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More Trophies for Our King

By Courts Redford

THANKSGIVING creates more love and appreciation for our country. Christmas means more love and loyalty for our Lord. The March Week of Prayer produces more concern and support for our mission program.

Woman's Missionary Union will lead in the observance of the March Week of Prayer in Southern Baptist churches during the week of February 28 to March 4. This special week of mission emphasis is vital for a growing and expanding mission program.

It will mean more knowledge of mission achievements and mission needs. It is hoped that every Woman's Missionary Society will meet each day for prayer and study as is suggested by the program for the Week of Prayer. Every group will be richly blessed through the study of these programs.

It will mean more interest in mission work. Shared knowledge produces more interest. Interest will be further stimulated by pictures and maps. Interest will be deepened by expression through speeches, prayers, and gifts.

It means more churches enlisted in missionary endeavor. Last year more than 39,000 missionary organizations participated in the March Week of Prayer and Annie Armstrong Offering. This participation was not only a great blessing to the mission causes, but also a marvelous blessing to those who shared in the endeavor.

It means more people participating in missionary service. One cannot express a mission impulse without being a better person. There are over 2,000,000 persons who belong to the WMU organizations within our Convention. Other thousands share in study, prayer, and giving as sponsored through the March Week of Prayer.

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It means more young people dedicated to missionary service. A very large proportion of those now volunteering for special Christian service have been influenced to do so through the Sunbeam Bands, the Girls Auxiliaries, the Royal Ambassadors, or the Young Woman's Auxiliaries. A more earnest presentation of the program materials during the March Week of Prayer and the wider use of the materials in all of our churches will undoubtedly result in more lives laid on the altar for Christian service. Such dedicated lives are badly needed today.

It means more money for mission work. The Annie Armstrong Offering for 1954 amounted to more than \$1,200,000, which is an increase of \$92,000 over the previous year. These funds are used for the salaries of approximately 550 missionaries, for operating expenses and equipment, buildings and improvements, scholarships

and conferences, WMU promotion in weak states, summer student workers, for salaries of mission pastors in the West and in pioneer areas, for the education of missionaries' children, and many other ministries. Every donor helps the language groups, the Good Will Centers, the migrants, the Negroes, the Indians, the Jews, the unchurched, the neglected and isolated, the multitudes in Cuba, Panama and Alaska, and the lost wherever they may be found.

may be found.

It means more opportunity for mission advance. New fields may be entered. More missionaries may be appointed. More churches may be constituted, more mission buildings may be constructed. The Home Mission Board is now seeking to serve two and one-third times as much territory as in 1940 and more than twice as many people as were then served. Special ministries have been provided. More and more will be done as additional resources are provided,

It means more prayer and thus more spiritual power for missionary endeavor. Time after time our missionaries have testified to the power of prayer in their labors. This year many of the missionaries will be remembered by name during the Week of Prayer. The needs on their fields and the prospects for their services will be taken to the Lord in prayer.

It means more lost people saved, more saved people enlisted, more churches constituted, and better equipment provided. One might search far and wide to find a place where the investment of her time, money, influence, and effort will bear larger dividends. Every cent, without one penny deducted for overhead, will be used for mission service.

It means a missionary awakening that will bless all kingdom interests at home and abroad. The March Week of Prayer is an asset to every agency and institution that Baptists have. It helps make more converts and thus increases all the resources of our denomination. It helps to build more churches, more mission stations, more Good Will Centots, and more Rescue Homes, and every spiritual lighthouse thus builded becomes a mighty force in world evangelization.

Finally, it means more trophies for our King. Through every talk, every discussion, every display, every picture, every gift, and every prayer, Womah's Missionary Union is seeking to honor and glorify our Lord Jesus Christ. As we contemplate our preparation, our plans, and our gifts the prayer of every heart should be, "Thy will be done."

February, 1955

NEWS

Church Loan Problems

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, a committee was appointed to co-operate with the Home Mission Roard in its effort to increase its loan funds and better serve its

The plan calls for an increase of the corpus of the loan funds to 11 million dollars in the near future, one million of which would be used for securing church sites in strategic places. The long-range goal is 27 million with 25 million for huildings and two million for sites

At the request of the Home Mission Board three members of the Executive ttee and the executive secretary of the Executive Committee were appointed religious service at which three men ac from the Home Mission Board in giving sideration to the plan and seeking

A second committee was also appointed from the Executive Committee to confer with a committee to be appointed by the Home Mission Board, with regard to the desirability of establishing a separate agency to provide loan and site funds for

Largest Army Sunday School In Camp Tokyo

According to a report of the office of the Chief of Chaplains, U. S. Army, the today is located in the Camp Tokyo area at Grant Heights.

With a ustal enrollment of more than 1.250 children and adults, the school concluding the influx of personnel; a modern "church-like" atmosphere and up-to-date Sunday school teaching methods.

Advisory Council on Negro Work to Be Called

At the annual meeting of the Home Mission Board Dr. Courts Redford executive secretary-treasurer, presented a plan asking for an advisory council on Negro

Of the Convention who serve the Negro distribution. people were to be asked to come together

to study the problem and make plan

for co-ordinating their work.

At the annual meeting of the Executive
Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention the executive secretary of th Home Mission Board was authorized to call such a meeting soon.

301 Professions of Faith

During the first eleven months of 1954 the Baptist Rescue Mission in New Orlean for underprivileged men reported 301 pro fessions of faith. The daily average at tendance for November was 107. During that month the mission observed an annua custom of serving a Thanksgiving turke dinner. This year 176 men were fed a

Rev. Raymond Jee, superintendent the mission, says, "This work would no be possible except for the aid of kine Christian friends, especially the Woman strong Offering."

Growth in Northwest

A summary of reports of the Wyomins Montana, and North Dakota churche shows a total of 32 Southern Baptis churches at the time of their annual mee ing. Since that time two new churches an six new missions have been organized Membership in these churches now tota 1,279. A year ago their total was 559 The report showed a total of 217 addition by baptism during the year and total gif amounted to \$124,149.00. A goal of tinues to grow. Chaplain Matthew D. Blair
Attributes this growth to many factors in-July 15, 1951.

Bible Society Distributes 10 Million Volumes in USA

The Rev. Richard H. Ellingson of th American Bible Society reported that Bible to almost 10 million volumes in 81-di ferent languages.

Mr. Ellingson, a former navy chaplain

also stated that last year 1,301,145 volumes According to the plan representatives of the Scriptures were supplied to chap

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From the Pen of

THIS IS WORLD MISSIONS

There was a day when Baptist churches in the United States were few, small, and self-contained. They were satisfied to meet for debate and discussion of doctrinal questions. They were individualistic congregations with little interest beyond their own members and with little knowledge of other Baptist groups. Then something happened.

The challenge to world missions came to Baptist churches in the United States in a roundabout way. They lost none of their individualism and had no less interest in their distinctive doctrines. They did become aware of other Baptist groups and a unifying world interest.

Four college students engaged in prayer while a storm raged overhead. In their hearts they were concerned about the world in which they lived. In their prayer meeting, the young men dedicated their lives to the spread of the gospel to the ends of the earth. Later, two of the young men with others challenged businessmen to match the lives of youth with money for their support in foreign missions. Out of this meeting came the missionary program which sent Luther Rice and Adoniram and Ann Judson to the Orient as missionaries. On their separate voyages Rice and the Judsons, through the study of the Greek New Testament, became Baptists. In studying to prepare their answer to William Carey. the Baptist who had preceded them to the Orient, they discovered that Carey was right. When they landed they were Baptists by conviction.

Baptists Without Missionary Backing

When Rice and the Judsons became Bantists they were stranded because Bantists of the United States had not manifested an interest in foreign missions. The Congregationalists had sent the missionaries out; Baptists would have to support them if they stayed.

Rice came back to the United States and went up and down the Atlantic Seaboard preaching, teaching, evangelizing, organizing associations, state conventions, and churches. He saw the need of orphanages and col-

leges if Baptists were to have a world mission program. In his effort to raise money to support the Judsons and others who were sent as foreign missionaries, Rice found that the home base must be established. He was a foreign missionary at heart, but the first home missionary in practice.

The United States in World Missions

Missions travels on a two-way street. America must be won to Christ if the world is to be evangelized. We cannot wait until all of America is won before we give the message to the rest of the world, but we cannot neglect America as we seek to give the gospel to any portion of the world. America must be made a strong base of operations for the evangelization of the world.

The major support of evangelical missions around the world comes from America. A recent survey reveals that more than ninety per cent of the funds used for Catholic missions comes from the United States. America is important from the standpoint of support. We must undergird our Baptist missionary programs by establishing churches, promoting stewardship, enlisting missionaries, and winning our neighbors to Christ.

The World in the USA

In the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention are 3,000,000 Spanish-speaking people, 700,000 French, nearly a half million Indians, a million Jews, a million Italians, 11,000,000 Negroes, 150,000 Japanese, and 50,000 Chinese. There are 38 language groups the Home Mission Board must reach. There are more than 40,000,-000 unsaved people within our immediate reach. The world is at our door; we must win America to Christ.

The Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions during the first week of March seeks to answer America's call to the world mission program. The Home Mission Board is dedicated to the winning of America to Christ. The offering and the agency are linked together in the American sector of the world-mission task.



appears to be only a tiny speck between North and South America. However, to say it is of no importance is to misunder-

and they are able to travel from one ocean in Panama. Of course, we are to underto the other on-the waters of Gatun Lake which is the key to

Because the United States has large leases in Panama and

commemorating the gaining of their independence.

The two largest cities in the Republic of Panama are Panama City and Colon. stand it. The United States Government There are approximately 180,000 people has spent millions of dollars to protect living in Panama City and the suburban this tiny country and it has become a area. The city of Colon has a population place of great importance. Panama might of approximately 90,000 people. Living be compared to the diamond in your ring; conditions in certain sections of these cities it is small but it is precious.

are very crowded. There are large apartment houses with a family in each room through the Isthmus of Panama, saves and sometimes as many as three families shipping companies nearly four weeks of living in one large room with curtains sea travel because they do not have to used to divide the rooms into apartments. und the "horn" of South America. More This means that in an area where normally than 600 ships per month transit this canal. While going through the canal would live, it is possible that there may be canal. While going through the canal ships are raised 85 feet above sea level 300 to 600 people living in the same area can, possibly two or three. Today when

the Panama Canal. If it were not for the abundance of rainfall in this section the canal would not be possible. It takes an enormous amount of water to care for the transiting of these

operates the Panama Canal, many North Americans live in the Canal Zone. Because of these close contacts the money of Panama and the United States has equal value. Therefore there is no necessity to change money when one goes across the street from the Canal Zone into the Republic of Panama. This has affected the economic condition of the country and the government of Panama is seeking new and higher levels for their people year by year.

We must remember that Panama is a republic and that peracy to the people of Panama means as much as it does to the people of any other liberty-loving nation in the world.

homes as well as those heavily-nonulated

areas.

The rural areas of Panama, along the highways, are developing in a good way. It is the policy of the present government of Panama to encourage the development of agriculture. The construction of a plant for making condensed milk in a rural area approximately 115 miles west of Panama City has caused unusual expansion in the production of milk. At the present time thousands of gallons of milk are being produced and transported to this milk condensary each day. Three years ago, travels the same road he will find



Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Van Royen. Mr. Van Royen is superintendent of Baptist mission work in Panama and the Canal Zone

automobiles, some of them new. This

along with this general development in the Republic of Panama it is essential that Our work in Panama deals with the the spiritual development keep pace with the material. Baptists have a church at the material. Baptists have a church at the material begins the material begins to be churches for the North American besides this, these churches are possibilities for the development of this

evangelical groups. They are coming now, to know Christ as a personal Saviour.

from three to fourteen cans sitting in one as we present in these two or three lo- They have a religion, but their religion is place on the highway. This is an indica-calities truths concerning what Baptists not the type that gives them a personal that houses are better and people have of them have any other religious message. the Canal Zone have been organized into

Montero and another at Las Tablas, which cans. Principally they are people who a very primitive manner. The people in western Panama are interested in the message of the gospel as presented by Baptists. They know the word "evangelical" but are not acquainted with various "Character and acquainted with acquainted with a character and acquainted with acquainted with a c

means that there is a good development in the country section where highways are available.

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Besides this, these churches are much interested in Panama and are spending is 172 miles from Panama City. We have opened a mission at Aguadulce, 116 miles

cans. Principally they are people who have come to Panama from the United thousands of dollars each year to promote the interests of Christ in this needy misout from Panama City. Aguadules is los to the framework of the center of this large agrigroup are the West Indians who came to

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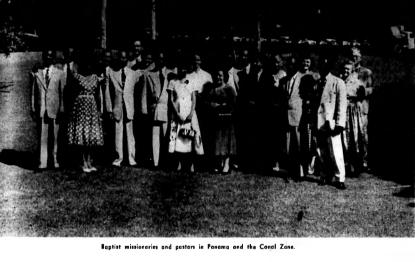
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struction of the Panama Canal and retist Association, composed of four struction of the Panama Canal and re-mained on the Isthmus after the canal churches, three in the Canal Zone, and one field.

The western half of Panama has the largest population and is the best developed.

The castern part is largely jungle and inhabited by tribes of Indians who live in a very primitive manner. The people in a very primitive manner. The people in a very primitive manner. The people in a very primitive manner.

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Most San Blas families have several of these Cayuca or dugaut canoes, their principal means of transportation.

Hoist Sail In San Blas

Southern Baptists

By Loyd Corder

A FTER A LONG period of careful study and also their cultivated fields of corn and and planning, the Home Mission rice. It seems that they burn and cut ber 7-8, 1954, to assume the responsibility of supporting and directing the mission work that Dr. and Mrs. Lonnie Iglesias and their co-laborers have been doing in the Comarca de San Blas, Panama

sions Committee of the Board asked me cemetery. visit the field and confer with those who are now working there.

Since this field had usually been referred to as the San Blas Islands, I had assumed that it was composed of islands out at sea nore or less inaccessible to the mainland, However, the Comarca de San Blas a strip of land about ten miles wide and isthmus together with the small coral islands along the coast, most of them less than one haff mile away.

The inhabitants of this territory are

ut 28,000 people known as the San Blas Indians. For reasons of health they live on the coastal islands. There are fewer malaria and yellow fever-bearing mosqui toes there and the salt water washes away from their villages all contaminating debri.

The trip to San Blas from Panama City, Panama, by air takes approximately one there involves a two-day boat trip from Colon. Our plane went northeast across the mountains of Panama to the Atlantic and then east along the coast.

From the air could be seen on the mainland and on some of the islands the coconut and banana groves of the Indians

and planning, the Home Mission rice. It seems that they burn and cut to Dr. Lonnie Iglesias. year only. Then they leave it fallow and clear another for the next year.

We saw a typical village covering the entire area of its little island. Then on amanian government's early efforts to force In order to be sure that the Board had the mainland we saw what appeared to the San Blas people to change their ways be another village, but I was told that it of life and customs. Dr. Iglesias himself all the necessary information for the consideration of this matter, the Direct Missideration of the first evangelical missideration of this matter, the Direct Missideration of the first evangelical missideration of the first eva

We landed at Ailigandi. Several Indians met the plane at the grassy landing strip on the mainland. An albino youth life while studying in the United States. took us in his Cayuca (dugout canoe) Having finished school he returned to San across the three hundred yards to the island. The chief of Ailigandi met us at the pier and led us across the island to the

mission buildings where he introduced us Dr. Iglesias is from a remarkable San

Blas family. His father encouraged the children to learn all they could. One of his brothers was a martyr to the Pansion effort among his people. After many discouragements and trying experiences h found himself and the Lord's will for his Blas with his American wife,

The people of Ailigandi invited them to open a school there. In 22 years this wor



San Blas children swarm around the mission boat:

10,000 per week in Sunday schools on four of the islands. They have day schools on three of them. Of course, the Panamanian government has since put schools on most of the islands, but so many prefer the mission schools that they constantly have a waiting list of prospective students. Their mission personnel number more than 20 and the properties they have acquired for the work would cost more than \$60,000 to build in this country.

has grown until they have more than

Dr. Igicsias is assistant diputado (congressman) for the Comarca de San Blas in the national assembly. When we left the territory we left him on the Island of Nargana attending the conference of all of the chiefs of the San Blas. The next day in Panama City the daily papers carried quotations from his address to the group. His influence is felt not only among his own people, but in the whole nation of Panama.

By the power of the gospel Dr. Iglesias and his band of San Blas workers have been transformed from the naked savages they were to the mighty force for good that they are but their people are still largely as they themselves were.

The women of San Blas still use the from their ears. They wear many beads made from seeds, shells, and animals' teeth. Their fore arms and the calves of their legs are wrapped with bands of beads the prospect of a feast on two wild hogs

Houses have palm leaf roofs. The people are shown here building a typical home. which are not removed except to repair one of the men had killed on the mainland.

them. The women wear brocaded blouses

of coconuts, bananas, corn, sugar cane, golden ring in their nose and on dress up kind of palm fruit that tasted to me like A favorite beverage food of these people occasions they swing disks of gold or silver a cross between a tree-fresh olive and a is made from com (not fermented). The

We saw considerable excitement over

It seems that the San Blas people do not and sarongs. Almost none of the Indians eat three regular meals a day, as we do, wear shoes and many of the children wear but they eat when they are hungry and if nothing but a string of beads around the they have something ready to eat. They neck except in school where they are re-quired to be clothed.

do they cooking over an open fire in one of their long oval-shaped thatched houses. The diet of the Indians consists mostly Some of them have metal pots, but others heat rocks and put them in the wooden rice, and fish. They also were eating some containers of stew or other liquid food. green persimmon, but they seemed to corn is cooked, then masticated, spat out, and cooked again. The saliva changes the

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God Answered **Our Prayers**

By W. J. Johnson Missionary-Pastor Atlantic Baptist Church Cristobal, Canal Zone

answer to prayer, the realization of a the future of the Atlantic Baptist Church.

cars I am sure each individual was thinkpromoting a building program. I am sure,

started home, my thoughts went back some this pastorate. The church had beep or-ganized in November 1950 with ten charter

Lorene,

THE TROPICAL SHOWERS failed to to leadership in a wonderful way. To know dampen our spirits as we sang "Faith of our fathers! Holy faith! We will be true us in such a way that we felt we belonged to thee till death!" This brought to a close the first minute we were in their midst the ground-breaking services held Sunday They, though small in number, showed afternoon, October 31, 1954. It was the great courage, enthusiasm, and hopes for

As I looked around that first Sunday As the members made their way to their I thought, "Can a program for Christ ing of the struggle the church had had in were the slums across the street and all I could hear was the blaring music from the 00, we were all praising God for his guid- cantinas. I am afraid my faith was weak, my ears were not attuned to the hymns of As my wife and I got into our car and praise being sung, and I had forgotten for . "God works in eighteen months to the time I accepted mysterious ways his wonders to per-

Lorene, my wife, and I were silent as nembers. The records showed at the time the car streaked down the highway toward I came an enrollment of 30, only 16 of home, but the patter of the rain against whom could be located. For more than two the windshield seemed to be saying to me, years the church had struggled along without a full-lime nastor. We had been amazed

estimated God's power even for a motist church on the Atlantic side of the us here in so many ways.

is here in so many ways.

It was only a matter of weeks after
It was only a matter of weeks after

Little frame building where Atlantic Baph
arrived until we had overflowed the
Church now meets. The members of the church responded we arrived until we had overflowed the

small frame building in which we were worshipping. We were able, with God's help, to borrow another small, building next to ours to use for Sunday school classee Training Ilnion and as a nursery.

Our need of a building was evident and one. The Panama Canal Company grante us a beautiful lot and then we began to try to raise funds to build. After several months of work and prayer on our part and careful consideration by the Home Mission Board we were told that if we us \$5,000 and loan us \$25,000. With this goal in mind, our people really started to work in earnest. Almost one hundred per cent of the members have given to our building fund, over and above their tithes and with many it has been sacrificial giving

God has literally poured out his blessing on us, not only by making it possible for us to have the beautiful new building which will soon be completed, but by blessing us in that we have had a part in





Since the Atlantic Baptist Church has no buptistry, the paster will continue to use the reviewing pool of the Hotel Washington until the new building is completed.

Work Among West Indians In Panama

By V. T. Yearwood Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church Panama City, Panama

ALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH located at N Street in Panama City is the most modern church building in the city. It is beautiful and is in an area where hundreds of West Indians live.

This is the first West Indian Baptist church of the Southern Bantist Convention on the Pacific side of the Isthmus of Panama. Missionary S. M. Loveridge started the work at Culebra, a section on the Canal Zone. Therefore it was called Culebra Baptist Church. In 1914 the sections on the bank of the canal were depopulated and the little Culehra church entered the city of Panama and started to work in a slum area known as Chorrillo; so the name was known as Chorrillo Baptist Church.

About ion years ago I was called to be pastor of the congregation which had struggled along for a few years without a pastor. My work was attended by many difficulties, yet there were opportunities for giving the gospel to the people. Two years after entering this field, the government of Panama asked that we sell the property for the purpose of road construction, so my first major problem started. We were allowed to carry on in the build-

eing our church enrollment grow to 140. Sunday school enrollment to 119, and Training Union enrollment to 71. There are also active organizations of the WMU and Brotherhood. The Vacation Bible school was a big success with an enrollment of 133. Considering all these blessings, the greatest blessing God has bestowed upon us is the 102 souls that have been added to his kingdom.

God does "move in mysterious ways his wonders to perform."

before we could make a start. When we

Another problem was that the entire We started work on June 27 with a worship in a Baptist church but the was hard for young or old to worship in There is a bright future for us. it. I tried to persuade them to be steadfast

ing, but as soon as it was made known find a lot in the city was no easy task, that the government owned the property, however we prayed and I went on with the people around tore down the fence my big task. After a few days' search I and children stoned the building. At times found an ideal site for a church building as I tried to preach I could not hear the and in four months we occupied what we sound of my voice. Every time we entered now call the Calvary Baptist Church. Not the building there was work to be done only are Baptists proud of this building but almost every day people come to see closed, dogs, cats, and other small animals it. With one voice they praise the way would be in charge until we came in again. Southern Baptists are at work in Panama.

group became discouraged. They liked to membership of 60. We have added 12 by baptism and 18 by letters. We now have building was in such a condition that it 90 in Sunday school and 36 in WMU.

We need your prayers to carry on the and keep praying and deliverance would work in this area. People are hungry for come. I assured them that the Home Mission Board would not turn them away it successfully. I am grateful to God for to seek shelter, but would come to help. his grace that has kept me through these A lot was bought in the city for \$16,000 years of hard struggles and to the Home but when the time came and the Home Mission Board which has come forward Mission Board asked us to start building, in such a big way. I can look back and to our dismay the lot was too small. To see that my struggles were not in vain. - 8

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A View of Work in Bocas del Toro

By W. D. Morgan Missionary-Pastor Bocas del Toro, Panama

THE STORY Of Baptist work in the province of Bocas del Toro is one brim full of thrilling experiences, desperate struggles, and glorious victories. Bocas del Toro, situated on the Atlantic side o Panama, is one of the nine provinces of the republic. It has a population of anproximately 23,000 souls.

The group of churches that was formerly known as the Bocas del Toro circuit o Baptist churches, consisted of nine small churches. Because of depopulation in certain areas, lack of transportation, and a shortage of trained workers, several of these fields had to be abandoned.

A short history of the work was written and read by Rev. E. C. Notman on the occasion of the laying of the cornerstone of the present church at Bocas, on September 19, 1909.

Samuel E. Brown was the first pastor in charge of the first church built in Bocas (1879) "for the use of all sections of Protestant Christians" (Notman).

Brown was a Jamaican carpenter who came to the 1sthmus of Panama working at his trade. He was a worthy and beloved man. When he died the people prayed for a successor, and one day Philip Robinson Lopez heard a Jamaican Baptist preaching in the city of Colon and brought him over to Bocas.

This man was George Davis Gayle, and it may be said that with him our Bantist work had its real beginning in Bocas. According to a report, Gayle went to the United States to be ordained. We cannot

disbelieve this report from the fact that during his ministry at Bocas the church was connected with the American Baptist Society of Baltimore, Maryland. There is still on record the copy of an old letter sent to a Mr. Braxton, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Baltimore, and dated April 1, 1890.

We recall that Gayle, who was a Baptist, succeeded Brown who was a Methodist free lance, and his first duty, therefore, was to baptize nearly all of the members of his congregation. In 1888 Gayle organized the first Baptist church on the Bocas del Toro mainland.

This, in brief, is the ancient history of the work in Bocas. The story that follows is of even greater interest as we watch E. Notman, T. H. Duncanson, and others doing pioneer work in Changuinola and Suxula at a time when these regions were a hothed of malaria and a deathbed to strangers. They laid a good foundation. Today we are challenged to go forward and possess more land. The gospel has not yet been preached to the major part of the population who speak only Spanish. Hundreds are coming daily from other Central American countries to work on the farms owned and operated by United Fruit Company, Recently the Lord laid on my heart the need of these hundreds of Spanish-speaking people who are living in the grasp of sin and Satan.

A preaching campaign was launched and the response was excellent. One night after the service ended one man returned in the stillness of the night to tell us that he wanted to accept Jesus Christ as his Saviour. What a reward for our labour! Please pray with us that the Lord will send a Spanish worker for the field in Bocas.

Among the West Indian population there are today five churches with over 300 members, five Sunday schools with approximately 350 enrolled. At Buabito the building in which we worship was furnished by the United Fruit Company and is used by four different denominations. For the past 20 years the work on this field was carried on by only one missionary, but in July Rev. Samuel Vernon arrived to assist us. Now we are trying to get a good program of work started. We need adequate buildings! Beside our poorly equipped buildings stand magnificent Roman Catholic churches. How can we meet the challenge" Picase help us pray for the work



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Too much, for the six months under review, cannot be expected when the overall nicture is viewed and considered from all angles. However, during these months there has been much growth and advance ment for which God is to be praised. In the first place, the membership has more than doubled; there have been 32 candidates for baptism. Seven others have come into the fellowship of the church through letters

The Sunday school is steadily growing. Its present enrollment of 86 ranges from of prospects for the months ahead. The shares in no small way in executing the

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the Primary grade through the Young People's class. There is an encouraging list Training Union consisting of the Adult and Young People's departments; the Woman's Missionary Union with the Girl's Auxiliary and the Sunbeam Band; and the Brotherhood organization are some of the other functioning units. Each of these, geared to the work of kingdom building.

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Ohio Baptists Have First Annual Convention

The Ohio Baptist State Convention met sion. The convention was organized January 1, 1954. At this first annual meeting 100 messengers and 471 visitors were registered. Ohio Southern Baptists already have an efficiently equipped state head-quarters building and book store, the Ohio Baptist Messenger, a monthly news organ and an attractive assembly site near Seneca

Leading Ohio Baptists as executive secretary is Ray E. Roberts. Receipts from all sources from January 1 to September 30, 1954, were reported to be \$59,115,99, A goal of \$109,025.00 was set for the ensuing

Leader for Royal Ambassadors Selected

The going of Edward H. Hurt, Jr., on February 1, from a 20-year term of service at Oklahoma Baptist University to the Baptist Brotherhood of the South to direct Royal Ambassador work, is of significant missionary interest.

Mr. Hurt has served during the past 20 years as coach and physical education director at Oklahoma Baptist University of which he is a graduate. He has done graduate work at Oklahoma University.

Home Missions Breaks Record Again

The January printing order for Home Missions broke all previous records with 143,000.

program of missions of the church in this section of the Canal Zone

The Vacation Bible school was held in July subsequent to the dedication of the building. This and other involved factors prevented the usual two-week school. A one-week school was successfully carried through despite the handicap. Jim Powell, student-missionary, who came to this field to assist in this type of work, acted as principal and did a very excellent job.

While these auxiliaries contribute im-mensely to the bastioning and enhancing of the entire church program, the church through its aggressive preaching of the Word of God coupled with pastorial visita-tion, is making every effort to bring the

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By Helen Long Fling

I Read a Book

Today

beautiful, where sunsets merge into sunrise, where today becomes tomorrow——— to our left the moon nestled in a cm Alaska! I turned the pages of the new in the mountains. Like an old-fashion home mission book, Under the North Star portiere button it seemed to clasp a file. by Harold; Dye, as northern lights and rippling, faintly iridescent drapery white midnight suns flashed into focus and I tied the shadowy mountain to the lu worshipped God. Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "Sometimes

a person's mind is stretched by a new idea velvet above our heads was cut comp and never does go back to its old dimen- in half by the flickering band of variega sions." And sometimes, not only the mind is stretched but the heart and soul as well! artistry God had changed the widely Whose soul would not be stretched by reading Harold Dye's descriptions of the flowers blooming even in the snow of the magnificent North:

"The mind of God alone can comprehend such fragile beauty, and only his fingers could have fashioned it. A spiritual- studied about Alaska Baptists and ly sensitive man feels like taking the shoes off his feet as he finds himself standing understand more fully not only what where God has stood. An artist, no matter how great his skill. would have to be a supreme egotist to try to translate upon tawdry canvas what he feels as his eyes wide now with prayerful concern behold such lilies of the tundra as would may be a good steward of missional make Solomon's richest vestments look formation and that my church may be a good steward of missional may be a goo like rags."

Or who would not find more room within his soul for praise after reading of the author's stirring midnight experience of seeing the northern lights up near the my church, to make real our mission

"The most exquisite display of natural beauty in the world, perhaps, can be seen on almost any winter's night in the northern part of Alaska when God hangs out the appeal it would have for the part

ODAY I left the commonplace and his shimmering curtains across the went up where the world was big canopy of the skies and man bows be the miracle of the aurora borealis. sky and which flung itself, as we watch across the heavens. The coverlet of sia light. Through some strange, supern ged mountains into a holy temple the glory of his train filled it."

But through mission books you to only find out about the world and people in it: you find out about you too! And so my heart was stretched missionaries there and I was enab are doing but what I may do also

Surely my heart will not go ha its old selfish dimensions for it is streto come more missionary as a result of stewardship and use of these materials

Today as I read there was a deep d to take advantage of every opport ing the 1955 Home Mission Series on theme, "Home Mission Outposts. thought of each book in the series

age group for which it was prepared. Young people will thrill as they read in Light in Yumuri by Rose Goodwin Pool, the story of Martha Cabarrocas and her wonderful gift of a Cuban Ridgecrest. Intermediates will look Through a Cuban Window by Christine Garnett and see some of the young people their own age who have been won to Christ through their mission offerings. Juniors will have an exciting adventure at the top of the world as they study Gold in Alaska by John N. DeFoore and engage in the mission activities outlined in the Junior section of the Alaska Source Book Primaries will become fast friends with Tabo in Panama through the pages of this picture storybook by Russell and Edith Van Roven.

I thought also of the mission study materials that have been especially prepared for use with these books and determined I would make the study more meaningful by following the suggestions and securing the materials listed in the Alaska Source Book, especially the wonderful big free picture sheets on Alaska and Cuba from the Home Mission Board and the beautiful new kodachrome filmstrips Nurgets of the North (on Alaska) and Light for Cuba and Good Ground (on Cuba), \$5.00 each, from the Baptist Book

My mind is full of many plans and possibilities . . a School of Missions . . . a missionary bulletin board . . . a larger goal for our Annie W. Armstrone Offering for Home Missions . . . plans that will help us realize there should be no difference in Baptist missionary and a missionary done by her Indian people which were no Baptist-for ours is a mutual task!

Today I read a book-and so my household tasks were not completed. But my mind and heart and soul were stretched to new dimensions and I can say with Winfred Ernest Garrison these words:

And let its echoes linger to redeem Silence with music, darkness with its gleam.

That day I worked no more. I could not

ficking new light shone on every common thing.

"Celestial glories streamed before my gaze, each other very much, but had never been That day I worked no more; but, to God's praise, shall work better all my other days."

now this was the day! We had driven for miles to the county seat and were on our way back home. The large brown envelope which she held so tenderly, contained the marriage license. It was a simple and very impressive

ceremony at the missionary's home thatnight. The friend Mary served as interpreter. As the couple started to leave, the 72-year-old groom said again "God bless you, brother, and thank you again for helping us to understand."

his wife about what should be done and

The 50-year-old bride just smiled sweetly and brushed away another tear.



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They had talked with the missionary and

SHE SAT ON THE back seat of the old station wagon as we went jogging

rough the ride was, nor had she noticed

the many other cars speeding down the highway. She did not see the little Indian

maiden at the well or the shepherd boy with his sheep on the hillside. Her eyes

looked far out into space. She did not even notice the beautiful mountains and valleys

swiftly passing by. Her thoughts were on

oh so tenderly, in her hands. This day,

She was up in years now, but that did

not dim her joy. A big tear came in her

eyes as she lifted the envelope and pressed it gently to her heart. Then she

noticed the missionary's daughter had been

watching her and she smiled sweetly as she

These things were all happening to her

now because of a dear friend named

Mary who had accepted Jesus as her

Saviour years before. As the friend grew

more the many things which were being

pleasing to God. Oh, how they needed

Mary became very concerned about her

older brother William and the woman with

whom he lived. Many times she walked

the miles between their homes to read to

them from God's Word and to tell them

again what Jesus, her Lord, meant to her.

At first they did not care to listen, but

as the months went into years, they began

something important. Now they enjoy

hearing the Bible read. As they are learn-

ing more about God they are trying to get

many things straightened out in their lives.

This dear old Indian couple had lived

together for many years and they loved

married. Now they knew they needed to be

to realize that Mary was talking about

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By Alfred Carpenter Director Chaplains Commission

This is the second in a series of three articles written by Dr. Alfred Carpenter following his return from a recent visit to the Pacific area. Dr. Carpenter, director of the Chaplains Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, wrote his first article which appeared in the January issue of this magazine, on Baptist laymen overseas. This article gives his observations regarding the work of our Baptist missionaries in that area, and the third and final article, which will appear in the March issue of this magazine, will deal with

STATESIDE we usually think of our Memorial Baptist Church in Seoul. The missionaries on the foreign fields as building is a memorial to Baptist chap erving only in a spiritual capacity. Actual- lains and men who gave their lives y their activity extends far beyond this Korea. It is the most up-to-date church conception. As God's ambassadors of building in Korea, At the dedication servipeace they excel. In public relations they the Baptist military men participated in represent Baptists before the pagan world. program with the Koreans. Enlisting of Few realms of life can produce Christian Bantist military personnel to participals statesmen of their caliber. They lead in in missions on the field is a valuable the field of medicine and education as product for our Stateside churches. One well as in religion. In fact, they are lack- day these men will return to home churches of-all-trades in dealing with people. The in the States as active missionaries. valuable by-products of their ministry are

On an itinerary of the Pacific area with the armed forces it was my privilege to sionaries there securing an overall picture military personnel of all ranks, m of their work. I conducted 16 conferences by 512; also contacted 28 pastors, 33 all a large group of outstanding Kore churches, and 70 other missionaries.

John A. Abernathy, superintendent of our witness both in statesmanship and pub Southern Baptist work, is typical in pro-relations. duction of by-products. About 50 Baptist chaplains in the area meet the third ship performing the outstanding minis Tuesday of each month at the Abernathy of his dramatic missionary career. The home for an all-day conference. These city of tragedy and suffering is fortuna chaplains, together with the Baptist men to have him in their midst to lead in ev of their outfits, have contributed more phase of the chaotic present. Among than \$15,000.00 in construction of the new varied responsibilities is his present pri

One Sunday afternoon Dr. Abernat requested that I speak in his stead at the monthly meeting of missionary fellowsh Among the more than 200 attending we spend considerable time with our mis- U. N. diplomats. Korean state officials: sionaries representing numerous denot with mission groups which were attended - nations from several countries, and above young people. This type of leadership is In Scoul, Korea, the activity of Dr. valuable by-product to our Baptist wor

At Pusan, Missionary Rex Ray is pr

weigh his actual mission work. In this same city there is no way to

to the out-patient clinic, daily treating more than 500 patients. Medical missions? Yes! Also a public relations representative nd good will ambassador for Southern In Japan Missionary Frank H. Con-

ely, superintendent of mission work. Baptist headquarters, Tokyo, is one of the all types of people in every walk of life. While in his area my itinerary was crowded to the brim with military responsibilities, this missionary and gain a glimpse of his regular activities. An evening meal at his home furnished

and especially the headquarters group. His administrative ability in the rapidly expanding program was demonstrated. The regular midweek prayer and Bible study meeting attended by military enlisted men ividly portrayed how he is educating and aspiring laymen for Baptist churches, taleside

A gathering attended by Baptist la

February, 1955

Dr. Alfred Carpenter (left) propages to loave after a conference with Dr. John Abernathy (Seaul, Karoa, project of building a much-needed 40-bed leaders, chaplains, and their wives in hospital. One concludes that the valuable Tokyo, Yokahama area, revealed his inby-products of his ministry probably out- fluence upon English-speaking leaders in the social realm. On an evening at a typical Japanese dinner the occasion afestimate the valuable by-products of 71- forded opportunity to contact leaders in year-old Dr. A. W. Yocum. He ministers financial circles. Here was realized Missionary Connely's by-product in Christian

At Tokyo Chapel Center on Sunday afternoon, and Yokahama Chapel Center on Monday night, the regular monthly meetings of the Bantist Fellowship was attended by a cross section of Baptist leadership in missionary, chaplaincy, and most effective public relations men I have civilian life. At these meetings Missionary nown. He knows his way around among Connely is a top level ambassador for the people called Southern Baptists.

These missionaries mentioned are only typical of our 14 in Korea, 102 in Japan, yel time was arranged to fellowship with 12 leading our splendid new work in the Philippines, and 44 in the rapidly-developing work in Hawaii. Yes, our missionaries are producing spiritual results in their fellowship with missionaries of the area regular mission realm; yet the valuable byproducts of their total ministry are legion.

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Home Board Has Annual Meetina

By John Caylor

N DECEMBER 7 and 8, the He Mission Board met in Atla Georgia, for its annual session. Dr. W. Duncan, pastor of the First Baptist Chu of East Point, Georgia, was re-cleo-president of the Board and other office were re-elected. Dr. Courts Redford his administrative staff, as well as missionaries on the field were named their posts of leadership and service the Home Mission Board. Dr. Redi reported that a total of 1,444 missionan had served the Board during the year. This included 1,074 regular sionaries and 370 summer student wor who serve ten weeks only.

Reports of Departments

The heads of the departments of a signary service made tentative report

7 missionaries in the homeland, 141 in Cuba, and 23 in Panama and the Canal Zone. Encouraging growth and expansion in the new fields with the establishment of sions and churches characterized the

Evangelism is major in missions. Southem Baptists baptized over 400,000 during 1954. The 1955 Crusade was given full but all Southern Baptists seem interested in promoting the Crusade.

Enthusiastic response was given to the sions and to plans for the new year. Over and over it was stated that the Home Mission Board is co-operating in more phases of work and with more pleasant elationships to state conventions than ever its history. The togetherness of missions being exemplified in the correlation of

the December issue with 136 000 conies. The Board's interest in its publications and visual materials was encouraging to those who produced the materials.

The Board's ministry to Negroes was rendered by sixty-two workers who enrolled 38,662 students, 9,808 of whom were preachers. They conducted extension classes with an enrollment of 14.157, and nlisted more than 8,000 in the 115 leadership institutes. The Board assisted 61 Negro idents in their education.

The Jewish Department reported an enarged program and a growing interest; Schools of Missions attendance jumped above the 1,000,000 mark; the Chaplains Commission reported successful contacts by the director and members of the comittee with chaplains around the world; and the Department of Church Building oans reported the greatest year of achievement in its history.

Home Missian Budget Increased the 1954 hudget. The only hope for inreased funds for the Board is in the annual Annie Armstrong Offering and the advanced section of the Cooperative Program. Since both sources provided additional funds it was possible to increase

Home Missions Looks Ahead

Board members were optimistic and forward looking in the December meeting. While the amount of budget increase was small, the Board was encouraged to any responsibility owns a Cayuca. Every advance its program as far as the funds would make possible. Expansion in the The men must have a Cayuca to fish or West in co-operation with state conventions to go to work in. All their crops are is meeting with greater success than the increased budget would indicate. The Board's work in the West shows what have a Cayuca to go to the river where co-ordination and co-operation can do they do the family wash in the fresh water when Baptists have a mind to work to- and/or bring back a load of calabashes report of work in the field of co-operative gether. The Direct Missions Department filled with water for household use. Thus was encouraged to expand its work to all during the day you see the Cayucas goinclude the San Blas Islands off the shore ing and coming. They have all sizes of of Panama.

Board has for church loans and to replace ones used to haul many people. We saw one the corpus as borrowed money is replaced, about eight feet wide and some thirty he work of home missionaries and state

plans were inaugurated to increase the feet long all laboriously carved out of one
missionaries throughout the Convention

corpus of the loan funds to \$10,000,000 log. These loats are all artfully shaped, as quickly as possible. The Board's efforts In the field of editorial service it was to increase its loan funds will be in line trips they are usually propelled by paddle. reported that more than 200,000 books on bome missions had been sold during the year. Peak printing of Home Missions was and its executive committee.

The annual meeting of the Home Mis sion Board was characterized by unanimity

Hoist Sail In San Blas

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they have a sweet liquid substance that will not congeal as does ordinary ground corn when it is cooked and cooled. They keep cooking this over each day so that it will not ferment. When they go off to work, they usually take with them a calabash filled with this liquid. They do not eat solid food until they return home to pre-

While we were there a large sailing vessel came in to buy coconuts. This is the The budget of \$2,100,000 which was money crop of the people. Formerly they dopted in the annual meeting of the prepared and sold the coconut meat, but lome Mission Board is \$130,000 above now they sell the whole coconuts to be processed elsewhere.

> These people are just now beginning to use domesticated livestock. They have hogs, goats, and chickens. The livestock is kept on separate little islands, thus they have no need to build pens, but only small shelters to protect them from the rain.

Each day they go to these islands by canoe to attend the animals.

The Cayuca is the standard mode of transportation. Every individual who has family has from one to five or six of them. gathered on the mainland and transported to the islands in Cayucas. The women must them. There are very small ones used to To supplement the \$6,000,000 which the contain water in the house to the very large strong, and quite sea-worthy. For short When they have a long way to go they hoist sail and are under way. Southern Baptists have hoisted sail in San Blas.



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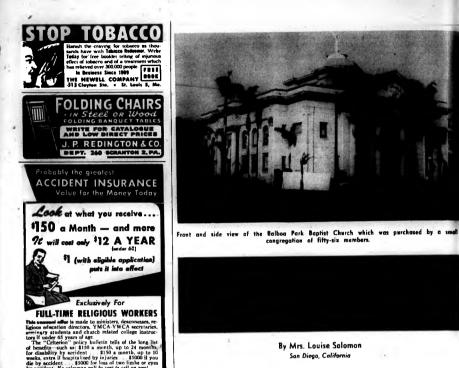
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By Mrs. Louise Solomon

San Diego, California

California. But there is another way to look members stepped out on faith from the at the Balboa Park Baptist Church. This one-room lodge hall into a fully equipp church extends farther than its width and church building located in the center of the height may measure; it is now big enough business area of San Diego. o influence its neighborhood, community, The building was made available by the

consolidation of two Methodist bodies It hasn't been this size long, however. The building will seat approximately 1,000 Only a little over one year ago a few persons, and is equipped to care for the Southern Baptist members were meeting in church's needs with Sunday school rooms. a lodge hall in North Park, one section of church offices, kitchen, dining room, and adequate. It could have been easy, how- accessibility to the many sections of the ever, for this group to sit back and be- city and the thousands of men in the come satisfied with their church. Many armed forces, it would well be worth Southern Baptist churches in California \$250,000.00, but it was purchased for are having to meet in lodge halls, school- \$100,000.00. This price, to a group of fifty-six people, should have appeared impossible, and it certainly was a great adventure of faith for such a small group director to help.

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Some at the leaders of the church: (front row) Rev. J. Dale Martin, associate pastor; Dr. Hallis A. Burge, postor; LeRay Gower, chairman of deocons; and (back row) C. C. Marris, Sunday school superintendent.

and other possessions to make the initial growth goes to the pastor, Dr. Hollis A payment of \$25,000.00. It is just one Burge. Many times the church problems ample of the faith and vision that is rested on his shoulders, often at personal aracterizing their work here. sacrifice. He gave up a pastorate in the In the first year of the Balboa Park Midwest to come to a new field in California. He has been moderator of the

aplist Church's existence, its membership mew from the original fifty-six to 211 association and president of the Southern The total membership now reaches 276. Baptist State Convention, and is on the board of directors of Golden Gate Baptist The Junior department of the Sunday school, for example, which started with Theological Seminary. These are duties three boys, now has fourteen boys and that he has performed in addition to buildorls and four workers. The Young People's ing this great church. partment of the Training Union cele-These are just a few of the things that trated Valentine's Day with a sweetheart have happened this year, but perhaps you nquet with fifty-two persons present. can see why the people of this location This is quite an increase from the original call Balboa Park Baptist Church the four! The young people work mostly with miracle church. The progress is still slow, the many service personnel in this area. but with the capable pastor, the dynamic The church is open on Friday nights spirit of this wonderful group of people, especially for the young people. There are and the help of the Lord, this work is going forty-five servicemen listed under the to grow. California is wide open for Southern Baptist leadership and with churches

watchcare of the church at present. The church workers and people are on like the Balboa Park Baptist Church the whole inexperienced, but the most miracles will continue to happen. willing learners that you could wish for. From reading literature, by attending association wide meetings, and by receiving help from a few leaders, this church now has a well-organized WMU, Brotherhood, and RA hesides the other regular activities of weekly visitation program, printed bulktins, and church choir. The pastor now has a full time secretary and in the near uture there will be a religious educational

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A City Without The Gospel

By Christine Garnett Cientuegos, Cuba

NLY ONE CHURCH in this city of some 100,000 people! Oh, yes, there have been efforts during the years to start and deposited our \$160 before that tem maintain missions in some of the suburbs. but somehow there have been no permanent results.

When I came here to Cienfuegos, Cuba, three years ago my heart went out to these spiritually-asleep sections, so a plan was started to buy a lot. Within a year we had made the purchase at \$700. Then projects for a churchhouse on that lot were in order. The fund now marks 700 on the thermometer. We know that a temple will cost at least \$5,000, but there is something thrilling about dreaming dreams for

The last effort was the Club Plan. There were clubs from twenty cents to twenty dollars. Sentember 30 was set as the day for the ingathering. A large cardboard temple filled a third of the platform. Its tower was a challenge to all who watched the beautiful girls in long dresses come out each representing the doors, the tower, the windows, the piano, the pulpit, walls, benches, in fact the whole temple loomed before our eyes, each part telling how it was an instrument in the evangelization of the city.

giving and praise.

It was an immense offering for us, as consider the economical conditions of Chapel talks are difficult to make. When larger part of our members. Yes, some day we are going to feed the

gospel-hungry in the La Junita subi The old lady, who, during a visit to home one day, wiped a tear as she "Nobody ever told me of Jesus," is gon to have a place of worship, or at those of younger generations. children who run the streets with never thought of God except as they use his nam in profane language, will be attended Sunday school and singing with us. Fit Cuhan youth who today spend their night in the corner gambling den will have chance to meet God face to face as d Saul on the road to Damascus. That pla will be the Second Baptist Church

Cienfuegos.

Some afternoons when 1 come hot after hours of visiting in that section, sears ring with tales of poverty; my expenses. burn with the tears that come as heavy as idolatry is seen at every of the city.

As they talked one realized that one toward God is concerned; and my b aches and wonders which of the multiple coming hefore germs of a dozen diseases will be creep that is only hegun.

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I feel all undone many times as I realize that the end of my activities will

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A Study Of History, by Arnold Toynbee. others think whether he agrees with them Oxford University Press. Four Volumesor not will find plenty of room for argu- \$35.00.

Arnold Toynbee has been the most quoted of historians. His finished work is in Volumes VII to X, material for which Studies In Hebrews, by Herschel H. was gathered before World War II, and plans were well outlined for the record. The January Bible study volume has The author has sought to bring together "a synoptic view of all the civilizations been a long time getting around to He-brews. The choice of Herschel Hobbs for that have been brought into our ken by the writer has assured a clear, compre-hensive, and conservative presentation of chivists." Toynbee also states as one of the purposes of his work to "help his fellowmen of different civilizations to become more of one another by helping them to underthey are successful by being well received stand and appreciate one another's hisby student audiences, they are worthy of tories, and to see in these local and partial stories a common achievement and com-mon possession of the whole human family." Thus in A Study Of History Toyna place in book form. Dr. Reid's brief bee presents history as a whole instead of segments of history in detail. This set is

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- O. What special power does the priest
- A. The power to forgive sin.
- Q. Is this power said to be judicial, or nerely declarative?

A It is said to be judicial. The Council. of Trent declared: "Whosoever shall affirm that the priest's sacramental absolution is not a judicial act, but only a ministry to pronounce and declare that the sins of the party confessing are for-given, let him be anathema" (Council of Trent, Sess. 14, Canon 9).

Q. Is this borne out by the form words used by the priest?

A. Yes. The priest does not say, "I absolve thee," but "Ego to absolvo,"-"I absolve thee." Unless these words are used there can be no absolution.

A. It is by the utterance of these words absolve thee," that the priest communicates to the penitent such grace (that actual holiness, which is the meaning of grace when used by Rome) as merits pardon, and that his or her sins are pardoned accordingly.

Q. Does not this indicate presumption on the part of the priest?

- A. It does. The priest assigns to himself the actual power, through this so-called sacrament of penance, to confer holiness on a fellow sinner, and he claims, more-
- ver, that this power belongs to him alone Q. Cannot the penitent obtain pardon therwise than through the sacrament of
- A. Rome declares that except in traordinary cases the absolution of the riest in the confessional is necessary for the remission of sins. When a priest cannot be had, a perfect act of contrition or even attrition is sufficient.
- O. Can a priest, though living in sin him-
- A. Yes. Rome declares that "Whosoever shall affirm that priests in mortal sin have not the power of binding and loosing, let him be anathema" (Council of Trent Sess. 14, Canon 10).
- Q. Can absolution be given to a dead

A. Yes, a person found recently can be absolved conditionally. The for is: "Ego te absolvo ab omnibus cens et peccatis, in nomine Patris, et Filli. Spiritus Sancti. Amen."

(I Absolve thee from all censure sins in the name of the Father Priest's New Ritual, p. 65. O. Did the apostles ever assun

power of forgiving sins? A. No. In their preaching they als

A. No. In their preaching iney always directed sinners to Christ. No aposite ew case Grande, Artic.

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Baptist College, Little Rock, Ark. and Titus, in which he specified to make any reference to the hearing of fessions and giving absolution as par their work?

- ntise. Walter W. (Chaplain, Woman's Emergency Home), 7122 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, 1.5. As, L. E. and Mrs. (Indian), Rt. 1, Box 102 A. No. He never made such refer
- Q. Mention one significant case in which E, Coolder, Arit.

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 Charles Ave., New Orleans, La. Peter plainly disclaimed the power to m

Peter not to confess his sins to him or expect absolution from him, but to rep of his wickedness and "pray God, be forgiven thee" (Acts 8:22).

Q. Did the early fathers support Ro

A. No. Augustine, Jerome, Cyri Alexandria Ambrose Basil Chrysos and others, all declared that "It is prerogative of no one else to forgive but of God only" (Romanism Weighed 100, 101).

- O. According to the Bible, who
- A. Only the Godhead. (Isa. 33:22; M kel Toro, located in the northwest portion 7:18: Mark 2:7 10)
- Q. Who alone can forgive sin?

A. God. He says, "I, even I, am he the rive churches and three missions in that blotteth out thy transgressions for t own sake" (Isa. 43:25). "If any man sin, we have an advoc

with the Father, Jesus Christ the righted (1 John, 2:1). "Who can forgive sins but God on

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For several years there has been a anama Baptist Convention composed of thurches which minister particularly to the people of Panama who use the Spanish inge. In 1952 there were four Panama.

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Baptists Are ADVANCING

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trea came into our work during the year

1953. They have organized the Bocas del

churches in that convention. During 1954 another church was added, the first country church in the Republic of Panama This church is located at Biqui, about 15 miles from Panama City. In addition new mission has been opened in the city of Colon and another in the city of Aguadulce. In each of these are large opportunities for the development of the work. We have a resident missionary and in each place they are making progress.

During the year 1954 a new building was

constructed for the First Baptist Church of Panama City. Since entering the building about the first of August, the church has made good progress. There is much Panama City concerning the message pro sented by this church. We have recently closed the deal for property for the church in Chorrera. It is our hope that during the early months of 1955 we can begin construction of a badly needed building. The missionary on this field is conducting six missions in the city of Chorrera and surrounding territory. The pastors at Las Tablas and Biqui are reaching out in the hVille, Berkman and Mrs. (French), Boz 336, Golden Messlow, La. Des. Lase Z. and Mrs. (Spanish-speaking), 1368 Elri St. San Pablo, Calif. Inne, Luis and Mrs. (Spanish-speaking), Box Mrs. (Lidica and Mrs. (Spanish-speaking), Box Mrs. (Lidica and Mrs. (Spanish-speaking), Box Mrs. (Lidica and Mrs. (Spanish-speaking), Box Mrs. Cameron, Tex. Has. Charles and Mrs. (Indian), Box 503, Cheroker, N. C. communities around them to carry the message of Christ into the needy communi ties. The problem in Panama is not to fine places to go, but rather to decide to which community we will go next. Very few communities in Panama have anything other than a Roman Catholic church. There are hundreds of communities in the open country and in the mountains that have no church of any kind. Many of them have constructed little shrines where they try to have some form of worship.

There is another association of West ndian churches in the province of Bocas An example of the hunger of the people for the gospel is told by a pastor of the Biqui church who was called to a if the Republic of Panama. Large groups of these people work for the United Fruit small country community. To get there he rode two hours through the jungle slept at night in the school house, and the next morning conducted the very first service in that community. More than 100 ore Baptist Association, which had its int annual meeting this year. The mispeople gathered to listen to the message. They listened while he spoke for an hour aries and churches are anxious to and a half and eleven indicated a desire now our program of work as Southern aplists and are seeking to establish those to know Christ as a personal Saviour. mograms in their churches. There is a One woman had walked for three hours mising future for our work in that through the jungle to be in that service.

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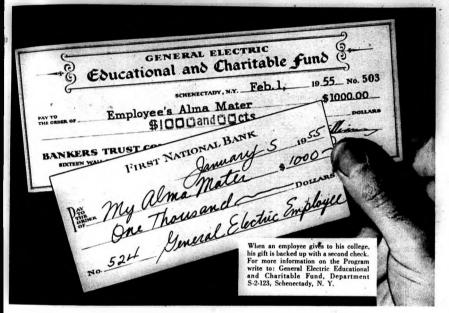
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