise again means that within the church itself there must be the determination to sacrifice everything which stands in the way of such greatness—that is, individual men and women who are the church must be willing to sacrifice their own prejudices first before they can become the leaders of others for freedom and human equality.

Is there this life in the church? I do not know. But if there is not, then indeed we must look elsewhere for the light.

Q. In which state does *Southern Baptist Home Missions* have the largest circulation? **N. B.**

A. On the last mailing Texas led with 9,939 subscribers, followed by North Carolina with 8,308, and Georgia in third place with 6,960.

Q. What methods are used for extending the circulation of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*? **N. B.**

A. Most of the subscriptions are secured by field workers and missionaries on their engagements. Large numbers are also secured by W. M. U. literature chairmen. There is no organized campaign by employed circulation experts, but all subscriptions are secured by the voluntary service of church workers and missionaries.

Q. Are Home Board missionaries available to help with church schools of missions? **Mrs. D. M.**

A. Only a few are available since it is difficult for the missionaries to leave the fields of work. However, Rev. L. W. Martin, director of schools of missions, is organizing the available forces so as to accomplish maximum results with the available minimum personnel.

Q. Please list the corresponding secretaries of the Home Mission Board giving their terms of office. **Mrs. I. C. H.**

A. The secretaries of the Board have been D. P. Bestor (1846), R. Holman (1846-1851), T. F. Curtis (1852-1853), Joseph Walker (1853-1857), R. Holman (1857-1862), M. T. Sumner (1862-1875), W. H. McIntosh (1875-1882), I. T. Tichenor (1882-1899), F. H. Kerfoot (1900-1901), F. C. McConnell (1901-1903), B. D. Gray (1903-1928), J. B. Lawrence (1929).

Q. Who were some of the pioneer missionaries of the Home Mission Board? **Mrs. I. C. H.**

A. Some of the pioneer missionaries were Joseph Island, Isaac McCoy, and G. Lee Phelps to the Indians; Huckins, Morrell, Tryon, and Burleson in Texas; C. D. Daniel in Cuba and Texas; M. N. McCall in Cuba; and J. W. Michaels among the deaf.

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Can The Church Lead?

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his own personal prejudices as part of the necessary sacrifice? And if we have not the moral energy to make this sacrifice even to win the war how can we hope to win the peace?

Now, if ever, the church ought to furnish the leadership for our people to make the sacrifice of our prejudices and our greed which through all the centuries we have not been strong enough to make. If the church cannot produce the necessary moral leadership then religion is dead indeed. It may be that religion is dead, and if it is, we had better know it and set ourselves to try to discover other sources of moral strength before it is too late.

But how is it that the church today does not recognize even its own danger? The only hope of freedom for religion is in the freedom of all mankind. Does the church in our country think it will escape the fate of the church in the fascist countries if it does not now take the moral leadership necessary for its own life as well as the life of the nation? Yes, perhaps it is true that religion is already dead and what we have is nothing but the shell of what might have been alive and is no more.

And yet, I am loath to believe that the church is really dead. For I know the church is no separate entity in