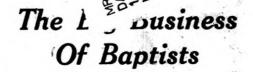


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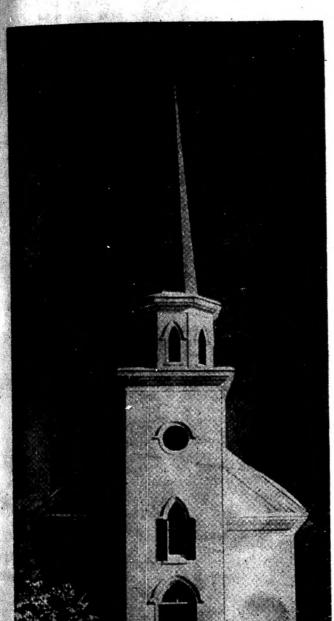
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THE motto of the Home Mission Board is "Trust the Lord and tell-the people." In following out this policy we want to keep Southern Baptists informed, fully informed, on all the work the Board is doing. At this time we are calling attention to the city mission work.

The Home Mission Board has been engaged in city mission work for a long, long time. The Board was instructed at the first meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845 to do city mission work. From that time until now the Board has been engaged in this type of work. There have been adjustments in the type of program from time to time to meet specific needs, but the Board has never for a single year abandoned this field of work. It has had a city mission program from the very beginning of its existence.

The present type of city mission work done by the Home Mission Board is the result of a careful study of present-day needs and conditions in our cities. Many of our brethren have told us that it is the best program the Board has ever had.

There are several features in the present city mission program which appeal to Baptists.

In the first place, it is a church centered program. Our churches are the divinely appointed agents for the advancement of the kingdom. They need specific mission tasks in order to develop their evangelistic spirit. The city mission program of the Home Mission Board furnishes these tasks. It is the plan of this program to use volunteer workers. The churches do the work. There are sixteen types of mission work which may be done by the churches in our city mission program, but all the work done of every sort and kind is the work of the churches and not the work of the Home Mission Board. The purpose of this city mission program is to set the churches, under expert leadership, to the task of evangelizing our cities.

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In the second place, the present city mission program of the Home Mission Board is a co-operative program. The Home Mission Board co-operates with the churches in the city in doing this work. Cities co-operating with the Home Mission Board in this city mission program are asked to appoint a city mission committee. This committee represents the churches in the city. It recommends a man as superintendent of city missions who is employed and paid by the Home Mission Board. He is responsible to the Home Mission Board to see that the city mission pro-

gram is carried out, but he works under the supervision of the city missions committee in carrying out the program. All the mission stations and preaching places are operated by some particular church. The task of the superintendent of city missions is to direct this work and keep it coordinated and moving forward. He works with the city missions committee and not under the specific direction of the Home Board.

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In the third place, it is an inexpensive program. If we had to employ workers to carry on a city mission work of the proportions of our present program, it would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. But since the work is carried on by volunteer workers from the churches, it becomes a comparatively inexpensive piece of mission work. I have before me the combined reports of the twenty-one superintendents of city missions for the month of September this year. This report shows that there were 161 mission stations operated and 547 additional preaching places. There were 3,004 volunteer workers for the month They delivered 1,229 sermons. There were 819 professions of faith and 371 baptisms. There were 3,122 services held with 92,742 in attendance All of this work was done outside the regular programs of the churches and done by volunteer workers. Practically the only cost was the salaries of the superintendents of city missions. It would be impossible to project a city mission program as comprehensive as the Home Mission Board's program is on such a limited expense if it were projected on any other than a volunteer

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In the fourth place, it is an evangelistic program. The city mission program of the Home Mission Board is a soul-winning, characterbuilding and kingdom-expansion program. We are not in a position to train workers for other types of work and we do not have the funds with which to promote other types. We are therefore confining our efforts in the city mission program to the making and baptizing of disciples. We believe that the beginning point in the reformation of human life is the regeneration of the individ
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ual. This is the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of those who believe. Believing this, we are confining ourselves to the preaching of the Gospel to the multitudes in the cities who are not receiving it through the regular services of our churches. The survey we have made of the cities shows that there are millions of people in our cities who are today unchurched. It is to these that our city mission program is directed.

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In the fifth place, it is a voluntary matter with the cities. The Home Mission Board does not enter a city unless the churches in that city are in favor of the program and meet the conditions stipulated by the Home Mission Board. We do not ever enter a city, even to present the plan unless we are invited by the churches of the city. The churches must invite us before we will visit the city at all. In this way we confine our city mission work to the cities which are in favor of the program and which are ready to adopt the program approved by the Home Mission Board. This program has in it certain features which are entirely new. We always hold two or three meetings with the pastors in the city to thoroughly explain our program of work before we will agree to co-operate with the churches in city mission work. We must have the hearty and enthusiastic co-operation of the churches. This is essential since the churches themselves are to do the work

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In the sixth place, it is a going program. We began our present city mission program in 1941. We were then struggling under the burden of crushing debt and did not have funds available to enlarge the program. As soon as it was announced that the Home Mission Board was ready to enlarge its city mission program we received requests from a number of cities asking for information about our program. In 1942 we began enlarging the program. Today we are operating in twenty-two of our larger cities; five other cities have been approved and we are only waiting for the cities to suggest available men for superintendents. Twelve other cities have requested us to come and present the program to them

In the cities where the program is in operation we are having the finest sort of success. No mission program of the Home Mission Board is so successful as this and has greater promise for

the future. This is shown by the September report which I have given. If we keep this program on for a few decades the churches themselves, under the direction of the superintendent of city missions furnished by the Home Mission Board, will blanket all of the cities in which these programs are being operated with the Gospel. No program ever launched has such potentialities.

There is no need to talk about the necessity of evangelizing our cities. Our civilization is centering today in the cities. Our Gospel must center there. The Home Mission Board has a program that will enable our churches in our cities to give the Gospel to the entire unchurched people in our cities.

The Importance of the Pastor

THE most important man in the on-going of the Kingdom of God is the pastor. In fact, if there is a place of supreme distinction among the servants of Christ that place is held by the pastor. On the other hand, if there is a place of supreme responsibility, that place is held by the pastor. The pastor's responsibility is to Christ who has committed to his care the teaching, the training and the development of a New Testament church. There is nothing superior to this in all the world. The man called of God into the ministry who leads a church into the realization of its New Testament character, purpose and mission has attained the highest and the most lasting achievement. To be a good paster is to be one of Christ's noblest and most honored

What My Church Is to Me

M Y church to me is a New Testament church.
It is the place where the Word of God is preached, the power of God felt, the Spirit of God manifested and the love of God revealed. It is the spiritual home of my soul, the altar of my devotion, the hearth of my faith, the center of my spiritual fellowship and the inspiration of my daily life. Having united with it in solemn covenant, I will advance its interests by my faithful attendance at its services, by studying its Guidebook, the Holy Scriptures, by observing its ordinances, by contributing to its support, by cooperating with its leaders and by joining with them in all good works. By thus honoring and serving my church I shall share with the members the glorious work of extending the Kingdom of God among men.

#### The BIG BUSINESS of BAPTISTS

First Objective To Make Disciples Is Master's Teaching In Commission

B) W. R. WHITE

Head of the Division of Editorial Service Sunday School Board

HE Great Commission summarises the Big Business of Baptists. There is nothing we teach or do not included in it and authorized by it. Everything we advocate should grow out of it and contribute to it. It states succinctly and in proper order our hig business.

thority. It is not arbitrary but real It is not artificial but absolute. His Word in final for Baptists. If there is no court of last resort, there can be no absolute standards of right and wrong and no final truth. If there are no eternal criteria and no universal truths, there can be no real certainty and no stable morality. In other words, everything would be resting on the shifting sands of relativity. The absolute authority of Christ fles, stabilizes, and vitalizes the

The making of disciples after the mary objective. It is to be done on a voluntary basis. To disciple means to cause people to be learners and followers of Christ. There is to be no coercion and no proxy. Personal and perience is essential to vital knowledge. It is certainly indispensable to saving knewledge. Only those who follow from the heart are real disciples.

#### Means of Making Disciples

The means of making disciples is the Gospel of Christ. Luke makes this clear. The Gospel is based on the death and resurrection of Christ. Men are loosed from their sine by the blood of Christ. Those who have been cleansed from the guilt and liberated from the clutches of sin know that the atonement is real. We are also saved and justified by the resurrection. The cross without an empty tomb would be an inadequate, therefore a futile kind of liberation.

Faith is the effective response to the Gospel. Mark makes this clear Saving faith always assumes repentance. Repentance is a change of mind life, a radical redirection of the whole personality. Faith is a complete shift of trust from self and everything to God as revealed in Christ. It means an unconditional surrender and committal of self to Christ for redemp-

The disciple must be aligned. He must be openly and solemnly identified with Christ. Baptism is an act of initiation into a fellowship. It is a sacred public ceremonial proclaim ing allegiance to Christ. It is a symbol of a burial and a resurrection. Th form must conform to the fact or it defeats its purpose. The appropriate word is not transubstantiation nor consubstantiation but revelation. It is the Gospel for the eye.

God meant for it to be a unifying factor, but man has made it the center of a divisive controversy (Eph. 4:5). For it to be a unifying factor. reference. No controversial issue is so clear in the thinking of recognized scholarship of all persuasions as is the question of baptism. This seems to have no weight because the Bible and the lordship of Christ are not accepted as authoritative in such mat ters. Sentiment and tradition are too

Baptism gets its value from its conections and connotations. It is associated with salvation only when it is linked with saving factors such as repentance in Acts 2:38, faith in Mark 16:16, prayer in Acta 22:16, the resurrection in 1 Peter 3:21 or rebirth of Spirit, if you interpret "born of water" as baptism, in John 3:5. When baptism is mentioned slone, saving power is never associated with it.

Understanding Dispels Divisions Sentimentalism, sacramentalism, and sacerdotalism defeat the purpose of the ordinances. If their connotation as taught in the Scriptures were un derstood, the unkind feelings and divisiveness would disappear. They proclaim and preserve great truths. They have no right to existence apart from

We are to stabilize and strengthen disciples by teaching them to observe. It is not mere impartation of knowledge. It is teaching that produces observance. A Japanese officer said



have put a kink in the minds of the Koreans in a generation that will take us three hundred years to eliminate." May the Lord help us so to teach the principles of Christ that the momentum will last for centuries!

We must follow the emphases of Christ in this program of teaching We must see them clearly, cherish them devoutly, and teach them con tinually. Otherwise we will forfeit our distinct mission in the world

Let us lay hold of every teaching technique that is effective and that does no violence to the spirit of truth Through our homes, churches, colleges, and Sunday School Board literature we are to teach as never before. Let us apply the truth with all of its im plications to our day and generation

If we go in these directions will there great objectives, the presence of Christ is assured. Such divine er abling is our only hope. We must go in the same direction that God i going. He is moving right through all the fog and confusion. We can fly blind if we are on the beam of His

Dr. Koo of China told a group in Buffalo of his predicament in China during a bombing raid and of the reassuring Presence. He was out in the open, having fled from the city be cause there were no bomb shelters Some Jap planes seemed to be diving right toward him. A sense of comto the ground. He prayed. The twen left with a sense of the presence of

He said, "I want to thank American Christians for sending us One whose power enables us to go on."

### A Dream Come True

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

December, 1943.

were broken in the days of our Lord upon the earth. In His Name, there are other "Marve" and the fragrance of their gifts fill all

I am thinking now of Mrs. Maude Bentley, even though she died in 1940. Seon after I became pastor of Druid Hills Church, I discovered this glori ous handmaiden of the Lerd. That was 1929. Her name was on our church roll, but there was no address nor could anyone in the church give me any clue to her whereabout

Finally, one day, when I had stopped at a wayside store and filling station to inquire the way to a country cemetery some miles from Atlanta, a Negre boy, puszied by my inquiry said, "You jes walt er minnit, Mister, 'n I'll run axk Mis Bentley."

Returning from the little cottage at explicit direction to the cemetery.

Bentley? Do you know her first

"Nossur, jes Mis Bentley's all I know," replied the boy.

I went into the little store, and there about the small stove I found several men. I inquired if any of them could tell me about Mrs. Bentley. In a few minutes I was at the bedside of Mrs Maude Bentley. The story is too long to detail, but

very briefly I may say that Mrs. Bent-ley had been in bed seven years, having moved out on this road leading into Atlanta following the fire that swent the Jackson Hill area of our her hed from arthritic developments. and for seven years had been stretched on plank, suffering unspeakably. Oc casionally a doctor would go out and give her a prescription. The marvel me was that she had lived those seven long years.

Within a few days I got her in the Georgia Baptist Hospital, and after several weeks of preparation, a major operation was performed on her spine. The surgeon made no promises, but she gladly accepted the possible relief, saying, "I can't live much longer in this pain, and if there is one chance in ten in an operation. I'll gladly take that chance, praying God's will be

Mrs. Bentley lived. She walked, with the aid of a cratch. She attended church regularly. She was the most



Congregation attending first services in 1942 at Beecher Hills.

radiant Christian many of us ever saw She had two or three small parcels of property, bought before they enhanced. The piece of property on Cascade Road, where I discovered her, was provided in her will that practically everything she owned be given to the work of the Lord, through our church. Her first gift, ten shares of stock, was given to Foreign Missions. Another gift was made to our Georgia Baptist Orphans' Home, and still another to the Georgia Baptist Hospital.

A Mission for the King she was coming to my study on the

"I may not live very much longer," she began. "I have a feeling that my heart is just about through. I want to talk with you about the last piece of property-the little home and ground out vonder on Cascade and Beecher. I want to provide something further for my blind nephew, and then something and the remainder I want the church to have for any purpose it may deem wise."

I reminded her that this property was steadily enhancing in value, which she well knew. I asked her if she had any suggestion of what we might do

"I remember what you said one day shout the need for a church in that

growing residential community" she "I have dreamed of the time when a church might occupy the very to you and to the church. You will comes to decide. I will be in Heaven. perhaps, before that time comes."

A few afternoons later, just at sunset, my telephone rang. I hurried a few doors down Ponce de Leon Ave-nue to the apartment where Mrs. Bentley lived. She was conscious when I only minutes remained for her stay in this world. We talked of the funeral, previously planned, and of the distribution of certain possessions to cherished friends.

"You will see that this plan is fol lowed?"

I seemed her that I would follow her directions to the limit of my abil-

if it is God's will for a church to be there, you'll handle that. 'Bless the Lord, O my soul', Jesus, blessed Sav-

And she had gone to be with the

Dr. Solomon Dowis had been appointed city missionary in Atlanta by the Home Mission Board a little while before Mrs Bentley's death. He surveyed the Cascade-Beecher area, and

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N a moral world of great problems and great issues such as ours no servant of Christ can afford to live a small life nor decicate his powers to small aims. Littleness in character and purpose is one of the chief iss. There are great things enough be done to engage us all. But the see of an act is determined by its relationships. Anything is great and important which bears a necessary relation to a great enterprise. Anything thus related is a part of the great enterprise and partakes of its dignity.

It is from this consideration that the service of pastors and other kome workers gets its real significance. The salvation of the world is the great enterprise, but those who toil at hom perform an essential part of the work necessary to save the world. Chris tian history is full of evidences and illustrations of this. Pastors and state missionaries have sowed seed for world harvests and plantings; the ropes for others whose duties lay little further out in the circle of Christian service. The one has lived to as large a purpose as the other and they deserve equal honor.

Home Missions is world missions. There could have been no Foreign Missions nor foreign missionaries had there not first been a home Christi-

EDITOR'S NOTE — This article was first published in \*Bone Field for March, 1997. Written by Dr. J. F. Love, at that time assistant corresponding secretary of the Home Mission Board, this paper discusses the significant relations which still maintain between Home Missions and the world program of Christ.

anity. Foreign Missions will not long persist if home Christianity is allowed to suffer impairment by the neglect of Home Missions. On the other hand the chief inspiration to Home Mission endeavor will be lost if we cease to think of Home Missions in its broadest relationship. To get this view, consider some of the ways in which Home Missions has helped Foreign Missions.

#### New Impulse to Christianit

Consider, first, the lives of home missionaries. The real, the singleness of purpose, and self-sacrificing labors of some home missionaries have given new impulse to modern Christianity, and especially to its Foreign Mission aspect.

The brief life of David Brainerd spent in Home Mission service has broadened and lengthened with the years in many lives in many lands. The story of his life made Henry Martyn a foreign missionary. That story inspired A. J. Gordon and he led his church into giving twenty thousand dollars a year to Foreign Missions.

So powerfully has Samuel J. Mill's life impressed and inspired men for Foreign Missions he seems aimost commonly accepted as a Foreign Mission here, although he never put his foot on Foreign Mission soil except in Africa for a brief visit, and that on a mission for the Negroes of America. He was, too, the son of a home missionary.

Of the four others who with Mills held the famous haystack prayer meeting, but one ever went to the foreign field. Three of them, like Mills, spent their lives on the home field. And the haystack is made the American rallying point for Foreign Missions.

Chiefly through Samuel J. Milia.

and the deeper source, his home missionary father, some of the most world-wide institutions in America spring, such as the American Bible Society, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, the United Foreign Missionary Society.

#### Lives Cannot Be Valued

Who will dare yet to estimate the Foreign Mission results from these Home Mission lives? Who will ever be able to tall the measure of inspirtion the servants of God in every land have gathered from the lives of these mand the institutions they have founded?

Consider, in the second place, the

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army of foreign missionaries sullated from among Home Mission converts. The name of these is legion.

We gave our readers lest month (February, 1807, Home Ficid) the sictures of Eld. E. L. Compere, the home missionary, and his son. Eld. J. S. Compere, the foreign missionary. The son not only learned of thrist through his father and saintly mother, but got his inspiration from their sacrifices and devotion to high purposes on a Home Mission field.

The story of the Swedish sailor Shroeder, converted in New Orleans, and doing beroic work in his native land, is an old one but it illustrates how the Home Mission stream flows.

It is a commentary on the world mission of Home Missions that Texas, our great Home Mission field for more than a half century, has today more missionaries on the foreign field than any other Southern state.

#### Every Convert a Possible Missionary

A well fortilized and cultivated Home Mission field is the best place from which to draw plants for the foreign field. So essential is the home field to the missionary sopply on foreign fields the work would stop with out it. All our foreign missionaries are home converts. Every heathen shread is a possible convert; every convert at home is a possible missionary.

Consider next Home Missions as a means of supplying resources for For eign Missions. At the recent session of the Oklahoma Convention the secretary of one of our Foreign Mission Boards said he was present for the first time in the history of the denomination in the West. The writer remarked at the time that it had taken home missionaries fifty years to prepare the great audience, and he rejoiced that it was now worthy a for eign secretary's while to be present. it required years of Home Mission sowing to prepare for Foreign Mission reaping, and no one was happier than the home missionaries and the Home



Mission secretary that the field would now yield resources for the worldwork of Christ.

For sixty years the Home Board has been planting Home Mission money in Texas. During the last seventeen years Foreign Missions has drawn from the field thus cultivated one hundred thousand dollars more than Home Missions has drawn during the same period.

There is, therefore, a new moentive for the Home Mission worker and giver. While in this work we may win our own race to Christi and make our own beloved land Christian and conferupon it the benefits of Christianity, we are at the same time doing as much as any to bring the kingdom of God into all lands.

We can understand how he who wrote our great national bymn should have inspiration to write our greatest Foreign Mission bymn. The true Christian patriot is the best type of embassador for Christ in all lands.

The hope of the denomination is the pastors of our churches. Christ is depending on them. A lost world is depending on them. The mission work of our denomination is depending on them.

### French-Indian Rides Bicycle To Witness On Louisiana Bayous

By LAWRENCE TRIBODEAUX

A FRENCH INDIAN convert who was haptized in our church here three years ago has become an outstanding witness for Christ

Not knowing how to read and write, he was sent to Acadia Baptiet Academy through the help of Brother Ben S. Morris of Kansas City, Missouri. He spent over one year in the school and had to return home in order to take care of his wife and family.

He returned able to read and write and now he goes into homes doing personal work and reading the Bible after his day's work.

He has a bicycle he uses to distribute hundreds of tracts in homes and on the streets. I had occasion to wisit his work when very recently I helped conduct a revival in the Houma Church, just fifteen miles from here, where he now resides.

As in the time of the apoetles, we find these scalous converts going out seeking their loved ones who are lost.



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N a southern city a young woman attended classes for five nights and listened to three foreign and two home missionaries in a school of

Into her young life had come acci dent, suffering, a degree of bitterness and rebellion. She had for a time been in training for a special ministry though not wholly with a Chris tian motive. That training she had discontinued.

young woman made a choice, a decison and a testimony.

A great consecration message had her decision to return to training that she might give her life in medical mission service.

There was a transformation in nind, heart and life for greater useulness as a world citizen!

At another church in the same sinultaneous effort twenty-five young people went forward to publicly declare they were placing their lives in God's hands to be used of Him any where in kingdom world service.

#### Growing in World Citizenship

For those who have become citizens of heaven by allegiance to Christ Jesus, world citizenship has a new meaning and offers challenging opportunities. The world citizen, however, must be informed as to world needs and he inspired to dedicate his talents to service which will increase heaven's citizenry and improve conditions under which world citizens

These responsibilities have been left to the churches by Jesus. The manifold wisdom of God is to be made known and darkness is to be dispelled by heavenly citizens banded togethed

Southern Bantist churches are there. fore obliged to engage in every pro-



Eager young people get a new glimpse of the world program of the Master in schools of missions. Often they surrender to His call to a life of service.

their members in world citizenship.
One of the most effective provisions for this edification is that offered in church schools of missions.

In such mission study weeks in the churches visions are enlarged, hearts are stirred and life decisions are offected by books taught by purposeful world-minded teachers and by addresses from fellow citizens who reside in other places in this world where the number of heavenly citizens is propertionately small.

Seventeen missionaries, home and foreign, delivered their messages to some thirty-five churches in one rural association. At the end of the west there were thirty-five new citizens of heaven. Seven young people had made public testimony to the call of God and of their decision to dedicate their lives to missionary service. Having found God's will, some of these young people are already in special training for that service

Concrete Results of Study In a mountain mining camp a high

school student knelt with nearly two dozen others presenting themselves for greater service.

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gram providing for the edification of . Some years later, having completed two years of college work, she stated she was still preparing for and look ing forward to service on a mission

field. Her decision stood after some Mission a udy, addresses by a home missionary and pictures of both home and foreign fields were building s

In a small mountain county sest church three classes felt the edifying power of Cuban books and of home and foreign mission pictures.

A WOMAD, not a Bantlet, a Sunday hool superintendent, a deacon, several teachers with nearly a dozen othfront in testimony and for the dedishe was giving her life to be a mis-

Here were citizens of heaven, whose grandsires had been quite provincial and clannish, responding to visionbringing agencies to be more helpful world citizens.

Racial prejudice and even national batreds have been removed by a better understanding brought by the missionaries through their books or ad-

#### Prayerful Planning Needed

Purposeful planning, praying and procedure will bring like results in other associations. Just as there is a list of the lost for whom prayer is offered, who are sought and brought to repentance and faith in an evangel-istic effort, so there should be prayerful Spirit-guided effort to lead talented young people to dedicate their lives to mission service during a week of missionary revival.

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#### Home Mission Book Shelf

Children's Games From Many Lands compiled by Nina Millen. Friendablp Press. 214 pages. \$1.

Here is a book of real practical value to leaders in missionary instruction for children. Included in the two hundred and sixty-two games from fifty-five different countries are a number played by various racial and geographical groups in this country. Games from the mountain regions, from the Spanish Americans, the Nein teaching classes on Home Missions and in preparing programs on Home Mission work.

Turquoise Path by Christine McConnell Rousseau. Broadman Press. 219

pages. \$1.50.
"Memories of my father by his adoring daughter" is an apt description by the author of this very human picture of Fernando Coello McConnell. The book is a realistic portrayal of Dr. Mc-Connell's personal life, his home life his companionship, his pastorates, his revivals, his bumanity. A glimpse is given of his busy but brief career as executive secretary of the Home Mission Board at the turn of the century.

More Than Conquerors by Blanche Sydnor White. Broadman Press. 81 pages. Twenty-five cents. Blanche Sydnor White tells these

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#### Two Kingdom Citizens in Cuba





Senorita Leonor Beouer

Angel Bequer

FROM their earliest days in a missionary's home, the attractive son and daughater (shown above) of Dr. A. T. Bequer, Home Board missionary in Clentuegos, Cuha, have learned the principles of world citizenship. They have gotten firsthand the lessons learned by young people in the States through schools of missions as pointed out on the opposite page by L. W. Martin.

Following his graduation from the National Cuban University with a degree in civil law and social sciences, Angel Bequer expects to continue actively in the church life as a Christian layman.

His sister, Senorita Leonor Bequer, is in her third year at the National University where her major is philosophy. She grew up in the mission church at Clenfueges and before enrolling in the University at Havana she was a Sunday School teacher and active is missionary organizations.

These attractive products of Home Missions have had their lives shaped into channels of usefulness through the Gospel's influence, even as young people all over the South in their study of missions become properly related in their life's plans to the kingdom work.

#### AMEN! THANK JESUS

Joy of Salvation Restored As Straving Deacon Confesses Sin

Ru WILLIE KING

À DEACON in one of the Seminole churches came forward in a recent service to confess his sin of drinking and asked the church to forgive

He stated that the Great Spirit of

heaven had come to him while he was

seleen one night and told him to come back and pick up his cross and follow "You have been neglecting your or-

dination as a deacon of the church." this man reported the Spirit as saying to him. "Don't fear to go to your missionary and he will tell you what you should do."

So he came to Okeechobee, one hundred and forty miles, to the mission ary's house and told his story to me. I advised him to go back to his home. assuring him that I would be there on Saturday and Sunday.

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R ECENTLY I had the greatest thrill of my entire Christian life in Kanses City. Things happened so fast that I thought I was

First of all, a never to pe forgotter experience was a luncheon in a Jewish-Christian home to which a number of other Jewish believers were invited. Their testimonies made me wee for joy. I felt that I was sitting in a heavenly place-what devotion, wha loyalty and what sacrifice is theirs! It is enough to put anyone to shame

For several years a smar group of these Jewish believers have met res ularly for prayer and have been joined by a few Gentile friends upon whom Lord has likewise placed the burden of Israel's salvation-praying that the veil which has long covered their es might be lifted and that they would come to recognize in Jeaus their long promised Messiah, and that the which have blinded Christians eyes to their responsibility for large night also be removed.

It seems that the Lord is answering the prayers of their hearts. Not only are the eyes of Israel being opened to the truth of the Gospel as evidenced by the many earnest inquiries in the city, but there is a great longing on the part of Christians to meet the great challenge which these people

With the readers of Southern Bay tist Home Missions I would like to share the testimony of one of these daughters of Israel.

#### Inborn Longing for God

must have known Him always. [she said] for borne within my hear was a great love for spiritual things. I was raised in a home devoid of

taught me to pray, and yet I cannot ember when I didn't. Always my heart reached out to know more of God. Things of the spirit appealed to my soul.

My mother was born of German Jewish parents. My dad was reared in a home of the strictest orthodoxy, his grandfather being a rabbi.

However, this religious atmosphere was not translated into his own home. God was left out, godiness in any form was neglected.

Only on two high holidays was anything brought to my attention. I was not allowed to go to school and the

only reason given for my absence was to the synagogue for a short while and then passover and the day of atonement were forgotten for another

I eagerly looked forward to that day. The intricacies of Judaism fas cinated me but were never explained. both my parents knew so little that unable to enlighten me.

that I was a Jew. It was always easjest to put me off with the eternal answer, "You are a Jew." When I was a Christmas tree, always it was the same, "You are a Jew."

I knew nothing of Jewish history Messiah, whom every Jewish family was supposed to know about and to look forward to His coming to liber ate us from bondage. All I knew was the fact that I was a Jew. It even caused much beartache and anger of my part. Once a little girl I played with called me a "dirty Jew," and I best her unmercifully.

#### Growing Spiritual Hunger

As I grew my hunger and appetite for spiritual things increased. Who never thought to ask my parents. prayed. By the time I was twelve I hell, and an evil force.

I also decided that I was going to get to heaven. How was I to get nest righteous God? I decided I would live by a creed, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," and this governed my every action.

Many times a still small voice would accuse me and I would ask for God's forgiveness. I was a believer in prayer and prayed always. However, no one

By the time I had become a voune lady my dad had managed to succeed in a business way and I was provided with every luxury. I had a car to drive. I had lovely clothes, a luxurious home. I had an education planned for me. It came to naught, for at the see of seventeen I married.

My life was a bore and 1 felt that as far as I was concerned it could cease to be. I did not want to die

unlock the gate to heaven, so I never prayed for God to take me.

My husband worked in a suburb of Chicago, where he found himself persecuted because he was a Jew. Imagine, if you can, his surprise, when a young man who was a Gentile came to his defense. He asked this man why he had done such a thing.

"My Saviour is a Jew," was the an-

This gave the young man a chance to talk to my husband about his soul That night my husband came home elated. He tried to explain to me what had happened and what was said. My hungry heart jumped at the chance of hearing about God and how to come into His presence and so I invited the young man to dinner.

#### Feasting on His Word

He came. I cannot remember when sented me with a way of salvation and told me that his Saviour could be my Saviour, too. I accepted and the joy in knowing that at last I had found a way to get to God made me happy

My folks came in and became a part of the discussion. When the young man was ready to leave the five of us knelt and he prayed. This in itself was a miracle because Jewish people will not kneel in prayer. When we arose from our knees we were all weeping. I was surprised to see my mother and dad had been crying as if they, too, had been touched.

My soul was apiritually starved, that later. I seem never to get enough to His word.

Every day, a thousand times a day, I gratefully praise God for giving a need the Jew has for the Gospel. I were saved, his mother and two sisters came into the knowledge of truth, although they were led to the Lord by a Gentile missionary to the Jews.

I have three children and they are saved and have been baptized, each at a very early age. Only the Lord Himmany shall have the truth and be brought to salvation because of one Gentile's vision.

What has my conversion meant to me? It would take eternity to tell of the joy, peace, contentment, that have been mine through Christ. May vision, for "without a vision the Deople December, 1943.

# Missionary

# Illustrations

Power Cannot Be Copied

Thou shall not covet .-- Exodus

When I was pastor of a church in west Texas an older paster helped me in a revival.

"Years ago," he said to me one day. "I went to the Southern Baptist Convention and heard George W. Truett.

"When I returned home I bought me a pair of striped troppers, a longtailed coat, and a tall hat, foolishly thinking that by wearing the sort of clothes I had seen Dr. Truett wear might be able to preach like he

"Alse, I learned that the clothes did

#### The Father's Great Love

For God so loved the world. that he gave his only begetten Son, that whosoever believeth in everlasting life.-John 3:16.

Over a certain river, according to an old story, there is a bridge built to be thrown open to allow ships to pass and to be brought back together when trains are to cross.

A man was in charge of the great machinery which brought the bridge spart on the signal from ships which wanted to pass and then brought the bridge back in place.

Once a ship approached and gave its signal to this bridge engineer to open he passage. While the ship was passing through.

the engineer's little boy began to play down the railroad track at the very hinge of the bridge. Even as the father discovered that

he little fellow was at this place, he heard the whistle of the train in the distance. Immediately he knew he must do one of two things. He could bring the bridge back in place and allow the train to pass or he might life of his son but cause the death of the fast approaching train

instantly his mind was made. He put his hand on the clutch and released the power which swung the bridge back in place.

That is what God did for man at Calvary.

#### The Greatest Love

Greater love hath no man than this that a man law dozen his

Littlejohn, Cherokee Indian in North Carolina, and his son were un-

loading logs at a sawmill near the As the two worked the son became endangered by a rolling log.

At once the father caught the los and held it until his son had escaped hut in releasing the log he stumbled and was instantly killed.

#### Messianic Legends

God hath in these last days snoken unto us by his son.-Hebrews

In his work among the Seminoles in Florids, Missionary Willie King has discovered many legends from the primitive Indian religion.

In these stories which have been Spirit sending his son into the world.

Evidently there is a natural presumption in the mind of man that God should speak to His creation through His own Son.

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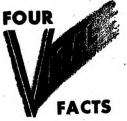
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> There existed, however, a preting among the Anglo · Ameri cans that the Mexican did not "belong". The little six - room was shabbily

whatever the Augle-Americans had worn out or outmoded. It was over-crowded and generally neglected. \_Rarely did a Mexican child complete the six grades and come on over to the "big school" for

#### further study. James Meets Mexicano

The year I entered the seventh grade, however, one of those rare cases came along-a fine Mexican boy We became fast friends, and as we associated together I began to appre ciate the race which he represented.

I came to realise that people of any race should be appraised as individuals and that it was unjust to blanket the whole race with some general characterization.

About this same time our church was in a building program. Several school house and dedicated it to the cause of Mexican missions, but be cause no regular preacher could be

The church decided to sell this old building and take the money and anply it on its own new building, thus quenching the smoking flax altoBu JAMES D. CRANE

I felt keenly this slight of a people whom God had laid at our own door as a mission responsibility. God had siresdy called me to preach, and I resolved that if it were His will some day I would make up to these people for the Gospel opportunity my own ingly I took up the study of Spanish followed through a Spanish major in

While attending college I commuted lived some four hundred Mexicans. At every opportunity I was with them. learning their customs, becoming acquainted with their race heritage and practicing the language.

I began preaching in the homes, and soon a mission Sunday School was organised. For four years I kept this up, but although I gained access to every Mexican home in the community, yet only nine people definitely broke with their Catholic background.

All the while I had been preaching half-time to English-speaking, church es. Finally I came face to face with the fact that I was either going to have to get out of Mexican work alto-

EDITOR'S NOTE-The author of this article, Rev. James D. Crane, graduate of Texas University, is now in his last year at Southwestern Seminary. While studying there be is also paster of th Mexican Baptist Church, Fort Worth. "He has a fine record in his church as he does in everything he under-takes," says Rev. J. L. Moye, superintendent of the Spanish work.

After three 'months of earnest searching for the will of God an unmistakable door opened, and I entered For almost two years now I have been preaching only in Spanish. Souls have been saved by God's grace, and I am happier than ever before. As I think homeland, I sing with Abraham Fer

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The men and women in the armed forces are contacting all colors and classes of people in all climes of the earth. They are not only appreciating the fruits of missions but are coming to understand the need of increased missionary activity and are actually promoting missions in many new flelds

Numbers of Baptist chaplains will remain oversess to minister to the civilians after the close of the war. Christian officers and soldiers will remain or return to promote business enterprises and diplomatic relations.

Soldiera Become Missionaries From China Chaplain James E. Tull.

formerly of Kentucky, relates, "My men are becoming mission-minded by seeing results of their own mission work here on the field. We have reconditioned an abandoned school building and amploy Chinese to care war orphans adopted by our soldiers. The men are proud of their children and associate with them dur ing leisure time. This has been a

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life-saver for many of our men, eanecially those with children in the states or those who left kid brother or sister behind."

He further states that their latest project is to support forty-two missignaries who have been out off from their home country. Most of these are Germans. Here we have American soldiers supporting German mission aries in China.

"I would like to have a haptizing here in the spring or summer," wrote Chaplain P. E. Cullons from Iceland to his home church at Alexandria. Virginia. "Please ask the church to authorize me to baptize believers into the fellowship of our church."

His reports reveal that Sunday School classes were organized among the civilians and the kingdom of God extended by the preaching of the Word.

#### Urse Mission in Alaska

In Alaska our chaplains have urged from the early days of conflict that Baptists promote an evangelical mis sion work in that country-Chaplains John L. Dodge of Tennessee, John H Hingson of Alabama, Henry C. Murdoch, Texas, and others have surveyed the field carefully and urged the development of Bible schools and or

"A week night evangelistic program ing not only the men in the services lain Joseph G. Pelphrey of Ashland. Kentucky.

"Recently I witnessed sixty-two professions of faith: Eskimos, Indians, Aleutiums, Norwegians, Swedes and (Continued on page 14)







mericans, "writes Chaplain Aubrey C. Halsell, Union City, Tenn. "This church. By God's grace this shall not prevail snother month. Chaplain Jewell D. Foster from Texas and I have begun a meeting here."

Deacon Roy James, staff sergeant, reported recently from Alaska to the Baptist Messenger, "We met last Sun-day and organized a Baptist church with seventeen charter members. Have had four additions since. I am thankful to have a part in this footbold. Soon we will be leaving and we want to leave something that will remain

During the last days of the Tunisier campaign Chaplain B. Frank Cochran of Georgia states that his outfit loss most of the Baptist group.

"The two weeks we have been here in this rest area I have baptized enough in the blue Mediterranean to replace our Baptist losses," he adds. Later Chaplain Cochran filed his report far from the Mediterranean, for he landed October 6 in Ireland . "First baptism, October 10 in John Smith's meadow.

Here in the States, Chaplain Maurice M. Hall, who went into the servkansas, ministers to German prisoners, and, through the co-operation of Ger man Baptist preacher-prisoners, to German speaking civilians outside the camp.

man prisoner ministers" he writes "We preach somewhere outside the camp once each week."

In Germany, according to a news account, the reverse is true. I heard recently of Baptist chaplains, new in German prison camps, going outside the camps and preaching to German civilians.

History reveals that the Roman



armies probably were the greatest ve-bicle for spreading the Gospel. They brought military nance to the world preparatory to the birth of Christ. The years following the crucifixion. Peter Paul and others found army officers inquiring about; confessing and serv ing Christ. They went everywhere living and preaching the Word.

In the present global conflict by faith we can visualize the world mission implications with thousands of Christians in the armed forces scatearth.

#### Little Folks Afford Entrance To Homes

By AMELIA DIAZ

THE first three weeks we have enchildren, and only six came from Christian homes. My opportunity is in every home that is not Christian One day a mother came with two

"I bring these children to you because I know you will teach them the

way of God," she said.

She is a Catholic but she sends her children to our Sunday School every Sunday.

When I go into the homes to do personal work I have this contact with the fathers and mothers because the children are in our church and kinder garten. A number of children have also been reached because we do this work in the homes.

It is only a step from racial prejudice to group prejudice

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### What Progress Is Being Made In Mission Work In Panama?

REPORTS of spiritual victories are received regularly from Rev. Paul C. Bell, superintendent of mission work in the Canal Zone. His most recent communication brings word that there are thirty-one converts at San Jose, Costa Rica, who have asked him to baptize them so that they can form a Baptist church. Another indication of progress is the fact that two ministerial students have come from Panama to be enrolled in Virginia Union University, it being their plan to return to Panama when they have completed their training. The Board has appointed Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Mc-Cullough of Menard, Texas, as new missionaries in the Canal Zone. Pictured at the right are native buts in a village in Panama.

Q. How many professions of faith have been reported by Southern Baptist chaplains? E. R. C.

A. Complete records are not available because at any given time a large percentage of the chaplains are on the move or are across the seas and cannot file reports, but estimates from the reports received by Dr. Alfred Carpenter, superintendent of camp work, indicate that in the past twelve months the professions have averaged around 4.500 per month or 54,000 in the twelve months' period. On the basis of these reports Dr. Carpenter estimates that since December 7, 1941. there have been around 90,000 professions resulting from the ministry of Southern Baptist chaplains in the armed forces.

Q. Our church wants to support a Home Board missionary in Cuba. Please tell me what it will cost per month? A. L. M.

A. Salaries of the missionaries in Cuba vary according to training, experience, and background. Because of advanced living costs there has been put into effect recently a small increase in all of the salaries paid on the Cuban field. Salaries now paid range from around \$70 per month to

Q. Will it be possible for the Board to appoint a new missionary at this time for Cubs to be supported by our church? A. L. M.

A. It may be that some qualified nerson in the states feels he call and will volunteer for work in Cuba or



Seminary in Havana for appointment on a needy field. If no such person is available to receive appointment as a new missionary, your church could support some missionary already at work in Cuba.

Q. If we support such a missionary, can we get credit for it in our associational letter and also from our state headquarters? A. L. M.

A. Certainly, if your church desires to designate a monthly offering to Home Missions for the salary of a missionary, you would receive full credit in your associational report and also from your state board, provided, of course, you send your offering through the state headquarters designated for Home Missions.

### A DREAM COME TRUE (Continued from page 5)

joined an earlier recommendation of the committee on extension of the Atlanta Association in urging the location of a Baptist church in that community. Our church granted the use of the little white cottage in which Mrs. Bentley had lived, and a Sunday School was organized. In a few Sundays, Dr. Dowis announced regular preaching services. The people responded quickly, and on October 4, 1942, a church was constituted, to be known as the Beecher Hills Baptist

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There were sixty charter members, and within a year the membership had doubled. Dr. Dowis, Dr. G. J. Davis, a former missionary of the association, and Dr. Dowis' successor, Dr. Eugene Steele, worked with the new Beecher Hills congregation until Dr. A. B. Couch, the present pastor, was

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