

Preface

Rev. John Cristea, the writer of this interesting booklet, is the dearly-beloved and successful Baptist minister who serves the New Canadian and English groups who worship in the Aubin Road Mission Hall, Windsor, Ontario. The pamphlet is entirely the product of his own brain and pen. It meets a long-felt need for information concerning New Canadian work. We express the hope that it will be widely used by our different Baptist missionary organizations.

Mr. Cristea was born in Transylvania on September 12th, 1901. His father was a husbandman. Mr. Cristea was converted at an early age and attended school both in Roumania and Hungary. He suffered great persecution in his own land for the Gospel's sake. After spending two years in the Baptist Seminary at Bucharest, in 1926, he came to the Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, as a special ward of its President, Dr. E. Y. Mullins. Before leaving Louisville he completed his studies for the B.Th. and ThM. degrees.

Visiting the Border Cities, Mr. Cristea became very much interested in the spiritual needs and opportunities among his fellow-countrymen in these places. Dr. A. H. Fromow, pastor of the Walker-ville Baptist Church, and Chairman of the local Home Mission Board for the Western Association, became acquainted with him and was an important factor in his coming to East Windsor. In 1931 he became Home Mission pastor of the work being carried on in the Aubin Road Chapel. He has not only accomplished much as a Home Missionary, but his services too as a Home Mission speaker are in great demand throughout the Convention. He is fluent, not only in the Roumanian and the Hungarian, but also in the English language.

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