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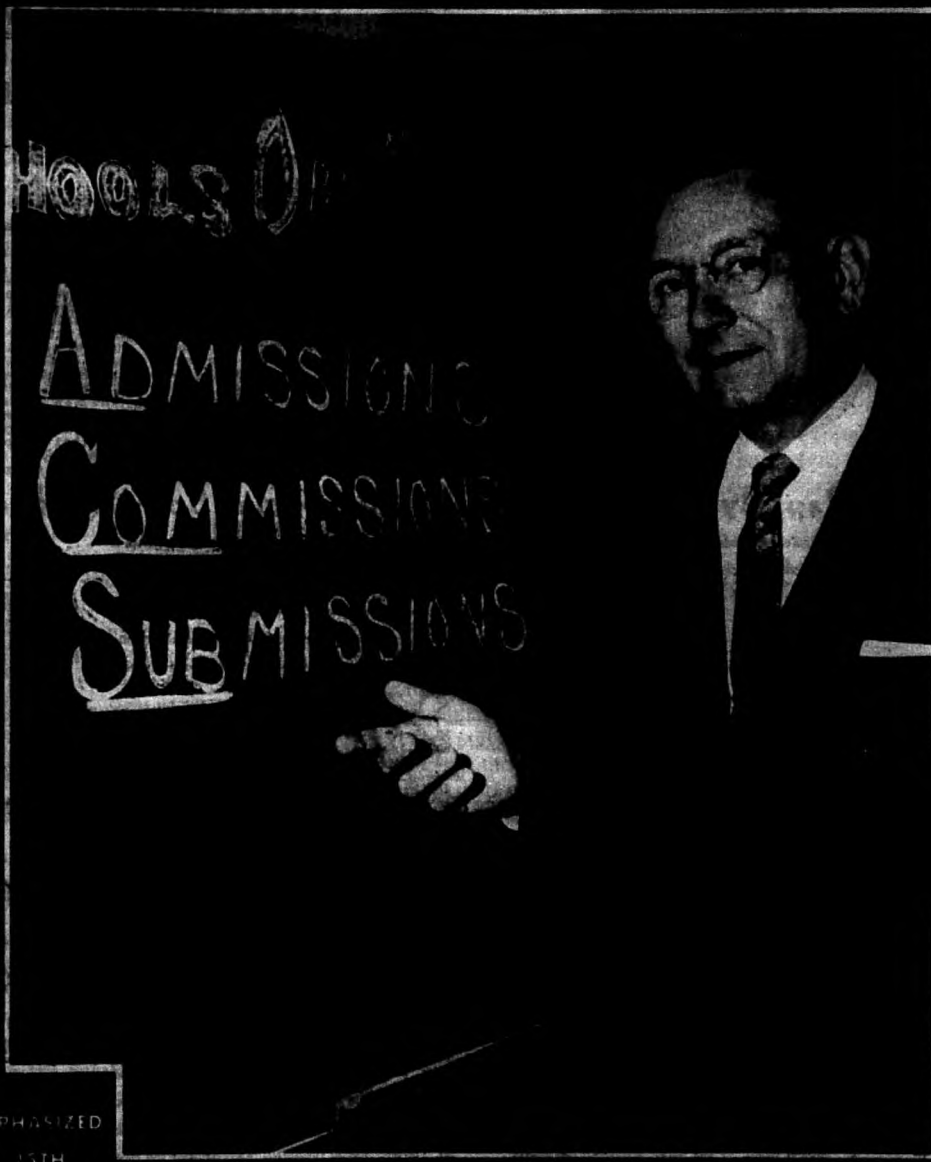
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Twenty-five Years

By Courts Redford

Twenty-five years—a quarter of a century! That is a long time to serve as a worker with the Home Mission Board. And Lewis W. Martin has seen every one of them a year of real achievement.

In the fall of 1934 Lewis Martin was appointed by the Home Mission Board to serve as a missionary evangelist in the Appalachian Mountains. Even before this he served five years as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hazard, Kentucky. Today, when the occasion justifies, he can speak the language of "them thar hills" like the native living farthest up the hollow.

Perhaps it was from these unspoiled mountain folk, as well as from the good Lord, that Dr. Martin obtained his genuine love for people—all people of all races and all walks of life. He wanted to go as a foreign missionary but at the time he was ready, the Board was appointing no missionaries because of the depression.

He and Mrs. Martin served faithfully for eight and one-half years as missionaries in the mountains and then on January 1, 1943, he was called to the Home Mission Board office to promote Schools of Missions throughout the Convention territory. Dr. J. B. Lawrence, who was then executive secretary of the Board, could have found no better man for the task.

Dr. Martin, his wife, four children, and his father and mother joined the First Baptist Church of Decatur one Sunday and I, Mrs. Redford, and seven of our children joined the next Sunday. The following Wednesday evening they raised the pastor's salary; and Dr. Hall, our pastor for these sixteen years, has well earned that raise by looking after the Martin and Redford tribes.

The task of promoting Schools of Missions has been enlarged to include the direction of our participation in camp work, a speaker's bureau, and other duties, and Dr. Lewis W. Martin is now secretary of the Department of Missionary Education.

There is no doubt that through the years to come Dr. Martin will be remembered primarily for the magnificent task he has done in developing the Schools of Missions Program. He has worked closely with the Foreign Mission Board and the respective state mission boards in making it a joint effort. Through this program thousands of small Baptist churches, which had never had a missionary in their midst, have had an equal chance with the largest churches to see and hear the best missionaries Baptists have.

The program has grown even more rapidly than the most optimistic could envision. Every year scores of associations have simultaneous Schools of Missions. They would have far more if the mission boards could provide enough missionaries. In the future, through the foresight of Dr. Martin and other leaders, hundreds of the churches will be having Schools of Missions without missionaries. This plan will not in any sense supplant the schools with missionaries but it will supplement the original plan by making possible the use of approved workers, dramatic materials, mission filmstrips, and moving pictures, messages from people who have visited mission fields, and good mission sermons to fill in the gaps where missionaries cannot be obtained.

During the past five years the Department has reported 807 simultaneous Schools of Missions attended by 5,635,176 people from 14,572 participating churches. About 7,938 have surrendered for special service and 1,936 have confessed Christ as Saviour in these services.

The School of Missions is far more than a lecture course on missions or a series of fine sermons on mission topics. It is a school. It is an organized school, in which the leaders of the entire church seek to bring children of all departments to the church each evening for five days (plus the inspirational messages on the opening Sunday) to study by departments and classes a graded series of mission books taught by the very best teachers available.

Such study in these thousands of churches has had a tremendous part to play in the increased interest in missions all across our Convention territory and in the larger support that is given to the Cooperative Program. These schools have helped the missionaries to get acquainted with each other, have provided an opportunity to distribute mission tracts and secure additional subscriptions for state Baptist papers and the mission magazines, and have done the whole job at a minimum expense to the churches and to the denomination.

That is why Lewis W. Martin will be long remembered for his ministry. Today he carries on with greater vision and effectiveness than ever before. The greatest days for Dr. Martin and for Schools of Missions are the days ahead as these schools join other forces to help attain every objective of the Third Jubilee Program.

So here's a cheer and a vote of thanks to Dr. Martin and his co-workers, and to those from other Boards engaged in this phase of our work. God's richest blessings abide on every one of you!



NEWS

Annie Armstrong Offering Makes News

On July 15 a check from the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, including \$36,269.83, pushed the 1959 Annie W. Armstrong Offering for Home Missions OVER THE \$2,000,000.00 GOAL!

For the third year the Annie Armstrong Offering has approached \$2,000,000.00, but has not quite reached it before. There was great rejoicing in the Atlanta offices when the July check raised the total to \$2,018,356.56.

Here is the check which did it. The Executive Committee's check in the sum of \$158,395.17, issued on July 14, 1959, included nearly \$114,000.00 of Cooperative Program funds and almost

\$45,000.00 in designated items. The larger share of the designated amount was for \$36,269.83. March Week of Prayer funds coming from WMU offerings in the states.

On August 5, the Offering total was \$2,055,514.55.

Woman's Missionary Union worked 50 years before reaching the one million dollar goal for the Annie W. Armstrong Offering. It has required only seven years to reach the second million in a single year's offering. At this rate of progression, it should be only a couple of years until the Annie W. Armstrong Offering reaches three million as the annual goal.

Congratulations to Woman's Missionary Union. This worthy achievement guarantees missionary advance.



ABOUT THE COVER

Lewis Martin, secretary of the Department of Missionary Education, has completed 25 years of service with the Home Mission Board. He has helped make the term "Schools of Missions" a byword among Southern Baptists.

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From the Pen of

John Caylor



What Is Truth?

As Oxnam expressed it, it is "not what but whom I do believe." Truth is in personality, not in a statement. Jesus is the Truth about God.

When the Lord, at the last supper, spoke about going to the Father, his disciples wanted him to show them the Father. The only way he could reveal the Father to man was through himself. The highest truth is truth about God. The best revelation of that truth is through Jesus Christ the Lord. He came to reveal the Father. He is the Truth. The finality of that truth is in John 14:9, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father . . ."

Jesus is the Truth about knowledge. Knowledge is not necessarily wisdom. A person may store up a fund of knowledge and yet have no wisdom. Scientists have gone astray after half-truths. They have evolved philosophies and followed reasoning and logic to eternal doom. It is not enough to know facts: they must be known in relationship to God.

Einstein declares, "The most beautiful thing we can express is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science." Thus he intimates that true relativity points to a higher power. The Christian does not need to intimate; he can assert that all truth is relative to Christ. Real truth is in a person, and Jesus is that person.

Jesus is the Truth about heaven.

Jesus came into the world that he might reconcile the world to God. He came to earth in order that men might go to heaven. To those who believed on him he said, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). Then he identified truth, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

Jesus identified himself as the Way, the Truth, the Life, the Door, the Good Shepherd, the Messiah, a king, as from above, the light, and the resurrection. All of these have to do with preparation and entrance into heaven. He is the perfect revelation of the Father, making heaven

ready for his children, and making his children ready for heaven.

What is heaven like? Jesus has answered that question by identifying its truth with his person. "I go to prepare a place for you," he said, as he promised that if he did go and prepare the place, he would come again and receive the disciples unto himself. That makes heaven very personal. The reason for going to heaven is Jesus. The way to heaven is Jesus. The person whom the Christian expects to see in heaven is Jesus. He promised to return for his children, and to take them home with him, "That where I am, there ye may be also," to put it in his words.

The physician was more than a medical doctor: he had a word for the soul. His patient said, "Doctor, I know I am going to die, and that I am going to heaven; but I am afraid. I wish I knew what heaven is like, do you?"

The doctor's reply was a demonstration: "Do you hear that scratching on the door? That is my dog. He does not know about a sick man in this room, about flowers on the dresser; all he knows is that I am on this side of that door. I do not know about the streets of gold, the gates of pearl, or the tree of life in heaven, but I do know that Jesus is there and I want to be with him."

Jesus is the Truth in Heaven.

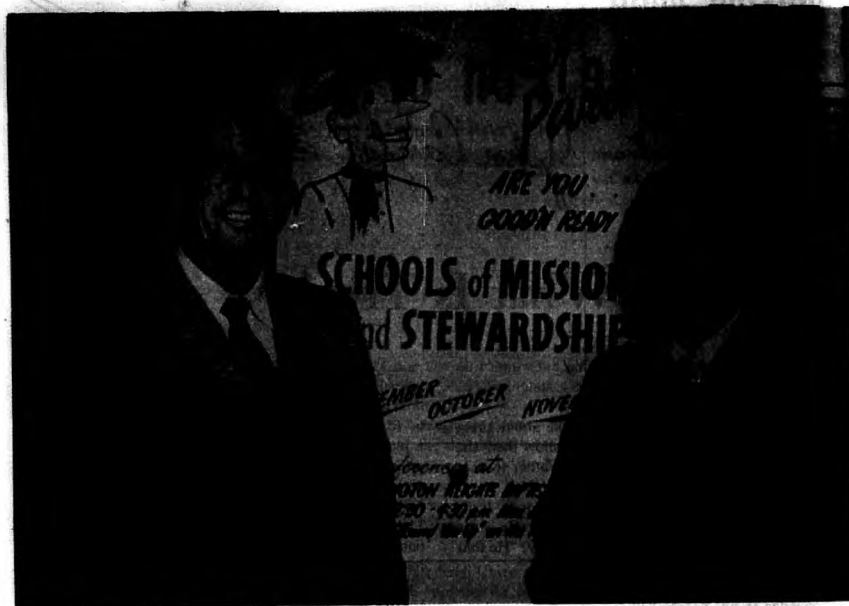
In the Revelation John declares that the street of the heavenly city is pure gold and that there is no temple in it because "the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it . . . and the Lamb is the light thereof." When Jesus spoke of himself as the Light of the World, he offered limitless encouragement to his followers here. He is described as the Light of Heaven. His reflected glory will be upon all who appear with him there.

The Lord is in heaven now, making intercession for us. He revealed the truth of God to us: he is interceding with God for us now in heaven.

Truth here and hereafter is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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With Elmer Dunham, director of City Missions, El Paso, Texas, Lewis W. Martin, right, makes final preparations for one of many Schools of Missions.



Lewis Martin works at his typewriter during his days as missionary in the mountains of Kentucky.

TWENTY-FIVE years ago a volunteer for foreign missions became a missionary evangelist with the Home Mission Board. His mission field was to the Appalachian Mountains, not China. Lewis Waller Martin, a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, both in his native state of Kentucky, had surrendered to go as a missionary to China. After he and his wife Estelle Snyder had completed their training, they found that no missionaries could be appointed because of the depression. For five years Dr. Martin served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Hazard, Kentucky. Then in the fall of 1934 he was appointed by the Home Mission Board as missionary evangelist in the Appalachian Mountains. With his wife, his son Lewis Waller, Jr., and the twins, Marah and Sarah, Dr. Martin lived in a rural mountain home. They had a house trailer for away from home engagements.

The Martins conducted evangelistic meetings in schoolhouses, old show

halls, store buildings, small church buildings, and in some well-appointed church buildings. They held Vacation Bible schools, church and Sunday school study courses, and led in organizing churches, securing lots, and erecting buildings.

In January, 1943, Lewis Martin began working in and out of the Home Board office, promoting Schools of Missions as secretary of the Department of Schools of Missions. Later he was to be called secretary of missionary education. While engaged in this work, he received the doctor of divinity degree conferred by Georgetown College.

Under Dr. Martin's direction, home missionary speakers are secured for Schools of Missions, camps, assemblies, WMU and related meetings. He has led in developing and promoting the Schools of Missions program which reports an annual attendance that has totaled over one and one half million. He major on promotional and planning conferences for courses and Schools of Missions. His

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LEWIS MARTIN completes 25th year with Board

by Jo Beth Rice



The camera catches Dr. Martin in a reflective mood.

object is to "project a continuous church missionary education program."

Dr. Martin has been affiliated with the Board longer than any member of the headquarters staff now serving.

As Lewis Martin completes his 25th year with the Home Mission Board, the lives of his children reflect the influence of their missions-minded parents.

Lewis Waller Martin, Jr. is educational director of Inglewood Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee. Sarah, now Mrs. Clark Scanlon, serves with her husband as a foreign missionary in Guatemala. Marah and her husband, Douglas Dillard, live in San Antonio, Texas, where he is educational director of Riverside Baptist Church.

The Martins' youngest daughter, Becky, also a mission volunteer, attends Georgetown College, the alma mater of her parents, brother, and sisters.

Because of his strong belief in missions, and because of his own experiences as a missionary, Lewis Martin is well prepared to give a picture of the home mission task and program.



During their days as missionaries in the Appalachian Mountains, the Martins lived in a house trailer when they made away from home engagements.

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OVER THE MOUNTAINS . . . by foot . . . by horse . . . by trailer, even if the train had to carry it.

"Lewis W. Martin is one of the greatest missionaries of our day," says J. S. Bell of Hindman, Kentucky. "Whether in the pulpit or in personal testimony, he is an earnest expounder of the Word of God. Given to details in his work, he wants to be sure that minute matters are taken care of; conscientious and missionary at heart, he is equipped to lead Southern Baptists in the study of missions."

"Brother Martin built churches. He organized a Baptist church in Garrett, Kentucky, which stands today as a monument to his patient, powerful preaching, and personal testimony. Garrett is only one of many churches he started in Kentucky."

Schools of Missions

The Schools of Missions Program in our denomination has been a major strategy among Southern Baptists for enlisting large numbers of churches in a constructive approach to world missions responsibility. Lewis Martin's name has become practically a synonym for this program in the minds of hundreds of our state and church leaders. Many lives have been blessed and the cause of missions has been enhanced because he consistently contended for a standard and a pattern designed to produce the greatest results in stewardship and dedication to a worldwide witness.

—Floyd H. North, Editor
The Commission

Pastor at Hazard

In 1929, L. W. Martin came to our church, which was divided and deeply in debt. He tackled the job with such an energetic, consecrated spirit that the church was soon in a strong financial position with credit restored and the long standing debt paid. The church was knit together as one. During his pastorate, some of my greatest Christian

experiences were enjoyed. My children were saved under his ministry. Throughout his ministry Brother Martin had a burning desire to give full time to missions. It was our loss when he resigned to go into the mission field.

—E. H. McGuire,
Citizens State Bank
Hazard, Kentucky

Testimonials

Missions in the Association

During the six years I have served as missionary of Calhoun County, Alabama, Lewis W. Martin's aid in promoting two simultaneous Schools of Missions in a total of over 100 churches has resulted in a greater spirit of evangelism here. Our gifts to missions have increased 40 per cent. Spiritual growth and denominational progress are evident. For blazing the trail of advance in modern missions, truly Southern Baptists owe Lewis W. Martin a debt of gratitude.

—Thomas H. Brock,
Promotional Secretary
Calhoun Association
Anniston, Alabama

Missions in the State

As director of the Schools of Missions Program in Florida, I have been in close contact with Dr. Martin and have come to appreciate him as one of the hardest workers it has been my privilege to know. Our people here in Florida have a deep appreciation for

him. The years ahead will continue to reveal to Southern Baptists the fine and lasting work of this good man.

—Paul A. Meigs,
Director Mission Education
Jacksonville, Florida

Martin Was Mountain Missionary

The mountains of eastern Kentucky had a home missionary who could see and realize possibilities in the people. Lewis W. Martin was an instrument of God which served as a factor in changing my entire life's course. When he came to our town he lived in a trailer, held a revival meeting, and established Garrett Baptist Church. According to human reason it was a foolish venture, impossible; but not so according to faith, and Brother Martin had that faith. Today Garrett Baptist Church has a nice building and a good work. The little church began a mission up on "Stone Coal," way up the hollow. Also, the towns of Allen, Wheelwright, Marrowbone, and Lackey were the recipients of Brother Martin's labors, and there are Baptist churches in all these except Lackey.

—J. Walker Beatty,
Jeff, Kentucky

Perfect Church Member

Since the day Lewis W. Martin and his wife, their four children, Lewis, Jr., Marah, Sarah, and Rebekah, along with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Martin, joined our church, we have had no family in our membership which has demonstrated more complete devotion to every phase of the work of the church.

Dr. Martin has served on the finance committee, in Training Union and Brotherhood, never fails to be present in Sunday school and worship services

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W.M.U. Circle
Theme Program

This is the abbreviation of an address by Dr. Redford before the Association of Juvenile Rehabilitation Clinics in Atlanta, Georgia, in May, 1959.

by Courts Redford

THE CHRISTIAN HOME IS OUR HOPE

Some years ago Donald Frohner was sent to the electric chair for the murder of an Ohio salesman. Just before he went to his death he said, "It is God's will that I go to the chair. Guys like me go wrong because of the way we are brought up. I was guided in life by movies, comics, and crime books. I always figured that the best way out was to outsmart the other guy. If I had been brought up by the right kind of parents and had gone to church and had known God I would not have gone wrong."

Frohner was in reality speaking for the more than one million youths who run afoul of the law each year.

The home is the primary institution in our social order. It is the first institution with which the child comes in contact. It is usually the most abiding. It is an epitome of all social life—a school to train, an altar for worship, a court of justice, a center for recreation, a clinic for counseling, and a house of refuge. It is there that the first patterns of behavior are fixed for all social relationships.

It is, therefore, alarming that nearly one third of our homes are broken by divorce and that many others are held together by unstable threads of expediency instead of bonds of love and Christian comradeship. There is little wonder

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"the family that prays together

that sex crimes are increasing throughout our land and that there is a steady rise in juvenile delinquency. America's greatest danger today is the disintegration of her homes.

The Perils We Face

Parents now face many perils and difficulties in building and maintaining a Christian home. Among these perils are the following:

1. *Undue emphasis on sex.* From earliest childhood the individual is beset by sex appeal. Modern habits of dress, television and movies, licentious and salacious literature, and the everyday emphasis on sex combine to tear down any moral restraints that parents may try to build up. Youth whose hearts are filled with corruption cannot build happy homes.

2. *Rapid movements of population.* The average person in the United States moves every three years. Youthful friendships are thus torn asunder and a sense of instability and uncertainty is established. All of this contributes to short friendships and quick marriages.

3. *Women in industry.* During the last world war about 20,000,000 women entered industry. Home life has never been the same since this transfer of child care from parents to nurseries or employed housekeepers. There is no substitute for mother in home building.

4. *Complexity of modern life.* Every

phase of life is now so organized as to demand much of a person's time and energy. The church, the school, the lodge, the club, business, and recreation all clamor for one's time and attention. Hence there is no time for family fellowship and companionship.

5. *Little opportunity for wholesome courtship.* Commercialized amusement centers and the automobile have taken the place of the home during the period of courtship. Many families reside in apartments or small houses where there is no suitable place for the "courtship" couple. In many cases the parents do not want to forego other activities to chaperone the young people so the youth are forced to do their courting in less desirable places.

6. *Wrong attitudes toward marriage.* Divorce has become common. In many cases the divorcee is glamorized. Young people often enter the marriage relationship on a sort of trial basis. If it does not work out well, the divorce court can provide an escape without much stigma of failure. "What God hath joined together" and "until death do us part" have become phrases which in many cases are stripped of moral and spiritual significance. Love as the basis for wedlock has largely given way to physical attraction and social expediency.

7. *Alcohol, tobacco, and narcotics.*

The harmful effects of this trio to the American home are too well known to require comment. The physical, moral, social, economic, and spiritual effects often prove disastrous to the home and to the family.

8. *No useful creative activities in the home.* Nothing has been found that quite takes the place of the chores and household duties that were required of children reared on the farm. By careful planning and management some parents have hobby centers, wood-working shops, or other creative activities for children, but such are rare. The stored up energy of children too often finds expression in undesirable gang activities.

9. *Lack of Christian influence in the home.* Nothing contributes more to the disintegration of real home life than the neglect of the "family altar." The family that prays together and plays together stays together" is more than a good slogan. It is a good pattern of home life. No parent is adequate in his own wisdom and resources to provide all that the growing child needs. The parent needs divine guidance. The assurance of the divine presence in the home provides the confidence and stability that will overcome misunderstandings and motivate the best responses and activities of which each member is capable.

The Affirmation of Our Hope

We can overcome these conditions that imperil our homes and our American way of life. We can have happy, Christian homes. Families all about us have demonstrated the value of the family altar in building and maintaining homes that are a blessing to every member of the household and a tower of strength to every righteous cause of the community.

In giving his parting charge to the people whom he had led and whom he loved Joshua admonished them to "choose you this day whom ye will serve" and then added, "but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). May we purpose that as for me and my house we will serve the Lord. The following suggestions may help to implement this purpose.

1. *I will be a genuine Christian.* A Christian example in the home is more helpful than much exhortation. The parent who would have a Christian home must exemplify the spirit of Christ in his daily walk.

2. *I will take time to be with my family.* Nothing can take the place of fellowship and companionship in building a Christian home. Parents and children do not know how wonderful each other is because business and other duties have separated them during the impressionable years of the children's lives. We must live together more.

3. *I will cultivate love with the same zeal as I did in my courtship.* Some husbands and wives who feel that the

quest for companionship is all over when they reach the marriage altar soon find that the appreciation of that companionship is a fading fancy because love has not been cultivated. Love is like a tender plant which requires constant care and attention if it is to blossom and bring forth its fruits of faith, contentment, hope, and sacrifice.

4. *I will magnify special occasions in my home.* Special occasions such as birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and anniversaries offer splendid opportunities for the entire family to co-operate in expressing their love and appreciation of the various members of the family. By planning well in advance the celebration of such occasions may become family projects in which every member may have a part. Such expressions of love and gratitude are sure to bear rich fruit.

5. *I will be a confidant and a friend to my family.* Happy is that member of a family to whom the others come with their problems and their secrets. It is hoped that father and mother may fill that place and that such periods of counsel may help to guide the children in their quest for proper attitudes and right action. The friendly spirit within the family will contribute much to a sense of security within the home.

6. *I will seek to protect every member of my family from evil influences.* Some things should be kept out of the home. Liquor, narcotics, salacious literature, and evil companions should find no welcome and no place in the Chris-

tion home. Furthermore, the youth of the home should be encouraged to go to those places where wholesome influences prevail.

7. *I will emphasize spiritual values.* In a world in which material values prevail and goals and ambitions are usually defined in terms of money and the things that money will buy, I shall seek to instill in the minds of my loved ones the place of spiritual values in measuring success and happiness. This I will do both by precept and example.

8. *I will seek to develop wholesome attitudes.* I shall seek to stimulate the development of proper attitudes toward self, toward others, toward property and its use, toward standards of achievement and success, toward national and international obligations, toward the stewardship of time and talents, toward the church and its ministries, and toward the Lord and his claims upon our lives.

9. *Finally, I will make Christ the center of our home life.* The primary consideration in every personal and family decision will be "What would Christ have us do?" To discover his will I shall maintain family worship including the daily reading of God's Word, a consideration of family problems and needs, and a period of prayer. I shall further seek to win every member of my household to the Lord and will seek so to direct their lives that they may readily find and follow God's will in all of life's decisions.

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

and plays together stays together"



GILLESPIE GOES *Collegiate*

The fall of the year is gathering time. Dr. J. T. Gillespie has "laid by" his crop of direct service in the Rural Church Program of the Home Mission Board, and is retiring September 1 to the service just as active but in the nature of a fall harvest.

After 11 years of service as city superintendent of missions in Greenville, South Carolina, and Miami, Florida, and director of the Rural Church Program of the Home Mission Board, Dr. Gillespie becomes head of the department of church development of Gardner-Webb College of Boiling Springs, North Carolina. He will be a sort of field associational missionary, serving ten North Carolina associations as a representative of the rural church extension work of the college.

Much of the credit for the now well-developed in-service training program of colleges throughout the Convention is due him. He will continue to give

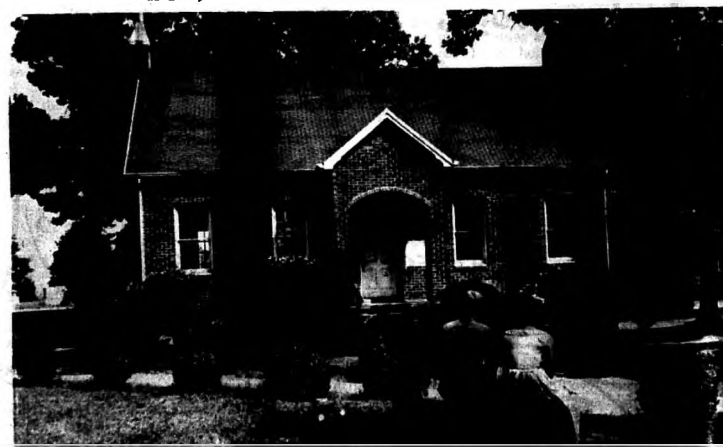
counsel and direction to that type of ministry. As college teacher, pastor, and missionary, he has always been the preacher's friend. Young ministers who are serving churches while trying to continue their educational program will find in Dr. Gillespie a friend and counselor who will be of inestimable worth to them. Having had his ups and downs, he is able to speak the language of the struggling minister on his way to better preparation and better service.

Dr. and Mrs. Gillespie, who are the parents of a dozen children who are honoring the Lord, make their home on the campus of Gardner-Webb College. In their yard, between their home and the Baptist church, just off the campus, is the "hallowed spot" where, as college students, they began their courtship. They count it a privilege to continue this courtship where it began 40 years ago.



DR. J. T. GILLESPIE

The Gillespies make their home on the campus of Gardner-Webb College, where their courtship began.



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The beautiful Gardner-Webb College campus will be the headquarters for Dr. J. T. Gillespie's work.

— Lewis W. Martin, Missionary

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when in the city, and Mrs. Martin is teacher of a women's class and leader in Woman's Missionary Union.

This family practices stewardship to the point of sacrifice. Draw a portrait of a perfect church member, and I believe L. W. Martin would fit perfectly into that frame.

—Dick H. Hall, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Decatur, Georgia

Progress in Mission Study

Progress in Schools of Missions everywhere is the result of dreams and efforts of Lewis W. Martin. His contributions in this field include: vision and leadership in the beginnings of the programs; willingness to share with others the privilege of leading in missionary education; and insistence upon remembering basic Baptist principles.

—Bernard King, Secretary
Baptist Brotherhood,
Atlanta, Georgia

A Man of Parts

Dr. Lewis W. Martin has sought to serve Christ fully and completely. He is a dedicated Christian, a loyal church man, an informed citizen, a faithful husband, a devoted parent, and a good man.

To him goes the credit for the success of the Schools of Missions Program. He has written much of its literature. He has counseled and inspired leaders. He has worked with the pastors in promotion and conservation.

—Rogers Smith,
Foreign Mission Board

Martin Is a Personal Friend

I have counted it a privilege through the years to have been called by Lewis W. Martin one of his personal friends. I love him as a brother in Christ, respect him because of his clean, noble life and character. I cherish his leadership and wisdom, and thank God for his faithfulness to our Lord and Saviour in the total world mission program. The 25 years of faithful, consecrated, zealous, and humble service of Lewis W. Martin have identified him with kingdom interests.

—Horace G. Hammett
Assistant Secretary,
South Carolina Baptists,
Columbia, S. C.

Simultaneous Schools of Missions

Permit me to join in congratulating Lewis W. Martin on the completion of 25 years of faithful and effective service with the Home Mission Board. We are especially grateful for the Schools of Missions Program which has developed over our Convention. The coming of several missionaries to the church during a week, combined with the study of the current Graded Mission Study Series, has had remarkable results in the increased interest of our people in missions. It is earnestly hoped that this program will continue to grow until simultaneous Schools of Missions will be included in the schedule of every association at least every two years.

—B. Locke Davis, Pastor
Parker Memorial
Anniston, Alabama

A Co-worker Speaks

I have known Lewis W. Martin for most of the 25 years he has served the Home Mission Board. I have promoted three associational Schools of Missions under his direction, and am now planning the fourth. Also, I have served with him in several states in this program. He has promoted world missions with a zeal and enthusiasm that few of us have. Foreign mission fields of the world will never know how the weight of his influence in missionary education has advanced world missions.

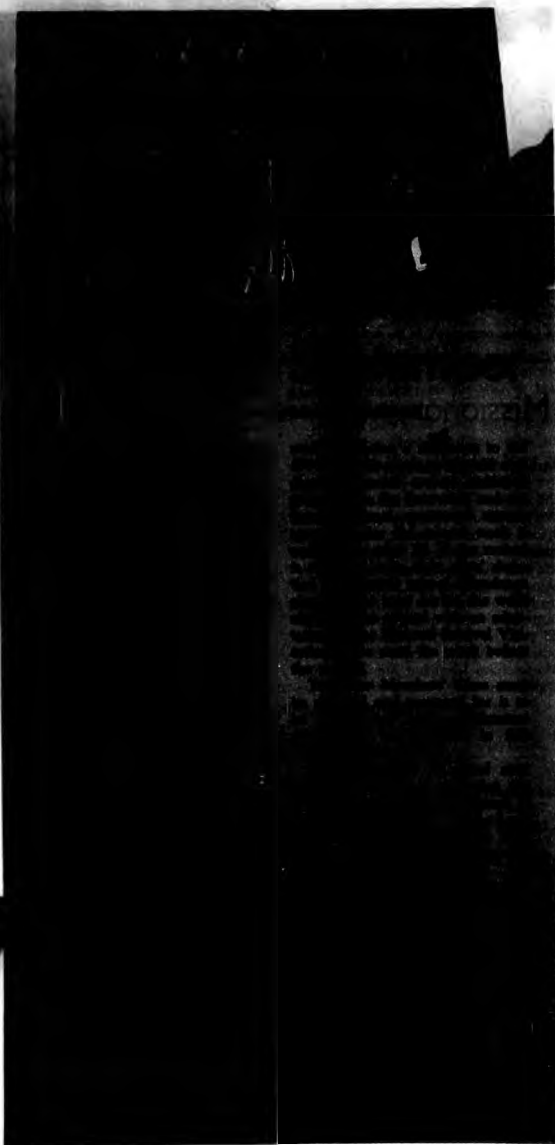
—F. C. Tuttle,
Hamilton, Ohio

Martin at Georgetown

From our days together in Georgetown College, Lewis W. Martin and I have kept in touch. In Georgetown he was highly respected, took part in many school activities, was a leader among the ministerial students, and was honored by students in many ways. (His alma mater conferred the Doctor of Divinity degree upon him recently.)

When it became apparent that Martin could not go as a foreign missionary, he went to the highlands of Kentucky. There he and his family lived and loved, served and sacrificed. He was the honored pastor at Hazard, Kentucky. The Clear Creek Camp for Boys owes its beginning to his leadership.

—T. C. Meador, Pastor
Salem Baptist Church,
Pembroke, Kentucky



Mixed Marriage Agreements

by William E. Burke

Until recently many were of the opinion that, legally, mixed marriage contracts could be enforced by the civil courts, since they are properly drawn up and freely entered into between the parties to be married and a bishop or archbishop of the Roman Catholic Church.

During the past three years four court decisions were reported in this regard.

The Christian Century for October 24, 1956, reports that the Supreme Court of the state of Iowa has overruled the findings of a district court judge that Mrs. Gladys Lynch, the divorced Protestant wife of Roman Catholic Francis Lynch, was in contempt of court when she refused to bring up her son, aged eight years, a Roman Catholic. An agreement to do this had been made with her former husband before she married him, and this was also stipulated in the divorce decree.

According to this decree, the boy was to be reared in the Roman Catholic religion, and his mother was hence faced with a charge of contempt in that she failed to obey a court order.

The Iowa Supreme Court held that to punish Mrs. Lynch for failing to carry out her prenuptial agreement and the subsequent decree stipulation would be the equivalent of forcing her to violate her constitutional right to freedom of religion.

The Connecticut Law Journal for

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Courts cannot recognize such contracts whether made before or during marriage.

ARE VOID AND UNENFORCEABLE

June 4, 1957, published the opinion of the Windham County Superior Court in a question involving the custody of three children following a divorce action separating a Roman Catholic father and a Protestant mother. The court ruled that an agreement of this nature is not legally enforceable.

The claim of the father for custody was based on an antenuptial agreement that the children should be raised in his faith. The trial magistrate, however, refused to order that this be done. He stated that "the first and paramount duty of the court unquestionably is to consult the well-being of the infants, and in discharging that duty the court recognizes no religious distinctions." He saw no necessity for making a change and notes that "the welfare of these young children will be the best served by leaving them in the custody of the defendant."

The plaintiff's petition was denied "subject to the right of reasonable visitation."

In relation to this same case, the following appeared in *The Atlanta Journal* October 12, 1957: "The Supreme Court of the State of Georgia ruled that courts may disregard contracts to rear children as Catholics when deciding child custody cases. In its first decision on the question, involving the three children

of Frederick B. Stanton of Connecticut and his divorced wife, Helen B. Stanton of Glynn County, the court said welfare of the children is the primary and controlling factor."

In the June, 1959, issue of the *Convent Magazine* the following appeared: "Columbus, Ohio—The Ohio Supreme Court has ruled in effect that agreements made by parties to a mixed marriage for the Catholic rearing of their children are void and unenforceable."

The state's highest tribunal refused to review a lower court case in which the ruling was made. The action of the Supreme Court is tantamount to approval of the lower court's decision.

The case originated in 1957 in a suit filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Lucas County which involved a Toledo couple. There was a civil court divorce in June, 1956, but before the separation the mother, a Protestant, signed an agreement in which she pledged to fulfill her pre-marriage promise and raise their daughter in the Catholic faith.

Following the divorce, the mother enrolled the child in a Catholic school for a year. But in 1957 she sent the child to a public school and to a Lutheran church.

The father instituted the court suit to have the agreement signed by the mother enforced. In the agreement the

mother had promised that their daughter would attend a Catholic school, would make her first communion, be confirmed, and attend all services prescribed by the Catholic Church, and would observe the fast, abstinence, Lenten, and other regulations provided by the Church.

Common Pleas Court Judge Paul Alexander ruled against the father. He noted that the father contended it was the "welfare" of the child which should be the determining factor and because of this the court should compel the mother to fulfill the agreement.

Judge Alexander said he would not decide the welfare issue but only the question of "the court's power to enforce the contracts." He said that he wanted to make it clear that his decision in the case was "neither condonation nor condemnation of the promise or her violation of a court order."

"It is simply a holding that if the mother is to be deterred from present course of action, the dissuasion must be accomplished by means other than force," Judge Alexander said. "The Catholic father would be well within his rights were he to place preservation of his faith above preservation of his family. Unfortunately for him, while the former may take precedence over the latter in an ecclesiastical tribunal, no faith or religious dogma may take precedence over a state constitution in a state court."

The father appealed the case to the Lucas County Court of Appeals, where, in June, 1958, Judge Lee E. Skeel gave the decision upholding the lower court ruling. Judge Skeel held that "the free choice of religious practices cannot be controlled by contract," in referring to the pre-marriage agreement made by the non-Catholic party in a mixed marriage.

Judge Skeel cited a provision of the Ohio constitution which says that "no preference shall be given by law to any religious society." He held that the courts cannot recognize such contracts whether made before or during marriage, because the constitutional provision makes "observance of religious doctrine" a matter of "personal choice uncontrolled by law or decrees of a court."

As Baptists we have never attempted control of marriage as the Roman Catholic Church does, and object only in cases involving some violation of the clear teachings of Jesus Christ as set forth in the New Testament. We abide by the civil law in the matter, and we do not make any attempt to exploit control of marriage for any purpose.

AMONG the MISSIONARIES



Linda Caylor of Blue Ridge, Georgia, stands beside an outdoor oven at Santa Clara Mission.

Glorieta Visitors a Blessing

Each year the Santa Clara Indian Mission is blessed by the visitors who come our way. Practically all of these friends come to see us during the time they are in Glorieta attending conferences, and they come with a prayer upon their hearts for our work. We do thank God for them. They have made many contributions to our work over the years through the Cooperative Program, the Annie Armstrong Offering, and in other ways. I want to express my deep appreciation to them for these gifts from loving hearts. This makes it possible for us to be here and to carry on our work. Our home in Espanola was built by the Annie Armstrong Offering. Our salary also is paid through the Annie Armstrong Offering.

The greatest contribution that the people of our churches are making to us in our work here is the prayers that are ascending to God for us. Recently Miss Margaret Hutchison, WMU secretary of Oklahoma, and her party visited us

on a Saturday. She assured us they were praying for us. The next day, with a good increase in attendance in our service, a lady came forward rededicating her life and devoting herself completely to the work. From that day until the present there has been a better spirit in all our work. Finances have increased as well, and the people have assumed more and more responsibility in the work.

Some of the Indians who are coming to our mission have come to help clean up the church building and the yard as well. These responsibilities had rested on the missionary and his wife. Our finances have increased the last two months far above what they had been. I believe that all of these things are direct answers to prayer by our friends over the Convention.

We need Indian leadership in our work. Pray with us that God will lift up consecrated Indian Christians to help carry on the work as Sunday school teachers and Training Union leaders. We will be expecting growth in these things as you pray for us.

—Lewis Grant, Missionary
Santa Clara Indian Pueblo

Work Ahead at Friendship House

I arrived in New Orleans on May 31 in a downpour. The flood of water was indicative of the deluge of work to which I was soon introduced. Miss Ada Young, director, outlined the summer operations as: Vacation Bible schools in the mornings; boys, girls, and adult clubs in the afternoons, and evenings; visitation and personal soul-winning.

On Monday, Rebecca Reagan and I started visiting Junior-age girls. We ran into all age groups. I was impressed with the story of Emma.

Emma had been a strong Catholic all her life. During her second pregnancy, her husband left her. She went

to the priest for help, which he refused. Years later one of her boys was invited to Friendship House. He was taken to summer camp. Emma was afraid he would not behave, so she went along, too. That same summer while she was in camp Emma was saved. She is now a member at Victory Chapel and serves as a Sunday school teacher. She has been an inspiration to us in just the short time we have known her.

—Winona Woods
Summer Student Worker
Friendship House,
New Orleans, La.

The Missionary Inspires

In every home we visited in New Orleans I noticed that Ada Young, director of Friendship House, was a welcome guest. She did not enter piously as if she were about to give a soul-talk; she was just a special friend, one who talked pleasantly, drank a Coke with the family, and talked about the "kids." In the course of conversation, however, as every person seemed to have a problem, Ada listened sympathetically, told of Jesus' love and how he could help, and explained that the person needed Jesus as Saviour and Lord. I began to realize more than ever that raising one's eyebrows at sin is not the answer; moral problems must be put into the background until the big problem is overcome, the rejection of Jesus Christ, who heals sin.

—Rebecca Reagan,
Summer Student Worker,
Friendship House,
New Orleans, La.



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Here We Go To the Zoo

Honk! Honk! The kindergarten children came running carrying their lunches as the Home Board bus stopped at one home after another.

Then we were on our way to the zoo in Albuquerque. At last we arrived. After eating our lunches in the grassy, tree-shaded zoo park, we were ready to see the animals.

There was an ostrich. There were bears and lions and deer. There were strange animals and birds we had never heard of before. There was a beautiful white peacock.

There were seals in a large concrete tank of water. They put on a real show for the children. They climbed up on the rocks, sunned a few minutes, and then dived into the water. They swam upside down just under the surface. They jumped at the children leaning against the fence, making them scramble to safety. Finally we had to almost pull the children away to see other animals.

Later, a tired but happy group boarded the bus for home. Our children had learned more about animals that day than we could teach them in the classroom all year.

—Doris Christensen
Santa Fe, N. M.

The Need—Leaders

You asked for my first impression: it is this, the need for leaders who know just the fundamentals of preaching and leading music. As a summer student missionary I arrived on my field at Richland, Missouri, on Saturday evening. On Sunday morning at 8:30 I

went with the missionary as he supplied for an absent pastor in a country church. Then we went to another country church for morning worship. I played the piano and led the singing. In the afternoon there was a hymn sing in another country church; there again I led the singing and played the piano.

The day was spent in services, but there was Training Union. The country church had no pastor, song leader, or pianist. But even without a pastor, this rural church had a Training Union of 81. There are many sheep, but few shepherds.

—Jim Pfafflin,
Summer Student Missionary
Richland, Missouri

Language School—Navajo

The Fourth Annual Navajo Language School sponsored by the Wycliffe Bible Translators was held this year at the Methodist Mission School in Farmington, New Mexico. There were eight Southern Baptists who attended the school this year: Mr. and Mrs. Ted Trent, Shiprock, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Audley Hamrick, Gallup, N. M.; Mrs. W. S. Wall, Farmington, N. M.; Mrs. Virgie Wall, Farmington, N. M.; Mrs. Melvina Roberts, Fruitland, N. M.; and Delbert Fann, Brigham City, Utah.

The school began May 18 and closed June 19. During the last few days of school Dr. Frank Laubach of the Laubach Literacy Foundation spoke to the students and explained his method of teaching reading, relating how this method might be adapted to the Navajo field.

—Delbert G. Fann
Intermountain Indian School
Brigham City, Utah

Cocklebury VBS

Among the nine villages on the Papago Reservation which we visit with gospel messages is Cocklebury. On May 25 we began our Vacation Bible school there. It was one of the best of the summer because we had all the children in the village enrolled. Attendance was especially good.

The Cocklebury Vacation Bible school was held out under a brush arbor with just enough shade for two tables. There are no shade trees in the village, and the temperature gets up to 108 degrees at midday. In spite of all the difficulties the children enjoyed the Bible lessons and learned Scripture verses and sang choruses praising God for his Son who brought them salvation. Pray for us on the Papago Reservation.

—Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Johns
Casa Grande, Arizona

Late But Not Too Late

In October of last year, I preached at Northtown's mission at Milan, Washington, when, for the first time, a 63-year-old man heard the gospel. Asthma has now brought him to Veteran's Hospital in Spokane. I have had the opportunity of a personal witness and some private visits with him.

On Saturday afternoon, May 2, this friend was born again. It is quite possible that he will never leave the hospital until the Lord calls him up higher. We praise the Lord for this manifestation of God's grace and for the delightful prospect of the home-going of a saint who heard the gospel story late, but not too late.

—Tommy Adams, Pastor
Northtown Baptist Church
Spokane, Washington

The final Sydney Showground meeting broke all Crusade attendance records—150,000 persons. The response to the invitation was 5,842 inquiries—2,000 of whom came forward in the adjoining Cricket Ground.

To God Be The Glory

The Very Rev. Dr. S. Barton Babidge

Dan of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne

In Melbourne we were both humbled and exalted—humbled by the response and exalted by the results. Night by night people from every walk of life—from the highest to the lowest—gave themselves either by commitment to Christ or by rededication. It has been a high privilege and an unforgettable experience to have been able to share in this evangelistic adventure. The ministry of Billy Graham we have appreciated more than we can say. To his burning sincerity, contagious faith and personal charm he adds an utter devotion to Christ. We pray that the blessing of God may continue to abide on his ministry.

The Rt. Rev. R. C. Kiehl

Bishop Coadjutor
The Church of England
The Diocese of Sydney

My whole life has been greatly enriched by my participation in the Crusade in Australia. Never again could I doubt that the Gospel is the "Power of God," nor that men's lives can be changed through "the foolishness of preaching." Throughout this Commonwealth the majority of ministers of all Churches participated. It has been the greatest act of united witness in the history of this nation; and, either directly or indirectly through land-line relays, thousands of congregations have received deep spiritual blessing.

We have discovered the existence of a real spiritual hunger and we are encouraged to preach Christ crucified with a new confidence.

The spirit and message of the Crusades will continue in the thousands of Churches who have been benefited beyond measure during the Crusade days, and in the lives of the multiplied thousands of individuals who have found a new meaning to life through faith in Jesus Christ.

As the Churches and Christians of Australia take up the task we firmly believe this is not the end, but the beginning of a great new day for the cause of Christ here in this land.

The Rev. Dr. A. H. Wood

President-General of the Methodist Church in Australasia

The Graham Crusade has been the most remarkable religious event in this generation in Australia. The numbers attending the meetings night after night have been one amazing evidence of success.

The many thousands who have responded in each city have given the churches an opportunity which they have not known before.

The Methodist Church has wholeheartedly co-operated and as its official head I pay the heartiest tribute for what we have seen and experienced. To God be the glory!

The Rt. Rev. Marcus Loebe

Bishop Coadjutor
The Anglican Church
The Diocese of Sydney

Sydney has never been so widely or deeply stirred as it has been during this Crusade. The many thousands who have crowded the meetings at the Showground and who have responded to the invitation at every meeting have revealed a spiritual hunger which was scarcely suspected. There is perhaps hardly a Church in the metropolitan area which is not now rejoicing in those who have declared themselves willing to put their trust in Christ and receive Him as their Lord and Savior.

The Crusade has united all the Churches in a fellowship which has proved more real and effective than we have ever known.

The Rev. Gordon Powell

Minister of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church

Sydney is a pleasure-loving city. Its people have been described as amiable pagans. Its church people have always had a struggle and too often been weak and defeated. What a difference there is now! There is a spirit of gaiety and confidence amongst the church people. Morale is at an all time high and all the city is talking religion and the churches, working joyfully together, feel a new strength. We believe it is the beginning of the first big revival in our history. God has done great things whereof we are glad.

The Rev. Alan Walker

Minister of the Central Methodist Mission

Only the Spirit of God, the Christian Gospel and a Christian preacher could have produced this miracle. Here we have seen welling up the need of this great city. A deep yearning for God often lies buried beneath the materialism, the sophistication, the sin of our lives. Here it has broken through in these days. Here we have seen God from His side breaking through to us. Life for many of us will never be the same again. Lives have been changed, homes reunited, churches quickened. Humbly, gratefully, we acknowledge the goodness of God.

The Rev. Dr. E. H. Watson

Director of the Department of Evangelism
The Baptist Union of the State of N.S.W.

None of us imagined that we would ever see the day when thousands upon thousands of our fellow citizens would openly declare their faith in Jesus Christ. People from all walks of life have been ready to declare without embarrassment their readiness to allow God to come into their lives. The Crusade that has been held in Sydney is now to be written into the history of our nation, and will be written, many of us believe, as the greatest event in the religious life of the country.

The Rev. R. F. Clement

Minister of the Central Methodist Church, Auckland

Almost every Church reports new members in its fellowship, and more important, a deepening of the spiritual life of many who belonged before. To assess the magnitude of the impact of the Crusade we should be required to attempt to measure spiritual values which would be impossible. Certain it is that something of immense spiritual significance has happened in many Churches and Christian people in Auckland for which we thank God.

The Rev. Roland Hart

President, Canterbury Baptist Association

The continuing impact of the Crusade is being seen first in the increased congregations of Churches of all denominations; secondly, in the fact that there is now in every Church a spoor of trained and confident Christian workers. We are now confronted with an opportunity such as we have never known in this country.

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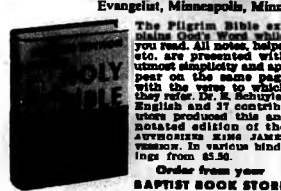
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