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Things That Keep us From God

By Miss Linnie McCoy

There are many things that keep us from God. The proverb tells us: "There are six things which Jehovah hateth." There are doubtless many others. Some of the things that tempt us in these times might well be noticed. We are slow in confessing our sins. We cover and excuse and make allowance for the wrong things we do. We need honesty with ourselves, honesty with our fellowman and honesty with our God. "Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another." "If I regard iniquity in my heart Jehovah will not hear me." We should be on our guard against excusing our sins or apologizing for them.

The hurry of life is a real menace. Many are in real danger of being hurried out of their spiritual life. We scarcely have time to think. The hurry and bustle of life will prevent fellowship with God unless we jealously guard our times of meditation. An old hymn runs, "Take time to be holy." It takes time to be holy. Men need time for meditation and prayer. Meditation kindles thought, and thought kindles love. Definite seasons should be set apart for thought and fellowship with Christ and for the cultivation of our spiritual nature.

Irregular spiritual nourishment is another menace. We read God's Word at intervals; we pray occasionally; we attend services at God's house spasmodically. Spiritual nourishment should be sought at stated times. We need communion with God as much as we need our daily bread. There is power to hold us and make us strong in a regular Christian diet.

The attractions of the world are dangerous. This is a beautiful world, and God wants us to be happy in it, but while we are in the world too many have the world in them. Our warning is, that while we are in the world, we are not to be of it. The boat is in the water, but when the water is in the boat there is danger. When we

are filled with money getting and pleasure-loving our spiritual life is submerged. We must be on our guard against reserving the best of our time and talents for self. Selfishness keeps us from God.

Be careful about grieving the Holy Spirit. He comes to us again and again and we do not receive Him. He points out a duty and we do not do it. He calls us to a higher life and we do not try to climb. We turn Him aside. We drown His voice in the confusion of earthly things. We are heedless of His love and of His call.

Beware of disobedience. This drives us from God. "Thy sins have separated between you and God." This is always one result of sin. Sinful meditation, sinful thoughts, sinful deeds—these build barriers between us and our Father. Let us guard against the things that separate from God, and hold fast the things that keep us near Him. Draw us nearer blessed Lord. Phillipsburg, Missouri, R2.

Imitators of God

By Elizabeth Garner

"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour" (Ephesians 5:1, 2).

The above Scripture says, "Be ye therefore followers of God." We are also imitators of God, as He is our model or example. Here the apostle Paul is asking in his letter to the Ephesians that they be imitators of God. One who is a Christian must be a follower of God, or Christ-like. When we speak of an imitator we mean one who copies or follows a model or example.

So what other can a Christian be than an imitator of God? What is more natural than that the children should imitate their parents? We often notice that the highest ambition of a little child is to act like its papa or mamma. This is what God would have us to do, "as beloved children,"

imitate our Father.

It can not be other than a helpful habit for each of us in our daily conduct to ask, Is this God-like? Is it such an act as God will approve? Here is a rule of life that every one who knows Christ can carry about with him and apply to every issue that comes before him. The Apostle would have us to be "imitators of God" in one vital particular, that we "walk in love." This walking in love means that our whole course of life in reference to each other, to the world at large, and to God, is to be in love. How else can we be "imitators of God?" for God is love. We are to "walk in love," even as Christ also loved us and gave Himself for us.

Christ's love for the world was exhibited when He gave Himself, and this exhibition indicates the proper measure of intensity of our love.

How often do the apostles summon us to the cross, so that we may contemplate its suffering victim, offering Himself as a sacrifice to God in our behalf, in order that we may catch the spirit of His life, and walk in His footsteps! If we think seriously we will see that it is a divine call to be imitators of God.

How many people there are who are content to be imitators of men of the world, who seeks the world's honors, its riches, its pleasures, and who live for self, not for God!

Many of us, too, are prone to excuse ourselves for our imperfect type of Christian life, by the infirmities of the flesh, or by our unfavorable environment! But we can overcome all these things by a determination and the help of God's love and grace.

Let us think of how God would do if He were in our place. We see how He would ignore honors and the riches of the world, resist temptation, turn away everything that defiles the soul. He would think of the welfare and happiness of others, and what patience He would exercise! All of these many things and many others we see in the life of Christ. He then is the only

infallible standard of Christian living.

After thinking of His love and sacrifice for us, we should resolve, that in His strength, which He gives, we will strive to be more like Him in love to God and in all service to our fellowmen. Only in so doing will we be able to walk worthy of the high vocation wherewith we are called. Stella, Missouri.

THERE'S NO GREATER LOVE

By P. H. Coffman, Denison, Tex.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Love is the source of all heavenly blessings: if we love not our brother, we have no assurance that we have passed from death unto eternal life. We may be of high standing in this life, as the world measures it, but let us ask ourselves the question: "Have I really been born from above?"

Are we heirs to the throne and a brother to Christ our Redeemer? We may be a leader in society, we may stand high politically, or in the eyes of the public; we may be educated to the limit, and we may possess a great deal of this world's goods, and we may have faith to remove mountains; we may give all our goods to feed and clothe the poor, and our bodies to be burned and have not love; it would profit us nothing.

Love will cause us to speak kindly to all we come in contact with, even those that talk about us, and we can pray for our enemies and will help those that are in need. We will visit the sick and administer unto them. The love of God shed abroad in our hearts will make us to be a Christ-like people; and we will do all we can, that the church may prosper. Love for our fellow man and love for God will make us love to go to church.

There is one thing that I cannot understand: that people say they are Christians, and they will not attend the Sunday school nor church. We are always trying to make some kind of excuse. God pity the man or woman that claims to be a Christian and is always trying to find an excuse to stay at home or go somewhere else, rather than go to church on Sunday. "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

My mind goes back into the early history, where I see man in his early existence. I see him perfect and in close touch with God, and living a

happy life, but as time rolls on, I see sin as it enters, and I see as it were a dark cloud hovering down over them and fear coming upon them, and one day when God came to visit them they ran away and tried to hide from him. But I want to say to you, my brother, God will find you, for one hath said, "If I could take the wings of an eagle and fly to the depth of the sea, God is there: and to the uttermost parts of the earth, God is there;" so you see that there is no chance to hide from God. "Be sure your sin will find you out."

When God saw that His creation had been deceived and had transgressed His law, and brought the sentence of death upon themselves; He then began to look for a man that would give his life as a sacrifice, and pay off the penalty of the law, and bring man back into favor with God. As I begin to follow this prophetic picture, I see a search made. I see the earth as it was searched, and beneath the earth, and the sea, and no man was found on earth to take this place. Next I see the search made in Heaven, and it seems as though no one would be found in Heaven, but thank God, at last I see the Lion of the tribe of Judah step forward and say, "Father, I will go and give my life as a sacrifice, that poor fallen man may be redeemed." So I see then, that wonderful love God had for His creation, when He said, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Chips From Evangelist,

T. C. Ferguson's Sermons

You may have darkness without, but you can have spiritual light within.

You may have sin without, but you can have purity within.

You may have hell without, but you can have heaven within.

You may have the devil without, but you can have Jesus within.

You can have a little heaven within you to go to a big heaven in the glory land.

Don't be a drifter, for if you are a drifter, the only place you can go is down the stream.

If your environments are bad, by God's help try to change them.

If you want to follow the crowd, follow the devil's crowd, he has the crowd.

I would rather be popular with God than with man.

If there is only one Christian in the

town where I am, I expect to be that one.

If I could only afford to take one paper, that one would be the "Gem."

Our church paper is a real Gem, but some Free Will Baptist don't seem to know it.

When you read the Gem, pass it on to someone else, so they too can read it.

When you get through reading the Gem, get down on your knees and pray for it, but will you?

A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES

By Mrs. Roena Thomas, Hannon, Mo.

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses; let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith" (Heb. 12:1-2).

How true it is, that we are compassed about on every side by a great cloud of witnesses. When one takes a stand for Christ, then it is, that the world begins to that life. They expect us, as Christians, to live up to our profession. And they have a right to expect it of us. Christ Jesus is our example, and we are to pattern our lives by Him. "He that saith he abideth in Him, ought himself also to walk even as He walked" (1 John 1:6).

Not only is the world watching us, but other brothers and sisters in Christ. The babes in Christ, we might say, are looking to the older one in the faith. Paul tells us that, "ye that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak."

If we fail to do our duty, it will have its influence over them. I well remember when I was young in years, starting out in the Christian life, how I used to watch the lives of the older Christians in our community. I had great faith in them; and how it would have disappointed me if they had failed! but they kept on, thank God, and were such an inspiration to me. Some of them are still with us, as beacon lights for God, others have gone on to their reward, but their works and influence are still alive in

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THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

Parents—It's Up to You!

The Resolutions of 400 New York Preachers
Conditions may indeed be considered serious when 400 ministers representing all the Protestant Churches of New York City get together and adopt unanimously such resolutions as the following:

"Whereas, Adult Christians are responsible for, and chargeable with, the right upbringing of their children to the end that they may know what is true and love to do what is right, and

"Whereas, Organized Christianity can alone be perpetuated by the constant recruitment of the church from the ranks of the young, and

"Whereas, There is a tragic absence of the vast majority of the children of our communion from public worship;

"Therefore, We of the clergy representing all the Protestant denominations in Greater New York, in public meeting assembled, conscious of our responsibility, mindful of our duty, grieved and alarmed by the absence of large numbers of children from public worship, unanimously affirm that the family should constitute in the church a worshipping unit, that the spiritual welfare of the children of our city requires that when of suitable age they participate with their elders in the public worship of God, and that the life of the Church is dependent upon the recruitment of its membership from the ranks of the young. We, therefore, in God's name, call upon the fathers and mothers of our city to bring their children to the house of God, to the end that children may grow in the knowledge and love of God and of right, and the church in spirituality and power.

"Invoking God's blessing upon our efforts, we hereby pledge ourselves to read this preamble and resolution to our respective congregations at the morning church services in our churches on Sunday, December 5, 1926, and again on Sunday, December 12, 1926, and thereafter, by solicitation, exhortation and admonition, in the church and out of the church to bring home to the parents of our communion their God-imposed obligation to see to it that children join in the worship of the church."

Thomas C. T. Crain, Supreme Court Justice of New York, in urging its adoption, said, not without warrant: "If I had to choose between worship and education for the children, I would choose worship. You will never preach a sermon that will be heard with more interest by an adult than by a lad of fourteen."

The above quotation was printed in *King's Business* nearly six years ago. Those 400 preachers of New York City expressed grief and alarm concerning the spiritual welfare of the children of their city six years ago; I am wondering if it isn't worse now. And I wonder if the children who ought to be in our own religious services are there at the appointed services. I fear that many are not there, and I fear, too, that fathers and mothers are usually to blame for the children's absence. Think of it!

About five years ago a census was taken of Washington County, Oklahoma. In round numbers the population was found to be 40,000, and only 8,000 had any religious interest or connection, the other 32,000 had no religious connection whatever. It may not be quite that bad in your county or community, but I am sure there are numbers of boys and girls, and older ones too, who ought to be in Sunday school and other religious services. Certainly it is some Christian's duty to get them enlisted in services at the house of God, that duty may be yours, or mine.

FROM THE FIELD

FROM THE SOUTH EAST MO. YEARLY MEETING

(Overlooked last month)

To the F. W. B. Gem:—Dear Editor and Readers: Perhaps you are wondering about the Free Will Baptists out here in Southeast Mo. Then I will try to write a few lines telling of some of the things we are doing for the Master in this part of the vineyard.

Sunday Jan 31st was our Sunday School Convention. We had a great time. The Convention was held with the Park View Church at Desloge, Mo. There were seven Sunday Schools represented, and we all enjoyed the fine program, one of the outstanding numbers of the program being the Junior singing. They sure did a great part in putting the good spirit into the meeting. Eld. S. A. Hand is our president, and a good one is he. The next convention will be held with our Wortham church.

About the special meeting, Elds. Bart Wright and Lester Ferguson held a meeting with the Alsbury Chapel Church the first of January, and the meeting was well attended and there was good interest.

Eld. T. C. Ferguson has recently held a very successful meeting in the F. W. B. Church at 13th and Park Ave. in St. Louis. This church was formerly located at 611 Rutger St. and was moved to the present location for greater convenience.

There have been very successful meetings held at Fredericktown and Mine La Motte. As a whole, our work in Southeast Mo. is looking good, and in spite of the great depression we are keeping our churches going. The last two Sunday evenings at our Flat River Church, we have seen precious souls saved. There has come into the hearts of people a longing for something that will satisfy, and that is found only in the spilt blood of Jesus Christ.

We have something that makes us sad just now. Sister Tommie

Franklin, the pastor of the Desloge Church is in the hospital at Bonne Terre where she underwent a very serious operation a few days ago. We are sorry that she has had to go, but we are glad that she is getting along well, and we hope to see her back home soon. Sister McAdams is preaching for the Deloge church while Miss Franklin is away and not able to take care of the work. They report good services at the last two Sunday evening services. Four precious souls have been saved.

Elders Bart Wright and Lester Ferguson are holding meetings at Leadington this week. We need the prayers of the people of God everywhere. Let's stay together and work as one for the salvation of souls.

I am yours for Jesus,

Jas. F. Miller.

Hoxie, Ark. Tuesday, Feb. 23rd

Dear Brethren and Gem Family: I enjoy reading the many splendid letters in the Gem, so I thought: I would write a few lines.

I am at present pastoring three local churches, the one at New Harmony about seven miles south of Pocahtopas, Ark, in Randolph County. We have thirty-seven members at this place, a good Sunday School and prayer meeting, with large attendance and good interest. This church is only about four years old, and its future outlook is bright. Its people are poor but honest and faithful. Our faithful deacons of this church are men of God, of sound judgment and looking well to the interests of the church. The deacons are Brothers W. H. Clay, Walter Cox and Charlie Roland. Our church clerk is the accomplished daughter of Bro. Walter Cox, Miss Jimuri Cox. Our people here are splendid people, and they have been good to me. I am also pastoring the F. W. B. church at Pruett's Chapel in Green County, about two and one-half miles north of Light, Ark. This church is composed mostly of young people and mothers. The young

people are young men and young ladies who are not ashamed to wash each other's feet. We have a very good Sunday S. and prayer meeting and good church services at this point. Our membership here is fifty two, and a faithful, loving people to serve. I wouldn't trade jobs with anybody.

I am also pastoring the F. W. B. Church at New Home Schoolhouse, about four miles west of Swifton, Ark in Jackson County. I have only been to this place twice. I went there on Saturday night before the third Sunday in January, but on account of bad weather we had no services until Sunday evening and Sunday night. We had a good attendance and good interest at each service. These two times that I have been with these people I found them generous and kind. This church was located here many years ago. I do not know its full history, but it was probably organized there by Bro. Rawlett and others more than forty years ago, as he was a pioneer F. W. B. preacher who departed this life two or three years ago. His faithful companion was killed in a most destructive cyclone about a year after his death. She had shared the pleasures and heartaches of this life with our dear Bro. Rawlett for many years, and now she has gone to join him again in that sweet heavenly home. The little church at home has, for many years, held all-day services with dinner on the ground on the first Sunday in May, and the good people call that Sunday "Rawlett's Day." We are to have "Rawlett's Day" this year, because Brother Rawlett's good influence is still living in our hearts. He is gone, but we love him still.

I am expecting to hold some revivals soon, and ask all who pray to remember me.

Your brother in Christ,
W. C. Forsyth.

IF YOU NEGLECT your church paper, the cause will suffer. The cause is suffering, and some one is to blame, is it you?

Mtn. Grove, Missouri

Dear Bro. Brown and the Gem Family: Have been intending to write you of my work for some time, but have just neglected it. The Lord has surely been gracious to me this fall, as I have witnessed a great number of conversions, and have been in some extra good meetings. Bro. Levi Koch and myself have just closed a meeting at Pine Creek, a few days ago. Had 24 conversions and baptized 13 at the close of the meeting.

I certainly enjoy reading the good letters in the Gem, and feel that every loyal Free Will Baptist should be a reader of it. I will be glad if the time comes when we can have it weekly, instead of monthly.

May the Lord bless our efforts and give us many more laborers in the field.

A brother in Christ,
Elder O. L. Allen.

NOTICE

Hilton, Ga., Feb. 18, 1932.

Dear Christian Friend: In accordance with the wishes and ideals of the General Conference of original Free Will Baptist of the U. S. A. I am asking for co-operation and information concerning the Sunday school work in your respective state.

I am secretary of the national S. S. work for the General Conference, and before our next session sits with our Bryan, Texas church, in June, I am anxious to have ready a report as will enable the secretary to make certain recommendations, and arrange for more definite work.

If possible please give the following information: (1) How many S. S. conventions are in operation by the Free Will Baptist in your state, (2) How many S. S. are in the state? (3) How many S. S. scholars are in the state among the F. W. B.? (4) What publishing house, if any, save the Ayden, N. C. Print is patronized by the F. W. B. schools? (5) What improvement apparently is in demand by the schools and workers of the F. W. B. of your state for better progress? (6) Are there any missionary enterprises being developed among the S. S. leaders for missions here in the home land and on the foreign fields?

If you are not in a position to give the answers to the above, please turn this letter over to some informed F. W. B. that can give the desired information. We hope to be able to engage in Sunday school work in the near

distant future on a broader basis and do much more for the cause of Christ.

I am praying for much success to be attained by our people, and realize it must develop as we make progress for the kingdom of Christ.

May I ask that you pray much for the work, and that I shall hear from you soon,

Yours in Christian love,
T. B. Mellette.

CUSHING, OKLAHOMA, March 24th.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers: We will send you a few lines at this time to let you know that we are still in the fight. At present we have a lot of sickness, but still have the faith our God sees fit to give us, through any and all things that might come up.

Our pastor, Bro. Perkins, is away at work, isn't permitted to be present with us except on Sunday morning. We miss him very much, but the Lord always sends some one along to help out. Sister Perkins is very faithful and devoted to the work, and brings us some wonderful messages. Two weeks ago her subject was: "What is Your Life." This was great.

Bro. J. L. Waltman brought the message last Sunday night. One saved.

We have a good Sunday school, which is steadily growing.

We need the prayers of all praying people, and our prayer is, that God will bless you all.

Your sister in Christ,
Mae Waltman.

BONNE TERRE, MO., March 24th.

Dear Gem Family: We are glad indeed to report another great victory over the devil. We have just closed a five weeks' meeting with Sister Franklin and her people. The revival fires were already kindled when we reached her. We did not go to Desloge for a revival; we went to be with Sister Franklin through her operation, intending to return to Oklahoma in three or four weeks, but the first night we preached three souls were saved, and after a few days the Lord impressed to continue the meeting. The meeting run five weeks without a break—some one was saved every night. Ninety-six (96) were saved and more than forty united with the church. Twenty were baptized and twenty more to be baptized later.

The meeting was glorious all the way through. Sister Franklin and Sister Reed have been doing a great work since they have had charge.

In fact Sister Reed has been in the front ranks ever since the church was organized. She has been Sunday school Superintendent for about four years now, and is still faithful.

Sister Franklin took our place as pastor when we went back in revival work. We are rejoiced to find the work moving forward in such a splendid way. They have a splendid league for the young folks and children.

They have three divisions of the league now, and I never saw better trained children and young people. You can call on any of them to pray in public and they will do so, and Sister Reed has trained them to sing so nicely. During the meeting they sang so many beautiful choruses, wish all could have stepped in some night to service and heard them singing. It would have given you new life.

We are now with our people at Allsberry Chapel, have been here only two nights. We desire your prayers for a great victory. This is a splendid neighborhood, with fine people. Pray for us here.

God bless all the Gem family.

Yours for Jesus,
H. M. and Lizzie McAdams.

Huggins, Missouri

To The Gem Family:

As I have never written, I thought I would like to let you all know that I am still trying to live for my dear Savior, and trying to do more for Him each day. I certainly enjoy reading the Gem. I have just lately subscribed for it and think the one issue is worth the 75 cents.

I have attended several meetings this fall and have seen several souls saved. I am only pastoring the Willow Springs church, near Mtn. Grove. I am proud to say they are letting their light shine for God. So many people have their light under the bushel, that the unsaved can't see it. I am glad that we have a Christian home and can receive many blessings from God at our family altar. So many people have done away with the altar that was once erected. They haven't time to get down on their knees and ask God to lead them; that is the reason so many people are turning away from God: "This is a hard saying, who can hear it?" (John 6:60). They will be weighed in the balance and found wanting.

I expect to rise some day to meet Jesus in the air. I have a loving father, mother and brother that have left this world of sorrow and are rest-

ing in the Paradise of God. "But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: and if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain" (1 Cor. 15:13-14).

I am a member of the Union Chapel church. Our meeting days are the 3rd Sunday. Bro. John Koch is our pastor and I believe that Bro. Koch is a God called man. Our prayers are that God will feed the flock through him, that we might grow stronger. "What is the Almighty, that we should serve him, or what profit have we if we pray unto him?" This is asked by people every day, and by people who have been in touch with God. I am made to wonder why folks talk so. It was through prayer that I saw my lost condition, and that my soul was doomed for hell. I heard my Savior say, "Ye must be born again." By the prayers of Christian people in an old-fashioned prayer meeting the power of God was so strong I could feel it. I began to pray and He blessed my soul, then I shouted praises to God.

We are having prayer meeting on Tuesday night at each others' homes. Sure seems like God was with us.

Remember us in your prayers.

Elder John Ratterree.

Report of Douglas County Q. M. (Overlooked, last month)

Dear Readers of the Gem: Wish you could have been at our quarterly meeting, for I am sure you would have been well paid for your time and efforts.

Although our quarterly meeting is small in size, it doesn't keep us from having a wonderful meeting each time.

Bro. and Sister Dauber of Inman, Kansas, and Sister Dauber's sister attended the meeting. Bro. Dauber preached the introductory sermon, and stayed over until Sunday night and preached for us Saturday night and Sunday. Bro. Dauber is traveling in his "Gospel Wagon," and will be glad to go anywhere he is asked to hold a meeting.

The weather was very disagreeable during the meeting, yet there was a good delegation present. There were seven ministers of the Gospel present, deacons from five churches, delegates from four churches, and a large number of church members.

We had some good discussions on several topics, and brought to light some depths which had been mysteries to us before. We also heard some wonderful sermons, which were backed

up by the Bible.

Our next meeting will be held with the Girdner church, south of Ava, Mo. The conference will open on Thursday before the fifth Sunday in April. The introductory sermon is to be preached by Elder Arthur Rich.

We desire your prayers for a successful meeting. Wish you could all attend our next meeting.

Arthur Lund, Q. M. Clerk.

Wheelersburg, Ohio, Mar. 15, 1932

Dear Editor of the Gem: I received a copy of your paper the other day, telling of the F. W. B. of the South, and thought I would write and let you know that there were some of the old stripe of F. W. B. up here in the north, who believe in God and the resurrection and that He will come back again after His church, and I believe that the F. W. B. will be part of that church, and we are looking for His coming soon, and we believe that there is but one way, and that is the way that Jesus marked out, and that is the way of the cross—it is the only way and is through repentance and faith in God.

We have been having some good meetings this winter, God has been blessing His people. We have a Tri-State Association, composed of Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia, and we have a Yearly Meeting with three Q. M. belonging. It seems that God is wonderfully blessing us; He is adding new churches, and we are giving Him all the glory.

I am sending you the minutes of the Tri-State Association to let you know that we are alive and believe that, if you believe in God, you are our brother and we are hoping that the North and the South will get better acquainted with each other and be one great family.

As this is my first time to write to you, I think it about time to quit, hoping that, if we never meet on earth, we will meet around God's bright throne in the kingdom of God, where parting will be no more.

May the Lord bless you and your work, is the prayer of your humble servant,

Eld. G. F. Yeley, Clerk, Pine Creek F. W. B. Q. M., Wheelersburg, Ohio.

Niangua, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers: As I have never written to the Gem but once, I will try to write a few lines this morning. I'm glad to say that I am on the Lord's side. I sure do enjoy reading

the letters from the good Christian brothers and sisters.

I know I have made many mistakes, but I feel encouraged to press on, for I sure want to live faithful and receive a crown of life.

Pray for me, your sister in Christ,
Lola Deckard.

CHARLESTON, ARK., March 18, 1932

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown and all the Gem Readers: I have renewed my paper for this year, and sure do enjoy reading it.

I am truly thankful tonight that the Lord saw fit to pick me up out of sin and set me on the road to glory. He saved me when I was but eighteen years old. After I was saved, the Lord called me to preach, and I have been at work about a year, and thank God for it. I am a member of the Free Will Baptist church at Antioch, Branch, Arkansas.

My dear old mother has been gone to her heavenly home for about twenty long years. God saw fit to take her away from us, when I was but eleven months old. I have one sister and one brother, and by the grace of God we are going to meet her on that bright shore.

In our church we have Sunday school and league on Sunday night, and I think the league is fine for the young people, for it gets them more interested in church and Sunday school work.

I am praying that Christians will do more this year of 1932 to bring lost souls to Christ than ever before. But the biggest drawback of our churches is, that God's children are grasping for the worldly things and not going to church and Sunday school as they should. Can Christians serve God and the devil at same time? No, for we read in 1 John 2:15, "Love not the World, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

Pray for me, that I may ever be found doing what God wants me to do.

Your brother in Christ,
Eld. Earl Rice.

McFall, Missouri

A Further Partial Report of Evangelist T. C. Ferguson.

I have lately held meetings at a disbanded church, out in the country a few miles from the town of Plattsburg, in the northwest part of the state of Mo. The roads and the weather were awfully bad, a good deal of the time it was almost impossible for any kind of a rig to get to the meetings. Part

of time the only ones that could get to the meetings were those who walked but God gave us a great victory in spite of all the hindrances. The first week I held meetings from house to house till we could get the church house fixed up to hold meetings in.

There was a large number of professions. On a man who professed was 73 years old and had never professed before. I had one baptizing and there several to baptize yet. As far as I know these are the first converts at this church since I quit preaching there twenty-five years ago. The name of the church is "Best Chapel," many of our old preachers will remember it.

I got my hand badly hurt while holding this meeting by the slamming of a car door. I got another preacher to go on with the meeting, and there has been several professions since I left. My hand is some better at this writing.

Elder T. C. Ferguson.

Niangua, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers: I am writing to the Gem this evening; I am thankful for the Gem. My paper expired the first of February and Sister Willie Blackwell renewed it for me. I am glad to say that I am on the firing line for God. I sure am glad I will get the paper another year.

We sure have a faithful pastor who is filled with the Spirit of God. Altho I cannot talk plain, I do my best when I am called on to pray; I know God can understand me. I am glad I am on the Lord's side.

I heard our pastor say that he heard a woman say in her testimony that she had never done anything she was ashamed of. I wish I could say that. I am on the Lord's side and I want all you Christian people to pray for me. I do hope the people will get more interested in God than in the rook game.

Your sister in Christ,

Mona Johns.

Centralia, Oklahoma

Dear Gem Readers: I will write just a few lines. It is quite a pleasure for me to attend the wonderful meetings we have had at Notch Mound, where several have been saved near to me. When brothers and sisters are saved and come into our church they seem near to us. I have been a saved woman for almost three years, and have seen several of my friends saved, the best for me is yet to come. When my dear husband takes God into his

heart and accepts Him as his Savior, will be the greatest I have ever witnessed; and I hope to know how soon that precious soul will be separated from sin and prepared for that final call we are going to hear some great day. How sweet it will be to know that my dear husband will have a mansion in Heaven above.

I ask an interest in every Christian's prayers. May God bless every one that is unsaved and prepare them to travel the narrow road.

Mrs. W. H. Ivie.

Kirkville, Missouri, Mar. 20, 1932.

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers: The following is a brief report of our work in the Northeast Missouri Y. M.

We are glad to report the wonderful success and victory gained in the weeks' meeting which closed February 29th. We had a glorious meeting and the Lord blessed us by the saving of forty-four souls. There were 32 added to the church where the meeting was conducted, 21 were baptized, with more to be baptized later. The meeting was a success from the beginning, with large crowds and good attention.

We hear lots this time of the year about house cleaning, but there are some mothers in the Bethel church where the meeting was conducted that are rejoicing because their homes were cleansed of sin. It was a glorious time to see all the children in the altar at one time, and to see men and women weeping on account of conviction for sin.

We were blessed also with the privilege of organizing a Y. P. U. with 32 members, most all of which were saved in the meeting. The writer has been pastoring the church for three years, praying that God would send a revival in the church and community and save souls. We believe prayer is the key to heaven.

Sometimes we feel discouraged and think it useless to try to do the work laid out for us to do, and feel that our work is a failure, but God's word says, "A time to sow, and a time to reap." God also says His word will not return unto Him void; so what we need to do is to do the best we can.

May God bless and keep is our prayer
Pray for us.

Yours for Christ,

Eld. Geo. D. Miller.

St. Louis, Missouri, Mar. 17, 1932.

Dear Gem Family: I have just returned from a few days' visit to our

Hickory Grove church in west Mo. I held a few nights' meeting, but the weather was cold and our conyrefations were small. Eld. E. T. House the pastor was with me part of the weather was cold and our congrega-companion. He is greatly beloved by the church, and I feel that the church was fortunate in securing him as its pastor. He lives about one hundred and fifty miles away, and it surely is quite a sacrifice for him to make the trip.

We had a splendid meeting considering the cold, snowy weather. Three are to be baptized and one was reclaimed, with good general interest.

I made my home most of time with Bro. and Sister Ed Harper and family. Sister Harper heard me preach the first sermon she ever heard thirty-five years ago. She was also saved under my ministry and baptized by me thirty-three years ago. Her youngest child, Miss Zola Fern Harper, and her brother Osker Harper and companion united with the church at Hickory Grove at the close of the meeting last Sunday night. Another fine boy of about twelve years also will be baptized along with others.

Sister Harper saw my name in the minutes of the State Association and wrote to me to know if I was her pastor when she was baptized years ago. I wish all of those whom I have baptized would write me as she did.

Well our St. Louis church is still on the firing line, and doing splendid work. Bro. Buchanan our pastor has been sick, but is now up again. The Lord is blessing his ministry.

Our Young People's Union is having some interesting meetings, and our Sunday school is just fine.

Well I must say in conclusion that I never met with a nicer lot of Christian workers than I found at Hickory Grove church.

Elder W. C. Hill, 2626 Lafayette Ave.

Bro. Hill informs me that he will be glad to correspond with churches needing special meetings, or in need of a pastor.

I have known Bro. Hill for several years, and feel that I can recommend him where a good, live preacher, who is filled with the Spirit of God, is needed to conduct meetings or do pastoral work, in fact I feel that Bro. Hill is worthy and capable to fill any place to which any church may call him. If you need his services, write to him at the address given above.

—The Editor.

GREENTOP, MISSOURI, Mar. 25th.

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers: We want to correct the error made in my report of Union church revival. There were 53 saved, 31 baptized and 29 additions to the church, instead of 9, as came out in the March issue. We feel that we are responsible for the error.

We closed our revival at New Harmony church March 18th. Had four conversions. Elder Wood did most of the preaching. Elder C. E. Mann conducted two of the services. Soul stirring sermons were delivered by both brethren.

Dear readers, at this Easter time, which is kept in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ our Savior, we are reminded that here this side of the tomb is the place for professed Christians to check up and find out if we are ready for the tomb route. Remember that there will be no time for making wrongs right after this life.

Remember, dear readers, that prayer will reach to all parts of the earth, as does the radio, when rightly hooked up; so let us all hook up with God, and see our work go forward: "For we are laborers together with God" (1 Cor. 3:9).

May God bless the Gem family, is our prayer.

Elder S. H. Marcum.

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

The second Quarterly meeting of Canadian Association was held with Paden church, Paden, Okla., beginning February 11, 1932.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elders W. P. Scott and J. T. Champion.

Met Friday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

The following churches represented by letter and delegates: Paden, Allen, Okfuskee, and Antioch; East Liberty represented by letter.

Officers elected as follows:

Rev. W. D. McCready, Moderator.

Rev. W. P. Scott, Ass't Moderator.

Lucy Smith, Clerk pro tem.

The usual committees were appointed.

The question was asked: "Who is responsible for the salvation of the world, God or the church?" Discussed by Bros. Champion, Smith and Scott.

Vanzant church letter was received and delegates given right hand of fellowship.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by Eld. W. D. McCready, followed by Eld. S. D. Pendergraft. Scripture lesson, Matt.

24:1-14. Subject, The Great Commission. Dismissed by Bro. Champion.

Preaching Friday night by Bros. W. K. Smith and J. T. Champion. Prayer by Bro. Scott. Scripture lesson, Isaiah 53:1-11. Text, Titus 3:5.

Saturday morning session opened with singing, followed with Scripture reading, Psalm 1. Prayer by Bro. Scott.

Obituary committee reported that there had been no deaths.

Resolutions committee reported:

Resolution No. 1—Resolved, That we repeal resolution passed at last Q. M. binding the Q. M. to partake of the emblems and wash the saints feet at each sitting. Adopted.

Bro. W. K. Smith was chosen to preach the introductory sermon at next quarterly meeting, Bro. W. P. Scott alternate.

Motion carried to have a brief report of the proceedings of this meeting printed in the Gem.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by Brothers Champion and Scott. Scripture lesson, Heb. 11:1-10. Prayer by Bro. Pendergraft. Text, 1 Cor. 13:13. Dismissed by Bro. Smith.

Came together again at 2:30 p. m. Scripture reading Col. 3:1-17. Prayer by Bro. Carter.

Vote of thanks given Paden church for their kindness and hospitality.

Minutes read and approved and a motion carried to adjourn.

Meeting closed with an old fashioned handshaking. Closing prayer by Bro. W. D. McCready of Edna, Oklahoma.

W. D. McCready, Mod., Edna, Okla.
C. H. Goode, Clerk, Paden, Okla.

REVIVAL MEETING REPORT

Dear Editor and Gem Readers: I am sending you a report of our revival meeting, continued from our 2nd quarterly meeting at Paden, Oklahoma, which proved a great success, there being forty-two (42) souls saved and several reclaimed, and the church was greatly revived. It was a soul-stirring meeting and enjoyed by many.

The meeting was conducted by Rev. W. H. Carter and Rev. W. D. McCready, pastor, assisted by Rev. W. K. Smith and Rev. J. T. Champion, also Rev. Biggs the Methodist pastor.

There were ten united with the church, eleven were baptized by Bro. McCready.

The meeting closed with Communion and feet washing.

Mrs. C. H. Goode, Clerk.

GREENTOP, MISSOURI

Hazel Creek Union Church

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers: Greetings in Jesus' name:

I will endeavor to write you a few lines if you will allow me a little space.

This is the first time that I have ever made an attempt to report.

Someone may wonder what I have to report, I am a young Christian (age sixteen), and a member of the Free Will Baptist church here at this place. The most important thing that I want to report is (that is besides what I have already said), that I am knowledge my call to the ministry. I feel assured that God has called me to this line of work and, although I am young, I am willing to accept the call and trust Him for all. I think my motto shall be: "I'll Do My Best and Leave to God the Rest." I trust that my many friends and brethren and sisters in Christ, which are at home and scattered abroad, will remember me in their prayers, that I may ever be true and faithful in His service and not disobedient to the Heavenly Vision, and that I may walk worthy of the vocation wherein I am called. I expect to receive license in the N. E. Missouri Association, which is to be held at Green Grove church in August. I believe, if God is willing.

I thank and praise God for the wonderful revival of religion that we witnessed at our church a few weeks ago. Bro. Marcum our faithful pastor gave a report of it in last issue of the Gem.

We have preaching services each first Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night of each month, Sunday school each Sunday morning, prayer meeting each Thursday night, and by the time this letter is seen in print we will probably have a Young People's meeting organized.

Well, perhaps I have written too much already, but in conclusion I am going to quote a Scripture that is recorded in Rev. 22:17. I am quoting this verse to the sinner who may be reading this, it included me, and remember sinner, it includes you too, if you will only accept. Here is the Scripture: "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely."

Yes, sinner, that includes you and me. "Whosoever will," that means you, me, or anybody else. You can be saved if you will only meet God's conditions, that's all. You may ask

"What are His conditions?" Well, just this: Repent and forsake your sins, take the Bible as your guide and companion through life, be true to it. Repentance comes first, then ever afterwards. Do Your Best (be sure it is your best), And Leave To God The Rest. The plan of salvation isn't hard to comprehend.

God wrought it, Jesus bought it, the devil fought it, I have sought it, and praise God I have got it.

And it's for you if you will only accept it. It's for "whosoever will," won't you accept it?

Well, I feel that I could preach a great big sermon on this subject, and I have really said more than I intended to, but I'm glad I have written what I have. Guess I had had better put on my brakes and ring-off.

Your brother in Christ,

John Anderson Ewing.

BLUE EYE, MISSOURI, March 22nd.

"I have loved thee with an everlasting love" (Jer. 31:3).

Loved by God's surpassing love, how can we express all His love in human words, all His righteousness? But we can in life show forth something of His love, as we humbly walk with Him, set our minds on Him above.

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another." Today the world is struggling and going on blindly in the broad way, saying, "There is nothing to Christianity," because they fail to see the wonderful spirit of love manifested in the lives of the followers of Jesus Christ. Love is a real test: if we do not have the love of Jesus Christ, we are failures.

Just think of the love and mercy, and blessings of God trampled underfoot by the world! If we have the same spirit that Christ had, we will have to show the same love and mercy that He showed in the world. Thank God for that wonderful love, that wonderful kindness of God. Kindness brings this thought to me about our little Gem paper, I wonder how many readers can say this about our Gem paper:

"Kindness is a little gem,

Lock it in your heart,

And not for all the world's bright gold
With it ever part."

God gives a joy that we may give,

He gives us love that we may share,

Sometimes He gives us loads to lift,

That we may learn to bear.

For life is gladdest when we give,
And love is sweeter when we share,
And heavy loads rest lightly too,
When we learn to bear.

I thank God for love and kindness.

—Mrs. Wilburn Taylor.

"HERE AM I, SEND ME"

"Here am I, send me." These are the words spoken by the prophet Isaiah. This was the answer that he gave the Lord. God was seeking a man that would obey Him, one that would preach the Gospel, one who knew not what the word "compromise" meant, one who would live on his knees. God is still looking for more Isaiahs, more men who will preach the unsearchable riches of Christ, the unfilled Gospel, to the hearts of unsaved people.

There are hundreds of unemployed preachers today because of preachers being idle. Yes, they are perishing because some one is failing to obey God.

What is wrong? Is it the laity or is it the leaders of the church? I am made to believe that the fault lies to a great extent with the idle preachers. Some of the unemployed want more pay, some want better and bigger churches, and others are seeking a better climate, and still others are saying, "We have no place to preach." My dear brother, if God has called you into His service, and you are sure of your calling, then preach the Gospel. You have the biggest and greatest job that any man could receive. There are school houses, empty churches, tents, brush arbors, etc. Reach the people, preach the Gospel to them.

In the second chapter of Mark, it says that Jesus preached the Word unto them. He never failed to preach the Word. The reason that so many of our churches, and the churches of other denominations are closing their doors is because the ministers are failing to preach the Word. They are feeding the people on essays, on well memorized speeches, on every topic of the day. And the results are the people have starved to death because of the lack of spiritual food. And still we wonder what is wrong.

My brother, my sister, the trouble does not lie in the location of the church, or the money paid in, or in the people who attend our services from time to time, but I believe the trouble is that the preacher has preached to please this one, he has let down on the truth, he has checked the Spirit, until he can't preach, he can't pray, he can't sing, and many times

our altar services are barren when people ought to be saved.

What place is there that doesn't need some preachers who have the determination of Paul, the love of Christ, the faith of the Hebrew children, and some prayers like Daniel? Some who will ignore the icy should-ers, and take the fiery persecution, and bear the cross? Truly the harvest is plenteous and the laborers are few. Now is the time. God is able. Are you willing? Where are the God-called preachers, those who are dying to preach? Where is our faith? Where are those who, if need be, are willing to die like good soldiers in order to get these thousands saved? Where are the God-called preachers?

THE ABOVE comments on "Here am I, send me," a part of Isaiah 6:8, are by Rev. Willie Johnson, sent to us by Sister Wilburn Taylor of Blue Eye, Mo. I think he is about right, don't you?

I do not wish to add to what the Bro. has said nor take from it, but I do wish to say a few words along the same line.

There were three things vital and supreme in the call of Isaiah and in his response to the call, and the same three things must apply in the life, call and service of every minister of the Gospel.

In the first place Isaiah saw "the Lord...high and lifted up," he saw God supreme. Whosoever will live for God, serve Him, or preach His Gospel, must believe, even know that God is supreme, One who is above all other persons or beings, One who is all-wise, all-powerful, the One in whom we live, move and have our being. When Isaiah saw the Lord as supreme he said, "Woe is me for I am undone!" We need to see God and measure ourselves by Him, so that we can realize that we are little, weak and vile; then we can have our iniquity pardoned and our sins purged away, and be really fit to be called and used of God.

It was Isaiah's privilege to hear and know the voice of God, but it was after he had been cleansed. Isaiah was "a man of unclean lips" before he saw how high, holy and pure the Lord is, but he didn't realize how unfit and unholy he himself was until he measured himself before the Lord. But the "live coal" touched his lips, took away his iniquity and made his lips clean, unstopped his ears—he became a new man, able to see God,

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FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

MACEDONIA LEAGUE REPORT

We are very sorry that we didn't get a report in the paper last month; will try to report this month.

I am glad to report that our league is still improving. Our membership has increased five since our last report, and we are expecting others in the near future.

We have lined our Juniors out again, and they sure seem to be taking a great interest, with Pauline Henderson as sponsor.

We are praying that our league will just grow, and grow and become as a shining light in our church and community.

We desire an interest in your prayers, that our league may do more for Jesus.

Oleta Davis.

LEAGUE WORK REPORTED

THROUGH STATE SECRETARY:

Plattsburg, Mo., R1.

Dear Bro. John:

I haven't had time to send in any reports lately. I have one report from Freewill Chapel No. 1, Urbana, Mo., for February, reporting as follows:

Membership, thirty (30). League in good condition and a wonderful interest taken by the young folks as well as the old. Have a large attendance and good order at each service. Dear League workers, let's not forget to pray for each other, and pray for our league, that it may keep growing larger and stronger in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Miss Naomi Shaw.

Report of the Free Will Baptist League of Southeast Missouri, to the Free Will Baptist League Association

I hereby submit the following report for the month of January, ending this 15th day of February, 1932:

OFFICERS

President Alva Holdman
Sec'y-Treas. Myrtle Denton.

Presidents of Leagues

Desloge Anna Reed
Mine La Motte Alva Holdman
Leadington Oda Holbrook
Wortham Mrs. Hughes
Fredericktown Mark Lewis
Flat River John Denton

Number of Classes

Desloge 2
Mine La Motte 4
Leadington 3

Wortham 2
Fredericktown 4
Flat River 5

Number of classes in Ass'n.....20

Average Attendance of Leagues

Desloge 25
Mine La Motte 72
Leadington 40
Wortham 35
Fredericktown 75
Flat River 100

Average attendance of Ass'n..... 347

Money on Hand

Desloge \$3.36
Mine La Motte \$2.67
Leadington \$1.00
Wortham 00
Fredericktown \$5.94
Flat River \$3.50

Amount of money in Ass'n \$16.47
Myrtle Denton, Sec'y-Treas.,
Desloge, Missouri.

As you probably have noticed, I have changed address. It is now Plattsburg, Missouri, R1. I hope the league work is prospering where you folks are working. May the Lord bless you.

Yours for Jesus,

Melba White, State Secretary.

Plattsburg, Mo., March 18, 1932.

Dear Bro. John: I received another report today from Bro. Wm. Reeves, acting Secretary of the Southeast Mo. Free Will Baptist League association. It is as follows:

Six (6) Leagues all in good condition, with enrollment of 512 members. Average attendance, 390
Officers 20
Classes 18
Average Offering \$2.75
Amount paid out \$11.00
Amount on hand \$16.00
New members 12
Visitors 70
Special services 6

We receive a good report from each league every month. They are growing all the time.

Melba White, State Secretary.

PILGRIM REST LEAGUE REPORT

Springvalley, Ark., March 18, 1932.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

As this is the first time our league has had a report in the Gem, we will try to give a brief report of the work being done in our community.

Our league was organized July 31, 1930, with a membership of twenty-

four (24). Now the membership is thirty-nine (39), having had eight (8) new members. For the first quarter of the year 1932, the average attendance is twenty-eight (28).

Our Sunday school now has an average attendance of fifty-eight (58) with four classes. Our motto is: "The Bible is our Guide;" and, following the Guide, we expect to gain the victory.

Our church is progressing for the Lord, with Bro. Geo. A. Been as pastor. Church services are held twice each month, first and third Sundays.

We ask the prayers of the Gem readers, that we may be able to do more for the great cause.

Wynema Savage, Reporter.

OILTON, OKLAHOMA, March 16

Vance Chapel Church

Dear Readers of the Gem:

The young People's Mission of Vance Chapel is getting larger all the time and they are taking a great interest in their work. When we first organized, we had three (3) Christians and sixty-two (62) members, now we have something like twenty-five Christians and an enrollment of eighty-five. Not only that, but we are working. We helped in a grocery shower for our pastor, Bro. W. L. Bean. We also sold a quilt and have made about forty sick calls this month. So you can see that we are gaining in our fold all the time.

Last week the Nazarene church Davenport held a revival and you people of Vance Chapel were well represented, with about fifteen of the young people.

Last Tuesday night, March 15, we didn't have any Young People's Mission. Our pastor, Bro. W. L. Bean, and the young people's leader, Bro. Tate Kirby, are holding a revival here and we went to the revival to help there. We had about forty young people.

In Sunday school the young people's class always have the attendance banner, and most of the time have the collection banner also.

So you see the young people of Vance Chapel are pushing things over the top. Pray for us, that we may always go on and do things for our Lord.

Midge Schuler, Reporter.

Burdette Rider, Ass't Reporter.

NOTICE—From April 20th to May 1st you can get the Gem a whole year for only 50 cents, 2 years for \$1.00.

After May 1st the price will be \$1.00 per year. Help us boost our subscription.

Conversion of Cornelius Acts, 10th Chapter.

By Elder W. G. Merritt

I. Cornelius was doing the will of God in so far as he knew it: (a) feared God; (b) taught his household; (c) gave alms; (d) prayed. This is the duty of men everywhere. Some misguided people claim that a sinner has no right to pray. Did ever a Christian become saved without first praying?

II. He earnestly desired to know more about spiritual things.

III. He obeyed God's directions of how to learn more: (a) sent for God's messenger; (b) heard the preaching of the apostle attentively; (c) and opened his heart to the Holy Spirit, thus showing man's free moral agency.

IV. He called his friends together, that they, too, might receive the blessing of salvation.

V. He united with Christ's Church without delay, so it should be the case with every one who has been redeemed from sin.

VI. He kept on trying to learn more by desiring Peter to tarry.

Something To think About

By Elder Noel Turner

Does it surprise you to know that in 1920 \$300,000,000 was blown away in tobacco smoke, in the U. S. alone? That is more than the total cost of education in 1918. Five times as much was spent for tobacco in 1920 than the total salaries paid teachers in 1918 and was about equal to the total cost of elementary and secondary education for three years, 1916, 1917, 1918.

If all who use tobacco would only use it twice and leave it alone three times, they would save enough to increase the salaries of all school teachers, both public and private, more than 120%. You see our nation spends enough for tobacco to increase the teachers' salaries more than 360%. Do you know that in 1920, there was 22 times as much spent for luxuries as for education in 1918? The 1920 expenditure was six billion, or 30% more than has been spent for education in all our history.

The money spent for face powder, perfume and cosmetics was only \$12,000,000 less than the total amount spent for public, elementary and secondary education in 1918.

The amount we spend for food luxuries, such as ice cream, candy, chewing gum, etc. in one year amounts to more than was paid school teachers for the first 18 years of this century.

Why can't we be temperate in all things and have more to help move the great cause of Christ, which is being neglected, because of these things? It is no wonder we are in a financial depression.

The figures used above were taken from government reports.

The Coming of the Lord Draweth Nigh. Are You Ready?

By Mrs. Lloyd Keeland

I realize our Lord's coming is very near: "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only" (Matt. 24:36).

Dear sinner friends, you are being warned, take heed. "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matt. 24:44). You say, What are the signs of His coming, God's word says, "In the last days perilous times shall come." "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places" (Matt. 24:7).

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord" (Amos 8:11).

Oh, can't we see God's word fulfilling? We hear worldly news read and answered over radios, but seldom do we hear God's word, how sad! "And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it" (Amos 8:12). Because they receive not the comforter which Jesus went away to send. (John 16:7-8).

Some say, "Why is He coming?" "I will come again, and receive you unto myself: that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:3). To be sure He is coming after those who are ready at His appearing; isn't it going to be wonderful to be caught up to meet the Lord and all our loved ones in the air? but, O how sad, for those who are not ready!

"For there shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, nor ever shall be" (Matt. 24:21). Will you say, What does this great tribulation mean? "And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be written in the book" (Dan.

12:1). You say, What book? The Lord's book of life, the book that God is keeping a record of your life and mine in; not a church book, no. O, let me beg you, dear loved ones and friends, get your names on that great book, prepare to meet thy God, for we find in God's word: "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (2 Peter 3:10).

"If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" (1 Peter 4:18). Listen sinner, this is God's word, not man's. You may reject God and turn Him away, and say salvation is false, the Bible is false, but you are going to meet every word and act you perform in Judgment. "Well," some sinners say, "if Bro. or Sister so and so, in the church, are ready to meet God, I am." Perhaps you are as good as some one you have picked out whom you know isn't living right, and you are standing behind them, thinking you will get by all right, but God is not going to hold some one else responsible for your soul; you must work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Jesus says, "Now learn a parable of the fig tree. When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh. So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors." Dear friends, can't you see how necessary it is to be prepared? Don't be as the foolish virgins, but let us stay awake, and keep our lamps trimmed and burning, and watching for the Bridegroom—Watch and wait. "Take ye heed, watch and pray, for ye know not when the time is" (Mark 13:33). Let us, as Christians, pray God to send more laborers into the vineyard, and if the answer comes, "You go," let's not say, "I can't," but let's say, "I'll do what you want me to do, dear Lord; I'll go where you want me to go."

God's Promises Will Be Fulfilled

Every promise God hath given,

He will in the end fulfill,

Though our hearts with grief are riven

While rejoicing in his will,

Whosoever may assail,

Not a weapon shall prevail.

Israel's horn of peace hath sounded.

They for the fruition wait,

On the Rock of Ages grounded,
They shall claim their lost estate,
All the world their joy shall see,
By Jehovah's hand set free.

Let us then with hearts united,
Unto Zion's standard come,
All who will are now invited,
In this glorious place to run,
They the victory shall obtain,
In their great Redeemer's name,
Newcastle, California.

LET US STAND GUARD

Contributed by E. O. Callen

Guard, my child, thy tongue,
That it speaks no wrong;
Let no evil word pass o'er it;
Set the watch of truth before it,
That it speaks no wrong;
Guard, my brother, thy tongue.

Guard, my brother, thine eyes;
Looking on evil is not wise;
Let them look on what is right;
From all evil turn your sight,
Prying is not wise;
Guard, my brother, thine eyes.

Guard, my brother, thine ear,
Wicked words may sear;
Let no evil words come in,
That may cause thy soul to sin;
Wicked words will sear;
Guard, my brother, thine ear.

Ear, eye and tongue,
Guard while thou art young,
For, alas! these very busy three
Can unruly members be;
Guard while thou art young
Ear, eye and tongue.

—Selected.

He Died for You and Me.

Contributed by E. O. Callen

A missionary was preaching,
In a dark and heathen land,
The people came to hear him,
But could not understand.
A dreadful disease was raging,
In that dark country soon,
And many were its victims,
Who met their fatal doom.

The missionary continued
To work with the sick and pray;
He caught the disease from the natives
And soon in death he lay.
The natives took his body,
And laid it near their town;
"This lonely man died for us,"
On his tombstone was found.

Another missionary
Was sent to that same place,
To tell men of the Savior,
And of redeeming grace.

The natives met him coming
And welcomed him to their land;
They said: "We'll hear you gladly,
For now we understand."

They took him to a graveyard,
And showed him a marble slab,
"This faithful man died for us,"
To the missionary they said.
Although he told us of Jesus,
His words we would not heed,
But now tell us of Jesus,
Your message we so much need.

Go tell the world of Jesus,
And how his life he gave,
Upon the cross of Calvary,
The sinful world to save.
The people now are hungry,
But cannot understand,
Let us help to carry this message
To every race and land.

—Selected.

"HERE AM I, SEND ME"

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hear His voice, and able to speak for Him.

After Isaiah had seen God, heard His voice and been cleansed by the power of God, then he was ready to respond from the heart, and he said, "Here am I, send me."

To be a successful minister of the Gospel there must be cleansing, unction, sacrifice, together with a realization that the seraphim can and does cleanse the prophet, but the prophet must take God's message to the people.

God's messengers are not machines, but intelligent men and women, endowed with spiritual intelligence. They see and know God as supreme, they hear and know the voice of God and are ready to respond from the heart to the call of God.—The Editor.

SOME THINGS THAT MIGHT HELP TO IMPROVE OUR PAPER

By The Editor

WE HAVE decided to make our next issue (May) a "Mission Number," that is, "Mission" work will have a prominent place; so we are asking for articles on "Home Mission Work," especially by those who are active in the work and can tell us of the good that is being done in a telling way.

Of course reports of our work over the field, and letters of general interest always have first place. "Mission" articles are not to crowd other regular matter out, but in the May issue we are to stress our "Mission Work."

Manuscript should reach us not later than April 20th for the May issue.

IN OUR JUNE Number "Evangelism" is to have the prominent place. Are the evangelistic efforts put forth in your church, quarterly meeting or association all they should be? and what has been gained? Is your church or other churches of your association in a run-down condition spiritually, and in need of an evangelist. Tell us of your battles and your victories, and of your needs in the field of "Evangelism."

Manuscript for the June number should reach us by May 15th, and may be too late if received after May 20th. Remember that the least victory for God over Satan is big enough to report, and let us have a report.

IN OUR JULY issue we want to stress our Sunday School work. Report your Sunday school as to enrollment, attendance, No. of officers, No. of teachers, kind of school, whether union or denominational. Is your Sunday school active, and is the interest what it could be? Reports need not be long, but to the point, that we may come to know more about our Sunday School Work over the state, and in other states where the Gem finds its way. We expect to begin again in the July issue to print the International S. S. Lessons.

MANUSCRIPT is an important thing in the publication of our paper. We are very thankful for plenty of manuscript, especially are we thankful for so much Manuscript that is really good—good articles make up a good paper. This time we have put the paper up in eight point type, and we have used up all our manuscript but two or three articles, which will appear in next issue.

SUBSCRIPTIONS are very necessary if our paper is to prosper and fulfill its mission. We need more subscribers and, after careful consideration, have decided to give you all a chance to get the Gem at half price, but the time is limited to ten days—April 20th to May 1st.

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Renew your own sub and get others to subscribe, the more the better.

OBITUARY

MAYFIELD—Charles William Mayfield was born at Sheldon, Missouri, April 16, 1880, and departed this life March 8, 1932.

Bro. Mayfield was united in marriage with Grace May Smith April 8, 1903. To this union was born three children: Willis Mayfield, Mrs. Fern Owens and Marvin Mayfield, all of Chetopa, Kans. He leaves besides the children his companion and four grandchildren. His father and mother both having preceded him to the other shore.

Bro. Mayfield professed a hope in Christ a number of years ago at the Verdella Methodist church in Barton county, Missouri. He united with that church at that time, but a little later united with the Free Will Baptist church. He had been a faithful member of the Fairview church, near Chetopa, Kansas for a number of years.

He was licensed to preach the Gospel about seventeen years ago, was ordained soon afterward and was faithful until God called him home. Although he had not had as great an opportunity to go out in the Lord's work for the last few years, owing to the failing health of his wife, he was as devoted to God and his work as at any time in his life.

Bro. Mayfield had an appointment at the Shilo church for the second Sunday in March, but God called him home, on Tuesday before. He was instantly killed at the coal mine where he was working near his home.

Besides his wife and children Bro. Mayfield leaves to mourn his departure, three sisters: Mrs. Mary Glover of Fredonia, Kans., Mrs. Emma Bitington of Commerce, Okla., Mrs. Goldie Syms of Holly, Colorado, and one brother, Lee Mayfield of Miami, Oklahoma, together with a large number of relatives, many of which were present at the funeral, which was held at the Methodist church in Chetopa, Kansas, conducted by the writer. Others of our ministers present were Elders J. H. Posey, T. E. L. Curry, F. E. Crain, Elda Crain and Miss Craig.

We often hear the expression: "A place among us is vacant, that never can be filled." This certainly applies in the death of this, our beloved Bro. and fellow minister.

He will be greatly missed in the home, in the church, and in the community where he lived, but the life he lived was such that there isn't a

doubt in the minds of those who knew him best, as to where his eternal resting place will be.

May God bless those left behind and help each one to be ready for that great summons.

Written by Eld. O. T. Allred.

MCQUEARY—John McQueary was born in Berry County, Missouri, Dec. 6, 1860, and departed this life March 15, 1932, at the age of 71 years, three months, eight days.

He was converted at an early age and joined the Baptist church, and lived a true Christian life until death.

He was married to Miss Sarah Cutberth July 17, 1878. To this union was born seven children, three sons and four daughters. One died in infancy. The children were all present during his sickness and death except one, besides his relatives and friends.

Those who survive him are: His companion; Mrs. Sallie Yochum of Great Bend, Kansas, who could not be present; Mrs. Nellie Hammers; Mrs. Nancy Hammers, both of Blue Eye, Missouri; Frank McQueary; Dan McQueary; Harry McQueary, all of Blue Eye, Missouri; thirty-three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

He spent the last eleven years of his life at his home near Blue Eye, Missouri, until his death. Uncle John, as he was known to most every one, was a friendly and loveable man; all who knew him loved him and respected him for honest and good nature. He spent a useful life and was happiest when he was able to work and be busy at his every day business.

We know but little about his family. He had three brothers, two of whom are living, one died near Galena March 15, 1932. His father died while he was only six years of age, and he was reared by a loving, kind woman up to manhood. He has been able to be at his business until about two weeks before his death, when the fever struck him, and he lasted only a week, then fell asleep in Jesus.

He was a devoted husband, and a father to all who knew him. He will be greatly missed by his friends as well as his family, who feel that their loss is heaven's gain. It seems hard to give our loved one up, but the Lord knows best. It makes us stop and think more about our lives; for life is uncertain and death is sure; and it makes us want to do better.

He was a loving husband, father

and grandfather. We all will miss him, but our sorrow wont bring him back, we can point to the new made grave and to the great beyond and prepare ourselves to meet him and our loved ones and our Savior. He leaves to mourn his loss the family already mentioned, besides a host of friends.

Funeral services were held at the home, conducted by Elder Winford Davis. The remains were laid to rest at the Blue Eye Cemetery, where we bade him good bye until we shall meet again.

A sad heart heals in our breast,
A loneliness is there,
Death has come into our home,
And left a vacant chair.

We know he is better off,
His soul has gone to rest,
We know not why he had to go,
But God knows best.

We miss his presence here,
The council he has given,
And if we follow in his path,
We will meet him up in heaven.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank every one for their kindness during the illness and death of our husband and father.
Written by a granddaughter.

GAMBLIN—Nathan Elijah Gamblin was born February 9, 1870, and died March 18, 1932, after an illness of sixteen months, aged 62 years, one month and seven days.

He leaves a companion and four step children, and many friends to mourn his departure.

Bro. Gamblin was one of the charter members of the First Free Will Baptist church at 1301 Park Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. He was a faithful member and a splendid worker in the Master's kingdom. We shall miss him, but rejoice in the hope of meeting him again in glory.

Funeral services were at the First Free Will Baptist church. Elder W. C. Hill delivered the message, using Rev. 14:13 as a text.

How joyful is the hope that lingers,
When loved ones cross death's sea,
That we, when all earth's toils are o'er,
With them shall ever be.

No parting words shall e'er be spoken,
In yonder home so fair,
But songs of joy, and peace and gladness,
We'll sing forever there.

BOHANNON—Brother Eric Carroll Bohannon was born in Laclede County, Missouri, July 28, 1854, and departed this life February 18, 1932, at the age of 77 years, six months and twenty days.

Surviving are two sons: J. L. Bohannon, and Sherman Bohannon, and five daughters: Mrs. Morton Engle, Mrs. W. J. McNeal, Mrs. R. R. Burke, Mrs. W. W. Cantlon, all of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Katherine Hall of Burley, Idaho.

At the time of his death Bro. Bohannon was a member of the First Free Will Baptist church of Tulsa.

He leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn his departure.

Funeral services were conducted at Martin Fleming Funeral Home, with Elder Melvin Bingham officiating.

PIERCE

Tulsa, Oklahoma, March 7, 1932.

Dear Gem Family and Brothers and Sisters Everywhere: It is with a grieved heart that I write this article.

I have been very sick, this being the worst sickness I ever had, and what sadder thing could happen! Our beloved Bro. Pierce died. It was a great shock to all of us who knew him. He was one of our best young preachers and was pastoring our New Home church, and it sure was prospering, and his church dearly loved him.

Bro. Pierce was Clerk of our Association and a member of our Executive Board. He was just in his prime of life, only thirty-two years old.

His sickness didn't last long. I thank the good Lord for giving me strength to be at his bed side when he passed away. He knew me when I arrived, and in about five minutes he went to rest, died in the arms of Jesus. The angels had need of him, and we will bow in submission to the will of God.

Eld. Melvin Bingham, 1023 North St. Louis St., Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Written in memory of Elder W. J. Pierce, one of our promising young ministers, who departed this life March 2, 1932.

By Elder E. A. O'Donnel

While looking o'er the Gospel field,
In search of servants true,
Our eyes behold a vacant place,
And memory rushes through.

Ah yes, it was a brother dear!

Whose eyes were stayed on God,
But he no longer labors here,
He rests beneath the sod.

'Twas in this pulpit where he stood,
And plead for all to come.
He did the very best he could,
A crown of life he's won.

He'll not report his work again,
Just as he did before,
But all his labors will remain;
I'm sure they'll gain much more.

He died a soldier on the field,
His Captain led the way,
In uniform and Gospel shield,
He went against the fray.

While clouds of sorrow gather round,
And tears begin to fall,
We're ever listening for the sound,
That soon must come to all.

Companion of this soldier brave,
Be strong, and stand the test,
His body's waiting in the grave,
His soul has gone to rest.

No mortal eyes have seen the place,
Its beauties yet untold,
But if we're truly saved by grace,
We'll walk the streets of gold.

And now to precious tender hearts,
Who grieve for father dear,
If you're not Christians, make the start,
There's naught to dread or fear.

The Lord will kiss away your grief,
And fill your hearts with joy,
If you will only seek relief,
And work in His employ.

And now to all the family here,
Of whom it may consist,
I know you mourn your brother dear,
His presence you have missed.

But fight a little harder now,
You're further up the way,
And just a little humbler bow,
There'll come a better day.

Arouse, ye servants of the Lord,
Put on the armour bright!
Stand in the lines and trust His word,
Let's win the Gospel fight!

It's true one soldier left the ranks,
He died with sword in hand,
He's cross'd o'er Jordan's stormy banks
Into the promised land.

It's just a few more days of work,
On the terrestrial crest,
Let's do our duty, do not shirk,
We'll have a glorious rest.

The Seven Great Words From The Cross

By Elder Wm. Reeves

Looking back to Calvary, I see some one, who can it be? What has he done? It is Christ the Son of God, dying for the sins of the world.

What is He saying? "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do!" Forgive whom? His persecutors. We see Christ as he was hanging upon the cross, looking at His surroundings, seeing the soldiers casting lots for His garments. Christ, in His great love and mercy, looking down upon them, cried out to God, to forgive them of the great wrong.

We hear Him speaking again, what is He saying? He is speaking to one on a cross near Him. We see Christ hanging upon the cross with a malefactor on either side, and I hear one saying, "If thou be the Christ, save thyself and us," tempting Him. I hear the other rebuking him and saying, "Dost not thou fear God, for we receive the due reward for our deeds," but this man hath done nothing amiss," then turning to Christ, he said, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." We see Christ as He looked upon this one with great pity and love, speak those great words of forgiveness: "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise." What wonderful love it is that can help one to forgive at a time of persecution, even unto death.

Behold, I hear Him again, He is now speaking to His beloved. We see Him as He looked upon the disciples, and seeing John and His beloved mother, He said, "Mother behold thy son," and looking at John, He said, "Son, behold thy mother." Jesus left His mother with John His beloved disciple, and she abode with him.

We hear Him again, saying, "I thirst." Oh, is He as you and I? Yes, we see by this that He was of the flesh as you and I; He thirsted for a drink of water. Oh, what suffering He was going through for you and me! And those wonderful words of love He was still speaking! but we see the unmerciful soldiers taking a sponge and dipping it in vinegar to give to our blessed Savior to drink.

We hear Him saying again in words of agony, when God no doubt could not look upon the scene of His dying Son; for the time had come for the great sacrifice, and the great weight of the sin of the whole world was upon Him (as I see in temporally speaking), the load was so heavy upon Him that it seemed to be tearing His hands

from the nails. I hear Him cry out, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" He was not doubting as some say He was, but was suffering under the great burden for the sake of the world.

We hear Him saying again to His Father, "Into thy hands I commend my spirit." Why did He do this? He had come here and had done His work to bring salvation to the world, and now He had finished the work.

We hear Him speaking His last words, speaking to all, "It is finished." What is finished? (1) the sacrifice for sin was finished; (2) the prophecies concerning the Messiah and His death were fulfilled; (3) the great plan of salvation was completed.

We find that Christ in all of His suffering, in all of His persecutions, praying for God to forgive His enemies of their wrong, and we see Him forgiving sin while on the cross. We see Him preparing for the welfare of the loved ones He was leaving behind. He then cried out, "I thirst," proving that He was of flesh and blood, as you and I, suffering with pain and agony.

He had finished His work, completed the great plan of salvation; and I thank God that He once reminded me of my soul's condition, and that I saw Christ as by the eye of faith; and I am determined by the grace of God to tell others of Him.

I ask the prayers of all the Christian people, that I may be able to picture Him before the world as the Savior of the world.

Flat River, Missouri.

A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES (Continued from page two)

my memory.

We know it is true that our influence is either leading someone on toward the Savior or it is leading them the other way—there is no half-way ground. When we realize this, we can earnestly pray, "Oh God, help us to lay aside every weight"—the things that some of us try to carry along with us in our Christian life that are a hindrance. As the song says, "You must unload." Put it all on the altar and leave it there. Let God have a chance. You know we couldn't carry a load around with us as we go about our daily tasks and ever get anywhere; neither can we get anywhere in the Master's service if we are all weighted down with worldly things.

"And the sin which doth so easily beset us." We all have besetting sins. What might bother me may not bother you, but there is something in

every life that keeps coming up to hinder or beset us in our race. Paul says, "Lay aside every sin." "If our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart," then by the help of God we can lay it aside. The text says, "Looking unto Jesus." We must look unto Him, for He has said, His grace is sufficient for us. "He will not allow us to be tempted more than we can bear but with the temptation will make a way of escape." And when he makes for us the way of escape, we must take that way, or we will be overcome by the tempter.

But we must not be overcome, because too many are watching us. Some might, of course, be glad to see us fall, but there are many who would be discouraged. We must be true when we have such a wonderful Savior to stand by us. And to think what He has done for us, that we might have a hope of eternal life. He even gave His life for us; so when we give Him our very best, then we can never repay the debt we owe Him. I love the song, "I am satisfied with Jesus."

But the question comes to me when I think of Calvary, is my Master satisfied with me.

Yours for the Master's cause.

THE WOMAN'S MINISTRY

By Elder Elda Crain

Much is being said for and against this important subject; so I'm saying a few words in its favor.

There isn't a doubt but that some of you will say, "I don't believe that women have a right to preach," as soon as you read the heading of this article, but come on and read the rest of it any way.

Some folks think it is all right for women to preach, but think they should not be ordained. But brothers and sisters, if it's right for women to preach, it's right for them to be ordained.

There is some Scripture in 1 Cor. that is used by folks who fight the woman's ministry; so I'll quote it: "Let your women keep silence in the churches, for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home, for it is a shame for women to speak in the church" (1 Cor. 14: 34-35). Catch these words, "As also saith the law." Remember that was the law that was abolished when Jesus was crucified. So God had Bro. Paul to tell us in Col. 2:14, that the handwriting of ordinances, which was con-

trary to us, was blotted out. Under the law the Jews were forbidden to eat the flesh of swine, but since that is abolished, we can eat the flesh of swine, for God said, "All meats are clean and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving."

There wasn't any women preachers back there under the law, but there are women preachers today.

In Joel's time God knew that there was a time coming when the women would be in the ministry; so He had the prophet Joel to prophesy of it. Still there are folks who don't seem to understand the prophecy. In Joel 2:28, 29 we read, "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. And also upon the servants and upon the handmaidens, in those days will I pour out my spirit." He also said that whosoever calleth upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered. This prophecy was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost and is still being fulfilled. When God poured His Spirit out upon His sons and daughters on the day of Pentecost, some said, "What meaneth this?" The apostle Peter answered and said, "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel." Women came into the ministry that day.

I hope you will agree with me, that prophesy is preaching. Well Joel said "Your daughters shall prophesy."

Philip the evangelist had four daughters which did prophesy. Sister Phoebe was a preacher also. The apostle Paul, when speaking a word for her, to the Romans, said, "I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea." He also asked them to receive her in the Lord, and said that she hath been a succorer of many and of himself also. I believe that Phebe was a real preacher, and Paul believed the same. I wish to say that if Phebe were here today, preaching the Gospel, our brother preachers who oppose the lady preacher, would just about have to take their sign down, when they heard her preach just one sermon under the anointing power of the Holy Ghost.

While folks are fighting woman's ministry, God is still calling women and girls into the ministry. I am sorry to say that we have ministers of the Free Will Baptist denomination who oppose the lady preacher, but I hope they, too, will see that God is calling women to preach the Gospel.

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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.

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How To Keep Happy

Contributed by Mrs. Lizzie Shipman

Think of all the good things you know about people and quit looking for things they do which don't suit you.

Look upon every day as God's day, and not the devil's. Then you will serve God and not another.

Get it out of your system that you are right and that everybody else is wrong. Because that is not so.

Don't listen to the man who tells you that everything is going to pieces. This world was here at least six thousand years before you were born. It is still standing. God isn't dead.

Remember the prescription of Jesus. Lose your life if you want to find it. He who helps most finds the most happiness. If you give little, you will receive little.

Don't forget this: True riches belong to the heart, rather than to a bank vault. Store up wealth in your heart and you will be happy. Store up wealth in the bank and you may be miserable.

If you want to be happy, keep company with God. He promises to give peace. The devil lends only, and collects on short time, with compound interest. You may not believe this,

but it is so. Some have found out when it was too late.

God wants you to be happy. Therefore do right, work hard, give generously, be friendly, have faith, keep going on.

Peace With God

Romans 5:1

By Elder Glen Jones, Lebanon, Mo.

It seems that there are people who have that longing for peace, but can't see anything in Christ and His Gospel that is peace for the present time. When Christ was about ready to go back to the Father, He said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth give I unto you" (John 14:27). Now it seems that a great many people want peace as the world giveth, therefore they say He will bring that peace when He comes the second time. My brother, we need to be preaching that peace that Job speaks of: "Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace" (Job 22:21).

We are all agreed that Jesus came to earth to restore that which was lost in the transgression, but the great question is: what was lost in the transgression? Surely he who knows Romans 5:1 means, knows also what the transgression brought about.

When a person has sinned against God and is a sinner, and then comes back to God and finds peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, he has found the fulfillment of all the prophets, such as Psalms 85:8; 1 Peter 3:10-11; and Isaiah 39:15-18.

My brother, let us not be tossed about and say, "The Lord delayeth his coming," but let us preach the Gospel of Peace.

What Is Life To You?

To the preacher life's a sermon,

To the joker it's a jest;

To the miser life is money,

To the loafer life is rest,

To the lawyer life's a trial,

To the poet life's a song,

To the doctor life's a patient,

That needs treatment right along-

To the soldier life's a battle,

To the teacher life's a school,

Life's a good thing to the grafter,

It's a failure to the fool,

Life is but a long vacation,

To the man that loves his work,

Life's an everlasting effort

To shun duty, to the shirk.

To the earnest Christian worker,

Life's a story ever new;

Life is what we try to make it—

Tell me, what is life to you?