

## SPECIAL SCOTTSVILLE "HAM HOME-COMING" EDITION

# THE TAPROOT

"By all means save some." I Cor. 9:22.

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—REV. S. B. MOORE, Pastor First Baptist Church, Scottsville, Ky.



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Rev. M. F. Ham, Sr., 1816-1900

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Rev. T. J. Ham, 1847-

Mordecai F. Ham, Jr., is the seventh preacher in an unbroken line of preachers directly descended from Roger Williams, pioneer Baptist preacher of America.

In 1816 Mordecai F. Ham, Sr., was born in Allen County, Ky., where for forty years he preached the Gospel and organized and pastored Baptist churches, leaving a revered memory that is as fresh and brilliant today in the minds of his old neighbors and parishioners as if he had preached to them only yesterday—despite the fact that he has been in heaven for thirty years.

Succeeding him in his ministry was his son, Tobias J. Ham, still active despite his advanced age of eighty-three years. Many of his forty years ministry have been spent in Allen County as pastor of churches formerly served by his father.

Last in the line is Mordecai F. Ham, Jr., the evangelist, son of Rev. Tobias Ham, who yielded to the call to the ministry at the death-bed of his grandfather and whose ministry, begun in Allen County in 1901, has extended well over the United States and to Canada and Britain, and has resulted in a quarter of a million decisions for Christ with over 700 in the Gospel ministry as a result of his preaching.

The accompanying picture of the trio shows the evangelist with his aged father standing beneath the picture of "Grandfather Ham" which rests on the pulpit of the Baptist Church in Scottsville, Ky., from which he preached for forty years and from which both his son and grandson have preached many times. The picture was taken on the occasion of the "Ham Home Coming" in Scottsville, June 9th. Rev. T. J. Ham rose from what many had considered his death bed to be present and is now much improved in health and has since preached.



## EDITORIALS

### The Nashville Tennessean's Campaign for Church Attendance

It is very significant that church leaders and religious thinkers are by no means alone in recognizing the danger which faces our civilization in this day of spiritual indifference. Our greatest statesmen are daily sounding their warning in no uncertain terms, and now we find the press—always sensitive to the thought currents of the masses—joining hands with the churchmen and statesmen in their plea for a proper appreciation of spiritual values.

The Nashville Tennessean has only recently inaugurated a special advertising campaign, at their own expense and wholly upon their own initiative, in an effort to impress upon their constituency the importance of church attendance.

Following is the Tennessean's timely announcement of its interest and purpose in launching this campaign:

"Nashville without its churches—Who dares to visualize it? Where would the people get their spiritual guidance? Where turn for moral leadership? Where find the force which crystallizes all ideas for good in the community's life?

In realization of the great good which comes to the community through the doorways of every house of worship founded in God's name, at every altar where two or three are gathered in His name, The Tennessean will start on Sunday a series of page advertisements which message will be "Come to Church Today."

Already the artists and printers have combined their skill to present this worthwhile message to the people of Nashville in different form each Sunday morning. The series will probably continue through the year. The Tennessean launches the series at its own expense, without any profit to itself, other than the full content of serving the community. Each of the page advertisements will be signed: "Contributed by The Tennessean in the interest of good citizenship."

The series of display ads, stretching through many months, will doubtless turn the attention of many people to the power of good which Nashville has in its churches. It hopes further that drawn by the messages they read in them, the people will make a resolution to attend church more regularly and affiliate themselves permanently with some church body. For the series is non-denominational since The Tennessean believes that each citizen should seek in his own heart for the religious doctrines to which he can best subscribe and then align himself with the church group which also subscribes to them.

The series of advertisements has been planned in keeping with the church-wide movement of the year—a pentecostal year—seeking to draw the masses of people again to the church after a few years of doubt and some spiritual despair. For the church is coming through the fogs of pessimism and doubt. People who think realize it. As always, the church stands a bulwark to which the spirits of men may cling. The Tennessean wants to do its part in turning its readers' attentions to this fact.

So watch for this interesting series of advertisements in The Sunday Tennessean. Read each one and then GO TO CHURCH THAT DAY."

The above announcement was made during Dr. Ham's Nashville Campaign and following is the Tennessean's news report of Dr. Ham's public commendation of their campaign.

#### EVANGELIST INDORSES TENNESSEAN'S CHURCH AD CAMPAIGN

Preaching before a large audience last night at the Fatherland Street Tabernacle, Evangelist M. F. Ham, who is rounding out the final week of his evangelistic ministry in Nashville under the sponsorship of the Baptist Ministerial Alliance, brought a sermon on "Repentance and Faith" at the conclusion of which a large group made public profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

Preceding his sermon Dr. Ham read excerpts from Friday morning's Tennessean, announcing a series of full page advertisements to be contributed by The Tennessean in the interest of stimulating church attendance through the coming year and expressed highest commendation of the motives prompting the series.

"The Tennessean, in its declaration, has shown itself keenly sensitive to the symptoms of disease in our modern civilization. With all our progress and marvelous achievements, it is a tragic fact that the core of our perplexing problems lies in spiritual lethargy. National leaders in all ages have recognized that the tap-root of a nation's well-being is in the sensitiveness to and capacity for the spiritual. William E. Gladstone once declared that the foundation of a nation is found in its manhood; the hope of its manhood was in the churches and that any influence which emptied the pews of the churches struck at the taproot of civilization and true progress.

"The Tennessean will perform a really constructive service to its constituency and deserves the heartiest commendation of all right-thinking people."

Hearty approval was evidenced by the large audience at the close of Dr. Ham's remarks. In this connection also Dr. Ham took occasion to express appreciation to the press of Nashville for publicity given the special series of revival services he has conducted.

### Waxahachie's Sympathetic Press

The citizens of Waxahachie, Texas, where Dr. Ham is now engaged in a city-wide revival effort, have cause for just pride in their local daily newspaper, The Daily Light. Not only does it give splendid comprehensive reports of the news of the day presented in an attractive and readable manner, but, it also gives ample evidence of being a newspaper with a conscience, and with real convictions as to the merit and worth of spiritual things.

The pastors and churches of Waxahachie are accorded the fairest and most sympathetic treatment in its columns, both as to religious news and in strong editorial support of those things for which the churches stand.

Dr. Ham's campaign which is to be sponsored by the combined church forces of the city, is receiving at their hands the same sympathetic and constructive support as do the churches sponsoring it. Each day sympathetic news reports and comprehensive resumes of Dr. Ham's messages are carried in its columns, and at the opening of the campaign the Light carried voluntarily the following editorial comment which is deeply appreciated:

#### HAM MEETING STARTS

With all preparations completed several days ago, with an excellent attendance, and with the full assisting force on hand to aid the evangelist, the Rev. Mordecai Fowler Ham co-operative revival campaign got under way Sunday night opposite the postoffice.

It was an auspicious start, and many, were forecasting today that it will be a meeting long remembered.

Dr. Ham has been a powerful factor in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ for thirty years. A quarter million persons, it is estimated, have been saved by his preaching. Hundreds of his converts have joined the ministry.

There will be excellent singing and splendid preaching services. Delegations will be in attendance from not only every town in the county but from cities where Dr. Ham recently has held campaigns. Corsicana is to send a large number.

The Gospel of Christ will be presented as only Dr. Ham can give it. There will be heart-searching messages. Thousands will be benefitted. Various churches of the city are co-operating, and they extend to YOU personally a cordial welcome each morning at ten and each night at eight.

Waxahachie should, and we believe will, get a lasting benefit from this revival.

From the same issue is taken the following interesting excerpt from a most interesting personal column entitled, "Chaff" Scribbles From the Reporters Note Book:

THE ALL-CHURCH REVIVAL is off to a very nice start. A real nice crowd was present Sunday evening, despite the unfavorable weather. The folks who were supposed to make up the choir, however, rather fell down on the job. Since they are an integral part of the big show they should be present in force. Waxahachie needs one of these old-fashioned camp meeting kinds of revival, such as this is going to be. Leave your coat and grouch at home and run down. No frills and fanfare there—just the old time Gospel as it can only be given under an old-fashioned tabernacle.

### Saying It With Pictures

Nothing is so eloquent as a picture. It speaks for itself—and to the observant it tells with exact impartiality its full story. No exaggeration there! No minimizing there! Just the truth in a permanent and unchangeable expression.

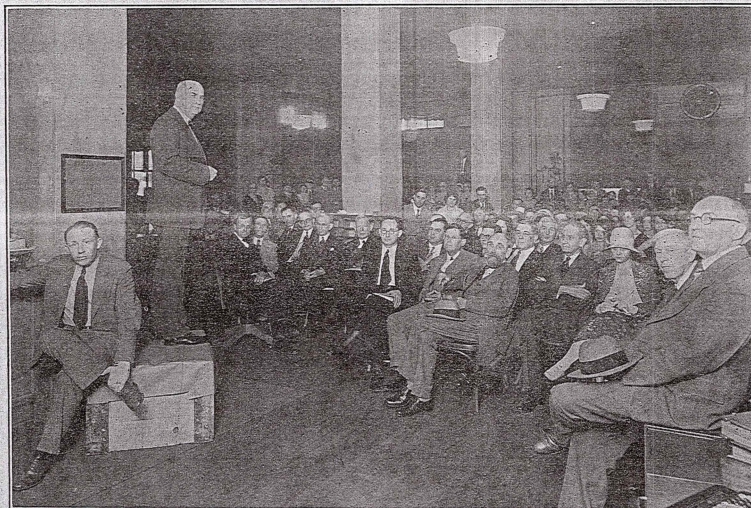
For this reason The Taproot tells the story of the Scottsville, Kentucky "Ham Home-Coming Day" largely in pictures—it believes more eloquently than if reams of paper and barrels of printers ink were for the purpose.

The pictures in this issue, telling as they do their thrilling story of faithful labor's undying reward, are priceless to Dr. Ham and his family and we believe will be treasured by his hundreds of boyhood friends, and converts of his early ministry in Allen County, Kentucky, and will prove interesting and inspiring to every member of The Taproot Family.

Hundreds of copies of this issue will go to Allen County friends as an expression of Dr. Ham's deep personal appreciation of the wonderful tribute of love and affection accorded him on "Home Coming Day" after his absence of a quarter of a century.



## Baptist Leaders of Tennessee and South in Devotional Service During Nashville Ham Campaign



The above picture shows members of The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, members of The Tennessee State Mission Board, officials and members of The Baptist Sunday School Board with editors, pastors, secretaries, clerks and helpers united in a service of devotion and with Dr. Ham during his Nashville Campaign. Dr. Ham in this and similar services at the Baptist Sunday School Board Building gave brief "Grandfather" evangelism—its present problems and their cure and its relation to the pastors and churches.

### Baptist and Reflector Comments on Nashville Campaign

We greatly appreciate the following editorial comment by Editor Freeman from the Baptist and Reflector, official organ for the Baptists of Tennessee, concerning the accomplishment of the Nashville campaign recently conducted by Dr. Ham and setting forth the possibilities of such an effort.

One of the most encouraging features in the Nashville meeting was the loyal support accorded the effort by the majority of the Baptist pastors of that city, and the cordial and brotherly reception accorded Dr. Ham by Dr. I. J. Van Ness and all the leaders of the Southern Baptist work at the Sunday School Board, as well as by Secretary O. E. Bryan of the Tennessee State Mission Board and his assistants.

Those who would believe that those busy denominational leaders, swamped as they are by the overwhelming mass of detail incident to their denominational responsibilities, are not still militantly and aggressively evangelistic in spirit and activity, simply do not know their leaders. We found them faithful in every test and loyal and active in their sympathy with the evangelistic movement, and many of the most consecrated personal workers and regular attendants at the services were found among the various departmental leaders. Following is Dr. Freeman's editorial comment.

#### HAM'S NEW PLAN

M. F. Ham, one of our most vigorous evangelists, has just closed a campaign in Nashville which has resulted in the best actual results for our Baptist churches ever attained from such a campaign. He held the evening services in the tabernacle on Russell Street, the building erected some time ago by the Fundamentalists Association which went into bankruptcy and left the tabernacle for other uses. Some 1,000 male professions of conversion or re-consecration, so states the secular papers.

The thing about the meetings that deserves special notice was the extension work done by the evangelistic company. Dr. Ham seemingly knows no such thing as fatigue. He is able to speak from three to six times each day and to travel long distances as well. His new plan of holding union revivals is to have a central place for the evening services and to go to the churches, one by one, for other services. Each evening, save Monday, he held a service with one of our churches. In this meeting a special effort was put forth to enlist for that church those who had been touched at the tabernacle and at the same time to increase the attendance at the tabernacle. Thus a good many more of the converts were enlisted by the churches than have ever come from union revivals of the customary kind.

Dr. Ham worked with and for the Baptist churches of Nashville in these services. Sunday mornings he and his helpers visited several of the churches

and put on special programs of enlistment. Personal workers' bands were organized in and from the churches, with the result that there was always some one at the tabernacle who could speak for the church designated by the one making a profession of faith or of reconsecration.

Secretary O. E. Bryan says: "Dr. Ham's method of rim-firing the city with his early evening services is a new idea in general evangelism, and it harmonizes more nearly with the New Testament ideal than any method of the kind of which I know."

The full results of the meeting have not been tabulated. We hope to have them next week. Monday of this week the pastors were guests of the church at Old Hickory and Pastor Roberts, hence we did not receive their report in time for this issue.

### Southern Baptists and Evangelism

Baptists throughout the south rejoice in the uncompromising note sounded by their great convention in its recent session at New Orleans, as reported throughout the land in the secular press. We refer to its clear cut pronouncement on two of the vital issues of the day—the proper observance and enforcement of the prohibition laws and the question of evangelism.

In these days when Satan is making such a determined effort to discredit the evangelist, and to paralyze the church by striking at its very taproot—evangelism—Christian people everywhere will rejoice in the stirring appeal of Dr. Len G. Broughton, spokesman for the convention, for a return to the old time spiritual evangelism, and for uncompromising opposition to so called "evangelistic movements" often substituted now-a-days by backslidden, worldly churches for real scriptural evangelism which seeks to reach the masses of the people, and to call backslidden churches back to God's purpose for them.

Following is an excerpt from the secular press reports of the convention's action as reported in the Nashville Tennessean:

New Orleans, May 17—(AP)—The Southern Baptists tonight adjourned their annual convention here under a definite stand to war for a dry nation, to fight for defeat of any political candidate who does not frankly advocate the present prohibition laws and with silence over the movement to amalgamate with the Northern Baptist convention.

Two of the last acts were a request to the churches to provide a budget for the denominational state papers to solidify their position in the church and an appeal to the churches to usher in an "old time Baptist spiritual evangelism to preach the doctrine of sin and salvation and reclaim the backslidden churches."

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## *Scenes at Scottsville, Kentucky's*

### *Home Folk of Thirty Years Ago Hear "Mord" Ham Again*



The above picture shows approximately two-thirds of the large crowd which gathered in Scottsville, Ky., on June 9th, to welcome Dr. Ham and his aged father, Rev. Tobias Ham, back to their early home after an absence of some thirty years.

This large crowd sat for over an hour in the hot sun to hear once again a sermon from the preacher whose messages so mightily stirred Allen County thirty years ago.

Another similar crowd heard him again at night in an evangelistic service which resulted in more than a score of conversions.

In this gathering are many of Dr. Ham's boyhood friends, the former Miss Missouri Wilson, Dr. Ham's first teacher who taught him his alphabet, and scores who were converted and baptized by him in his first meetings in Allen County.

A special platform was erected for this service in the open air under a large tree, and the large crowd pressed closely up to the platform on all sides, hence, the impossibility of showing the entire crowd in a single picture.

### *At Old Bethlehem Church*



Shown at the left above is a portion of the crowd which gathered at ten o'clock, Monday morning at the Old Bethlehem Church, three miles from Scottsville, where Dr. Ham preached his first sermon thirty years ago. Dr. Ham spoke at this service on "Back To Bethel", a message filled with tender reminiscences of spiritual fellowship and impressions he had experienced in this small country church as a boy, and as a young minister delivering his first sermon.

At the right above is shown picture of those present at the Old Bethlehem service who were also in the audience thirty years ago which heard Dr. Ham deliver his first sermon.

### *Heard Ham's First Sermon*





## *“Ham Home-Coming Day”*

*Converted Under Ham's Ministry Thirty Years Ago*

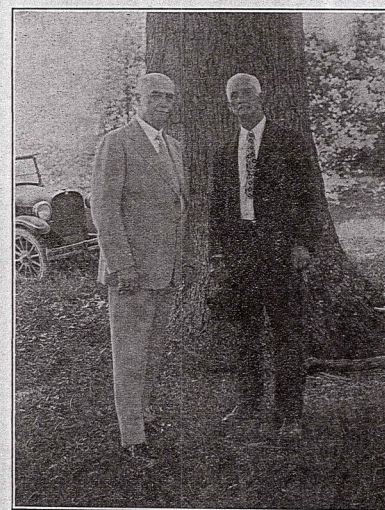


Shown above is a group every member of which was converted under the Ham family ministry in Allen County over thirty years ago. Shown in the center of the picture is Dr. Ham and his aged father. One can only imagine with what rejoicing the absent member of this trio of preachers, "Grandfather Ham", must have looked down upon this scene from his heavenly dwelling place.

## *Under This Tree "Mord" Ham Preached First Sermon*



In the picture above Dr. Ham is shown standing on the exact spot under the same trees where thirty years ago at Old Bethlehem he preached his first sermon. Shown with him is Rev. S. B. Moore now pastor of the Scottsville Baptist Church, himself one of Brother Ham's 700 sons in the ministry.



Shown above under the "First Sermon Tree" is Dr. Ham with Deacon Letcher Clyborne. Deacon Clyborne was undoubtedly the instrument in God's hands responsible for Brother Ham's immediate entry into the evangelistic field and the abandonment of his plans to enter the Seminary. Having heard his first sermon, Deacon Clyborne was so impressed that he extended to Brother Ham his first invitation for a revival meeting at Mount Gilead Church some miles distant, and until the present Dr. Ham has not have opened to him.

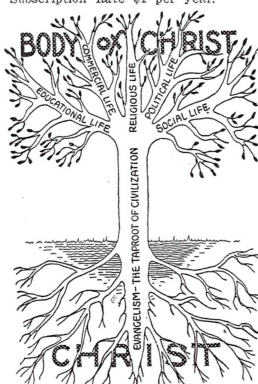


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### The Corsicana Meeting

Following is an interesting estimate of Dr. Ham's Corsicana, Texas Campaign, voluntarily written by Rev. Lewis E. Dugger, President of the Corsicana Ministerial Alliance to a brother pastor in a Tennessee city contemplating a Ham Campaign.

Corsicana, Texas, May 26, 1930

Dear Brother.....:

I have just heard that there is a possibility of Dr. M. F. Ham coming to — and holding a revival meeting.

I am a native——. My father lives there and is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church of that city. I am a minister and also President of the Ministerial Alliance of this city and would like to speak a good word for Brother Ham.

He conducted a city wide campaign here just before he went to Nashville. To my mind the campaign was a success in every way for the Lord. The churches of this city are still reaping the harvest each Sunday. During the meeting there were over 1,200 decisions made and 700 or more of those have been added to the various churches.

Brother Ham is not the usual kind of evangelist. He does not use methods that we usually call claptrap, but he preaches the Gospel in all its purity and beauty, yet carried with the beauty there is the strongest condemnation of sin I have ever heard. He is a powerful man of God.

We are getting along fine, having additions every once in a while. Our Young People's Junior Church Hour started since Brother Ham was here is fine. Having it at my church every Sunday afternoon from three to four.

I feel sure that you will not make a mistake in engaging Brother Ham to conduct your campaign.

Yours to exalt Jesus.  
remembrance of his ministry and impressions

At the right above is shown picture of those present at which overflowed deliver his first sermon.

## The Ham Home-Coming Day in Scottsville, Ky.

It was an interesting day in Scottsville. From miles around the people came—several thousand of them. From all part of Allen County they came in cars; in wagons; in buggies; or walked—but they came, for "Mord" Ham and "Father" Ham were coming back home after thirty years—and in Scottsville that meant something.

In Scottsville "Doctor" Ham is little known, but in all Allen County "Mord" Ham is remembered and loved by thousands. It was here he was born in 1877, the son of a widely loved country pastor, Rev. Tobias Ham, who preached mostly for love and farmed for a living for his large family, and the grandson of possibly the greatest doctrinal preacher, and most revered Baptist pastor who has ever labored in Allen County, Rev. Mordecai F. Ham, Sr., who now rejoices in the thirtieth year of his heavenly reward.

Here still live many of his old boyhood chums with their mutual memories of the old swimming hole, and their boyish pranks.

Here still lives Miss Missouri Wilson, his first teacher who taught him his letters.

Here still stands the churches where his grandfather preached as pastor for forty years, and where his father continued the ministry for another quarter of a century.

Here is located the old farm home where the evangelist witnessed the death of his sainted grandfather and where, at the death bed of this dying giant of the faith, the mantle fell from his aged shoulders upon the sturdy frame of his stalwart grandson.

Here still stands the tree under which the evangelist preached his first sermon in 1901, and here are located the country churches where the evangelist held his first great revivals in which many incidents of such a startling, and even miraculous nature occurred, that they have lived in the memory of those who witnessed them for over a quarter of a century. And here still live hundreds who were converted and baptized or married by the Ham generation of preachers.

While Dr. Ham was in his recent city-wide campaign at Nashville, it was only natural that he should avail himself of this opportunity to return to his native heath, and the inspiration to be secured from the sacred fellowship and the tender memories centered there.

Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Scottsville, arrangements for the occasion were perfect in every detail. With Rev. Sid B. Moore, pastor of the Scottsville Baptist Church, who credits his surrender to the ministry to the influence of Dr. Ham, as the official host, no detail of the advance preparation was overlooked and every feature of the day was inspiring and profitable to all concerned.

At 10 A. M. Dr. Ham went to Old Bethlehem Church, three miles from here he preached his first sermon thirty years ago. There the building waiting to greet him.

Preaching on the subject, "Back To Bethel" he spoke out of an overflowing heart recalling many of the precious memories, and recognizing by name many who exercised influence upon his early life. At the conclusion of this service some ten or twelve surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ.

In the afternoon a great crowd of several thousand gathered in Scottsville to hear Dr. Ham's stirring message on, "What Next America?" The platform had been erected and temporary seats provided under the shade of beautiful trees in the heart of Scottsville for this occasion. At this service the large audience had opportunity to pay tribute to Dr. Ham's aged father, Rev. Tobias Ham, who rose from what many had considered his death bed to attend this gathering of his old time friends. Though too feeble to take active part in the service, the tears of joy which coursed down his cheeks were more eloquent of his appreciation of the occasion than any words he might have spoken.

Immediately following this service Dr. Ham and "Father" Ham went to the Scottsville Baptist Church to pay homage to the memory of their distinguished forebear, who forty years had preached from its pulpit. Here they posed for a flash light picture under the picture of their father which has hung for twenty-five years in the study of the church.

In the evening Dr. Ham was the guest at a joint banquet of the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club where he delivered a brief address.

At night another large crowd gathered in the open air pavilion, which had been lighted for the occasion, and listened attentively to Dr. Ham's sermon on "The Great Salvation", which brought the never-to-be-forgotten day to a fitting spiritual climax when over a score of conversions were witnessed at the close of the message.

Out of a full heart Dr. Ham expressed his deep appreciation for the wonderful tribute of love and affection from his old time friends, and especially to Pastor Moore and the Scottsville laymen who had made the occasion a possibility and such a glorious success.

In writing of his impressions of the day Brother Moore said, "I have been more than repaid for my efforts in that you were happy and great good was done. It was wonderful! and the folks of all grades and classes are lifted to the skies, and I can't get through the streets for folks speaking their appreciation of Brother Ham."

Following is a reprint of Rev. S. B. Moore's announcement of the Home Coming Day taken from the columns of the Scottsville Weekly paper:

This Home-Coming, of which this distinguished son of Allen County is to be the honored guest, is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Scottsville.

Three big meetings constitute the program for the day. Ten A. M., sermon at Bethlehem Church, where the

Evangelist preached his first sermon in 1901. Subject: "Back to Bethel" 2:30 P. M., Big mass meeting in Court House Square. Sermon-Lecture, subject: "What Next America?" Event in the Light of Bible Prophecy. 7:30 P. M., Great Evangelistic Service, subject, "The Great Salvation." In the evening, an address by the Evangelist at banquet, given by the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club in the Jacksonian.

The visit of Evangelist Mordecai Ham to Scottsville, after an absence of thirty years, stirs a tender sentiment in hearts of hundreds of people who have known him from birth. It was here that he began his remarkable career as an evangelist. Hundreds of men and women look back with joy to their conversion under his early evangelist ministry. His coming back to the native heath also holds an historical meaning that none but Allen Countians can rightly appreciate. Born in Allen County, the son of Rev. Tobias Ham, who has spent a rich and life-long ministry in its borders, grandson of Mordecai Ham, Sr., deceased but still called "Father Ham," who spent over a half century as pastor of Allen County Churches. (This trio of Gospel preachers, covering a century in their combined ministries, have been the most potent influence on the moral and religious welfare of this section than has even been exercised since the beginning of its history. No other single family has contributed so much to the moral stamina and spiritual well being of the citizenship of Allen County as the Ham generation of ministers. This Home-Coming is the response of the citizens of the county in gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings received through the fruitful ministry of this man and his forebears.)

Evangelist Ham began his ministry with the preaching of his first sermon at Old Bethlehem in 1901, from thence holding meetings throughout Allen Warren and Simpson Counties for about two years. These meetings were marked by a quickening of spiritual life such as had not been witnessed for half a century. Converts were numbered by the hundreds and accessions to the church in a like manner.

It was then the Lord led the evangelist into the larger centers of population, the cities of the nation, where his ministry has more fruitfully constructed than any man of his time. In the cities he has held over three hundred city-wide campaigns lasting many months. Over 700 ministers are now preaching the Gospel who were converted under his ministry—others have doubtless passed to their reward and many are not accounted for. A quarter of a million souls have been led to Christ or reclaimed for Christian service, with one hundred and twenty-five thousand accessions to the churches. Seventy-two cities voted dry where he held meetings, when the great battle was on to make the nation

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## Ham Party in City-Wide Revival At Waxahachie, Texas

### CAMPAIGN JUST INAUGURATED WITH ENCOURAGING PROSPECTS

As we go to press Dr. Ham and his party are in the midst of a city-wide revival campaign in Waxahachie, Tex., sponsored by the combined church forces of the city. Splendid co-operation is being accorded the movement by every pastor and church in the city, and in addition it is receiving every encouragement from the press, the business men, civic organizations, and women's clubs of the city, and the prospects are bright for one of the greatest campaigns Dr. Ham has conducted in recent years.

Waxahachie is a prosperous and beautiful little city situated in the heart of Texas' most fertile agricultural area about thirty miles south of Dallas, and only some forty-five miles distance from Corsicana where Dr. Ham recently held a successful campaign. Waxahachie has long been recognized as one of Texas' outstanding educational and cultural centers, being the home of Trinity University for many years one of the outstanding Presbyterian Colleges of this section.

Officially sponsoring the effort are the First Methodist Church, Dr. A. L. Scales, pastor; The Central Presbyterian Church, Dr. G. H. Hogan, pastor; The First Christian Church, Dr. E. S. Bledsoe, pastor; The First Presbyterian Church, Dr. Ted P. Holmfeld, pastor and the First Baptist Church, Dr. W. H. McKenzie, pastor. For months the pastors have been looking forward to, and preparing their people for the revival effort, and as the result of their interest and faithful preparation the field is in excellent condition for Dr. Ham's message. Local women's clubs and civic organizations are showing every courtesy toward the meeting, even to the extent of arranging all their activities so as not to conflict with the campaign services. In addition Dr. Ham has been accorded a most cordial invitation to appear before practically all of the outstanding clubs and organizations.

While at this writing the meeting is only beginning, even now interest in the campaign is evident throughout the entire county, and already large delegations are attending the services from nearby towns and cities. Midlothian and Corsicana helped to give the meeting a splendid impetus with large delegations, and all services both day and night are being largely attended.

Services are being held in a special arranged warehouse, with a seating capacity of approximately 3,000, and already additional seating capacity has been provided to accommodate the large crowds which are attending.

Reporting the opening service of the campaign on Sunday night, July 6, the Waxahachie Daily Light carried a picture of Dr. Ham with the following comment: "Following his first sermon Sunday evening at the tabernacle, Mr. Ham is hailed as a preacher of wonderful ap... The evangelist is

nationally known and it is expected that seating facilities will be insufficient during the meeting, although they were already being increased following the first service Sunday evening."

Under the head, "Opening Crowd is Forecast Success Ham Meeting Here", the Daily Light carried the following report of the opening service with a brief resume of Dr. Ham's opening message:

Following months of anticipation and preparation on the part of local leaders and two weeks' intensive preparations under the direction of Rev. S. J. T. Williams of the Ham party, the city-wide evangelistic campaign sponsored by five leading churches of the city and open to the co-operation of the entire county, was auspiciously launched last night in the specially prepared tabernacle auditorium opposite the postoffice when Dr. M. F. Ham, nationally known evangelist and Bible teacher, delivered the opening message of a several weeks series on the subject, "Our Foes."

"We wrestle today, more so than at any time in history, not against flesh and blood, but against spiritual forces," said Dr. Ham. "Our problems today, political, economic, social, national and international are in their final analysis spiritual problems and will only be solved as such.

"We have no grounds today for fighting men. The object of our attack forces which mislead and destroy men. Our battles are against Satan and his spirit hosts of wickedness in high places. Satan is not that hobgoblin of the nursery or bogey-man of pagan myth. He is a person—a veritable God—an angel of light and he is a prince and ruler. He is the God of this world and on every hand we find his agencies through which his program against God and the souls of men is being carried out.

"The church today is wasting time in preaching reform, legislation or clean-up campaigns. We are merely dealing with the surface pimples—we are not hitting at the source of the trouble. It is the blood cure that this world needs.

"Satan is the master imitator of all ages and his program in his effort to defeat Christ is to follow the course of Janes and Jambres when they withstood Moses by imitating his miracles. Satan is so closely counterfeiting the teachings of Christ today that only the keenest spiritual perception often-times will detect the difference. Every great world movement today which aims at the correction of social and economic abuses has borrowed its philosophy from Jesus Christ. The great Indian revolutionary, Ghandi, borrowed his philosophy of non-resistance from Jesus Christ. The gigantic powers of Soviet Russia patterned their communistic philosophy from the teachings of Jesus Christ. They are attempting to do in the name of atheism what the church and the Chris-

tian is commissioned to do in the name of Jesus Christ.

"In Jesus we find the solution of every problem. He was not a fanatic and his philosophy and teachings are not impractical. They are the essence of wisdom and the world will come to see that it is only through Him that peace, prosperity, and universal justice will come to mankind. As churches and ministers today we are devoting entirely too much time to preaching what we believe—to defending doctrines and creeds and dogmas. That can only perpetuate dissension and strife among us. We need to preach more about whom we believe. When we do more of that we will find ourselves drawn ever closer in the bonds of and undying fellowship which will bring the solution to the problems which threaten us on every side," the minister concluded.

The message was the first of a series of "foundation messages," which the evangelist is announced to deliver in his opening addresses here. Tonight at 8 P. M. he is scheduled to deliver the second of this series from the subject "Worldliness" and Christian people of the entire section were urgently requested to make every effort possible to hear these vital messages.

Dr. Ham was introduced to the audience by Dr. E. S. Bledsoe of the Main Street Christian Church, and the opening prayer was offered by Dr. G. H. Hogan of the Central Presbyterian Church. Preliminary services were under the direction of Earl S. Rodgers of Mineral Wells, campaign director and chorister for the Ham party. Mr. Rodgers is organizing a large chorus choir from the participating churches assisted by a local music committee composed of Mr. J. L. Tucker, B. Morris, Mrs. G. H. Hogan and Mrs. Roger Franks. A large concert grand piano

was installed on the tabernacle platform this morning through courtesy of the Baldwin Piano Company of Dallas, which will be presided over by Rawley Tredway, pianist for the Ham party and secretary to Dr. Ham. Mr. Tredway rendered a special piano number as an offertory at the Sunday night service and will also have charge of special activities among the young people as the campaign progresses.

A large corps of ushers from the various churches headed by J. M. Davis, chairman, H. L. Williamson, W. Tom Jones, Ernest Fincher, and L. M. Stickney had charge of the seating of the large crowd which attended the opening service and were highly commended by Mr. Rodgers for their efficient service.

Morning services of the campaign are to be held at 10 o'clock each day and Mr. Rodgers emphasized the fact that in no case would they exceed one hour in length. These services were inaugurated this morning with an exceptionally large crowd present to hear Dr. Ham's message on "The Prayer of Faith." The noted minister is said to be at his very best in his morning Bible lectures and it is expected that these services will prove to be possibly the outstanding feature of the campaign services.

Tonight a large delegation from Midlothian is scheduled to attend the services as special guests and on Tuesday night a large delegation from Corsicana will come to Waxahachie for the service. Dr. Ham and his party recently led the church forces of Corsicana in a great city-wide campaign which resulted in some seven hundred additions to churches and what is generally regarded as the greatest spiritual awakening experienced in that city in years.

## Dr. Ham Spends Ten Days In Hubbard, Texas

Immediately following the close of his Nashville Campaign, Dr. Ham spent ten profitable days of delightful fellowship with the good people of Hubbard, Texas.

Some twelve years ago Dr. Ham held a revival campaign there which is regarded as the greatest effort of its kind ever seen there. The entire section was gripped and stirred, and when the campaign closed a very small percentage of the adult population of Hubbard was left unchurched, and many remarkable conversions and incidents occurring in that campaign are still conversational topics.

Since that time Hubbard has enjoyed the ministry of many outstanding evangelists, and evangelistic pastors, and it is doubtful if there is any town in Texas as completely and thoroughly evangelized and churched as is Hubbard. Hubbard can boast of some of the most consecrated Christian people, and sincere and capable personal workers to be found anywhere, and from that community have gone out a large number of men who have achieved national reputations

of activity, among them being, Dr. J. Frank Norris, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, whose boyhood home was at Hubbard, and Dr. John Roach Straton, who served as pastor of the Baptist Church at Hubbard during his years at Baylor University.

A permanent tabernacle is maintained by the churches of Hubbard, and it was in this building that Dr. Ham preached to splendid crowds which gathered from that entire section during his brief stay.

Confining himself almost entirely to Bible lectures and messages calculated to deepen the spiritual life, Dr. Ham climaxed his stay with a great evangelistic service on the closing Sunday night, which resulted in some 60 professions of faith, leaving but few in his large audience who were not professing Christians, and practically none who had not earnestly been dealt with, either by the evangelist or some of the pastors and



Church, Rev. E. L. Wisdom of the Methodist Church, Rev. H. A. DeForest of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Dr. Stout of the Christian Church, and Dr. H. O. Moore of the First Presbyterian Church, together with their people.

Writing in the Hubbard City News, Dr. H. O. Moore, revered dean of Hubbard pastors, had the following to say concerning the meeting.

"Early in the year the Hubbard pastors decided to hold a co-operative evangelistic campaign to include all the local churches and the territory of southeast Hill County, at Hubbard. A little later a mass meeting was held at the Methodist church, and a committee of laymen and ministers was elected to carry the program over. Mayor Lee Onstott was made chairman, and in due time, the Mordecai F. Ham evangelistic party was secured, and June 18th was the date for the campaign to begin at the city Tabernacle.

#### The Place

The Baptist County Workers' man shows Hubbard to be the center of one of their four zones in Hill County. The Baptists have a dozen or more churches in this zone. There are eight or ten Methodist churches in the same territory. There are five or six churches of the Disciples. The Presbyterians have three or four; and the Episcopalians one. This territory should furnish a crowd of fifteen hundred persons every night.

#### The Workers

Sam Williams is the only one of his kind in America—there never was a more efficient advance man. The pianist Mr. Treadway, is one of the best at the instrument, and as a young people's worker. Earl Rodgers is a great song director, and business manager for the party. Dr. Ham, for more than a quarter of a century, has been at the battle's front in prohibition, fundamentalism, and soul-winning. His record in saving people to God and the churches has rarely been surpassed since the apostolic age.

#### The Meeting

Once a Bible man said: "All these things are against me." Weather, and crop conditions, upset our plans. Three times our date for beginning the meeting was changed. Brother Sam got sick and into the hospital, and could not come to put over the advertising and other pre-meeting work. Earl Rodgers was detained and was a whole week late in reaching us. The time-period that we hoped to devote to the campaign was cut right in half. Summer schools, conventions, and vacations took preachers, persons of money and many young people away from attendance. Death, accidents, and sickness intervened. Yet in spite of all obstructions, a sure enough revival is on in Hubbard. Crowds are coming. Bible students are blessed. Saints rejoice. Sinners are being converted, and backsliders are being reclaimed. We are confident that before next Sunday night—the date set for closing the campaign there will be a mass meeting of the people to conduct your campaign.

Yours to exalt Jesus.

reminiscences of spiritual fellowship and impressions—greatest business that sermon.

At the right above is shown picture of those present deliver his first sermon.

#### THE HAM HOME COMING DAY IN SCOTTSVILLE, KY.

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tion sober and dry. It would be only due his work to say that M. F. Ham has preached more sermons, addressed more people and been instrumental under God in leading more men and women to Christ and to consecration of life than any man South of the Mason and Dixon Line, or from coast to coast. It seems to the writer that when the Great Cavalry conquered Dwight L. Moody, and he was called to his Heavenly home at the close of the last century, God began searching for one worthy to take the mantle of this mighty man of God. Among the hills of Allen County, thus might God have found a stalwart young man, born of its soil and re-born of His Spirit, with a passion for souls like Moody, who could take his mantle and go forth a worthy successor and crusader for Christ. His ministry has been somewhat unique in these respects: He has been everlastingly at it since the beginning, with little rest and only a short respite while pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, where two thousand additions to the church came in the brief period of his pastorate. Again from the beginning, Evangelist Ham trusted the Lord to open doors and has been free from all denominational associations and programs. While others of his denomination have been busy with ecclesiastical matters, launching programs, putting on drives for money, organizing men, money and machinery, holding conventions and convocations, Ham has been flinging his soul with unceasing energy and tireless constancy in preaching the Gospel of Christ and turning men to the Lord.

Besides the work of evangelism, he has found time to deliver Bible lectures in many cities of America and England. He is the author of a number of splendid books. His paper, "The Taproot," finds its way into the home of many Southern pastors and a large list of laymen in many States. A special edition of Ham's paper will contain pictures of his early surroundings and of the churches where he first ministered, the home-coming scenes and interesting sketches of his early youth. The writer rejoices to have had the Evangelist's prayer and advice leading to a call to the ministry many years ago; a wife converted under his preaching, and named for his mother and finally the privilege of pastoring a church where his grandfather ministered for forty years.

S. B. MOORE.

#### A GREAT REVIVAL MEETING NOW ON

We believe we are in the midst of one of the greatest revival meetings that Nashville has ever experienced among the Baptist churches. Mr. Ham is bringing a message from the Bible that we believe will tell for time and eternity. He is decidedly one of our great gospel preachers. We will be glad to attend every opportunity we may have. We are trying to cancel every engagement for the next few

At 10'line up in this great campaign, winning of souls. This

any true Christian could possibly engage in. It pays to serve Jesus.

Brother Ham is preaching from three to five times a day, and drawing great crowds. Under his great appeal and gospel message he is winning many to Christ. We are to have him with us at Centennial Baptist Church Saturday night at 6:30 and sincerely hope we may have a great crowd to hear him. Let's bring the lost ones to this service so that they may be won to Jesus. We are looking for him to be with us Sunday a.m. at 9:00. Let's tell the folks about the meeting and do all the personal work we can. We want to have our prayer meeting at 7 p. m. for thirty minutes and then go to the Tabernacle to the Ham meetings.

#### DR. HAM'S FUTURE ENGAGEMENTS

Following the close of his Waxahachie, Texas Campaign scheduled for August the 3rd, Dr. Ham will take a few days for rest with his family, which he plans to spend in Colorado.

During the latter part of August he is scheduled to deliver a brief series of Bible lectures in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and to conduct a short cam-

paign in Sparta, Tennessee where he has promised to devote part of his vacation month with the Christian forces.

His regular schedule of fall work will be launched in a city wide revival campaign sponsored by the combined church forces at Greenville, Tenn., the meeting to be held in a large tobacco warehouse which will be remodeled into a campaign auditorium.

The month of October and the first half of November will be spent in a city wide campaign in Knoxville, Tenn., sponsored by the Baptist churches and pastors of that city. The Knoxville campaign will be conducted along lines similar to the recent Nashville Campaign, perfecting and using many of the methods experimentally tested in Nashville with such gratifying success.

#### SINGLETON ON NASHVILLE CAMPAIGN

Following is a clipping from the weekly bulletin published by the Centennial Baptist Church of Nashville written by Rev. T. C. Singleton, pastor, who was among the leading spirits in the Nashville Campaign, loyally supported by his faithful people.

#### SOUTHERN BAPTISTS AND EVANGELISM (Continued from Page 3.)

The evangelistic campaign was agreed to after the convention accepted the suggestion of J. H. Anderson of Knoxville, Tenn., lay leader of the South, that the soul saving campaign be financed privately without burdening the convention's financial budget of \$3,000,000 further "at this critical moment."

"Those intellectual, or handpicked, or gumshoe evangelists in which some are trying to reflect upon our mass or church revivals," declared Dr. Len Broughton, of Baptist Tabernacle, Atlanta, who is chairman of the committee on evangelism "we will oppose. They are against our old Baptist custom of Biblical revivals."

#### THE JOB IS TOO LITTLE

By W. B. Phipps

Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to accomplish his work.—John 4:34.

A committee representing the Standard Oil Company had an all-night session. The main task was to secure a manager for a new division of operation which the company hoped to open in China. The chairman insisted that the manager must have four qualifications; he must be under thirty years old; he must be thoroughly trained; he must have proved generalship; he must be able to speak the Chinese language. Many good men had been considered; but each was found to be lacking.

It appeared that the meeting would fail of its object. But finally a young man rose, addressed the chairman, and declared that he knew one man who could meet all the requirements. He added that the man was at that time in China, living in the very city where the company was planning to establish headquarters. He was twenty-eight years old, had degrees from three leading institutions of learning in America, had three years study and practice in the Chinese language, and had the full confidence of the Chinese people, among whom he was widely known. Moreover, he had been valedictorian of his class in college and was a natural leader.

Someone asked how much salary this young man was getting, and his friend startled the committee by answering, "Six hundred dollars a year."

The chairman said, "There is something wrong."

The young man's friend replied: "I know there is. But the wrong is not with my friend: it is with the system that employs him. He works for a Baptist Mission Board."

After thorough questioning regarding the missionary, the chairman said to the committeeman, "You go to China and offer him the place." The committeeman was to offer ten thousand dollars a year. If that failed to secure him, he was to offer twelve thousand or fifteen thousand.

The young agent crossed the ocean and half of China, found his friend, and offered him the situation at ten thousand a year. The young missionary declined. The offer was raised to twelve thousand, then to fifteen, but was rejected.

Finally the agent asked, "What will you take?"

The missionary replied: "It is not a question of salary. That is magnificent. The job is too little. I get a small salary, but I have a big job; and I would rather have a big job with a small salary than a small job with a big salary. I thank you for the confidence expressed in your offer; but I feel that I should be a fool to quit winning souls to sell oil."—Christian Index.