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The Golden Rule vs The Rule of Gold

By JOHN CAYLOR

By the rule of gold men plunder and pillage—
by the golden rule they send relief to a stricken world.

The rule of gold is an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth—
the golden rule returns good for evil and love for hate.

By the rule of gold men rejoice in their goodness—
by the golden rule they are humbled by their weakness.

The rule of gold is the law of self preservation—
the golden rule is the spirit of self abnegation.

By the rule of gold men seek prestige and power—
by the golden rule they find the will of the Lord.

The rule of gold makes men weary in well-doing—
the golden rule assures the Master's well done.

By the rule of gold men clamor for justice—
by the golden rule mercy is extended.

The rule of gold says "You're in my light"—
the golden rule says "Ye are the light of the world."

By the rule of gold nations seek pieces of the world—
by the golden rule they may have world peace.

"And as ye would that men should
do to you, do ye also to them
likewise" (Luke 6:31).

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Missions and THE MARCH OF EVENTS

A UNIQUE ADVERTISEMENT

It is reported that a Negro preacher is said to have put the following advertisement in the Sunday's paper of the city in which he lived: "In the promulgation of the Gospel, three books are necessary—the Bible, the hymnbook and the pocketbook. Come tomorrow and bring all three."

NOT TOO SOON

There was an editorial in a recent issue of *The Watchman Examiner* entitled, "Cigarettes Instead of Christ." The editorial quoted an advertisement put out by the tobacco people concerning cigarettes which said, "For 'cogn-fort,' 'if lonely,' 'if you need a friend,' take a cigarette." And *The Examiner*, in commenting on this advertisement, said, "Is the cigarette supplementing Christ?"

Even though most doctors smoke, the medical fraternity is unanimous in its opinion that cigarette smoking is injurious to the health. If it is, it is a sin and, if it is a sin, our preachers should call attention to it. I can remember, when I was a boy, preachers used to preach against cigarette smoking. I shall never forget a statement made by the sainted Len G. Broughton with reference to cigarette smoking: "Fire at one end and a fool at the other."

CHURCH AND STATE IN ITALY

According to press reports, the Roman Catholic Church is insisting that the government in Italy be guided by the Lateran Treaty of 1929, and the matter is being pressed to the point of compliance. This Treaty compels the Italian government to treat the Roman Catholic Church as an independent sovereign body and provides that relation between church and state shall be ruled by the principle that, "Roman Catholicism is the official religion of the state."

If this goes through and becomes a law, then, more than likely, all other faiths will be shut out of Italy. The Roman Catholic Church, over here, takes a great deal about toleration, but

never about religious freedom. In countries where the church is in absolute authority there is neither toleration nor freedom, as in Rumania, for an example.

AN INDUSTRIALIZED SOUTH

According to *The Manufacturers Record*, the South is rapidly becoming industrialized. In the past five years manufacturing interests in the South have increased from \$11,000,000,000 to \$20,000,000,000. Physical volume expanded approximately 50 per cent.

This means the rapid growth of our cities. It also means the many problems which are developed by economic expansion. It gives to us a new home mission field and intensifies the importance of the work we are now doing in the cities.

OUR NORTHERN BAPTIST BROTHERS

Dr. Dahlberg, president of the Northern Baptist Convention, in the *Pathfinder* of recent date, had this to say about the situation in the Northern Baptist Convention: "It is difficult to measure the doctrinal alignments in our denomination, particularly in such a freedom-loving fellowship as that of the Baptists. One of our theologically conservative pastors estimates that 5 per cent of the Northern Baptist constituency is extremely liberal, and 20 per cent extremely fundamentalist. The other 75 per cent represents the great evangelical majority—conservative and liberal alike—that is anxious to get on with the message and work of Christ in the world, regardless of theological differences."

"That there are serious differences as to the doctrinal content of our faith, no one can deny. But there is a great hunger in the hearts of most of our Baptist people for a religion of reconciliation. Laymen are particularly anxious to move out of the realm of controversy into the field of Christian action. How can we expect nations to unite if the churches can't cooperate?"

"Notwithstanding the unhappiness of certain groups in the denomination . . . thousands are praying for victory in Christ. That means victory for every-

body, defeat for none, and hope for our stricken world."

DID REPEAL HELP TEMPERANCE?

According to the report made by the Federal authorities from 1934 through 1946, or during the twelve-year period since the repeal of Prohibition, Federal agents seized a total of 132,300 moonshine stills, or an average of 212 a week.

In the meantime, the F.B.I. reports that major crimes in the United States in 1946 reached 1,685,201, one every 18.7 seconds, 119,662 more than in 1945.

It is also stated in the public press that the United States Brewers Foundation plans to double its advertising program in 1947; and the Anti-Saloon League reports that of the 3,070 counties in the United States, 978 prohibit liquor, 887 wine, and 480 beer.

Of the 20,469 local option elections held since 1933, the dry forces have been victorious in 12,519. Of the 2,078 elections held in 1946, the dries won 1,276.

So we are making progress for Prohibition.

July and August Magazines

For the months of July and August, when many other magazines do not even go to press, *Southern Baptist Home Missions* is reduced to sixteen pages on newsprint. The usual high quality of material and workmanship will be found in the pages, but the paper will not be up to your hopes and desires. The attractive 4-page color cover will be missing for these two months.

Thank you for your many favorable comments on previous issues.

The September number will have the attractive color jacket. It would be fine if we had 20,000 additional names to add to our circulation list by September 1.

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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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SOUTHERN BAPTISTS OUTWARD BOUND

Southern Baptists are outward bound and their organizations of every sort are to help them go afield. Their task is to witness to Christ both "in" and "unto"—"in Jerusalem" and "unto the uttermost part of the earth." The reason for their existence is the service they may render in the world's evangelization.

There is in reality just one issue before our churches today, namely, is Christ necessary to the world's redemption? "Is the gospel," as Stanley Jones put it, "simply something more, or is it something other? Is it a prolongation of other truths, or is the difference so great in degree that it amounts to a difference in kind?"

To those who believe the Scriptures the gospel must ever be not simply a prolongation of other truths, but a new truth, a truth different in kind. Christ Jesus is not simply *plus*, He is something *other*; He is God meeting us in our own nature and providing redemption from sin for us. He is therefore necessary for all men or He is not necessary for men at all, for what is not universal is not true.

Southern Baptists believe that Christ is necessary for all men. And in none other is there salvation. "For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Therefore, the supreme task of Southern Baptists is to bring to men and women everywhere the Christian message of forgiveness and peace through Christ Jesus, the world's only Saviour. They are not to spend their entire time and energies and money simply in building and running big, strong, great churches and institutions as an end. Bigness is not always greatness. They are not to give themselves exclusively to perfecting and operating organizations within the churches. It is necessary that we have strong churches and great institutions, but those churches and institutions are the means for the work of Baptists and not the end of their labors.

The goal, the end, the objective, the supreme and ultimate thing for Baptists is witnessing to Christ in all the world.

This is the task of the Southern Baptist Convention functioning through its boards and agencies and working through its missionaries in the homeland and on foreign fields. Southern Baptists are outward bound and their churches and organizations are to help them go afield.

The function of the Southern Baptist Convention is to orient Baptists to the world-command of Jesus. Its task is to bring to the attention of the churches the neglected places of the world's teeming millions; point out the urgent and bewildering-missionary tasks in the homeland; counsel the churches concerning pending missionary problems; cry out against national and individual evils; direct attention to materialistic tendencies and social attitudes that hinder the advance of the kingdom of God; and to enlist, combine, and

direct the energies of the denomination in the evangelization of the world.

If Southern Baptists would go abroad they must find themselves and discover their task; they must know what it is all about. They must key their work to the heavenly note. They must develop a mission conscience and a mission conviction that will create in all their churches a soul-absorbing passion for a lost world. They must set up the Cross in the heart of their thinking and capture the spirit of sacrifice.

KEEPING ON THE MAIN TRACK

We should face our task as Baptists realistically, and set ourselves seriously to the doing of what is best for the on-going of the kingdom of God. If we do this we will not only have an adequate local program for our churches, but we will also lead our churches to assume their full responsibility for the world's evangelization. This means that we will give missions a worthy place in our work.

No one can read the Bible aright without recognizing that the supreme command of Christ to the Christian is to preach the gospel to every creature. This, of course, carries with it the training of believers. Here is the necessity for colleges and schools, for organizations to carry on the various departments necessary to the preaching of the gospel to a lost world. But we should be careful lest we go beyond what is due on the institutional side of our denominational life, and make our institutions an end rather than a means to the evangelization of the world. That is to say, let us keep on the main track, which is missions.

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

Who is the responsible one in the church for the direction of the work of the church, for the attitude which it takes toward the denominational program, and for the support it gives to the missionary enterprises? Of course every member of the church is more or less responsible and can help or hinder by his attitude, but after all is said it still remains that the New Testament places the pastor in the position of leadership in kingdom work.

The pastor is the Lord's appointed leader in the church. Whatever the pastor is, the church in time will become. "Like priest, like people" is a saying born of experience.

The pastor should not be disturbed in his position of leadership. It is his by divine right. Neither must he shirk his responsibility. The development of the churches and the progress of the kingdom rest here. Consecrated pastoral leadership, wise in divine things, broad in its outlook, and firm in its convictions, is the supreme need of every age.

I Was Sick, and She Visited Me!

By HERBERT CAUPELL

Mrs. H. R. Moseley has given twenty years of unselfish service to the Baptist cause in Havana, Cuba. Her missionary experience began many years before when, as a young bride, she left the comforts of her home in Mobile, Alabama, to serve with her husband in Mexico, where they served about six years. After a brief period in the pastorate in the States they were called in 1898 to mission work in the eastern part of Cuba where they labored for about twenty years. Then they returned to the United States where Mr. Moseley served again for a few years in the pastorate. In this work Mr. Moseley was stricken with a lingering illness which finally ended when he was called to his heavenly home.

What should Mrs. Moseley do now? After an active life as a missionary and pastor's wife she did not feel that she should fold her hands and do nothing. She might have remained with her sons, but she felt that there was a place where she might serve her Lord. She was strong, she had a splendid command of Spanish, she was a musician, certainly there was some place where she might use her talents. Then in 1926 the opportunity came for her to return to Cuba, this time to the city of Havana.

Two experiences had come to Mrs. Moseley that were to be of great usefulness in her work in Havana. One day in her home in Oriente Province she watched at the side of her small daughter she saw that little life slip away. Then many years later she ministered tenderly and patiently at the side of her husband in his illness. She learned patience and sympathy in the things that she suffered.



Mrs. Moseley reading a letter from home.

Thus with her mature experience she came to Havana to minister to the suffering. She felt that she had a mission in visiting the sick and afflicted. She answered all calls. She found sorrow and suffering everywhere. She went into the homes of the members of the Havana congregation. Many were the calls to visit some friend or relative of the members.

She came to know nearly all of the streets in every part of the city. Very few were the hospitals that she did not visit at some time. She had a regular schedule of visitation at Calixto Garcia, the big government hospital at the side of the National University, the Havana

Emergency Hospital, the Esperanza Sanatorium, and many others.

Time without number she rose from the table at lunch to go to Calixto Garcia. It required courage and strength and love to climb the long hill at that hour under the beaming rays of the Cuban noonday sun, but she felt that she had a duty to fulfill and she did it. She had a smile, a friendly greeting, a tract, a gospel, a word about the Great Physician for the lonely, the sad, the sick. She brought peace to troubled souls. Many were those who gave their testimony that they trusted in Jesus because Mrs. Moseley visited them when they were sick and in need.

But that was not all the work that Mrs. Moseley did. When I first came to Havana, I used to go with her to night services in the neighboring towns. For many months she made regular trips to Bejucal, a two-hour trip by streetcar and then by open bus. After the long trip she would make a few visits. I have never seen anyone work as effectively as she in bringing the conversation around to the matter of the salvation of the soul. Many were won by her personal work. When the time came for the service her place was at the piano in the churches, at the folding organ in the missions. She played for the glory of God.

She never felt that she could or should preach, but occasionally some experience or illustration would come to her mind that she felt would help, and she would ask that she might say a few words. She spoke well. Then after the service there would be the period of shaking hands with the people who had attended the services, with a brief, personal word to each one, and the long trip back to Havana.

As the years passed she was forced to give up the work that required her to use the buses. Neither could she take the noonday trips to the hospitals, nor visit in the homes where it was necessary to climb two or three flights of stairs.

Still she labored on. Her Sunday program was quite heavy, for she had the responsibility of the music for the eight o'clock morning service. This service was especially important because it was broadcast over the powerful Blue Network with its eight stations. This service ended, she took the half-hour trip by streetcar to La Vibora for Sunday school. There for many years she ministered to a splendid class of young people.

Then at two o'clock there was the Sunday school in the Baptist Temple in Havana, where she played the piano and

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Mrs. Moseley and one of her music pupils.

OUR SOUTHERN BAPTIST PROGRAM OF EVANGELISM

By C. E. MATTHEWS

In the Southern Baptist Convention, held in the city of St. Louis in May, 1947, our denomination made history which tremendously affects the work of the kingdom of God. Especially was this true when it adopted the resolution of the committee on evangelism which gave to Southern Baptists a unified program of evangelism. This program is in nature as perpetuating and typically Southern Baptist as the program of any other agency of our work.

The program includes the following recommendations:

(1) That a definite program of evangelism be emphasized and promoted as this needed unifying force.

(2) That a foundation for a program of evangelism be laid by this Convention by recommending that each state in the Convention that has not already done so, take under advisement the establishing of a department of evangelism and the electing of a superintendent of evangelism in order that the work in this field might be properly promoted.

(3) That this Convention recommend to the states that each association have two officers, namely, an organizer and a chairman. These officers are to be elected by the executive board of the associations in order that the program might be perpetuated from year to year.

This program is designed to enlist every one of our more than six million Southern Baptists to feel not only a per-

sonal responsibility in winning the lost to Christ, but actually to attempt to win them to our Saviour. Our next procedure is twofold:

(1) To conduct statewide evangelistic conferences in each of our Southern Baptist states and through that medium thoroughly familiarize our pastors and other leaders with our program.

(2) To write a manual entitled "Our Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism" that will outline methods, programs, etc., in detail. Such a book has been written for every other department of work that Southern Baptists foster. Why not evangelism? We are not trying to standardize evangelism, but to give direction to it and to supply methods that will enable our churches to meet conditions as they arise in a changing world.

Our objective is twofold:

(1) To assist in every way possible in developing pastors and other preachers to become effective evangelists. This is absolutely scriptural. Every pastor should do the work of an evangelist. Then, we need hundreds of preachers to give full time to the work of evangelism. This program is designed to do that very thing.

(2) Our objective is to enlarge the vision of our people. The progress Southern Baptists have made in the past of baptizing each year one convert to 22 church members will not suffice for this present tragic world. Things cannot continue as they are for long. There is in the hands of men now a worldwide physical hazard never before possessed by human beings, with only a very small portion of the human race prepared to meet God. Our people, our churches, all of them, must be mobilized into a mighty unit with a vision that looks beyond the boundary line of our local church, our state, our southland, and our nation. We must see a world that Divine Providence has prepared and made ready to receive Christ as Saviour if only given an opportunity through warm-hearted, compassionate preaching and witnessing.

PROGRESS IS BEING MADE

We are overjoyed at the progress that is being made already in evangelism. Not only has our Convention approved the program, but our W.M.U. of the South in their convention in St. Louis in May passed the following resolution: "We join heartily in the effort of our denomination to enlist one million members in the Prayer League in behalf of a

great spiritual revival in our land." The spirit and enthusiasm of Mrs. George R. Martin, president, Miss Kathleen Mallory, executive secretary, and Mrs. Edgar Godbold, community missions chairman, as well as other leaders and members, are most encouraging.

The Radio Commission, under direction of Dr. Sam F. Lowe, is jointly working with our department in the work of evangelizing through the broadcasting of the Baptist Hour.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence is bringing each week to our people powerful messages on soul-winning over a network of fifty stations through the Good News Hour.

Statewide evangelistic conferences are being planned for 1948 in all of our Southern states with the exception of three, and we are definitely sure of these three.

Your superintendent has simultaneous crusades scheduled for St. Louis, Missouri; Kansas City, Kansas; Kansas City, Missouri; Austin, Texas; Hannibal, Missouri; Sulphur Springs, Texas; Atlanta, Georgia; Shreveport, Louisiana; the entire state of Arizona; and all Southern churches in Kansas. We hope to have soon an engagement closed with the District of Columbia.

Since January 16, 1947, seventy-five associational crusades have been conducted in Texas. At the date of this writing, fifty-eight of these have reported, as follows: 1,076 churches re-

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SERVICE CENTER OPENED

Under the auspices of the Relief Committee, the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, in cooperation with Church World Service, Inc., the New Orleans Church World Service Center was opened in September, 1946, to serve Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Texas, Tennessee and Louisiana.

Since that time thousands of pounds of clothing, bedding, shoes, food, children's toys, candles, etc., have been sent to the center for processing and shipping to the suffering peoples of 29 countries around the world.

This is a great humanitarian work and deserves the full support of all Baptists and Protestants. Write the New Orleans Center, 740 Esplanade Ave., and ask for publicity material concerning this program. The 20-minute sound motion picture entitled "Seeds of Destiny" is available free of charge to all church groups. Rev. Clovia A. Brantley of the Rescue Mission in New Orleans is also serving as director of the Church World Service Center.

Dr. Means to Foreign Mission Board

A hearty welcome is extended Dr. Frank K. Means, professor of missions, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, to his new position with the Foreign Mission Board as secretary of education and promotion.

Dr. Means is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, attended both Southern and Southwestern Seminaries, holding the Th.D. degree from Southwestern. For several years he has been professor of missions in the Fort Worth Seminary and has touched the lives of many students who are now on foreign mission fields or on the way.

Congratulations to our sister board upon the achievements of moving Dr. Means to the strategic position which he now holds.



At Consolacion del Sur, Cuba, the above building is to be converted into educational equipment and a new auditorium constructed.

Stewardship in Cuba

By CHRISTINE GARNETT

How could one who loves Christ live in the lovely "Pearl of the Antilles" and not try to be a good steward? How could your missionaries live under the inspiration of its loveliness and not teach the Cuban friends of Jesus to be faithful in all things?

Long years ago, when tithing was under discussion in the general convention and our work was comparatively new as a Baptist denomination in Cuba, one of the pastors said that all wanted to know what I thought. My reply was that I believe in giving ten-tenths—that is, the tithe and offering to the church and the rest used for God's glory. This is the theme of your workers, all of whom teach stewardship.

The general convention every year names the promoter of stewardship, and he names a sub-promoter in each province. These promoters are always diligently practicing and teaching stewardship as they go from church to church, and even into the missions. The annual reports are more than inspiring, and in the provincial conventions great stress is laid also on the most important phase of the work.

In many of our churches in Cuba a very outstanding organization is the tithers' league. Once a month this league meets; and it is most interesting to know that not only its members attend but other members of the church, and even some who are only visitors. Every phase of life is studied: stewardship of time, talents, of money, of the gospel, of prayer, etc. There is no

church without its tithers, and in some of the churches the large majority are faithful stewards.

Economic conditions often mean that a tithe is one only in heart, as there are months when there is not a cent of income, or that the tithe of others may be no more than pennies; but God still multiplies the loaves and fishes.

Who would not thank God for that fine Cuban pastor whose tithe was laid aside to take to church? Sickness, serious sickness, came to the home; there was not one cent for the necessary medicine. Yet that tithe was not touched, and as he knelt praying, someone came to the door to pay him a debt overdue.

Did you ever see a young fellow with no teeth due to malnutrition? I know many like that, and love especially one of these who so wanted to go to the missions and preach, help in street services, teach a class, yet he was embarrassed because of the lack of teeth. Love gifts brought in the necessary thirteen dollars for his set of teeth. How happy he was when that money was given him, and yet there were no teeth as the weeks passed. I asked him why the delay.

Here is his reply: "I paid the \$1.30 tithe, and am trying to save that much but there is no work."

How we had to scheme to get him that \$1.30, then 13 cents to tithe from that, then 2 cents tithe again! Today he makes good use of those teeth.

A very exceptional case is the fine member of one church who brought one day to the missionary \$150.00, the tithe of his yearly crop. Exceptional because very few have that amount.

We also have women who tithe the tenth egg and give the eleventh and twelfth. Some of our tithers have their children feel that they have a part in the family tithe, and so they, too, have church envelopes even before they become members of the church.

Has there ever been a greater example of faithful stewardship than this? Seventy of my church members in seven months laid down in offerings \$1,000 toward the new church that is our dream. Only three members of the church have salaries, and these very small; others an income just as the very variable tobacco factories afford a more pittance, and others no income at all. No plays, no suppers, no bazaars, just love gifts. Often as we prayed we heard such words as these: "Lord, these gifts are our food and clothing, multiply them in cement and bricks for Thy glory."

For our leagues we need literature. The last stewardship promoter printed for us a titheing song. In our denominational paper there is often some article; the small W.M.U. magazine brings at least once a year a stirring program. But all this is insufficient, and we are praying for some plan for material.

Pray for us as you hold up our hands in the great work of stewardship; hold them up with love and prayer and gifts. What an ingathering of sheaves there will be some day when we meet at the Master's feet!

A Boy's Dilemma

By ELIZABETH ESCOBEDO

Missionary to Mexicans in San Antonio

One of the mothers and the kindergarten teacher were going over the register to see how many children would be ready for grammar school next September. The names were called and the children stood in line in front of the class.

It was a nice looking group but one little boy looked sad and puzzled even when we explained that they were not coming to kindergarten in September because they would be six years old. Finally he said, "But we *have* to come!"

"No, but you can't," the visiting mother answered him.

"But we *have* to," the little boy argued, "because if we don't who is going to tell us about God and how to go to heaven?"

I assured him that he could continue coming to Sunday school. And silently in our hearts we thanked God that the child had felt the necessity of having Him in his daily life.

Cuba Today

By ALFRED CARPENTER

Our next-door neighbors, to the South in Cuba, are experiencing rapid changes in all phases of life.

Educationally a renaissance is under way. Schools are crowded. An extensive building program will extend privileges of education. An intellectual awakening is stirring the masses.

Socially a readjustment is on. Expanding highway improvements afford accessibility to larger areas. A network of air transportation, especially to the States and West Indies, is being used extensively. Cuba has probably the most complete radio coverage of any area of like population. Modernized communication and transportation have ushered in a readjustment in social relations and attitudes.

Economically a revolution, wherein their entire system is out of balance, causes a chaotic condition. Inflation fails to describe the situation.

Politically a revolt is being experienced. Communism is organized and active. The economic status supplies a rich seed bed for political turmoil.

Religiously a reformation is on. The religious life of the people cannot escape the current trends socially, economically, and politically. People are turning from a stymied religious system to a stirring experience with Christ. Because of upheavals on every front, the field for evangelism in Cuba is ripe.

BAPTIST LIFE

Our opportunities are as broad as the island. Responsibilities are colossal. Immediate needs *can* be met. The 1947-48 goals can be reached. Under the

Missions In Reverse

An Indian missionary's concern for his white brethren who are lost is expressed in the April report of Seferino Jofola of Isleta, New Mexico. He had been away from his field for three weeks in schools of missions in Kentucky.

The missionary closed his report by saying, "I hope my visit will be great help to our white peoples, some of them are not Jesus Way peoples. They still need more help."

leadership of Superintendent Herbert Caudill, our missionaries and the Cuban Baptists are dedicated to the task, which is:

1. Enlistment of all church members in the whole program of the local church, with each member a tither.
2. Every church with one or more missions.
3. An evangelistic crusade in every church.
4. Extension of Baptist work to the



Rev. Herbert Caudill, newly-appointed superintendent of missions in Cuba.

additional forty-two municipalities (we have work in sixty).

5. Local churches increasing pastoral support 10 per cent, and at least 10 per cent increase to co-operative mission work.

In the four western provinces there are sixty-nine Baptist churches with 5,673 members and 119 mission stations. There are sixty-four preachers and seven teachers. The churches report 149 Sunday schools with 8,600 enrolled; 59 training unions; 48 missionary societies with 107 auxiliaries; 19 brotherhoods. The membership gave \$6.73 per capita last year. Their soul-winning ratio was one baptism for every sixteen members.

HELP NEEDED

Southern Baptists must assist our Cuban brethren in the following:

1. Organizational work — a field worker to promote Sunday school and

training union activities, and a field worker in W.M.U.

2. The seminary and training school must have additional rooms and faculty to train needed leaders. Probably the secret of Dr. McCall's outstanding success is that he trained preachers in orthodoxy, evangelism, missionary zeal, and co-operative spirit. Leaders must be trained if the work is to be extended. We need three additional teachers NOW, one to teach English, one for theology, and one for music.

3. Building for the Cuban Baptist College should be erected this year. This will provide high school and junior college for our workers. One-half the faculty, or four, should come from the States. We now have 215 enrolled in the elementary school (eighth grade).

4. The Havana area alone needs fourteen additional churches. We have seven. The Calvary Church has sixteen missions in their area of approximately one and a quarter million people.

5. This year ten church buildings and pastors' homes should be erected. The Bottoms Trust has built approximately twenty chapels. Twenty other buildings for worship have been acquired. Receipts from this fund have greatly decreased, however, and need to be supplemented.

Yes, Cuba today is a ready mission field for Baptists. Cuban Baptists are dedicated to the task. Are we?

Our assistance with a few well-trained leaders and our help in their needed buildings will largely determine whether or not their goals are reached.

Veterans Enlistment Progresses

Rev. Troy B. Yopp, field worker for the Home Mission Board, reports that the veterans' enlistment program of the Board has shown satisfactory results during the first six months of its operation.

The purpose of the program is to assist pastors and churches in their efforts to integrate and re-enlist returning service people in the work and missionary programs of the churches. One pastor writes: "The result is that souls are being saved. Finances are showing an appreciative increase, and the Sunday school is greatly revived."

For information concerning this work, address Rev. Troy B. Yopp, Home Mission Board.



The small, inadequate building in which Missionary Mojica began work with the Mexicans in San Antonio.

"The House of Prayer"

By M. C. MOJICA, JR.

Ever since we came to the Jerusalem Church here in San Antonio, our prayer was for a new church building. To say that the building was inadequate would be an understatement. I can never remember entering an American Baptist church quite so dilapidated as this.

First of all, its location made it utterly impossible to reach by car after a few hours of rain. The members parked a block away and waded through mud, sometimes knee deep. The building was small; the roof leaked; there were no lights or water; the heating facilities were non-existent. In spite of all this, the church was making a valiant effort to grow, and the membership was unusually faithful.

Though we knew there were no available funds, we began to look for a desirable location for a new building. Finally we found a nice tile building in a good location, and inquired about it. The owner had built it for a beer joint and was planning to open very soon. However, he seemed to be interested in selling for \$3,000. A frantic search for a loan was in vain; the church had in its treasury only \$300.

A week later, when I talked again with the owner of the building, he was doubtful about selling at all, and had raised the price to \$3,300 in case he should sell.

Several weeks later at one of our reg-

ular prayer meetings the church voted to buy the building if they could possibly obtain the necessary funds. Then we began to pray. Our prayer was not a selfish one. We wanted the building for our church if that should be God's will. But we also prayed that, if this should not be God's will, somehow the owner's mind might be changed and he would not open a beer joint there.

The next day the answer came from a most unexpected source. The Harindale Baptist Church of San Antonio had decided to buy the building immediately, letting us have its use for \$32 per month until we had paid the full amount. Then the building would become ours.

The contacts we had had with the owner had somehow touched him so that he decided not only to sell us the building but to discontinue the business he is in and open some other kind of store.

Our first meeting in the new building was, in actuality, a praise service of

Mission Messages by Motion Picture

The visual education department of the Home Mission Board has recently released two new 16 mm color motion pictures. There are now four films available for use by the churches. Two are silent pictures and two are sound. Each of the four is a visit to a home mission field.

There are also fourteen sets of colored slides in the film library. Some new sets suitable for use with current books on home missions are being released now.

Write Visual Department, 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia, for complete catalog.

In Centralia, Illinois

By FRANK DIMAGGIO
Missionary in Illinois

"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days."

We have labored many days in the little mining community around Centralia, Illinois, with very few visible results. One young Italian lady was saved and baptized two years ago.

On March 25, when the mine disaster happened, there were buried in the



The new building of the Jerusalem Church in San Antonio. The previous owner had built it for a beer joint. It is now a house of prayer.

thanksgiving to God. One side of the building was still filled with cases of beer and empty beer bottles, but the children quietly ignored this as they raised their voices in singing.

Possibly the older members were aware of the boxes, but it only made them more conscious of the ways in which God works: how He can take even a beer joint and use it for a House of Prayer.

bosom of the earth several of my people, some of whom had never openly confessed Christ.

The families of these men requested that the funerals not be conducted by a priest. They wanted to carry out the wishes expressed by these men when they were living. They wanted a Baptist minister to conduct their funerals.

Please pray for us that the Lord may give us many souls out of this "little Italy."

THE LORD WILL PROVIDE

By A. W. HANCOCK

Missionary to Indians in Oklahoma

Recently I attended the Wetumka Indian Baptist Church, located near Wetumka, Oklahoma.

As I entered the building I noticed the interior had been newly decorated, and it appeared to me that the entire building had been enlarged. Between services I inquired about the building to Rev. Roley Canard, the former pastor and present chief of the Creek tribe.

He looked at me for a moment and with confidence and assurance in his voice said, "The Lord will provide." Then he told me the story.

The church was in need of repairs, and the building was entirely too small. The church prayed. Funds raised among the church members were insufficient for the inflated price of materials needed. Again the Indians went to their knees petitioning to their God for their needs, and the offerings taken still were not

put their drilling tools to work, offsetting the new well. In the meantime, the big well was losing its normal pressure, and the rest of the wells were found to be dusters.

The money received by the Indians in leasing the property was sufficient to purchase the materials for the church. The Indians themselves gave the labor. Even some of the women helped in the construction; others did the cooking for the workers. Every member of the church had a part; visitors who happened around were drafted into some part of the program.

In concluding his story, Chief Canard said, "I believe that Brother Phelps would have had us to repair it this way." (The late Rev. G. Lee Phelps was a member of this church for many years. The Indians still remember and honor him.)

The one-room building is now in fine condition. The Indians' faith is strengthened. Surely the Lord does provide!

I Was Sick, and She Visited Me!

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taught a class of young women. That was followed by choir practice, and then the day closed with the Sunday night service for which she was the pianist.

During the week, in addition to her visits to the sick and the regular services of the church, she had her music classes with the girls of the training school.

She wrote well, and her personal letters have a special charm. She also translated and wrote hymns. She used her poetic gifts. Her life was full. Her ready wit helped her in many difficult situations.

Many have been blessed by Mrs. Moseley. For many years to come people will remember kindly, "I was sick, and she visited me."

And now she has retired from her labors here. We will miss her in Havana. We will miss her in the conventions. We will miss her at the Temple where she was never too busy for a word with us, especially if she felt that there was something that she could do.

Surely Mrs. Moseley has a lovely

Missionaries Stop In Honolulu, T. H.



Combined group of Southern and Northern Baptist missionaries stopping en route to Far East in February, 1947.

Continued Blessings

By CLOVIS BRANTLEY

The Baptist Rescue Mission at New Orleans for the month of May reported that they lodged 674 men, of which 113 were new attendants. There were 15 professions of faith and 52 rededications of life. This is a regular monthly program for this Baptist institution that serves a needy mission among the men in the city of New Orleans.

enough to make the purchase. There is no wealth in this church. The Indians had done all they could, for many of them had emptied their pockets of every penny.

In a few days a gas well was brought in on an adjoining farm. The congregation leased their 10-acre tract to an oil company for \$100 an acre.

Other companies who had leases on adjoining farms began immediately to

crown awaiting her, after twenty years of ministering to the sick and needy in Havana, twenty years of missionary work in Oriente Province, Cuba, at the side of her husband, and six years in Mexico, in addition to the service she rendered as pastor's wife in Alabama and South Carolina. She has been a good and faithful servant.

THE G.I. IN JAPAN

By Pfc. DAVID R. KAUSE

There is a great missionary work going on in Japan today, the missionaries being, in this case, Christian G.I.s who are serving in the occupation army. Much of this work is being done through an informal organization called the "G.I. Gospel Hour" which was born in Manila, P. I., a year ago through the leading of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of an Army chaplain and two godly missionaries for the purpose of providing fellowship for Christian servicemen and as a means of sending forth the Word of life. Now these groups are operating in many places in the Pacific area where there is a concentration of troops. In Japan these groups hold forth in several of the large cities.

Undoubtedly the most polyphased work is in the great Tokyo-Yokohama area, the heart of the Japanese Empire. These two cities, ranking first and third respectively in population, are contiguous, thus making a gigantic twin-city

with a total population of ten million in pre-war days. It is now reduced to five million, but still represents the most densely populated area in Japan.

Here a large mission program is in motion to meet the need and the eager desire of the Japanese people, giving them a sure foundation on which to rebuild their shattered lives. So with the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 3:11, the Christian soldier has gone into the field to sow the seed that alone can bring the assurance and courage so desperately needed in these dark days.

Let us forget the services for the G.I. and look instead at the services of the G.I. The Lord has opened many doors of witness in a wonderful demonstration of His power. Through evangelical missionaries and Japanese Christians, with whom the G.I. has providentially come into contact, much wise counsel on where and how to work most effectively has been made available. This has been a major key to the success of the work, the teamwork of the G.I. and the missionary. It is a real "mutual aid society," the soldier furnishing the enthusiasm of youth and sometimes material resources, while the missionary gives the knowledge of long experience plus the best place to put the combined witness to fruitful use. Again we recognize the Lord's hand in the project as He has turned another seemingly difficult circumstance into an avenue of blessing.

Here are some of the open doors into which G.I.s have gone as they assume the role of "sub" until the missionary "varsity" is able to "take the field" again as it returns from the States after the war-enforced "intermission."

Through a gospel and medical mission, the sick are getting treatment for their physical ailments, plus a word or a tract to point them to the Great Physician for their soul sickness. Many in this condition are willing to lend an attentive ear to the gospel, and the Lord has blessed the work mightily. Here especially the "team" factor is a big one. The G.I.s are helping in providing material through their offerings and pray-

ers, while Japanese workers and a missionary do the soul surgery along with the treatment.

Another tremendous work is the Japan Biblical Seminary in Tokyo. This was opened last spring after the Lord had laid the need of such a school on the hearts of a small group of earnest Christians. This need was felt individually at first, then in a wonderful way the Lord brought individuals together. After combined prayer the project was set on its feet and is now established for providing a high scholastic program for Japanese Christians who want training. This school is definitely needed at this time of spiritual awakening in Japan, and prayer is needed that it will prove to be a great lighthouse of fundamental, Evangelistic Christianity in this nation.

Youth for Christ meetings in many places provide a weekly opportunity to give the young people a "live" program of singing, testimony, and a short gospel message that radiates the joy of the new life in Christ. Tomorrow's leaders are in these groups, and the importance of this type of work needs not be proved.

Another vital youth work is the English Bible class in the schools. Last fall the door was opened for about nine of these classes in the various schools in the area. As we enter to teach them English, it is also with a definite desire to point them to Christ through the reading of the Scriptures. A similar work is also being carried on in some private homes where a group gathers weekly to hear the Word taught by an earnest Christian soldier.

Then there are various institutional services in hospitals and prisons, where the inmates live in a miserable world of poverty, physical and spiritual. What a privilege to offer to them the blessed hope of an eternity of joy to all who will accept Christ, God's gift of salvation!

In their despondent and dejected condition, the visit of the conqueror in the role of a friend amazes the Japanese people, and God works in their hearts through the efforts of Christian G.I.s.

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SUMMER STUDENT MISSION PROGRAM FOR 1947

By COURTS REDFORD

Approximately 300 students left their homes and college campuses about June 1 to go to the various mission fields of the Home Mission Board to serve two and one-half months as associate missionaries with the regular workers of this Board. This force of student workers is made up of 70 men and 230 women from 28 states, from 61 colleges, and from 5 seminaries and training schools. The average age of men who have been appointed for mission service is 25, while the average age of women is 23.

Students to be eligible for appointment must have completed the sophomore year in college, be at least 18 years of age, be a volunteer for special mission service, and be recommended by at least three well-known religious leaders.

These students will serve in practically every type of mission work now being done by the Home Mission Board with the exception of its work in Cuba and Panama. About 68 will work in Mexican and other Spanish-speaking fields; 33 will work among the Indians; 27, in New Orleans and in the French mission fields of Louisiana; 50, in mission activities of our cities; 18, in our Good Will Centers and mission centers; 66, in our rural and mountain areas; 47, in mission fields in New Mexico, Arizona, and California; 3, in our missions among the Chinese; 2, in missions among Japanese; one, in an Italian mission; one, in summer camps; and 6, among the Negroes.

This force represents about 50 per cent more than were employed in this type of service last summer.

The students made an outstanding record in their achievements last summer. They worked in every state in the

Southern Baptist Convention territory, visited 22,000 homes, helped in 1,268 Vacation Bible schools, taught 70,000 young people, reported 1,849 conversions and 1,250 life dedications.

Baylor University is contributing 20 students to the summer program this year. Howard Payne College is furnishing 14; Blue Mountain, 11; Oklahoma Baptist University, 10; and Southwest Baptist College, 10. Ten of the workers come from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; 25, from the Woman's Missionary Union Training School; 17, from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; and 16, from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

The activities of these students are directed by local missionaries who understand the needs of the fields and who have planned the activities of the students in such a way as to get the best possible results and at the same time give these young people actual mission experience.

Through this program we hope to help these young missionary volunteers to discover their aptitudes and interests, and to find their places in life. We expect them to render an outstanding service while they are on these fields, and we have found their enthusiasm and faith stimulating and helpful to our regular missionaries.

By observing the activities of these students and by checking on the results of their labors we are able to find those who seem to be best fitted as permanent missionaries for our mission board.

As these young people go back to their respective homes and campuses, they will give impressive testimony concerning the needs, opportunities, and challenges of our various mission fields.

It is hoped that Southern Baptists throughout the Convention territory will be praying for these young people as they are engaged in special missionary work during the summer.

Our Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism

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port a total of 18,447 additions with 10,312 of this number for baptism. This includes part-time churches that had few, if any, for baptism the previous year.

We earnestly urge every Baptist to join the "One Million Prayer League." Write today to the Baptist Hour, 427½ Moreland Ave., N.E., Atlanta 6, Georgia, and ask for a prayer covenant card. Above all, do not fail to pray and witness for Christ.

The Spirit of God is leading and moving upon His people everywhere.

A Fitting Memorial

By C. F. FRAZIER

Missionary to Indians in Arizona

On Sunday, March 30, we organized a church at Lehi with eleven charter members. The organization council was composed of the pastors and deacons from Mesa, Chandler, Coolidge, Sacaton, and Casa Blanca, also Dr. S. S. Buswell from the state office and Brother L. U. C. Kaufman and his men from Sells. It was a great day for all.

Brother A. B. Burns, state missionary, was moderator. When he asked the Indians what they had decided to name their church, they asked for a week to decide on a name.

The following Sunday they told us they had decided to name it Ferguson Memorial Baptist Chapel in honor of Julian Ferguson, deceased.

Ferguson was the first convert among the Maricopas. His son, Albert, gave his life in the South Pacific.

This proves again the great power of the gospel. These people have always cremated the dead and burned the house where he lived and everything he owned in an effort to erase all memory of the one just buried.

It was in the first service with the Maricopas that Ferguson was saved. A sick man, the service was held near a pile of wood that had been hauled up to cremate his body. But after his conversion, the Indian lived eight months longer.

The night he died, Mr. Ferguson made a request of his wife. "Don't let them burn my body. That is heathen. I want a Christian funeral and burial. And don't let them burn your body when you die," he pleaded.

His last words were, "At last we have found the right way."

Evangelistic Fruits from the Mission Fields

By JOHN CAYLOR

It is a privilege to glean from a few of the April reports evangelistic fruits from the field. The purpose of home missions is to win the lost to Christ in the homeland and to enlist as soul-winners and stewards those who are won.

Evangelism at Costa Rica Convention

In reporting the first convention of Costa Rican Baptists, A. Gutierrez indicates that the sessions were well attended and that at the night services 21 persons made profession of faith. During the days of the convention there were 18 baptisms by the host church.

Texas Revivals

V. C. Cuellar of Sweetwater, Texas, says: "There are many unsaved people at Sweetwater but I work and pray. We baptized Martin Gonzales and Jose Aquilera."

Missionary Milton S. Leach of Beeville, Texas, reports that in a revival in Amarillo a 91-year-old person made a profession of faith and was received for baptism. In the same revival he says a drunkard who had not been to church in 20 years was saved and baptized and his elderly mother, who had been an inactive church member for 32 years, joined the church by statement. According to the report, thirteen of those uniting with the church were adults.

Miss Irene Anderson, who teaches in a kindergarten and does general mission work in San Antonio, Texas, writes interestingly about a revival without a meeting, as follows:

"We at the First Mexican Baptist Church had planned for revival services the week before Easter, but a few days before the meeting was to start the minister who was to do the preaching notified the church that he would be unable to come because of the serious illness of his father. It was decided to postpone the meeting, but the pastor, Rev. Alfredo Cavazos, privately and publicly urged us to try to win different ones of our church families. He and several of us began working with some of these, and as a result six made profession of faith and two were baptized the week we had planned for the revival."

"It seemed to bring a revival spirit to the whole church, and many are continuing with their personal work. This

is a case of a revival without the meeting. We postponed the meeting but had the revival."

Indians Respond

Rev. Roe R. Beard, missionary to Cherokee Indians, reported from Muskogee a good revival among Indians and whites in one of the churches in his section. He said there were 39 conversions; thirty-eight joined the church for baptism and five by letter.

Elderly Italian Converted

The conversion of an elderly Italian in New Orleans was reported by Mrs. Mildred B. Stein, missionary.

Superintendent Corder Preaches

Rev. Matias C. Garcia of San Antonio makes an interesting report: "We had our revival meeting the last week in March. Rev. Loyd Corder did the preaching, and did a good piece of work. We had, in my opinion, an excellent revival. There were 33 professions of faith and 4 additions by letter in the week's meeting."

Missionary Sanchez in Texas Revival

Rev. J. G. Sanchez, missionary at Roswell, New Mexico, reports evangelistic results as follows:

"This month of April has been a successful one in the way of winning souls to Christ. I was invited by the Mexican Baptist Church of Snyder, Texas, and its pastor, Brother E. P. Gonzales, to hold a revival. With permission from my church in Roswell I spent one week in the Snyder revival. There were seven professions of faith."

"On the 17th of April I preached in my mission at Corona and three persons gave their hearts to the Lord. I expect to baptize them shortly."

Forty-seven Converts at Ballinger

Missionary Collins Wickham of Ballinger, Texas, reports a good revival with Juan B. Paez doing the preaching. There were 47 professions of faith in the revival.

A Family Comes

Rev. Emmett Rodriguez of Kerrville, Texas, reports a number of conversions

on his field among whom was a family with father, mother, two sons, and two daughters uniting with the church.

Two Kinds of Income

From Leobardo Estrada Cuesta of El Paso, Texas, comes a report that during the month two new candidates for baptism were received and he says, "we had the highest offering in the history of this church this month, \$597.02."

Sharing Easter Blessings

In the report of A. A. Chaplik of Baltimore, he makes the following comments:

"Our Easter holiday was a blessing. We had one wedding and one baptism. The attendance at our services was good."

"We gave the children Easter baskets which we received from other churches in the city, and we were able to send three gift packages to the poor in Poland."

A Revival Among the Deaf

Rev. J. W. Gardner, missionary to the deaf, reports a good revival in Little Rock in which there were ten conversions among the silent people of his congregation.

Visual Aids to Soul-Winning

Missionary Eugene S. Wolfe of Fort Worth, Texas, gives some interesting sidelights on the effect of slides in evangelistic work. Note his comments:

"We secured some colored slides on the death and resurrection of Christ and showed them Friday evening before Easter. A number of people who had never been to a Baptist church before attended the services and expressed themselves as having enjoyed the explanation of the story and the plan of salvation. While there were no conversions among the adults, there were two children who professed faith in Christ. I believe these conversions were real."

"The attendance was good from the

Indian Revival

The laymen at the Pawnee Indian Baptist Church, Pawnee, Oklahoma, recently led their own church in a gracious revival. In an unusual way, the laymen led the week-night services, bringing the messages and conducting the Indian services.

The attendance was good from the

beginning, and the interest increased through the meeting.

The Holy Spirit manifest His power, and husky Indian men came down the aisles in tears, repenting of sin, and rededicating their lives to the church. Others came trusting the Lord as Saviour.

Rev. R. A. Collier, pastor of the church, states, "We had a real revival within the church membership."

A Rich Experience

By GUY BELLAMY

City Missionary in Oklahoma City

Tuesday afternoon, April 22, a fine Christian layman called me by telephone and read a portion of a letter he had received from his wife, who is a guest at the Crazy Hotel in Mineral Wells, Texas.

In the letter she told about a Mrs. C. F. Jackson, wife of a former newspaper man of St. Louis. Mrs. Jackson is eighty-four years of age and had expressed her desire to be a Christian.

This very busy business man read from the letter, "I wish you could come down here and, if possible, bring Brother Bellamy."

The only time I could spare was right then. It was 2:30 P.M. My friend called the airlines office and made reservations for us to leave at 3:14. He was willing to lay aside everything else and fly to Mineral Wells, paying my expenses as well as his, to tell one person about Christ. He had become a Christian September 8, 1946, at 5:30 P.M. in Room 415 at the Huckins Hotel.

When we walked into the lobby of the Crazy Hotel, my friend's wife was sitting beside the dear old lady. Seeing us enter the room, she came over to greet us and then made us acquainted with Mrs. Jackson.

In spite of her eighty-four years, Mrs. Jackson was alert and beautifully dressed.

After our evening meal my friend and his wife invited Mrs. Jackson to their room, telling her about the letter and of our decision to fly down and help her to find Jesus Christ.

In their room, the business man gave his personal testimony to the aged lady. Then he called me to the room.

I read the Scriptures wherein we are told that we all are sinners but Jesus died for us. Then the consecrated lay-

man talked again, telling the unsaved woman about Christ and what He had done for him.

I have been with soul-winners for more than twenty years, but I have never heard a more scriptural, effective, or a more eloquent appeal in my life than was made by this man.

His wife gave her testimony. Then the layman asked Mrs. Jackson if she would mind if we got down on our knees and asked the Master to save her. "I would be happy if you would do that for me," she said.

What an earnest prayer by that layman! I prayed, followed by the layman's wife. Afterwards we stood up. I held out my hand and asked Mrs. Jackson if she would accept Jesus Christ right then.

She hesitated for a moment, then clasped my hand, saying, "I do accept Jesus."

The next morning before leaving for Oklahoma City, the layman said to Mrs. Jackson, "We must go now. We have come to say good-by to you."

The dear old lady lifted her face heavenward and, putting her right hand over her heart, said, "I have such a wonderful peace as I have never had in all my eighty-four years, since I accepted Jesus Christ last night as my own personal Saviour!"

Dr. Carpenter to Europe

Dr. Alfred Carpenter has been designated by Robert P. Patterson, Secretary of War, "to be a member of a representative group of leading American clergymen to visit Germany, Austria, Italy, and Switzerland" as his guests for the purpose of "observing conditions confronting occupation forces."

The party left Washington by special mission aircraft June 23 for a 35-day tour. The ministers will "study all phases of the complex problems existing in occupied areas."

Dr. Carpenter has arranged the affairs of his office as secretary of the department of direct missions so as to be out

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HOW THE LORD WORKS IN JAPAN

By CHAPLAIN PETER E. CULLOM

One Sunday afternoon I went walking in the beautiful park near our Army hospital in Japan. The air was a little crisp, and the sunshine was the kind Southern California advertises.

The long, winding island in the lake had beautiful trees and shrubbery. Many Japanese couples and families and many American soldiers, most of them with kodaks, were strolling along the paths. Imagine my surprise when I heard my name called and found a group of about twelve high school and first-year college girls from our Seinan Baptist Church sitting on the bank of the lake.

As I joined them they took out their small hymn books that they seem to carry with them everywhere and started singing hymns. Many were the curious glances we received from Japanese men, women, and children who passed. It must have been a strange sight to most of them.

A few G.I.s soon joined us, and two of them took a picture of the group.

After singing and laughing and talking a while, I began asking which ones were Christians and which were not. It developed that all but three were Christians. When I started talking, the girls opened their Japanese New Testaments.

Imagine a group of girls out strolling on Sunday afternoon carrying hymn

books and New Testaments with them!

Very earnestly and patiently, with slow speech and many motions, I explained the plan of salvation.

All of these girls have studied English in school two or three years, but it is like our students studying French or Spanish. You can read a foreign language, but it is hard to speak it.

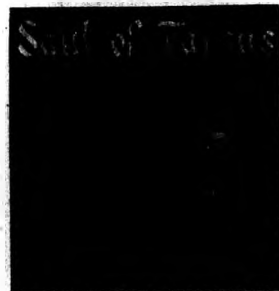
Two of the girls said they understood and that they were going to make public profession of faith soon.

The third girl spoke English better than the rest because she had lived in Canada for a while. Although she did not commit herself, she seemed interested.

When three o'clock came, the time for our service in the hospital, the whole group went to the service with me. They sang a song for us in English.

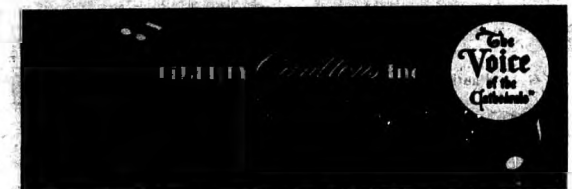
On Monday I saw the pastor of the church where the girls attend. The two new believers had already told him they had given their hearts to Christ and wanted to be baptized. They later made public professions of faith during a meeting conducted by Rev. Edwin Dozier, Southern Baptist foreign missionary.

It is easy for me to understand how a missionary can be content to live away from his native land and enjoy his work in a foreign country when people are hungry for the gospel like they are here in Japan.



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Chaplains Needed

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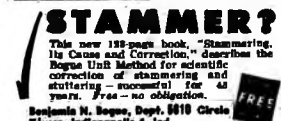
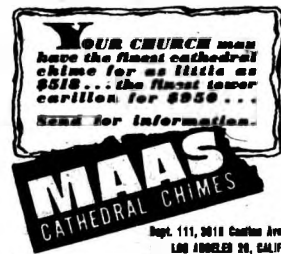
The Chaplains Commission for the Southern Baptist Convention desires its full quota of chaplains in order to maintain a spiritual ministry for those in the armed forces. The need is urgent!

If interested, write Chaplains Commission, Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta 3, Georgia.

A Wedding of Interest

Miss Martha Thomas Ellis, missionary of Albuquerque, New Mexico, makes the following interesting announcement:

"The wedding of Miss Gregorita Ortega, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ortega of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Rev. Mike Lopez, pastor of the Spanish Mission of Santa Fe, was quietly solemnized in the presence of the family and a few close friends on Tuesday evening, March 11."



BOOK REVIEWS

And Certain Women. By Nell Warren Outlaw. Broadman Press. \$1.50.

The author is teacher of a large Sunday school class in Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta. In this book she "nominates" officers for the first woman's missionary society.

For president, she nominates Mary Magdalene; for first vice-president, Salome; and for chorister, Mary, the mother of Jesus. These three "nominations" are indicative of the type of discussion.

She names about fifteen women and treats their lives and contributions devotionally.

From Bondage to Freedom. By B. H. Duncan. Broadman Press. \$1.35.

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Ann Judson: Heroine of Burma. By Basil Miller. Zondervan Publishing House. \$1.50.

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C. H. Spurgeon's Autobiography. By David Otis Fuller. Zondervan Publishing House. \$2.00.

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The Holy Spirit in Missions. By J. B. Lawrence. Home Mission Board. 50 cents.

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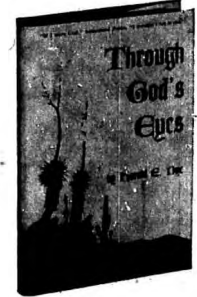
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1947

Thursday, July 31, 1947

EVENING SESSION

7:00 Devotional—John W. Wells
7:45 Evangelistic Sermon—J. Dean Crain
8:45 Picture—"The Gospel for Navajos"

Friday, August 1, 1947

MORNING SESSION

8:45 Devotional—Mrs. L. Grace Thompson
9:15 Department of Evangelism—C. E. Matthews
10:15 Simultaneous Divisional Conferences
Direct Missions—Indian Work
Rural Missions
City Missions
Evangelism

11:45 Recess
12:00 Missionary Sermon—Courts Redford
1:00 Lunch

EVENING SESSION

7:00 Devotional—D. O. Alderman
7:45 Evangelistic Sermon—J. Dean Crain
8:45 Picture—"He that Winneth Souls" (slides)

Saturday, August 2, 1947

MORNING SESSION

8:45 Devotional—Fred A. McCaulley
9:15 Department Presentation—Courts Redford
Jewish Work
Negro Work
Visual Education
Radio

10:15 Simultaneous Divisional Conferences
Direct Missions—Spanish-speaking
Rural Missions
City Missions
Evangelism

11:45 Recess
12:00 Missionary Sermon—A. L. Lowther
1:00 Lunch

EVENING SESSION

7:00 Devotional—Ben Starwalt
7:45 Evening Message—Ramsey Pollard
8:45 Picture—"The Seminole Indians" (movie)

Sunday, August 3, 1947

MORNING SERVICE

9:30 Sunday School
11:00 Sermon—J. B. Lawrence
1:00 Lunch

Evening Service

6:30 Training Union
8:00 Sermon—Ramsey Pollard

Monday, August 4, 1947

MORNING SESSION

8:45 Devotional—Mrs. George Wilson
9:15 Department of Direct Missions—Alfred Carpenter
10:15 Simultaneous Divisional Conferences
Direct Missions—French Work
Rural Missions
City Missions
Evangelism
11:45 Recess
12:00 Missionary Sermon—Ryburn Stancil
1:00 Lunch

EVENING SESSION

7:00 Devotional—J. D. Scott
7:45 Evangelistic Sermon—R. G. LeTourneau
8:45 Picture—"On the Riverfront" (movie)

Tuesday, August 5, 1947

MORNING SESSION

8:45 Devotional—Mrs. Homer Grimmer
9:15 Department of Co-operative Missions—S. F. Dowis
10:15 Simultaneous Divisional Conferences
Direct Missions—Mission Centers
Rural Missions
City Missions
Evangelism
11:45 Recess
12:00 Missionary Message—Mrs. Frank Burney
1:00 Lunch

EVENING SESSION

7:00 Devotional—John A. Ivey
7:45 Evangelistic Sermon—Marshall Craig
8:45 Picture—"The New Day"

Wednesday, August 6, 1947

MORNING SESSION

8:45 Devotional—Loyd Corder
9:15 Department Presentation—Lewis W. Martin
Education and Publicity
Schools of Missions
10:15 Simultaneous Divisional Conferences
Direct Missions—Language Groups
Rural Missions
City Missions
Evangelism
11:45 Recess
12:00 Missionary Sermon—Marshall Craig
1:00 Lunch