

7th Division, as Regimental Chaplain. He was retired in 1972 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Dr. Gordon was graduated from Faith Theological Seminary in 1949, and holds the Master of Divinity degree. He also holds the honorary D.D. degree from Shelton College. He is an ordained minister of the Bible Presbyterian Church and has pastored several churches. For a short time, he was Executive Vice-President and then President of Highland College in Pasadena, California. In 1962, Dr. Gordon became the General Secretary of The Independent Board for Presbyterian Home Missions and came to the Foreign Mission Board from that post.

Dr. Gordon is a member of the Board of Shelton College in Cape May, New Jersey; The Independent Board for Presbyterian Home Missions; and Faith Theological Seminary in Elkins Park, Pa. He is also the Chairman of the Committee on International Affairs of the International Council of Christian Churches. He is presently Vice-President of Faith Theological Seminary.

In his capacity as General Secretary, Dr. Gordon had the oversight of the work of forty missionaries on eleven fields. The missionaries engage in active evangelical work and Bible teaching. The Board operates a number of Bible institutes, colleges, and seminaries in its various fields of service.

Dr. Gordon has also attended, as a member of the press, many assemblies of the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches. He is, therefore, well qualified to speak on the destructive programs of the ecumenical movement and the apostasy as they relate to the work of foreign missions. The Independent Board and its missionaries cooperate fully with the International Council of Christian Churches, a world-wide organization of Bible-believing, separated churches opposing the World Council.

## ***'The World's Greatest Battle'***

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*"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. . . . Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel: wherein I suffer trouble, . . . but the word of God is not bound" (2 Tim. 2:3, 4, 8, 9).*

It has been almost twenty centuries now since the birth of Jesus Christ in a little town called Bethlehem. He was a direct descendant from the royal tribe of Judah, through David, its anointed head. He fulfilled every condition foretold about the promised Messiah, including origin, birth, and ministry. Through the great captain, Moses, God gave to His people a code of laws, still known as the Ten Commandments, from which nearly all of the fundamental laws now enjoyed by our civilized nations are derived.

This favored people received a solemn covenant, which God had given to Abraham, that in his "seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed," and that from the royal house of Judah, there shall be born a permanent deliverer for this people, to be