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How to Obtain a Revival

Text, Matt. 3:3

By Elder W. C. Hill

The Lord Jesus has not only come into the world, but is also willing to come into the individual heart. This coming is what is needed above every thing else.

I. The first step in a revival is that Christ must be invited.

(1) He will not force Himself on us. He lets us know, however, that He wants to come in. He stands at the door and knocks.

(2) If you would have Him, you must open the door and invite Him in. It is His business to seek to come in, but your business to open the door and let Him in. (Rev. 3:20)

II. He Must Be Desired.

He will not come in on a formal invitation. That is the reason He turned from the Jews to the Gentiles. *An Earnest Invitation*—The ruler said, "My little daughter lieth at the point of death; I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed, and she shall live." We note that this ruler fell down before our Lord and besought Him earnestly. (Mark 5:22-23). The woman with the issue of blood said, "If I may but touch His clothes, I shall be whole." If we would have Christ, He must be desired.

III. A third step is to prepare the Way.

Who is to prepare the way?

(1) John came to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord. We note (a) that John was a called messenger, and (b) he had the Lord's message, (c) that he prepared the people for coming of the Lord, by telling them that he was not the Christ, but that He was yet to come (Matt. 3:11).

IV. There was also a Preparation on the part of the people.

(1) John called on the people to repent ((Matt. 3:2).

(2) He called on them to prove their repentance by their works.

(Matt. 3:8 to 13). The best evidence of ones repentance is a clean life. Isaiah tells us what to do (40:1 to 6)

(1) "Every valley must be exalted" What does that mean? We have here the picture of a valley that is low and marshy, where a harvest cannot be grown. It must be drained or filled up before it can produce. Whose business is it to do this? It is our duty to fill the valleys of our life. Do our duty and so on.

(2) "Every mountain and hill shall be made low." What does that mean? That we must come down from every mountain of ritualism, and ceremonial observance. Ordinances cannot save us. They are all right in their place, but Christ only can save. We must make low the mountains of pride and popularity. Zacchæus had to come down out of the tree before the Lord could dine with him and bring salvation to his house (Luke 19:5). Naaman had to wash in the hated Jordan before he could be healed of his leprosy (2 Kings 5:12). So we must come the Lord's way or not at all.

(3) "The crooked must be made straight." What does that mean? I believe it means restitution as far as possible. Jesus said, "Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift" (Matt. 5:23-24). The Lord's prayer also teaches us the same lesson. Zacchæus said, "If I have taken anything by false accusation, I restore it four fold."

4. "The rough places must be made plane." What does that mean?

(1) That we should polish up our lives. (a) By using chaste language. You can tell the heart condition by the language used. "From the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (Luke 6:45). (b) By curbing our temper. There is only one notable thing anger does. It improves the curve in a cat's back. (c) By control-

ing our passions. "The tree is known by its fruit" (Matt. 7:20).

RESULTS

1. Christ will come into the heart and abide there.

2. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed in us.

What is the Glory of the Lord? The Glory of the Lord was seen in the pillar of cloud which led Israel through the wilderness journey. The Glory of the Lord covered Mount Sinai when God delivered the Law to Moses. The Glory of the Lord was seen at the Transfiguration of Christ. The Glory of the Lord shone in the face of Stephen when they were stoning him to death. If we meet the conditions I have been describing, the Glory of the Lord will shine through us and a real revival will be the result.

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The Church

By Miss Linnie McCoy

The Christian church is the body of believers in Jesus Christ. The visible church is an organized body of believers, who have openly professed Christianity and entered into a covenant with God and His people. The word "church" is also used to designate a particular denomination, or a group of people who worship together as a congregation. The invisible Church is made up of all people who have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, whether they have joined the visible church or not. The church is closely related to the Kingdom of Heaven. The Kingdom is the invisible rule of God in human hearts, and the church is the institution through which the kingdom is extended.

The true Church, composed of all saved people, is the body of Christ of which He is the Head. He is in the place of highest authority in the church. It is governed by His Word and His Spirit, and through it He performs His work in the world. It was instituted by Jesus Himself, and

He has given to it's many members a variety of gifts or talents, but all are sorely needed for those to whom the Gospel is to be preached present an endless variety of character and disposition. We are told in Romans 12:6 that our gifts differ according to the grace that is given to us; and Paul tells us in 1 Cor. 12:22 that the members of the body, which seem to be more feeble are necessary.

Another task of the church is the perfecting of the saints, that they may grow in grace and knowledge, and measure up to the fullness of the stature of Christ. That we may be no longer children tossed to and fro and carried about by every wind of doctrine.

The parable in Mark 4:26-32 emphasizes the gradual growth of the church. Anyone who carries the Gospel truth is the sower of the seed, and each one is accountable for the way they present the truth to others. The church began in a very small way when a few disciples without education, or money faced the task of conquering a world of sin, but it has grown until today its influence is felt throughout the world.

How many of us ever stop to consider that the church with which we so often find grievous fault is, indeed and truth our own church? Other hands may have dug it's foundations, erected its walls, and fashioned its furniture, but it is now in our hands for better or for worse. The fathers who moulded its theology are gone; the saints who hallowed its pews are there no longer; and now we are responsible for all—the theology, the care of the building, its music and its ritual, its manifold activities and its sacred charities. If the church is alive, it is we who are keeping it so; if it is but half alive, we are responsible; if it is really dead, we are the ones who have killed it. For better or for worse God has linked us to this church and it is ours.

We may be only one of five hundred members, but so far as our influence goes we are making or marring our church. We lay the blame on the preachers who do not preach as our fathers did; we declare that the deacons are not the men for the work, as they are not sufficiently spiritual or self-sacrificing; we may think that the choir is not doing its work properly, and the organist is not the one for the job; but we never dream that upon our own shoulders rests part of the blame which we so freely mete out to others. We forget that when a mule

is kicking, he is not pulling; and when he is pulling he is not kicking. The faultfinders never build a house or even extinguished a mud puddle. The road to heaven is certainly not paved with the criticisms of the idle. The only one who has the right to criticize is the one who is himself in the harness and pulling all he is able to.

Some will tell us to pray for the church, and then everything will be all right; but it is well to remember that God does not do the work that He has laid on human shoulders. He means for everyone of His children to do his full share. It is utterly useless praying God to save the young people, while we are the very ones who are making it so uncomfortable for them that they will not attend church. The man who would have the church prosper must get busy answering his own prayers. If you want God to save your John, you had better get a grip on him yourself and see what his own father can do.

This is God's church, but it is also our own church; and God has committed its wellbeing very largely to us; if we fail, then all fails. No angel from heaven can do the work that God has laid upon us. He does not ask any man to do what he is unable to do, but what he is able to do; he is expected to do well. You cannot save a church by absentee members nor by members who are sound asleep or even half awake. Our church demands, not criticism, but co-operation; not fine-spun theories, but practical effort. Then those who sit back in their pews and find fault, had better go home and get busy. Not all the good advice in the world can atone for the lack of our own best effort; and when we get busy we shall cease to criticize.

If you think your church the best,
Tell 'em so!

If you'd have it lead the rest,
Help it grow!

When there's anything to do,
Let them always count on you,
You'll feel good when it is through,
Don't you know?

If you're used to giving knocks,
Change your style;
Throw bouquets instead of rocks,
For a while.
Boost your pastor and your church;
Knock the knocker off his perch;
Lift the stumbler from the lurch—
With a smile!

When a stranger from afar
Comes along,

Tell him who and what you are—
Make it strong.
Never flatter, never bluff,
Tell the truth, for that's enough—
Be a booster, that's the stuff,
Don't just belong.
Phillipsburg, Missouri, R2

The Signs of the Times

By Eld. Walter E. George

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To the Gem Family:

As I have never written to the Gem but once before, I thought I would write. I am sick and not able to work and not able to preach but little, but I can write, so you may hear from me most any time.

"O, ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?" (Mat. 16:3). We look at the sky to tell whether it is going to rain, or be fair; but let us go to the Bible and see what it says about the signs of the times. Let us read Dan. 12:4, "But thou, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, even to the time of the end (or end of the Gentile age—Read Luke 21:24).

"Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Now that is one sign, that we shall know that the second coming of Christ is at hand; now let us look around and see the people running to and fro: one seems to be content. Now this of the knowledge that has been increased, look at the airplanes, look at the wireless service that can go across the nation in a thought. Now let us read Nahum 2:3-4. That man of God told us of the autos about 2613 years before one was made. That proves to us that the second coming is at hand, and the Bible is true. Brother, sister, let us lay aside the stuff that is man-made and take the Bible for our guide, for it is the Word of God, and it will stand the test: it has already stood where man fails. Now I do not want to scare anyone, but let us get down to bed-rock business and look at the signs of the times. Christ and the apostles and prophets have told plainly how we can tell when the second coming is at hand. Now a sign is to be seen, not to be heard, as some would say that talking in unknown tongues is a sign that you have the Holy Ghost. And they are just like the devil in the garden. He told a lie and deceived the woman just like people are doing today, as Christ said in Matt. 24:4, 5, 11). Brother, sister, turn

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THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

We Are Almost There

Man's god today is man. Men are talking and writing and acting as never before in the history of our nation—though men have doubtless acted in the same way at other crisis-periods in the history of the world, such as just before the flood, the time of confusion at tower of Babel and just before the captivities. Daily newspapers, secular magazines, and the many books with which our country is flooded, all show the exaltation of man and defiance of God.

Foreseeing that man would thus worship himself in the end of this age, just before the Lord's return, the Holy Spirit gave God's prophets messages of warning for today. And the time is almost here when these prophecies shall be fulfilled. About 2500 years ago the Holy Spirit moved Isaiah to write, as a part of that always up-to-date Book the Bible: "And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low; and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. And the idols he shall utterly abolish. And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he shall arise to shake terribly the earth" (Isaiah 2:17-19). The time is not far distant when He shall arise "to shake terribly the earth." Men are now going their own chosen way, leaving God out; but the time is coming when they will know that God doth "shake terribly the earth." They will try to hide in the "holes of the rocks, and the caves of the earth," but it won't do them any good. This terrible experience will include all who are not sheltered in the Rock that is higher than man (Ps. 61:2). "For their rock is not our Rock."

God said in Amos 8:11, "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." And we are almost there. Men can talk politics, they can talk business, they can talk knowingly upon most any worldly subject; but are not concerned about God and salvation. Most every one reads the papers, magazines and books that exalt man and show forth his doings; but very few read the Bible, which is the word of God. In the Bible they could learn who God is, what man is, the fallen state of man and how man may be saved; but they are joined to the god of this world, they are children of the devil and refuse to desert their father. This is the thing that is robbing many of our churches today. When you go to the church on Sunday morning, which do you take with you, your Bible or the Sunday paper? Which do you read most, your Bible or the Sunday paper? or do you read something else? According to 2 Cor. 3:2 Christians are "epistles, known and read of all men." Fellow Christian, the world is reading your life as a book, do they read things there that testify of God and His power to save and keep you separated from the world?

Much of the present day preaching is "with enticing words of man's wisdom." The discourse may give evidence of being carefully prepared and studied, and may be well delivered, but not "in demonstration of the Spirit and of power" (1 Cor. 2:4). These and many other things tell us the end is near.

Flat River, Missouri, July 13, 1932

Dear Gem Family:

How are you this splendid morning? The time flies so fast I failed to get a piece to the Gem last month.

We visited Bro. Reeves' church at Wortham and preached some and had two conversions. But we needed to be there longer, but we couldn't on account of taking care of Sister Franklin's church while she was away. We had a protracted prayer meeting which lasted four weeks, and had a number of conversions, and seven additions to the church.

We ask prayers for the Wortham church. Bro. Reeves is doing his best, but they need help in several ways; and no pastor can carry the burden alone.

We are now in Flat River in a tent meeting. We started the meeting in the church, but it was so warm. We got the tent up yesterday, and had the first service last night. We have had seven conversions already, and five added to the church. Brother Miller is still here on the firing lines for the Lord, and has a fine bunch of people to work with. Pray much for us, that God will give a great revival and many souls be saved. This is a white harvest field here and laborers are few.

God bless all the dear Gem family. I did so much enjoy the splendid pieces in this month's issue. I feel that our paper is getting better all the time. God bless Sister Lina Claxton, and others.

Yours for Jesus,

Lizzie McAdams.

BLUE EYE, MISSOURI

Dear Gem Family:

As I sit here this evening, a story comes to my mind, which reads something like this:

"Ruth, I have tickets for the concert of the Bell-ringers, on Wednesday night, can you go?" Alice said to a friend as she stopped at her gate.

"It is prayer meeting night." "I know, but they sail for Europe Friday night and this is their last concert." "But I never stay from prayer meeting for anything." "But this is a sacred concert and only once; we can worship just as well there." So reluctantly, against her convictions, Ruth consented.

That night the girl dreamed that an angel in shining raiment stood beside her and asked gently, "Where are you going tomorrow night?" and she answered, "I thought I would go to the concert." Then the angel said sadly, "Have you so little appreciation of the value of a single soul?"

Vividly the vision came back to Ruth the next morning as she lay, saying softly to herself, "Wonder what it could mean, so little appreciation of the value of a single soul." She decided that she must take back her promise to go to the concert, and go to prayer-meeting.

She sat in the house of prayer with a strange joy in her soul, singing, "Plenteous Grace." As the music ceased the girl sprang impulsively to her feet. "I meant to hear the Bell-ringers tonight," she said, "but I decided I would rather go to prayer meeting, and I am happier here than I would have been at the concert. And I am sure no music could be

sweeter than the hymn we have just sung."

As the hour of closing drew near the pastor arose and invited any who would give themselves to Christ to come forward. As he waited in silence, a lady in mourning walked slowly up the aisle and kneeling was shown the way to salvation.

When the service was ended, a friend came to Ruth and said, "The lady who went forward wishes to be introduced to you." Much astonished, the girl went to receive the introduction to Mrs. Walters. "I wanted to tell you," the lady said, "that I owe the fact of my being a Christian tonight to your testimony. I have not been inside of a church for ten years. I came here to please a friend, and when you said you had given up the concert for a prayer meeting and that no music could be sweeter than the hymn, 'Jesus Lover of My Soul,' I thought to myself, 'There must be something in religion and I am going to have it; so I wish to thank you, that it is because of your testimony. I shall go home to night a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ.'" Ruth held out her hand and pressed gratefully that of her new friend. She knew now the meaning of the angel's message. She could not tell Mrs. Walters how nearly she had come to proving recreant to her trust, nor the dream that had influenced her in the true direction, so she answered simply, "I thank you for telling me this," yet she little guessed what cause she would always have to remember it.

Ruth's home was close beside a railroad track. About midnight she was awakened by a horrible crashing sound and, looking through the window she could see where the midnight express and the 11:30 freight had collided. The frantic cries of the frightened, and the piercing shrieks of the wounded made her shudder, but she bravely put away all thoughts of self and, calling her father, was soon ready to go with him to the rescue, and the first face that looked up into hers was that of Mrs. Walters. Pale and peaceful it was, thought showing how intensely she suffered. She was extricated and borne to Ruth's home. The power of speech was almost gone. She rallied a little as they laid her on Ruth's couch, taking her hand and pressing it to her lips, she whispered feebly, "Child I'm going. It was my last chance. What if you had not spoken, what if I had not taken it?"

And kneeling there beside the dead, the hot tears running down her face, Ruth promised the Father always to do her duty, always to give her testimony, always to appreciate the value of a single soul.

Dear friends, let us all be like this girl was; never stay away from prayer meeting for anything. Let us always give our testimony; we don't know when what little we have to say may save a soul.

A sister in Christ,

Mrs. Agnes Conelison.

Bristow, Oklahoma, R5, B114A., July 12th

A Few Words to the Gem and its Many Readers:

Just received my paper and it was just fine. I enjoy reading the good letters and to know the good work is going on in spite of the devil and the depression. I was glad to see Sister Stafford's letter, and to know that their work is being blessed at Clemscot, their home church. They used to live

here and we missed them very much when they left here. She was our church clerk. God bless her and Bro. Stafford. I pray your work and church will prove to be a filling station for the lost.

Well, I am going to report my meeting. Just closed a three weeks' meeting at Liberty church where I have been pastor this year. Bro. Johnson assisted me in the meeting. I thank God for saving thirty souls. I baptized eleven, and fourteen added to the church.

My meeting will begin at Gledale, near Depew, Okla. on the 16th of this month, and the next at Paden, Okla. on the second Sunday in August. I need your prayers, that I might do the work God has for me to do.

Yours for the cause,
Elder W. H. Carter.

Stahl, Missouri, July 4, 1932

Dear Readers of the Gem:

We are sending you another splendid Sunday school report. This time from our Indian Creek Association, Elder Kenneth Turner, Monett, Mo., Evangelist. Bro. Turner reports:

No. of active S. S. in Ass'n.....10
Average attendance 45
Average Col. about60c
Average classes per school about....4

About half of the schools use our F. W. B. Literature, the other half using Union literature.

The report shows the Sunday schools to be holding their own, with a gain of one school and a prospect for one or more schools in the near future.

Bro. Turner's report states that no Temperance lectures have been given to the Sunday schools that he knows of.

We are glad for this good report and hope others will send theirs in at the earliest possible date. Also hope to meet each S. S. Evangelist, with many others at our State Ass'n, at Greentop this fall.

Yours in Jesus' name,
C. A. Phillips, Corresponding Evangelist for our State Ass'n of F. W. B.

Hartville, Missouri, June 24, 1932

Dear Editor and Wife and Readers of the Gem: You perhaps get tired of my writing so often, but this about all I can do. I did get to go to church the first Sunday in June, at Pleasant Hill. Bro. York is the pastor, and he sure is a preacher; and

they all like him. His wife and little children were with him and all were glad to have them come.

Well, June has been a very pleasant month. When we were young, it was a very busy month with us, as this brings harvest time, and reminds us of the work of God, and the blessed promises left on record for us.

I have been thinking of another little word, "Pray." David said, "Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray" (Psa. 5:2). "Take ye heed, watch and pray, for ye know not when the time is (Mark 13:33). "Lord, teach us to pray as John taught his disciples. And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, . . . Give us day by day our daily bread, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" (Luke 11:2-3). Let us study this prayer; it means so much. Jesus said, "I will pray the Father and he shall send you another comforter" (John 14:16). "If any man serve me, let him follow me" (John 12:26).

Jesus kneeled down and prayed, Solomon was the wisest man we read about, and he kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel and spread his hands toward heaven. Dear readers, it has been talked among the people, that a man should not be allowed to preach who has not had four years of high school or some college work. Well, I do not oppose education with salvation, but without salvation it is damnation. I have been permitted to hear some evangelists that claimed to be college bred, preach for two weeks or more and, if they ever kneeled to pray during the revival, it was not at the church, and they went away, leaving but very little sign of their labor in the harvest field for good. We hope they are not all like that. They say, "Standing, let us have a few words of prayer." Jesus and His disciples kneeled to pray; they left us this example. "And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves" Look at the churches that our fathers and mothers worked so hard to build, when money was so hard to get, how they are using them, Some for filling stations, not for the good of humanity, but for filling cars. Some have taken the seats out of the house and use it to play ball and other games, others are having silly plays, golf, or just anything to get a little money. Who is doing these things? The church member is the very one.

not the child of God who takes everything to God in prayer. If only the church members, men and women, boys and girls would save what they spend foolishly for tobacco, cold drinks, powder, paint, lip stick, permanent wave, and numerous other things, and give it to the preachers, they could have a comfortable living and have time to study the word of God.

Well, some say, "What about the preacher that uses tobacco?" In 2nd Cor. 7:1, Paul exhorts them to purity of life, saying, "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit." "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him" (James 5:14). "(Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another. Pray for your enemy, pray without ceasing." "Pray for us: we trust we have a good conscience in all things willing to live honestly" (Heb. 13:18).

God bless our faithful editor and wife and the Gem family, and give all a home in heaven.

Love and good wishes to all.

Lina Claxton.

HUGGINS, MISSOURI

To the Gem Family:

I thought that I would like to say a few words this morning, while this is the beginning of another week in July, and God has spared our life for some reason. We hope it is for His glory and that we can help someone to live closer to the Lord. We find that in the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (Gen. 1:1). We find by reading this chapter that God created everything and He gave man dominion over every living thing that moveth upon the earth, and we find that after all men went in forbidden paths, going on in sin until it repented God, that He had made man; and He sent the great flood and destroyed all flesh, but saved Noah in the ark, and those that went in with him; and we find that Noah obeyed God in all things. I wonder how many Noah's we could find today.

We find that God has told us to keep ourselves unspotted from the world and to shun youthful lusts. Now I wonder again how many God-called ministers you could find at the picnic grounds on the fourth of July, and I would like to know if they found the Lord there with a stand of any kind, or heard anyone praying. I didn't go

there to see about what people were doing. We find in Prov. 24:1-2, "Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them, for their heart studieth destruction and their lips talk of mischief. We find in Isaiah 1, where the Lord says, "Wash you, make you clean, put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes, cease to do evil, learn to do well, seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow; Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land." People of God have taken part with the world in so many different ways that they say, "Well, I can't see any wrong in this or that." God has said He would turn them over to a reprobate mind. We find in Prov. 14:12, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

Well, the crops in this part look fine since the nice rains. We pray for a real harvest of lost souls this summer and fall.

Our F. W. B. Quarterly Meeting will soon be here. It will be held with Rock Springs church. Let's all pray for a shower of blessings from above.

May the Lord bless the young minister that asked an interest in our prayers. May you go on brother and look to the Lord, for He can help and none can hinder. Pray for us.

Yours for Christ,

Mrs. John Ratterree.

St. Louis, Missouri, July 12, 1932

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I am a new subscriber to the Gem, and like it very much. I see letters from so many places I know, and I wonder if our editor can find space to print a report from the Free Will Baptist Ladies' Aid of St. Louis.

The Ladies' aid is doing well, making some lovely work, such as quilts, needle work, paper flowers, etc.

On June 23, 1932 we held an all day service at the church, and dinner was served. The meeting was called to order by the president, Sister Florence Anderson, followed by singing the Free Will Baptist Ladies' Aid song, which Mrs. Anderson composed herself. Then followed Scripture reading and a special song by Sister Rev. Howell. Then Sister Howell delivered a wonderful message at

11 o'clock

The roll was called by Secretary, Mrs. L. Nuburn. There are more than 33 members on the roll, but ten were sick, three out of town, one working, no account of two; so we had 17 present. Some couldn't stay all day, but were present. The Lord wonderfully blessed all day. President, Florence Anderson, and Vice President, L. Stewart, asked Sister Reeves to make a talk to the visiting members for a few minutes, while the officers of the class went to prepare lunch.

Mrs. Beck asked the blessing on the dinner. Many women and children were present. After lunch the meeting was called to order by president and singing. "Somebody Did a Golden Deed." Several talked on different subjects of good interest. A continued prayer led by Sister Howell, followed by a number of ladies, closed by president. Sang a song and were dismissed by Sister Beck.

Then all marched out to the side of the church to make pictures of the remaining group. The pictures were all very good; and all said good by, till we meet next regular meeting day, which is every Thursday.

I will close by asking the prayers of God's people for our faith to be stronger and our work to prosper.

Florence Anderson, President.

HARTVILLE, MISSOURI

(Pleasant Hill Church)

To the Gem Readers:

I'm certainly glad to hear that so many young men are starting out in the field to work. I was glad to hear that Bro. Marcum is living close to God and that He is blessing his work in the ministry. Bro. Marcum and his wife were a great comfort to the people while they lived in Hartville, Mo. I'm praying that the Lord will continue to save souls by his Gospel messages and that God will bless all the ministers everywhere, when they are working so faithfully for the upbuilding of the cause of Christ.

Well, I have been reading this great Book and I find so many little words spelled with just four letters; and they mean so much. "Work" is one of these words we should all study. Ministers work for God, and the rest of us children do too. And the devil works, too, trying to get the people to follow him. "Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy unto the Lord: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day shall surely

be put to death" (Exodus 31:15). Oh people, I believe some people should take the Bible and read that, and this, "Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work" (Ex. 20:9).

Well, another word is "walk." Mothers have taken up a great deal of time trying to teach their little ones to walk, instead of crawl. They should walk so they wouldn't get so dirty.

But the word "walk" is more important when used of God. "Walk before me, and be ye perfect" (Gen. 17:17). "That I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law or not." (Ex. 16:4). I have spoken of a few of the many Scriptures in the Book of God, but if we want to walk with our dear Lord, we will not go to the parties, Sunday ball game, and other things. Gem readers, it means something to live a Christian, and I fear that we are not as sincere as we ought to be. I know if I ever enter heaven, it will be only through the mercies of Jesus, not for any good thing that I have done. Pray for me, that I may always be on the firing line for Jesus.

A sister in Christ,

Miss Faye Savage.

El Dorado Springs, Mo., July 14th

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I have often thought of writing to the Gem, but I am such a poor writer that I didn't think I could interest the readers, or even the editor enough to have it published. I have something that is bearing heavily on my mind at this time and that is the saloon question.

In Prov. 20:1, I find these words, "Wine is a mocker; strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

It is said that our hard times are caused by not having saloons. Truth answer wet propoganda. Taken from the Kansas Baptist. (Re-arranged from the W. C. T. U. Parallel).

Wet Propoganda: "Prohibition enforcement costs the country billions of dollars."

Truth replies: "The total cost of enforcement 1920 to 1931 was \$284156524, collections from fines and penalties and revenues from taxes on lawful and distilled liquors amounted to \$54858884. The net is a balance in favor of the government of \$264432260.—Col. Amos W. W. Woodcock, Director of Prohibition.

Wet Propoganda: "Prohibition has caused an enormous economic loss."

Truth Replies: "The total national wealth in 1914 was 192 billion dollars;

in 1931 it was 329.7 billion dollars. —Nat'l Industrial Conference Board.

Wet Propaganda: "Repealing prohibition would put a million men at work."

Truth replies: "The Department of Commerce reported to the Senate, Jan. 11, 1932, stating that in 1914 only 86,000 men were employed in the manufacture of liquor. "Increased employment in the brewery industry would take that much away from the soft drink trade and there would be no net gain in total employees"—Bureau of Business Research, College of the City of New York.

Wet Propaganda: "Beer will bring prosperity."

Truth Replies: "To encourage the return of the saloon or even let up on our efforts to control the drink will injure every legitimate industry in two ways. The average worker will have fewer dollars to spend for the products of industry; second, the liquor trade will get more of these dollars which ought to go for useful industries."—Thomas Nixon Carver, Prof. of Pol. Econ., Harvard University

Wet Propaganda: Beer taxed three cents a bottle would produce one billion dollars a year revenue."

Truth Replies: "To raise this fabulous revenue would require a consumption of twelve gallons of beer daily by every family in states permitting beer."

Wet Propaganda: "Repealing prohibition would permit the government to levy an internal revenue tax on liquor amounting to two billion dollars a year."

Truth Replies: "The highest tax ever received was \$483,000,000, which included a special war tax in 1919. Average year's liquor tax was less than 10 per cent of what wets promise.

Wet Propaganda: "Prohibition has lost billions of dollars in taxes to the government."

Truth Replies: "In the first decade of prohibition, although cost of government increased as the country increased, the government paid off billions of indebtedness and reduced income taxes."

Wet Propaganda: "Prohibition has increased drinking."

Truth Replies: "The government measured the amount of hops, corn, sugar, rye, barley, etc., raised and imported, subtracted the amounts used in known legal enterprises and reported the amount of raw material left would make less than a third of the former liquor consumption"—Col. Woodcock's testimony before Subcommittee

of House Appropriations Committee, Jan. 21, 1932.

Wet Propaganda: "Bootleggers thrive on dry vote."

Truth Replies: "Every corrupt city administration in America has been elected on wet tickets. The leaders of the forces in the Illinois State Legislature is Dan Serritella, Capone leader."

Suppose the wets were right; suppose our government could run on the saloon license and tax on beer and whisky. "What doth it profit a man, though he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" (Matt. 16:26).

Paul tells us not to keep company with a drunkard (1 Cor. 5:11). If we had all the beer and whisky that the wets want, we would be forced to keep company with the drunkards.

Would that be nice company for your dear little boy or girl? Ask yourself this question, "Do I want my boy or girl to associate with a drunkard?"

Brothers and sisters, I have seen little girls and boys, eight years and older, go to the back door of the saloon and get their can of beer or bottle of whisky. I have seen little girls come into the saloon and beg daddie to go home. Do you want to see this again? You may have forgotten the "good old saloon days." Perhaps you never saw them. I have. I have seen men and women piled up in the back room drunk or thrown out in the alley after their money was all gone. Oh yes, those were good old days when a lady would walk a block around, if possible, to keep from being insulted in front of a saloon. Do you want such days again? Do you want your wife insulted? Do you want your boy or girl ruined? What kind of a head or heart has one got who would want such beastly, detestible, miserable days as the wets call the good old saloon days? Thank God that we have enough men that are big enough and Christ like enough to turn down the wet issue which came up before Congress. Both parties have a wet plank in their platforms. Let us, as Christian people, cry mightily and pray earnestly unto God without ceasing, that God will furnish a dry man for our next President.

Listen friends, Paul tells us in 1 Cor. 6:10, that no drunkard can inherit the kingdom of God. (Eph. 5:5; Gal. 5:1). I don't see how a Christian can vote for a wet man. Why? Because when you do you say by your vote that you don't care if the saloon does sell your boy and my boy, your

girl and my girl stuff that will eventually send them to hell. Think it over!

May the blessings of God rest upon the Gem's editor and readers, and when Jesus comes in His glory, may we hear Him say, "Come ye blessed of my Father" (Matt. 25:34).

Your brother in Christ,
Eld. W. W. Ireland.

Fort Smith, Arkansas

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I will try to give you a little idea of the progress that the First Free Will Baptist Sunday school of Fort Smith made for the first quarter, ending July 1, 1932.

For the quarter we had an average attendance of 53.

36½% of our enrollment earned Highest Honor certificates, by being present every Sunday in the quarter.

It is a great pleasure and privilege to work with a Sunday school that is upon its toes as this one is, for a new church and Sunday school, as we are less than a year old, but very husky for our age.

It is a great joy to me to see the interest the young people take, not only in the Sunday school, but in the church, song service, and in taking part as well as leading in the Wednesday evening prayer service. We have had some wonderful Wednesday evening services of late, with the young people taking the lead.

It is sure a wonderful encouragement to see the young members stand up for Jesus, and to see them with courage to stand before their own associates and read as well as talk about their Savior.

It makes us older ones stop and study, have we done our part? Have we shirked our duty, or how can we be of greater assistance to these young people?

Our little church is prospering and growing slowly, but from material that is solid and will stand through trying times.

We are doubly blessed in having live young people and a real man of God as our moderator, whom we all love.

With such a combination and a good willing Senior department where every one of them are willing to put their shoulder to the wheel and push, how can we do otherwise than grow?

Pray for all of us.

Yours for the advancement of the cause of Christ,

Ray Purdom.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

Jones Chapel League Report

Stella, Mo., July 15, 1932.

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a word to let you know that we are still on the firing line for God here at Jones Chapel.

We are very happy to report a good interest as well as good attendance still existing in our league.

We reorganized our league the last Sunday night in June and chose as our president Miss Otha Campbell. She is a real leader and with the co-operation of the entire league we hope to make a real success of the next six months of league work.

We now have an enrollment of thirty-two (32) Senior member, and twenty (20) Junior members. We are very proud of the work our league is doing and sincerely believe its success is on the heart of every worker.

The first Sunday in July the Carterville league repaid the visit we made them last spring. They came in time for services that morning and presented their program that evening. There was preaching in the afternoon, followed by a wonderful testimony meeting.

Every one seemed to enjoy the day and especially the Juniors. I think it is wonderful to see the children taking an active part in the work. They seem to be so eager to learn and work out their own problems. The League is a training school for their young minds, for while they are engaged in the league work they are not thinking of some worldly amusement to occupy their time.

We desire an interest in every leaguer's prayers, for, although we have a good league, we realize there is much room for improvement.

Jewel Lewis, Sec'y-Treas.

Carterville League Report

Webb City, Mo., July 11, 1932.

Dear Gem Readers:

I will try to send in a report from the Free Will Baptist League of Carterville, Mo. Our league at the present time is in a better condition than it has ever been.

The Jones Chapel League helped us so much. We certainly did enjoy their visit with us in April, and were so glad that we were able to repay their visit just a few weeks ago. I can't help but mention how friendly the

people at Jones Chapel are, and what a hearty welcome was extended to us. May the Lord bless them with His richest blessing.

In our Senior league, we have thirty-six (36) members, and most of them are Christians. We have about twenty-five or thirty Juniors in our Junior League. Great interest is shown in our league. Every Christian member is praying daily for our league, that it may grow and help to bring many souls to Christ.

Our officers at present are:

President Helen Stretch
Vice President Lloyd Ellis
Sec'y-Treas. Alta Johnson
Quiz Leader Clovis Childs
Group Captains, John Darbey, and Bertha Walker.

Alta Johnson.

Monett League Report

With a thoughtful heart we come to the close of the second and begin the third quarter. Our league now has a membership of thirty-one (31), 17 Senior members and 14 Junior members. We elected officers as follows:

President Marie Massey
Vice President Willie Weston
Sec'y-Treas. Marguerite Metcalf
Group Captain Vern Vosburg
Ass't Group Captain Ethel Baker
Quiz Leader Mrs. Weston
Ass't Quiz Leader Mrs. Terry
Reporter Elsie Keeton.

We are looking forward to the rally which is to be held with our church on the third Sunday in August. May we all attend and receive an inspiration from the rally to make our leagues better than they have been in the past.

Elsie Keeton, Reporter.

Merl's Chapel League Report

Dear Gem Readers:

I will try to send in a report from our league. It is still progressing, and the interest is good. There are some in our community that haven't yet realized that the league is just as much theirs as it is ours. We are praying that they will join us in the near future and help us to carry on the league work.

We are very glad that our league officers for the next term are all young girls. They are as follows:

President Noveta Wallace
Vice President Nadene Riddle
Sec'y-Reporter Cordelia Blalock
Quiz Leader Evelyn Jefferson

Group Captains, Ruby Starns and Marjorie Austin.

May the Lord bless in all leagues, is our prayer.

Cordelia Blalock, Reporter.

Revival Meeting Report

If you read the last issue of the Gem, you saw Bro. Winford Davis' report of our trip to Texas, which was wonderful in many respects.

When Bro. Brown and Bro. Davis returned to Missouri, I stayed in Denison, where we have a real live Free Will Baptist church. The people there are the kind that make you feel welcome in their church and homes.

The Denison church was expecting Bro. Davis to help them in a revival meeting, as had been planned, but it seemed impossible for him to stay, so I stayed (not to fill Bro. Davis' place, for that would be impossible, but to do what I could in the meeting. Bro. Marvin Dalton was there too. He had charge of the singing and helped in the preaching also. Bro. O'Donnell, the pastor, was on the job, preaching such sermons as would move both the saved and unsaved.

Sunday, June 26th, we went out of town about five or six miles to a country school house for an afternoon service, and found people who wanted a meeting, so Bro. O'Donnell and Bro. Dalton went back to town to take care of the meeting there, and I stayed there, at "Star," to begin the meeting.

We found a hearty welcome into the homes of those people and soon found that some of them were acquainted with the Lord and were under a burden for the lost souls. It was a hard fight against Satan, but the faithful Christians kept on in prayer and the Lord came to the rescue.

The meeting in Denison closed on July 3rd, and Bro. Dalton left for Hartford, Ark. in the interest of his song book, which he is publishing, and Bro. O'Donnell came to help in the meeting at Star. Several others of the Denison church came to help, which we really appreciated. There were 14 souls saved in the two meetings, up until the time I left, July 13th. Bro. O'Donnell was intending to continue the meeting for a few more nights, then go to Asher, Okla. for a meeting.

I enjoyed the services and being with the people there very much, and feel that I have been made stronger by both.

Eld. Noel Turner.

INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lessons

(Third Quarter, 1932)

Comments by B. F. Brown

Lesson VIII. Aug. 21, 1932

The Tent of Meeting

Exodus, chapters 32, 33

Topic: Becoming aware of God

GOLDEN TEXT—The Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend.—Ex. 33:11.

PRACTICAL TRUTH—God's presence with one is always a guarantee of success.

OUTLINE—I. The incident of the golden calf. II. The order to proceed to Canaan. III. The tent of meeting. IV. Moses' desire to see God's glory.

TIME—B. C. 1491.

PLACE—Mt. Sinai.

INTRODUCTION—After giving the children of Israel the Ten Commandments, the Lord talked with Moses and gave him the Judgments, governing the social life of Israel (Ex. 21:1 to 23:33); the Ordinances, governing the religious life of Israel (Ex. 24:1 to 31:18). These three elements formed the law as that phrase is generally used in the New Testament. Moses told all the words of the Lord unto the people and wrote them in a book; and the people ratified the covenant (Ex. 24:3-8).

The Commandments and the Ordinances formed one religious system. The Commandments, expressing the righteous will of God, were a ministration of condemnation and death (2 Cor. 3:7-9). The Ordinances gave, in the high priest, a representative of the people with God; and in the sacrifices, a cover for their sins (Lev. 16:6), until Christ should come (Heb. 9:6-12). But the Christian is not under the law, but under grace (Rom. 6:14-15; Gal. 2:16; 3:10-12; Heb. 8:8; 10:11-18).

Then Moses was called up into the mountain where he was alone with God for forty days; during which time he was given full instructions about how he should build the tabernacle. So the people became restless and impatient because Moses stayed so long;

and yielded to the influence under which they had lived in Egypt, and asked Aaron to "make them gods." Aaron made a golden calf and they worshipped it; thus the law was broken, and God was angry with His disobedient people.

EXPOSITION—I. THE INCIDENT OF THE GOLDEN CALF (32:1-35). This chapter gives us a clear contrast between law and grace. The people had broken the law and were condemned to death; and except Moses interceded for them, they would have been consumed. Moses pleads a covenant (Ex. 32:13): Christ points to a sacrifice (John 17:4). Moses was Israel's advocate: Christ is ours.

II. ISRAEL ORDERED TO PROCEED TO CANAAN (33:1-6). The people had failed, yet God commanded that they take up the journey toward Canaan. The people must move into Canaan because God had promised the land to Abraham and his descendants for a possession. The people had sinned and were stiffnecked; so God would not go up with them, but sent His angel to clear out the people who were there and lead Israel in. They went mourning, but left their ornament behind. Thus they started, but it was a long time before they entered in.

III. THE TENT OF MEETING (vs. 7-17). This was not the tabernacle that God had commanded Moses to build, which was not yet built. This tabernacle or "tent of meeting" was without the camp, it was Moses' own tent where God communed with him and where he heard the people's causes and talked with God about the people's interests. The setting up of the tent of meeting without the camp would indicate to the people that this was God's first step in the total abandonment with which God had threatened them.

From their tent doors all the people could see the tent of meeting; so when Moses went out to the tent, "all the people rose up and stood every man at his tent door and looked after Moses until he was gone into the tabernacle." They must have been a heavy hearted people, fearing lest God would punish them, yet looking and longing for some token of God's favor toward them.

Perhaps their downcast hearts would revive as they saw the pillar of cloud descend and stand at the tabernacle door, while the Lord talked with Moses. Every man as he saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door fell down and worshipped. God was in the cloud and from it He "spake unto Moses

face to face," but this does not mean that Moses saw God's face. (See v. 20).

After his talk with God Moses would return to the camp, but Joshua the son of Nun stayed continually at the tent of meeting. When the tabernacle was built later it was guarded by a large body of priests, but this tent of meeting was guarded by Joshua alone.

Moses found grace in God's sight and was known by name; so when he said unto God, "I pray thee," he spoke as friend to friend, and Moses heard the voice of God as he would hear the voice of a friend. Moses, knowing that he had found grace with God, asked that God tell him His plan for bringing the people into the promised land; so God assured him that He would go with him. This was the assurance that Moses craved, for he felt that the people could not be brought into their land without God's presence.

The Israelites were the only people in the world separated from idolatry, and Moses felt that God's presence with them would keep them from idolatry.

MOSES' DESIRE TO SEE GOD'S GLORY (vs. 18-23). There has always been a place where men could meet God if they only would. At Sinai it was outside the camp. It is always outside of self. God not only came to Moses in the pillar of cloud at the tent of meeting, but when Moses requested that he might see God's glory, God said, "Behold, there is a place beside me." Then God told Moses that He would put him in the cleft of the rock, while His glory passed by. God covered Moses with His hand as He passed by, then Moses was permitted to see His back. So far as mortal man can see the glory of God, Moses saw it. Each of us should have a time and a place to pray, then God will reward us with His presence.

Lesson IX. Aug. 28, 1932 Gifts for Building the Tabernacle

Exodus 35:4 to 36:7.

Topic: Giving in Church Life.

GOLDEN TEXT—Honor the Lord with all thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase.—Prov. 3:9

PRACTICAL TRUTH—Giving to God's cause both indicates and creates interest.

OUTLINE—I. The different materials requested for the tabernacle.

II. Skilled workers called for.

III. The gifts for the tabernacle.

IV. The workers organized.

TIME—B. C. 1491.

PLACE—Mt. Sinai.

INTRODUCTION—We learned in our last lesson that Moses broke the tables of stone when he found the people worshipping the golden calf, then tent of meeting was set up to remind the people of God's presence, but it was without the camp to remind the people that they must depart from their evil associations and trust in God for all their needs.

Then Moses, in obedience to God's command, hewed two tables of stone and took them to the top of the mountain, that the Ten Commandment might be written again. When God appeared to him in a new vision, he plead with God, saying, "Pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance." The covenant was renewed and the people enjoined to keep the feasts and the commandments

Moses was in the mountain "with the Lord forty days and forty nights, he did neither eat bread, nor drink water" (Ex. 34:28). When Moses came down from the mountain the skin of his face shone; and the people were afraid to come near him, yet he knew not that his face shone. Moses put a vail over his face while he talked with the people. When he went in to talk with the Lord he took it off, but had to put it on again when he talked with the people.

The people were strictly charged and commanded about these things, and the keeping of the sabbath, even no fire should be kindled on the sabbath day. Then, being thoroughly impressed with these requirements, instructions were given for gathering material, calling workmen, and giving of gifts for building the tabernacle.

EXPOSITION—I. THE DIFFERENT MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE TABERNACLE (35:4-9). Moses' request for materials for building the tabernacle was not an assessment upon the people, but a freewill offering. The Lord said, "Whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord; gold, and silver, and brass." Only such things were required as could be willingly and gladly given. The materials asked for included fine cloth of various colors, including linen and goats' hair cloth; rams' skins dyed red, badgers' skins, and valuable woods and oil for the lights and for anointing, and precious stones.

II. SKILLED WORKERS CALLED FOR (35:10-20). Only wise hearted men

with skilled hands could do the work according to God's plans and pattern which He gave to Moses. So Moses called for all who had knowledge and were skilled to do some kind of work, for instructions and for service in building. The work would require silversmiths, goldsmiths, workers in brass, weavers, dyers, tanners, carpenters, compounders of oils and spices. Everything for the tabernacle, including its furniture, altars, garments for the priests, etc., must be made according to pattern, so that when assembled everything would exactly fit in its place. This was a building to be taken down for moving, then reassembled as it was before.

THE GIFTS FOR THE TABERNACLE (35:21-29). After hearing the instructions concerning all that was needed for building the tabernacle, the people went to their tents, soon to return bearing the things they could give for the tabernacle.

The people were not compelled to give, but "every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made him willing," brought the things needed: some brought material for the tabernacle itself, some contributed for the furniture, and some for the garments of the priests.

The tabernacle was a sanctuary where God dwelt in the midst of His people (Ex. 25:8). It consisted of three apartments: The court, the holy place, and the holy of holies.

The court, about 75x150 ft or 50x100 cubits, with the gateway in the east end, surrounded the tabernacle. In the court where the congregation assembled, was the brazen altar where the sacrifices were offered. In the court, at the door to the tabernacle (holy place), was the laver, at which the priests who entered the holy place must wash their hands and feet every time they entered, for they that worship God must be clean.

The holy place was entered from the court and like the court, its door was at the east end. It was about 30 ft. long and 15 ft. wide and 15 ft. high. Only the priests were allowed to enter the holy place, and then only in the order of their course (Luke 1:5-10). In the tabernacle (holy place) were the golden candlestick, which was dressed every morning and lighted every evening; the table of shewbread where fresh loaves were placed every sabbath; and the altar of incense which stood near the vail which separated the holy place from the holy of holies. Thereon the high priest must

burn incense every morning when he dressed the lamp, and every evening when he lit the lamp.

The holy of holies was about 15 ft. (10 cubits) long, 15 ft. wide, and 15 ft. high. It was separated from the holy place (tabernacle) by "the vail." In it was the ark of the covenant, upon which was the mercy seat, above which the cherubims stretched their wings. Into the ark Moses put the "golden pot which had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant" (Heb. 9:4).

The tabernacle was a symbol of God's presence in the midst of His people. According to the New Testament (Heb. 9:1-24), the tabernacle and its furniture were types. Those types, when studied, indicate that there must be truth, purity, loyalty, righteousness, and some glory in those who fulfil the type. A very large part of the wealth possessed by the Israelites must have gone into the tabernacle. What should we say of the smallness of our gifts?

IV. THE WORKERS ORGANIZED (35:30 to 36:7). Just as the Lord called Saul (Paul) and empowered him to be the missionary to the Gentiles, so He called Bezabeel and gave him special wisdom and skill to perform the complicated work required for the tabernacle. He organized the workers and taught them; and the work started and was finished according to the pattern. Even after the work was begun the people continued to bring their gifts until restrained from giving. So there was enough of everything, and too much. If people would give now as they did then, what a boost it would be to the church work.

Lesson X. Sept. 4, 1932
Evils of Intemperance
 Isaiah, chapter 5.
Topic: Observing and Enforcing the Law.

GOLDEN TEXT—Do not drink wine, nor strong drink.—Lev. 10:9.

PRACTICAL TRUTH—Drunkennes leads a long train of other evils.

OUTLINE—I. Israel likened to a vineyard. II. Some social evils condemned. III. Other nations to overrun Judah and Jerusalem.

TIME—Probably the early part of Isaiah's ministry, which extended from B. C. 759 to B. C. 698.

INTRODUCTION—1. *Seeing ourselves.* We are sometimes able to see something radically wrong in others.

more readily than we can see the same wrong in ourselves. Nathan took advantage of that tendency when he led David to see the fearful wrong the rich man had done to a poor neighbor in robbing him of his one lamb. Then he put David in the rich man's shoes. Jesus surprised the Pharisee critics in the same way more than once. In this lesson Isaiah led his hearers to acknowledge the worthlessness of a vineyard that belonged to a friend of his. Then he told them that they were that vineyard.

2. *The rating of Drunkenness.* Intemperance is not a small, indifferent matter. Isaiah groups it with land grabbing, mockery of God, wilful corruption of the morals of the community, setting one's judgment against God's, and corruption of justice. The severity of God's judgments upon intemperate Israel and Judah shows God's hatred for drunkenness.

EXPOSITION.—I. ISRAEL LIKENED TO A VINEYARD (vs. 1-7). The prophet describes a vineyard, well fenced, cleared of stones, planted with choice vines, and well equipped with means for taking care of the fruit. But the vineyard, contrary to all expectations, produced wild grapes instead of good fruit. The question is asked about what to do with such a vineyard. Before the people could answer, the prophet declares that Israel and Judah are the vineyard, and that the only course is to cut the vineyard down because of its evil fruit of oppression.

II. SOME SOCIAL EVILS CONDEMNED (vs. 8-24). Woe is pronounced against the wealthy who extend their own lands by crowding out the small land owners, until the land is all owned by a few rich persons; and this is not only true of land owners, but in everything in which the strong rob the weak. Those who resort to oppression or intemperance for gain shall finally find that their business has yielded nothing but misery, pain and woe.

Woe is pronounced upon all who follow strong drink. Drinking is the greatest foe to social progress, or progress in anything else that is honorable and worth while, for it always brings misery, poverty, suffering and woe.

We can generally tell when a man has been drinking by his flushed face and reddened eyes. That which inflames the body also affects the mind. Thomas A. Edison said, "I have a better use for my brain than to poison it with alcohol. To put alcohol into the human brain is like putting sand in the bearings of an engine." Alcohol makes its user slow to think and act. What might happen with a drunk man at the wheel of an auto when he is suddenly called upon to stop within ten feet? It is said that a sober man,

going thirty miles an hour, can stop in ten feet, but a drunk man will go much farther than that before he can stop, he is not able to think and act quickly.

It seems that music was common at ancient feasts, as it is at modern day feasts. Those who spend their time with music and wine, feasting and dancing, etc., "regard not the work of the Lord." When so filled with worldly pleasure, there is no desire for righteousness. But there are thousands of other things which rob church members (multitudes of them) of their pilgrim character and render them unfit for God's service.

Israel was carried into captivity because of idolatry, wine and strong drink, they loved the world and the things of the world. Do you think that any of us will fare any better if we are conformed to this world? The love of the Father must be in our hearts and we must have knowledge of that love that passeth understanding, if we are to meet God in peace.

"The mean man shall be brought down," to a lower level, and by indulgence in evil things, drunkenness, etc., "the honorable" and "the mighty" and "the lofty" are degraded to the same level. The drunkard soon loses respect for himself, then loses respect for all that is good. And we often see the possessions of drunkards pass to strangers.

It seems that corruption in high places was the rule, and that condition is growing in our own nation. Now, as then, we have men who mock God, calling evil good, and good evil; and those that challenge God. Likewise we have men that boast of their power to drink—their glory is their shame. We even have men in high places who interpret the Scriptures to give license to use strong drink, even saying that Christ was a drunkard. Then we have men in the pulpit who are in league with the wets. Note the following illustration:

A minister in one of our American churches was publicly condemning total abstinence, as a few of them, without conscience, are doing these days. After his speech a man arose and told of a young who, having become a drunkard, had reformed. Later he was tempted to partake of wine in the home of his much respected minister, from whom he thought could come no temptation to sin. He yielded, drank the wine, then swiftly followed the road to utter ruin, and never rallied. "And," said the speaker, as he finished, "that young man was my son, and the minister who persuaded him to drink was the one who just addressed you."

Verse 24 shows that the teachings above show that drunkenness and the other sins mentioned, and their sure punishment, are the result of rejecting the word of the Lord.

III. OTHER NATIONS TO OVERRUN ISRAEL AND JUDAH (vs. 25-30). The Lord will permit other nations to attack and destroy Israel and Judah in judgment for their personal and national sins. The same God still lives and will exact as much from us and from our nation as He did from Israel.

Lesson XI. Sept. 11, 1932 Israel Journeying Toward Canaan Numbers 10:11-36 Topic: How God Guides His People.

GOLDEN TEXT—Come thou with us, and we will do thee good—Num. 10:29.
PRACTICAL TRUTH—As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God—Rom. 8:14.

OUTLINE—I. Israel leaves Sinai.

II. The order of the march.

III. The invitation to Hobab.

IV. Moses a prayerful leader.

TIME—B. C. 1490.

PLACE—Mt. Sinai; Paran.

INTRODUCTION—When Israel journeyed through the wilderness it was as if the whole population of Chicago, or perhaps that of the entire state of Missouri had left their place and were journeying across the country with all their flocks and herds. Imagine the wisdom and foresight demanded of the leader of such a company to keep things moving, to provide watering places and food for flocks and people, and to arrange for proper sanitation. And all this in a rough country without highways.

Israel had for a guide and protection the pillar of cloud and fire. This led the way, indicated when they should march, and when they should make camp. And yet Moses appeals to Hobab not to leave him, for Hobab knew the desert, and he could be to Israel instead of eyes. I am inclined to question the wisdom of having this Hobab to lead the people on the way, when God was leading and knew better how to lead than any man living. It is told of an old Scotchman, that he started to work, but turned back three times from the gate into the house. When asked why he did thus, he said, "He was na wi me; he was na wi me." He went back until he knew that God was with him. When God led the way and Israel willingly followed, all was well; so it is with us now.

EXPOSITION—I. **ISRAEL LEAVES SINAI (vs. 11-13).** The children of Israel reached Sinai on the first day of the third month (Ex. 19:1), and left it on the twentieth day of the second month, thus making their stay eleven months and twenty days. What they learned during the 45 days from Egypt to Sinai together with what they had learned at Sinai was real preparation, now they must proceed on their journey. When the cloud which was the symbol of God's presence was taken up from the tabernacle door, the people got ready to travel. The cloud was their protector and their guide, as the pillar of fire gave them light and guided them by night. They followed the cloud out from Sinai until it rested in the wilderness of Paran.

When they left Egypt they were tainted with idolatry and knew almost nothing of the true worship of God. Now they had a place of divine worship, a priesthood and an excellent ritual, besides a constitution, laws, judges and officers, and a general council of seventy elders.

THE ORDER OF THE MARCH (vs. 14-28) We notice that in their setting forth on their journey there was organization, which prevented confusion. Each tribe had its standard, was divided into armies, and had an appointed leader. Moreover they set out according to the commandment of the Lord.

III. THE INVITATION TO HOBAB (vs. 29-32). Hobab, the son of this Midianite chief (who was called Raguel, Reuel, and Jethro), and brother-in-law of Moses, seems to have sojourned among the Israelites while they were at Sinai, and now, that they are going elsewhere, he purposes going to his own home and people. Moses urged him to remain with them, both for his own benefit and for the good he could do Israel, but Hobab would not remain. How was Hobab like a sinner who refuses God's offered mercy? It is said that, "Those who share with God's Israel in their labors and hardships shall share with them in their comforts and honors."

IV. MOSES A PRAYERFUL LEADER (vs. 33-36). At the beginning of each stage of their journey Moses prayed, and prayed again at the end of each journey; thus the journey started right and ended right. Blessed is the person whose God is the Lord; and surely blessings and honor will attend those who follow a leader whose God is the Lord.

Miami, Oklahoma, July 18, 1932

310 C. S. E., Miami, Okla.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I'm still reporting victory over sin and the devil this morning.

Father and I are fighting for the right, and are trying to advance the cause of Christ.

We just closed a three weeks' meeting at a school house about three miles from the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist church. The Lord wonderfully blessed with His presence. Four precious souls were saved, and two baptized; The meeting was largely attended.

When the efforts of the children of God blended together the Lord will wonderfully bless.

I will close asking you to remember me in prayer.

Your sister in Christ,
Eld. Elda Crain,

Ft. Smith, Arkansas, July 20th

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

Just a line to let you know that we are still doing our bit here in Fort Smith for Jesus. Sickness has been the cause of my silence so long, but am very happy to say that I am very much improved in health at this time. I hope to be able to give a more interesting report of our church in the for \$3.00. Two six month subs at 40c each will count for one yearly sub.

next issue. I think the most enjoyable event since I last wrote was on Monday night, June 13th, when our beloved editor, Eld. B. F. Brown, Eld. Winford Davis and Eld. Noel Turner were our guests, and speakers for the evening. They each one gave us a most interesting and inspiring message that seemed to impress everyone there. We sure consider it an honor to have such men as these three to visit and talk with us. Especially do we need such young men as Bro. Davis and Bro. Turner. It should be gratifying to the greatest sinner to hear their experience and knowledge of God as they express it. Oh, for more young men like these to stand up and tell the world of our blessed Jesus! We hope to have them each one to pay us a more lengthy visit in the very near future.

We are still having good attendance in both church and Sunday school, even though the weather has been almost unbearable.

With prayerful heart I will close by asking the prayers of our Christian brothers and sisters, that we may continue to grow in grace, and be able to tell the world more about Jesus.

Always your sister in Christ,
Mrs. M. H. Crandell.

How to Get to Merl's Chapel

The Indian Creek Association meets this year, August 31 to Sept. 4th, at Merl's Chapel church, generally known as Quaker school house. To get there, follow the road down Big Flat Creek about 4 miles from Cassville, Mo.

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BRO. W. C. HILL of St. Louis, Mo., reports that the work is prospering at the First Free Will Baptist church of St. Louis.

They have elected Eld. Henry Buch-

anan as pastor for another year. The Sunday school is growing and the League is wide awake. The Ladies' Aid is doing splendid work. Five were baptized July 24th and more to follow. Bro. Hill has organized a new Mission Sunday school, which is under the care of Eld. Newburn. The young people are very much alive.

Bro. Hill will begin a revival with our church at Stahl, Mo., Aug. 14th, expecting to continue three weeks or longer. Then he hopes to have calls from other churches for meetings, or he is prepared to accept pastoral work.

Bro. Hill is also authorized to represent the Gem and take subs for it. We hope many will respond to his appeal for subs.

REPORT OF DOUGLAS CO. Q. M.

The Douglas Co. quarterly conference of Free Will Baptist convened with Brushy Knob church, east of Ava, Thursday, July 28, 1932, at 3 o'clock p. m. The introductory sermon was preached by Elders O. C. Keller and A. M. Halford. Elder J. W. Silvey was elected moderator, with James McCall as assistant moderator.

Letters from eight churches were received and delegates seated in council. All necessary committees were appointed and the business of the Q. M. was taken up.

The members of the Q. M. were composed of 14 ministers, 8 deacons, 2 church clerks and 14 delegates from the eight churches represented.

The executive board settled with the evangelist and report money left in the treasury.

We sure had a wonderful time and wish more people could have been there and shared some of the blessings we received. During the services Friday morning a woman who had been brought up a Catholic said she didn't have what we had, and asked us to pray for her, which we did, and she was converted, and is to be baptized soon. Friday night more than sixty people took part in the Communion service, and practically that many took part in washing the saints' feet.

Another good thing we noticed about the Q. M. was the co-operation given by members of other denominations in the community. The people of the community showed us the best of hospitality, and we certainly appreciated it. Elders James McCall and L. M. Marler were elected to preach the introductory sermon at our next Q. M., which will meet with Harmony church, south of Seymour, Mo., Thursday before the fifth Sunday in October.

We hope and pray that, if it is the good Lord's will, we may have a wonderful meeting again next time.

We cordially invite any one who wishes to attend our next Q. M. J. W. Silvey, Mod., Arthur Lund, Clerk

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The Minister's Wife

By Elder Winford Davis

For some time I have been impressed to write a short article under the above heading, so this morning I will endeavor to follow that impression.

We often hear the remark that success of the work depends largely upon the ministry, which is true, and I want to add that the success of the work depends largely upon the ministers' wives also; for what can a minister of the Gospel do, if he hasn't a minister's wife? The wife can be either a great blessing to the minister or a great hindrance, and they are most sure to be one or the other.

I once knew a minister that had a companion who didn't want him to preach, and most every time he would start away in his work his wife would just rave and rave. Do you suppose that man could be himself when he got in the stand? No, there was something seemed to grip him, that he could not shake off. He was hindered by an invisible hindrance. Do you suppose he could go away light hearted and easy? No, he went away in a dread and worry. He hated to go against his wife's will, yet he didn't want to disobey his God. So as the apostle Paul said, he was in a strait betwixt two. He hated to leave wife and children in the first place, and that made it worse.

Another way the wife can hinder the minister is by being a lover of the world. Uninterested in the things in which her husband is interested, always trying to lead the husband off into something questionable. The preacher's wife should be consecrated right along by the side of her husband.

Another way she can hinder is by her manner of dress. The minister's wife that wears the short, thin, scanty apparel; with the made up face, etc., in accord with the modern fashions of the day is bound to bring reproach upon her husband as a minister. The public will say, "Why doesn't he make her dress different? Why doesn't she get in and help him make a living, and help him in the church work?" A minister is judged largely by his wife. The home of the minister is watched, the keeping of the house and premises is watched, the children are watched, the home discipline is watched. If the preacher has a wife, as has just been described, and he gets up and preaches against such living and conduct, then the public will say, "Why doesn't his wife and children do as he says?"

Of course I know that some ministers don't treat their wives as they should. A minister should be careful along that line, as well as the wife.

Let's look at the other side a moment. I once knew of a minister that when he would take the stand, his wife would be on her knees behind him, crying and praying to God to give her husband power in the pulpit. How could a minister keep from preaching a real message of power under such influence as that? I also call to mind another minister, when he begins to hesitate about leaving home to preach, his wife will urge him to go, saying, "Go ahead, do your duty, and let God have His way in your life; I will see to things until you return."

I will close by giving some Scripture from the 3rd chapter of 1 Peter:

"Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; (2) while they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. (3) Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; (4) but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not contemptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. (5) For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: (6) even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. (7) Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered."

May God bless the ministers' wives and make them a righteous example to other women of the present day, who are in such tremendous need of the wisdom and Spirit of God. I know you have lots of burdens and cares to bear, but God is equal to them all.

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

By Elder T. C. Ferguson

What we need to do is to think less

of self and more about God.

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A good man is usually better to his enemies than a bad man is to his friends.

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Don't report anything some one else has told you, until you are sure it is true, and don't report it then.

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When two men quarrel over a difference of opinion they are both wrong.

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When you are in the Lord's work, it is a good thing to camp close to it.

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Yesterday is gone, to-morrow may not come; today is what bothers me.

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You will never succeed in managing others until you have learned to manage yourself.

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People who listen to what others have to say about them, will never have peace of mind themselves.

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You will be a winner if you will do all you can today and not put it off until to-morrow.

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Everybody can be used for something, even if it should be a horrible example.

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Heaven is cheap at any price.

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Get out of self and you will get into Christ.

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When Jesus comes, splitting the skies, where will you be?

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Sin ruins you in this life, and sends you to hell in the next life; leave sin alone.

The Old Hens

By J. R. Rollins

The old devil is a slick old snoop. He poisons the minds of men and women and causes them to defy all godliness. He causes them to disrespect the young and to slander the aged, especially the aged mothers of our land, whose hair has silvered and whose eyes have dimmed. The praying mothers who have, for all these years, fought the battles of life upon their knees and are now nearing the Setting Sun have come to be called "Old Hens" by the society people of this nation, which includes a large per cent of the people. That is the works of Satan. Now, isn't that just

suited the old skin-flint?

The so called "Old Hens" absolutely refuse to retreat an inch in their fight with Satan. They refuse to compromise with the world by fostering the dance halls, liquor, and card parties, and they defy revelry from the depths of their souls, so the old demon has them called "Old Hens."

I have talked with a young lady, a Free Will Baptist church member, who is guilty of high time revelries with the society folks of the cities, for she boasted of the "good times" she has had at the liquor parties where they drank, played cards, and other games of evil motives, and in her "grand" lecture to me, she asked, "Why not have a good time while you are young, instead of going about with a long face like the 'Old Hens?'"

"Something is wrong! That young lady went so far as to talk 'Old Hen' to her own Christian mother. God, spoke through Moses, saying, 'Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee' (Exod. 20:12).

I was talking with a young man who emphatically refused to serve God the Supreme and all powerful. He has just about sold his soul for revelry. In his talk, he said, "I know the 'Old Hens' make a mighty big fuss sometimes, but that don't bother me. I don't pay any attention to them. I said, 'You're honest, but you don't know what you're talking about.'"

Paul said in his first epistle to the Corinthians, "Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in the world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God" (1 Cor. 3:18-19). That young man has let the dragon, that old serpent, which is the devil, poison his mind beyond all fear of God.

These are the attitude of two individuals, but I believe that if an investigation could be made, it would show that millions of passengers on this through Train from Time to Eternity are taking the same stand against the good mothers of our land, who have longed to see the day that their children would become reapers in the Great Harvest.

Let us, as Christians, avoid all appearance of evil. Let us cast our lots with the "Old Hens," and when it is ours to cross the valley of the Shadow of Death, may we be found safely in the "Coop" which the Good One, Jesus Christ, has prepared for our safety. Let us pray.

The Signs of the Times

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the Bible and read as I refer you, as space will not permit me to write them all out. Christ knew that we would have these times, and we will have them. Now good people, I hear so many people say that the Bible says this and means that, and they say that the grave is hell, hell is the grave or the condition of the dead. Now the trouble is, they change the Bible. Let us take it just as it is printed.

Let us read Luke 16:19 to 31. Now, if the grave is hell, it must have fire in it, for the rich man said, "Send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame." Now some will say, "Well, that was just a parable." But Christ said in Luke 16:19, "There was a certain rich man." Now which do you aim to take, man or Christ? Let us take Christ, because He is true. Now that is just what Christ said would come.

The signs in 1 Tim. 4:1-2, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron." Now with all love and respect to all, but we can see these times and so many people that have already departed from the faith and following after devils. You may say, "How can a man follow the devil? We can't see him, do you know he is in the hearts of men and women as big as a bear, and going about leading our boys and girls down to a devil's hell?" Now if you do not believe there is a real hell that the Bible tells us about, that burns with fire, you will know it in less than ten minutes after you get there.

Now Paul says in 1 Tim. 4:2, that in the latter times men would have their conscience seared with a hot iron, and I find folks that can not be reached with the Gospel at all, and they are the ones that Paul said had their conscience seared with a hot iron. You take a hot iron and sear cattle, like they used to do when we had free range, and that place where we had seared would be hard and calloused, it was seared so hard. That is what is wrong with men's hearts, they are seared so hard you can't reach the tender part of the heart with the Gospel. Folks are walking the streets and roads and are selling books put out by the Watchtower Publishing Co. that have more misleading stuff than

any books I ever saw. I bought nine books for 45 cents. They do not agree with the Bible, and I burned eight at one burning. They say that we will have a thousand years to repent after death. Read Rev. 20; 2 Peter 3:8; Acts 17:31; St. John 5:28; Matt. 25:31 to 46. These do not say anything about a thousand years in which to repent after death. And this same outfit says that Christ is already here, setting up His kingdom. We may say, "Well, they can't hurt us any." Brothers, I find many people that believe this rotten doctrine: some believe a part of it, and some believe it all. Now if you ask them "Where is He?" they say, "He is in secret, and has not made Himself known." Now read Matt. 24:23 to 26, "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there, believe it not" (v. 24). "For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets and show great signs and wonders" (vs. 25, 26). "Behold, I have told you before: wherefore if they say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert, go not forth: behold he is in the the secret chamber, believe it not." Can you not discern the signs of the times? Paul said in 2 Thess. 2:3, "That day shall not come except there be a falling away first." Brethren, can you see the great falling away that has taken place? People have not the faith that God wants us to have. Read Jude 3. Do we have that faith?

We can go to some meetings and they will probably have 50 or 60 they say are converts, and you can go to every service and not hear one shout, nor any one say, "Amen." After I got up able to go to church, after 5½ weeks in bed sick, I went to church at 11 o'clock, and the preacher was doing fine. He made a point about heartfelt religion and I said, "Amen," and the people jumped and looked as though something had happened. It threw the preacher off and he had to go back to his manuscript to start again.

Paul said in 2 Tim. 3:5, that, "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof, from such turn away." Can you not discern the signs of the times? Here is another thing that makes me believe that the end is near: it is that every two thousand years a great change takes place. At first the flood came, and second Christ came, and now we have had almost two thousand years since Christ came; and the Bible says that "One day with the Lord is as a thousand years."

OBITUARY

GEER—Belinda Jane Crabtree was born in Jackson County, Ohio, Jan. 25, 1860, and died at her home near Iantha, Missouri, July 5, 1932. She was a daughter of Samuel W. and Belinda Dixon Crabtree.

She was married to John E. Geer November, 1894.

She was converted at the age of fourteen and united with the Providence Free Will Baptist church in Ohio. Upon coming to Missouri she united with the Verdella Free Will Baptist church, where she has since retained her membership.

She bore her suffering, which was intense, patiently to the end. Everything was done for her by her loved ones and neighbors that could be done, but to no avail.

She leaves to mourn her departure, her husband and two daughters, Mrs. Ed. Schneider of Iantha and Mrs. Elmer Davis of Leon, Iowa, who were at their mother's bedside during her last days. She leaves also five grandchildren and one great-grandchild, one brother, S. O. Crabtree of the Verdella neighborhood, three sisters, Mrs. Mary Devers, Bronaugh, Mo., Mrs. Ruby Cloud, Iantha, Missouri and Mrs. Helen Woten, Seattle, Washington, and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Verdella Baptist church Friday, July 8, at 2:00 p. m., conducted by the pastor, Eld. W. H. York. Scripture lesson 1 Cor. 15:35-54. Songs: "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Going Down the Valley" were sung by Mr. and Mrs. Berkey. Elder York and L. C. Wade sang, "Where the Soul of Man Never Dies."

There was a large crowd present.

She was laid to rest in the Barton City cemetery to await the Judgment day, by the Berkley undertakers.

Written by a sister in Christ,
Mrs. Ida F. Ball.

ETCHISON—A gloom was cast over the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Etchison, June 20, 1932, when the death angel came and took their darling baby home.

The mother was willing to risk her babe in the arms of Jesus. This little jewel is a bud to bloom in Heaven.

Funeral services were conducted by Eld. C. Stanley at the Free Will Baptist church, and the remains laid to rest in the Blue Eye cemetery.

"Close the door lightly,
Bridle the breath,
Our little earth-angel
Is talking with Death."

"Such a little break in the sod!
So tiny to be a grave!
Oh, how can I render so soon to God,
The beautiful gift He gave!"

"Take him softly, holy angels,
To the Savior, Meek and Lowly.
Sleep on sweet baby and take thy rest,
God called thee Home, He thought it best."

By Artie and Ila Butler.

BURGES—John Henry Burges was born in Adair County, Missouri, near Kirksville, March 28, 1872, and departed this life July 20, 1932, at the age of 60 years, three months and 22 days. He was the son of Liza Ann and Aaron Burges.

He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Thomas, June 17, 1896. To this union was born nine children, four preceding him in death, Pleasant, Lloyd, Glenn and Ollie. Those living are Polly and Rufus of Illinois, Cecil, Willis and Wilma of the home. He also leaves his wife, seven grandchildren, five sisters and one brother, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his departure.

He was converted about the year of 1914 and united with the Free Will Baptist church the following year at Connelville, Missouri.

Funeral services were conducted at the Davis and Wilson Funeral Home, by Charlie Phillips of Stahl, Mo. and Eld. Sam Marcum of Greentop, Mo. The body was laid to rest in the Lleweln cemetery.

Bro. Burges was a kind and loving husband and father and a faithful Christian to the end.

By Eld. Chas. A. Phillips, Stahl, Mo.

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and years, and a thousand years as one day." Now God was seven days in His work of creation, six days He worked which would figure the six thousand years that we have had on earth to work. And the Lord rested and blessed the seventh day and set it apart for no work to be done. Now that might figure the everlasting rest that God has in the other world. Read Heb. 4:1, 10, "For he that is entered into his rest, he hath ceased

from his work as God did from his." "Behold the fig tree and all the trees when they shoot forth, ye say that summer is nigh at hand" (Lk. 21:29-30). "So likewise when ye see all these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand" (Luke 21:31). Now read Luke 21:26-27, "Men's hearts failing them for fear and looking after those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven shall be shaken and then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with power and great glory." So good people, don't worry about Christ being here now, for He is not; when He comes every eye shall see Him. "For as the lightning cometh out of the east and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matt. 24:27).

Pray for me, that I may get strong enough to go into the field to preach the Gospel.

1520 W. Atlantic St., Springfield, Mo.

Tulsa, Oklahoma, July 18, 1932

Dear Gem Family:

I sure do enjoy reading the Gem, although I am not a subscriber, but would like to be. I read about so many brothers and sisters in Christ I know. I read Sister Lizzie McAdam's report and am glad she is still in the work.

We re-elected Bro. Melvin Bingham pastor. This is his fourth year and he has done a wonderful work for the Lord.

Sunday, July 17th, 87 from our church went to Drumright to help put on a Sunday School Rally, and had a wonderful time. Those Drumright folks sure treated us nice. They served a fine dinner and made us feel welcome. Was sure glad to see many of our brothers and sisters there. Bro. A. B. Talbert and Bro. O. H. Staires made short talks on Sunday schools.

We have been permitted to meet many of our preacher brethren we read about in the Gem at our church, the First Free Will Baptist church of Tulsa.

We were awarded the honor of having the best program of any of the six Sunday schools represented at the Drumright rally, for which we traveled a distance of fifty miles.

Wishing the Gem success,

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. John Staires.

REMEMBER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The announcement of your Association, Yearly Meeting, Quarterly Meeting, 5th Sunday Meeting, Revival Meeting, or any other important meeting should appear here. Send in your announcement so it can be printed in next issue of the Gem.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION will meet with Shady Grove church, near Wetumka, Oklahoma, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in August, 1932.
C. H. Goode, Clerk, Paden, Oklahoma.

OLD MT. ZION Association will be held with New Hope church, beginning at ten o'clock a. m. on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1932. Elder J. H. P. Jones to preach the Introductory sermon, Elder Elmer Lawson alternate.
Horace Knox, Clerk, LaRue, Arkansas.

SOCIAL BAND Association will be held with Stony Point Church, at New Chapel, Arkansas, beginning on Friday night before the third Sunday in August, 1932. Eld. W. C. Forsyth to preach the Introductory sermon.
Ralph Staten, Clerk, Pocahontas, Ark.

ARKANSAS Association will meet with Antioch Church at Branch, Ark., beginning on Friday night before the first Sunday in September, 1932.
Eld. O. C. Hunt, Clerk, Waldron, Ark.

WEST FORK Association will meet with Pleasant Valley Church, at Buffalo Springs, Clay County, Texas, beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1932.
W. D. Phillips, Clerk, Decatur, Texas.

INDIAN CREEK Association will be held with Merl's Chapel Church, near Cassville, Mo., beginning on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1932. Eld. Cecil Campbell to preach the Introductory sermon.
Eld. Noel Turner, Clerk, Granby, Mo.

UNION Association will be held with Oak Grove Church, beginning on Wednesday at four o'clock, before the first Sunday in September, 1932.
E. L. Jones, Clerk, Hartville, Mo., R3.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI Association will meet with New Hope (Green Grove) church, beginning on Thursday night, September 1, 1932.
Bessie Fowler, Clerk, Greentop, Mo.

DIBBLE Association will be held with Bridge Creek Church, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1932. Eld. E. E. Morris to preach the Introductory sermon.

Birdie Drennan, Clerk, Tabler, Okla.

HOPEWELL Association will meet with Murray Hill Church, three miles east of Colbert, Oklahoma, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1932.
Ernest Pierce, Clerk, Wilson, Okla.

FIRST MISSION Association will convene with Drumright Church on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1932.
Eld. W. H. Dickinson, Ass't Clerk, Drumright, Oklahoma, B1303.

TEXAS F. W. B. Association will meet with Harper's Union Church, beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1932. Rev. Ira Harper will preach the Introductory sermon.
T. D. Ross, Clerk, Carthage, Texas.

MISSOURI STATE Association will be held with New Harmony Church, at Greentop, Schuyler County, Mo., beginning on Tuesday night before the third Sunday in October, 1932.

Introductory sermon to be preached by Eld. J. M. Scott, at Greentop, Mo. Eld. Winford Davis, Clerk, Monett, Mo.

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI AND SOUTHEASTERN KANSAS Association will be held with Hannon Church, at Hannon, Missouri, beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1932.
Eld. O. T. Allred to preach the Introductory sermon.

Eld. W. H. York, Clerk, Hannon, Mo.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI Association will meet with Union Third Fork (Brick or Freeman) church, near Easton, Missouri, beginning Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1932. Eld. John McKown will preach the introductory sermon.
Melba White, Clerk, Plattsburg, Mo.

MT. ZION Church will have their Annual Home Coming Day the first Sunday in August. Come and enjoy the day with us. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 o'clock.
Melba White, Clerk.