



Centennial Crusade News

Dr. Dodd Completes Work

THE twelve months' leave of absence generously and graciously granted to Dr. M. E. Dodd by First Baptist Church of Shreveport in order that he might direct the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade ended June 30.

As Dr. Dodd retires from the Crusade, the leadership of the movement falls upon Dr. Fred C. Eastham, Home Mission Board secretary of evangelism.

Magnificent Service

IN the twelve months he has given to the promotion of the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade, Dr. M. E. Dodd has traveled in all states in the Convention territory except two, from Baltimore to Los Angeles, and has addressed a total of some 200,000 people.

A resume of his activities reveals that he has journeyed 30,000 miles, directed six city-wide crusades, and written 100 articles containing 100,000 words.

Letters sent out promoting the Crusade totaled 25,000; "Two Win One" folder, 60,000; "Two Win One" booklet, 50,000; personal letters, 1,000; "The Spirit Filled Life" tract, 50,000; Gospel of John, 500,000.

In addition, Dr. Dodd scheduled four individual church meetings for the summer and two city-wide crusades in October.

For this work First Baptist Church of Shreveport released her pastor, paying his salary for the entire year.

Organization Perfected

THE organization for the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade, involv-

Where Cross the Crowded Ways

THIS is the best thing that has ever happened in this section of the city."

"This is the testimony of those who are in touch with the out-door services being conducted on Friday evenings, at the corner of Baltimore and Holiday Streets, by a group of young people from the Overlea Baptist Church of Baltimore.

This section is crowded with cheap amusement establishments, penny arcades, theaters and night clubs. It is the rendezvous for many service men. The area has been described as a moral menace to the young people of Baltimore. There is no place in the city where effective Christian witnessing is more needed than in this section.

Much personal work is being done. Souls are being reached for Christ. Young people are being urged to attend the churches of the city. We have included out-door meetings in our Baptist city mission program in Baltimore. We commend this ministry to other Baptist churches. "Go ye therefore into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

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THE INDIVIDUAL and THE BIBLE

By F. M. McCONNELL

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"We Have A Mission"

This is the eighth in a series on the distinctive beliefs, contribution and mission of Southern Baptists.

The ninth in the series, by Dr. George R. Board, will be on the significance of the ordinances. Dr. R. G. Lang will discuss the distinctiveness of Bible teaching with respect to baptism and the Lord's Supper in contrast to man's accommodation of their purposes to suit his own convenience.

thee: and in thee shall all the nations of the earth be blessed."

Here we have the God of the universe choosing one man and commanding him with him, promising him great blessings, and climaxing them with the assurance that from him would come the One who should be the supreme blessing to the whole world of mankind. Every sacrifice on every smoking altar in all the centuries emphasized God's regard for the individual, Abraham, and God's dealing with him.

The sacrifices recorded in the Bible, from the one offered by Abel to the last one offered on the day of Atonement before the crucifixion of Christ, were individual in their beginning, application and meaning.

Teaching Truths to Individuals

When God would have the shedding of blood in religious worship point forward to the sacrifice of His Son on the cross, He dealt with Abel, explained its meaning and the obligation to perpetuate it until the fatal hour of its fulfillment. Abel as an individual obeyed God and began the long line of illustrating sacrificial truth for mankind.

When Israel needed a leader and deliverer from the power of those who robbed and enslaved them, there appeared a fearless and devoted young man who personally believed all the promises of God for this life and that which is to come. He herded the sheep and, one day, trusting God for skill and strength, bravely took a lamb out of the very mouth of a lion and slew the beast. Another day, when a giant opposer of God paraded in front of Israel's army and defied the Almighty, that young man stood with God and slew Goliath, that giant, bringing victory to be an example of God's presence and help in all coming ages. God made that brave, trusting, devoted individual a king and inspired him to write songs of praise to be a portion of the divine, inspired message to mankind.

All the prophets, whose writings are in God's message to the world were (Continued on page 4)

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36-Year Dream Coming True

Faith, Patience Build Church

Photo courtesy Tulsa Tribune

OUT in Tulsa a Negro church is building, buff brick by buff brick, a monument to patience and honesty. Shown above is the basement, in which Mt. Zion Baptist Church has met for twenty years, to which workmen are now adding the upper floor of a \$100,000 building.

Mt. Zion was organized thirty-six years ago by fifteen Negroes. For the next twelve years they met in a wooden tabernacle.

Finally, in May, 1921, by combining all the nickels and dimes the congregation had been able to save and by assuming a \$50,000 mortgage, they managed to complete a beautiful temple of worship.

Nothing But \$50,000 Debt

Less than thirty days later fire, the result of race rioting, ravaged the Negro area, and the new church was in its path. Nothing was left but charred walls—and the \$50,000 mortgage.

A church conference was called to decide what to do. The church might disband. They could declare them-

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he was dealt with as an individual by Jehovah, and as a young man was given the privilege of making a personal life choice. He chose a purely personal gift, knowledge, understanding, wisdom. It was granted as a personal gift, apart from all others who might live on earth then or thereafter. Solomon's life is full of lessons for every individual who needs to exercise wisdom to any degree or for any purpose.

Outstanding Individualism

Will any man underrate the individual personality of Elijah, the

prophet? Let him read 2 Kings 1:7, 8: "And he said unto them, What manner of man was he which came up to meet you, and told you these words? And they answered him, He was a hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It is Elijah the Tishbite." There was no mistaking that outstanding individual.

As to the individuality of the prophets, let the Bible student read of Ishmael in 2 Kings 19:8, 7, and note the kind of a man God chose to give the world those wonderful prophecies for all the ages.

As the lives of the other Old Testament prophets are studied, they loom as individuals and each has its outstanding lessons for those who would appreciate the choice God made in selecting the leaders of men in all human relations. The Old Testament closes with a dreadful warning, plainly stating the kind of children that ought to be in every home and the kind of parents that should preside there, "lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."

As we read the New Testament, we are still deeply impressed with the individuals in the record. John the Baptist in the wilderness of Judea had habits and personal appearance like the prophet Elijah, of whom the Master declared, "Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist."

Paul's life emphasizes the importance of individual character, study, work and making every day count for results. The personality of Peter was so valuable that Jesus sent special word to him about the resurrection and walked on the sea to enlist him, anew, in the ministry.

Mission work, evangelism and organized churches spread rapidly, but individual zeal and worth were emphasized until the last page of the Revelation was given to the builders and promoters of the kingdom of God.

Over A Quarter Million

More than 250,000 readers of daily and weekly newspapers will see the message on the opposite page as printed in the secular press by churches in co-operation with the Home Mission Board.

Mats of the entire series of twelve messages are provided free by the Board to churches or local groups that will arrange for their publication in local newspapers.

Inquiries should be addressed to Rev. Joe W. Burton, 215 Red Rock Building, Atlanta 8, Georgia.

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We Believe the BIBLE

In this Book God has spoken—fully, finally. It is His complete revelation . . . summed up in the person of His Son.

On these pages is found the path to God through Christ. The way to live now. And reassuring intimations of a better future life for the believer.

In the search for peace through generations . . . man has turned to the Bible. For the things men live by are found in this book that is the Word of God.

Always, in its pages . . . men have found help for their deepest needs. Comfort for their shattered spirits. Light for their darkest hour.

Now, a bruised world needs this book for its lessons of mercy, humanity, tolerance, charity. For a restoration of the spirit torn with grief.

And here in its pages to seek the flame that lifts men's souls. The courage to face tomorrow. The faith that brings God's peace to the hearts of men.

We Have

The TRUTH Shall Make Men FREE

Home Mission Board—Southern Baptist Convention

This is one of a series. An enlarged copy of this message may be had for ten cents from the Home Mission Board.

Margaret Fund Students Will Soon Take Christian Positions On The

First Line of Defense

By MRS. W. J. COX
W.M.U. Treasurer

AMERICA faces an era of mission opportunity such as the world has never known. The stream of humanity which has poured into our country makes America a potential land of destiny.

To meet this challenge the missionaries of the Home Board are seeking to proclaim the glad news of the kingdom of God in every realm of our corporate life.

To meet the demands of today and tomorrow the sons and daughters of its missionaries are preparing themselves, through the educational fund of the Woman's Missionary Union known as the Margaret Fund, to become the first line of defense for Christianity in America.

During the scholastic year of 1944-45, twenty-five of these young people were Margaret Fund students. Fourteen were Cuban students; thirteen, attending educational institutions in Cuba and one a college in the States. One young woman has been in a school in Panama. The ten remaining students matriculated in seven colleges in the States.

Because war is taking an increasing number of these college students, fifteen of the total number are girls and only ten are boys.

Two Give Lives

Two of the Home Board Margaret Fund students made the supreme sacrifice on the field of battle last year, Carroll Parker, a student at Baylor, the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Parker of New Mexico, and Octavio Hurtis, a student at Texas A. & M. College, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Fasuelo Hurtis.

As we face another scholastic year, our hearts find reassurance in the words of Abraham Lincoln spoken in a similar dark hour, "Some day there will be peace again and the good life to live."

The sons and daughters of missionaries are almost without exception outstanding students on the campus. They are active in their Christian life and witness. During their vacations they give themselves to Vacation Bible Schools and similar Christian activities.

Esther Bell in Panama, writing of her various services in the church there, says, "I am proud of my twenty-one Jamaican G. A.'s. They presented a lovely Christmas program, and when the Little Moon Christmas Offering was counted, they had \$11.01. Our goal was just \$5, so they were very happy."

It is a splendid spirit to see young people on Home Mission fields giving to Foreign Mission enterprises.

Lydia Mireles, a former student, is working under the Home Mission Board in Arizona.

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Mary College with the view of becoming a doctor.

Some of the former students both in Cuba and in the States are successful lawyers and business men, assets of their community.

It is the desire of the Margaret Fund committee of the Woman's Missionary Union that the young people receiving scholarships find a noble cause for which to live and fight, a cause so great that it lifts the individual life to spiritual greatness. Thus, day by day, each earnest student grows in wisdom, in stature and in favor with God and man.

Chaplains Working Toward Goal

SOUTHERN Baptist chaplains now preaching to the armed services around the world have adopted a goal of \$100,000 converts in the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade, according to Dr. Alfred Carpenter, superintendent of camp work.

Reports indicate that the chaplains, now numbering nearly 1,000, are well on their way toward achieving this goal.

An Ambitious Daughter of China Is Miss Margaret Lee of Norfolk

She Plans To Be A Doctor

AN ambitious Margaret Fund student is Margaret Lee, daughter of Rev. Shaw Yan Lee, missionary to the Chinese in Norfolk. A medical student in the Norfolk branch of William and Mary, Margaret plans to become a doctor in China after her graduation.

An honor graduate of Maury High School in Norfolk two years ago, Miss Lee has now completed three years' work at William and Mary in two years. Last year she was chairman of the student council on her campus. She has been an honor roll student in the college and has worked as a laboratory assistant in the biology department.

To meet school expenses above those provided by the Margaret Fund, Miss Lee has worked thirty hours a week after school.

She has now been accepted as a medical student in the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, where she expects to enroll in September.

In the Chinese Baptist Church of Norfolk Miss Lee is a willing helper to her father. She is church pianist and teacher of a young people's class.

"Margaret desires to go back to China after she finishes studying in America," writes her father. "She wants to work among her people in a Christian way. Her ambition for the future is to erect a hospital in China."

Miss Lee was given a \$100 scholarship by the Norfolk branch of American



Miss Margaret Lee

an Association of University Women at commencement exercises in May. The gift is presented annually to a worthy student for higher education. Miss Lee will use the scholarship at Medical College in Richmond.

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SECRETARY

Scholarly Georgian Led Domestic Board Last Year at Marion



Of the old school of the Southern aristocracy was W. H. McIntosh, sixth corresponding secretary of the Domestic Mission Board.

A native of Georgia, where he was born in McIntosh County on April 4, 1811, and trained in a common

Institution in South Carolina under Rev. Samuel Furman and Dr. Jesse Hartwell, McIntosh served churches in his native state and in Alabama over a period of forty years before his call to the secretaryship of the Board in 1875.

He had also been employed by the Board in the theological education of the colored population prior to the Civil War, McIntosh being one of only two missionaries to give their full time to Negro work before 1860.

Served Siloam Church

Dr. McIntosh's pastorates included seventeen years at the Siloam Church in Marion, where the Domestic Board was located, and during which his pastorate he was also president of the Board. Thus he came to the secretaryship with full experience in the Board's affairs.

Indicative of the wide recognition given to Dr. McIntosh for his scholarship and pulpit ability is the fact that two widely-separated institutions, Columbia College in Washington and Baylor University in Texas conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1868.

Dr. McIntosh remained secretary for seven years, until the Board's removal in 1882 to Atlanta. He was retained by the Board as a theological instructor for the Negroes for some time until his return to the pastorate.

"WHAT BECAME OF NOAH'S ARK?" has been asked by many people. Read the Ark" by Professors A. J. Smith Ph.D.D.D. and G. F. Hatchell, M. A. Ph. D. Amazingly remained by the Board as a theological instructor for the Negroes for some time until his return to the pastorate.

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7 Baptizing in Dutch Baptist Church



SHOWN here is Chaplain James R. Barnett baptizing a soldier in the Little Baptist church in Treebeek, Holland. The church authorized the chaplain to baptize both the soldier and another candidate who was awaiting baptism. Baptists in the Netherlands are few in numbers, Chaplain Barnett learned. The pastor at Treebeek said he knew of only two Baptist churches in Belgium.

Until this experience of baptizing the soldier at Treebeek, Chaplain Barnett says that he had discovered little information about Baptist work or even about Protestants in France, Belgium, Holland, or Germany.

"In France I met a man who said he was a Baptist," Chaplain Barnett writes, "but because of my limited French I could learn but very little from him. Finally I found an open road when I began seeking a place to baptize the soldier in Holland.

"I had met a family who could speak English, so through them I was introduced to a leading member of a Dutch Reformed Church. The word immersion was foreign to him, and though he conducted me through his magnificent building, all he could speak me was bowl for a baptism.

"I finally heard of a little church in Treebeek that baptized by immersion. Since many of the ministers

spoke English, I went to the Dutch Reformed pastor and was directed to the Baptist pastor who could speak English fluently. The pastor is not ordained, and for that reason they asked me to baptize a candidate who was awaiting baptism, as well as the soldier."

Jewish Soldier "Devours" Christian Tract

By JACOB GARFENHAUS

AT the request of a Christian friend, a letter with a tract was mailed to a Jewish soldier.

He, however, had gone overseas before it reached him, but it was forwarded to him. Of course I had no way of knowing whether it had ever reached him until a young Baptist serviceman told me, while on furlough in Texas, that he was present when the Jewish soldier received my communication.

"You have never seen a happier person," said the young soldier returned from overseas.

He simply devoured every word. It was to him like a message from another world. Within a few days he gave his heart to the Saviour."

Extension Revival Meetings

By C. E. MATTHEWS

OVER a period of twenty-two years as pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, we have conducted twenty-one outdoor meetings, one each year in the summer and usually in the month of August. The church is located in the heart of a great residential section of the city known as the South Side. This section has a population of more than 30,000. It has not been necessary for us to go any great distance from the church building in order to find large possibilities for church membership.

Most of these revivals have been conducted under tents; however, during the war we have been unable to obtain a tent and we have conducted our meetings in the open with only a structure covering the choir platform.

The advantages of this type of revival effort as experienced by us are as follows:

1. We are able to reach a type of person in an outdoor meeting that we do not reach so easily in a church building. There are people who never attend worship in a building who will sit in an open space or under a tent and listen to the preaching of the Gospel. The reasons for this are obvious. It may be because of comfort, timidity, or that people feel that it is not necessary to "dress up" for outdoor services, which makes it easier to relax.

Easy to Enlist Members

2. It is easier to enlist our own church members to participate in outdoor meetings, especially in singing in the choir and doing personal work. This may be due to the novelty of the occasion; however, there appears to be a different fellowship and a greater liberty in outdoor meetings than we experience indoors.

3. We have noticed particularly that people from other denominations attend in great numbers these outdoor services. This is probably due to two things. One is, outdoor meetings are more or less community affairs, and the other is due to the fact that Baptists and only a few other religious groups are conducting open-air revivals any more. This presents a great opportunity to our Baptist people to preach Christ in the sense that we believe in Him.

4. Outdoor revivals are conducive to religious visiting. These services held in new or unchurched communities take our workers into new fields where we find new faces and we have the opportunity to witness in homes that otherwise are untouched by church visitors.

5. The greatest spiritual benefits derived from tent revivals or outdoor meetings are the invisible results. Southern Baptists are what we are because of evangelism. Due to modern conveniences, beautiful buildings, higher education and a constant trend

door of the synagogue. These classes are still out there.

It takes preparation, both physical and spiritual, to have a revival out in the open. Lost people do not flock to services in great numbers any more. We are compelled to go out where they are if we are to reach many of them.

When one imagines 25,000 Southern Baptist churches going afield in outdoor revivals each year, a thing that is easily possible, he is at least inspired by what can be done in a country where religious liberty permits such a thing.

The morals of many church members are little or no better than those of the world.

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