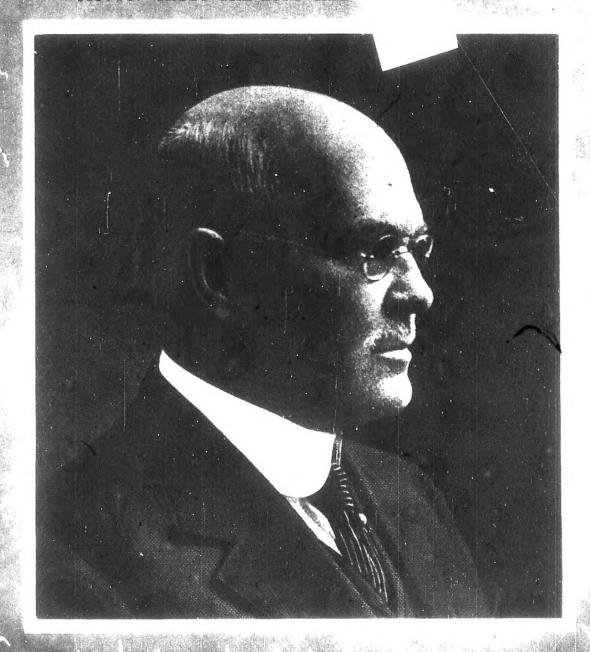
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SOUTHWIDE EVANGELISTIC EMPHASIS SPEARHEADED BY THE BAPTIST HOUR April, May, and June, 1947

Movement to be led by C. E. Matthews and S. F. Lows

Every member and every organization in 26,000 Baptist Churches of the Southern Baptist Convention compassionately seeking to win every lost person possible to Christ and church membership—A WORTHY GOAL!

Every pastor preaching and leading his church in evangelism in every regular service for these three months. Special meetings may or may not be held.

One Million Believers Praying for a Heaven-Sent Revival

In their December meetings, the Home Mission Board, the Radio Commission, and the Sunday School Board heartily approved the plan to seek to make April, May, and June, 1947, a period of special evangelistic emphasis. Every pastor is asked to plan now for these three months to be a time of all-out, fervent evange-lizing through his church and every oreanization of his church.

is contemplated that the Sunday school, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood leader-ship in the Southern Convention will give undivided support to the prepara-tion period in January, February, and March, as well as heartiest co-operation during the three months of evangelistic emphasis. The leadership of every state convention including every department is likewise asked to give this special evangelistic effort every co-operation. Through the "Good News Hour," the Home Mission Board is already evangel-

It was pointed out in these meetings that thorough preparation for evangel-izing should be made in every association and local church during January, February, and March, including the listing of the name and address of every unsaved person (to be gained through religious census and survey), a call to prayer for a spiritual awakening, and the assigning of the names of the unms of two in every church for personal witnessing with a report back to the pastor or a special evangelis-tic committee at the mid-week prayer service. Every service of the church,

mighty, praying, and witnessing army of the Lord. Detailed announcements about this whole movement, including the Baptist Hour, will appear in the state and Southwide papers.

Radio Evangelistic Program

We are, in co-operation with the Radio We are, in co-operation with the Nauso Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, planning to launch an evangelistic program over the radio for three months, April, May, and June,

Dr. C. E. Matthews, superintendent of evangelism for the Home Mission Board, will have a brief message over the Baptist Hour every Sunday morning, endeavoring to stimulate our people throughout the entire territory of the Southern Baptist Convention to put their best into evangelism in 1947.

Above is an announcement by Dr. S. Lowe, the superintendent of the izing by radio over forty-eight stations. F. Lowe, the superintendent of the Watch February and March issues of Radio Commission, outlining the pro-SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS for gram. It looks like a long step in the right direction and we sincerely hop that every Baptist pastor, deacon, and worker will give his undivided support

Dr. Baron DeKalb Gray, An Appreciation

By I. B. Lawrence

A tall tree of the forest has fallen A glorious flower of the field has been plucked by the Master. A towering personality has been called to the assembly of the first-born.

service. Every service of the church, including all organizations of the church, during January, February, and March is to be used to prepare the membership for this glorious task.

The Baptist Hour during April, May, and June will seek to unite the nearly six million members of our churches into a

It is impossible to estimate the value of a great life, like that of Dr. Gray's, spent in the work of the kingdom of God. Eternity alone can tell the full story of such a life. The worker passes on, but the deposit he has made in the lives of those he touched goes on bearing precious fruit in other lives and, like the reach, reaches out to the eternal.

So is it with Dr. Gray's life. He ved the Lord and his fellows glori . He was a Baptist without bigotry, a Christian without guile, a fundamenta ist without offensiveness, a leader with-out pride, an executive without officious

Few men have been better endowed by nature than was he. His was a com manding personality, an open, shining countenance that challenged confidence and trust. He was eloquent without be ing bombastic, witty without being frivolous, logical without being dicta-torial, profound without being obstruse, and convincing without being offensive.

No one among Southern Baptists was more loved and trusted than Dr. Gray, and no one wielded a greater influence. For more than half a century he was an outstanding figure among Southern Bantists successful pastor an efficient college president, and a great mis sion secretary

Such men as he have made Southern Baptists what they are, and we who enter in upon their labors honor and revere them as architects of the denominational life. We are what we are today as Southern Baptists because of the labor of men like Dr. Baron DeKalb Grav.

Our Cover Picture

Our cover picture of Dr. Baron De-Kalb Gray is a tribute to an executive secretary who served the Home Mission Board in that capacity for twenty-five years. Since 1928 he has been secretary

Dr. Gray passed away at his home in Atlanta, Georgia, on November 25,

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My God Shall Supply All Your Needs According To His Riches In Glory By Christ Jesus.—Phil. 4:19.

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THE MISSION PROGRAM WITH THE NEGROES

The Home Mission Board in its mission work with the Negroes is co-operating with the Negro colleges in helping to train young men for the ministry. With the pastors of Negro churches in the larger cities the Board assists in an educational program for the pastors who do not have college and seminary training, for Sunday school officers and teachers, Training Union, and Woman's Missionary Union leaders in the churches.

We did not begin this program of co-operative work with the Negroes until we had made a comprehensive study of the denominational work carried on by the Negroes and had conferred with the denominational leaders as to what type of program would help them the most in their work.

This survey was made by Dr. Noble Y. Beall, who came to the Board in 1935. Dr. Beall made a most comprehensive survey of the denominational activities among the Baptist Negroes in the United States. He contacted personally their national and state leaders. He met with them in their conferences, their state conventions, and their national conven tions, and discussed with them the work which the Home Mission Board could do that would be the most helpful in the development of their denominational and religious life. Dr. Beall learned more about the Negroes and their denor tional needs than any Bantist had ever learned before. His

After he had made the survey he and I met with the exec utive committees of the two National Conventions. We asked these committees what they thought the Home Mission Board should do in its mission work for the Negroes
We wanted to know what the Baptist Negroes themselves thought Southern Baptists ought to do for them through the Home Mission Board.

They told us that they did not need evangelists, that they had all the evangelists they needed, and that their preachers could do better evangelizing with their group than our preachers could do. They said that they did not need general issignaries in the field, that they had a complete denomina tional setup with all the organizations that Southern Baptists have and that these organizations were well-manned.

They told us that they did not need any additional churches, that they had all the churches they needed, and that all of their churches were pastored. "We need," they said, "a better trained ministry and better trained workers in our churches." Approximately five per cent of their min-isters have college and seminary training. They urged us to help them in the training of their preachers and church

In the light of the information gathered from the Negro brethen themselves, we outlined out program of work. We immediately concacted the administration of the Baptist Negro colleges and, in conference with them, worked out a

program whereby the Home Mission Board could pay the salary of a teacher in the Bible departments of these colleges, salary of a teacher in the Bible departments of these conieges, thereby helping them to strengthen their Bible departments. These teacher-missionaries are elected by the trustees of the college and approved by the Home Mission Board. We have a regular questionnaire for them which deals with their training, their experience, and their belief. Both the teachermissionary employed and the president of the college sign a contract. The teacher-missionary has faculty standing and is qualified in every instance to teach in a standard college. He is, during the session of the school, under the direct management of the college authorities with the definite understanding that he teaches Bible and theological subjects.

During the summer months, when he is not engaged in teaching in the college, he organizes and holds institutes for the Negro preachers who have not attended college. We have employed Dr. Roland Smith, a well-educated,

well-trained Negro, as field secretary of the Negro work. He makes the contacts with the colleges, keeps in touch with the teacher-missionaries and the other employees of the Home Mission Board, and sees that the type of work which the Home Mission Board is promoting is carried on. He reports that we will contact this year something like twelve thousand Negro preachers.

sand Negro preachers.

We have another type of work through which we are endeavoring to help the pastors who have not had college training and to help train the workers in the Sunday schools. Training Unions, and Woman's Missionary Societies. In this type of work we establish in the larger cities mission centers

We co-operate with the Negro pastors in the city and require them to furnish the building and the current expenses. The Home Mission Board employs and pays the superintendent and, through the field secretary, Dr. Roland ith, directs the work.

I was in Baltimore at the state convention recently and sited the mission center we have for the Negroes th Dr. Wm. Tapscott, the superintendent, is running a real educational center. He has forty Negro preachers enrolled in classes. He has also classes for Sunday school workers and teachers, B.T.U. leaders, and W.M.U. workers. It is a regular beehive of activity. In addition to this educational work he is directing through the various workers a program de-signed to help the churches develop a more effective church

Sometimes we are contacted by interested individuals and requested to put a local worker in the field to help the Negroes. Since we are working in co-operation with the Negro brethren we do not think that it would be advisable for us to begin putting local workers in the field to do mission work among the Negroes. Churches, associations, and state conventions can do this where it is needed, but the Home Mission Board, if it completes the program which it has now projected, will have all the work that it can secure money for. It will take at least \$200,000 a year to meet the

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BOOK REVIEWS

Mission of Mercy. By Bernard Palmer Van Kampen Press. \$1.00.

Here is a thrilling story of two Air Transport Command pilots who, in their hazardous flights through the Owen Stanley Mountains in the New Guinea campaign, found the Lord's will for their lives as flying missionaries after the war.- I. C.

Revelation By M. R. DeHaan, Zondervan Publishing House. \$2.50.

Here are 300 pages of lectures on major themes in Revelation. To the author, the seven churches of Revelation represent the seven phases of church his tory. The chapters are separate mes sages on 35 studies, but the author fol-lows the symbols and signs as they occur in the Revelation.-1. C

Ancient Records and the Bible. By J McKee Adams. Broadman Press. \$3.75

This scholarly book was prepared by Dr. Adams and has been published post It is of the same high quality as the other archaeological works of the great scholar whose untimely going has been mourned by so many Baptists. It is a book for the library, for research and

Broadman Comments. By W. R. AMONG THE White, Broadman Press, \$1.50.

Dr. White scores again. It is another good book worth keeping in the library. For 1947 Sunday school lesson studies. here is a discussion, first, giving the Scripture passage, then a brief digest, followed by special notes, a running commentary verse by verse. The lesson interpretation and practical application omplete the discussion for each lesson Scholarly, terse, orthodox, and thoughtprovoking, these comments are good ma-terial for the teachers.—J. C.

Sunday School Programs for Intermediates. Compiled by Mary Alice Biby. Broadman Press. \$1.50.

In the libraries of Intermediate officers and teachers, space has been waiting for a book of programs such as Miss Biby has compiled. Value is added to the compilation in the selection of programs topics, such as doctrinal, evangelistic, church membership, Christian living, missions, and others. In addition, there is a group under the heading, "speg, missions, and others. In addition, visits to military camps and five to semere is a group under the heading, "spe-inaries, and attended the Southern Bap-

The programs are drawn from issues of the Intermediate Counselor, and are semblies were made in his rounds. that publication for many years.

The Story of Jesus in the World's Literature. By Edward Wagenkencht, Creative Page Press. 480 pages. \$5.00.

The book is just what the title indi-cates and is worthy of a place in every library. For inspiration and reference it is good. Not only is the work of the old masters reproduced, but modern authors and writers are quoted -J. C.

Queer Actions of Tame Animals. By Walter L. Wilson. Van Kampen Press. For children of the elementary group this book has animal stories with a Christian application. There are interesting dogs and camel stories running for 24 pages and interestingly done

The Pulbit Commentary. Funk and Wagnalls Company. \$59.00.

veritable gold mine for preachers, teachers and Christian workers. It has been universally acclaimed as the greatest commentary on the Old and New Testaments. Some of the most recognized Bible scholars have contributed to this monumental work. I most heartily commend this outstanding commentary.-Jacob Gartenhaus.

MISSIONABIES

By JOHN CAYLOR

Miss Helen Lambert of Granite City, Illinois, reports in November: "Fleven of our mission boys and girls were baptized last night. Two Sunday nights ago eleven of our young people surren-dered to do special work for the Lordsix Armenian boys; two Y.W.A. pirls and their brother whose mother is they connect the lights to the batteries Czechoslovakian and father Mexican. in their cars. When their cars canno One Anglo girl and one Anglo boy were among those surrendering to do special service.

Rev. Fred A. McCaulley, field worker in the Western states, makes a nine months' report showing 261 days of service. 218 visits to 131 churches in California, Arizona, and New Mexico. He had eighteen conferences in state headquarters in California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Missouri, made five tist Convention in Miami and state con

uals, 96 talks or lectures attended by f4,359 persons, and 105 sermor preached to a total attendance of 11.541 He traveled a total of 44,258 miles in his work and reports 168 rededication 15 young people volunteered for the ministry or definite mission service; and 20 were added to the churches by letter and 12 by baptism. Thirty-six more professions of faith were made in his Mrs. M. C. Mojica, Jr., who in 1945

did summer work with the Home Mission Board, is now a missionary along with her minister-husband in San An tonio. Texas. The Mojicas are serving the Jerusalem Church in South San An tonio and are promoting a mission spon sored by South San Antonio Baptist Church. Mrs. Mojica writes to her people at home in Norway, South Carolina
"I wish you and all the folks from This set of fifty-two volumes is a the Norway Church could visit Jerusa lem. In one respect it is enough to cheer the hearts of all; in another way it is pathetic. The church building is little more than a shack with no electric lights. It is very small, has no plane and the benches are crude and uncom fortable. The membership is small, but they cannot be excelled for their Chris

"Although they had no pastor and had been organized less than a year, the Jerusalem Church had Sunday school and a preaching service every Sunday morn ing, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Society, and preaching on Sunday night. teachers' meeting and prayer meeting or Wednesday evening, and on Sunday aft ernoon a group goes to the jail and hos pital to hold special services for the Mexican people there. All this, and yet there are very few of them who can read either English or Spanish.

"Oh, yes, about the lights. Do you wonder how they have services at night When their cars can get to the church reach the church because of mud, they use one kerosene lamp and a lantern.

The Deaf Hear the Gospel

Rev. J. W. Gardner, missionary to the deaf, reports a meeting in Oklahoma City. "On October 20 there were three professions, all uniting with the church for baptism. There have been to date seven additions by letter. These results are the fruit of the work of our local missionary to the deaf, Brother Gunn, entative of programs carried in Brother McCaulley reported 519 and show the wisdom of having such a publication for many years. group conferences with 2,218 individ-worker in the local church field."

CARLITOS FUENTES

By ABDIEL J. SILVA

one of our Sunday school members, Car- was listening to every word said. He thank the church for their prayers. He litos Fuentes, age 11 years.

When Carlitos was very young, about 6, he began to come to Sunday school. His parents are Catholics but it did not handicap him from coming to a Baptist church. Very seldom he misses the point when he wants to do something. When Carlitos was of school age, his parents wanted him to go to the Catholic school. He was opposed to that because he said that church was not the church of the Lord lesus, but he had to obey his par-

There at the school he met the nuns and the priest and many questions were asked him. At the end the priest told him that he had to be baptized. What a blow to this boy! He had been taught that first it was necessary to love the Lord lesus and trust in Him. He was young and could not discern clearly in regard to these matters; however, he did not want to be baptized. He claimed he was too young. Once more, he had to obey his parents: he was baptized; but he kept on saving that he had not been hantized, that the bantism administered to him was not the right kind.

Not very long after this his parents, seeing the persistency of this small boy in regard to religious matters, allowed him to have his own way, and he was transferred from the Catholic to the to the teaching of his daily school.

About three months ago Carlitos was taken seriously ill. A doctor was called ease. The meeting with the doctor was as a polio victim.

This is the wonderful experience of taking place in the parlor, but Carlitos called his mother and told her not to be said he wanted something else, and said so distressed, that the only thing he re- that he begged the church to continue gretted was that he had to go to an praying for the other children that reisolated ward at the hospital and could mained at the hospital when he left. not see them (he had heard about other cases), but that he was coming back home. The Lord Jesus was to bring him back. He told his mother to ask the



Carlitos Fuentes

church to pray for him. When he was being taken to the hospital his parting words were, "God is with me, I shall come back!"

This boy never thought he was going to die. On the contrary, all the time he public school. How happy he was, no said he was going to be well again bemore priests or nuns to annoy him! Dur- cause the Lord was with him. No one ing all the time that he was attending would have been able to take that feelthe Catholic church, he was also attend- ing and idea out of his heart and mind ing the Bantist Sunday school, contrary. While at the hospital, his messages to the church were always the same-"pray

Three weeks afterward, Carlitos was to see him. After some examination the back at home. Instead of sadness, his doctor extracted from the boy some home was full of happiness and light. spinal fluid, went to his laboratory, and Words cannot convey the happiness that after a few hours returned with a very filled the hearts of those parents. Their sad face. Carlitos had "polio." His par- son, who had been taken to the hospital ones were discressed beyond measure, in an ambulance came home in a car and They had only two sons and the younger could walk! There was not the slightest one was afflicted with that dreadful dis- sign that could have identified that boy

The following Sunday, Carlitos was resent in our Sunday school. When the closing words were being said, he came forward and told us that he wanted to

Some weeks ago his mother called us and told us that Carlitos wanted to be Continued on Page 14

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By LEWIS W. MARTIN

"All that you do, Do with your might: Are never done right.

said one of McGuffey's Readers. "Learn to do well," says Issiah 1:17. Any phase of missionary education is sufficiently important to deserve all of one's might that it may be done well. Schools of Missions have made such valuable contributions to both the fountainhead and to the far reaches of the stream of missions, they deserve the might for well doing by all the forces within the local church and the association where they are conducted.

The term Schools of Missions may not be desired for local use but such a term as Mission Emphasis Week, World Mision Conference, or World Fellowship Week may be preferable. The program, owever, is to be one of missions from personal soul-winning all the way down fields at home and abroad. Let us, therefore, present what we have to say under the word. "Missions."

First, let there be ADMISSIONS

their need of missionary information sults and inspire them to go more, pray others to co-operate with you. more, give more, and cultivate more to Commit all who will co-operate to a

home and foreign fields assist in grow- plans are begun far in advance.

project such a program annually.

prepare messages from material provided liver these in Schools of Missions.

Let us all admit the fact that any missionary message by state or home missionary pointed toward the Co-operative Program will ultimately help for-

What a missionery nomenclasural

There must be COMMISSION.

That the plans for the program and the responsibilities for its proper projection may be thoroughly understood. commit someone from the State. Home, or Foreign Mission Board to visit your association and present the plan. Invite this person to speak at the regular ministers' conference or at some associathe stream to the arid deserts of mission tional meeting. Call associational leaders to a dinner meeting or an evening conference at some central point that they may consider this important mat-

Pastors and churches should admit An interested pastor or any church member may initiate this movement which will cause them to rejoice in re- Plan a school for your church and ask

suitable date a year in advance so as to Let there be an admission that mission avoid conflicts with local or Southwide study books, mission pictures, still and dates. It will be easier to secure good motion, and missionaries from state, missionary speakers, books, and films if

Committees will be needed from the The admission that Schools of Mis- beginning. In the local church the passions offer our best program for church- tor should lead and be the general chairwide, intensive, short period missionary man. His general committee should be education will cause pasters and composed of his cabinet on which will churches to admit that they should be the Sunday school superintendent. Baptist Training Union director, Wom-This project, which has brought un- an's Missionary Society president and told blessings to missions everywhere, mission study chairman, and the Brothmust not be refused admission into the erhood president. Each of these divisions thinking and church calendar of activi- of the church life is responsible for misties now because so few foreign mission- sionary education in the local church. aries are at home. While there are fewer Some from these organizations will be

commissioned to serve on commissees to secure missionaries, books, and classes entertainment, transportation, publicity. radio, and finance.

In the simultaneous program there foreign missionaries to present the chal- will be a general committee, the chairlenges of their fields, our constituency man of which may be the city or associmust read more, learn more from pic- ational missionary or one of the pastors. tures, and ask neighboring pastors to On his general committee should be associational officers of the Sunday school. by the Foreign Mission Board and de- Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood. Representatives from these organizations and additional pastors will compose the committees listed in the above paragraph. From the Church Schools of Mission Manual the duties of these committees may be learned. This manual is one of the items in a package of material which may be had by request to the Schools of Missions Department of the Home Mi sion Board, 161 Spring Street, N.W. Atlanta 3. Georgia.

Commit every church in the association if possible. Letters or cards to the pastors of the churches asking their cooperation are not sufficient. The church commitment committee should contact personally such churches as do not of their own volition join in. Some churches that do not understand the program should have the matter presented at a regular service by one of this committee Commit the churches, first, to conducgraded mission study classes using local reachers; second, to entertain and transport the visiting missionaries (a different nissionary will speak in each co-operating church each night); and, third, to assist in the travel expenses of the missignaries by providing their prorated part from their current funds or by taking a freewill offering each evening.

The general chairman or one of the committee designated to do so will seck the commitment of missionaries. There should be as many missionaries as there are co-operating churches. In some cases a missionary may speak in two churches each evening. If this is planned, two matters are important. First, the churches must not be far apart so that the missionary may be moved quickly. Second, in one church the missionary

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A SOUTHERN BAPTIST LOOKS AT HOME MISSIONS

By DUKE K. McCall

This account is the reaction of a could develop. The excellent aggressive Southern Baptist to what he knows of program of state missions which is now the program of the Southern Baptist flourishing in all our states makes it diffi-Home Mission Board. It has no official cult for me to remember that in many opinion of an expert. This is how I think ment. I find it hard to realize that some

tion was first organized in Augusta, Board for help. Georgia, in 1845. These messengers to rectly for the spread of the gospel.

Foreign Mission Board, are the spear and to good works." point of the Southern Baptist program. power of the impact of the mission thing was true of rural missions. boards upon the sin-cursed hearts of a The title adopted by the Home Mislost world.

which Southern Baptists hold in the mission boards are so vitally concerned.

until a vigorous state mission program pool our experience and inform

standing, nor does it claim to be the instances this is a very recent developof these states, with vigorous programs The interests of Southern Baptists now, in years not so long past were sendhave never changed since the Conven-ing frantic appeals to the Home Mission

A second way in which the Home the first Southern Baptist Convention Mission Board has contributed to the focused their attention upon the crea- development of the programs of the tion of two mission boards designed di- state conventions is an indirect one Hebrews 10:24 would provide a text for To me these two mission boards, now what has taken place: "And let us concalled the Home Mission Board and the sider one another to provoke unto love

At the risk of being inaccurate in the This is not to discount the importance case of some states and of offending of the other phases of Southern Baptist some in other states, let me be specific life for a spear point drives in no deeper. It is sometimes said that the state conthan the force behind it demands. For ventions could carry on the city mission example, without trained, missionary- program and the rural mission program minded pastors our mission boards would now sponsored by the Home Mission be as impotent as a spearhead without a Board without any outside assistance handle in the hand of a blind man. The With one or two exceptions, however, same sort of simile could be used with there were no city mission programs unreference to the other Southern Baptist til the Home Mission Board entered that agencies to illustrate their relation to the field of service. In less degree the same

sion Board for this type of work, "Co-The wisdom of these messengers to operative Missions," is in itself signifithe first Southern Baptist Convention cant. It indicates a recognition of the has been written in the history of fact that the Home Mission Board needs achievement of both the Home and For- the co-operation of the state mission eign Mission Boards. Specifically, the board; and, in varying degrees, the state Home Mission Board has had a large part mission boards need the Home Mission in the creation of the dominant position Board even in these fields where the state

The Southern Baptist Convention cov hear: "We in our state convention can ers a large territory. In the last six get along without the Home Mission months I have visited sixteen of the Board. With further thought they might acknowledge a twofold indebted Baptist Convention. The diversity of in-First, in many, if not all of the states different sections of our convention terof the Southern Baptist Convention, the ritory impressed me at once. I realized Home Mission Board has been a mother anew the wisdom of our democratic nurturing the institutions and churches polity whereby we sit down together to

fore attempting to determine our policies as a convention. It is distilled stupidity for any one of us to judge the needs of the Southern Baptist Convention solely by the circumstances of our own section. It is a denial of our basic Southern Baptist conviction for any one of us or any group of us to set our judgment above that of the whole body

In connection with the Home Mission Board my first impression was that it ought to be strengthened because there are so many areas of the Southern Baptist Convention in which neither it nor the state convention nor any other group is meeting the need. My second impression was that it will need exceedingly wise leadership to develop any sort of uniformity of program which would fit such diverse areas. In fact, I am wondering if there are not some areas in which the Home Mission Board ought to turn over its activities to other groups. specifically, state conventions, in order to concentrate more of its resources on neglected areas.

I have been impressed by the figures so frequently given as to the number of unchurched people in our homeland 1,750,000 Mexicans, 600,000 Frenchspeaking Americans, 650,000 Italians, 250 000 Indians, 600,000 Tews, 11,000,-000 Negroes: and in Cuba. Panama, and Costa Rica at least 6,000,000-all in need of the gospel." A total of \$0,000,-000 unchurched people is given as the field of service for the Home Mission

(I have never considered it logical that the Home Mission Board should be concerned with foreign countries Cuba, for example, nor that the Foreign Mission Board should be active in the territory of the United States - the Hawaiian Islands, for example. While am afraid that this is going to create difficulties in the future I have no disposition to suggest that it ought to be reviewed or changed now.)

There is a basic fallacy in determining our home mission policy by the figures given above or any similar set of statistics. The problem is not just how many are lost but what is the ratio between the Christian forces seeking to evangel-

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Virginia Wingo

THE ONLY WAY

By JACOB GARTENHAUS

Jewish organization. I knew at once him." that there must be another reason for

she turned to the synagogue expecting every word. to find some measure of hope there, but of all this suffering.

y out, and quoted the Saviour's words, gether. I am the way, the truth and the life: mission to a person whom she had never to the office staff. seen, would be playing with fire, for, cause strife in her home.

would be glad to mail some to her, she seems to me that you are fully convinced

and thanked me deeply for the literature but pledged me to utter secreey. fearful of someone listening in to our Let us remember in our prayers this telephone conversation. Every now and burdened soul and the many others like for swere added for ten weeks in the past inclif of someone who might be listen- witnessing to them.

Upon my return home from an en- ing in, "I am very proud of my Jewish four of the thirty-eight members presgagement, Mrs. Gartenhaus handed me heritage. I have no thought at all of ent. Among the important actions were a telephone number which I was to call. changing my religion." I called her at- the adoption of the 1947 budget, salary It was that of a well-known Jewess in the city who wanted information conthe last page of my tract, "Who Is cerning a Jewish author, which infor- He?" in which he refers to Christianity mation I felt she could have easily se- as completed Judaism. "Yes," she said, cured through the publisher or some "I have read it and quite agree with

From our conversation I had discovered that I was dealing not only with tions. This anticipates an income of And sure enough, I was right. When an earnest seeker after the truth but I called the number, she repeated her also with a most intelligent and educated request but immediately let the secret person who had been drinking at the out when the confided to me that for many wells of information the sciences several years now she had searched in and philosophies, the ancient religions, vain for comfort in this hour of her and not least, the Old and New Testapeople's great suffering. Brokenhearted, ments, examining every prophecy, yea

However, there were still some quesin vain. The rabbis, instead of calling tions in her mind and she was most anxtheir people to repentance and pointing ious to see me personally and inquired as the way out, would only open the to the possibility of a secret meetingwounds afresh by reciting the horrible place. I assured her that my office atrocities enacted on their people, leav- would be quite safe. Then she asked ing them ever in the dark as to the why whether I had the Bible in the original with the Board were considered. Base Then I told her that I had found the lisher, which we could examine to-

When she walked into my office she no man cometh unto the Father, but by glanced about and asked whether there me." From her retort I was almost con- were any Jewish people there and vinced that she, too, realized that was whether she could trust the others. She the only way, but to make such an ad- even requested that I not introduce her. A New Field to Be Opened

With four open Bibles before us and should even the fact that she had called for more than two hours we examined me be disclosed, that in itself would carefully prophecy after prophecy in people in these changing times, a strong which she sought further light. I mar-"Do you have any literature which veled at the knowledge she had acquired, would enable me to quietly examine the and said. "I see that you have not alclaims of Jesus to be the Messiah?" she lowed any blind traditions to influence asked. And when I told her that I you. You desire only the truth. It begged me to send it in a plain envelope. as to the Messiahship of Jesus." She Baptists. Two weeks later she phoned me again practically admitted that I was right, which had strengthened some of her my husband knew what is going on in New Workers Added in 1946 convictions. She was especially moved my heart, he would divorce me at once. my letter which she regretted she. If he could only believe what I do, how had to destroy for fear her husband or happy I would be. My children would hildren would find it. She was even then also have something to live for."

then she would say, probably for the her. May we not lose an opportunity of

Annual Board Meeting

The one hundred second annual meeting of the Home Mission Board was held in Atlanta December 3-4, with all but

The 1947 Budget

A budget of \$1,207,000 was adopted by the Board for its 1947 current opera-\$810,000 from the Co-operative Program, \$267,000 for current operations from the Annie Armstrong Offering, and \$130,000 from general designations.

Salary Adjustments

Welcome news to the home mission aries on the field is an adjustment in salaries made by the Board in its annual meeting. The field missionaries' salaries were adjusted upward approximately 15 per cent. In the adjustment, the size of family, payment of rent, college and seminary training, and term of Hebrew, preferably one by a Jewish pub. pay was advanced, and adjustments were made to account for the above-named conditions. Salaries of department secchanged, but the salaries of office secre

In view of the present situation among migrants in the South, and in anticipa tion of an increasing number of migrant committee made caret ommended to the Board that an appropriation be made to begin migrant work While this work will have to begin with one missionary couple and one chapel trailer, it may be that the field will become quite challenging to Southern

According to a tabulation of reports, 120 new workers were added during 1946. The net total of missionaries reported in the annual meeting was 722 summer. This means that 924 mission-aries served Home Missions during 1946

BAPTISTS IN ALASKA

By ORLAND R. CARY Pastor, First Baptist Church Fairbanks, Alaska

graphical center of Alaska. It is a little one, Eunice, Louisiana. over one hundred miles to the Arctic Circle, and it is as far west of San Francisco as 11 Hawaii.

A Baptist mission was started in Fair-banks a little over two years ago by Rev. C. O. Dunkin. It was organized into a eral Convention of Texas in September church in March of 1946 with a charter of this year. The Co-operative Program membership of thirty-two. The church was pastorless from date of organization was pastorless from date of organization church budget. The church participates until we arrived, July 8, to begin work in the ministers' retirement plan and with the church. We came to Alaska made an offering to world relief and from the mission pastorate of the First rehabilitation. The resident membershi Bantist Church of Brownfield, Texas.

Fairbanks is located almost in the geo- time in school at Acadia Baptist Acad-

The First Baptist Church of Fairbanks was received into the fellowship of churches comprising the Brownfield Bantist Association of the Bantist Genof the church is fifty-three, and 41 per



Congregation at First Baptist Church, Fairbanks, Alaska. Pastor and Mrs. Cary, center front row. Res. C. O. Dankin next to bastor.

The church has a basement which is cent of the adult resident membership complete and is being used for Sunday are tithers. school and worship services. The size is The Sunday school and plate offerings threty-two by fifty feet with four Stin-day inhool rooms, a baptistry, and a small tuditorium. There has been a cash there are great possibilities for a Baptist expenditure of \$10,000 for material and church here, but we have just about labor, and there is now almost enough reached our maximum until we can get money in the building fund to clear the more seating capacity. Practically every property of the small debt that is against service for the past size

Since July 8 there have been thirty-four additions to the church. Ten of pacity. We are badly in that number came for baptism. There were three others who made public profession of faith in Christ, but were hinression of taith in Christ, but were hin-dered in coming into the church. Of those who came into the church, thir-teen were soldiers, fifteen were in gov-ernment service, five were in private enterprise, and one was an Eskimo. There when making their offerfrom this church who is at the present need here.

weeks has seen our little need of additional space. there are those in South



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two types of work which the Home Mission Board is doing when it reaches the saturation point.

We have mission centers in only eight of the great cities. There are at least sixty into which we should go. The superintendents of these mission centers have to be educated and well-trained men. Their salaries run around \$250.00 per month and their living quarters. You can readily see what a program this will be when it reaches the satura-

tion point.

The large majority of the Negro churches are in the city. The leaders of the Negro denomination reside in the cial, economic, and religious life for the Negroes as well as for the white people They are the centers of racial contact If we can establish the right relationship: between the Negroes and the whites their religious life in the cities, we will have done much towards the solution of the race problem in the South. The Home Mission Board is working to that





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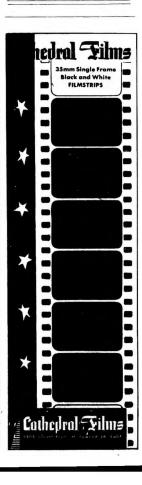
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PAPAGO CHURCH DEDICATED

Southern Baptists may well take pride L. U. C. Kaufman, newly-elected misin the dedication of the First Baptist sionary-pastor, did the baptizing. Church at Sells, Arizona, a Papago In- Work among the Papago Indians was the eventifii day and to pay nomage to men who, by sweat of brow and skill of brawn, labored patiently for three years making the adobe for the 30x40-foot building.

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C. F. Frazier, missionary to the Indians, reports the effectual, fervent prayers of a tathful member of the Indian church a taithful member of the Indian church. to furnish it.

all night that God would spare the lifted the walls to the sky. On the day

ered on September 8 to praise God for the eventful day and to pay homage to the eventful day and to pay homa

the building through their prayers. Rev. Baptist Church, Buffalo, South Caro-mediately after the wedding ceremony

adobe and laid them out on the ground Arizona, is a memorial to men who, the front of a bill. This pight belong much should be be the story. to dry at the foot of a hill. That night laboring with their hands, made the a hard rain came. Mrs. Mackett prayed adobe, and, laying one upon the other,

Indian Bible Institute

At Sacaton, Arizona, the Indian Bible Institute held in September was one of the best in many years. There were In-dians from all the churches and mission stations present at the meeting, accord-Church at Sells, Arizona, a Papago Indian church. Two hundred people gathbegun in June, 1941, when Missionary

Work among the Papago Indians was
ing to Missionary C. F. Frazier. The attendance in classes represented ten tribes

"The men worked hard making 650 The First Baptist Church of Sells, Mrs. Ferguson is the first Pima girl to be



Papago Baptist Church, Sells, Arizona. The First Baptist Church of Buffalo. Sonth Carolina, furnished the money for the building and Woman's Micuonary Union of Texas gave the pews.

had gushed from the mountainside had ashamed. been turned aside, not harming the 650

the same day, and the rain ruined all of them. He asked Mrs. Mackett for an

lighted to see that the streams which heads and grateful hearts, workmen un-

at Home Missions

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The church, comprising 14 members, is that the western areas ought to received three into its fellowship by baptism on the dedication day. Rev. the Home Mission Board and that at the board and that at the board and that at the cooperative Program.



adobt. The next morning all were de- of dedication they stood with bowed present time the major interest of the upon the 11,000,000 Negroes. The work amung foreign-language groups may sound more dramatic than work among nobes.

A Southern Baptist Looks

the Negroes but, at the present time, it

is not half so important.
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baptized. We asked him the pertinent questions and he answered them imme-diately. He was baptized and his face was shining. At last he had obeyed the

He is working now with his family; he has brought his mother and grand-mother to church but his father has been the hardest job with Carlitos. His father is always busy, tired, or has something to do. However, recently we saw him at church with his son. The Lord is using this small and fragile instrument who has become very big and strong it the hands of our Infinite God.

Schools of Missions

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will speak before the class period and a the second following the class period.

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The program will require SUBMISSION. Pastors and church leaders must sub-

mit themselves to hard work and minute details. Plans must be completed and every detail ready to click before the missionaries arrive. Submission to the itinerary task is

important. Churches should be arranged in groups so as to limit travel to the minimum. If missionaries are to speak at both Sunday services and each week night, there will be seven engagements; thus there should be seven churches per group. The number of churches per group will be determined by the number of services per church during the week. Missionaries will be grouped so that those from each board will be evenly and equitably distributed to the churches.

Submission must be made to the tasks of informing missionaries and churches. entertaining, transporting the mission-

aries, and to publicizing, financing, and recording the results of the program. Forms, letters, announcement lists, and reports should be mimeographed for distribution to churches and missionaries

Disposition of missionaries during the day would include plans for associational rallies, daily conferences, addresses in churches not having night services, in public schools, at service clubs, and for radio addresses. Other matters will oblige many to submit to much thought and work if fullest results are to be realized.

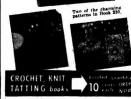
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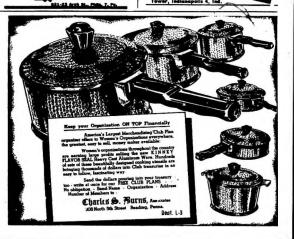


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