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It was, however, a gracious and challenging offer for the preaching of the Gospel to the millions who are not attending our church services.

### What the Men at the Front Sing

**N**EITHER desert heat nor Arctic cold can lessen the spiritual ardor of America's fighting men when it's time to sing the old familiar hymns.

Reporting from the Fifth Army, Chaplain E. Brown says, "The popularity of many of the old Gospel hymns, so much a part of home front worship, remains undiminished on the fighting front. Among the favorites of the boys are: 'The Old Rugged Cross,' 'Faith of Our Fathers,' 'What a Friend We Have in Jesus,' 'Sweet

Hour of Prayer,' 'Rock of Ages,' 'Lead, Kindly Light,' 'Blessed Assurance,' 'Safely Through Another Week,' and a popular hymn version of 'God Bless America.'"

Our men on the fighting front and in the home camps are getting the very best religious instruction our chaplains can give. Let us pray for them.

### Facing the Future

**D**R. W. H. KNIGHT, executive secretary of the Executive Board of Louisiana Baptists, delivered a great address at the Louisiana Baptist convention on "Facing the Future with Louisiana Baptists." He mentioned many things and many tasks.

He had this to say about co-operation with the Home Mission Board: "Our Home Mission Board has put its strong hand to the great problem of our cities. We shall work hand in hand with that Board in the evangelization of these urban centers."

Thank you, Brother Knight.

### The Atlantic Charter

**S**OME emphasis should be placed upon that article in the Atlantic Charter which provides for religious freedom.

In the current issue of the house organ of Sheed and Ward, prominent Roman Catholic publishers, we find this statement: "Religious liberty as we understand it in the United States is nonexistent in Russia."

Our Catholic contemporary might also have said that religious liberty as we understand it is nonexistent in Spain, Portugal, Peru, Italy and every other country that is predominantly Roman Catholic.

We also notice that our Roman Catholic friends do not use the term "religious liberty" in the same sense that Southern Baptists understand it. They use it in the sense of toleration.

What we need is religious liberty throughout the entire world. We wonder if our Catholic friends are willing to grant that liberty in South America and in the countries of Europe which are predominantly Catholic. The Atlantic Charter of religious liberty should be made world wide.

### Juvenile Delinquency Soars

**A**N Associated Press dispatch coming from James Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said, "Activities of enemy agents have been kept under control since the war, but boys and girls have been getting out of hand as evidenced by a sharp increase in juvenile delinquency."

This juvenile delinquency has come to the stage where it is a national problem. We wonder if it does not stem from delinquency in the home, and if the only way to cure it is for fathers and mothers to take over. If the trend keeps up our homes will furnish our greatest missionary need.

### Bootleggers Increasing

**W**E were informed by the proponents of repeal that prohibition was responsible for the vast amount of bootlegging and that if we would just repeal the Eighteenth Amendment we would have a happy land in which drinking and drunkenness would gradually decrease to the minimum.

Well, they repealed the Eighteenth Amendment. The surprising thing is that our Baptists took these politicians at their word.

Now we find that in the place of having what they promised, we have the land flooded with liquor and boys and girls and women and men drink more than ever.

### Lopsided Christians

**C**HRIST said both "in" and "unto." Sometimes we forget. Some do not seem to have ever learned that our witness is both "in" and "unto."

There are those who are willing to witness in "Jerusalem," but are not inclined to go to the "utmost parts of the earth." And there are those who would rush to the "utmost parts of the earth" and overlook "Judea and Samaria."

Dr. J. B. Gambrell called these "lopsided" Christians, and expressed it as his conviction that the kingdom would never be brought in by Christians of this sort. We need the "in" and "unto" sort for the full work of the Master.

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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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**P**AUL admonished Timothy to use sound words. This is necessary if one would correctly convey his thoughts to another, for words are the vehicles of expression; they are the buckets that carry one's thoughts.

**The Baptist Vocabulary**

Words, however, like some other things, are affected by use. They change their meaning, they pour out the content they had in one age and fill themselves in another age with a new content. Not only so, but they have different meanings on the tongues of different groups. Hence, the same words may mean different things under different circumstances. This makes it necessary to know what one means when he uses a word. The most static words in the language are liable to be filled with different contents when used by different groups. The word, "God", does not mean the same to a Mohammedan that it does to a Christian, and an atheist would give to the word a meaning different to either Mohammedan or Christian.

Sometimes we do not recognize this fact in our discussions, with the result that we write and talk to no purpose. Baptists, for instance, use the same words that other Christian bodies use, but the words used do not always mean the same thing. The words "church," "baptism," "communion," "Christian union" and many others do not have the same meaning to Baptists that they have to Protestants and Catholics. A church, to Baptists, is a local organization. Baptism is the immersion of a believer by the proper authority in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Communion is the Lord's Supper set in the church for the Lord's people to commemorate the Lord's death until He returns. Christian union is the fellowship of all believers in Christ. But to other Christian groups these words have different meanings.

Baptists, with these other Christian groups, use the same words but we do not speak the same language.

### Are Baptists Becoming Ideologists?

**B**APTISTS are a people with a great faith, a great Christ, a great Book, a great destiny. In fact, they are a people who have a God worth believing, a Christ worth trusting, a church worth joining and a task worth sacrificing for.

We wonder sometimes, however, if they are not becoming ideologists. That is, are we supplant-

ing individual faith with public belief? To put it another way, do we have a faith the content of which is Christian, but do we have it in an academic way—bearing the name Christian, but living a life that is in essence and spirit materialistic and pagan?

Belief is the sap which vitalizes the tree of life in all of its branches, big and little. As the sap so is the belief. As the belief—real and not simply "public belief"—so is the life of Baptists. But belief always answers the question HOW? as well as the question WHAT? True belief is the same as true realism. That is to say, we understand ourselves realistically only when we see our existence not as isolated from but as connected with the ultimate real.

What is the ultimate real? It is not an idealistic society created here on earth. That would be to perfect naturalism and clothe it with a Christian name. The ultimate real is the real ultimate and can be nothing less than the spiritual regeneration of man and the actual triumph of Christ in the creation of a new world through the transcendence of the spiritual over the material.

The present ideology from which we must be delivered if Christianity is not to suffer disintegration is the partly idealistic and the partly naturalistic rationalism which in the past century housed itself in Christianity with the modern theological slogan, "Ethical Religion", by which Christianity is characterized in the new theology. This slogan reduces Christian faith to stoic religious idealism. It confounds the Gospel of Christ with the general rational ideas of the universal brotherhood of man and the universal fatherhood of God, which the stoic philosophers taught. It transforms the New Testament message of the kingdom of God into the rational idea of a natural historical process of ethical and social evolution.

The proponents of this idea take the Sermon on the Mount as a statement of the ethical program of Jesus and concern themselves about what is to be done, without asking the question who can do it. Christianity is concerned with the one who can do it as well as the what is to be done, and he who assumes that the law or the ideal is a sufficient dynamic for morality is enmeshed in a mistaken ideology; he does not see the human will as it is—sin-bound and egoistic. He becomes an ideologist and loses his Christianity.

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## History In The Making

By LUTHER J. HOLCOMB

SECRETARY OF STATE Cordell Hull is not a clergyman. However, he "preached" a powerful "sermon" in that "Mission to Moscow" report before joint congressional sessions, where members had joined with Dr. James Shera Montgomery, House chaplain, in jointly repeating the Lord's Prayer for the first time in congressional history.

Cordell Hull's speech, delivered in his colorful Tennessee twang, indicated our country's firm determination to join with other peace-loving nations in winning a Christian peace after the bombs stop falling, and Johnny comes marching home.

His message, warmly received by Democrats and Republicans alike, strongly implied that we intend to win that Christian peace through proper political, economic and social machinery and through that spirit of Christian neighborliness that is characteristically American. In the hustle and bustle of modern living, it seemed that old-time neighborliness had vanished. But it has not died.

### Good Will Growing

For these Christians to whom Soviet Russia is a big question mark, there was a reassuring note in Cordell Hull's "sermon"—a feeling that Christian good will is now beginning to rise, and will continue to rise, above any fears of Communism or Bolshevism.

As we sat in that packed House gallery recently and heard Cordell Hull roundly applauded as he called Stalin one of this age's greatest statesmen and leaders, we got to thinking about the people of Russia, their valiant struggle against the Nazis, and their inherent religious spirit.

Secretary Hull's reference to the need for world neighborliness reminded us of a family we know "back when." Everyone called them "The Battling Smiths"; they fought so among themselves. But something happened one day to one member of the family. Family honor was at stake. Old quarrels soon were forgotten in the family's grim determination to fight together as a solid bloc against a common menace. The statesman's reference to nations having come together in a brotherhood for self-preservation has a lesson in it for all of us.

If we cannot live together as peaceful civilized human beings, even for the sake of self-preservation, then we will have to die like beasts of the jungle.

Verily, Layman Cordell Hull "preached" a "sermon". His "congregation" of all faiths, races, and creeds who heard the message beside their radios and in the stately halls of Congress were the people of America upon whom ultimately will rest responsibility for putting some of that small-town back-fence neighborliness into international relations.

### We Can Live Together

It can be done. After hearing Cordell Hull's "sermon" we know it will be done, with the help of the God-fearing peoples of the family of nations. The Moscow parley was a big step in that direction. It was history in the making, the shape of things to come.

The unprecedented joint assembly of the House and Senate to hear a cabinet member, was a closed session and I am indeed grateful to Congressman Hatton W. Summers for making it possible for me to hear this historic report.

As I strolled from the Capitol to the House office building with Congressman Summers, who has faithfully served in Congress for thirty-one years, he said, "People are waking up."

| Baptist Chaplains        |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| On duty, Army            | 808 |
| Navy                     | 104 |
| Total                    | 910 |
| Overseas — approximately | 306 |
| Promotions during year   |     |
| Captaincy                | 151 |
| Majorship                | 18  |
| Lieutenant Colonel       | 7   |
| Colonel                  | 4   |
| Decorations of Honor     | 6   |

they are finding out how small is man and great is God."

Then as we viewed the Capitol from the steps of the House office building, he said, "God is the Big Boss. Only in the field of government do human beings now ignore this fact, and in the field of government is the one outstanding failure of this age, but people are waking up and the Big Boss is still alive."

Inside the House office building, I stood by a huge globe, and breathed a silent prayer that America might fully realize the full meaning of "For God so loved the world..."

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## Jesus Must Reign

Gospel Is Now Being Spread Around World, Says Chaplain

By CHAPLAIN JAMES ROBERT BARNETT, JR.

ALMOST every religion under the sun has been represented by the men I have met in uniform in the months I have been in the service.

I have heard the inspiration of the Scriptures denied and I have heard the denial of the deity of Christ.

But, praise the Lord, I have seen men accept Christ as personal Saviors—in regular worship services, by personal contact, and in the guard house.

I have seen black and white in the same service accept the risen Lord.

Men are hungry to hear the Gospel and I can say without hesitation that Southern Baptists are giving the true simple Gospel that will bring eternal life to a lost and dying soul.

Men like to hear lectures on morals and psychology and the like for every day religion, but when the battlefield is their destination, it is Christ they are anxious to meet.

I can also add that it is not only the chaplains that are preaching and living their religion, but there are many Christian soldiers winning many victories and their lives are constantly preaching sermons for righteousness.

### A Witness in the Ranks

I recall Sinlity, a man in our medical company who was a Baptist, and lived on such a high plane that he became admired by his buddies. Even though they drank and cursed, nobody dared speak a word critical about him, for those men believed in him so much, I am sure they would fight for him.

It is my ambition to win to Christ as many foreigners as possible. I had the joy of telling the story of Christ to a Chinese who had never heard it before.

He believed in Confucius and knew much about his religion. He had great ambitions to go to China and help his people. I sent him several tracts written by and bearing the pictures of Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

In a few nights he came to my office, and after a few moments talking he opened his shirt pocket and took two tracts in his hands and fumbled them fondly as he talked.

These two contained the picture of the leader of his country and that made an impression on him and gave me an opportunity to tell him about Christ and the Bible.

I gave him a New Testament, something he had never owned or read. He promised to read it and was very proud to get it.

He told what Confucius had done, and then I told him what Christ had done, what He left. His presence and Book, and that He had done more than Confucius. He died for the whole world. As I finished my word with him, he seemed to be in deep thought. It sounds like a wonderful dream, he said.

### Jewish Soldier Sings

There was a Jewish soldier from New York in the hospital. I became acquainted with him and that contact brought great joy. He was out in a few days and began coming to the chapel to see me.

I found that he had sung in operas and he consented to sing in the services. He had a beautiful voice and sang many times.

He could speak Hebrew, French, Italian, and English, besides being able to understand German and Russian.

I went so far as to select a song for him to sing, knowing that he put himself into the singing to the extent he lived the song as he sang it. Surely this would have an impression on him. What a joy it was to hear him sing, being a Jew.

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold.

I'd rather be His than have riches untold.

I'd rather have Jesus than houses or land.

Than to be king of a vast domain And be held in sin's dread sway.

I'd rather have Jesus than anything This world affords today.

It was the climax to this experience to see him at the close of that service make a profession of faith.

The Gospel is being spread around the world. Foreign Missions will have the greatest challenge and opportunity when the war is over, than ever before. Every returning man will bear a testimony to the needs over there.

We have sent guns and bombs and planes, now let us send love and peace, and above all the Gospel. The war is not won unless God wins the peace.



All 'round the world they're saying: "Praise the Lord and pass The LINK!"

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## Constructive Plans Projected By Board In Annual Meeting

State Boards' Co-operation Sought;  
\$780,000 Budget for 1944 Adopted

A CONSTRUCTIVE meeting in which members faced frankly the denomination's mission responsibilities to the South was the annual session of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, November 30 and December 1.

With the path cleared for enlargement by final and full debt payments, the Board moved with caution in the conservative enlargement of its mission work along present lines of activity.

This conservatism in administration, under the leadership of Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer, was demonstrated in the adoption of a budget of \$780,680 for 1944 when receipts already in hand or anticipated this year will exceed \$835,000.

The Board asked for the cooperation of state mission boards in two phases of its work, urban and rural—in adopting a resolution offered by the executive secretary.

Combined Efforts Needed  
Since "the evangelization of our rapidly growing cities and the revitalization of our country churches are of such vital and far-reaching importance as to challenge the combined efforts of the denomination", the resolution stated, "we solicit the cooperation of the state mission boards with the

Home Mission Board in these important tasks".

The resolution further directed the Home Mission Board's executive secretary to work out with the state mission secretaries of the cooperating state mission boards "an equitable basis of co-operation".

A survey of rural needs presented by Dr. Courts Redford, assistant secretary, indicated that Baptist leaders in a number of states were already looking to the Board for enlargement of this activity, which Dr. Redford stated, the Board had already projected on a modest basis over a number of years.

"The State Convention of Oklahoma," he said, "has already asked our Board to co-operate with it in the employment of two rural men, and the state secretary in Missouri has made a similar request. New Mexico Baptists are asking for one man."

The new budget for 1944 includes \$18,900 for rural work.

The Board approved the enlargement of this phase of work on the cooperative basis suggested in the resolution on city and rural work previously passed.

### War Trip Planned

The Board voted to investigate the possibility of sending a war correspondent to the areas of chaplains on battle fronts. Such a person would go as a press representative to send human interest stories to Baptist publications throughout the country serving a total constituency of over ten million.

Dr. Alfred Carpenter, superintendent of camp work, expressed the belief that such stories would make a timely and historical series.

The education committee in the report offered by Dr. K. O. White, chairman, named Joe W. Burton, secretary of education, as the correspondent if details for the trip can be arranged.

The same committee asked for and secured authorization for the publica-

tion of a historical book in the centennial year, 1945, which is being written by Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence and for a graded series of books on mission work among the racial groups for publication in 1946.

Co-operative work with Negroes includes activities on a dozen Negro college campuses. Dr. Noble Y. Beall reported. Three aims in this work, he said, are to assist co-operating institutions to build strong departments of religion; to help develop training programs for pastors and laymen, and to assist colleges to develop distinctively Christian educational programs.

### Better Relations Is Aim

The work of his department, he added, is to "help create better race relations as we help to train the Negro leadership for Christian service."

Two new field secretaries in this department were appointed, Dr. John L. Tilley of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Dr. W. L. Buffington of Columbia, South Carolina, both of whom will direct Bible conferences and institutes for Negro preachers. In addition, Dr. Buffington will establish libraries in colleges and small towns.

The Board also authorized the addition of a third new field secretary in this department to work on Negro college campuses and to lead in inter-racial conferences among Southern Baptists. This position, Dr. Beall stated, will likely be filled by January 1.

Southern Baptists have had their quota of Army chaplains filled since April, 1942. Dr. Alfred Carpenter stat-

### Home Board Missionaries

FOLLOWING is the total number of workers by fields now employed by the Home Mission Board:

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Spanish                 | 120 |
| Indian                  | 79  |
| French                  | 13  |
| Chinese                 | 6   |
| Italian                 | 7   |
| Japanese                | 3   |
| Good will centers, etc. | 16  |
| Deaf                    | 5   |
| Rural                   | 4   |
| Cuba                    | 112 |
| Panama                  | 10  |
| Negro                   | 20  |
| City                    | 24  |
| Office and field        | 26  |
| Miscellaneous           | 15  |
| Total                   | 460 |

January, 1944.

### Resolution on Co-operation

FOLLOWING is the resolution asking for the co-operation of state mission boards in city and rural mission work, adopted by the Home Mission Board in its annual meeting.

"Believing that the evangelization of our rapidly growing cities and the revitalization of our country churches are of such vital and far-reaching importance as to challenge the combined efforts of the denomination; therefore, be it resolved:

"First, that we solicit the co-operation of the state mission boards with the Home Mission Board in these important tasks; and,

"Second, that the executive secretary of the Home Mission Board be instructed to work out with the state mission secretaries of the co-operating state mission boards an equitable basis of co-operation, the details to be approved by each board."

ed in giving his report on camp work. He said that more than 900 Baptist preachers have left their pastorates to serve as Army and Navy chaplains.

"The eyes of the world are focused upon the Jews today," declared Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus. "On the one hand we are witnessing the greatest tragedy and on the other hand we are witnessing one of the most remarkable and amazing changes in the attitude of the Jews toward Jesus."

"Never," he added, "has there been a greater demand to know more about Jesus. To meet this demand Jewish scholars are producing books on the life of Jesus and Paul for which they would have been condemned and ostracized only a few years ago."

The board's monthly magazine, *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, edited by Rev. Joe W. Burton, had a total printing of over a million copies last year, the editor reported. The December issue, he said, has been mailed to over 95,000 subscribers.

### Twenty-one Cities in Program

Twenty-one of the largest cities in the South are now included in the board's city mission program. Dr. Solomon F. Dowis stated. More than a half million people attended mission services in these cities the last year, he said.

Six other cities are to be added as

soon as arrangements can be made, Dr. Dowis said.

Rev. L. W. Martin, who came to the board January 1 to promote schools of Home Missions, stated that this year he had conducted twenty-six schools in nine states.

Mexican churches are making rapid strides toward self-support, Rev. J. L. Moye, superintendent of Spanish work reported. There are still many communities without mission services, he said.

Dr. J. B. Rounds, superintendent of Indian work, who came to work with the Board in April of this year but who has been intimately associated with Indian missions for forty-two years, said that "white churches are taking an interest in Indian churches which they have never taken before."

### Evangelism Superintendent Authorized

Early employment of a superintendent of evangelism was anticipated by the Board in directing local members of the committee on evangelism and the executive secretary to nominate a man for this position at the earliest possible date.

Superintendents of work in Cuba and Panama were not present at the meeting, but the committee's report indicated spiritual progress on these fields under the direction of Dr. M. N. McCall and 112 missionaries in Cuba and Rev. Paul C. Bell and ten workers in Panama.

In all fields of activity the various reports showed a total of 460 workers as follows: Spanish, 120; Indian, 79; French, 13; Chinese, 6; Italian, 7; Japanese, 3; good will centers, etc., 16; deaf, 5; rural, 4; Cuba, 112; Panama, 10; Negro, 20; city, 24; office and field, 26; miscellaneous, 15.

Col. Bugg was re-elected Board president for the second year, and G.



### 1944 BUDGET

#### Home Mission Board

|                                                  |           |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Missions to Indians, Foreigners, Language Groups | \$285,318 |
| Rural Work                                       | 18,900    |
| Negro Work                                       | 41,100    |
| City Work                                        | 132,080   |
| Schools of Missions                              | 7,250     |
| Camp Work                                        | 16,480    |
| Jewish Work                                      | 7,100     |
| Deaf Work                                        | 4,142     |
| Evangelism                                       | 5,000     |
| Panama                                           | 9,580     |
| Cuba                                             | 65,000    |
| Field Workers                                    | 8,700     |
| Summer Student Work                              | 10,000    |
| Administration                                   | 73,770    |
| Education and Publicity                          | 18,580    |
| Retirements                                      | 2,760     |

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Total for Work  | \$705,680 |
| Contingent Fund | 25,000    |
| Reserve Fund    | 50,000    |

Total Budget for 1944 \$780,680

Frank Garrison was named corresponding secretary for the fourteenth year. Dr. W. A. Duncan of Atlanta was elected vice president.

### Employed Workers Elected

Executives and employed workers elected included Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer; Dr. Courts Redford, assistant executive secretary.

Rev. Joe W. Burton, secretary of education; Dr. M. N. McCall, superintendent of Cuban missions; Rev. Paul C. Bell, superintendent of the work in Panama; Rev. J. L. Moye, superintendent of Spanish work; Dr. J. B. Rounds, superintendent of Indian work; Rev. L. W. Martin, superintendent of schools of missions; Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, mission study editor; Dr. J. F. Plainfield, Miss Wilma Huey, and Mrs. H. C. Grimmett, field workers.

Field secretaries: Dr. Noble Y. Beall, director of Negro work; Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, Jewish work; Dr. Solomon F. Dowis, superintendent of city missions; Dr. Alfred Carpenter, superintendent of camp work.

We are crowded to capacity. We could double our crowds in two months if we had room. We need more room and more workers. Gladys Keltb, missionary in New Orleans.

## Leavell Book for Prayer Week Now On Sale At Book Stores

UNDER the direction of the Woman's Missionary Union committee on the March Week of Prayer for Home Missions, *Christianity Our Citadel* has been written by Roland Q. Leavell as the preparatory study book to introduce this season of special interest in Home Missions.

The introduction of the book, by J. B. Lawrence, is descriptive of its contents.



"The Home Mission Board presents this excellent book by Dr. Roland Q. Leavell with the sincere hope that it will have a very wide circulation. It is a most valuable contribution to our mission literature. Dr. Leavell has tapped sources of information through his personal contact with Home Mission work and in a most charming way has given breath to this material and made it a living thing to charm and inspire us to greater effort in the evangelization of our homeland.

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"This book, because of its worth, should be in the library of every Baptist. Every woman should have it for reference in the coming years. We send it forth with the assurance that the information given will inspire to greater effort on the part of our women in the March Week of Prayer and the Annie Armstrong offering in 1944."

This new book is now on sale at Baptist Book Stores for twenty-five cents.

### Abandoned Farms

AMERICAN farmers have abandoned 6,484,292 acres of farm land in recent years, in addition to nearly 57 million acres idle on occupied farms, according to *The Pathfinder*. New England and the middle Atlantic states show the greatest proportion of abandonments.

Many people have flocked from the farms to war industry and other activities connected with the present emergency. We wonder, however, if this will continue after the war.

We are rather inclined to think that on account of better transportation, better facilities and equipment for the farmer, better schools and, we hope, better churches, there will be a drift from the urban centers to rural sections after the war.

This will demand the revitalization of our country churches, a program the Home Mission Board is planning to give attention to in the immediate future.

**Catholics in the United States**  
THE Roman Catholic population of the United States, Alaska, and the Hawaiian Islands now numbers 22,946,247, according to the *Official Catholic Directory* for 1943, just published. This figure represents an increase of 889,005 over the number of Catholics reported last year. Archdioceses with

Catholic populations in excess of one million are Chicago, New York, Boston, Brooklyn and Pittsburgh.

Remember, however, that Catholics count population and not actual members. On this basis, Baptists would practically number as many as Catholics in this same territory. The Baptist population in the Southern Baptist Convention territory is no less than between fifteen and twenty million, if we count all those who belong to families connected with Baptist churches.

That is no little constituency, and as compared with the Catholics, ranks by far more than Catholics in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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### Over-Subscribed Budget Points to Self-Support For Indian Churches

By C. F. FRAZIER  
Missionary in Arizona

WE have just adopted our 1944 church budget at Sacaton, which amounts to \$642, a 50% increase over last year, and it is already over-subscribed. We hope to bring the Indian church to self-support by the end of the year. The members are getting a real joy out of tithing, and God is blessing them.

We went to Sells and worked a few days on the new church building. We have the foundation ready to pour. If we have no unforeseen delays, we will complete it by January 15. The members are very anxious to get it completed. They say people do not feel free to attend services at someone's house, but they will come to a church building. There are several planning to join the church when the building is completed.

Santon and Lehi Missions are just about ready to organize. We hope to get this done early next year. Then both places will need buildings. God is blessing our work, and we give Him all the glory.

Our church was very doubtful that it could fulfill the budget for \$536.00 but we certainly do thank the Lord for we have been able to even pass it.—Isaac V. Perez, Mexican missionary.

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## Spiritual and Numerical Growth Marks Italian Work in Kansas City

By CHRIS NAPOLI  
Italian Missionary

OUR work among the Italians here in Kansas City is growing, not only in numbers, but spiritually as well. In five months we have had the largest number of people attending our mission in any similar period. Our Sunday school enrollment has increased, our morning worship hour has increased, our I. T. U., that we recently organized, has increased, our evening service of Sunday nights has shown an increase, also our prayer meeting nights have shown an increase.

The Kansas City Baptist Union saw the need of a new church building some time ago here on this field, and they have built a new chapel for us. We are able to host as many as 250 persons. Already we have moved into our new chapel.

Our church is growing in spirituality. The members have invited their friends and neighbors and we have had quite a fellowship that has seldom been given here. I feel certain that the Lord is watching over our work with approval, and He has certainly been gracious in sending His blessings upon us.

### Forward With Missions

AT the recent conference at Columbia University on science, philosophy, and religion, two of the delegates demanded that "the entire missionary movement be stopped."

They objected to the assumption that "the post-war world could be built successfully only on the basis of Christianity," denied the statement, frequently made, that we are fighting this war to save Christian civilization, and stated that, so far as one of the major members of the United Nations is concerned, the war is not being fought for any kind of religious civilization at all, but only "for humanity—for freedom and the equality of all men."

This is the modern world spirit. It evidently overlooks the fact that there is no basis for permanent peace apart from the brotherhood of man, and there is no basis for the real brotherhood of man apart from the Christian religion.

Missions must have in the new world a prominent place, or else we are doomed to another catastrophe.

## His Precious Promises

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Fresh from the press and now on sale at Baptist Book Stores is the new book, *His Precious Promises* by J. W. Beagle. The introduction by J. B. Lawrence is reproduced below.

### INTRODUCTION

The Home Mission Board is desirous always of giving to our people books about Home Mission work that will inform and inspire them. In this book by Dr. J. W. Beagle, who for eighteen years was the superintendent of Missions in the Homeland, we have one of the most thrilling stories that it has been our privilege yet to present to our people. It is indeed the romance of a life revolving around the service of one of God's choice workmen.

No one ever gave himself more sacrificially to a cause than Dr. Beagle gave himself to the Home Mission Board and its work. During the strenuous days when we were laboring under the burden of a crushing debt, Dr. Beagle's faith, dependence upon God and complete submission to the leadership of the Holy Spirit never faltered. He prayed through every problem and found God's hand to hold to through every dark day.

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### The Catholic Church and South America

ACCORDING to an Associated Press dispatch, the apostolic delegate in Washington has called in representatives of the American committee for Italian democracy for a private but significant talk.

The delegate is the pope's representative in the United States and he took occasion to criticize the Knights of Columbus for passing a resolution that only Catholics should be sent to Italy in connection with the Allied government of occupied areas in Italy.

If this is the attitude of the Catholic church in Italy why does it oppose the sending of missionaries from the

evangelical churches in the United States to South America?

How can our Catholic friends contend for religious liberty in America and not contend for it in South America?

### Theology and Ecclesiology

EVERY great reformation in Christian history has stemmed from an awakening in theology. Every great apostasy has stemmed from ecclesiology.

When the churches give themselves to obedience to God's Word, they become stable in the faith. When they give themselves to methods of church work and to organizing to meet human conditions in the world around them, they face the danger of departure from the faith.

## Anointed By Faith

*Fulfillment of All God's Promises  
Realized by Jewess in Trusting Christ*

By HARRIET HESSE

JUDAISM, with its strict regard for laws of cleanliness and frequent festivals, the lighting of the Sabbath candles, the blessing of the loaves; the Feast of Passover with the excitement of complete change of food and cooking utensils—all brought joyful tones into my life as a child in the benign and not too exacting Reformed Jewish atmosphere.

The only somber note was the Day of Atonement, a day of fasting, of silent meditation, a sense of oppression and guilt, but no assurance of forgiveness.

In my youth I drew inspiration from the fountain of Judaism. The constant refrain "God's chosen people" became my armor against anti-Semitism encountered in school and business and community life later.

Disillusionment followed years afterward, when the wall between Christian and Jew became more apparent to me—a wall built by Gentiles, pagans, so unworthy of traveling under the passport of Christianity. I noticed that the Jew kept his side of the wall in constant repair so there could be no chance of a breach to unite the two.

### Brotherhood Forgotten on Streets

The talk of brotherhood was superficial. It was heard from the pulpit and platform and promptly forgotten on the street.

Early in my youth we moved to Providence, Rhode Island, the city founded by the great Roger Williams, patriarch of American Baptists, the man who fought and suffered much for the cause of religious freedom for all creeds and races.

But in the shadow of his memorial is perpetuated the un-Christian antagonism which makes Christianity so unattractive to the average Jew who might be led to accept the glorious truth as was revealed by Christ. Here, too, I tasted the bitter dregs of anti-Semitism, an undercurrent running like a poisonous vein in communal activity.

Out of self-protection, Jews draw closer together. Occasionally there are efforts to overcome this antagonism, when the churches and temples open their doors and pulpits to ministers of other faiths. But the poison still seeps.

During all this time no Christian ever approached me to offer the message of hope and salvation. For years I lived a barren spiritual life, kept alive only through a constant appreciation of the wonders of God's works.

the beauties of the countryside, the thundering power of the sea.

Standing on the hillside I said with David: "When I consider thy heavens the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained, What is man, that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man, that thou visitest him?"

It was during this period of my life that I married a non-Jew. That was perhaps the beginning of my interest in wanting to know something of Christ. It was a slumbering interest. Following my marriage I was still seeking spiritual inspiration in the atmosphere of the Reformed Temple. But all the while I felt something was lacking, what it was I could not name. That lack was to be revealed to me a little later. And here the story of my transformed life begins.

My husband's position took him to Greenville, South Carolina. My two children and I visited him here and found the atmosphere different from the stifling and cold indifference of which we were always conscious in New England.

### Sincere Christian Opens Way

Here I met a dear Christian friend and neighbor who believed in a living and personal Saviour. I was deeply impressed by her sincerity and more through a friendly gesture than serious motive, I opened my mind and let her offer me her Saviour.

I learned the difference between the meanings of Gentile and Christian. The Christian never persecutes for he has learned that he who says he loves God and hateth his brother is a liar.

I prayed for the Gentiles. Father, forgive them. Enlighten them and let them act as Christ would have them. Wipe out my bitter memories. Let me open my mind and read about Christ. If my prayers are answered, if I can believe that he is the promised Redeemer, I will confess Him.

Together we analyzed my every doubt, every obstacle that I raised in challenge, the miracles that I questioned. It was indeed a dark period "under conviction", an agony of mind, a mental torture unbelievable.

My people would never believe in a spiritual rebirth. They would say "Once a Jew—always a Jew", and I was almost ready to say "Once a Jew but now a Christian."

I prayed and I know the prayers of many Christians who knew of my struggle found their way to God. In one moment peace came. The struggle was over. Where doubt had formerly reigned, peace pervaded, an enveloping sense of having been gathered in. It was more than I could comprehend. Not an emotion, not an intellectual achievement, rather a benediction. I offered myself and my thanks to Him.

During the period of decision through the invitation of my friend I began to attend adult Sunday School classes at the First Baptist Church as well as the preaching services.

I absorbed the doctrines of the Baptist church and found myself grateful for the spirit of respect towards the Jews, as well as the zeal of their efforts to win the Jews to Christ. For the first time in my life I found the true expression of religious freedom at work.

### Pastor Gives Cordial Welcome

As soon as he was told of my desire to speak to him, Dr. Leon M. Latimer, pastor of the First Baptist Church, paid me a visit. His joy in my acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour, his congenial and fine spirit, his love for the race to which I belong, made a deep impression on me. Dr. Latimer saw the struggle for a decision that I faced. He was trying to find a way to be helpful to me and yet not to force a hasty affiliation.

I must now mention another very important influence during this time—a young woman who so capably taught the Sunday School class which I attended. She gave me several tracts prepared by a man whose name I was to hear mentioned frequently—Jacob Gartenhaus, missionary to the Jews in the Southern Baptist Convention territory. She visited with me, prayed with me, gave me copies of *The Mediator*.

She even wrote to Rev. Gartenhaus about me and he answered her that it would give him great joy to be of help to me. I never availed myself of the opportunity, the questions seemed too challenging to put on paper.

But I was to hear the name of Jacob

Gartenhaus more and more frequently. He was apparently held in high esteem, a tireless man of patience and devotion to the almost superhuman task of winning Jews to Christ and interpreting the Jew to Southern Baptists.

He came to Greenville at the invitation of Dr. Latimer, who arranged a meeting for us at his home. At last I met the man of whom I had heard such glowing accounts.

### Botherome Questions Answered

He cleared up some of the questions which perplexed me, such as the Trinity, the miracles and the ordinance of baptism which seemed to stand between me and full profession of faith. I saw that this man had a thorough knowledge of Judaism and Christianity and exemplified a patience and love that immediately made a strong appeal to me, since he was the first Christian Jew I had ever met.

He showed me that by accepting Christ, I did not have to repudiate, I was accepting the fulfillment of all that had been promised to my people. Instead of the overwhelming fear of leaving them came the hope that they might follow me.

I realize now that without the guidance of an understanding friend and without the transition and decision may never have culminated in a church membership. For when I first accepted Christ, I was so deeply convinced that I found myself in constant quiet communion with Him, and my faith I had confessed to Him, my unworthiness.

Acting on that faith and with whose side open as to the full possibilities of the reaction of my people, I professed my faith in Christ in public worship. Because I was convinced of the true love of its members for me, the people of the believing world to Christ and the doctrines were acceptable fully to me, my choice rested on the Baptist church. The day following my conference with Rev. Gartenhaus I made a profession of faith in Baptist public worship at the First Baptist Church. The following week I followed with the ordinance of baptism.

The blessing I had felt returned to me a hundred fold in the fellowship of the church. The pastor, his wife and many members of the church have offered me a Christian fellowship that brings me an increasing conviction that I have been anointed by the blessing of faith in Jesus Christ, my Saviour. In His name and through Him I pray that I may be of service as He may see fit to use me.



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## French Cadets in Alabama Hear Home Board Worker

By LAWRENCE THIBODEAUX  
French Missionary

RECENTLY I was in a revival with the Northport Baptist Church, Northport, Alabama, at the invitation of the pastor, Brother A. T. Atkins.

It happened that a few hundred French cadets from France, Corsica, and North Africa were in training at an air base at Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

I made arrangements and went over and spoke to a large number of them and they understood my Louisiana French almost perfectly. There is not as much difference between our Louisiana French and theirs as some might think. I sang for them in French and others from the Baptist Church of Northport were present to sing and render special music.

Since there was a Catholic chaplain with them from Paris, France, I was not permitted to read from the Bible. However, we brought to his attention the fact that in this land of freedom every individual has the privilege of hearing God's Word if he so desires.

### Finding Gospel Opportunity

I immediately wrote to Brother Gustave Morier of New Orleans, a converted French Catholic from Paris who has a little Christian book store in New Orleans. He immediately sent me 500 tracts and some Gospels but I was not permitted to give them out at the air base.

However, my opportunity came when a parade was held in Tuscaloosa one afternoon while I was there. I took my tracts and Gospels and went out on the streets and as I would meet these boys in groups I would greet them in French and they would gladly respond. They were so happy to meet a French-speaking American that they

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would salute as a greeting and also as a farewell.

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There were no visible results except that the Word of God was placed in their hands and was given with a prayer for their salvation and also for the freeing of France, not only physically and materially but spiritually as well.

I feel now that God led me to Northport for this specific mission and I feel assured that it will bring forth fruit.

### A Good Example

WHATEVER one may think of Henry Ford, every Christian will be interested in knowing that at eighty years of age the venerable industrialist said: "Basic in my religion, such as I have, is a reverence for the old hymns. It goes back to my boyhood when I used to hear these hymns in my home and in Sunday School. My mother was deeply religious and we always had hymn singing and Bible reading in our home."

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ROGER BABSON, the great statistician, gives some startling figures on tithing.

"The tithing system," he says, "if adopted by the churches, would give astounding figures. A compilation shows that the annual business turnover in this country amounts to more than five hundred billion dollars. It is estimated that of this amount four-fifths pass through the hands of the church people. One per cent of this amount would mean five billion dollars a year. Assuming that there is a profit of 10 per cent on this turnover, it would mean that there is coming each year to the church people of America an income amounting to forty billion dollars. If the tithing process were in operation this would give the churches in tithes about four billion dollars a year."

Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, in his radio address on the Baptist Hour, said that if Baptists of the South tithed they would turn five hundred million dollars into the treasury of their churches.

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## Sincere Testimony Encourages Worker

By J. F. PLAINFIELD

ONE significant and pleasing feature of my work in schools of mine since is to be told by many that they have left the Roman Catholic Church at one time or another and have found peace with Christ. Their handshake and tears in their eyes speak eloquently of the truth of such statement.

Also I have come to feel that though Italians have found it difficult to break the tie with the Catholic Church because of family and group resistance, many of them have joined evangelical churches when they were free from the immediate attacks of their own families and friends.

### SACRIFICE BRINGS GAIN

By ELIZABETH TAYLOR  
Missionary in Key West

In order that a little girl might come to kindergarten I walked the five blocks home with her the first year. The second year my helper carried her home in the basket on her back.

As a result of her coming this year I have four of her cousins and some of her little friends coming.

She has graduated from kindergarten but comes back each Sunday to Sunday School.

Lovingly she and her little brother come down the street holding hands Sunday as they joyfully sing, nestled close on each side of me at the piano, and I feel the Lord's presence blessing us. I thought what greater reward for work could come!

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## When A Picture Came To Life

By HELEN LAMBERT

THERE is a beautiful picture of Christ hanging in our mission in Granite City. Children of different nationalities are standing by the Saviour and we can see how He loves them all. The picture is called "The Hope of the World."

One Sunday afternoon at the close of the opening worship service of our Sunday School, we deeply felt the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, and when we asked if anyone wanted to choose Jesus and live for Him, there was a move in different parts of the room. Four girls and a boy came to the front to make known their desire to be saved. How our hearts did rejoice!

It seemed that the picture on the wall had come to life, for in the group that came was a Mexican girl, twelve years old; two Armenian girls, twelve and nine years old; a Bulgarian girl, ten years old; and an American boy, ten years old. They knelt for prayer, and five were gloriously saved as they prayed. It seemed that Jesus stepped from the picture and took them lovingly and tenderly in His arms, and their happy faces were radiating their love for Him.

In confessing Christ before the Sunday School, the twelve-year-old Armenian girl said she was happy because she had a new life now. The Bulgarian girl expressed her desire for everyone to be saved and the American boy told how glad he was that he was now in Jesus' care. Each one spoke passionately for Jesus.

Yes, Christ is the hope for all nationalities, the only hope for peace in the heart, peace on earth and peace eternal in heaven. We have all nationalities in the United States so let us ask God to help us be faithful in publishing the glad tidings of peace to them.

God has answered many prayers. He has blessed in many ways. We need your prayers for all the services of the missions, for the salvation of these foreign people, and that the saved ones will be strong Christians.

## Contempt For Bible Changes To Interest

By DARIA LOPEZ  
Mexican Missionary

I DON'T care about that," said a man to his wife one day after I had left their home where I had been talking to them about Christ.

His wife told me that while I was there he seemed interested and paid attention to what I had to say but when I left he lost all interest.

Now he is in bed very sick and when I visit him and his family he listens very attentively. They were all astonished to find when I read the Fourth Commandment to them that Sunday is a holy day and that we must observe it.

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## Are Relief and Welfare Work Part of Home Board Activities?



**A.** CHRISTIAN missions always includes, to some degree at least, the giving of relief to the poor. The Christian spirit makes this incumbent upon the worker, even as distress in some measure creates the opportunity to distribute necessities in the name of Christ wherever the missionary's field may be. Thus, while majoring on direct evangelism, Home Board missionaries engage in relief and welfare work according to the needs at their disposal and the needs which they find. In the above picture Mrs. Ismael Negrin is giving food to an old man at Cruces, Cuba.

**Q.** When will the new Indian series of mission study books be off the press? M. B. P.

**A.** The six books of this series, including five reading books for different age groups and a *Resource Book* with suggestions for teaching the entire series, according to present plans will be ready for sale by February 15.

**Q.** How many missionaries are working in the Canal Zone? M. F. R., Jr.

**A.** The Home Mission Board now has twelve missionaries in the Canal Zone and Republic of Panama, counting four new workers appointed on November 4.

**Q.** Please name these with their station (city, or territory in which they work). M. F. R., Jr.

**A.** These workers are Rev. and Mrs. Paul C. Bell, Rev. and Mrs. V. T. Yearwood, Rev. F. H. Linton, Rev. Jose Prado, Ancon, Canal Zone; Rev. and Mrs. I. O. Vietch, Red Bank, Canal Zone; Rev. and Mrs. Duncanson, Chorillo, Canal Zone; and Rev. and Mrs. Percy Bragg, Bocas del Toro, Panama.

**Q.** What institutions (schools, colleges, seminaries, hospitals, etc.) are maintained on this field? M. F. R., Jr.

**A.** No institutions are maintained on Panamanian fields.

**Q.** Do we have mission work in the Republic of Panama? M. F. R., Jr.

**A.** The recent appointment of Rev.

and Mrs. Percy Bragg opened up work for our Board in the Republic of Panama. These are the first missionaries we have had in the Republic. Their appointment is prophetic of the enlargement of our mission activities in that area.

**Q.** Does the Home Mission Board send a superintendent of city missions to a city where the work is inaugurated without taking into consideration the desires of the Baptists in the city? M. I. R.

**A.** The Home Mission Board has made it a deliberate policy to follow the suggestions of the local committee on city missions. That is, in each case the Board has not "sent" a superintendent of city missions to the city but has rather appointed as superintendent the person nominated by the local committee.

**Q.** Is this city mission program a new work? M. I. R.

**A.** The Home Mission Board has

### HOW TO ASK QUESTIONS

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been engaged in city mission work since its inception in 1848, the organization convention of Southern Baptists having at that time given specific instructions to the new Board to direct special attention to the city of New Orleans. The present program is a renewed emphasis upon the spiritual needs of the great metropolitan areas of the South and a concerted effort to direct the resources of Southern Baptists to these great fields of need.

**Q.** What are some of the accomplishments of the Home Mission Board in its city work during the earlier years of its history? M. I. B.

**A.** Dr. I. T. Tichenor, corresponding secretary of the Board, in his annual report in 1893 stated that "prominent churches in every state, and especially from nearly every capital of every state, representatives from Richmond, Washington, Raleigh, Columbia, Atlanta, Tallahassee, Montgomery, Jackson, Baton Rouge, Austin, Little Rock, Jefferson City, Nashville, and a hundred other places."

"In their infancy were helped in their struggle for life by the Home Mission Board." In the same report Dr. Tichenor refers to mission work done the previous year in Memphis, Knoxville, Jacksonville, New Orleans and Washington.

**Q.** When will the country church program be started by the Home Mission Board? Mrs. J. B. W.

**A.** The Home Mission Board contemplates enlarging its program of rural work early in 1944. The executive secretary was instructed by the Board in its annual meeting to work out a co-operative rural program with the state mission boards.

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