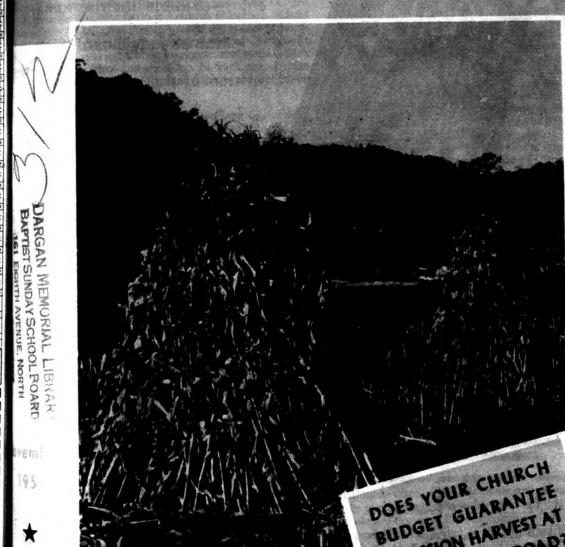
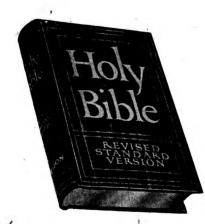
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## Taking CHRIST Seriously

This is the time of year when most of our churches fix their budgets of financial support for the work of the kingdom of God in the ensuing year. This is a tremen-dously important matter. Financing the work which Christ has given his disciples to do is a church obligation. Christ ommissioned his churches to preach the gospel at home and abroad. This carries the supreme task of Christianity
—the task of making Christ known to the world—back to the local churches and shoulders on each one of them and onto the members individually the world obligation

Accepting this as a fundamental teaching of the New restament, it is evident that kingdom finance—the responsibility for raising the money with which to finance the preaching of the gospel at home and abroad — is mosted in the churches. This makes the churches the idministrative authority in underwriting the finances of the kingdom.

It is therefore obligatory upon every church to put on a financial program large enough to meet this world obli gation in an adequate way and to enlist as far as possible every member of the church in the support of such a program. The right of the churches to make this demand on their members adheres in the very nature and genius of kingdom administration. The only agency established by Christ for the evangelization of the world is the church. Of course, the obligation of this world task extends to and rests upon every member of every church. It is, however, primarily the responsibility of those in authority in the church, the pastor and the deacons, to see that the

Christ did not give the Great Commission to a board. He gave the Commission to his churches. He said to tach one of them and to every member in every church, 'Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations.' If we take Jesus Christ seriously, if we really and truly believe that he said what he wanted to say and meant what he said, then there is but one thing for the churches to do and that is to put on a financial program which will enable them to preach the gospel to the whole world, beginning in their own pulpits

This fixes the center of gravity for the denominational work on the inside and not on the outside of the churches. This is as it should be. The kingdom program of Christ should be rooted in the lives of the churches. The financing of the work of the kingdom—financing the program of the denomination—should not be removed far from the churches; it should be kept close to them. The financial business; tial burdens of the kingdom should be assumed by the

churches. This would put the churches as organic units under denominational finances and bring the pastor back into the center of kingdom work as the most important man, not only in preaching the gospel in his own church, but also in seeing to it that the gospel is preached at home and abroad.

The pastor is the key man in kingdom work, but he stands on the inside of the church and must open the church to kingdom work from the inside. Baptist churches are not opened from the outside. Let us dig in here in kingdom finance. A healthy local church life developed on a New Testament basis and through New Testament principles will produce money as one of its fruits just as a principles will produce money as one of its fruits just as a healthy apple tree will produce apples. If once our churches are vitalized by a sense of stewardship and yoked up to the kingdom program of Christ in a real coperative way, the financial problems of the denomination will be solved. Our problem is to awaken in Baptichurch life a sense of kingdom responsibility.

Christ commissioned these churches of his to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature and they cannot shift the responsibility. They can no more step out from under the obligation to go into all the world with the gospel than they can step out from under the obligation to preach the gospel in their own pulpits. The same commission which makes it imperative for the church to preach the gospel in its own pulpit also makes it obligatory upon it to preach the gospel in all the world. If Christ has commanded anything of any church he has commanded a worldwide service. If any church takes Jesus Christ seriously, then it must preach the gospel in its own pulpit; but it must also and at the same time preach the gospel in its association and in its state and its homeland and in the foreign fields, even unto the uttermost parts of the earth; and this must be done simultaneously and continuously. Christ's program provides for nothing less. No church has a less commission. Christ launches every church out into a world campaign.

I wonder if we are taking Christ seriously. There is a sentiment often expressed that churches are obligated to take care of their own local work, but that outside of this -when it comes to the denominational work, to the work of preaching the gospel to the whole world—they can do it or not do it if they wish. This idea has caused us to designate our work as local and denominational. In the mind of many of our deacons and members, and sometimes in the mind of the finance committee in preparing the budget of the church, they think of the work of the local church as being absolutely necessary and that the

ork of the kingdom on the outside of the church, which they call denomina tional work is a fine thing to do after they have taken care of the local budget

These terms and this form of thinking tend to build a wall of partition between the work of the local church and the work of the denomination, and to fence the two off into separate fields. The result is that churches come to think that they are directly responsible for their local work, and that the boards and agencies are responsible for the denominaal work. As a result of this type of thinking many of our churches are taking care of their local work first, and then doing what they feel they can do for the denominational work. No emphasis is placed upon specific tasks. Home and foreign missions are not mentioned. One phrase is used—"missions and benevonees"—for all outside kingdom tasks. The members of the church are thus led to think themselves out from under all denominational obligations. The denomination becomes to them an institution with its work largely apart from the churches. To this institution-the denomination—they feel that they can give if they feel like it: it is a nice and generthere is any divine obligation laid upon them by the Lord Jesus to give.

The church should attack this prob-

lem in a serious way. It should work out its financial program so as to create a giving conscience. In making out the budget, special attention should be called to all the kingdom interests—the preaching of the gospel at home and abroadand an adequate percentage of the budget should be set aside for the Cooperative Program, which includes all the

kingdom interests.

Stewardship is binding upon the church in the administration of the funds as well as upon the members in giving their substance for kingdom work. tration. The New Testament plan of church finance bottoms the financing of ciples. It secures a glorious unity, unity n kingdom outlook, unity in kingdom support, unity in kingdom administration. It goes right to the heart of things, It ties up the securing of money for the evangelization of the world with the life of the Christian. It anchors all kingdom programs in the churches, not only makes possible but imperative a church budget which includes the worldwide program of Christ as well as the needs of the church.

#### Missions and the March of Events

A Confusing Phrase

According to an AP dispatch the Presbyterian Assembly turned down a request by the Fayetteville, North Carolina, Presbytery that the words "He descended into hell," be omitted from the answer to a catachism question dealing with the Apostles' Creed. The Fayetteville Presbytery asked that this phrase be deleted on the ground that it was "confusing to some of its members" and that it was not essential to salvation.

Of course, it is not essential to salvation and, as for that matter, the "Apostles' Creed of itself is not essential salvation. There is only one essential to salvation and that is faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and the acceptance of him as a personal Saviour, Lord, and Master "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

#### The World Council of Churches

The third World Conference on Faith and Order was held at Lund, Sweden, by the World Council of Churches, August 15-28. There were 230 official delegates, appointed by their churches, present. The delegates worshipped together, so we are told by a news release daily and most of the delegates accepted the invitation of the primate of the Church of Sweden to participate in "high mass with communion" held in the cathedral on the first Sunday of the conference.

Thirty-nine instances of union achieved between independent churches were reported, and the report suggested that "statistics . . . seemed to indicate that the trend toward Christian unity i This same principle holds good all the far more than merely a matter of talk that is impressive when understood."

In the discussions which developed it the kingdom of God at bedrock prin- was found, according to the report, that the differences which divide the churches are not strictly theological, but root in social and cultural factors, and are mere incidences of history. Many of the differences, we are told, cut squarely across the denominational lines and the most difficult of these, possibly, were the questions of ordination and inter

Bible basis for its existence and if its faith is not rooted in the Word of God on the great principles of the Christian

religion, then it would seem that the should be no real reason why such de-But when a denomination's faith ooted in the Scriptures, as we believ that of Southern Baptists is, it is then different question altogether. The only basis on which Southern Baptists co unite with any other group would be o the acceptance of the teaching of t Bible, the independence and autonor of the local church, the sovereignty the individual and his competency to g directly to God through Christ with outside hindrance of any sort; these ar fundamental things with Southern Bar

#### The Good News Hour

The Good News Hour, which h been a part of our home mission wo for more than five years, is still goin strong over fifty stations. Most of the stations are in the western states when we now are doing the larger per cent our mission work. We have also a hool up of six stations in Alaska. We have few stations east of New Mexico, bu practically all of these stations are se The word that comes to us from o

western states indicates that the Good News Hour is a potent factor in th home mission program in the We Churches have been organized as a result of the program. There have bee many who have been inspired to look the Baptist organization after hearing t sermons, and a number have been c service. According to the best information we can get from the stations, there are between five hundred thousand at million people listening to the Goo News Hour every Sunday.

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Student Missionaries One of our faithful Baptist Cuban pistors, Eduardo Gomez, died September 4 following almost a year's illness. Have Good Year

The 362 student summer missionaries who served under the Home Mission Board during the past summer, reported 4,106 conversions. This is a little more than eleven conversions per student during the ten weeks of service. The students also reported the establishment of twenty-seven new mission stations and fifteen new churches. They served in 1,386 Vacation Bible schools

NEWS

Dedicate Library to WMU Worker The East St. Louis Associational WMU recently dedicated a room in the Ben Elrod was recently ordained as a Good Will Center there as a library in memory of Mrs. Lillie C. Biggs, former deacon in the Inman Park Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. president of the East St. Louis WMU.

Mrs. Biggs was influential in the start-ing of the Good Will Center and had a great love for and desire to help the people who live in the section where the center is located. The room has been equipped and furnished with an excellent supply of books which Miss Louise Whitmire, missionary at the center, says the people are eager to read.

#### Report Challenging Mission Opportunities

Rev. and Mrs. Sam T. Mayo, missionaries to the migrants, have been working for several months at Graniteville, South Carolina, where the United States Government is building a large hydrogen plant.

According to their report there are at present about 4,000 trailer homes with tween thirteen and fourteen thousand people living in them. By January 1 it estimated there will be at least 5,000 trailers with approximately seventeen thousand people. A census which Mr. and Mrs. Mayo took revealed that between fifty-five and seventy per cent of the people were Baptists or of Baptist preference.

#### Conference Dates Set

Conference dates for next summer for the Home Mission Board have been set according to Dr. Courts Redford, assistant executive secretary. Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest will be August 13-19 and at Glorieta June 22-28. The Baptist Brotherhood Conference

#### A Meaningful Letter

The following letter was written to Dr. Alfred Carpenter, director of the Chaplains Commission, by Chaplain Clyde C. Godfrey.

Shortly after my arrival in Spo kane, Washington, I joined the Driscoll Boulevard Baptist Church. This is a mission church and the only Southern Baptist church in Spokane. We met in a schoolhouse because there is no more suitable place available. The church has purchased land to build in a new section of the city. There are many inchurched people nearby. Abou half the present congregation are and Fairchild Air Force Bases.

City building codes will not permit our church to construct a temporary building. During the summer months, when no heat is needed, we rent the school at re duced rate, but during the winter months we have to pay \$35.00 per Sunday. We have midweek prayer meeting in homes. If we had a building we could launch out and bring in the unchurched and win them to Christ.

Our church does not need gift: it needs a loan large enough to build a place to worship. This is a mission field white unto har-If we had a building we could take advantage of the opportunities that are ours.

Gilbert Skaar is our pastor and our deacons are all former deacons of churches down South. If we had a building we could fill it in a short time.

and Young Men's Mission Conference will be held at Ridgecrest during the August date.

The Brotherhood Conference will be held at Glorietta during Home Mission Week also.

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Gomez had been pastor at Guayos,

Cuba, for about twenty years. In con-

ection with his church he also had a

mall school. For some time he had been serving as treasurer of the Cuban

Baptist Convention. He is survived by his wife and seven children, one of

shom is the wife of another Baptist

pastor in Cuba. Mr. Gomez was about

Mrs. J. Carl Brittain, interpreter to

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Dr. E. B. Shivers is pastor of the In-

Dr. and Mrs. Jose M. Sanchez of

uba enrolled at the beginning of the

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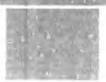
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### **DECLARES**



By C. C. Warren, Pastor First Baptist Church Charlotte North Carolina

THE great apostle, in writing to the strife-torn church at Corinth concerning the character of its kingdom building work said, "... the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is" (I Cor. 3:13). These words seem to have a particular relevance for our day. In fact, they constitute a rather fitting commentary upon our age. We have been tried by the fire of two world wars in one generation. Their legacy of desolate ruin, suffering, and woe speak more loudly that words of the insecurity of the foundations upon which men have built in our time. In a world where anxious hearts cry for peace it is well that we should re-examine the foundations and superstructure of our work: to ask what this day declares concerning it and seek to reorient our building in accordance with the will of God.

This Day Declares: That Men Are Still Building Upon Faulty Foundations

almost anywhere in the world in this our day and you will witness the sad commentary of man's building upon faulty foundations. A few days in Paris will convince anyone that the foundations of French civilization are grounded in the glorification of the flesh and that General Giraud was correct when he said, following World War I, that France

literally drank herself to doom. In Italy, Spain, South America, and many other places, ecclesiasticism, and a papal domination have been the bedrock of civilization for cen turies. Germany tried culture, intellect, and rationalism, which resulted in defeat, despair, and destruction Russia has built her civilization upon atheistic communism and Russia will meet her "Waterloo" on God's time schedule. England, the home of Carey, Bunyan, Spurgeon, and the Wesleys has built upon pride, ritualism, formalism, caste, etc., until spiritual dirth in the British Isles saddens the heart of every true follower of Christ on earth. Strife and bloodshed continue to spell out the heritage of countless other nations in all parts of the world. Here in God-blessed America we still build, for the most part, on a Godless materialism which in an appalling degree imbodies the faulty materials thirty civilizations into oblivion. Yes, this day declares the men are still building on faulty foundations.

This Day Declares: That Security for All Manking Is Still to Be Found in Spiritual Reality

well-ordered society without a basic morality. Morality dependent upon religion. The only religion that can provide

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World War. Perhaps sane men will not. but sin drives men to insanity and inane men will do anything. The Holy pirit must find an earthly habitat through the spiritual regeneration of the ndividual before he can control and direct the affairs of men. The fact that our security is to be ound only in spiritual reality is home ut in experience. We have made marelous strides of progress in science, inustry, etc. We have tunneled moun ins. We sail on and under the seas. We fly through the air at amazing speed. On waves of electrical energy we whisper around the world. We are learning ore by the hour concerning the possi ulities of atomic energy, television, and existing ones." the like, but if on each ascending scale progress man remains a singer he only

> This declaration has also been called o our attention repeatedly by the best minds of our day. The old soldier may ide away but future generations will ontinue to remember his memorable words. "If we are to save the flesh, it must be of the spirit." David Lilienthal nd countless others have reiterated the ame truth. One of our nation's most ominent elergymen sums it up in these words, "Unless we can learn the suspiritual forces, the pallearers that have carried out other dead vilizations wait at our door." This day fectures that our only hope of security to be found in spiritual reality.

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#### ern Baptists Are Confronted with ne of the Most Challenging pportunities in the History Christianity

It is a challenge, first, to reach the ood our Southland. In fact, they are tealize Norman Carlisle, in his article some things that should have a peculiar significance for Southern Bantists. He says, among other things, "There is a fantastic boom in progress below the Mason-Dixon Line. Throughout the South there is a sense of excitement as new developments come with startling rapidity. Just look at a few headlines: 'Giant New Aluminum Plant in Louisi-ana' . . . 'World's Greatest Atomic Plant in South Carolina' . . . 'Georgia Electric-Power Output Quadrupled' . . . 'Census Shows Florida One of Ton Three States in Nation Having Increased Income' . . . 'Alabama Builds Huge Lumber Industry' . . . 'Tennessee Education Budget

"Of the top ten states in the nation for cattle gains nine are in the South. Agriculture experts are quick to point out why. In the drier range country of the West it takes fifty acres of land to support one animal. On the improved pastures of the South it takes only two. Every business day for the period 1941-1951 seven new industrial plants have set up shop. Georgia alone has 2,700 new plants. Yet, this is only a part of the story. For every million dollars spent in the building of new factories. fifteen million have been poured into

A few days ago, while visting in the vicinity of Aiken, South Carolina, I passed a trailer camp where I was told that 6,000 people moved into that camp in 1,500 trailers within about a week's time. Here in North Carolina, in the vicinity of Cherry Point, 20,000 people have been located within the past few months. These are but indications of what is going on all over the South. What does all this mean? Among other things it means a new day of challenge to Southern Baptists to reach these peo-

It is a challenge not only to win these multitudes but to demonstrate to the world that in Christ people of all races can dwell together in peace. Paul, in his message at Mars Hill said. "God hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth." He intended for them to dwell in peace. This day declares that Southern Bantists now have the opportunity to illustrate before the eyes of the world a fruitful realization of this dream.

It is a challenge not only to evangelize the multitudes who are moving into the multitudes who are destined to cradle of Southern Baptist history, but it is an unprecedented challenge to adready here in numbers that few of us vance on all fronts, particularly in the western part of our country. I cannot

"Is Dixie Leaving the North Behind" in concur in the position that we will dethe July issue of Coronet, points out stroy our fellowship if we cross old geographical boundary lines. The world is our field. The Great Commission is our commission still, and no one has a right to place any limitations upon our Lord's militant program for the establishment of his kingdom.

#### This Day Declares: for Southern Baptists an Inescapable Responsibility

When Paul saw what his day was declaring his heart, soul, mind, and body went into an all-out effort to proclaim to dying, sin-cursed men the gospel which was and is the power of God unto salvation to them that believe. In the light of what this day declares, Southern Baptists should realize the imperative necessity of advancing. For many reasons our responsibility is imperative and inescapable.

We have the gospel which is the only solvent for mankind's ills. Every other foundation or philosophy chosen by man has failed. Education, militaand the like have been weighed in the balance and found wanting.

2. This one solvent is entrusted to Not to kings, queens, parliaments, or ruling bodies of the earth has God entrusted this one solvent, but to humble believers in Christ.

3. God has peculiarly equipped us to meet this challenge. With approximately seven per cent of the land area and six per cent of the population, we have more than fifty per cent of the major necesenjoy today. No nation on earth has had so much to give to the world and has given so little as the United States. At first thought, this sounds paradoxical. We seem to hear someone say, "Why, we have given over forty billion dollars toward the rehabilitation of other countries since the last war." Perhaps so, but history may record that our greatest misa take was the giving of nothing but money to a world that was hungering for the things of the spirit.

4. Our responsibility is imperative and inescapable because Christianity is in a life and death struggle with forces that would so enslave the world as to eliminate Christianity altogether. The forces that hattle for supremacy today are going after the multitudes and the force that reaches the multitudes will rule the world. This is communism's hope. It is the hope of Roman Catholicism. It seems that the southeastern part

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TOME MISSIONS, foreign missions, persecution, war, death, illness, love, and service—these are part of the elements that make the fascinating story of Rev. Toshio Sakamoto and his wife, Shigeko, who now serve as Home Board missionaries at the Sawtelle Japanese Mission in Los Angeles, California, She is from Japan; he is a Japanese-American. Shigeko tells her story:

"I was born and reared in a-Christian home. My father was a minister of the Japan Christ Church (Ni On Kirisuto

"My father was a learned man, he received his university training in law at Tae Kohu Dia Sahko (Teidai University). He lacked one year finishing when he became a Christian, gave up America where he finished his three-year theological seminary course in 1911. He was able to converse in English quite freely and could read and understand German, Greek, Hebrew, and Latin.

"My father wrote a newspaper against Shintoism. During the rise of strong Shintoism he was invited to tea in one of the Shinto shrines and was houtally beaten. This incident deepened his faith and outlook, but it led to his death ten years later during World War II (1945).

"My mother was a very devoted Christian. She died in 1944. "My eldest brother was killed in ac-

tion in Guam. "I lived in Tokyo and witnessed the devastating effect of total war. In 1946 I realized that I was a sinner and needed a Saviour. Though no one dealt with me personally, the years of home training, and going to church and hearing the Word convicted me of my need. After I received Christ I helped in Sun-



day school at Higashisenzohn Gospi "About four months later I met m

husband-to-be. He was very much interested in children's work and it was through this means that our interest in each other grew.

"After our marriage we stayed eight

months in O-ohayama. I had the privi-lege of gathering children in the neighorhood once a week for chorus singing and presenting the Word of God. I had the privilege of leading one of the chil-dren to Christ. It was later when I was in America that I learned that the chil went to be with our Heavenly Father.

"We came to America in November 1948, so that I might enter America under the Immigration Act.

"We count it a great privilege to b able to work among our people here at Sawtelle Baptist Mission. From here. our hopes are to go to Japan in the near future and to labor in his vineyard in the rural areas of Japan."

Toshio Sakamoto's story is just as interesting but very different. He was born America and grew up among Anglo-Americans. He was a freshman at San Jose State College of California, when war broke out with Japan. He and his family were placed in Heart Mountain Relocation Center in Wyoming and then in 1944 he was called into military service. At Ft. Snelling Military Language School in Minneapolis, Minnesota, be was receiving instructions in the Japanese language in order to become a miltary linguist, when Rev. Paul Nagano, formerly a Baptist pastor of Los Angeles, invited him to attend services at

the Christian Cheer Center. This seemed increase characters so he went to the Center. There he met a handful of outand-out Christian Nesei. He says:
"In their testimonies and their lives

something that attracted me. They and something that I did not have. Upon invitation I went forward to receive leus Christ as my personal Saviour." What a sad commentary on American Christianity it is that this young man should have grown up among us with-out being won to Christ until such dire

meumstances should bring him under On one of his furloughs Toshio atended a Bible conference at Winona



lake, Indiana. When he returned, his Christian Nesci friends were anxious to hear about his experience. They asked him who the speakers were. To his surprise and theirs, he said "I just jotted down so many valuable notes about the Bible that I do not recall a single speak-

This testimony caused one of his Japanese friends to give him a Bible for which he had been praying. He says, Between classes we had ten minutes of recess and I spent that time reading





was so interested in God's Word that my age interesting to him than studying grade in the Japanese language began appropriate the steadily to decline. I was called in by one of my instructors and told that unless I improved I would be dropped to the next lower level. "I continued to read the Bible and

about four weeks before my graduation I wanted to be baptized. When I re quested baptism I was told to wait until there were three or four candidates for baptism. Disappointed, I went to one of my friends who was a very devoted Seventh-Day Adventist. Though I did not know anything about this cult. I went to his church on Saturday. the while I was there the Spirit of the Lord was telling me that I should not go there. The Seventh-Day Adventist statement of faith was not acceptable to me. However, I took matters into my own hand and made arrangements to be bap-tized the following Saturday.

Monday morning I had a severe headache and I was placed on quarters. By noon I had a high temperature and was sent to the post hospital. There I was told that I had a light case of pneumo I was hospitalized for three weeks so had time to meditate upon the Word. While studying the Book of Galations I saw the error of Seventh-Day Adven tists. Because of my stay at the hospital I was unable to take the final ex-Continued on Page 26

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## WHAT ABOUT the Dew?

By Frank Halbeck Field Secretary, Jewish Department

MAY 11, 1867, a resolution was year 1953, because it stresses the importance of effective witnessing. Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Memphis, Tennessee: "Resolved, that it is offr duty, as Christians, to labor and to pray more earnestly for the conversion of the Jews."

Again the Convention, meeting in Charleston, South Carolina, on May 10, 1875, adopted another resolution: Whereas, in the providence of God here now seems to be a special call on Southern Baptists to make effort the conversion of the Jews: therefore, Re-solved, that the Home Mission Board be instructed to inquire into the expediency of appointing and if found practicable, to send out a missionary to the Jews, as soon as a suitable man can be

These two historical resolutions show us that the early leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention were interested in evangelizing the Jews.

Today the leaders of the Convention are still interested in evangelizing the Jews. The problem that the Convention faced almost a century ago is still

The population of Jews was once small, and they lived in towns and villages. Now the Jewish population has ncreased greatly with the rapid growth of metropolitan centers and the industrialization of what was once almost entirely an agricultural area.

Now, more than ever, the pleading of our Baptist founders is ringing in our ears to "labor and pray more earnestly for the conversion of the Jews."

The Jewish Department of the Home Mission Board has a plan to suggest to Southern Baptists. It is that churches ohserve Jewish Fellowship Week, April 20-26, 1953. This plan can be a chal-

The following outline gives the program as planned, stressing visitation and preaching:

1. Secure a list of Jewish names in each church community. This can be done by a religious census or by gathering the names of Jews who are friends of Bantists.

2. Select in each church a group of workers who will visit in Jewish homes. During the visits, invitations can be extended to them to visit in the church on Sunday, April 26.

3. On April 26, 1953, we would suggest that the pastor have a spec preaching service for Jewish people. The finest thing that any pastor could do would be to deliver a message on the Saviourhood of Jesus. Many pastors have received good response after writing personal letters inviting Jewish people to such services.

4. Additional tracts and suggestions for developing this week may be acquired from the Jewish Department of the Home Mission Board

Periods of special emphasis may not bear fruit immediately in professions of faith. However, such efforts are valuable in manifesting friendship and letting Jewish people know that Baptists desire to share the gospel. This special period is an effort toward the development of a year-round program of personal visi-tation to Jewish homes.

Pastors are urged to join in a preaching mission on April 26, 1953, by people that Jesus is the Messiah.

As the early leaders of the Convention, who had a vision of the possibilities of winning lost Jews, we can "labor lenge to many pastors and their and pray" for those who need to know churches. It is also a part of the Five- that the blood of Jesus Christ can be-Year Crusade in Home Missions for the come their Yom Kippur for life.

#### Pioneer Kentucky Mountain Preacher Dies

By L. O. Griffith Director of Promotion

"I djdn't stop until I had finished reading it," was the testimony of many who read the book, The Prophet of Little Cane Creek, life of A. S. Petrey, Hazard, Kentucky, who for almost a half cer tury was pioneer missionary in the Ken-tucky mountains for the Baptist Home Mission Board and the Kentucky State Mission Board.

The Reverend Mr. Petrey died August 28, twelve days to the hour after the death of his wife. All of their nine children were at the funeral which was conducted at Petrey Memorial Bantis



Rev. A. S. Petrey

Mr. Petrey was born in Whitley County, Kentucky, near Little Cane Creek. He attended Cumberland College, Williamsburg, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Thirteen churches were constituted by this pioneer missionary and with his hands he helped build nine of the houses of worship. He organized Three Forks Association in 1900 and established Hazard Baptist Institute that operated for thirty-five years, providing educational and religious opportunities for hundreds of mountain boys and girls.

Although he was offered a professor ship in a college and many calls came to him to become the pastor of large churches, he stayed in the Cumberland Hills to tell his people about God.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS

All Together



By John Caylor

conscious of the appeal of foreign mis-sions, it is a good time to review the attitude of missionaries in the Jerusalem church soon after the ascension of

One of the most important contributions Southern Baptists make in December and March, as they pray for and give to foreign missions and home mis-sions, is the togetherness of their inter-cuts. They find themselves universally sterested in these two great phases of missions. From the beginning it has been so. The two things on which Southem Baptists have never wavered, but ave always agreed, are the emphases of missions at home and missions to th

All That Belleved

"All that believed were together . (Acts 2:44) speaks a volume for early Christians. Their belief brought them logether and the exercise of their belief

Southern Baptists are together in the upport of foreign missions. The Lottie

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During the month of November, as Southern Baptists become intensely now unifying the efforts of all our people in the major interest of the Convention at this season of the year.

Woman's Missionary Union began its special offering for foreign missions at a time when the income of Southern Ban tists was at low ebb and needed reinforcement. Such a "shot in the arm" was given the cause that the annual offering has become a regular feature of the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists. Now is the time for "all who believe" to be together in emphasizing. praying for, and giving to foreign mis sions. In this way Southern Baptist advance will be insured.

Laborers Together As we prepare for advance on foreign mission fields we find that "we are labor ers together with God." Paul, the great unifier of churches, centered attention on working together. As Christians work with one another they are working with God. As Baptists reinforce foreign missions through the Christmas offering they are having part in divine effort. Paul continues to remind the churches that Christians are workers together in order that they may not receive the grace of God in vain, but that they may give emphasis to primary objectives: "now is the accepted time; behold, now i day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:1, 2). What is foreign missions but the extension of personal witnessing beyond the local each by means of co-operative effort?

All Together The crowning joy of our effort for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and personal witnessing ourselves is that "whether we wake or sleep we should live together with him" (1 These

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## The IDEA Grows

Field Secretary, Co-operative Missions Department

nual meeting of the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools, discussion of experiences and progress of colleges in this realm.

programs and surveys conducted during the spring and summer growing interest. The pattern of work s unfolding particularly in three phases: ttension classes, special conferences, nd student-pastor assistance.

Extension classes are designed especially to assist non-college-trained pastors and their lay leaders. From in-

The idea of mission activities by ham, Alabama, we learn that at least Southern Baptist schools and colleges is seven colleges have established organ-rapidly taking root. In the recent ansince 1947. These are: Howard College, January, 1947; Mercer University, much of the program was given to the discussion of experiences and progress man College, Tennessee, September, 1950; Gardner-Webb College, North Carolina, January, 1951; Campbellsville College, Kentucky, September, 1951; University of Richmond, Virginia, September, 1951; and Ouachita Baptist Col-

classes in .99 different centers last year and have 108 planned for next year. In these centers 5,518 students were e pastors and their lay leaders. From the formation compiled by Dr. Hampton C. rolled (1951-1952), of which 1,232 G. Hopkins of Howard College, Birming-were ministers. Approximately 8,037

persons have been enrolled in the ex tension classes since their beginning.

With colleges thus reaching a helping hand to rural ministers and laymen, many of whom have been deprived of the privileges of college education, one can easily envision better rural church programs in the future.

Special conferences are being held by some of our colleges. These are especially designed to unify and challenge the best efforts of all pastors and churches, with emphasis on rural work.
Oklahoma Baptist University has had marked success with its summer school for preachers, conducted by the state superintendent of missions in co-operation with the college. Other schools are following similar plans-some holding conferences during the school session, others in the summertime. The annuconferences at the seminaries in For Worth and Louisville, conducted by them in co-operation with the Home Mission Board and state boards, are rapidly growing in power and influence. The superintendent of missions in Ar kansas conducts annually such conferlege, Arkansas, January, 1952. Others ences on college campuses. Many pas are planning to begin the work next year.

These schools conducted extension

These schools conducted extension tors and associational missionaries testify

Student-pastors' assistance is likewise gaining favor in the colleges. We under stand that the Southeastern Bantist The ological Seminary at Wake Forest, North Carolina, is planning to set up a rural church department giving expert assistance to churches in the area. State superintendents of missions, in their recent meeting at Ridgecrest, requested other establishing such departments. Similar groups during the summer.

William Jewell College has employed a man to assist student-bastors in their work, and is doing excellent pioneering in this field. Other colleges recognize the need for such assistance and are making plans to meet the need. Approxi nately 3,000 students in Southern Bap tist schools were serving as pastors of churches during the past school year A recent survey indicates that almost half of our Baptist schools have started some plan of giving assistance to their student-pastors.

There is a public health reason. It is evident that such assistance by Baptist schools and colleges will sen to bring about better rural churches. better training for young pastors, bette relations between churches and schools. stronger spiritual influences in student bodies, and a more rapid pace in giving the gospel to lost men and women. him more susceptible to disease. It church do about it?

WHY MISSIONS

Christian customer. Therefore, it is to

our advantage economically to win

There is a political reason. Minority

groups usually vote in a bloc. Many

times they vote wrong because their mo-

tives are not right. The only way their

hearts to be right with God. Therefore,

it is to our advantage politically to win

There is a cultural reason. These

people are making great contributions

to our culture. Their influence is felt

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we must either Christianize them or

they will paganize our nation.

motives can be changed is for their

these people to Christ.

these people for Christ.

among the MINORITIES?

By Loyd Corder, Secretary

**Direct Missions Department** 

WHAT are the reasons for doing missionary work with minority groups makes him more co-operative with those who would help him in his health.

in the Southern Baptist Convention ter-There is an international relationship reason. The best neighborly deed we as There is an economic reason. These Americans can do for the nations whose peoples live in our midst is to win those people work for us. They spend their money with us. They are a part of our peoples to Christ. This will do more for economy Everyone would rather have world peace than all the ambassadors a Christian worker and deal with a and diplomats we can ever send out.

There is a foreign mission reason The influence of people from foreign countries living in the United States on the thinking of their friends and relatives back home will always be greater than the influence of our missionarie who go to those countries. How impor tant it is that the influence of these people should be Christian! One of the greatest things we can do for foreign missions is to win the foreigners here to Christ.

The individual church should win the foreigners for the sake of the growth of in art, literature, architecture, law, and the church. In some communities the language Whether their contribution is foreign element reaches one third to one half of the population. No church can by whether or not we win them to afford to neglect so great a segment of Christ So far as culture is concerned, the community it serves.

The greatest reason is the spiritual salvation of these people. Christ died for them, but if we do not tell them When Christ comes into a man's heart about his death then it will be in vain so he cleans him up spiritually on the in- far as they are concerned. Ninety-five side. He makes the man want to clean per cent of these people are not evanup physically on the outside. He causes gelical Christians. This is one of the him to cease dissipating his physical greatest challenges that Southern Bapstrength in riotous living that makes tists face today. What will you and your

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### EVANGELISM

#### IN NEW MEXICO

By Eugl Lawson. Secretary of Evangelism, New Mexico

DR. C. E. MATTHEWS said, "Evangelism has made Southern Baptists a worldwide influence for good and evangelism will sustain us."

The power and the passport for our worldwide crusade is the Word of God. As long as Southern Baptists stay by the Book, the God of this Book will stay

The program of evangelism came from God. Nothing like it has ever been promoted in the history of Christendom. It has stimulated all our work, as well as the work of others, as no other one crusade has since the Reformation

New Mexico Baptists are committed good cause is like a good tree; its fruit speaks more eloquently than words. The record on baptisms for the past five years speaks for itself:

1947		2.48
1948		2.70
1949	b+	3,00
1950	testestes to the second	3,57
1951		3,87

As we have reviewed briefly the past, let us pass on to the future.

The striking thing about Christianity, from its very inception, is that it en-compassed the whole world in its program. Wherever and whenever the crude was stymicd by indifference or by lack of vision on the part of Christians in any focality, God worked through persecution and sometimes even death to get them on the forward march. The program of evangelism is moving for-ward. We have seen it like a small flame ignited first in the state of Texas and then spread to other conventions until now it is the program of the entire Southern Baptist Convention and has leaped beyond these so-called bounthe entire world. Such a program for the entire world is in the planning stages at this time. Through our Foreign Mission Board we hope to enter every na-tion within the near future with this proto come up to the help of the lord in these tremendous days. The Program for New Mexico

Four great undertakings command our immediate concern:

grain. Surely this prospect is the concern and challenge of every child of God

First, there were some twenty thousand unenlisted Baptists within our con-vention territory. This meant that we were operating as a convention with more than twenty-five per cent of our forces unenlisted and sometimes perhaps even working against us through their ungodly lives. At long last, we deter mined to do something about it; therefore, the week of September 14-21 was designated as Round-up Week for the unenlisted. The program met with in creasing success.

A second objective was the statewid imultaneous crusade, under the leader ship of Dr. C. E. Matthews, October 5-19, 1952. For the first time we had the co-operation of the Spanish, Negro and Indian churches.

The third great undertaking is t zone-plan of simultaneous crusades be ginning in March 1953.

The fourth task is expressed in th slogan: "Every Church Baptizing One-A Must in 1953." Plans are drawn for a concerted effort in each association. report will be made every month through the efforts of the associational missionaries naming those churches which have not reported baptisms, thus enabling us to concentrate our efforts upon those churches until every one shall win and baptize lost souls. We hope to make New Mexico the first convention to have all churches report-

Concern: This should be the concern of every one of us. These undertakings involve the souls of men, women, and children. This work is the concern of our Christ. He died for them He is interceding for them at the Father's right hand. His vicegerent, the Holy Spirit, is directing us today. This is not

Co-operation: Let every pastor and every worker concentrate upon these matters. Let us make it personal. It is my task. I may be able to do what no one else can do. I shall give my hes to those worthy goals. If we only con centrate all our talents and all ou Continued on Page 18

#### The Performance of It

a common thing; it is a crusade for souls

Whin I finished my studies, pharmwanted to enter the Baptist Seminary in Havana. This was not always in session in those days due to lack of lunds and girls were not admitted, nor mother videal was mine, God had called, the farm was rented. I waited ten years

and I wanted to take the gospel to others.

In Business

mother's heart. Married to a man who

came: She would ask God for a boy child who would preach the gospel. But

when the first child came, a girl, the

husband said there would be no more

After much prayer and time, she de-

cided to tell him of her desire. He,

son, was enthusiastic, and together they knelt and she prayed for that son.

February 2, 1901, the stork was com-

ing. This is the day always dedicated

net be born that day. And so at 12:05 A.M. February 3, I, a girl, was born.

My father, ashamed, disgusted, would not see my face. The longest month of

my mother's life was the month that she

took to convince him that it was God's

will and he should accept it. On the

third day of March his lips touched my

brow, and full of emotion, he gave me

When nine years old I accepted Christ

and was haptized on August 2, 1910. In

e first church conference after my haptism I asked the church to use me in

the extension of the gospel. I was named organist and teacher in the Beginners

It was then that my mother told me

how the Holy Spirit would work in m

By Martha Cabarrocas

Corral Nuevo, Mantanzas, Cuba

O Valley in Cuba was born in my I decided to give the gospel to others though not trained by a seminary. But was not a Christian, there was a great how little we can do for Jesus even when conflict in her soul. "Id y predicad" she read and reread. Then the thought we do all that we can do! I was engaged in all the activities of the church, but that was not enough. When my mother died in 1932 the call "go" seemed more imperative. Paul's question: "How can they hear without a preacher?" disturbed me. I asked "Where, my Lord?" but there was no answer. Daily I prayed: "Reveal to me where thou wouldst hav thinking that her God would give him a me go.

By this time my father was ill mentally and physically and legally he made me administrator of his plantation in Yu-muri Valley. That brought more conto the Virgin Candelaria, a great feast flicts. "Lord, if I have been called to re-day. So my mother prayed that the baby ligious work, why have I been made administrator and defender of material

I moved from Havana to Matanzas

When I rode out into that country and realized the terrible condition of the country folk materially and spiritually my heart cried for them Mr. Castro, deacon of the church in

Matanzas, was our overseer. With him I rode out to the farm. Many times under the trees we stopped, dismounted. knelt and prayed that the gospel come

to these people.

I opened my house in the city to the poor and needy. My egoistic family complained, saving the people were exploiting my goodness. I had to sell the paternal home, losing \$7,000.00 he above story, she had wanted to see in the transaction. I moved to a house near the coast, turned it into a mission. Preaching services, Sunday school, Bible classes, choir practice were held there. When I moved the Preshyterians took it over and there organized a church.

I longed to move to the farm and was there a correspondence course. My carry the gospel to the rural section but

patiently, praying, working. One day a renter came and said that because of asthma he had built a small house in mine when I wished. That very night I called the carpenters and started plans for a six-room house. I had waited ten years, but now that God had opened the farm to me I could not wait thirty days. In a month I moved, although the house was unfinished.

I prayed for workers. God answered. A niece, whom I had reared, had met one of the seminary students in Havana.

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#### Growing in Grace

Harry Darda first heard the gospel about twelve years ago at the Point au Chien Mission School. Upon hearing the gospel he was under conviction. As he worked, the Holy Spirit would speak

A little over a year ago he accepted Christ and was baptized. Very shortly after becoming a Christian Harry started

stored it in his ice box. He told me he could not rest until he had made up his mind to give a tenth of the meat. He weighed the meat and as a good steward hought the tenth from himself and brought the money to God's house. He comes faithfully to church in his pirogue. This summer we were having a revival in another mission some ten miles away and he attended services in his little dug-out boat.

-Dean W. Ussery Missionary to French New Orleans, Louisiana

#### Persecution and Victory at Jamez Pueblo

A present-day story about the Christians of the Jemez Pueblo in New Mexico would sound like a continuation of the Acts of the Apostles. Just as the Apostles were commanded not to witness in the name of Jesus, not to meet for public worship, not to depart from the old traditions-so have the Christians at Jemez been commanded. They intimidation for the name of Christ. especially since last Faster

Twice their missionary has been asked to leave the reservation. The Christians have been shamefully reproached by their kindred, officers, and others in their pueblo. They have been com-

the use of community implements. When they refused to participate in the pagan dances and other religious rites, they were insulted and intimidated.

On July 21 the Christian Indians were called before their tribal council and commanded to renounce their faith. Again the Lord gave them boldness to witness in his name and to take their stand for the Saviour. During the week threats and persecutions continued, but on Sunday the Lord gave these triumphant Christians a glorious service; the power of his Holy Spirit was felt. Three dedicated their lives to his service. One young mother, who before the council had been publicly disinherited by her father, came rededicating her life, saving "I love Jesus." Jose Rey Toledo, a talented leader of the pueblo, art teacher in the United States Indian School at



Henry De La O. of Dong Ang. New Maxico, recently won to Christ, was a farmer Cathalic and one of the town's heaviest drinkers. He testifies to the joy he finds in his new life. New D. Calzon-

Santa Fe, surrendered for special service Since then he is giving his untiring effort to the cause of religious liberty for his people.

Some recent developments give us the courage and assurance that a new day of religious liberty is soon coming for our Indians. Yes, the Lord who gave victory to the Apostles and the other the Christians of today. Continue to pray earnestly with us that complete religious liberty shall soon be won for the Pueblo

> -Lee M. Roebuck Missionary to Indians Bernalillo, New Mexico

#### Deaf Study Doctrines

A study course was held for the deaf t the First Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, recently and the book, The New Testament Doctrines of the Church, was used as the basic text

Many quotations concerning Bantist beliefs were copied from the blackhoard by the class members for their own future reference and many questions were asked. We also studied the beliefs of other denominations with the aid of a chart showing their doctrines as well as ours. (A mimeographed chart was given to each one who came.)

On Friday night, after a summary of what we had studied and a speech, they were given the opportunity to unite with the First Church by letter, baptism, or on profession of faith.

-Carter E. Bearden Missionary to Deaf New Orleans, Louisiana

#### Chinese Juniors Enjoy Banquet

The recent banquet for our Junio boys and girls was a real hanquet with all the decorations and food in such quantities as to satisfy Juniors. The aprons and caps and served in a most gracious way. Red and white were our

In Sunday school during that quarter the memory work had been the names of the books of the Bible. Therefore, we took as our theme, "Bible Behever's Banquet." The entire program, except for the welcome which was given by our Sunday school superintendent, was presented by the Juniors. The music consisted of piano solos by three different Juniors, a vocal solo, harmonica solo. and talks on "Why I Read Me Bible" and The Value of the Bibic One Junior boys' class is making good proges in reading the Bible through. The high school at the Acadia Baptist Acad- Seminole Indians Enjoy Services orty-six guests enjoyed the evening and

-G. Lawrence Stanley

Missionary to Chinese Phoenix, Arizona

(Right) Beginner class at Chinese VBS.

Thomas Lowe is missionary. (Below) Chinese boys and girls from Chinese Baptist

eady to start for Sunshine Camp

rom the Barroom to Christ

In the harroom worked a girl of less

than sixteen years of age. She was

working for a place to stay and some-

thing to cat. So far as I have been able

find out she was given money only

Her father and mother are not living together and her father is a drunkard.

le spends most of his time at the bar

rinking Her mother does not want the

gal or anyone to know she is her

Some of the girl's friends invited her

ame block and only three doors down

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nce in a while to go to the theater

There is a greater need than ever for a constant chain of prayer by the free-thinking, and freedom-loving and born-again Christians of free America, that the people who have the freedom of rship refused them might be freed from this bondage here in America.

Missionary to French

One of our greatest joys of the summer came during the first Vacation Bible school to be held on the Brighton Reservation. The native mission pastor, Billy Osceola, was principal. Never have we seen fifty-eight young people more interested in Bible study, handwork, and recreation. And how they did love to sing as Summer Worker Ma-Golden Meadow, Louisiana rian Penuel played! "Nothing But the



#### School for French Children

Today I opened the 1952-53 term of school in the Terrebonne Mission. I enrolled nineteen children as follows: kindergarten, 5; primary, 2; first grade, 1: second grade, 3: fourth grade, 1: fifth grade, 2; and sixth grade, 2. Four of the children have returned to our school after having gone a term to the public school and learning little except catechism. These are Catholic children who

really want to "get somewhere in life." The fourteen-year-old boy is very interested in the gospel. Please pray that may have the courage to accept Christ regardless of his narents' inter-

Interest in both the Saturday night preaching service and our Tuesday night cottage prayer meetings has increased. Last week, Russell, our ministerial student at Acadia Baptist Academy, was at home. He preached in French in the home of a Catholic man. This man, his sister, and two young people were under conviction. We were invited back for nceting. —Evelyn Stanford

Missionary to French Montegut, Louininna

Blood of Jesus" was the daily request during singspiration period. Our hearts rejoiced when sixteen-year-old Stanley Huff let the blood of Jesus cleanse his life from sin. Joe Dan Osceola felt the need of rededicating his life for better service.

At noon each day, after three hours of Bible study and handwork, refreshments, prepared by Mrs. Billy Osceola and other ladies, were served under the palms. In most schools this would have closed the day, but not so with the Seminoles. They all stayed and played soft-ball for an hour. The children played other games. Then they climbed into the truck and headed for the rock pa-for another enjoyable hour of their favorite pastime-swimming. The camps on the reservation are so scattered took hours to get them home. Most of them were right back for the evening service on the front seats ready to sing again their favorite songs—always requesting "Nothing But the Blood of

Just as important as the Bible schools on the three reservations was personal visitation among the non-reservation Indians at Fore Pierce and along the Tamiami Trail. Through visitation we have many opportunities to read the Word of God to those who cannot read.

Genus Crenshaw Missionary to Indians Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

#### Discuss Extension Course



Lee Gallman, director of the Seminary Extension Department, explains a new searce to Dr. Joe Davis Haccock, Southwestern Seminary professor and writer of the course on visual aids, Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary of the Ministrippi Boptists; Dr. E. N. Potterson, New Orleans Seminary professor and writer of the course in hamiletics and Dr. S. F. Dawis, Co-operative Missians Department of the Home Mission Board, as the group met during a Pastors' and Laymen's Execumpent recently. The new course is church counseling, prepared by Dr. Othal Feather of Sauthwestern Caminary.



BroughBack to Life

Dear Brother Wells:

Is this the fruit of an Eight-Day Survey and Enlargement Campaign?

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Church where Campaign was held.

(Half-time church with 57 members in community and 109 elsewhere.)
PROSPECTS: lost, 116; unaffiliated Baptists, 47; total, 163.

Condition of Mt. Olive No. 2 Baptist

BAPTISMS: 24 in five years. NET INCREASE: 21 in five years. ORGANIZATIONS: (Enrollment

and possible enrollment) BTU 0 and 68 Brotherhood 0 and 35

STEWARDSHIP: One tither. Highest total gifts to Cooperative Program in last five years \$6.30 Total church income for year, \$351.99. If members had tithed would have been \$2,280.00.





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Evangelism

strength behind this, we shall reap the greatest harvest of souls in all our his

ONE OF THE newer programs being sored by the Home Mission Be

the Eight-Day Rural Church Survey a

largement Program which is desig show the rural church its possibilit how well it is meeting them. Tho have tried this program are enthu about its beneficial effects. A letter received recently by Wells, Home Board staff member wh ties it is to promote this program, ill something of the values obtained. Rev. Harold Benson, pastor at Alabama, who served as a worker w Mt. Olive No. 2 Baptist Church in M County Association a little less than ago, wrote the following letter:

Capitalization: Let us capitalize upo the timeliness and upon the tradition of this crusade. We believe that we have come to the kingdom for such an ho as this. While Southern Baptists mo forward, under the leadership of Holy Spirit, let every echelon of whole kingdom forces fall in step ar close up the ranks, and we shall st

SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOMI MISSION Movember, 1952

### Witnessing to the Russians in Our Own Land

By Paul Rogosin

Missionary to the Russians, West Coast

A JEWISH Rabbi brought me to his imposing temple to show me some scrolls of the Torah which were bought for seven thousand dollars. Then as we entered the rabbi's study he delightfully pointed at twenty-five volumes of unique editions of the Talmud.

"These precious books contain everything on any religious subject," he said. Everything that may be obtainable in this world on ritual, law, and spiritual instruction, prescriptions, commentaries explanations . . . everything . . . every-

And the rabbi looked at me, as if he wanted to add, "What else could you Christian Gentiles pretend to offer to us Jews? What have you to substitute or to add? What have you to boast

The rabbi was surprised, however, to material objects of religion, are in nossession of the "unsearchable riches in

The Torah is indispensable and glorious, but it is only a bulb out of which "the Lily of the Valley" grows .

He was deeply impressed when I quoted him some passages of Paul's writings to the Hebrews and Romans and told him that the material things Jews glory in are the elements of which "the veil" is made in order that they would not see the glory of the resurrected Christ, the necessity of redemption, the simplicity of salvation, the power of regenerated life.

This Russian-speaking rabbi and I have become friends and while parting

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he suggested that some day, in the ven learn that we Baptists, instead of having near future, we may go together with our wives to some country place and share our friendship talking more about religious matters.

I gave him our Russian magazine The Christian, to read and he was so delighted with my article, "Our Children," that he translated it into his language and is going to publish it in his Jewish magazine

While on my systematic visits with "Russian strangers," carrying the Holy Scriptures and literature for free distribution, I came across a Russian doctor who has become a Seventh-Day Advenfist preacher. He tries to be very activiin local Russian circles.

When he learned that I was a Bapt pastor he started to explain to the hosless that the Baptists and Adventists are almost the same in their faith an teachings.

I interrupted him gently and said that his statement, though inspired by his good will, was not mute correct. "I the contrary," I replied, "between Baptists and Adventists there has a hottom-less pit which no Adventist can cross, unless he bravely rejects the false proph-weet fellowship of new born-again etess. Mrs. White, and repents that he placed her dreams and predictions or the same level with the Word of God.

"Did you ever notice" I asked the hostess, "that every false teaching, se or movement, has its own false prophe and that the majority of them are wom en? For instance: Christian Science Mary Baker Eddy: Adventists, Mrs. El len G. White; Four-Square Movemen Amy McPherson; Theosophical Society, Annie Besant; Mormons, Joseph Smith;

"We Baptists have no such founds for Jesus Christ himself is the chief cornerstone and he is the 'author and fin isher of our faith

The doctor left the house, heing very much displeased. His last remark wi

that I did not tell him anything new, that all other Baperst preachers told him the same nonsense and that they did so just because they have never taken the ume to read Mrs. White's book and don't know anything about the "mesage of the third angel . . ."

But the lady has bought from me the

Bible and was happy to have a good set

A woman who had been visiting our rvices was absent from several Sunday etings Inquiring about her, I found hat she was ill. One day I went to see er for the first time. The husband, who swered the bell, invited me in and exlained that his wife wasn't ill any more ind went that day to work. After a tertain time spent in delightful conver ion on various spiritual matters, 1 isked the man's first name and the first name of his father. It is a Russian cusom to do so, at the moment you notice ome feeling of friendship. Both per ons then stop calling each other Mr. or Mrs. and address by their first name ike Peter, son of Jonah

I was surprised to learn that my new nend was a Greek Orthodox priest This gray-haired man has humbly adinted that the Greek Orthodox Church nt astray and needs to return to the implicity of the New Testament beliefs and practices

e Czar when the Greek Orthodox hurch was in her majestic splendor nd took pleasure in describing its glo us past. But unfortunately he could glory in "that know the Lord." I my great toy to bear my witness to nd victorious way of life.

This home remains open for my viss, as the wife of the priest is not far om the kingdom of God. She has vis d our meetings and has tasted the

Shall we pray for these many people



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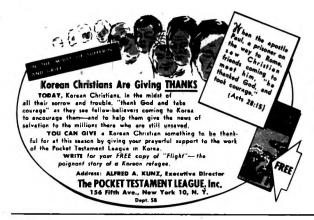
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now and the "crown of life" later on. Apostle to Islam, by J. Christy Wilson. Baker Book House. \$4,00.

Dr. Wilson, a member of the faculty of Princeton Theological Seminary, was a close friend of Dr. Samuel M. Zwemer about whom he writes this volume. Dr. Zwemer was co-founder of the Arabian nission. He spent thirty-five years as evangelistic missionary in Arabia and Egypt. Traveling all over the Moslem world he gave inspiration to Christian missionaries wherever they worked imong the Moslems. He was editor of The Moslem World and author of fifty hooks. At the age of eighty-five Dr. Zwemer died this year.

Ideas for Parties, by Ken Anderson

and Morry Carlson. Zondervan Press

This is a bound volume of 125 suggestions for games, stunts, quizzes, de-votions, and refreshments for boys and girls' parties. It will prove helpful in

recreational activities.

Good Times for God's People, by Marion Jacobsen. Zondervan Press \$3.95.

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a full collection of 2,585 illustrations from the preaching of Henry Ward Beecher. The illustrations deal with nature, literature, and the Bible It is a good library reference book for teachers, preachers, and lay workers

## **TARRYTOWN** sees the Answer

By J. T. Gillespie, Field Secretary Co-operative Missions Department

acreasing attention being given to cattle and hogs.

The Baptist church was organized in \$903, and in 1951 reported a resident membership of 111. The pastor is Rev. on-Parker Junior College nearby. Last sear the church reported total gifts far from the avera-mounting to \$1,224.00, with \$149.00 church members. of that given to missions. The third unday in each month was preaching

In a recent revival the Tarrytown ich decided to accept the challenge 1 Malachi 3:10 and ask each member bring into the church the tithe of his ome for one week. The last Sunday

The honorarium for the visiting vangelist and other revival expenses ere cared for by private subscription. growth.

TARRYTOWN Baptist Church, Daniell The Sunday tithe-offering would go to the church building fund. When the Montgomery County, Georgia. Tarrydown is a small village in a farming comthe tithe-offering amounted to \$321.00 munity. Tobacco, cotton, corn, and as compared with \$51.39 (the average surpentine are its chief products; with third Sunday gifts for the three months preceding). Other Sunday's gifts went to the Sunday school and Training Union treasuries.

In this test it was explained that some members gave more than the tithe of one week's income; but others gave less. It was agreed that the \$321.00 was not far from the average weekly tithe of the

Seeing the possibilities the church voted heartily Sunday night to go from quarter-time to half-time preaching immediately. With new rooms that are soon to be added to the church building and the improved preaching program, who knows but that Tarrytown may soon become an outstanding example in The meeting was agreed upon for the rural church development? Certainly an adequate preaching program and good Bible teaching are essential in church

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#### Mexican Pastor's Institute

During the latter part of August the summer session of the Mexican Pastor's Institute was held in the Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas. The meeting was in Harlingen at the First Mexican Baptist Church and according to Rev. L. D. Wood, superintendent of Mexican mission work in Texas, was exceedingly helpful.

These institutes have been conducted for several years and are attended not only by the Mexican pastors but students at the Valley Baptist Academy.

#### Toshio and Shigeko

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amination, which I knew I could not pass because my interest had been more in God's Word than in the Japanese language. Though I was not present at









the graduation, I was graduated and sent evening in the house of God in fellow

"In Japan I saw the need of the Japanese people, a need that only Christ himself could fill. I saw the need and received my call to the Japanese people."

Singularly interesting is the fact that Brother Sakamoto's Americanization was so complete as to produce between on leave I re-enlisted for three more him and other Japanese the same barriers usually standing between Caucasans and Japanese.

He said "It was only from the time that all the Japanese people in the West Coast were placed into assembly centers and war relocation centers that my barrier was gradually broken. Before this time I had no social intercourse with people of my race and made only Caucasian friends during my grammar, high school, and college days. My three-year stay in Japan, working with and among the Japanese people, produced a gradual opening of my heart for them.

"One of my first experiences with the apanese people in Japan was in con- dents. Mrs. Sakamoto urged him to ducting an English language class. The find a larger opportunity of service. I American language became very popu- that connection, he became acquaint lar right after the occupation troops moved in and as a result classes in English became a wonderful means of studying the Bible. The only textbook we had Japanese and English was the Bible. I used the English Bible while they looked in the Japanese Bible to understand the meaning of the spoken English. Many Japanese young people attended these classes. They were mostly of high school and university ages. It was not long before the Word of God produced fruits in the lives of these young people. In less than a month many of them accepted Christ and the English class turned into a Bible class. I had the privilege of watching the pastor baptize them in the muddy waters of the Tonegawa River. The young people grew in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ and soon a Sunday school was established with these young people as only after placing this in Christ's hands Sunday school teachers. We would spend all day Sunday from morning to

shipping, praying, and in studying the

"I met my wife Shigeko for the firs time after a service in the Tokyo G1 Gospel Hour. This was in July and in October of the same year I returned to the United States for discharge. While years. I returned to Japan after five months in the States and we were ma ried in Yokohama by the American consul. Ten days later we had a formal wedding in a Japanese church. We re mained in Japan for a year and a half Then we returned to America where was honorably discharged from the serv ice on November 10, 1949."

Brother Sakamoto and his wife tool

By COURTS REDFORD

THAT the past decade has been a

torious period of achievement for

waters of the Home Mission Board?

THAT the Board is now serving,

brough its missionaries and missionary-

pastors, thirty-six states, Cuba, the Ca

THAT the territories thus served

have populations ninety-five per cent

ptaler than was served by our Board

THAT total gifts from the states in

n 1945 to \$5,455,139.00 in 1951, a

THAT baptisms in these states in-

crased from 3,652 to 12,161, or a gain

THAT the Co-operative Missions De-

artment has helped in fifty-seven cities

THAT the number of open country

durches has decreased from 15,218 to

THAT the number of full-time coun-

ly and village churches has increased

from 10,110 to 16,362 during the same

THAT the Good Will Centers have

ported 6,696 professions of faith dur-

THAT fifteen states in the Southern

lightiat Convention now have full-time

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of 233 per cent in the six years?

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the past decade?

gin of 339 per cent?

sal Zone, Panama, and Alaska?

up residence in Azusa, California. He became teacher of a Junior Sunday school class for Japanese. However many of the Sunday school childre moved into Los Angeles and gradually the enrollment dwindled to seven stu with Rev. George Fujita who was then pastor of our Sawtelle Japanese Mission in Los Angeles. For several month Brother and Mrs. Sakamoto drove forty five miles to Los Angeles and back each Sunday in order to serve in this Sunday school. When Brother Fujita resigne his pastorate to go to Japan, he recommended that Sakamoto he appointed for this work.

Sakamoto says "Somehow I was compelled within to come to this mission. Seeking the Lord's guidance, we were providentially led to serve under the Home Mission Board. One of my hardest decisions to make concerned the selling of our 1949 Chevrolet that w so sacrificially paid for monthly since my discharge from the army. I knew that had to give it up some day for it had become my pride of ownership. It was that we came to serve with the Home Mission Board."

The international aspect of Mr. an Mrs. Sakamoto's ministry is well illustrated by an incident which happened recently. Mr. Sakamoto tells of it: "A couple whom we met on the ship coming back to the United States live very close to West Los Angeles. ()n one o Continued on Page 27

udes are being conducted this fall in Suba and in Alaska?

THAT our missionaries among the language groups have made 844,239 visits and reported 46,975 professions of faith in the past ten years?

THAT Baptist Student Union work among the Negroes is to be launched on a South-wide basis?

THAT the Home Mission Board has voted to employ a full-time worker to minister in behalf of juvenile delinquents?

THAT the Home Mission Board gave 176 scholarships last year to help missionaries and ministers belonging to minority groups to attend college and

THAT Baptists now have 420 chaplains in active service?

THAT the missionaries of the Home Mission Board have reported 244,577 professions of faith in the past decade?

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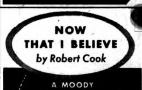
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#### Toshlo and Shigeko

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their recent visits with us we had the opportunity of presenting the gospel to them. After speaking to the husband in English and to his wife in Japanese, they wanted to receive Jesus Christ. However, after consulting each other they put it off for the single reason that their parents were Buddhists. Upon questioning them about their parents, we learned that they lived in Japan. It was then that we realized the hold traditions THAT simultaneous evangelistic cru- have upon many of the Japanese people here. Please pray for this couple and for all of those so gripped by traditions."













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By C. K. RAND

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Romanism has departed from the New Testament when it teaches that man can forgive another man's sins. Sins that are committed against God, only God can forgive (Mark 2:7).

All Christians have the power of remitting sins by the preaching of Christ, by making known to unbelievers the price of salvation paid by Christ (Acts 13:38; James 5:16).

One of the greatest difficulties in the

sacrament of penance lies in the matter of intention. The priest must have the proper intention" while administering the sacrament of penance in the confessional. If he is tired and his mind wanders, then the sacrament is invalid and the sinner is not forgiven. "No one can be certain, with the certainty of faith, that he has received a true sacrament. since no sacrament is performed without the intention of the minister, and no one can see the intention of another." Bellarmine's Works, Vol. 1. p. 488. So states the eminent Cardinal Bellarmine, who is considered a Doctor of Roman Theology.

There is not one single instance in the New Testament where either Christ or the apostles ever had anyone confess sins into their ears, as is done in the Roman auricular confessional. Simon Peter did not forgive Simon the Surcerer but sent him to God who alone can forgive sins (Acts 8:22).

#### In Business with God

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They were in love. Even though he lacked two years of study, Dr. M. N. McCall, then secretary of our work, offered him as a helper. He accepted Later, after graduation, he was ordained and came as pastor. He and my niece were married. He held one hundred services in homes during the year besides the regular services. Two missions, one in a colony of colored people, were started. We call the Negro mission "Little Africa."

I had been asked to talk on rural work at our general convention. I put my whole soul in that message. Dr. McCall said afterward that he lamented very much the negligence of the Cuban mistry in this respect and he would do all possible to foster that work.

It was then that the Holy Spirit lifted the veil from my eyes and I knew that God was answering my mother's prayer and mine. I realized as never before that we needed a rural seminary whose graduates would evangelize the country. I prayed constantly "Lord, send workers to thy vineyard." I have accepted all who have come, preparing them to take the gospel to their own people. Our pastor carries on six missions with the help of these students.

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Caudill, present secretary of our Baptist
work, and the seminary faculty in Havana for the steps toward annexing this
seminary to the Havana seminary.

There have been many difficulties. A cyclone destroyed the crops. I could not tell any of the twenty-seven hoys and girls in my home to go home. A groceryman offered credit. I accepted and we bought the essentials. Then the electric company of Matanzas had to run its lines through my farm, and paid me \$420.50. I owed the grocer \$425.00—great proof of God's faithfulness to fulfil his promises.

Many want to enter the seminary.
One girl's father threatened her life. We have to study the problems of food. housing, equipment, before admitting others. Much time is lost dictating les-

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ness as we could not buy books for all.

We have a primary school in connection because many come very poorly prepared. One could not read and write; it is now in the fourth grade and preaches in a mission.

During our Cuban Baptist Convention 1990 | learned that one, Baptists were

raking an effort to secure lands on which to build a summer camp. This gave me the opportunity for which I was soking. I transferred, legally, some 100 krts of my property to the Home Misson Board that this need might be met. A few months later I had to sell proprises belonging to two of my brothers, which sale gave me nearly 250 acres which I added to the business which I added to the business which I added to the description of the second of the second method of the second method to th

If you love rural work, help us with your prayers. At present we have eight seminary students. The seminary is boused in a thatched-roof building, dirt foors, small windows, and scarcely any quipment. We could readily reach cores of fine young men and women for the ministry and for missionary work ad other Christian service if we could provide for them room and teachers.

#### This Day Declares

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af Southern Baptist territory in particular has become the China of Catholicam. A news dispatch from Jacksonville, North Carolina, July 6, 1952, carries pominent headlines announcing that dry converts were won to Catholicism at one street preaching meeting conducted by Rev. John A. O'Brien, rewarch professor of Philosophy and Relipin at Notre Dame University. I wonder what would happen if a lot of promium Baptist preachers would take to the street.

5. Because of his commission and the promise of his presence we should mediately launch a mighty offensive to discharge the inescapable responsibility that has come upon us.

With regard to the Reformation and

with regard to the Reformation and other great religious awakenings. Dr. Banning asks the question, "Can Christianity do it again?" Can Christianity we civilization? Perhaps there is much nour civilization that isn't worth savage—on the other hand there is much that is worth saving and much that can

be saved. We know a Power that can burn out the dross and strengthen the things that remain. We cannot build a new civilization with unregenerate men any more than the shipbuilder can pro duce a new vessel out of old scrap iron. But just as sure as there is a way to refashion the old scrap into a queen of the seas, God has a way of remaking his old sin-cursed creatures into "vessels fit for the Master's use." To do this he uses human instrumentality. It is high time, therefore, for us to re-examine our foundation that guarantees security, face our God-given tasks and let him accomplish his purpose in and through us.

## New Mission in Alaska

By La Verne Griffin Missionary in Alaska

I must tell you of the new mission at Valdez. Rev. James H. Rose had his first meeting there last Sunday. Last week most of our preachers went down to help get the building in shape. Felton Griffin didn't get to go as he was invited to Bethel to preach to a group of Moravians who were having a conference. And that's a complete story within itself!

There were fifty-five in the dedication service at Valdez. Of course a few of our folk went over to encourage them. They had an offering of nearly \$100,00. This is the largest crowd we have ever had at any of our first meetings or even at our fiftieth meeting.

Another thrilling thing was concerning a Baptist man who had been working on the highway and came into town for the service. He was so impressed with the work and with Brother Rose that he offered him a much better house than had been planned. It was completely furnished and had bath and other modern conveniences which the other house did not have. He arranged for the church to buy the house for \$3,200.00 to be paid in any way it could.

The Grandview Gardens Mission is progressing nicely and Brother Carter is doing a fine piece of work considering the fact that he has very little time to spend on visitation as he works to make his living. He is a fine preacher. He has done mission work in California. There

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is no doubt in my mind that God has sent us Brother Carter and Brother Rose.

Our children's home is doing much better but needs a woman helper. It has a nice barn well on its way to being built. Of course, our needs out there are unlimited, but I can see progress afoot everywhere.

I wish I had time to tell you of Felton's trip to Bethel where he saw the natives in their primitive state. The poverty, filth, and hardships those people suffer are touching. He said there was not a solid piece of ground except the sand road they built from the river bottom sand two miles long. They have to walk on board walks and wear rubber boots to wade the swamps.

We have already found two lots for a native mission near the new native hospital owned by the Alaska Native Service. They have offered to give it to us, but since it belongs to the govern ment we probably would prefer paying for it. It surely looks like a marvelous opportunity for a new work badly need ed. Oh, how much there is to do!

#### Saptist Bellefs to be Translated for Japanese

A request to translate Baptist Belief into Japanese has come from Rev. Fred D. Jarvis, a Baptist missionary serving as vice-president-at-large for the You For Christ International in Japan.

Baptist Beliefs is a filmstrip published by the Promotion Department of the Home Mission Board. It has received wide acclaim here in the homeland as good means of teaching Baptist doc trines. Mr. Jarvis saw the film while visiting in the Philippines and wishes a

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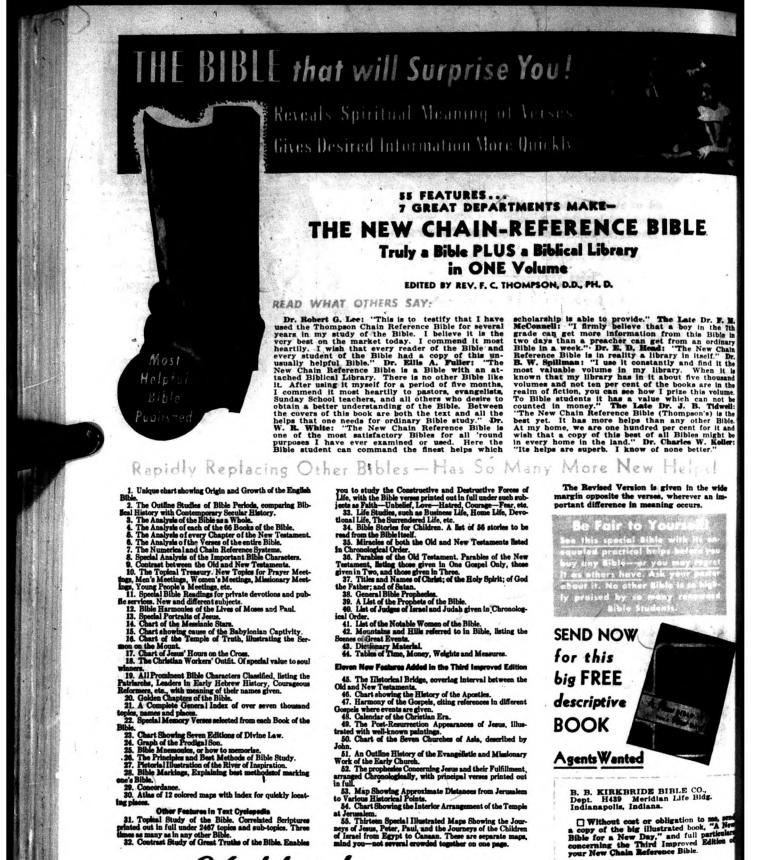
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