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God and the Inevitable

By Eld. J. E. Phillips

"My grace is sufficient for thee" (2 Cor. 12:9). As I look out my window this morning, the clouds are drifting low, the rain is falling, the day looks dark and gloomy, yet I know that out beyond, somewhere, the sun is shining; waiting to shine forth with all his glory, after the clouds have passed away; so is the way of life, we must have the light and happy hours that cheer and comfort; and then the hours of pain and sorrow come that leave us weak and trembling. That is the Inevitable—it just can't be helped. Though we may cry out to God with all our strength and soul, the text is our only answer. "My grace is sufficient."

Trying situations will come—they came to Paul. If there ever was any one that should have been given special consideration, it was Paul. He gave up position, wealth, friends, past dreams, ideals, and home, yes, he gave his time also, and not only that, but his whole life was given and in a moment's time he plunged headlong into a work with the understanding that he would have to share his part of the Inevitable, for the Lord said to Ananias: "For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my sake" (Acts 9:16). That's it, there are some things we must suffer—no getting away from them; and they are good for us, because they bring an adjustment in communion with the very heart of things, with the very center of reality, with God the center of all. It brings us into fellowship and satisfactory relationship with Him, and into the midst of the direst of things that come to us, but we can have a song in our heart, a gentle melody that joins the music of the skies in making all the world full of gladness. Paul had it, I have it, and you

may have it, and rejoice in the worst, for it brings us the best. "My grace is sufficient for thee."

Paul was caught up into the third heaven, heard things unutterable, had the rapture of a transcendent experience; yet in spite of all this, there was given him a thorn in the flesh. How Paul prayed! not only once, not the second time only, but he prayed the third time, that it might be removed, but the only answer he got was the text: "My grace is sufficient for thee."

I have no evidence as to what that thorn was, but it caused him sorrow and pain and he wanted it removed. Every true child of God has that thorn driven into their flesh. Yes, so deep sometime that our soul bleeds. That is God as the inevitable. Jesus the Son of God had this to contend with when He went out into the silent areas and prayed that the ordeal impending for Him might pass. Yes, He prayed so hard that blood stood out on His face and trickled down His cheek, not only that, but He said His soul was exceeding sorrowful, even unto death, and yet He had the ordeal to pass through. But He understood all of this and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. "Not my will, but thine be done." Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered" (Heb. 5:8). Obedience to God and the Inevitable.

Dear readers, the sooner we learn that lesson, the better. Many not understanding this, when sorrow and trouble assail them, the load becomes so heavy that they give up and go down in despair. Readers, it is a rough road that leads to the stars—it is full of stones, pitfalls, sorrow and pain, but there is no other road that leads to the stars. (Rev. 7:14).

You may fail to meet the great questions of life and let them pass

by you unheeded, and trust in the things of the flesh, which last but a short time; and go through life without very many heart struggles, but that road doesn't go to the stars. That is the broad road and many are going that way, but Jesus said, "Strive to enter in at the strait gate"—struggle, battle, meet the great problems of life, conquer them and then rejoice in them; for they lead to the stars and bring us so close to God and the Inevitable that we find His grace is sufficient, if we trust Him fully. God bless you all. Eld. J. E. Phillips, Marshall, Ark.

Jesus Is Calling

By Eld. E. G. Atkinson

"Say ye not, There are four months; and then cometh the harvest? Behold, I say unto you. Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together" (John 4:35-36). "Then sayeth he unto his disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:37-38).

Four months to harvest? No sir, now is harvest time. Oh, lift up your eyes, will you? Will you come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty? So much, so much, brethren, that should be done, waiting for you! Oh, how I wish I could do more of it! I'm small and weak, but I thank God, that He has given me eyes.

He that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto eternal life. Do you reckon that's true? It does seem that some do not believe it. Receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal!

What will become of that fruit if you do not reap it? Gathereth fruit unto life eternal! That fruit is wasting! Will you go out and gather now? Lord, be pleased to send laborers into thy harvest.

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever" (Dan. 12:3). Do you believe that men can be turned to righteousness? If so there is opportunity, great opportunity, for you to win a crown and, what is more, lead many souls from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God. Such a high calling as God has given us, to lead men from the broad way that leads to destruction into the narrow way that leads to life eternal.

"If you cannot speak like angels,

If you cannot preach like Paul;

You can tell the love of Jesus,

You can say He died for all."

The only way you can lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust doth not corrupt and where thieves do not break through and steal is to go out in the great harvest field of God and work. The fight will not be long. Success is assured: "For as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Workers are needed, the harvest is white;

Ripe grain is falling, and soon comes the night.

Jesus is waiting, what will you do? Jesus is calling, is calling for you.

Jesus is calling for those who are strong;

Answer Him gladly; go forth with a song!

Jesus will lead you, show you the way, Jesus is calling, is calling today.

Jesus is calling; it soon will be done, Labor of harvest, the victory won; Soon will be gathered, harvesters true, Jesus is calling, is calling for you. Eld. E. G. Atkinson, Blanchard, Okla.

The Loss or Salvation of the Soul

Text—"What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36-37).

By Eld. W. G. Merrit

These are questions of unspeakable importance. The soul is something distinctive from the

body and is capable of living separately from the body in another world. It is that which lives and thinks and moves within. If the soul is saved, all is saved: if the soul is lost, all is lost.

I. The soul is in danger of being lost forever.

II. The soul has been redeemed, and may be saved.

III. The soul committed to Christ is safe.

IV. The soul lost cannot be compensated by the whole world.

The impenitent will be lost. (Luke 13:5).

The unregenerate will be lost. (John 3:3).

The neglectful will be lost, and the foolish virgins.

The redemption of the soul by the blood of Christ shows us God's great love for it, its great value, and the only power that could redeem it. There is no meeting the soul's need apart from Christ. Nothing can cleanse it from sin but His blood. Nothing to clothe it but His righteousness. Nothing to satisfy its longing but Himself.

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Chips From Evangelist T. C. Ferguson's Sermons.

Save while you are young, so you will have something to spend when you are old.

You can cover up sin for a while, but remember that God will take the cover off some day.

If God would boil down some people's prayers till all selfishness was taken out of the prayer, I am afraid that he could not find what was left with a magnifying glass.

Prayer is the soul of man in communion with God.

Don't try to hold a prayer meeting or a revival meeting, turn them loose and let them go; for there are too many of God's meetings held down by men.

There is only one road to heaven. You may be farther up the road than I am, and you can perhaps see things I can't see, but, brother, I am on the same road, and when I get up to where you are, I will be able to see as much as you do; so move on, brother.

Where will you spend eternity? where do you want to spend it?

Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people; hell is a prepared place for a prepared people; which place are you prepared for?

Some men have time to pet the

cat and the dog and the old mule, but they have no time to pet their wife and children, then they wonder why their wife starts to smile at other men.

Ignorance is darkness: education is light.

God's minorities will overwhelm the devil's majorities.

Sin is international, interdenominational and nonsectarian.

When all the ways of escape from the devil are closed, try the Gates of Praise to God, and prayer.

The Heart of Man

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

It is very interesting to study the Bible teaching concerning the heart of man. The heart is the seat of life, the seat of the affections, and the seat of desire.

In Isaiah's prophecy we find the Lord saying, "I will take away the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." The physicians of our land have proven themselves capable of performing successful operations upon every part of the human body, except the heart, but they dare not touch the heart, for they know it would mean death; but the great Physician, Jesus Christ can perform a successful operation upon the heart of any man. Paul says that we are declared to be the epistle of Christ written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart (2 Cor. 3:3).

We also find in Romans ten that it is with the heart that man believeth unto righteousness. And then I love to think of the demand Phillip made of the Ethiopian Eunuch when he said, "Here is water, what doth hinder me from being baptized?" Phillip answered as follows: "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest." Beyond a doubt Phillip saw evidence of just what he demanded, namely, a heart believing unto salvation, else he would not have baptized him. So many times that that is over looked in this point of Scripture when trying to prove the power in the water. There is such a vast and historical faith.

Romans 10:9—"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in (Continued on page 13)

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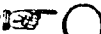
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THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

WHY SHOULD WE KEEP SUNDAY AS OUR DAY OF WORSHIP?

A sister, writing from Oklahoma, wants to know why we Protestants don't keep Saturday as our day of worship, if Saturday really is the Sabbath, and she wants to know if the Catholics didn't change the day of worship from Saturday to Sunday.

The sabbath was the day of rest for the Jews, the law required them to keep it: they were under the law and were bound by the law to keep the sabbath day holy. We are not under the law, and for us to keep the law sabbath would obligate us to keep the whole law, which we could not do.

The seventh day of the week commemorated a finished creation. God finished His work and rested on the seventh day: He sanctified the day and set it apart as the sabbath day, a day of complete rest, for His people, and He commanded them to "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy;" so the people were to cease from all their works and rest with the Lord on the seventh day.

The first day of the week commemorates a finished redemption. Christ arose from the dead on the first day of the week. It was on the first day of the week that the risen Lord appeared to His disciples, and this was the case several times. Pentecost came on the first day of the week. Paul met with his churches on the first day of the week, and urged that they have their offerings (tithes) ready on the first day of the week (2 Cor. 16:2). John the revelator was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, which was on the first day of the week (Rev. 1:10).

Whether the early church was instructed to keep the first day of the week as a day of worship or not, we see that it was their habit or custom to come together for worship on the first day of the week. It is true that early in the fourth century Constantine did make Sunday the legal day of worship by a decree, but that is not the reason we Christians keep Sunday as our day of worship; Sunday was the recognized day of worship before Constantine, nor do we keep the day because it was made the day of worship by law, but in honor of Christ's resurrection.

The Jews keep the feast of Purim on the 14th and 15th days of the month of Adar each year, because in them they had rest from their enemies. We celebrate July 4th as the anniversary of our national independence. The negroes of U. S. A. celebrate August 4th as the anniversary of their emancipation. We worship on Sunday because it was on Sunday that our Savior broke the bonds of death for every one that believeth in Him. We stand identified with Him in the freedom He has purchased for us by His resurrection, and we honor Him by remembering the first day of the week to keep it holy, not by constraint of law, but by constraint of the love of Christ.

There is no definite command given in the N. T. that we shall keep the first day of the week, and none after Pentecost that the seventh day should be kept, and perhaps it is well there isn't, for many would keep the letter of the law; and the Word says: "The letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life. Jesus met with His disciples after the resurrection on the first day of the week. See John 20:19—"Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you." See also John 20:26. Jesus also said: "Follow me."

Marshall, Ark., Febr. 10, 1932

To the Free Will Baptist Gem:

I want to make a full report of my work here in Searey county. Since I left Oklahoma, I came to Marshall August 5, 1931.

Had a ten days' revival at Maumee, Arkansas and organized a church there with twenty-one members, which has increased to 33 in membership.

Then I went to Red Oak and held a ten days' revival, and organized a church with six charter members, which has increased to forty members.

Then I began to need help and began to ask about the Free Will Baptist, but no one had ever seen or heard one preach, till I came. I finally got in touch with Bro. Carl Davis of Elizabeth, Ark. and he came over and stayed with me three weeks. We ordained the deacons and licensed one young preacher. We held one revival at a new place, had a good time and organized a new church with twenty-one members. Thanks to Bro. Davis and the Lord. I am asking the Lord for an association in Searey county, and I am working to that end.

I have witnessed 107 conversions, baptized 59 in water and 14 more to be baptized, and organized three churches since Aug. 5, 1931, and I give God the praise for it all. I am not tired, but am ready to go anywhere He may call me.

Pray for us.

Eld. J. E. Phillips, Marshall, Ark.

Blue Eye, Missouri, Jan. 12, 1932

Dear Gem Family: I feel impressed to write a letter to the Gem family, and I hope it will be of some help to some one along their Christian life.

"If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone" (Matt. 18:15).

How miserably we fail in obeying this urgent admonition! Instead of going to our brother, we often tell everyone else but him. Why is this? Is it because we are so wicked and sinful ourselves that we delight in injuring others? or is it because we are so cowardly that we fear to take the matter up with him? or is it because we know that, at least in some measure, we are to blame, yet we are unwilling to share the blame with him? There is only one way to settle our personal grievances in a manner that will glorify God and retain His

blessings upon our own souls, and that is to deal with them as Christ has commanded. Never have we seen those who began to gossip abroad what they felt had been an injury done to them by a brother, but that their own soul has been blighted by a bitter spirit; their hearts and minds filled with unrest and turmoil, and all being made the more painful by the loss of the approval of God.

If some brother has trespassed against you, take him alone and tell him his fault, have a little heart to heart talk with him about it, and remember, he is your brother. If you approach him as if you wished to devour him, what better are you than a ravening wolf? The Bible says, "He is your brother," and, although he has offended, he is to be approached in the spirit of love and tenderness, not as Cain who was of that wicked one and slew his brother. Harshness repels: love wins. "A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger." Until we can deal with our brother in a spirit of love, we would do well to wait on our knees till our own hard and unforgiving spirit is subdued. How can we expect to gain our brother if we approach him with bricks? But, some may say, "He did wrong and it is only fair that he make it right." Perhaps so, but, may I ask, what sort of spirit are you showing when you try to get him to do this? Is an unchristian spirit more justifiable in you than in him? The Bible says we are to "restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering ourselves, lest we also be tempted." "If he hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother." We are to have in mind, not the thought of getting even, but the thought of his salvation. If we could become such Christians that we have more concern for our brothers and sisters' good than for our own vindication, what beautiful spirits we should be! "And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God, love his brother also." "If any man say, I love God and hate his brother he is a liar;" the Bible said it. It means so much to gain thy brother: it means gaining him for Christ who loved him gave himself for him. So much effort is put forth for the salvation of sinners, yet after they are redeemed, the life of Christ is often crushed through misunderstandings and hard feelings among believers.

"My beloved brethren, these things ought not to be." The great work of

Christ is to save and to restore: the erring sheep is the one He seeks: the prodigal's return is the joy of His heart. Go to your offending brother with the thought of gaining him for Christ; have you thought about his soul? is it not worth more than the world? is he not one for whom Christ died? would you have him perish, because of your failure to show the spirit of Jesus?

Ah, my brother, we must either correct our differences here as God would have us, or face them later on. "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him, let him know that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." Go to your offending brother: go in the spirit of Christ: go with your own heart tender. If you gain him, what a treasure, a soul is saved from death and a multitude of sins is covered: his sins, your sins, all the sins that usually result from misunderstanding.

Pray for me, that I may ever be ready to do the little things that God would have me do. I am trying to serve the Lord, and do His will; pray that I may grow stronger and have more influence over sinners, for that is my heart's desire, to see the lost brought to Christ. May the Lord bless and save, is my prayer.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. Lizzie Shipman.

SUNDAY

By Mildred Wilkerson

Today must be Sunday, I'm prone to say.

But to others it seems some other day.

I can hear the church bells ringing,

It seems to me that they are singing.

"Today is the day to worship the Lord

And learn more about His precious word."

I wonder if we are doing our part,

And serving Him with our heart.

Some go driving past the church,

They're seeking for some pleasure first

It seems they're finding it, for they,

To church so seldom find their way.

They wonder, "What's the matter today;"

I'll tell you what, if you want me to say—

"Too much worldliness," and "Forgetting to pray,"

To the King on high who died for them,

To save them from their worldly sin.

Marriage of Eld. M. M. McKee

(Clipping from a Soper, Okla. Paper)

Quite a surprise took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Rogers at Antlers, Okla. on Christmas Eve at two o'clock, when Rev. M. M. McKee of Soper, and Mrs. Ellen Geyer of Antlers were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. M. Hatcher of Antlers.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McKee of Mudsand, and was reared in that community. He has been engaged in the ministerial work for the past ten years, both in pastoral and evangelistic work, in the Free Will Baptist denomination. He is well known here, as well as over the states of Okla., Ark., Mo. and Texas. He is highly esteemed among the people with whom he has labored, and has made a success in both pastoral and evangelistic work.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Plunkett, of the Rocky Point community, and was reared in the Nelson community. After growing to womanhood she moved to Rocky Point community and has lived there for the past fifteen years and is well known in this part of the country.

They will make their home in the Rocky Point community. They have a great host of friends who wish them a long and happy wedded life.

A fine Christmas dinner was served at the bride's home on Christmas Day. The following were guests: Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Plunkett, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McKee, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Stewart, G. R. Crawford, Will Plunkett, and a nice bunch of young folks. All enjoyed the day and then separated, hoping that Christmas will soon come again.

A Friend

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Bro. McKee also writes from Antlers, Okla., and we print his letter in part, knowing his friends will be glad to hear from him; as

we all wish Bro. McKee and his good wife much joy and happiness in their new home.—The Editor.

"We are getting along fine. Wish I could see all of you again, but don't know when that will be, as I have moved out on a farm and have quit traveling so much. I am now enjoying home life again. We are trying to build us a home for old age. We have a nice place to live, ten miles northwest of Antlers, Okla. Have a little church organized one-fourth mile of our home. I am pastoring two churches and preaching at other places twice a month. I was forced to give up the evangelistic work on account of finance. I went as far as I could and then went in debt and had to quit.

I will hold a few revivals this summer close home, then do a little pastoral work, farm and deal in hogs, cattle and young mules the rest of the time, so I guess I won't be out of a job. Times are hard in this part of the state, lots of feed, cattle and hogs, but very little money in circulation.

I hope the church work in your part of the State is moving along nicely. Hope you are getting along fine with your work. I was sorry to miss the Co-operative Association, but was in a meeting during that time. I was glad to hear you had a real good meeting.

Our State Association was fine. Our revival work was good last year.

May the Lord bless you all. Remember us in your prayers.

As ever the same ones,

Eld. and Mrs. M. M. McKee.

Report of Cavespring Q. M.

Cavespring Second Q. M. of Conference Year ending August, 1932 met with Rosehill Church on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in January, 1932. Introductory sermon was preached on Friday night by Rev. H. H. Beatty.

Conference was assembled by singing. Scripture reading by the

Clerk, Prayer by Rev. H. C. Crase.

Moderator presiding, general business was then taken up, until time for devotional services. Committee reported that Rev. H. H. Beatty and Rev. E. E. Winfree would supply the stand at eleven o'clock. Each delivered soul stirring messages, after which a sumptuous dinner was served which all enjoyed.

Conference was again taken up at 2 o'clock p. m. Business proceeded with, and ordination of Rev. H. H. Beatty was performed by Council Revs. J. R. W. Harbison, T. J. Dunkin and H. C. Crase.

Officers for the ensuing year were chosen which resulted in the election of E. E. Winfree Moderator, H. C. Crase Assistant, J. R. W. Harbison Clerk. Our next meeting will be held with Royal Oak Church, west of Alton, Mo. Rev. H. C. Crase to preach the introductory sermon on Friday night before the 5th Sunday in May, 1932, being the night of the 27th, Conference commencing at 9 o'clock on Saturday morning. Everybody cordially invited. So asking the prayers of the Genl. Readers we submit the following obituary of Aunt Elizabeth Campbell.

J. R. W. Harbison, Clerk.

Campbell— Elizabeth Smith was born in the state of Georgia April 3, 1850. She was converted at the age of sixteen, and was married to William H. Campbell at the age of eighteen. To this union thirteen children were born, seven sons and six daughters, three boys dying in infancy.

Sister Campbell was one of the charter members of the Myrtle F. W. B. Church. She lived a devoted Christian life. She was a dutiful wife, a loving mother, a kind hearted and loyal neighbor. To know her was to love her.

Her funeral service was conducted by Rev. T. J. Dunkin assisted by Rev. Billie Rogers. She was laid to rest in the Myrtle Cemetery beside her husband, who preceded her a few years ago. She leaves three

sons, six daughters, one brother, three sisters, several grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her death, but we feel that our loss is but hers and heaven's gain. She departed this life at the age of eighty-one years, nine months and 28 days. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

There is a world above,

Where parting is unknown;

A whole eternity of love,

Formed for the good alone.

Committee | T. J. Dunkin

| R. J. Wisehart

| J. R. W. Harbison.

Mountain Grove, Mo., Jan. 31st.

Dear Bro. Brown: In my last letter to the Gem, I was going to Glendale to hold a series of meetings. We had a good meeting there and organized a church with 18 members, and from there I went to Willow Springs church and had a meeting four nights, had two conversions and the church was wonderfully blest, had a real old fashioned meeting on Thursday.

I went to the Quarterly Meeting and had a wonderful revival and some wonderful Gospel sermons preached. We ordained Bro. O. C. Allen, and licensed Bro. Henry Higsby and Bro. Irvin. Bro. Allen belongs to our church here in Mt. Grove. I am glad that God is still calling men that are full of the Spirit, and I am real proud of the Gospel ministry that we have all over the state, and am also proud of our editor that stands at the head of our publishing house.

I want all Gem readers to pray for me, that God will bless me in my work.

P. S. While at Quarterly Conference I got five subscriptions to the Gem and two to Mothers Home Life.

Eld. G. W. Scott, Sr., State Evan.

Fort Smith, Ark., Feb. 22, 1932.

Dear Gem Readers: I have never written to the Gem before, but have been a subscriber for about four months and sure enjoy reading the many interesting letters from our brothers and sisters in Christ.

As we are the First Free Will Baptist Church in Ft. Smith, I thought I would give a brief re-

port of the same.

We organized our church Nov. 22, 1931, also our Sunday school, and our Young People's League about four weeks ago, and elected Rev. E. W. Simpkins Moderator. We have 36 church members, 80 enrolled in our Sunday school. Our church is located at 4001 Armour Ave., Ft. Smith, Ark. Our attendance in both Sunday school and church is very gratifying indeed. We held a revival, beginning Feb. 7th and closing on Monday night, Feb. 15th. We had as our evangelistic preachers Rev. Ben Pixley of Rudy, Ark. and Rev. T. J. Robertson of Charleston, Ark., whom we all learned to love and respect for the soul food which they so graciously gave. Thank God for such men as they, and our beloved pastor, E. W. Simpkins who can stand in the pulpit and give us the real Gospel of Jesus Christ without fear or favor, in season and out of season.

As this is my first attempt to write to the Gem, I will close by asking the beloved brothers and sisters of the Gem to pray for us, that we may grow in grace and that we may have the success in our church continually that we are now having, of reaching out and bringing lost souls to Christ. Words cannot express our thanks and gratitude to God for the blessings we have received and are receiving here in our church.

May God's blessings rest and abide with the Gem family, and make it possible for such a wonderful little paper to reach many more homes that do not feel able to get it at this present time, is the prayer of a sister in Christ, Mrs. M. H. Crandell, Sec.-Treas. F. W. B. Sunday School, Route 1, Box 81, Ft. Smith, Ark.

Revival Meeting Report

Thursday night, February 11th, we closed a three weeks' meeting at Mt. Joy, about three miles southwest of Purdy, Mo., where twenty-one souls were saved. The Lord was certainly with us from the very beginning.

We must also mention that the people there, though a union community, representing several different denominations, all came regularly with a willing heart to serve God, that souls might be saved. The spirit of unity was

shown by all.

Bro. J. H. Boyd, one of our Free Will Baptist ministers, was present most every service, always on hand and ready to help. He took charge of some of the preaching services. He was certainly a great help. Bro. Brown, our editor, was present several times and was also a great help.

This was our first meeting to ever work in together as we are young in the work and had very little experience, so it was a great help to us.

Elders Kenneth Turner and Johnnie Swaffar.

Pattonsburg, Missouri, Feb. 17th.

Dear Readers of the Gem: I haven't much to report this time, on account of bad weather and bad roads. I am trying to hold meetings away up in the Northwest Missouri Association, but since I have been up here we have had nothing but storms and snow and rain and fog and sleet and bad roads, and it has been out in the country, that I have been trying to hold meetings. It has been almost impossible for people to get out to meeting. I used to live up here many years ago, in the town of Pattonsburg. I have found many converts of the meetings I held years ago, still living for God, and many of them are dead and gone to glory.

I came here to try to revive some of our churches, which have gone down. There are a few churches left. Eld. E. T. House of Santa Rosa, Mo. is the faithful pastor of four of them. Eld. W. R. Rush is the faithful pastor of one church for half time preaching and Eld. John McKown of Carlow, Mo. is the faithful pastor of one church for half time preaching.

This part of the country is very hard hit with the hard times. Many of our faithful members have lost their farms and their homes, and will have to move away and it seems to be hard to get any one to take their place in the church work. This may mean the death of some of our churches, but we are hoping and praying that God will raise up others to take their places in the churches, and fill up the gaps made in our churches, by removals and deaths. T. C. Ferguson, Evangelist,

Ash Grove, Mo.

Desloge, Mo.

Dear Gem Family:—How are you this fine winter day?

You will see by this letter that I am still in Missouri. Sister Franklin stood the operation wonderfully well, and is back home going to church every night, not strong enough to preach yet, but soon will be.

We found a real revival spirit in the church, and they were just ripe and ready. We have had twenty-three souls saved up to date. We just started the revival Sunday (Feb 14th) and eight were saved the first service.

We assisted Bros. Ferguson and Wright at Oak Grove last week, and when we left twenty-six had been saved there and they are running this week. We have just talked to Bro. Jim Miller over the phone, and they had five more saved last night. There is no doubt about a real revival being on here in our churches in the Lead Belt. The Flat River Church is also having souls saved every week. God is shaking things up, so pray that a great revival will spread over this place. Flat River church and Oak Grove Church had a union baptizing service last Sunday. We had six, but couldn't get them ready in time. We will have another soon.

May God bless all the Gem Family. Pray for us here. We will give a complete report later.

Yours for Jesus.

Lizzie McAdams.

Ironton, Mo. Feb., 17, 1932

Greeting in Jesus' name: Dear Brother, I am writing at this time to inform you of my wife's death. She passed away at the Baptist Home, Ironton, Mo. on February 5, 1932, at 1:30 a. m.

She had been ailing for about twenty eight months, needing constant care: so that I could scarcely leave her, except someone was there to take my place.

With the approach of the fall of 1931 she began to be affected with shortness of breath, that together

with heart and nervous prostration was too much. She succumbed under the load.

I wish to say to our Gem readers and our Free Will Baptist friends, the prolonged illness of my beloved wife made it impossible to take care of our field of labor. I believed my first duty was to my wife, and I can and always will praise God that it fell to my lot to cheerfully give her that sacred attention which she so richly deserved.

In closing, I wish to state it is my intention to be with the Association, God being willing, at the next Quarterly Meeting of our Association.

Sincerely yours,

Eld. Edward Hilliar,

God bless you Bro. Hilliar. You have our sympathy and prayers—
The Editor.

Ft. Smith, Arkansas

The revival meeting held by Elders Ben Pixley and Tommie Robertson started Feb. 7th. There were seven conversions.

The meeting lasted eight nights, and I attended three nights. They had the privilege of hearing the old time gospel preached.

We have a F. W. Baptist church here of twenty-four members. This church was organized in 1931, and is one of the branches that Jesus was talking about in the fifteenth chapter of John. We claim to be one of the branches that it takes to constitute God's church that Jesus said He would build in Matt. 16:18. Eld. E. W. Simpkins is moderator.

Yours for our Master,

Eld. Arthur Joslin.

Rudy, Arkansas

A revival was held near Rudy, Arkansas, at Dist. 81, conducted by Elders Ben Pixley and Charley Graham. There were sixteen conversions. Some people say that old time religion is a thing of the past, but the reason we don't have more of it, is because the old time gospel is not preached more. (Rom. 1:16). A Free Will Baptist Church was orga-

nized with twenty-two members. I visited this community and preached once. The community was greatly revived. They also have a lively Sunday School. Moderator, Charley Graham.

Yours for our Master,

Eld. Arthur Joslin.

Picher, Oklahoma, Jan. 21, 1932

Dear Editor and Gem Family: I thought I would scratch a few lines to let you folks know that we are still in the land of the living, but not as thrifty as we should be. We are still maintaining our regular church services, preaching every Sunday and Sunday night. Prayer meeting every Thursday night, and Sunday school every Sunday morning at ten o'clock. Our worthy pastor is Eld. W. B. Tipton, and Sister Capran is our worthy superintendent.

The Fifth Sunday Meeting will meet with our church (the South Picher church) January 31st. We are looking for a red letter day. Come, every body and have a great pouring out of the Spirit. May we hear shouting in the camp once more, and may God pour out a great shower of blessings upon us poor campers.

Shine on our land, dear Jesus.

Shine with beams of heavenly grace,
Reveal thy power thru all our councils,

And to us show thy smiling face.

—T. E. L. Curry.

Another Victory in Jesus' Name

We are glad to report another victory in Jesus' name.

After closing the meeting at Jones Chapel, Feb. 5th, we began a meeting at Mountain Grove, Feb. 13th, and closed March 2nd. In spite of all the things that hindered, we had some wonderful services and seven souls were saved.

Eld. A. M. Walgamott lives near Mt. Grove and was a great help in the meeting, because of his great Christian influence and powerful prayers.

There are a number of good old time Christians in that community were faithful in the meeting.

Sickness and carelessness got in the community and hindered some, but our good Jones Chapel people and some of the Methodist people of Wanda and others, from different places, came to our rescue, helping wonderfully.

We just thank God for such people as those who have *Old-time-Religion*. Elds. Noel Turner and Cecil Campbell

Centralia, Okla.

Dear Gem Readers:—I will write a few lines about our Notch Mound Church.

We now have thirty-seven members, and a year ago we only had just a few. And our little church is coming to the front, for which we thank the Lord.

May God bless our Sunday School and prayer meeting, and may He help us to keep it going.

We ask the prayers of the Christian people that we may keep on faithful to the end.

Miss Beulah Ivie.

Still Growing

The church in Drumright is still growing in numbers, has increased 49 since last July. Prayer meeting is on Tuesday night at the church house, and on Thursday night cottage prayer meetings in different homes.

The prayer meetings are very well attended. Tuesday night some one counted more than one hundred in attendance. Many times souls are saved at the mid-week prayer meeting, and two joined the church last prayer meeting night, and several at other times at prayer meetings.

The Sunday School has grown in number from seventy-five or eighty to 125 or 130 regular attendance.

The young people have a splendid League organized. The first of the New Year, their attendance is above thirty.

The Home Mission has two active working circles which meet each week at the church house on Friday night in joint meeting.

We have one licensed minister, and three more waiting for conference night who feel the call. We ask you to pray for the entire number of us.

H. M. McAdams, pastor,
307 N. Ohio St., Drumright, Okla.

Flat River S. S. Report

To the Gem Readers, Greeting:—We take pleasure in making this

report of our Flat River Sunday School.

This report includes work done between Jan. 1, 1931 and Jan. 1, 1932.

We have a very interesting Sunday School with Bro. Willard Lackey as superintendent and Bro. Edward Sircum assistant. At this time we have fifteen classes, and expect to organize two more in the near future. Our record attendance is 378, the average attendance is approximately 250. All of our officers and teachers are members of our church.

In the year ending January 1, 1932 we received as follows:

Sunday school offering,	\$149.02
By special penny drill for building fund,	\$150.16
Other donations,	\$ 1.00
Birthday offerings,	\$ 24.81
Total	\$324.99

Expenditures

For Literature,	\$ 70.55
For Building Fund,	\$210.16
Miscellaneous,	\$ 35.16
For Flowers,	\$ 39.50

Our Sunday School is divided so that we have several classes in the basement. Each division has its own secretary, however all reports are made jointly.

Miss Naomi Lincoln, Secretary in the main auditorium,

Miss Henrietta Turnbaugh, Assistant Secretary.

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Green Forest, Arkansas

Dear Gem Readers:—I have never written to the Gem, but have been thinking for a long time I would.

As I sat here this afternoon, a story came to my mind that I once read.

There was a man by the name of Frank Sherman. He was born of Christian parents. On reaching manhood he became engrossed with the world, doing his best to banish from his mind thoughts of God, the Judgment, and eternity. After his marriage, he became greatly addicted to drinking and gambling.

Year by year he sank deeper into sin and degradation. His course of conduct so affected his wife's health that she died broken-hearted. Again and again he tried to turn over a new leaf, but the new one was soon as black as the old.

Unable to resist temptation, he left Baltimore and went to Kentucky, and determined to make a fresh start. But his resolutions were like pie-crust, made to be broken. As he reviewed the past and thought of his innumerable failures, he decided to leave Kentucky, and see if he could not do better in Denver, Colorado.

In the midst of his reflections, the wind blew a piece of paper close to the spot where he was sitting. On picking it up, he saw it was part of a tract with the Savior's gracious invitation: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). Many a time he had heard the Scripture quoted, but alas, he had never gone to Christ to obtain the inestimable gift. He revolved the blessed words in his mind. "No mere man spoke such words," he soliloquized, as he recalled the happy days of childhood, and as he thought of his mother's prayers and pleadings, of his Sunday School teacher's words of counsel and warning and his own folly and infatuation, he was overwhelmed with shame and confusion. He thought of the Lord's sufferings His crucifixion and death on Calvary. He saw that Christ had paid sin's penalty by his blood, and through coming to Him by faith he was a pardoned and saved sinner. What a merciful and wondrous deliverance! Frank Sherman by faith came to Christ and obtained rest of conscience and peace to his weary heart. And why not you? Why not now come to the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be able to sing truthfully,

"I came to Jesus as I was,

Weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting place
And He has made me glad."

Frank Sherman, on obtaining peace with God, immediately changed his plans, and instead of going to Denver he bought a ticket home. He received a most cordial welcome from his beloved mother and sister, who had been praying for his conversion for years. Great was the joy in the home over the returning prodigal.

I ask an interest in your prayers.
Beulah Hayhurst.

Van Buren, Ark.

Dear Gem Family:—Here I am again, after missing last month.

After reading the Gem, it has done me so much good that I just must say a few words for my Master. Paul said, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). I thank God for hearing the gospel through the Gem, and for hearing from some of our brothers and sisters that were lost from each other. Come on, brothers and sisters in Christ, and let us hear from you. The Gem is worth a great deal to me, and I am glad that God is just the same today as when He made man.

Yours for the Master,
Arthur Joslin.

Tulsa, Oklahoma, Febr. 3, 1932

Dear Gem Family: Just a word! We closed our revival Jan. 31st, with 32 conversions and 11 additions to our church.

We mean to keep the revival spirit with us. Our church continues to grow in spite of all opposition. I can't understand why our churches get to such a low ebb—"We have the doctrine," we say; if we have, let's produce it. Nothing can be productive unless an effort is made, then why should we stay in the background, when we have the truth? I believe in a progressive movement. The world at large is wanting to know more about this old time Salvation. People are dying out to sin over our way; and some say they never saw it on this fashion.

Come on preachers, let's move

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forward. I see where a couple of our progressive Free Willers almost took the town of Monett, Missouri—tore up things in general—Hurrah for such preachers! This is the vision our old ministers should have had twenty years ago; and we would have been farther advanced; but come on, boy preachers, we will know no defeat!

We are going to have to build a larger church here at Tulsa, we cannot accommodate our crowds; so we know God is leading.

Yours for progressiveness,
Eld. Melvin Bingham,
1023 N. St. Louis St., Tulsa, Okla.

Report of Revival at Jones Chapel

....The Lord is still on the giving hand, as was shown in our meeting at Jones Chapel. We began the meeting Jan. 13th and closed it February 5th.

We found that God's promise is true where He says: "Ask and it shall be given you" (Matt. 7:7). We came together and asked for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and for souls to be saved; and truly God heard and answered our prayers.

There were 33 souls saved, 11 joined the church and seven were baptized.

The Christian people were active from the first, every one seemed to be on the altar for God, which caused the unsaved to fall before the power of an Almighty God, and come through shouting praises to God.

One of those who came into the church was Eval Ward who a short time ago acknowledged his call to the ministry.

We are planning to begin a meeting at Mountain Grove, near Ritchey, Mo., Monday, Feb. 15th. Elders Noel Turner and

Cecil Campbell.

Report of Ark. Association Fifth Sunday Meeting, Held Jan. 28th.

The Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Arkansas Association of Free Will Baptist convened with Mulberry church, near Gravelly, Ark., in Scott county. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. C. C. Kitchens, pastor of the entertaining church. He put special emphasis on the word "Believeth."

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We assembled at 10 o'clock a. m. on Saturday to transact business. Our moderator being absent, Eld. Elmer Turner acted as moderator and proceeded to organize for transaction of business. Letters from the different churches were read and the delegates seated, then the following officers were elected:

Moderator, Eld. Elmer Turner.
Sec.-Treas., Bro. Robert King.
Committee on Divine service, Bro. Kilburn and Bro. J. L. King.

The eleven o'clock service was dispensed with and the time used for completing the organization.

The house was called to order at 2 p. m. for business.

The question was asked: "How might we make the fifth Sunday meetings of greater interest and more worthy of God's cause?" There were several heated discussions by the elders present. The question was then submitted to the Resolutions Committee, Bros. A. R. Brooks and Frank Kilburn, for final action. They submitted two resolutions on same, which were unanimously adopted by the body. Several other points of interest to the church were discussed and left open for consideration at our next session, and the business session adjourned at 5 o'clock.

The divine service at 7 p. m. was conducted by an Eld. of the Church of God. He set forth the great need of being obedient to God's commands.

A splendid Sunday school was conducted Sunday morning at 9:30 a. m., presided over by Mrs. Hunt, Superintendent. Each department seemed to be in excellent working order.

The 11 o'clock service was conducted by Eld. Elmer Turner. He used for a text: "Go and utterly destroy all." He set forth the necessity of being holy or perfect in the Christian life. Following the sermon the Resolutions Committee read a resolution of thanks and we took the parting hand, hoping and praying that, if it be the Lord's will, we might be permitted to meet again at our next fifth Sunday meeting, which will convene with the Social Chappell church, north of Plainview.

Eld. Elmer Turner, Mod.
Robert King, Sec.-Treas.

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FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

Jones Chapel League Report

I have been wondering if there will be as many League reports in the March issue of the Gem as there were in the February issue. It certainly looks good to see the reports from the different leagues and to know that the young people are interested in Christ's work. We can highly recommend our League for the training of young people for a better and nobler life.

We have had one new member since our last report, making us thirty-seven Seniors. We have an average attendance of thirty. The number of Juniors is still increasing, there being twenty enrolled now. They have very good attendance and are faithful to their new sponsor, Hope Eaton.

Our league is good, yet there is room for improvement. We desire an interest in your prayers, that we may grow stronger in the cause.—Otha Campbell.

Report of Monett League

Glad to report we are improving in our league work. We organized January 17th with a membership of 39. We have some new members and are getting started nicely. We have met each Sunday evening with good attendance and good interest, each one willing to do their best.

We ask the prayers of all, that our league will continue to grow and do a great work for the Lord.

Frances Weston, Reporter.

Report of Monett Junior League (For the month of February)

The Junior League meets each Sunday evening and do their part in rendering their lesson well.

We began with 14 members, now we have 20, present at each service.

Your sister in Christ,
Junior Sponsor.

Vance Chapel League Report

Yale, Okla., Feb. 15th

Dear Gem Readers: Last month we reported on our Free Will Baptist Mission; this month we shall endeavor to show you some of the work our Free Will Baptist league

is doing. We have about 38 regular members and meet every Sunday evening at 6:45 to 7:30. We always have some visitors that do not get to be at every meeting.

Our sponsor, Rev. Tate Kirby, appointed a leader then that leader, in turn, appointed another, and so on until about eight members have led. We are doing this to get the students interested. With them all working together in this form we seem to be reaching more points in the lessons than we did before. And besides that it prepares the young folks to get up and talk, and to go ahead and do their bit for their Lord when they are called upon. It seems to have brought a larger number to Sunday school for the last four or five Sundays; we have had the honor of being the banner class.

About the 27th of January the Vance Chapel church went to visit the Nazarine prayer meeting at Hominy. The young people were well represented, with about twenty-five young people. We all received a great blessing, and the meeting continued until 11:30 o'clock; so you know we were all wonderfully blessed.

Friends, I cannot possibly tell you how happy I am. I was saved Sunday night, February 14th, and not only that, but eight other young people went to the altar and prayed through—we had a wonderful time. I think most every one there shouted all over the church house. The young people's classes are certainly going to have some live wires from now on, and I intend to be one of the liveliest. Watch our spirit grow, you shall hear more about us in the future. And pray for us, that we may always be found faithful. Joel 2:28—"And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions."

Midge Schuler, Reporter
Burdette Rider, Ass't Reporter

Report of Blue Eye League

Having failed to get a report in last month, will try this month.

This finds our league still progressing in work and interest, although we have not increased in number, we are still thankful for

our league and its influence.

We, as a league, find it hard to keep up interest in our work, especially among those who are not in our league, including our older people, but Sunday night one of our group captains presented a lesson on Missionary work. The program began with the quiz, afterwards the group captain took charge. Five very interesting parts were rendered concerning Missions and Missionary work. This was followed by a short Missionary play, entitled, "The Girl Who Went to India." This short play had a great motive concerning self-sacrifice for our Master. Then closing our program we had a duet, "Go and Tell."

We felt that the program was a success, as it was somewhat different from our usual program, a crowd large enough to fill the house was present. When we have a good crowd at league it makes us feel that some one else is interested in our young people's organization, which encourages us and helps us to take more interest in our work; and try to do more for our Lord and Master who did so much for us.

Alta Rose Goodwin.

Report of Merl's Chapel League

We are glad to report for our Merl's Chapel league, as we visited them Feb. 28th, and sure found them on the job for the Lord.

How encouraging it is to see the young folks studying the word of God! we know what they shall gain by it. The roll call was answered by every member present with a verse of Scripture and most of them gave chapter and verse.

The topics were all given instead of being read, which adds greatly to the program, as well as the preparation helps the member as much and is more interesting to those who listen. League officers, encourage your leagues all you possibly can in lesson study and attendance.

We are proud of these young folks and pray they will continue in this wonderful work with the same earnestness. All leagues are invited to visit them, and we hope the leagues will have a League rally with these young folks in the near future.

Pray for us, and please send in your reports early.

Johnnie Swaffar.

Sulphur, Oklahoma, Feb. 8, 1932.

I notice on the Feb. issue of the Gem a blue pencil mark, stating this is your last copy, and I am disposed to dispute it by enclosing \$1.00 to renew my subscription to our church organ, for it is through this medium that we are informed about the progress of the Master's cause and what our churches are doing in the Lord's vineyard. Financial matters are in a deplorable condition, but if the members of our churches (or should I say the Free Will Baptist churches of Christ) fail to support the "Gem" they have failed to do their duty.

It is my candid opinion that we have the truth based upon the plain declaration of God's word. If so, we should stand for it at all times and under all conditions.

I am opposed to our deacons permitting preachers of other religious sects to occupy the pulpits of our churches, who do not indorse the doctrines we maintain to be based on the plain teaching of the Bible. If what they present is true, then what we believe is not true. How can two walk together except they be agreed?

I have known preachers of other religious sects, allowed to teach their peculiar views, on the "two seed" doctrine, and the "impossibility of a Christian being lost." Some claim that they believe in washing the saints' feet, and when that holy rite is being performed, just as Jesus instituted it, they sit back in the congregation after an effort at preaching, and refuse to even partake of the emblems in the Lord's Supper, much less to humble themselves in washing the members' feet. If feet washing is not scriptural, neither is baptism scriptural, for we are told in plain words, that all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and if one part of the New Testament is accepted as inspired, by what authority or on what ground have we any right to reject any part of the Bible that does not suit our peculiar views? If I am not right in my position, I would be pleased to be shown the error of my views.

Eld. W. G. Merritt.

Blue Eye, Missouri, Feb. 11, 1932.

Dear Gem Readers: I will attempt to write a few words to the

Gem family tonight, although it is my first time to write.

I am a member of the Free Will Baptist church here at Blue Eye, and am a member of the league, and I sure enjoy the work.

Eld. Winford Davis is our faithful pastor. He hasn't held a revival here this fall or winter, but we expect one soon.

I am twelve years old and have been a Christian for three years. I was converted in a meeting conducted by Elders Winford Davis and O. T. Allred.

I wonder if we will be like the wise, or the foolish virgins on the Judgment day. Let us, as Christians, keep our lamps all trimmed and burning bright. "And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him" (Mt. 25:6)

In my mind the bridegroom is Jesus Christ. Christian friends, are we going to go out and meet Him, or are we going to be like the foolish virgins, call on the wise people for oil to go in our lamps? I'm afraid the ones that haven't any oil in their lamps will not get to enjoy the shouting and all the enjoyment of heaven.

Pray for me, that I may be some help to others.

—Willis Johnson.

Miami, Oklahoma, Feb. 22, 1932.

Dear Gem Readers: Again I will report through the paper.

Father and I are still in the Gospel work, trying our best to advance the cause of Christ.

We just closed a three weeks' meeting at a school house, about fifteen miles northwest of Miami. The meeting began the 5th of Jan. and closed Jan. 26th. There were only eight professions and three baptized. I just believe they are going to do a great work for God. The Fairview F. W. B. church was good in attending the services, which added much help to the meeting. There were others also who gave a helping hand. Space will not permit me to name them all, but I'll just say, "May God bless them all."

I will say to my Free Will Baptist brothers and sisters: "Let's keep on keeping on." I believe we are gaining ground.

May God bless us all.

—Eld. Elda Crain.

Final Report of Monett Meeting, and of the Macedonia Meeting

I want to give the final results of some of the meetings in this part. The Monett revival ended after a ten weeks' effort. 93 were saved and the new church now has nearly 70 members. The church, with all of its auxiliary branches is moving along splendidly, with Bro. O. T. Allred as pastor. They have a nice large church building in which to worship. We are thanking the Lord for the start He has given the Free Will Baptist in Monett. Monett is a very prosperous town of about 6,000.

We also had a splendid three weeks' revival at Macedonia, conducted by Bro. O'Donnell of Denison, Texas. He was with us all except the last four nights, which I held after he left to return home. Thirteen were saved and some added to the church. Bro. O'Donnell did some wonderful preaching, and the church was greatly benefited, in many ways. His brother came with him, also Eld. W. E. Dearmore of Wanette, Okla. They also proved a blessing throughout the meeting. Their visit and activities in our community was very pleasant and beneficial.

May the Lord bless every member of the Gem family, is our prayer.

I am so glad to hear of other good revivals in other fields.

—Winford Davis.

An Appeal for Information

Dear Brother Preachers, deacons, and every one concerned:

At the last session of the Co-operative Association, which met last November, Eld. W. E. Dearmore of Wanette, Okla., Eld. H. M. McAdams of Drumright, Okla., and myself were elected to represent at the General Conference, which meets in Bryan, Texas next June. This General Conference is the original U. S. Conference of Free Will Baptist. It is usually active in the eastern country, in the Carolinas and southward, but for this year is coming to Texas.

Now the General Conference and the Co-operative Association are the two main bodies of the F. W. B. of the United States.

We are informed that at this coming session which meets in (Continued on page 15)

WATCH*By Mrs. Lina Claxton*

Dear Editor and Wife, and Gem Readers: You all may get tired of me, coming so often, but just bear with me, as I am growing old so fast, and perhaps will not have this opportunity so very long.

Well, I think WATCH is one among the most important words I find in the Bible. I am very ignorant and just can't understand this Book as I would like to, but this subject is so plain.

Matthew says in 24:42, "Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." Mark 13:33—"Take heed, watch and pray; for ye know not when the time is." Read verses 34-36. "Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching" (Luke 12:37). "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong" (1 Cor. 16:13). "Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober" (1 Thes. 5:6). This was Paul writing to the brethren. He knew what would be the drunkard's doom, and says in 2 Tim. 4:5, "But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."

Peter says, 1 Peter 4:7, "But the end of all things is at hand; be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer." If all church members would do this, they would be found sober (God help them). The Psalmist David said, Ps. 141:3-4, "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips. Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity; and let me not eat their dainties." "Watch therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." "Blessed is that servant whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing." "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation, the Spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockerowing, or in the morning; lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping, and what I say unto you I say unto all, WATCH" Mark 13:35-37).

"If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a

thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." This is the language of John the Revelator: "He that overcometh the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels." How can we do this? How can we overcome? By watching, praying, and keeping His commandments. This Book is a wonderful Book, if only we would read it and watch ourselves, where we go and not go to those worldly amusements. I think it a shame for a church member to play cards; you never did find Jesus and His disciples engaged in anything but doing good.

Let us think for a moment on what the apostle James says: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, (this seems like it would be easy to do) and to keep himself unspotted from the world." We cannot do this and go to those places (Watch).

Let us reason together. Suppose you were an unsaved man or woman, and you thought death was near and you felt condemnation; for sometimes it seems to take this to bring folks to repentance. Well we are in earnest now, and want some body to come and pray, for this Book says the prayer of a righteous man availeth much, and I want help. We have heard of such things and known it to be so. My father was sent for one time at two o'clock in the night to go pray for a man. Where did they find my father? At home and asleep in bed. Did you ever hear of any one sending to the show? to the dance? to the card party? No, the poor man knew these claimed to be Christians, but he says, "No use to send for any of them, I have known them to do things I wouldn't do." So I plead with you, young and old, watch! Don't go to anything of this kind, keep yourself unspotted from the world, keep off the devil's territory, and be useful in the vineyard of the Lord. Perhaps you might have the opportunity of doing things like this, but be instrumental in the hands of the Lord Jesus to the saving of souls, adding stars to your crown. Oh, how I would love to be a soul winner! If only

I could think I had been the cause of one turning from sin, I would give God the glory, for putting this one word in the Bible, **Watch!**

I have spoken of just a few "watches" in the Bible. Let us watch for the time appointed to have prayer meeting, watch for preaching day, watch to have our part of the money to give to our pastor, watch for the time to renew your sub. to the Gem, don't wait till the editor sends your paper with a cross mark.

Well it is watch all the time, and I have stayed too long again. I suppose you are all wishing I would watch and not stay so long. If you get there before we do, watch out for us; we are coming too, my companion and myself have been watching a long time.

Pray for us, that we may continue to watch. Love to all.
Hartville, Missouri, Jan. 24, 1932.

PROHIBITION*By Eld. C. A. Phillips*

Dear Bro. Brown and Readers of the Gem:: There is so much said and written on the liquor question, and so many leaders are seeking to put men in office, as heads of our nation, and of our law making bodies, that it makes one feel that the church ought to rise up and take a stand in the matter, and be heard and felt with their votes. We often hear young men say, and older ones too, and even women, that we ought to go back to the open saloon. You hear the wets saying that there is more liquor sold and drank now than ever before.

Experience tells me it is one of the biggest lies the devil ever led men to tell. The writer spent between twelve and fifteen years, in the days of the open saloon, with his feet a great deal of the time on the bar-rail and his elbows on the bar; and he feels that he can speak from experience. He gives thanks to God that where, in the old days of the open saloon, he saw drunk men by the score on the streets of the small mining town in which he lived and also at our county seat, but he rarely sees one any more, and one is one too many.

It has been said that a man drunk with whisky is drunk, whether the liquor was purchased at a grocery store, a government

dispensary, a saloon, a blind pig, or of a bootlegger. He is drunk, no matter where he secured the liquor. He is drunk, no matter how the liquor was obtained. It may have been secured under a system of Federal control, State control, or county option, or from his own still; he suffers the same alcoholic diseases, his family the same distressing conditions, and society pays the bills; and men and women of the church of the living God are largely to blame.

Back of everything worth while in life is the church. I wonder how the church will vote in this year of our Lord 1932, also 1933, and so on; will we cast our vote on the side of God and right, or will we say we know God, and then cast our vote for rum? The condition and situation of the future generations depend largely upon this issue; and the church can and must make a united stand in the matter.

Why do a few politicians that believe there is a political power to be gained in advocating light wines and beer, backed up by a few millionaires and the brewers who want the business, keep crying to the public, that we need a change? The answer is very simple and it is just this, that thousands upon thousands of so called Christians and church going people are dry only until election time, and then, at the polls, they vote a wet ticket.

We resolve and print in our minutes, that we stand firm for the Eighteenth Amendment, and then stop: this does not help much. A vote against whisky counts every time. A dozen votes against whisky will out weigh a ton of prayer with no action behind it. If the church continues to sleep on the job, and we ever have legalized liquor and dram shop license again we'll not need to worry about our future; we won't have any to be proud of outside our hope in Christ.

In conclusion let us, as God loving men and women, vote this wet question out of existence. If either old party has wet ideas, vote for the other party. If all the old political parties are wet, we must use the power of the church to force the issue dry.

Wife and I have resolved that no political party can elect a wet to fill any office with our consent.

Stahl, Missouri, Jan. 25, 1932.

The Roads of Life and The Ways of Life

By Orla Hadley

Christ said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).

Our Protestant Church is built on the Rock, the belief that He was the Christ the Son of the living God; and we have a rock road we can travel: it is a road of love and unselfishness.

At times the road may be rough and the sharp jagged stones of service and perseverance may bruise us, but we have the light of the world, which is Jesus, to light the way; and we have filling stations too, where we can stop and get a filling up of the Holy Spirit and old time religion to carry us through.

There are troubles and heartaches too, but the way leads on to higher ground and into the sunshine where, at the sunset of life, we may look back over the road we have come, with naught but joy and peace in our hearts.

And if we choose the other road, it is an earth road and may be smoother: the going fast and easy at times, and shadows may lie inviting cool across the road; and sparkling springs may invite us, when we are thirsty, to linger by the way. But if we travel this road very far we will find mud and slime of idleness, selfishness, and irresponsibility along the roadway; and the way leads down to lower ground, into the shadows where, at the sunset of life, we may look back, with naught but pain and remorse in our hearts.

Some people think money is the thing in life, and some think pleasure is all, but **just what we are**, and the help we can be to others while we are in this world, is what does count. "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope" (Job 7:6). Are our days spent without hope? Life is like a weaver's shuttle, and we would rather always weave in bright colors, but when it comes to those black ones we must weave them too. I said to a woman: "These days the young people, so many of them, weave in scarlet colors," and she came at me with, "How do you know?" and I told her that there were too many signs along the earth roads. Yes, too many signs along highways and byways, but I haven't seen

any along the rock road, for there is too much light there.—The light of the world is Jesus. I think the church, or community, should be like a hive of little bees. When a swarm of bees goes into a hive they all go to work for one common cause. They have the moths to contend with, but if they are strong in number they can keep them out. They have to fight robber bees too, but they can keep them out if they are a strong hive of bees. And they raise too many drone bees (non-workers, people that won't work, but live on other people's work), but they can drive them out. And the last and worst they have to fight is a foul brood. The trouble with the world today is, we have too foul a brood, and if this brood is so foul, what will the next one be? Brothers, Sisters, **Wake up!** and let us do all we can to stop this disease we have in this present brood.
Haston, Missouri.

The Heart of Man

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thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." We might believe in the resurrection of Christ because we heard about it or read about it, but to be saved we must believe it in the heart. To be saved we must know Christ and not merely know about Him.

Then in Acts 8th chapter we find that Peter and John told Simon the Sorcerer to repent, "that the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee." Does not this hold out that even our thoughts are connected very closely with the heart? In Prov. 23:26 God says, "Son give me thine heart." Why did not God ask for some other part of the human body? Because He knows when He gets the heart, He gets the man, the inner man, the outer man, the whole man, with his life, his affections, his desires, his thoughts. Every desire of man is from the heart, either good or evil, and when God gets hold of the evil heart He removes the desire, which is the cause, and a removal of the cause is always a perfect cure for the disease. It is with the heart that we love, appreciate, and enjoy. Jesus wants your heart, will you let Him have it?

Winford Davis.

OBITUARY

Swift—Walter Swift was born September 23, 1912, died February 5, 1932.

He was a member of the Free Will Baptist church at Pleasant Grove, Charleston, Arkansas. He professed a hope in Christ at the age of sixteen, and proved a faithful Christian until death.

He seemed to be rejoicing in God all through his sickness. He sang, "I am on the Glory Road, Going Home," and repeated a number of Scripture verses he had learned from the Book of books. He told his father he was going to his happy home, to that city so bright and fair. He died as he had lived, a Christian.

—Sister J. A. Bradley.

DEDICATED TO LOVED ONES

LEFT BEHIND

Our neighbor boy has gone to rest,
The loving Savior used him best;
Let's meet dear Walter on that shore
Whose trials here will be no more.

He left his testimony strong,
That he was going to that home.
Friends, we must do our very best
To meet our loved one now at rest.

His chair is vacant now at home,
He will the woods no longer roam,
But he is singing now at Home,
With my dear brother that's gone on

His mother prayed for God to do
His will, not hers, but keep her
through

To raise her darling loved ones right,
He'd left her here to meet that light

Now Walter walks those golden streets—
His friends must live so true and
sweet,

To gain a crown like he has won;
They too, will then outshine the sun.

We pray our Lord to bless this home
And if in sin no longer roam,
But stem the flood to meet their son,
As an angel now, he lived and won.

Weep not for them that die in the
Lord, but rather for them that die
without hope.

"Rejoice, again I say, Rejoice."

Written by Willie Brown.

Garner—Marian Garner, little daughter of Herman and Violet Garner, was born February 9, 1932, living only eleven hours. Her life was short, but made a great space in history.

Funeral services were conducted by Elders Cecil Campbell and Noel Turner.

Tompson—Geo. Virgil Tompson, son of Eld. Chas. W. and Sister Ella Tompson, was born November 4, 1906, and departed this life January 25, 1932, at the age of 25 years, two months and twenty-one days.

He was married to Miss Adeline Valentine December 25, 1929. To this union one son, Virgil Ivan, was born January 7, 1932.

He is survived by his parents, Eld. Chas. W. and Sister Ella Tompson, his wife, Sister Adeline Tompson, son Virgil Ivan, two sisters, Iva Pearl Tompson and Sister Eula McLaughlin, three brothers, Carl, Oral and Orville Lee, all of Tulsa, and a host of relatives and friends.

Virgil, who was loved by all who knew him, has always been a devoted son, obedient to father's and mother's advice, and for months knew his time must soon come to leave this world, but he told his loved ones not to weep for him, that he would soon be at rest. While we all mourn his loss, we trust our loss is heaven's gain.

Funeral services were at the First Free Will Baptist church of Tulsa, with Elders Melvin Birmingham and Fred Jones officiating.

Manis—George Begley Manis, eldest son of Abijah and Hannah Manis, was born March 3, 1861, and departed this life February 8, 1932, being the last surviving member of a large family. At the time of his death he was 70 years, eleven months and five days old. The cause of his death was complications, with leakage of the heart. He was patient and seemed consenting to fall asleep with his forefathers.

When a small child he, with his parents, moved to Tennessee, and later to Texas. He came to Missouri at the age of twenty-one and was married to Jessie I. Dakin when twenty-three. To this union was born five children. His first wife and three children preceded him in death: His wife in 1896, his son, Leslie, July 18, 1902, a daughter, July 20, 1905, and a son, Bert, Jan. 17, 1906. One daughter, Mrs. Mamie Wilkerson, and one son, Kyle Manis still survive to mourn his passing.

In 1905 he again married, to Prudence Reamer, and one child was born to them, Mrs. Ethel King who, with her husband and family, lived with Bro. and Sister Manis. These all will miss his fatherly companionship and his loving presence.

He leaves eight grandchildren and one great grandchild, besides other relatives, friends and neighbors to sorrow because of his death.

For about twenty-three years he had been an active member of the Free Will Baptist church near Neola, Missouri. He served as a deacon and was always ready to do his part toward the cause of Christ. He will be greatly missed in all the activities of the church. He was ready to do his part and always delighted to help and entertain the ministers which came his way. His last testimony was, that he believed in a heartfelt religion, and if we did not believe this, was to deny the power of God over human lives.

Eld. W. H. York, his pastor, conducted the funeral service at the Christian church in Greenfield, using as a lesson, 2 Cor. 5th chapter, and the first verse as a text.

Interment was made in King's Point cemetery, six miles south of Lockport, Missouri.

God bless the loved ones who remain to look forward with anxious hopes to meet Bro. Manis in Heaven. Amen.

To Let You Know:

That we are a little late with the Gem this time, because the editor had to take time to have the flu.

That we are glad because things are as well with us as they are: we have plenty to eat, and we are blessed with an appetite. We are glad to tell you that we still know God's blessings and still trusting Him for more.

That we have lots of manuscript for the paper, and have several articles left over for next issue. Thank you who sent in manuscript for the paper, just keep it coming; we may have to enlarge the paper to take care of it, but we will be glad to do it. We will soon have the minutes all out now and will have more time to devote to the paper, and will need more M. S.

That we are glad for the number who are taking advantage of the cut price of the Gem; we only wish many more would send in subscriptions.

An Appeal for Information

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June, there will be an effort made to form a union between the two bodies. Now what we, as representatives, want to know, is your desire in this matter. We don't want to go down there uninstructed, in a haphazard, uncertain way. We want to go with something definite on our minds.

Now, will you write to either of the three mentioned, or to the Gem, or to both, and let us know what you think about it?

Do you think the East and the West should go together? If so, on what terms? Should we join them? Should they join us? Or should the two bodies be maintained separately and come together in a meeting ever so often?

If we are to go to represent YOU, then we want to know what YOU want.

Brethren, do not fail us; we actually want to know. We want a general understanding of what our people want concerning this very important matter.

—Eld. Winford Davis.

Should the East and West come Together?

You will see elsewhere in this issue an appeal for information relative to this important subject.

I am unprepared to write intelligently on this subject, because of having been in the work for such a short time. I know but very little of our brethren in the East; but I am glad to know that they are coming to the western country with their next Conference meeting.

Of course we all know there should be unity, harmony, and co-operation among the Free Will Baptist of the United States. I have wished many times that we had a National organization, so broad in its field of activity, so united in its purpose, so fundamental in its standard, so pure in its practice, and so well compacted together as would embrace in this nation of ours. We all every individual F. W. B. church know what it takes to make strength. The secret to our lack of bearing upon the American public lies in the fact that we have not stood together as we should. We let technical matters of lesser importance get between us: we let small things cause us to neg-

lect weightier matters. However we may never get entirely together on all technical points, but we are surely together on the great fundamental doctrines of the Free Will Baptist church which is founded upon Holy Writ.

If there should be some points on which we are not exactly together, remember we will never be any closer by continuing to stay apart. And because we might fail to see alike on every small matter need not keep us from co-operating in a general way.

I would like to see a closer getting together among the F. W. B., but as to just how to bring that about, I couldn't say that I have thought it out to my satisfaction.

As Texas is set as the stage upon which there is hope of performing the act, I pray that something agreeable and beneficial will be accomplished there next June.

—Winford Davis.

Greentop, Missouri, Feb. 22, 1932

To the Gem Family, which are scattered abroad, Greetings:

We have been enjoying reading the Gem, glad to hear the reports of victories won by our many brethren. We have thought for some time that we would send in a report of our work here in Northeast Missouri.

I am pastoring four churches here. Have held meetings with each of them. I preached two weeks at Green Grove church, with no conversions; three weeks' meeting at Stahl church with eleven conversions, nine additions to the church, six baptized. At New Harmony church we tried to have meeting for six weeks, but it rained and snowed until the roads were almost impassable for cars most of the time—had four conversions and the church revived in general. At Hazel Creek Union church we had a three weeks' meeting. Here the Lord wonderfully poured out His Spirit on us, and fifty-three souls were saved, nine added to the church, and thirty-one baptized, and some more to be baptized in the near future. On the second Monday night of the meeting twenty-four were saved. A father about forty-five years of age led the way. They came from all parts of the house and fell at the altar and prayed through to victory. Praise our God, we give Him the glory

and praise for it all.

Wife and I have enjoyed our work and stay thus far in this field of labor; we have many good folks to work with. And we often think of the many friends we have worked with in the Ozarks. May the Lord bless them all.

We attended the Northeast Mo. Association here in September. In October we were permitted to attend our first State Association, which we enjoyed very much; and God was there to bless, and we saw many rejoicing in the Savior's love. We had a real spiritual feast at both Associations.

We are starting another revival effort at New Harmony church tonight. We earnestly covet the prayers of God's children, that we may be obedient to Him and be able to feed the flock of God, wherein we are called.

May the Lord bless the entire Gem family. —Eld. S. H. Marcum.

HARTVILLE, MISSOURI
Pleasant Hill Church

Dear Gem Readers: I have been reading the Gem, and sure enjoy it. I don't take it myself, but I have a good uncle that does, his name is Bill Pryor. He sure is a good uncle.

I'm just thinking tonight about the poor sinner that is out on the mountains of sin. I don't see why they don't come down and bow the knee to God.

Eld. W. H. York is our pastor. He sure is a good servant of the Lord.

I was eleven years old when I found the Lord, that was four years ago, and I am not tired of serving Him yet, but just enjoy it.

I go to school at Pleasant Hill. My teacher is Miss Oleva Hickman. She sure is a good teacher. May God bless her. I don't see what the people mean, and wonder what they think is going to become of them, for we all know the day of His coming draweth nigh.

Here on earth we are in a warfare; one side is for the Lord, the other is the devil's side; and if we Christian people don't get down and work for the Lord more, the other side is going to win, but I just pray that it won't. Oh, you Christian people, we want our side to win, because it is right. I just keep on praying for our side to win.

Faye Savage.

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NOTICE

Am desirous of corresponding with Sunday School Convention Secretaries relative to the work of all such organizations that may exist among the Free Will Baptist of the United States. This is of interest to the welfare of the General Conference of the Free Will Baptist denomination. Would appreciate all the information available concerning your Sunday school work, especially the size of convention in schools and members, the aims and activities of the organization. If no such organization exists in your association, will appreciate the co-operation of the association secretary or moderator.

Address all information to
T. B. Mellette, Hilton, Ga.

CHECOTAH, OKLAHOMA

To the Free Will Baptist Gem: It has been quite awhile since I have written to the F. W. B. paper. Some one in the last issue got right after us preachers for not reporting our work; so I guess I had better make a report. I have never reported much of my work, as I had rather let the other fellow do that, however I think it good to have reports from ministers and other Christian workers; by so doing we can hear from our people over the different states.

My work for the last three years has been in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Arkansas is my home state and I have done more work in that state than in the others.

On the 9th of last April we moved to Gravelly, Ark., where we had a fine bunch of Free Will Baptist to work with. We made our home there until Nov. 16th, and on account of school and getting to a healthy country, we moved to Checotah, Oklahoma, where we now live.

I turned my work at Gravelly to Eld. C. C. Kitchens, a good man and a real preacher.

I have other work in Arkansas: in the central and in the south-east part of the state. So one half of my time is devoted to Ark and the other half to Oklahoma, and will do work in other states in the summer.

To let the Gem family know of our churches and where they are located, I give the following:

I preach at Pleasant Hill on Saturday night before the fourth Sunday in each month, also Sunday at 11 o'clock. This is near Dover, Ark. This is a new church, just organized the past summer. They sure are loyal to the cause. When the men thought they were going to fall down on the finance, the ladies said, "We will organize an aid," and so they did, and we haven't missed an appointment.

Next I go to Harmony church, near Russellville, Ark. There I meet a loyal bunch of Free Will Baptist who love God and His cause. Next I go to Maple Springs church, ten miles northeast of Russellville, Ark. Here I meet another loyal bunch of Free Will Baptist. I have been working with them for the last five years. This church is noted for their splendid singing.

Next I go to Vilonia, Arkansas, where I meet real Christian folks. This is in Forkner, Arkansas, out on the highway, in a nice pretty country.

Next I go to Bebee, White, Co., to New Hope church, there I meet some real folks, a small church, but loyal to the cause. From there I go to southeast Arkansas, where I meet one of the largest churches in the state of Ark. We have in this church 233 members. I have been holding meetings for these people for four years, and have been their pastor going on three years. After meeting with these people Saturday night, Sunday at 11 o'clock and Sunday night, I return home to wife and children at Checotah, Oklahoma.

I can't say much of my work in Oklahoma at this time, as I have been here only a short time, but can say that Oklahoma has lots of Free Will Baptist and I think they are fine people.

We, as Free Will Baptist, ought to be glad of our editor, Eld. B. F. Brown, for the splendid work he is doing. It does look like all Free Will Baptist would take the Gem.—Eld. Thomas H. Dixon.