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New Missionaries On Home Field

New recruits on the home field are constantly needed. Among the latest appointments by the Home Mission Board are: Rev. and Mrs. Gustov E. Landon, missionaries to migrants, Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Boggan, missionaries to Indians, and Rev. and Mrs. Jose L. Chavez and Rev. Ruben Canas, to work with the Mexicans.

Missionary and Mrs. Landon are the second couple sent out by the Home Mission Board to work with the migrants. This couple, who has had excellent training for this work, will be with the migrant farm laborers in California. South-

ern Baptists' only other missionaries to the migrants are stationed in Arkansas.

Rev. and Mrs. Boggan have gone to the Chickasaw Indian field in the vicinity of Davis, Oklahoma. They were appointed to fill the vacancy left by the transfer of Rev. Abel Brown.

The Mexican field at Victoria, Texas, left vacant by the resignation of Rev. Daniel Delgado, will be the field of service of the Chavezs.

Rev. Ruben Canas, a student at Eastern New Mexico College, Portales, New Mexico, will be missionary-pastor of the Mexican Baptist Church, Portales, New Mexico.

Miss Lucille Wright, daughter of Rev. Abraham Wright, who for many years has been missionary to the foreign-speaking people in Illinois, has been appointed by the Home Mission Board as worker in the Friendship House in New Orleans. Miss Wright is just completing her work at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. She has taught school for three years and for three summers has done mission work.

Rev. and Mrs. Gustov E. Landon



Rev. Ruben Canas



Mrs. W. W. Boggan



Miss Lucille Wright



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

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A Man Without a Chance

By J. B. LAWRENCE

According to the best estimate that can be secured, at least sixty per cent, or thirty million, of the people in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention never attend any church, Protestant or Catholic.

Possibly you are surprised, and you say, "Is it possible that there is a man without a chance in this Christian land of ours?"

Yes, thousands of them. Thousands as completely unchurched, as hopelessly engulfed in the sea of error as the Buddhists, or Confucianists, or Mohammedans in so-called pagan lands.

They live in a land where there are thousands of churches, but by circumstances over which they have little or no control they are completely cut off from the ministry of the churches.

What constitutes a chance? No man has really had a chance until someone has come to him with the correct story about Christ. No matter what he might have heard, he really has not had a chance until he hears the truth. He may have a religion, but that does not mean that he has had a chance. The people in foreign lands to whom we are sending the gospel all have a religion. Man must be given a chance to understand the true religion by the proclamation to him of the true gospel in all its fullness.

But you say, could they not come to a church and hear the gospel preached? Many might go to church if they wanted to, but they do not want to, and the very fact that they do not want to go to church makes them the responsibility of the church. Christ did not command sinners to come to church, but He commanded the church to go after the lost.

Take for example the underprivileged in the congested sections of our cities and industrial centers. Our churches are not reaching them. Here and there you will find a mission, but there is no well-planned purpose on the part of the churches systematically to carry the gospel of Christ to the lost in these congested sections. In fact, one of the

most difficult problems in our city mission work is to interest our larger and most able churches in an adequate mission program.

We need not send out silk-gowned charity dispensers in their limousines with liveried chauffeurs to distribute tracts and gospel, for these people will not accept a gospel handed down to them by kid-gloved hands. Somebody must love Christ and lost souls enough to sacrifice for these people, to go into their homes, to let them know that they are interested in them, and by a living service, bring Christ to them.

God will call people to this work if we will lay the matter before Him in prayer. There are fields open now for a hundred choice spirits who are willing to make the sacrifice.

There are also many millions who are cut off by racial and language barriers. For self-protection as well as for social reasons these newcomers to our land have grouped themselves into communities and are reproducing, in a measure, the type of life they had in their native land. They either seek the church they belonged to, or give up all religion. So far as life in America is concerned, they are with us but not of us. They are our wards under Christ. What shall we do about it?

In the homeland we have groups from thirty-seven nationalities. Many of these people cannot speak our language. They are not wanted in our churches. They are segregated by race, tradition, and language. They are not having a chance except where missionaries of the cross have gone to them with the gospel.

Shall we not give them a chance?

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Missions and the March of Events

Scientists Seeing The Light

In a book just off the press by Dr. Carl Wallace Miller, entitled "A Scientific Approach to Religion," Dr. Miller says: "It is a common misconception that the great body of scientific knowledge rests on a firm foundation of solidly established laboratory experiments and is tightly bound together by inexorable principles of logic. Starting with this misconception the man on the street often argues that science alone must be the ultimate source of all knowledge, and looks with a fishy eye at the pronouncements of prophet, poet, and sage. The honest scientist recognizes the fallacy of this position."

As a matter of fact, by the very nature of investigations, scientific principles are never amenable to complete demonstration by logical processes. Therefore, when the scientist begins to multiply years for the history of man into millions, he is simply guessing. The most accurate information we have is found in the Book of Genesis.

Old Time Religion

A writer in the *Atlanta Constitution* says, "All over Georgia this summer many thousands of people attending camp meetings and church revivals are lustily singing: 'Give Me the Old-Time Religion.'" The writer then raises the question, "What's the matter with our new-time religion? Young people are saying, 'Times have changed,' and old people complain that the 'old gray mare ain't what she used to be.' Does Georgia's new-time religion fail to measure up to the standard?"

We indeed have new times, but the faith of the Christian changes not. That is the reason we have an authoritative word in the New Testament. It remains the same throughout the years. The old-time religion is simply the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ as given to us in the New Testament. We need it in this new age just as it has been needed all through the years.

The World Council of Churches

Meeting in Amsterdam on August 21st was an august assembly of representatives from forty-two nations attending the World Council of Churches. High clerical, lay and government officials were present at the launching of the movement looking to the organization of a world Protestant church.

We notice a statement in the Asso-

ciated Press that Southern Baptists were not represented at this council. The reason for that is apparent. There is no authority that can speak for the individual churches among Southern Baptists. The Southern Baptist Convention is not composed of churches. It is composed of messengers—not delegates—from the churches. But these messengers do not come instructed, nor do they represent their church, for the churches cannot delegate their authority to anyone. Hence, there is no official body that could send a representative to this council of churches who could speak for the Southern Baptist churches.

An individual church might send a representative, but even he could not speak for the church as a delegate, for the simple fact that the local church cannot delegate its authority, nor can it surrender its autonomy. It does not belong to anything except the Lord Jesus Christ and cannot join anything as a church without departing from Baptist polity. As Dr. Gambrell used to say, "A church is a unique package; it is wrapped up and the ends of the wrapper are folded down and tucked under so that it cannot be tied onto anything, or have anything tied onto it."

Or, to put it another way, the church is like an egg, it is an individual entity.

Catholic Influence and Power

That the Catholic Church is accumulating considerable power in the United States is evidenced by an Associated Press dispatch coming from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

This dispatch says that Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, gave two city movie theaters forty-eight hours to withdraw showings of "Forever Amber" and "The Outlaw" under threat of Catholic boycott. The prelate warned unless they complied, he would order the estimated 1,000,000 persons in his archdiocese to boycott both theaters for a year.

We are not saying that it was not a good thing to stop the showing of these pictures. The thing we are calling attention to is the fact that this Archbishop of Philadelphia should assume to control by boycott the operation of business enterprises. It simply shows that if Catholics should get control of affairs in the United States, by boycott they could shut out any enterprise they did not endorse.

The Carrying Charges

The old charge made years ago against the mission organizations, that only about ten per cent of the money given ever reached the missionary, has been revived again. Over in Kansas City, Missouri, a Mr. Wendell Zimmerman is reported as saying that he refused to call upon his church to give a missionary offering, knowing that out of every dollar sent, the poor missionary would receive only a very small percentage, not even a tenth.

This, of course, is not true. It is true that the amount of money the individual member puts into his church treasury is used all the way along to support the entire denominational program, and out of that dollar about ten per cent will get to foreign missions. It must be remembered, however, that the ninety per cent goes to support the entire denominational work, including Brother Zimmerman's salary and his local church expenses. There ought to be a larger amount for missions, and if all of our pastors will emphasize the slogan which has been given to us, "Fifty Fifty by 1950," we will ultimately reach the place where the churches will give fifty per cent of what they receive and the state mission boards will give fifty per cent of what they receive to the Southwestern interests, then more than ten per cent will go to foreign missions.



Our Cover Page

On the front page of *Southern Baptist Home Missions* we present the likeness of Miss Kathleen Mallory, retiring executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union.

For thirty-six years Miss Mallory has epitomized missions among Southern Baptists.

Known and loved by more Baptist women than any other Baptist woman, she has lent dignity and grace to missionary inspiration for a full generation.

Europe A Challenge

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Giving the Bread for Life and the Bread of Life

By JACOB GARTENHAUS

One would have to assume the role of a prophet accurately to describe world conditions and predict the outcome of the present crisis. The daily press, periodicals, and the radio keep ever before us Europe's deplorable condition. Europe is as a sick man. There is a state of confusion, chaos, hunger, and fear unparalleled in history. People are living on volcanic ground charged with destructive explosives. Few men enjoy freedom after the war which was fought to free men from war, from fear, and from want.

Humanity is standing at the crossroads feeling the tug of two conflicting ideologies, one emanating from the West with its democratic traditions of freedom, and the other from the East with its totalitarianism. We are seeing a fulfillment of our Lord's words that a time is coming when "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."

We who possess the physical resources and know the only power to save a lost and dying world, dare not throw up our hands and watch sick Europe die. We must redouble our efforts to feed and clothe the suffering millions first, and then give them the "Bread of Life."

I did not go to Europe in order to pose as an expert on world conditions. As a follower of Christ, I have always

felt a responsibility to my stricken people who, in the past decade or more, have undergone the greatest suffering in their four-thousand-year history. Christian Jews have not only suffered with their brethren at the hands of a common ruthless enemy who sought to exterminate them, but even now they feel twice-forsaken: by their own because of their faith and alas, by many Christians because they belong to the hated race.

Scores of Jewish-Christian survivors of the most horrible treatment ever meted out to human beings set out for Palestine, walked until their feet bled, sailed on ships that were pronounced unfit for sea voyages, and hid from an enemy who sought to destroy them. They miraculously arrived in Palestine only to find themselves in the midst of two hostile camps—the Arabs with their intense hatred of the Jews, and their own people who would not acknowledge them as part of the body of Israel and so refused them food and shelter. They managed to escape from Europe only to be forced to flee from Palestine back to Europe and its bitter memories of horror and death.

How tragic is their condition! Their cry, like the Psalmist of old, reaches up to high heaven, "No man careth for my soul!"

It was an answer to prayer which opened the doors for me to visit Czech-



Baptist Sunday School in Hungary.



Baptist Deaconess Home near Budapest, Hungary, a nurses' training school.

oslovakia and Hungary and have a peep behind the "iron curtain" where the sign of the hammer and the sickle now flies.

To my great amazement I was informed that evangelical Christians, especially in Hungary, have never enjoyed greater freedom than today. They are taking advantage of that freedom, judging from the number of evangelistic meetings being held everywhere. There are meetings on the street corners. Tracts and pamphlets are being distributed by the millions.

In Budapest it was pointed out to me that an evangelistic paper was prominently displayed for sale on the newsstands. One Baptist pastor in whose church I spoke has received many honors from that city of 60,000 citizens and is frequently called upon for counsel. The Baptist nurses have unusual opportunities for witnessing for Christ; and five hundred of them could be put into service tomorrow if they were available.

Christian Jews are also taking advantage of this freedom and are using every means at their disposal to proclaim to their bewildered and suffering people their only hope as it is found in Christ. I was told that in Budapest they are having as many as twenty Bible classes every week. More than half of the members of one church are Jewish believers.

In Hungary, when I left in 1939, there was a fine company of believers, Jews and Gentiles, and we did enjoy a wonderful fellowship, but now I found a great company of believers on fire for the Lord and full of the Holy Ghost and of joy. They are like a light set on a hill, and there is an outpouring of the grace of God.

I was particularly anxious to meet a certain rabbi for whose conversion I had prayed so earnestly for more than

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Christ Calls--- Youth Answers

By MILDRED DUNN



Above:
Class of Indian girls.

Upper left:
Girls from West Dallas
Mexican V. B. S.

River homes where summer students worked.

"God spoke to me in that experience as I have never heard Him speak before. 'Wherever He leads I'll go,' declared one young woman as she wrote of an incident which happened while working with a group of Mexicans. She was serving as a student missionary under the Home Mission Board during the summer.

"This past month has brought many new and wonderful experiences," wrote another after her first month on the mission field, "and I believe I have been

closer to God during the last few weeks than ever before."

A young man who had been sent to work with the Indians in New Mexico declared, "Many interesting things have happened to me this past month. During this time I have learned much I did not know and have seen things which I had no idea prevailed in our United States of America. The Lord brought me here to show me how badly missionaries are needed all over the entire world—even in our homeland. Now I am ready to go anywhere He leads me.

Now I can sing without a guilty conscience. 'I Surrender All.'"

Hundreds of Baptist young people have heard God's call to invest their lives in Christian service, hundreds more are striving to know His will. Through the student missionary program of the Home Mission Board, each summer approximately three hundred college and seminary students are privileged to work on the mission fields along with the regular missionaries. What an opportunity this is for the young people of our denomination who feel God is calling them to special Christian service!

The feeling that God might be calling them to dedicate their lives to Him has become a certainty to many who have participated in the summer mission program. The needs and opportunities of the mission fields of our own Southland have been brought to the attention of others. In addition, permanent missionaries have been discovered by the Board through the work done by students during the summer.

The work of the summer student missionaries takes them into every corner of our land and into many types of mission work.

One young missionary wrote, "This month, my first experience in summer mission work, has truly been a great experience. I have worked in four Va-

cation Bible schools which were conducted in tents, under trees, in missions, and in churches. Two of the schools were for white children, one for Mexicans, and one for Negroes. Each of them has been a different kind of experience because of the difference in race and background of the children."

A young man wrote, "My wife and I have experienced our first taste as home missionaries at Cantua Creek in Central Valley Association, California. Cantua Creek, a group of camps on a desert ranch, is a place where there are no churches of any kind. I thank God that Southern Baptists have the evangelistic and missionary zeal to preach the gospel there. During a three-weeks revival about 26 souls accepted Jesus as Saviour. The people want a church established."

One who had served as summer missionary last year wrote, "The work this summer is really a joy to me. Having done the same work last summer, I can better understand the people, and having studied Spanish and roomed with a Spanish-speaking girl during the past year, I have now crossed the language barrier which I found such a hindrance last year. One school looked hopeless for awhile because of Catholic opposition, but through much prayer and visitation, our enrollment was advanced from 20 to 65. On the last day of the

school the Anglo pastor talked to my class and I translated for him. It was my first experience as interpreter, but the Lord helped me. When we gave the invitation, the Holy Spirit seemed to fall over the whole group and 22 children came forward making profession of faith."

Some of the student missionaries endure hardships, but most of them do it gladly.

One young girl tells how each Sunday she and her partner ride on bicycles to a place called "The End of the

World," to teach the Sunday school lesson. On the way back they meet a group of children in the shade of a house to teach them choruses and Bible stories. It is a 16-mile trip and takes from four to five hours, but it means getting the gospel to those who otherwise would not hear it.

Throughout our Southland Christ is calling Southern Baptist youth into His service and they are answering the call. While many other denominations are

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Above:
Negro boys do handwork.

Upper right:
Mexican children at V. B. S.

Preparing for V. B. S. parade.



Left: Chinese youth in Phoenix, Arizona, have G. A. coronation service.
Below: Children at mission in Kentucky march to V. B. S.



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Right: Boys' bandwork period, Hayti, Missouri.
Below: First Baptist Church, Keyes, California, where one summer student worked.



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SCARCELY a stone's throw from where you are sitting, the surf-of the great Pacific breaks against the camp ground. A glance through the spray-covered windows of this auditorium reveals the presence of some half-dozen ships upon the distant horizon, sailing past semi-tropical islands to various ports of the Orient. Friendly shadows from the Coastal Range reach down like giant fingers to caress beautiful Ailomar.

THE WESTWARD COURSE OF THE GOSPEL

You who are here are not only sons and daughters of pioneers, but are pioneers, having come from a dozen different states east of the Sierras. To you the call of the West has been strong. At times the Western urge has been like a divine impulse.

Indeed, you are but following in the footsteps of great pioneers of Bible times, who in the divine will of God found their places of service in lands

forts, in the main, followed a westward course.

With the discovery of the New World, vast mission fields were opened, and new opportunities for preaching the Good News were presented to men of divine call and persuasion. In America, symbol of freedom, the greatest missionary movement of all time, perhaps, was launched. At first, perhaps unconscious of the divine scope and purpose of the great westward expansion of the gospel, the people called Baptists set their hearts and hands to the mission task, taking the gospel to new communities and settlements over the South and West. Becoming deeply missionary in conviction and divinely conscious of God's purpose and will in their hearts and lives, Southern Baptists launched a world-wide missionary effort. This effort not only carried the gospel of Christ and influence of Southern Baptists around the world, but was destined to produce an unbroken chain of Southern Baptist

eration. He was noted for his extreme simplicity in presenting the gospel. So mightily and so well did Broadus present Christ that people often forgot the preacher and saw the humble Son of Man.

FOUNDER OF CHURCHES, A MISSIONARY AGENCY

Simultaneous with the founding of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845, the Home Mission Board was established. Should anyone be inclined to doubt the wisdom of the founding of this great mission agency, let him look at the long and glorious record of more than a century of progress of this great institution. The multiplied hundreds of churches throughout every state in the Southern Baptist Convention, the work in Panama, Cuba, and in the homeland, bear testimony a thousand-fold as to the wisdom and blessing of the Almighty God on this great missionary agency. The converts among the Indians, the Mexicans, the French, Italians, and from more than two score

From Jerusalem to California

By L. A. BROWN

toward the west. Abraham, friend of God and father of nations, turned his face westward toward the land of promise and of divine direction. The scripture says, "And into the land of Canaan they came."

Paul, mighty apostle and greatest missionary of all, having been forbidden of the Holy Spirit to go eastward into Asia, heard a call from Macedonia and a plea to preach the gospel to Western civilization. A careful reading of the three missionary journeys of Paul reveals that Paul and his fellow-workers followed a westward course in their missionary efforts. Paul's trip to Rome and his subsequent contacts with Western culture are but parts of the divine will and plan of God for the westward progress of the gospel of the son of God. Even at the time the executioner took the life of the great apostle, Paul was planning further trips into Spain and the West.

The gospel, like some great prairie fire, passed through western Europe and on into the British Isles. Early centuries produced mighty preachers and flaming evangelists for Christ. Missionary ef-

Dr. L. A. Brown is general missionary for the Baptist Home Mission Board to the language groups of the West. He is a college and seminary graduate who specialized in modern languages while in school. He entered the ministry at seventeen, and before becoming an employee of the Board in 1946, had been serving as pastor in Texas. The following is an address which he made to the Western Assembly of Southern Baptists at Ailomar, California, earlier in the year.

churches from coast to coast in the homeland.

GIANTS IN THE EARTH IN THOSE DAYS

The names of Boyce and Broadus are forever enshrined in the hearts and history of Southern Baptists. Boyce was considered one of the greatest theologians of all times. When he spoke it reminded the people of the thunder of Sinai, the judgment and justice of God. Broadus, on the other hand, was the greatest interpreter of Jesus in his gen-

other language groups, add to the overwhelming testimony of the power and worth of this blessed institution.

The ministry of the Board in the West is cherished by everyone of us. Hardly a single church or an individual among us but receives some kind of aid from the Home Mission Board. I dare say that every home and community in the state has received a blessing from some missionary, missionary-pastor, or worker, whose services have been provided by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Whose heart has not been stirred by the voice of Dr. J. B. Lawrence on the Good News Hour, preaching the glorious gospel of Christ as only J. B. Lawrence can? These messages go out like the tide of the sea or the refreshing breeze of the early morning, awakening the souls of men by the aid of the Holy Spirit to a quickening life of power and service. Testimony from the cities, the hamlets, and the ranch bear out the inestimable worth of this radio service. Without apology, we say to friends and neighbors, "Turn on your radio and listen to some of the greatest preaching in America on the air today—"

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New Building--Brighter Prospects

By J. W. WARE

The Valley Baptist Academy, a school for Latin-American youth, will open its second year on September 13 in its beautiful new building at 441 E. Washington Street, Brownsville, Texas. The school completed its first year, May 28 in the building furnished by the Home Mission Board. Enrollment for the first



New quarters for Latin-American school.

year was 29 Latin-American students and one Anglo-American. Prospects are good for a splendid year in 1948-49.

The Academy trains young Latin-American men and women for denominational leadership, and is a preparatory school for those who desire to go to college. The board and tuition has been reduced from last year's figure in order to be within the reach of the students.

Rev. J. W. Ware is serving the institution as president and is assisted by Rev. Ralph Arms, a graduate of Baylor University, and Mrs. J. W. Ware, a graduate of Hardin Simmons University. Courses offered include Old and New Testament, religious education, missions and music. These courses are in addition to the regular high school curriculum.

The new property which will house the academy was purchased by the Valley Baptists, through the leadership of the academy board. The new property is in a most desirable location and is the kind of property of which Baptists everywhere may be proud.

The main building is a large, three-story residence with spacious rooms and wide porches and verandas. It is adaptable to the needs of the school. The first floor will house the classrooms, assembly, offices, dining room, and kitchen. The second and third floors are to be the girls' dormitory. The annex, with repairs, will be a boys' dormitory. This property is expected to be adequate for several years. When the school shall have outgrown the present plant, it is hoped that nearby grounds can be obtained for enlargement.

This is a school with a future. Southern Baptists are one hundred years late in launching such a worthy enterprise on the Texas border. The very lateness of the hour spurs us to an immediacy of action. Too long we have waited! Too little we have done! The best missionary method, proven the world over, is to train the native youth and send them out among their own. This is the program of the Valley Baptist Academy.

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Eager Hearts on Every Highway

By SAM T. MAYO
Missionary to Migrants

These have been busy days since last February when we became Southern Baptists' missionaries to the migrants.

During the summer we held a Vacation Bible school at the Farm Labor Camp at Springdale, Arkansas, in which we enrolled 78 boys and girls. The average attendance was 58.

There were two conversions, one a little boy whose mother is Roman Catholic. He accepted Christ the first day he came to the school. His face beamed with joy as he acknowledged Christ as his Saviour, and he had an immediate desire to tell others. No one can know what one life may mean, and we pray that this boy will be able to lead his mother and father to Christ.

Our nursery and kindergarten have been operated five days a week with an enrollment of 27 children and an average attendance of 20. These children were taught the Bible, choruses, how to spell simple words, how to write their names and make figures. As we look around the camp, we find the children singing the choruses to other boys and girls. The parents of our nursery and kindergarten children tell us that the boys and girls insist that the family

have the blessing before each meal and prayers before going to bed. They, of course, are taught that at our school.

We also have Sunday school each Sunday afternoon at the labor camp at Springdale. Sunday is a big work day for the migrant people as the market for fresh fruits and vegetables is better on that day. We, therefore, have services on Sunday night. Although not as many people come as we would like, we have more in proportion than the average Baptist church of the South.

For two weeks we conducted a Vacation Bible school and revival at the pulpwood camp near Searcy and Des Arc, Arkansas. Out of an enrollment of 58 we gave out 49 certificates. Thirty-four of the 49 had a perfect record. The first two days of the school, four of the boys and girls learned the 24th Psalm. For this each received a Bible. In addition, we gave 34 New Testaments to boys and girls who live in homes where there was not a Bible of any kind.

During the two weeks at this camp there were 16 conversions. Another important result was that the Des Arc

Church planned to start a mission Sunday school for the people in the camp.

One girl, about 13 years old, who was converted, and has since expressed a desire to become a missionary to her own people, begged me to promise to come back next year. As I drove away after the close of the services, mothers, fathers, brothers, and sisters said, "Get the Home Mission Board to send you back again next year. This is the first Vacation Bible school we have ever had, and just think how much our boys and girls have learned in two weeks."

During the strawberry season, we spent a month in Louisiana with our headquarters at Albany. We preached 23 times on the streets, under a tent, in homes, or in churches. Part of our work was done among the Negroes. The colored people received us graciously. The pastors in that section are doing great things for the migrants and they, too, are anxious for us to return.

One Sunday afternoon while still in Louisiana, we held services in two homes. The children gathered around the fold-



Boy in door of cabin at Pulpwood camp near Des Arc, Arkansas.



Play time at nursery and kindergarten, labor camp, Springdale, Arkansas.

ing organ which Mrs. Mayo and I carry with us and amazed us by the rapidity with which they learned our choruses. The older people thanked the Home Mission Board for sending us to Louisiana.

One afternoon we stopped at a tent by the side of the highway and found a large family living there. We discovered that they were Christians and were eager to settle in one place and make a home for the children. Through the



Missionary Mayo and boys and girls who donated a week's supply of food for nursery.

humble efforts of your missionaries, we have helped several families to realize the value of settling down and establishing homes.

As we drove away from this particular "home" the children waved good-by and said, "Come again and pray with us. God bless you."

Everywhere, eager hearts are waiting for just a few words of encouragement.

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the Good News Hour." Yes, the coming of Redford, Dowis, Martin and others from the Home Board always brings encouragement and a blessing to the West.

TEXAS AND THE WEST

With what little wisdom did that man speak who in a meeting long ago said, "I am opposed to the sending of mission funds to Texas on the basis that it is not worth-while." Perish the thought! That man failed to reckon with the tears and prayers of that missionary who fell upon his knees and with the zeal and fervor of John Knox cried, "O God, give me Texas or I die."

Institutions, such as the Southwestern Seminary, Baylor University, and Hardin-Simmons, have poured their very life's blood into the making of the West. Whose heart is not stirred at the story of the founding of the great seminary? Riding in a train through the level Texas Panhandle, the great B. H. Carroll, physical and mental giant among men, envisioned the founding and worth of a great institution for the purpose of training young men and women for the winning of the West.

The hot heart of the great evangelist, L. R. Scarborough, is forever still. Yet, probably without exception, his life has been a benediction to every man and woman present. The golden voice of George W. Truett is also stilled. Like the greatest tree of the forest which has fallen, his going leaves the largest gap of all to be filled. The influence of these great men has been given to us as a noble heritage of our West.

BEHOLD THE LAND

God said to Moses, "Get thee up into this mountain . . . and behold the land."

Once the wide desert and great Rocky Mountains were thought to be almost impassable barriers to the westward expansion of the nation. However, word was passed along from hamlet and ranch home that the sunshine, wonderful light air, and dry climate in the West wrought wonders for those who suffered from tuberculosis and other respiratory ailments. Health-seekers and home-seekers began a steady flow to the Western states.

New Mexico, "Land of Enchantment," received the first newcomers. The marks which the old wooden wheels of the stage coaches left upon the hard prairie are shown tourists to this day.

The old trail, now dim from the change and ravages of a century, can be traced from Missouri to "La Fonda," famous inn in old Santa Fe. Mothers, who had left home and kindred behind in settled eastern states, looked at night into the faces of their children and cried softly by the campfire. Fathers, strong and brave in facing the new land, rose at dawn and sang in the presence of towering mountains and silent deserts, "Out Where the West Begins."

Many pioneers, weakened by ill health and the long journey, succumbed before their destination was reached. Graves which contained the bodies of the pioneer dead were made deep and were well fortified with logs and stones lest the coyote or some other wild animal disturb the remains. The bleached bones of oxen still lie beside the old water holes. Dim markers denote the place where savage struggles occurred between the Whites and Indians in the early days.

Close beside her sister state of New Mexico, Arizona bids the stranger welcome. The cities of Phoenix and Tucson are favorite vacation and winter resorts for thousands of Easterners. Moreover, thirty-five thousand people enter Southern California each month, twenty-five thousand of whom remain to make their homes. Thus we have one of the fastest growing areas in the nation. Among the thousands of people who come to the western area each month, it is safe to say that hundreds of these are Southern Baptists.

The Southern Baptists of New Mexico, Arizona, and California, march abreast. For over a decade Dr. Harry P. Stagg, executive secretary of New Mexico, has led Southern Baptists of that state to great heights of spiritual attainment. Dr. Willis J. Ray, executive secretary of Arizona, came from the Baptist forces of Texas. It was a great day when Dr. Ray felt the Lord leading him farther west, a day of victory for Southern Baptists of Arizona. Dr. A. F. Crittendon is the beloved leader of the Southern Baptist forces in California. He has shown marked ability in his administration.

I wish to say a word also with reference to the work of Brother Fred McCaulley, field worker of the Western area. A fellow Texan said of him that he could make more calls, knock on

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Missionary's wife and twin daughters of migrant strawberry pickers near Albany, Louisiana.



Family moving into farm labor camp near Springdale, Arkansas.



Home of a pulpwood worker and family near Des Arc, Arkansas.

From Jerusalem to California

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more doors, and get more work done than any man in the entire state. These splendid men I have just mentioned are doing work which is second to none in the convention.

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California is a magic word. The name California was taken from a novel by the same name, written several centuries ago. The very history of the state reads like a romance. For nearly a thousand miles the waves of the Pacific wash the irregular shoreline of the Golden State. From Oregon to Lower California, stately mountain ranges are interspersed with broad and fertile valleys, producing some of the world's leading crops and fruits. California olive orchards vie with those about old Jerusalem. Her grape vineyards extend row on row, straight as the arrow from the bow. The cities of Los Angeles, San Francisco, and San Diego take their place beside the great cities of the world, both as to size and importance. Out of a total of ten million people, seven mil-

lion make no pretense of belonging to any church or religious sect. Scores of places—many sizable towns and communities—have no Baptist church of any kind. But we have reasons to be encouraged. The state secretary announces a total of 210 churches now affiliated with the Southern Baptist General Convention, with a total membership of well over 20,000. Much of the early progress of our work is due to that noble presbyter, Rev. R. W. Lackey, who has seen the Southern Baptist work grow from a single church to a mighty host. Upon his shoulders and in his great heart, the work in California has been carried and cherished for these years.

Perhaps the greatest single asset to our work in the West is the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. Here some eighty preachers and workers are in training while scores of others clamor for admittance. It was a great day for Southern Baptists when Dr. B. O. Herring, professor of Bible in Baylor Uni-

versity for more than twenty years, was called to be the president of the Golden Gate Seminary. Second to none, B. O. Herring has proved himself capable of leading us to victory in theological training and in evangelistic zeal. With Dr. Herring on one side of a desk, a young preacher on the other side, and a Bible on the desk between, you have a seminary in anybody's language.

The signal service of the seminary has been that of bringing Dr. S. F. Dowis of the Home Mission Board for a series of great doctrinal messages at the yearly Bible conference. The preaching of Dr. Dowis has contributed in a marvelous way toward stabilizing our work and our doctrinal thinking in California. Yes, beyond doubt, these messages will help to shape our thinking and our work in California for a generation to come.

God has blessed the work of Southern Baptists from the Atlantic to the Pacific. One hundred years of toil and tears are behind. No wonder that some of you are weeping! The labors, heartaches, burdens, and victories are all fresh in our minds today. Many of you have gone from coast to coast; you have witnessed the very things of which I am speaking. Your hearts are full of gratitude to God, and your joy knows no bounds.

The world awaits our message. We dare not stop here. Though the proud waves of the Pacific seem to say, "Thus far shalt thou come and no further," we must, we shall see that the gospel is taken to lands beyond the Golden Gate. Not for a day nor for a year do we labor. It is for Christ and eternity. "Behold the land." It stretches around the world.

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A Church Grows in Maryland

By J. C. LEDBETTER

LaVale, a rapidly growing suburb of Cumberland, Maryland's second largest city, is located in a beautiful valley two miles long, nestled between mountain ranges, and has a population of about 4,000. Four months ago LaVale had no house of worship except a small Methodist church at the eastern end of the valley. The Home Mission Board, through its Maryland representative, Dr. William Crowder, placed Rev. J. C. Ledbetter in LaVale to start a Sunday school.

A census showed very few Baptists, but there were a good many people who said, "We would be delighted to attend a Sunday school if you will start one in



New house of worship for LaVale Baptists.

our community." A large dwelling house was secured, and a month was spent in converting the second floor into an apartment for Missionary and Mrs. Ledbetter, and the first floor into an attractive chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Christner, each with three small children, were among the few Baptist families living in LaVale.

On the opening day of the Sunday school there were 46 present, these two families and one other were the only Baptists present! Three months later, there were 121 people on the Sunday school roll.

Each Sunday the people worship happily through the means of the Sunday school, Training Union, and preaching service. A Vacation Bible school was held this summer in which 59 were enrolled. The missionary circle had 18 women present at its second meeting. Six young people and adults have been baptized, and others are awaiting baptism. When a large enough constituency has been gained, a church will be organized.

The chapel quarters are already crowded to capacity, and each Sunday classes are held out of doors. The people are saying, "We must build!" Everywhere Missionary and Mrs. Ledbetter visit in the lovely homes of LaVale, the people say, "We are so grateful to the Baptist Home Mission Board for helping provide us a place of worship."

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Christ is calling—Southern Baptist youth are answering.

Europe a Challenge

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a year, and who was recently gloriously saved. So, upon my arrival in Budapest, I contacted him by telephone in the city of Debrecen and invited him and his wife to come to Budapest as my guests.

Sunday the rabbi and his wife accompanied me to the Baptist church in which I spoke and I presented them as a miracle of God's grace and an example of the power of the gospel.

While I rejoice in the unprecedented awakening of spiritually starved Hungary, I cannot help but compare this freedom with that of Germany in the year 1934 when the Baptist World Alliance met in Berlin. Baptist representatives, to their later disillusionment, pointed to this new freedom as a turning point in the religious life of Germany.

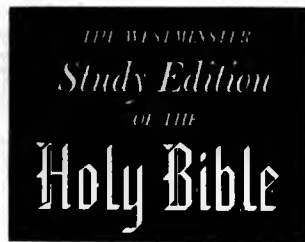
I was told in Hungary that President Tildy and other leading personalities are men of prayer, that the president's sister is a Sunday school teacher! I hope that we will not again be taken in by any false propaganda.

Without fear of contradiction, I state that Europe today presents the greatest challenge to the Christian world. While we should exhaust our resources in coming to the rescue of her starving millions, we must not lose sight of the fact that as great as is their physical suffering, their spiritual state is even more deplorable.

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By J. PERRY CARTER

Although in the midst of a great building program themselves, The Parkland Baptist Church of Louisville, Kentucky, of which Dr. H. Leo Eddleman is pastor, decided to establish a mission.

The church at first thought they should wait about establishing a mission station until their own building program was completed. However, they came to feel that their building program should not stand in the way of their interest in missions so they said, "Let's have the mission station."

The church set a date to begin work on a new brick veneer chapel. Most of the work on it was done by voluntary

labor. Thus the total cost of the very lovely little chapel and the lot was only about one-third of the real value. The total cost of the building was \$5,818.31.

Though the mission pastor, Rev. J. M. Snowden, visited in the homes of the people in the community for some weeks prior to the erection of the chapel, the first service was the day the mission building was dedicated. The initial meeting was held in the afternoon on Sunday, June 20th, at which time 12 new members were received. During revival services, which began with the dedicatory service, there were seven others received. The first Sunday school was held on June 27th with 41 people present and \$41.80 offering.

The program for the dedicatory service included messages by Pastor Eddleman and Superintendent J. Perry Carter, and a number of musical numbers. The dedicatory prayer was led by J. W. Shelburne, chairman of the mission committee of Parkland Baptist Church.

The city mission program in Louisville was started a little more than five years ago with 68 churches and 12 mission stations. A goal of 100 churches and mission stations within a few years was announced. There are now 76 Baptist churches and 23 mission stations besides some 30 institutions in which more than 400 volunteer workers are bearing their testimony every month.

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Winky Soltes a Mystery. By Ken Anderson. Zondervan Publishing House. 75 cents.

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Jungle Doctor. By Norman E. King. Zondervan Publishing House. Cloth, \$1.75.

The story of "a brilliant young physician who accepted the challenge of Borneo—and discovered that one can find love even on a tropical island."

Mr. Benjamin Sward. By Robert E. Abraham. The Jewish Publication Society of America. Cloth, \$2.00.

An adventure story in which Judah T. Benjamin, lawyer, statesman, and brains of the Confederacy, is on the run. The time is just after the Civil War. Benjamin carries a souvenir sword given him by President Jefferson Davis. He makes good his escape and attains high distinction at the English bar. Billy

Hart, a Gentle, is with Benjamin, the Jew, throughout the adventure. The message of the book is on race relations.

Under a Thatched Roof. By Mrs. Rosemary Cunningham. Evangelical Publishers, Toronto, Canada. \$1.50.

Mrs. Cunningham and her husband were missionaries in the jungles of Brazil. She tells personal experiences of mission work among the wild Indians of the territory.

Does Science Support Evolution? By E. Ralph Hooper. Evangelical Publishers. \$2.00.

Dr. Hooper, a physician, makes a case against evolution. He uses quotations from various sources in substantiating his claims.

The Sugar Creek Gang Digs for Treasure. By Paul Hutchens. Van Kampen Press. \$1.00.

The author, writing adventure stories for boys, keeps the Christian emphasis throughout his books.

Nearing the End. By William I. Pottigill. Van Kampen Press. \$1.25.

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In addition, the church hopes to build a pastor's home adjacent to the church within the next few months.

Rev. Elias Delgado is the missionary pastor of the church.

Indian Work Progresses

Rev. Aaron Hancock, missionary to the Indians in Oklahoma, writes that there were 13 professions of faith and 22 who surrendered for special service at the Indian Institute in Alabama, which he and Dr. J. B. Rounds attended.

This was the first year of the institute and one woman with six children came and stayed all week. In order for her to attend, her husband took off from his work and kept the two smaller children at home.

Back in Oklahoma, Missionary Hancock has presented a ten-year program to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians which includes among other things the winning of 1,000 Indians to Christ. He suggests one revival in each church a year, a religious census, a summer school for preachers, and the building of new or repairing of old church buildings.

Work Among the Deaf

C. F. Landon, missionary to the deaf, has been conducting revival meetings for the deaf throughout the Southland.

He had several successful meetings in California and a number of others in Oklahoma and Missouri. At the First Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri, six young deaf people accepted Christ as their Saviour. At the annual convention for the deaf of the Ozarks at Monett, Missouri, 120 persons were present.

Open Work Among Spanish

"The mission that we opened in San Jose, California, February 26, 1948, has recently been organized into the first Southern Baptist church for Spanish-speaking people in this state," writes Rev. Jesus Rios, missionary to Spanish-speaking in California. "The church was organized with 25 members."

"I have also been working in a mission at Salinas, going there every two weeks. Plans are going forward toward starting work among the Spanish-speaking people in Los Angeles."



Graduating class of Armenian Avenue Baptist kindergarten, Tampa, Florida.

Good Kindergarten Class

"We had a good year in the Kindergarten," writes Rev. T. H. York, missionary-pastor to the Armenian Baptist church at Tampa, Florida.

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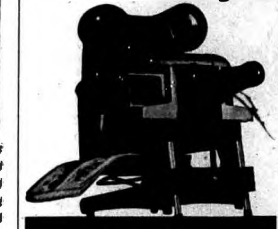
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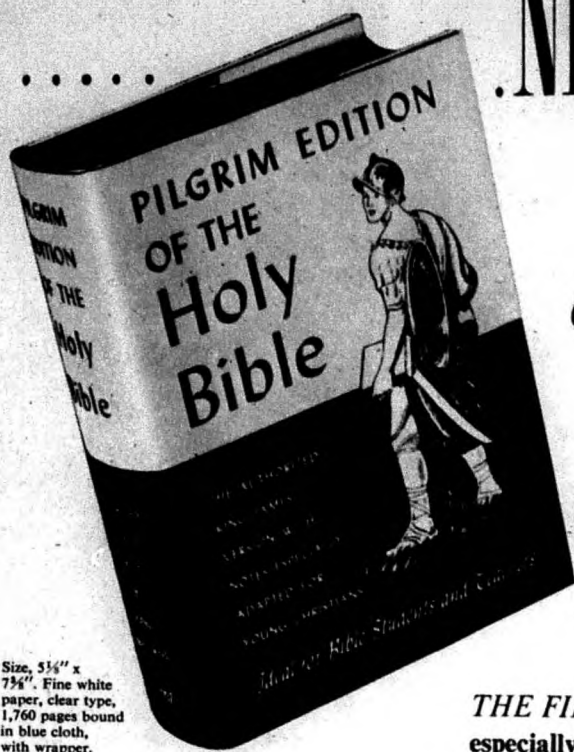


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