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Christian Education For the Ministry

By J. R. Hunt

Under the above caption, an ambitious young church educator once wrote the following sentence: "There is no scriptural authority that Paul was educated for a lawyer, or that he followed the profession of a lawyer;" I had been taught that he was, and I proceeded to examine the Bible record of the case. I find that Acts 22:3, states that Paul was educated for a lawyer, Acts 5:34, says that his teacher was an eminent doctor of the law, Phil. 3:5, contains Paul's own acknowledgment that he was a lawyer, Acts 23:3, shows that he knew the law, Acts 9:1-2 and 25:11, show him in the practice of the law, and in Acts 23:6, he makes a somewhat crafty boast of being a lawyer. In Romans Paul uses the word "law" sixty-seven times, and in all of his epistles he uses the word 124 times, while, in all the rest of the New Testament, the word is only used fifty-eight times.

The above erroneous statement of the young educator arouses my apprehension of what will come to the religious world within a few more years, if there is not some divine providence to save us from the deluded hope of christianizing the world by culture, or winning the world to the church by educating men FOR the ministry. The word "college" is not used in the New Testament, nor in the entire Bible in the R. V. The only two places in the Old Testament (2 Kings 22:14; 2 Chronicles 34:22) refer to the same instance, and is translated "Second quarter" in the R. V., which was, very evidently, an annex to the Temple. Following this (R. V.) rendering, we find this annex to the church (NOT A SEPARATE INSTITUTION) an aide to our fuller appreciation

of the expression "pastors and teachers" used in Eph. 4:11.

A course in knowledge of letters, as a part of preparation FOR the ministry, IS NOT RECORDED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT. There are frequent efforts to strain the Scriptures to an expression of literal training FOR the ministry, but, in the face of such passages as Gal. 1:12, this palsied strategem falls, and we see God, in every attribute of His divine Trinity, properly functioning in the preparation of His divinely called ministers for the duties of their calling. If every man that attends college for the purpose of preparing himself for the ministry, was divinely called to the ministry and filled with the Holy Spirit, that would be a most glorious combination, but the fruits—by which they are to be known—of our educated ministers of the present day—NOT ALL OF THEM—are proofs that they "did not so much as hear whether the Holy Spirit was given." Judging by the product of our ministerial institutions, the great majority of them are utterly failing to give the world a ray of light that leads to the perfect day. Nay, they rather spurn the Light that came to lighten the Gentiles, and are systematically suppressing every evidence of divine inspiration that they can. In order to consistently advocate an education in letters as an essential preparation for the ministry, one would have to falsely interpret the Scriptures, for there is NO SCRIPTURE that justifies a PRESUMPTION that the early church fostered, endorsed, or authorized, a college or seminary to help God prepare men FOR the ministry. Men need education to take part in the world program, as applied to the literal conduct of purely human society, but God's arm is not short, that He needs men to help Him pre-

pare His ministers for the duties of their calling. Exponents of "education FOR the ministry" tell us that the object of education is, to give the students a better knowledge of the Bible and greater ability to express it, in order that they may have greater capacity for soul winning, but the Book of God says, "After the world by its wisdom knew not God, it pleased God, by the FOOLISHNESS of preaching, to save them that believe." Compare illiterate Peter with our leading modern college products, by the fruits of their ministry, and you will get the thought that I have in mind—INSPIRATION. Let us EARNESTLY contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints, and lean on Him who is able to make us MORE THAN CONQUERS THROUGH HIM WHO LOVED US AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR US.

159 Jeff Davis St., Macon, Ga.

Why Sit We Here Until We Die?

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown and Beloved Gem Family: While sitting reading this Sunday eve, I find this text in 2 Kings 7:3: "Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate and they said one to another, 'Why sit we here until we die?'" Now in the days of Elisha there was a great famine on in Samaria and the Syrians were coming down on Samaria to besiege the city; so the king of Syria said, "In such and such a place will I lay in wait" or in other words, "I will set a trap." And the old prophet of God sent word to the king of Israel and said, "Because of such a place." Then the king of Syria got angry and said, "Who is it that is a friend in Israel?" And they said, "It is Elisha the prophet." So the king of Syria said, "Where is he, that I may send and have him fetched to

me?" And it was told him, "He is in Dothan." So he sent horses and chariots and a great host and they came by night and compassed the city about. When Elisha arose early he saw a great army and his servant said, "Alas, what shall we do?" But Elisha said, "Fear not;" and Elisha prayed for the Lord to open the eyes of his servant, that he might see and the Lord let him see, and, as he looked, he saw the mountains full of horses and chariots and fire round about. Elisha prayed again and the host of Syria was smitten with blindness, and Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, neither is this the city; follow me," and he led them to the City of Samaria. And Elisha said unto the Lord, "Open their eyes, that they may see, and behold, they were in the midst of Samaria and the king of Israel when he saw them, said, "Must I smite them, my father?" And Elisha answered and said, "Wilt thou smite them that thou hast taken captive with thy sword and thy bow? Set bread and water before them, that they may eat and go on their way to their master; and they came no more unto Samaria."

We find a great lesson in this text: "Why sit we here until we die?" When we get up and go forward for God, He will always fight our battles for us. There are so many of us that are sitting down on the job, and dying spiritually. If we sit here, we know it means death; and there is a chance for life if we move out. We can always put the enemy to flight if we move at God's command. He is calling always for volunteers for this great battle against sin, and He is a Captain that never lost a battle; so let us one and all, "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus our Lord." P. H. Coffman, Denison, Texas.

TWO VISITORS INSTEAD OF ONE

The "shut-in" lady—"Yes, I'd like to join the Methodist Home Department very much."

Visitor—"But you already belong to the Presbyterian school, don't you?"

The "shut-in" lady—"Yes, I know that; but if I belonged to both of them, then I'd have two friends to call on me every quarter instead of just one."

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Duty postponed is danger incurred.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

Merl's Chapel League Report

Dear Gem Readers:

I'm glad to report that we are still on the firing line for God, even though we haven't very many members. We are very sorry to report that two of our faithful members have moved away, one being our president. We had to elect a new president, which we hope will be as faithful as the old one was.

We have a new member, which we believe is going to be great help to us in our league work. We had to have a new group captain No. 2. Our new member was elected and is doing her best to help us out.

We are very sorry that we didn't get to attend the league rally at Jones Chapel; for we are sure we would have enjoyed it very much. We wish to attend the next league rally.

To know God's love is over you,

And will forever abide,

Makes you content to work away.

And with your part abide.

Cordelia Blalock, Reporter.

Blue Eye League Report

Dear Christian League Workers:

I am glad to report that our league is still on the firing line for God, yet there is much room for improvement. Our membership is not so great and the interest, to some extent, is failing, but our prayer is that the little band will hold steadfast for the Lord until the interest becomes greater.

We, as a league, find it difficult to create enough interest in our work, to cause the older folks of our church and community to attend our league services.

Since reorganizing, our present league officers are as follows:

President Voiza Dodgen
Vice president Chloe Buell
Secretary-treasurer Mae Davis
Ass't Sec'y-Treas. Hattie Hayhurst
Quiz leader Lois Dodgen
Ass't quiz leader Arvilla Fultz
Group Captains: Alma McMonigle,
Beulah Hayhurst, Algie Carr, and
Edna McFall.

We ask the prayers of the league workers, that our league may grow stronger for Christ.

Lenna Butler.

REPORT OF STATE SECRETARY

Plattsburg, Mo., Oct. 25, 1932.

Dear League Workers:

I will try to give a brief report of the business the Leaguers did at our State Association.

New officers elected for the coming year are as follows:

President, Eld. Cecil Campbell,
Stella, Missouri
Vice President Eld. Wm Reeves,
Flat River, Missouri
Secretary-Treasurer .. Melba White,

Plattsburg, Missouri, R1

Editor-in-chief Melba White
New member on Executive Board:
Sister Lizzie McAdams, Desloge, Mo.
Field Workers:

N. E. Missouri Willard Byrd
S. E. Missouri Chas. H. Lund
Motion carried that we permit the S. E. Missouri League Association to loan money to pay for the manuals, later to be paid by other league associations.

New leagues organized:

A league has been organized at the South Picher church by Eld. Noel Turner.—Membership, 30.

President, Charlie Landreth,
Cardin, Oklahoma

Vice president Lola Landreth,
Cardin, Oklahoma

Sec'y-Treas. .. Mrs. Winfield Thomas,
Picher, Oklahoma

A league has been organized at the Oak Grove church, near Neosho, Mo., by Eld. Noel Turner.

President Arthur Duffield,
Neosho, Missouri

Vice president Garland Pogue,
Neosho, Missouri

Sec'y-Treas. Virginia Evans,
Neosho, Missouri

A league has been organized at the Philadelphia church, near Santa Rosa, Mo. I haven't received the names of the officers.

I have sold several manuals since the Association. They are ten (10) cents per copy; anyone wanting a copy or several copies, send your order to me.

Send your reports to me early, so I can send them to Bro. Brown to put in the Gem each month. Come on, "Leaguers," "Let's go!" Help our league work to "grow and glow" for Jesus.

Yours for Jesus,

Melba White.

CAN THE WORLD SEE JESUS THROUGH YOU?

Cassville, Mo., Oct. 11, 1932.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

It seems at this time my mind is impressed with the words, "Can the world see Jesus through you?" Today we need more men and women who will ask themselves the question: "Am I trying to do what I can for Jesus, am I letting my light shine before men?" My prayer is that each unsaved individual will awaken to the Master's call and the true Savior's footsteps follow. If each and every professed Christian would let their light shine and try to lead the lost ones, by their light, to Jesus. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). God has a place for every person He has placed here on earth and I think that if every Christian would follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit, which will never lead them wrong, that the world would be much better and more unsaved brought to Christ.

Now, I earnestly ask the prayers of everyone, that I may grow to be a bright light for our Lord.

Evelyn Jefferson.

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Your time is out if a pencil mark appears here. 

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THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

The Songs in the Fog

It is said that on the Breton coast, a coast which in the spring and autumn months is so often shrouded with white sea fog, it is the habit of the fisher-girls to gather on the pier-heads and on the shore, when the fishing boats are due to return to harbor, and guide back their brothers and husbands and lovers by their song. They are not afraid of the fog; it cannot chill their song. So they stand and sing; and through the mist their voices of joy reach those who are longing to be with them, and so they are helped to steer their boats safely into the harbor, even though there are no landmarks to be seen. That is what Christian people ought to be doing to bring people safely into the heavenly harbor.

There are many, even today and right around us, who are in the fog and in the dark. They desire to reach the harbor of safety, but the voices of joy and gladness do not come to them from the camp of the Christians: neither do they see the light that should be shining; so they have nothing to guide them through the darkness of the fog to the harbor of safety. Alas, too many Christians are so conformed to this world that their lights are dim, neither can they sing with voices of joy and gladness, to guide the lost ones through the fog and the darkness to the harbor of safety in Christ Jesus.—

Your light may be feeble and dim:

It should be shining and bright:

Go to Jesus and let Him trim

Away the rubbish to bring out the light.

Victory Prepared for Us

The worth of our service for Christ can never go beyond our personal experience with Him. If we have had no real vision of our Savior, we do not know Him, have no real experience and worth nothing in His service. If we have not made full surrender to Him, given up our own way for His way, we are alone with our own puny strength, and amount to nothing. Countless Christians are daily fighting a losing battle: they are not willing yet to be crucified with Him, losing their own identity, have the love of the world taken out of their hearts, and let Christ rule and reign in their lives—"Just let go, and let God." Without the energy of the Holy Spirit they are constantly at grips with impossible odds; and from the conflict they emerge scarred, broken and almost in despair. Occasionally there is a victory, but usually there is defeat.

Is that true of you? I want to say that no man or woman need suffer defeat. We can have victory all along the way, and against the greatest enemy, until we see our Savior face to face. There is no need for any of us to be overcome, for we are called to be overcomers.

Christian friends, we must, by the power of God, cast out all fear, unbelief, and the love of the world and the things of the world, and trust all to God. Don't look back. Don't look down. Just look up, and with the name of Jesus on your lips, go forward. God will make a path for you. God will fence you in as with a wall of brass. The enemies that pursue shall perish, and you shall stand on the shores of sweet deliverance and sing the song of the redeemed, a song the angels can't sing.

Antlers, Oklahoma, R1

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

I haven't written to the Gem for the past few months, but have been a silent reader; and will say that I enjoy reading the good letters from the different states. I hope to see the great work of God move forward in a mighty way, and am willing to help put it over.

We are in need of a great many things in the age that we are now living in. We need more men like Caleb and Joshua, with a vision, that will say, "We are well able to go over and possess the land."

Our revival work this year has been good. Of course we haven't had the sweeping revivals we once had, but good for the age in which we are now living. God is still saving souls in the old time way. Of course we could have had lots of joiners, but honest before God. I had really rather see one soul saved from sin than 1000 just join the churches. I love to see people saved from sin, then join the church. Our revival began at our home church on Saturday night before the 3rd Sunday in July. Our pastor, Eld. J. M. Hatcher, was with us and did some fine preaching. He is a good man and is loved by his church and community. We had Bro. and Sister Taylor and Sister Hattie Newman with us eight days and nights in this revival. Sister Newman did some fine preaching. We were glad to have these good people with us. I don't remember just how many conversions and additions to our church, but there were several. Our pastor did the baptizing at the close of this revival.

Our Rocky Point church is ten miles northwest of Antlers, Okla. Our next revival began at Clemseot on Saturday night before the first Sunday in August. Here we met a fine bunch of people ready for a revival. I don't believe I ever in my life saw a people work any harder and fix up any better in my life for an open air meeting. Will not attempt to tell just how they had it fixed, but it was fixed just the same. They have a nice new church house built just at the east edge of town. The revival was fine, with several conversions and additions to the church. Eld. Manard the faithful pastor did

the baptizing at the close of this revival. He is a fine man and is loved by the church and town and community. This was my first time to meet him in life. Will just say that I surely did enjoy working with him and his church. They have a real live bunch of mission workers organized in this church. Wife and children joined me on Thursday night before the third Sunday in this revival, and on Friday at 2:00 o'clock p. m. the mission workers put on a real program that was enjoyed by all present, and just at the close of the program ice cream and cake was served to all present. Elder J. R. Edwards and wife from Comanche visited the meeting several times and delivered a splendid message on the glories and beauties of heaven, also preached on baptism at the water's edge. I have known him and his wife for a long time, and always glad to have them with us in our revivals. They are fine people.

On the third Sunday in August we had Sunday school at 11 o'clock, then a fine dinner was served at 12 o'clock. Then at 2:00 o'clock we dedicated the new church building at Clemseot. At 4:00 o'clock we had baptizing, then met at the church before sun down for our grove meeting. That night we had Communion and feet-washing services. We had a splendid time in all the services, with some real shouting. These good people sure know how to make people feel at home.

Our revival at Clemseot closed on the third Sunday night in a fine spirit. Then on the third Monday night we joined Eld. E. E. Bristow and the people at Non, Okla. in a revival meeting that began on the third Saturday night. The revival spirit was already in this meeting. Here we had a number of conversion and 11 additions to our church at Non. I baptized nine. Sister Hattie Newman was with us the second week of this meeting for a few days and nights and did some fine preaching. Sister Hattie is a real Bible preacher and we are always glad to have her in our meetings. Our meeting there closed in fine spirit on the first Sunday night in Sept. We have a fine bunch of people at Non and they surely know how to make people feel at home. I'm proud

of the church and people at Non. I should be proud of this bunch of people, as I am pastoring this church. I am only pastoring four churches this year and proud of all of them.

We are always glad to get our Gem paper and to hear of the good work still going on for God and the cause. I am personally acquainted with so many that write to the Gem it makes me feel like I have heard from home folks.

May the Lord richly bless the Gem family.

A brother in Christ,
Eld. M. M. McKee, Antlers, Okla.

Grove Spring, Mo., Sept. 26th.

Dear Gem Readers:

I have been reading so many good letters that the children of God have written to the Gem. It fills my soul with joy when I get to reading about my Home, that the blessed Lord has gone to prepare for all who trust and obey Him. I have just read a letter that a good sister, Mrs. Edwards of Branch, Arkansas has written. It makes me think of myself: I am just a lone widow. The good Lord saw fit to take my dear companion home to his reward five years ago this coming October. My home is lonely, but when we go to God in prayer, He fills our soul with joy that we cannot express. I have a good Christian girl to stay with me.

The night before my companion was taken away it was stormy and rainy. I said to him, "Papa, it is looking stormy," and he answered, "Let's trust the Lord." And I am trusting the same Lord to carry me through, that he trusted after awhile all these lonely hours will pass away and all will be joy and peace forever more.

Our little church is getting along very well. We have just started on a new year with Elder Eliner Snyder as pastor. He can preach some wonderful sermons. We have Sunday school every Sunday, and prayer meeting every Thursday night with good interest. Let's keep praying for the salvation of souls.

Pray for me, that I may ever go on and do the things that the Lord would have me to do, and be willing for His will to be done.

Mrs. J. F. Holman.

NON, OKLAHOMA

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown:

Here are a few subs to the Gem. Our State Association met with the Non church last week. Had the largest delegation ever known. Will say we had a wonderful time.

Twenty-five or more preachers were present, and lots of deacons and delegates were here. Many wonderful sermons were preached; God poured out great blessings, and everyone felt that it was great to be there.

God bless you folks in your good work. —Metta Black.

Weatherford, Texas, Oct. 6, 1932

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

As I am renewing my subscription to the Gem, thought I would write a few lines.

We attended the Free Will Baptist Sunday School and League Convention at Weatherford last Saturday. It was good. While there were just four Sunday schools represented in this convention, it has just been organized for one year in our denomination. I think it is a fine thing. I missed seeing lots of old familiar faces that I used to see at Weatherford church, thought about how dear old Brother S. L. Morris and wife had sacrificed for that church.

We have a good Sunday school at New Hope church. I have a Bible class of 25 pupils. We have elected Bro. E. J. Vaughn pastor here at New Hope for another year.

Our people at Fort Worth are printing a paper called "The Trumpet." I am proud of it.

Pray for me.

Mrs. R. L. White.

FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, Oct. 17th

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

As I have seen no report from our church for several weeks, I will write a few lines to let you know that we are still pressing on to the kingdom.

We had a most gratifying revival in September, held by our beloved pastor, Rev. E. W. Simpkins. Had the pleasure of seeing a goodly number born into the kingdom and buried away in water baptism. Our church and Sunday school is still growing in members and in grace. Our attendance to both is most gratifying indeed.

On Oct. 6th (this month) we organized a Woman's Home Mission Circle. We started with fifteen members, and have had several additions to it, as we met last Thursday, Oct. 13th.

There seems to be great interest in every effort of our church and if we take the blessed Master for our Leader and Guide, we are sure to stand. I feel that our church is on the kind of foundation that God requires it to be built on; and by our earnest efforts and the great loving power of our Master, we have accomplished much. We have accomplished much in this past year and by the grace of our Lord

and Savior, we intend to do much more.

Now we ask the prayers of all our dear brothers and sisters, that we may do things that are well pleasing to our Master; and may He bless the editor and readers of our dear little paper, and may God's richest blessings rest upon and abide with each and every one.

Your sister in Christ,
M. H. Crandell, R1, B81, Armour Ave.

Sonora, Arkansas, Sept. 28, 1932

Dear Gem Readers:

I have felt for some time that I would like to send a letter to your paper.

We have a Free Will Baptist League here at Pilgrim Rest, with 30 members and more than 25 of them are wide awake Christians.

My husband and I attended the Indian Creek Association at Merl's Chapel church and sure enjoyed every day of it.

I received a present of the "Gem" in my home for 16 months, for which I wish to thank Sister J. W. Allred. Sister Allred, I'll never forget you, nor your gift to me, it is the most helpful and inspiring gift I have ever received. And, Bro. Allred, we have our Junior Bible class going strong now and the little folks, especially, are taking interest and doing fine.

Good bye, dear readers, and may the Lord bless you, is my prayer.

Mrs. Luella McCoy, Star Route

Stahl, Missouri, Oct. 17, 1932

Dear Gem Family:

Summer is passed, and the woods and fields which were green, have been changed to a golden brown by the mighty hand of God. As I look and can see for miles, I wonder if we appreciate the beautiful picture God has painted for us.

The forests make me think of our lives. We find that the trees bloom and leaf out in the spring and gradually fade as the year passes, only to bloom again the next spring if it gets the right substances in the soil and plenty of moisture. So, likewise, our lives, if we get the right substances in life, such as the spiritual birth in Christ and are baptized with the Holy Ghost, at the end we will bloom again in heaven. But, if we sit on the "stool of do nothing" and fail to get the good things of life, we will find ourselves in a "Devil's hell," never to bloom again.

As our former pastor, Eld. Jas. F. Miller, was bringing to us the message last Sunday morning, on the subject of "God's Church," the thought came to me, "O, the opportunities we have to work for our Lord and Savior and yet, we refuse." We, as Christians, fail to do our part, and yet, the opportunity is extended to us and the sinners have many opportunities to come to an altar of prayer, and yet, they reject. It brings to my mind a

poem entitled "Opportunity" by Walter Malone:

They do me wrong

Who say I come no more,

When once I knock

And fail to find you in;

For every day I stand

Outside yor door

And bid you wake,

And rise, to fight and win.

This my first letter to the "Gem."

I realize I am weak in the sight of God, but my aim is to keep pressing on to the "High calling."

A member of Stahl F. W. B. Church
Miss Velma G. Gates.

HARTVILLE, MISSOURI
(Pleasant Hill Church)

Dear Gem Family and Readers:

I will write a few lines to the Gem this wonderful afternoon which the Lord has set before us.

It seems to me that people forget that all Christ's sufferings on the cross were necessary for man's salvation. He had to bear our sins if ever they were to be borne at all: with His stripes alone could we be healed. This was the one payment of our debt that God would accept. If Christ had not gone to the cross and suffered in our stead, the just for the unjust, there would not have been a spark of hope for us. There would have been a mighty gulf between us and God, which no man could ever pass. The people seem to forget that all of Christ's suffering was of His own free will, and His own choice. He went to the cross to finish the work He came to do. His heart was set on the salvation of sinners. He was resolved to open a fountain for all sin and uncleanness, by shedding His own blood.

Dear readers, when I think of all this, I see nothing painful or disagreeable in the subject of Christ's cross. I keep the cross before my eyes the more fullness I seem to discern in it, the more I am satisfied that there is more to be learned at the foot of the cross than anywhere else in the world, and isn't it a wonderful "gift of God, which is eternal life?" this free, glorious, blessed salvation? I ask, to whom does it belong? Well, the Lord Jesus bought it; He did not pay gold and silver for it, but gave His own life. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for the ungodly." Very good; it belongs, then, legally to the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Salvation belongeth to the Lord." It is His purchase. Well, but for whom did He buy it? He didn't want it for Himself. Salvation isn't needed by Him: it was bought for you and me; it is ours by His purchase.

I'll close by asking all to pray for me, that I may always live humbly at the foot of the cross, discharging my every Christian duty. My prayer to God is for lost souls, that they might be saved before it is too late.

A sister in Christ,
Miss Faye Savage.

Fort Smith, Arkansas

Dear Gem Readers:

It has been some time since I wrote to the Gem.

I just want to give a short report of what we are doing here, especially our Sunday school, as I believe we have one of the best anywhere, although it is a small one.

To begin with, we have a corps of teachers who are really in the work for the love of God. Our teachers, although not of the training school, and do not hold any diplomas from any school, but the school of the love of God, humanity, and their scholars, which is the greatest asset any teacher can have, which causes their pupils to love and reverence them. This combination of reciprocated love between teacher and pupil makes an ideal Sunday school. Our increase has been a little over 125% in the last 11 months, with an average attendance of 80 for the 3rd quarter and 40 of these earning Highest Honor Certificates for perfect attendance etc. Is it any wonder that I, as Supt., am glad to sing the praises of this, the First Free Will Baptist Sunday school to the world?

I cannot urge too strong upon every church to organize a Sunday school, if you do not have one, for it is the training grounds of the church. There is where you can train the youths in the way they should go, and the training of youth is never forgotten.

The church must look to the Sunday school of today for their moderators, elders, deacons trustees, deaconesses and other officers as well as their own members.

A Sunday school is the very life blood of a church; so let's have a Sunday school in every F. W. B. church.

I want the prayers of every reader, that I may lead this Sunday school to the honor and upbuilding of the kingdom of Jesus Christ our blessed Redeemer.

Yours for bigger and better Sunday schools,

Ray Purdom.

A REPORT

I want to let the Gem family know about our glorious revival we just closed at the Hannon church a short time back. The

meeting continued three weeks; there were 14 saved, and 14 united with the church, and we baptized 18 altogether while we were there. Ten of those were baptized into the Hannon church and the other eight were from the old Bluff church east of Hannon, where Sister Roena Thomas was holding a revival when we began our Hannon meeting. I went over there two different Sundays and baptized for her. She had a real good meeting. Sister Thomas started preaching during the meeting we held at Hannon a year ago and I had the pleasure of helping to ordain her there at the close of this meeting. I also helped to license Bro. Arlie Hoover to preach. He is a fine, promising young man, and has his heart in the work. Eld. W. H. York is pastor of the Hannon church and a fine man to work with. The good people at Hannon will always have a warm place in my heart. They have a fine Sunday school there and were talking some when I left of enlarging their church building, which I hope will soon come to pass. I pray that the young converts there will just live true to the Lord and to the church, and ever be found doing their duty.

I am also glad we can say we had a fine State meeting. Peace and harmony prevailed throughout and many good things were brought to pass. The good people of New Harmony church and the Northeast Missouri Association treated us greater than words can express. The meeting, no doubt, was one of the best we have had for some time. There was a good delegation and reports were received from seven of the nine associations in the state. About \$160.00 was made up while there to pay on the linotype.

There was one soul reclaimed while there and I understand that Bro. and Sister McAdams are going on with a good revival there since the State meeting.

We are planning to have minutes of the proceedings printed before long.

May the Lord bless the Gem family.

Winford Davis.

Fort Worth, Texas, Oct. 10, 1932

Report of the Third Semi-annual Convention of West Fork Free

Will Baptist Sunday School and League, held with Weatherford Church, Parker County, Texas.

Convention opened with the President, C. J. Turrentine in the chair. Eld. J. C. Hodges, our past president, brought the introductory message, taking his text from the 5th chapter of 1st John.

This convention has grown from two churches to five in the last eighteen months. The Lord is wonderfully blessing. We are working hard and striving with much prayer, that this organization may become the largest of its kind in the state of Texas. Christians, will you not help us by organizing Sunday School and League conventions in your associations, and form state bodies, that we may all come together in one great national convention?

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Bro. C. J. Turrentine was re-elected to the office of president, Miss Wattsy Reid elected vice-president, appointees to executive body: Bob White, Weatherford, Texas, J. H. Measures, R6, Weatherford, Texas. Bro. E. J. Vaughn, Comanche, Texas was elected field secretary and organizer, and Sister Oma Burton, 1300 Bessie St., Fort Worth, Texas, corresponding secretary to all Free Will Baptist papers.

Eld. E. J. Vaughn of Comanche, Texas, our latest addition to our Sunday School and League Convention brought a very good message the closing day from the 14th chapter of Job, taking his text, "Shall we live again?" This was the greatest convention that we have had so far, but hope to have many more in the future of greater interest and deeper spiritually.

This convention will convene at Vandike church, five miles north of Comanche, Comanche County, Texas, Thursday night before the first Sunday in May, 1933.

We covet your prayers.

Brethren, subscribe for your Free Will Baptist papers.

Your in the Master's service.

C. J. Turrentine, Con. Pres.
P. O. Box 4368, Ft. Worth, Texas.

"O, I can't do anything. I am only a poor worm of the dust." We say, Brother, if you must be a worm, why not be a glow worm, and let your light shine? Even a worm can shine if it is the right kind and wants to shine!

Mansfield, Mo., October 3, 1932.

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown and Gem Family: As I haven't written for the paper for some time, thought I would write a few lines this beautiful afternoon. I received my paper last week with a blue pencil mark on it, which reminded me that my time had expired, and Christian friends, I cannot afford to be without such a good paper; I wish more of our Free Will Baptist people would open up their hearts and pocket books and take our paper, so we could have the paper once a week for I get so much good out of the good letters. If I could write as some dear sisters and brothers, I would be so glad, but I can do only my little work. If I could write as Sister R. M. Edwards does, though like her I have lost loved ones and am lonely and sad, but God has promised to help us in all our trials if we only trust in Him. My health is poor and when I get my paper it encourages me to read the letters from the different places and know there is a faithful few yet; if we are called back numbers, may God help us to abide in Him, that we may bring forth fruit to His honor and glory.

May God bless each of you, is my humble prayer to God. I ask an interest in your prayers, that God may get glory out of my life, and that my every effort may go forth for the benefit of humanity.

As ever your sister in Christ,
Nora Shelton.

Drumright, Okla., Sept. 30, 1932

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I want to make my first report to the readers of the Gem, since I have taken up the pastoral work here in Drumright. I want to say that the Lord is wonderfully blessing us here at Drumright. For a time I was on the bed of affliction. Fifteen different doctors in three different states said it was impossible for me to live, but thanks be to God for that Great Physician who is able to handle any and all cases. Since the Lord healed my body I surely have been working for Him. Was licensed to preach the Gospel Dec. 4, 1931. Was ordained July 3, 1932. I am now pastoring the Drumright church. Have had sixteen con-

versions since I started in this great work, and four additions to the church.

I have just returned from attending the First Okla. Association which convened with Pleasant Hill church, four miles north and four miles east of Norman, Okla. Bro. Dunaway is pastor of the church there. We had a wonderful Association, also heard many wonderful reports as to what the Free Will Baptist denomination is doing. We, as workers in the vineyard of the Lord, must take into consideration Luke 9:62, "No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." In many places in India the people are still using the same kind of plow that Jesus knew. It is a one handled affair, much more difficult to guide than our modern implements. If one did look back while using it, it would jump out of the furrow and the plowman would not accomplish what he should. There is no room for such plowmen in the kingdom. So brothers and sisters in Christ, let us ever hold onto that one handled plow, which is God's unchanging hand, and ever look forward and not back, because the glory is ahead.

B. F. Rogers.

Mountain Grove, Missouri, R5

Dear Gem Family:

I feel impressed this beautiful day to write to the Gem, to let its readers know that I am still standing for Jesus. I never was so determined to fight for Jesus as I am now. You know, seeing people going after the pleasures of the world, don't make me want to go after pleasure; it just makes me want to live closer to Jesus, because I have two little children that God has given into my care and, if I seek worldly pleasure, where will they go? I just want to live so humble and obedient to God's holy word that I can say, "Come on children and walk in mother's footsteps." I never go on my knees to pray without asking God's blessings on my children and ask Him to let me be guided by the Holy Spirit to do and say the things that He would have me to, and I know He helps me, because I realize that within myself I could do nothing.

We have been attending a revival meeting here in our community and I never prayed so earnestly for sinners in my life as I have the last few days. It seems that they are determined to make hell their destination, and I never heard plainer preaching in my life than Bro. Burney, Bro. Albert Brooks, Bro. Homer Smith and Bro. Tom Edwards have been preaching in this revival, and still sinners will sit back and reject Jesus as their Guide.

I have been trying to picture that place called heaven, I know it surely is a beautiful place. The Bible tells us that the foundation is of precious stones and the walls are of jasper and the streets are of pure gold. There is a tree of life to eat from and a fountain of water that never runs dry to drink from. There Jesus is the light. O, friends, I think that beautiful place is worth working for. We work hard here for our earthly home, but our earthly homes are nothing compared with that beautiful home in Heaven. Then I think of who we will see over there. We will see Jesus, Lazarus, Mary, Martha, John, the Baptist, Daniel, Peter, Paul and all those people the Bible tells us about. We will see our grandfathers and our grandmothers that we haven't seen for years. And just think! that home is all ready paid for; who would want to miss such a place as that?

Then I think of hell, which I will not describe, as I think of it, but why won't sinners turn from sin? You know the Bible says something about the time that is to come when people will not endure sound doctrine and I think that time is already here. I can almost hear Jesus as He sits on His throne today, pleading with God, and saying, "Father, forgive those people down there, for they know not what they are doing. Father, I gave my life on the cross to save them; do give them another chance." Sinner, you know your last chance is coming some day. Then you'll call on God and it will be too late.

Pray for me, that if I should be living when Jesus comes, that I can gather my companion and little children and rise to meet Jesus in the air where there will be no more sadness.

Mrs. Ina Edwards.

Monett, Missouri

As I haven't written to the Gem for some time, will take this opportunity to let my friends over the state and elsewhere, who are readers of our paper, hear from me.

While I haven't been doing any evangelistic work, that is haven't held any revival meetings this fall, I am trying to keep busy in the Master's work, and God is blessing our work in a wonderful way. Since our Indian Creek Association three have started out to preach the Gospel from our church in Monett, and others have asked the prayers of the church, that they might do the will of God in His service.

Last Sunday, Oct. 23rd, Bro. W. K. Weston preached his first sermon at 11 o'clock. God's power was wonderfully manifested, and four precious souls were saved at that service, and many Christians were made shouting happy. Yes, we have people here who are not afraid to praise God when their cup runs over.

We have a Gospel team that is just getting started. We made two trips last week and enjoyed a real blessing from God each service.

Pray for us here in Monett, that we may be able to continue where God can work in and through us.

Elder O. T. Allred.

Report of Fredericktown and Mine La Motte Meetings

Dear Gem Family:

We will report our last meetings before the State Association.

We had a real good meeting in Fredericktown, with 36 souls saved, and a number built up spiritually. This meeting was not what we hoped for, for several things happened that hindered the meeting, yet we feel that a great good was done. Bro. Mark Lewis is the faithful pastor of Fredericktown church. He is young, but we don't have a more promising young preacher anywhere than Bro. Lewis, and he has a dear wife that is with him in the work.

From Fredericktown we went to Mine La Motte, and was there a week. There were 16 saved and reclaimed together. This meeting was powerful from the first night, and a house full every night. God poured out His blessed Spirit on every service. Bro. S. A. Hand is the faithful pastor here. He is one of our young preachers from Flat River, and we sure are proud of our young preachers. It is a pleasure to work with pastors like Brothers Hand and Lewis.

We also want to make mention of the homes we stayed in both these places. We stayed in the home of Bro. and Sister Umfleet at Fredericktown some of the dear ones that moved there from Flat River. God bless them for their kindness to us.

We made our home with Bro. and Sister Matthews at Mine La Motte. They are young people from Flat River, and both families are splendid folks to be with; God bless all the

dear ones of these churches, is our prayer.

H. M. and Lizzie McAdams.

MISSION REPORT

Novinger, Mo., Oct. 25, 1932.

Dear Gem Family:

I am sure that those who were present at the State Association will be anxious to hear from the State Supt. of Missions, or the field worker.

We remained over Sunday with the New Harmony folks, and had six souls saved and reclaimed together. The power of God came down. One old man was saved Sunday morning. We did not stay longer, as the people were tired and worn from the Association.

We then came to Stahl church. We have some wonderful people at Stahl. They pledged \$10.00 on the press and they had it about ready to send off. The mission women have been greatly revived and are in line with their new Superintendent. I was never in a sweeter meeting than we had last Friday with these women. They are getting their uniforms ready for Sunday; they are coming to visit us in Kirksville Sunday afternoon, to be present at a Temperance lecture. These dear women are sending in \$2.00 for State work. We hope that all of our women will receive us as the Stahl mission has.

We preached to young people last Sunday night—met them in their league and gave them a talk on their future possibilities, and they gladly received us. It would have done you good to have watched the Juniors while we talked; so, feeling led, we organized a Junior league with 12 members, and have registered 26 since, so pray for them, dear Christian friends, that God will bless these young people.

We also visited the New Harmony mission last Thursday. Had a wonderful time. The service was held in the home of Sister Luther Gregory. A large number were present and it was a privilege to have Bro. and Sister Miller from Flat River present. Bro. Miller gave us a wonderful mission talk. Also Bro. and Sister Marcum, pastor of New Harmony church, were present, and Bro. Marcum gave us a wonderful talk, too. These dear women are planning to get their uniforms right away. Bro. Marcum is pastor at Stahl also and is greatly loved by the these dear people. We thank God for sending such a man as Bro. Marcum to this field of labor.

Now a word to all our local presidents and their circles: We are asking that each last Friday in each month be observed in fasting and prayer for the growth of our missions and young people's work. We are also asking that our women will visit the sick and lost on that day. It would be a splendid idea where our women have the uniforms to dress in them on this day and visit, take your Bibles and read and pray where God leads you. It won't be long till we will have a mission work that the folks will stop and take notice of. Let's pray that God will make this a

great year with us.

We are sending Bro. Brown the Constitution and By-Laws to print in the Gem. Every president should have the secretary record them in her record book.

We have already received invitations from several pastors, asking us to visit their churches and feel welcome. We hope to reach them all. You will see a piece on Missions every month.

You dear ones remember us in prayer.

Lizzie McAdams, Supt. of Missions.

Constitution and By-Laws of the HOME MISSION

Constitution

Realizing the need and opportunity of doing a greater work for our Master, in the extension of the Gospel, helping the sick, suffering humanity, and procuring friends to aid the work of the church in general; we, therefore, unite our efforts in this organization.

Article 1. This organization shall be known as the Home Mission Workers of Free Will Baptist, and shall be divided into circles according to the membership.

Art. 2. Each circle shall elect its own officers, which shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Art. 3. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over all meetings.

Art. 4. The duty of the Vice President shall be to preside over meetings in the absence of the President.

Art. 5. The duty of the Secretary shall be to keep an accurate minute of all proceedings of business.

Art. 6. The Treasurer shall receive all funds created by their respective circle.

Art. 7. Each circle or circles should meet weekly, opening services with Scripture reading and prayer.

Art. 8. There shall be a State Executive Board of Missions, composed of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to preside at State meetings and transact business between sessions.

The duty of the President shall be to preside over the State meeting and oversee the work in general, in the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside over said meetings. The duty of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be to keep correct minutes of all business and receive all funds.

By-Laws

Art. 1. All persons are eligible for membership who will support the work with their presence and financial aid.

Art. 2. Membership fee should be ten (10) cents monthly.

Art. 3. Ten per cent of all local funds shall be given for State work.

Art. 4. This Constitution and By-Laws may be changed or amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates present at any State meeting.

Lizzie McAdams, President.

Eunice Miller, Vice Pres.

Tommie Franklin, Sec.-Treas.

INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lessons

Fourth Quarter, 1932

Comments by B. F. Brown

Lesson VIII Nov. 20, 1932

Stewardship of Money

Deut. 8:7-18; Mal. 3:7-10; Luke 12:22-34; 1 Cor. 16:1-4; 2 Cor. 8:1-15; 9:1-15; 1 Tim. 6:17-19.

Topic: The Christian's use of Money.

GOLDEN TEXT—Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. —Luke 12:15.

PRACTICAL TRUTH—Since God gave us the power to get what we have, adequate returns unto Him should be most natural.

OUTLINE—I. The source of the power to earn money. II. Dealing faithfully with God. III. God's concern for our needs. IV. The Christian standard of giving. V. A charge to the rich.

INTRODUCTION—1. *Riches cause men to forget God.* Forgetting the commandments of the Lord in the sense of neglecting them is a most common sin. It seems easiest to forget God when men are abundantly fed, richly clothed, and splendidly housed. The great reason why we should not forget the Lord is that all we have, even life itself, comes from Him. What we are and what we are able to do represents God's investment in us. God never intended that man's earning capacity should be exercised entirely for self. This capacity is given us for the purpose of serving God in helpfulness to others. And the spirit of our giving is as important as the act itself. The rich are under the burden of great responsibility to those in need.

2. *The tithe justifiable.* God's claim to the tithe is based upon His ownership of all material things, for "the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof: the world and they that dwell therein" (Psa. 24:1). If they that dwell in the world belong to God, which the quoted text asserts, then we are responsible to God for the nine-tenths as well as the one-tenth. There is a relative sense in which the things a person possesses are his own. It is the relation which exists between himself and all other human beings. But in his relation to God there is not the same relativity, for all things belong to God and the possessor just holds them in trust as a steward of God.

3. *Stewardship cures covetousness.* It is well to note that the observance of the tithe and the sense of stewardship are a safeguard against the one sin which the New Testament warns us most, and the one so commonly practised, *covetousness*. Christ said, "Take heed and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15). The person who "Layeth up treasure for himself" and thus deprives himself of the blessings consequent upon being "rich toward God," may one day hear a voice saying, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?"

EXPOSITION—I. **THE SOURCE OF THE POWER TO EARN MONEY** (Deut. 8:7-18). As the Israelites took their journey to go to Canaan, the Lord told them that He would bring them into a good land, a land with an abundance of water; a land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and many other things for food, and rich in minerals. And the Lord said, "When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which He hath given thee."

As a rule the greater part of a man's income will be lawfully used in supplying the needs of himself and his family, such as housing, food, clothing and fuel. Where there are children something will be spent for their education and other cultural purposes. We have no right to spend money for things which we do not need, especially for things that are harmful. Consider the enormous amount of money that is spent each year for pleasure, and for many other useless things, which are paid for with the money God has given us, that we might use it for Him and His cause. And much of the money that is spent to satisfy fleshly appetites and desires goes to enrich and make stronger the enemies of the cause of righteousness. But the warning Moses gives in these verses is to a people that would soon have plenty to eat, good houses to live in, large flocks and herds, and much gold and silver. Wealth has its peculiar temptations and there was real danger of these people forgetting God when their material possessions were greatly increased. Some really poor people are misers at heart, and even poor people can and do forget God, their hearts being lifted up. Let us, then, beware lest our own hearts be set on something that causes us to forget God. Remember the Lord because of what He has done for you; "and forget not all His benefits."

II. **DEALING FAITHFULLY WITH GOD** (Mal. 3:7-10). A proper acknowledgment of God's ownership and of our stewardship of material possessions is to set apart a portion of our income to Him who gave us the power to get wealth. The Mosaic law fixed that portion at one-tenth. Should Christians give less? Improper use of our time and money robs God "in tithes and offerings." Every one of us must give an account to God; then how

will we answer when asked, "How have you spent your TIME and your MONEY?"

III. **GOD'S CONCERN FOR OUR NEEDS** (Luke 12:22-34). Our heavenly Father has a concern for the lilies of the field, the grass, and all flowers and plants that He has planted. He also cares for the fowls of the air, and feedeth them, and asks, "How much more are ye better than the fowls?" He cares for us more than we can know. All we need to do is to always put God first in all things and "all these things shall be added unto us."

IV. **THE CHRISTIAN STANDARD OF GIVING** (1 Cor. 16:1-4; 2 Cor. 8:1-15; 9:1-15). 1. Cor. 16:1-4—Here is a command to lay by for the work of the Lord, as God has prospered. This means the tithe, and it was under grace. Some say, "Tithing was under the law, but is not required under grace." Please show us in the Bible where the obligation to tithe was taken away. Tithing originated with Abraham long before the law was given. If we recognize Abraham as the father of the faithful, we should also recognize tithing.

2. Cor. 8:1-15—Paul here reminds the Corinthians of the giving of the Macedonians. They gave freely when under great affliction, they gave out of deep poverty, but gave joyfully. They could do this because they had first given themselves to the Lord. Under God's plan, "He that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack."

2. Cor. 9:1-15—In speaking here of giving for the saints, Paul calls it sowing in order that we may learn by the figure of the harvest that in giving we always receive more than we gave. If we give little, we will receive little in return. If we sow much, we will reap much. If we give to the poor and to His cause, God is able to make us abound in His gifts to us. They who give should thank God that they have the ability to give, and they who receive are thankful to God and to His children who gave. The spirit in which a gift is given is just as important as the gift itself; therefore we should give cheerfully, and always give as unto the Lord, giving thanks "for His unspeakable gift."

V. **A CHARGE TO THE RICH** (1 Tim. 6:17-19). The rich are warned to be humble, and to trust, not in their wealth, "but in the living God." They are charged to "do good, that they may be rich in good works." The rich as well as the poor must be rich toward God and fill a place in service, if they "lay hold on eternal life."

Lesson IX

Nov. 27, 1932

Stewardship of Life

Exodus 3:1-12; Isaiah 6:1-8; Matt. 25:1-46; Mark 1:16-20; Acts 26:12-19; 1 Cor. 9:17-27.

Topic: Living as God's Stewards

GOLDEN TEXT—First (they) gave their own selves to the Lord—2 Cor. 8:5.

PRACTICAL TRUTH—To be a steward for the Lord puts dignity into life.

OUTLINE—I. Moses and Isaiah called to service. II. Jesus' teachings concerning life investment. III. Four men become Jesus' disciples.

IV. Paul accepts a commission to the Gentiles.

V. The manner of Paul's stewardship.

INTRODUCTION—In this lesson, Simon Peter and Andrew his brother, and James and John his brother, these four, who were all fishers were called to service. There is something beautiful about a pair of brothers entering Christian service side by side. What God wants us to do is always more important than what we may be doing at the time. A life spent according to the Lord's direction will always have larger results than that life could have had under self direction. To be a good steward under any authority always costs something in sacrifice on the part of the steward. A clear vision of Jesus is necessary to a life of service.

2. *Fishers of men.* Christ does not ask men to attempt to do the work of the kingdom in their own strength and wisdom. "I will make you fishers of men" bears the pledge that He will prepare His servants for the task. God's claims must be seen to be superior to all other claims—"and they left their father." "Come ye after me" indicates to us that we are to be in no sense equals but servants; and that we must represent Him and not ourselves. In no other occupation or calling will it be more gloriously apparent than here that the faithful discharge of common duties is the best preparation for higher service, if the life be dedicated to God, then great results may follow.

3. *The heavenly vision.* The light of heaven shined upon Paul and that ancient world. "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they (might) receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified." It is a fact of greatest possible significance that this light shines for us too. It comes with a force which demands obedience. Like Paul we need not be "disobedient to the heavenly vision," yet it is in our power to give or withhold that obedience. If we obey our lives may be completely changed in a moment. Wrong habits of thought and conduct which shackle the soul will be broken. Two thousand years of Christian life and testimony have proved this to be a fact.

EXPOSITION—I. **MOSES AND ISAIAH CALLED TO SERVICE** (Ex. 3:1-12); Isa. 6:1-8). Ex. 3:1-12—When Moses was eighty years old, and was tending the flocks of Jethro his father-in-law on the back side of the desert, apart from his people, God called him to spend the rest of his life, forty years, in leading his enslaved people out of Egyptian bondage and organizing them into a nation. God had been training Moses for forty years for this very task. He accepted the call

and made his name immortal. Probably no person now living would have known the name of Moses had he not obeyed the call.

Isaiah 6:1-8—Isaiah, in his call to service, saw the wisdom, goodness and holiness of God, which caused him to see his own uncleanness, led him to repentance and he received pardon for all his iniquity. Then, when God called for someone to go, he was able to say, "Here am I: send me." Isaiah's call required that he give up a life of comfort and become unpopular as a fearless reprover of sin in high places. He spoke fearlessly, even face to face with the king, and became the greatest prophet in history.

II. **JESUS' TEACHINGS ABOUT LIFE INVESTMENT** (Matt. 25: 1-46). By the Parable of the Ten Virgins, Jesus taught that it is sin to fail to make proper preparation for life's service, that it is required of Christians to be what they claim to be. By the Parable of the talents He taught that we are responsible to make good use of God's investment in us, that we must not neglect or misuse what God has put into our hands, but as good stewards, we are to use all that we have and are to the glory of God and to the advancement of the cause of righteousness. By the description of the Judgment He showed the eternal rewards of a godly stewardship of life and the eternal punishment of a selfish wasting life.

III. **FOUR MEN BECAME JESUS' DISCIPLES** (Mark 1:16-20). It states here that Jesus saw Simon and Andrew his brother. This isn't the first time that Jesus had seen these brothers, for a year or more before this they had become His followers. They followed Him then to "learn of Him;" they follow Him now to become "fishers of men," for this is their call to service.

Idle men usually find their way into the service of Satan, for Jesus calls men who are occupied with some kind of work or business. As these brothers, together with two other brothers, James and John, had attained skill in catching fish, they are now to be taught to win men for the kingdom. The fish were caught to die: men are to be caught to live.

Becoming stewards always costs something in the way of sacrifice. In the case of these four men who obeyed Jesus' call to stewardship, there was something they must sacrifice. They realized something of the importance of the call, so they left everything to follow Jesus.

God still calls people to be Christian workers, sometimes at great sacrifice of money and comfort. But the laity also are stewards. Besides giving of their money, they can do much to put forward the work of the church. Every person can be to some extent a personal worker. Consider the opportunity for service in the Sunday school, in the league, and in the prayer meeting. Should a church be a field in which the pastor works, or should it be a force with which he works?

IV. **PAUL ACCEPTS A COMMISSION TO THE GENTILES.** (Acts 26:12-19). Paul had a brilliant mind and was

very highly educated, and could be a power in God's service if he, with all he had should be dedicated to God. But Paul was allied with the chief priests, the very ones who crucified Christ. God wanted Paul for an important place in His service, but in the meaning of our Golden Text, "He must first give his own self to the Lord." Just how the Lord brought Paul to Himself is told here in Acts 26:12-19 so plainly that it is needless to comment on it.

As God worked through Paul to save others, so He has worked through many others to save them that believe, and is still working through persons who will submit themselves unto God, then be prepared of God for their work.

An Illustration:—A little girl who had listened to a sermon which urged the audience to be active in bringing people to Jesus, said, "I think I'll bring some one to him." "Who will it be?" asked her father. "I think I'll bring myself first," was the child's reply. That is one kind of evangelism always possible. "First (they) gave their own selves to the Lord." There can be no true stewardship of life until we first give ourselves to the Lord. And there is no limiting what can be done afterward.

V. **THE MANNER OF PAUL'S STEWARDSHIP** (1 Cor. 9:17-27). Paul became a servant unto all men. For the Gospel's sake he served without pay and kept himself under strict discipline as he earned his living by tent making. He kept his body under control, was temperate in all good things and shunned all that was evil or had the appearance of evil.

Lesson X Dec. 4, 1932 Living with People of Other Races

1 Kings 8:41-43; Luke 10:25-37; John 4:5-10; Acts 10:9-19, 28-35; Acts 17:22-28.

Topic: Following Christ in Dealing with Other Races.

GOLDEN TEXT—Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.—Acts 10:34.

PRACTICAL TRUTH—The Christian spirit is the greatest unifying power in the world.

OUTLINE—I. A prayer for strangers. II. Jesus' definition of neighbor. III. Peter among the Gentiles. IV. All nations made of one blood.

INTRODUCTION—1. *Why we study race relationships.* The World War taught us all how small our world really is—so much smaller than it was a century ago. At that time there could not have been a world war because the nations of the earth could not get together. But modern transportation has made it possible for the East and the West to meet quickly. The same facility of transportation is carrying the peoples of the earth in all directions, and in the matter of territorial location the races are being intermingled more and more. Whether we wish it or not, we shall, in time,

surround aliens and be surrounded by aliens wherever we go. This intermingling will either be a power for good or a power for evil in the world. The problem of living with other races is with us now and is a matter for earnest study.

2. *Jesus' example.* Jesus never went out of His way to avoid any unpleasant duty. Jesus put Himself in the way of opportunity to do good among aliens the same as He did among the people of His own race. Jesus purposely opened the way for conversation with the Samaritan woman by speaking first. We are responsible, not only for neglecting opportunities, but for not making opportunities when we can. Asking a favor is often a good way to break down prejudice. It is a good thing not to ignore racial barriers, but to try to remove them. The poorest representative of the poorest tribe is entitled to the best the Lord has to give—the "living water." No one race is the victim of sin's robbing power. How accurately the phrase, "half dead," describes Satan's victims.

EXPOSITION—I. A PRAYER FOR STRANGERS (1 Kings 8:41-43). At the place of prayer all men come to a common level. When Solomon prayed at the dedication of the temple, that the foreigner who came to the temple or prayed toward the temple might have his desires granted, he was using an international power that he probably little dreamed of. Suppose each race at the altar of prayer praying for all other races. And suppose such praying should become universal. Would not such praying encourage understanding and sympathy? God's house should be a place of prayer for all nations, not each nation to pray for itself alone, but for all others. International praying for international problems will improve things.

II. JESUS' DEFINITION OF NEIGHBOR (Luke 10:25-37; John 4:5-10). Luke 10:25-37—The Samaritan's helping the wounded Jew was a case of international charity, and Jesus commended it in strong terms and gave command that it be practised. At the outbreak of the World War America was the most respected and loved nation in the world because she had willingly and gladly responded to need anywhere in the world, whether from famine, pestilence, earthquake, flood, or any other type of disaster. Nations and individuals are won by the same demonstrations of mercy. Care for the needs of the alien races dwelling in our own neighborhood leads to peace and good-will.

John 4:5-10—Now when Jesus came to Jacob's well and "sat thus on the well," and "a woman of Samaria came to draw water," He treated her kindly. There had been longstanding animosity between the Jews and Samaritans, and they had no dealings with each other, yet Jesus, overlooking this racial prejudice, shows concern for her salvation. The love of God does not stop at race or color; so Jesus taught the woman spiritual truth and led her to an acceptance of Himself as the Messiah.

III. PETER AMONG THE GENTILES (Acts 10:29-19; 28-35). 9-19—Peter had

a very strong prejudice in that he thought that God respected the Jews for salvation to the exclusion of all other people. This prejudice was overcome by the vision on the housetop, in which God showed him that there was no difference between the Jews and the Gentiles; then, as Peter was in doubtful meditation about the meaning of the vision, the Lord said to Peter by the Spirit, "Behold, three men seek thee. Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them." And Peter was ready to obey.

28-35—When Peter arrived at the house of Cornelius, he explained that God had changed his viewpoint, which made it possible for him, being a Jew, to come unto one of another nation. Peter knew that he would be exposing himself to criticism from other Jews by going into a Gentile's house, but he had the courage to walk in his new light.

Then Cornelius explained how, as he was praying, the angel of the Lord had visited him and had told him what to do. "Therefore," said Cornelius, "I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come." Cornelius knew that they were gathered together in the presence of God, and that Peter was God's messenger sent with a special message for him from God. Then Peter spoke from the wisdom God had but recently taught him, saying, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted of him."

V. ALL NATIONS MADE OF ONE BLOOD (Acts 17:22-28). Paul, because of his splendid education, was very much at ease among the Grecian philosophers on Mars Hill. Paul observed their idols and perceived their superstitions, then reminded them that the living God whom they worshiped as the Unknown God, had created all things and could not be worshiped with men's hands. He declared that this same God had "made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth," and that all men should seek the Lord.

Lesson XI

Dec. 11, 1932

The Christian's Use of Leisure

Lev. 23:39-43; Neh. 8:9-18; Zech. 8:5; Matt. 11:16-19; Mark 6:30-32; 1 Cor. 10:23-33.

Topic: The Christian's Rest and Recreation.

GOLDEN TEXT—Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.—1 Cor. 10:31.

PRACTICAL TRUTH—Seasons of relaxation and joy are helpful to soul, mind and body.

OUTLINE—I. The Feast of Tabernacles
II. Nehemiah's day of thanksgiving.
III. The spirit of play in childhood.
IV. Jesus and the disciples seeking rest.
V. Doing all to the glory of God.

INTRODUCTION—1. Provisions for Leisure. The Bible commends indus-

try, but provides also for leisure with its system of Sabbath days, years, and jubilees. In the Sabbath year not only man and beast rested, but even the land must lie idle and volunteer growth must not be harvested. Such rest, in the largest sense, was worship of God in strong contrast to the drunken revels in which they cried unto Baal god of fertility. Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles as well as the lesser holy days added joy to the leisure program.

2. *The purpose of leisure* is for rest and recreation, and is a strong factor in development, physically, mentally and spiritually, when properly used. A man's character may be pretty well known by the use he makes of his leisure time. Some engage in that which is sinful and injurious; some simply loaf and waste their time; some read trash and that which sets forth evil; others read books and papers which are good for mind and soul, and develop the best there is in them.

About half of each 24 hours is darkness, that men may rest from their labors; and men regularly do more work in eight hours than in ten. One day in seven is set apart for rest and worship, and its value to them that observe it is very great, physically, mentally, and spiritually.

It is during leisure time (time free from business) that people attend places of amusement, religious services, go on revels, or just loaf. But Christians should not go where they cannot have the Lord's presence or where they cannot be in a spirit of prayer; then dancing, the show, and games of chance, with their tendency toward immorality and gambling should be avoided. Every day should begin and end with prayer; every journey or undertaking should begin and end with prayer; every gathering together of the people for the transaction of business should be opened and closed with prayer; we should not engage in anything without asking God's blessing upon it. The person who really has faith in God will consult Him about everything he does.

If all Christians who sit down to play cards would ask God's blessing upon the game before beginning to play very few Christians would play cards, and the same rule applies all along the line. Of course God is needed in our business, but He is needed just as much in all the things that come to us during our leisure time.

3. *The problem of leisure.* Labor-saving machinery has further multiplied leisure. Making a living alone once ruled man's time, but now the tasks that used to take days or even months are done in hours and even minutes. Individual destiny, and even racial destiny is decided by the use of this growing balance of time. Mechanical ability to gain time outruns moral ability to reinvest it wisely. Crime is one result. Some boy murderers in a large city explained, in confessing that they had had too much time on their hands—a challenge to parents and teachers. Indolence is vicious since the absence of good activity means the presence of bad,

Plenty of sleep and a reasonable amount of play will help to keep the young bodies healthy and the mind in good condition for study. But parents should know where the children are and what they are doing and not, in any sense, neglect their duty.

4. *Jesus' leisure* consisted purposely of frequent and sometimes prolonged retirements from public ministry, such as His two northern trips. These periods were never just physical rest, but were given over to the infinite work of prayer and closer fellowship with His disciples.

Exposition—I. The Feast of Tabernacles (Lev. 23:39-43). This feast was one of the great annual feasts. It was one of the feasts of Jehovah, instituted by God Himself. For seven days each year the Jews were required to leave their homes and business and dwell in booths, and keep this "feast unto the Lord." It would do us good if we could just let loose of the world, and all worldly things, including self, and spend seven days each year, giving thanks and praise in true worship unto God for what He has done for us.

II. Nehemiah's day of thanksgiving (Neh. 8:9-18). In Nehemiah's time the people recognized certain days as holy days unto the Lord, and certain forms of worship and the reading of the law were required of them on such days. Sometimes the people wept when they heard the law read, for it showed them how they had been sinning against God. The people were bidden not to weep, but to rejoice and give unto the poor: "for the joy of the Lord is your strength." For 900 years the people had neglected this Feast of Tabernacles, and in large measure had forgotten the law; no wonder they were stirred in their hearts, when they came together in a feast that was new to all of them, and many of them perhaps heard the law read for the first time in life. Yet there are people today whose names are on the church book, but they never read their Bibles, and the Bible is a lost book to all who do not read it—it is a shame.

III. The spirit of play in childhood (Zech. 8:5; Matt. 11:16-19). **Zech. 8:5**—Zechariah looks forward to that time of righteousness when the city of Jerusalem shall be restored and prophesies: "And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing

in the streets thereof." One of the happy elements in "the restoration of all things" will be the children playing in the streets of the city.

Matt. 11:16-19—Here is a reproof to people of Matthew's day who failed, through childhood play, to learn how to co-operate: for children in their play do learn to co-operate. In more ways than one "a little child shall lead them," then, it often happens that children, in their play, imitate the doings of men and women. And we are reminded that fathers and mothers are responsible for what the children are, and for the things they do.

IV. Jesus and His disciples seeking rest (Mark 6:30-32). When the twelve returned from a preaching tour upon which Jesus had sent them, they came to Jesus reported what they had done, and what they had taught. They had had success on their mission, but now they needed rest and instruction. They could not rest and be taught where they were, because the people thronged them, so Jesus led them apart into a desert place. Christian, if you want to rest in the Lord and be instructed by Him, you must get away from the crowd. We, as Christians, need to be separated from the crowd, and commune with the Lord—we spend too much time with others, especially those who are content with temporal and worldly things.

Report of Douglas County Q. M.

A goodly number of the members of the Douglas County Q. Meeting met at the Harmony church at 3:00 o'clock p. m. on Thursday, October 27, 1932. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. L. M. Marler. Bro. Marler used as a text part of the fifth chapter of Matthew.

Thursday afternoon we organized as follows: Eld. O. L. Claxton was elected moderator, with Elder Harry Johns as assistant moderator. The following committees were then appointed:

Committee on Credentials: Elders Claud Smith, W. E. George and J. W. Silvey.

Pulpit Committee: Bro. Walter Cardwell and Sister Ada Wingo.

Business Committee: Elders T.

B. Marler, J. H. Claxton and J. F. Marler.

Friday morning we called for the registration of all ordained ministers, church clerks, deacons, and delegates from the different churches in the quarterly meeting. There were thirteen ordained ministers, seven deacons, two church clerks and eleven delegates registered from the seven churches represented.

Friday afternoon we had some wonderful discussions on some topics which were prepared by the program committee, and some new thoughts were given on the topics that will help us to get a better understanding of the topics.

Saturday morning we took up regular routine business and decided to send the next meeting to the Pleasant Ridge church, east of Mansfield. Eld. C. M. Dauber with Eld. W. E. George as alternate are to preach the introductory sermon. Our next meeting will convene on Thursday afternoon before the fifth Sunday in Jan.

The Executive Board of the Q. M. settled with the evangelist and report money left in the treasury. We elected Eld. J. F. Marler as evangelist for another year.

All who wish to attend the next meeting are cordially invited to do so. And we ask that you pray for us and our quarterly meeting, that it may go on and prosper.

O. L. Claxton, Moderator
Arthur Lund, Clerk.

POINTERS

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The most unfortunate person is the one who has never known "Hard times."

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A "weak-kneed Christian" is one who does not use his knees much.

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According to Revelation 3:17, a church may have many millionaires and still be a very poor church.

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An old colored woman said she "Thanked de good Lawd she had de peace dot pass all misunderstandings. Surely she had reached a high position in grace when she had reached a place where misunderstandings did not ruffle her peace."

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The sin of telling a "Half truth" is that the other half is always a lie.

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It is well to remember, if we are Christians, that Jesus Christ is the nearest and dearest "Blood relation" we have in the universe.

DANCING

By Eld. Walter E. George

I wish to write a few lines on this subject of "Dancing." For a text, I will use Lam. 5:15, "The joy of our heart is ceased: our dance is turned into mourning."

Now at the time of dancing it may be joy to the flesh at the present, but there comes a time when that joy will be turned into mourning, as it did with the Jews. I do not believe in dancing in the modern way. Now I want to be fair with everybody, but I want to speak plain, so I won't be misunderstood. If I were speaking face to face with the people, I could make this subject so much plainer, but I hope there isn't any one among Gem readers that believes in dancing. If there is, may God help you to get on the right side. As Christ said to Peter, "Cast the net on the right side for a draught." As I think of dancing, I think of it as one of the worst things that one could do that claims to be a Christian.

I remember one time I was trying to preach on Gal. 6:7-8, "Reap what you sow," and I was on the subject of dancing, and a woman that belonged to that church rose to her feet and confessed that she had been dancing and asked God to forgive her. You know I am sure that everyone that goes to the dance hall will have to repent or be lost. Some people say, "Oh, there is no harm in dancing; you just can't take all the pleasure away from people." We should take a firm stand against sin on every hand, for I believe as Paul said in 2 Thes. 2:3, "Let no man deceive you by any means, for except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed." As I look back at sin as it has been multiplied, then look at the way they used to dance and the modern way; do you see any difference? We sure can. I know of homes here close to me that have been broken up by dancing. I have talked to people that dance and they say, "Oh, I never think anything wrong when I dance." I will say that, if they should pass a law requiring every man that dances to dance only with his own wife or mother or sister, and the women to dance with

their own husband or father or brother, it would not be long till all the dancing would stop. Why? Because they don't get any kick out of dancing that way. And people will say, "Why, that's all right for church members to dance." I say that Christians will not dance. We hear so much about prohibition! You know that whisky drinking, card playing dancing and fornication all go together, and another thing about dancing and then I will give you some Bible. This is plain, but it is the truth. If I could go and dance the modern way and did not have some desire of the flesh, I would go to the doctor for treatment, or to see what was wrong. "But every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin, and sin when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (James 1:14, 15). So we can see what dancing will bring forth when it is finished. Let us read Matt. 14:6-13, "But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased Herod. Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would, and she, being before instructed of her mother, said, 'Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger, and the king was sorry; nevertheless for the oath's sake and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded it to be given her, and he sent and beheaded John in prison. And his head was brought in a charger and given to the damsel; and she brought it to her mother.' Now I believe that the dancing was the cause of that death. Of course I know that John had said that her mother was living in adultery and caused the woman to be mad; and she told the girl to ask for the head of John the Baptist, but it was the dance that brought the death.

When I was a sinner I had the devil in my feet as much as any one, but I never did go to the dancing and squeeze some other man's wife up to me like they do in the modern dance. I know this is plain, but the Bible is plain, and Paul said, "Preach the word." So if anyone doesn't like this, just quit dancing and get on the Lord's side.

"Now his elder son was in the field (note he was serving his father), and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing" (Luke 15:25). Now notice what this caused—he did not like; but got sore and began to inquire about it, and what it meant, for he heard musick and dancing. You see there was some division between father and son. Dancing causes husband and wife to have trouble; causes them to separate; breaks up homes; causes children to go to the bad; it causes them to sink down to the slime pits of hell.

The Bible says in 1 Cor. 14:40, "Let all things be done in decency and in order." I don't believe the modern way of dancing is decent, in fact I know it isn't. Dancing belongs in the world and we, as Christian people, must let it stay in the world; and when church members get to dancing, let us take the Bible steps (Matt. 18:15-18), and if we fail to gain them, cut them off and cast them from us. Christ said, "Ye cannot serve two masters; you will love one and hate the other, or cleave to one and despise the other." Jesus said in Matt. 4:19, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Now the best thing to do is to follow Jesus, and I know He will not lead you to a dance hall. I never read in the Bible where Jesus ever led any one to a dance. Let us follow up close to Him, not far off as Peter did at one time, and warmed himself at the enemy's fire, and then cursed and denied the Lord. So you can see where one will go step by step, if we don't stay close to Jesus.

May God bless the Gem family.
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Who's Who November 8th?

By E. O. Callen

Tsere is a battle coming off November 8th. This battle is between the right and the wrong, between the army of God and the army of Satan. Now God's army is composed of men and women, boys and girls who love God and their country, and are interested in the welfare of humanity. God has already commanded us to watch and pray and be ready at all times to re-

sist evil. Are we ready now to be obedient to our heavenly Father's command? If so, by His grace, we will go to the polls Nov. 8th and do our part to defeat the enemy.

Now let's see what is the main issue of the enemy. They say, "Away with the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States." Now we, as Christians and moral people, should have no hesitation in saying that if there ever was a prayer born law, this is one; and that we can see the visible results of this law on evil and know without a doubt that the Almighty God's approval is upon us and the untiring efforts in defeating the enemy on this question of prohibition. We know that conditions are not just what they should be, but they are far better than they were in the days of open saloons.

A few of our Senators and Congressmen are in favor of repeal of the 18th Amendment, but yet, none of those fellows who favor taking away the restriction on booze have ever explained how or in what way that unrestricted booze would be a blessing to the people of our country. But they have left this all important question up to us to figure out, or just take their word for it. Now let us see and test the truthfulness of their statements, that unrestricted booze would be better for humanity than prohibition. So we ask this question: Are those who drink more efficient, better qualified, and better for business than those who do not drink booze?

The business heads of our country have already answered this question by putting a ban on the booze drinkers, as clerks and business managers and servants. There is no department in our government where booze drinkers are employed, neither do booze drinkers get any position in the business establishments of our country. Business interests of the world have learned long ago that booze destroys efficiency in men and disqualifies them for business.

Let us ask another question. Do men who drink make better officers than men who not drink? The voters of the United States answered this question with no uncertainty when they defeated the

wets last general election; and we still believe that the good citizens of our country are still mindful of our boys and girls' welfare, and will cast their votes in favor of prohibition, regardless of political affiliations.

Now let us ask another question: Do men who drink make safer car drivers on the streets and highways than men who do not drink? This question has been answered by every state in the Union by the laws that have been enacted against those who drive motor cars on the highways while under the influence of booze. Another answer to this question is, that no man going to employ a chauffeur would think of hiring a booze drinker to drive the family car on the streets and highways.

Another question: Do men who drink booze make better husbands and fathers than men who do not drink? The good mothers of our land have answered this question long and loud by putting a ban on their daughters marrying men who drink booze. Most mothers had just about as soon follow their girls to the grave yard as to see them marry a drinking man.

Wet publicity has done effective and deadly work through the press, radio and movies. Constant lies and half truths through these sources have deceived the people. It is no secret that the campaign for repeal of the 18th Amendment is led and financed by a group of multimillionaires. A class of people who do not care for the virtue of the rising generation.

Now, after making a brief investigation, we find that there is no truth in the statements of those who claim that our nation would be better off without prohibition than with it; but just the reverse: we find there is no place in any department of our government where men who drink booze are wanted as officers or employees: neither is he wanted in any of the business interests of our country, as manager or servant.

As a car driver the drinking man is dangerous, both to property and human life. He is also a menace to society. He is undesirable as a husband, and God said that drunkards should not inherit the kingdom of God. So

tell us, if you can, where the booze drinker might be welcome. We find that every known place has put up a bar against the drunkard except hell and its agencies, which are conducted and operated by the underworld class.

We hear people say there is no harm in taking a drink of booze occasionally, but any one who fools with booze is liable to get drunk. Statistics show that the states that are in favor of repealing the prohibition law are the ones which have large cities located in them, which are filled up with slums, operated by the agencies of hell.

Now if we are for prohibition let's say so, if we are against the wet candidates, from constable to president, regardless of political affiliations, let's say so.

Friends of prohibition, let us unite our efforts in this great battle between right and wrong and may we move at God's command and under the leadership of His Holy Spirit.

May God bless our nation,
our humble prayer.
Blue Eye, Missouri.

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OBITUARY

Butcher—Rev. Isaac Butcher was born March 13, 1853 and died October 16, 1930, aged 77 years, seven months and three days.

He was converted at the age of 36 years and joined the Mount Zion church at Clark's Creek. He lived a devoted Christian life until the end. He was a minister of the Gospel for about 38 years before his death.

He was married to Margaret Elizabeth Preston March 19, 1876. To this union were born four children, two girls and two boys: Dosha Raney, Norwood, Missouri; Wess Butcher, Hartville, Missouri; Charley Butcher, Mansfield, Mo., and Josie Raney, Hartville, Mo.

He had borne much suffering and had been in poor health for a year. He was very patient during his sickness and was glad for every one to come and visit him. The day before he departed this life he told the ones that were around his bed to listen, that he could hear the angels singing and shouting. The children were all present at his death.

He leaves to mourn his departure a wife, four children, one sister and one brother, twenty-two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at his home on Friday, October 17, 1930, by Eld. J. E. Burney, and prayer by Bro. John Long, as requested by him, and burial in the Oak Grove cemetery.

Davis—Albert Sidney Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Davis, was born at Quincy, Arkansas, October 26, 1888, and departed this life at Bothwell Memorial Hospital at Sedalia, Missouri, August 1, 1932, aged 43 years, nine months and six days.

In 1898 he removed with his parents to Wright County, Mo. where he lived until 1917, when he went to serve his country, with Company F, 110th engineers, 35th Division, at Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma. He was given an honorable discharge from the service April 25, 1918, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He had been for several years a member of the Elmer Sellers Post of the American Legion.

He was united in marriage to Miss Lola Marcum October 20,

1921. To this union were born three children: Ancil, aged ten, Sidney, who died August 18, 1925 and Betty Lou, aged five.

He is survived by his wife and two children, his parents, three brothers, three sisters and a host of other relatives and friends, who mourn his passing.

In 1928 he accepted Christ as his personal Savior and united with the Free Will Baptist church at Oak Grove, where he lived a faithful member until his death.

This death marks the passing of a man who was a kind and loving husband and father, a good neighbor and a trusted citizen. He made friends wherever he went and was honored and respected by all.

His sickness was of short duration, but he bore it patiently. All was done for him that loving hands could do, but God saw fit to call him home. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Eld. Selph Jones at Grove Springs Baptist church, with interment at the O'Dell cemetery, under the direction of the American Legion.

Report of Dibble Association

The Dibble Association met with the Bridge Creek church, near Blanchard, Oklahoma, on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, and I must say the Christian spirit was truly prevalent. Those folks were so hospitable it could not not be denied, and we were tempted to ask that they have the next session also.

All churches were represented, and also a large number of visitors. This Association was a revival from beginning to end, and two souls were saved. Three deacons and two ministers were ordained.

The following is a report of all churches:

No. of churches	8
No. of ministers	11
No. of new churches	1
No. of members	81
No. dismissed	25
No. deceased	4
No. Sunday schools	7
No. Mission societies	2

Officers for ensuing year:

Moderator	Eld. L. E. Ward, Blanchard, Oklahoma, R2
Ass't Mod.	Eld. E. E. Morris Blanchard, Oklahoma, R2
Treasurer	Bro. Jack Hopkins, Blanchard, Oklahoma, R2
Clerk	Birdie Drennan, Tabler, Oklahoma, R1
Ass't Clerk	Eld. John Nunnally, Blanchard, Oklahoma, R2

The Dibble Association will convene with the Dibble church on Wednesday night before the second Sunday in September 1933.

Birdie Drennan, Clerk.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

By Sister Dorothy Ford

Text, Matt. 16:18, "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

We see by this statement that Jesus was talking about His church, God's people.

There was a plea printed in a daily paper, issued this year, where the Pope of Rome had suggested a consolidation of the Roman Catholic church and the Protestant churches.

So, you see the Beastly Power raising its head a little higher. As we that are God's people, nearing the end of the race we started out at the beginning to run for Christ, determined to win through Christ, and Him only.

Now, the Pope claims to be the Savior of his church, that he puts away all sin, and that without a sacrifice. I want to say that the Pope is only a human being, and he has no more power to save sinners or put away sin than a new born babe.

Paul said, "There is one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 2:5). Not the Pope of Rome, but Christ is the only High Priest, over His own house; all other priests and powers fall under Him. Christ is the Head of the church, and is its law giver and Savior. His bride is the fairest among women. She stands before Him clear as crystal, fair as the sunshine. She stands before Him and with Him and in Him, separated from the filth and sins by His precious blood, prepared to live with Him in glory beyond the dark river of death, without the loss of one.

The Scriptures say, Micah 3:11, "The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire." The priests do that very thing, taking money from one of their members to pray their loved ones out of purgatory. The Scriptures say, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return to God who gave it" (Eccl. 12:7).

So away with that kind of doctrine. Away from consolidation with that doctrine and the people who practice it. Jesus has redeemed us to God by His blood (Rev. 5:9), not by the Pope of Rome. The church of God will again be persecuted, but Almighty God will take care of her as He did in times past.

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." 1 Peter 4:12-13).

For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us; what shall be the end be of them that obey not the Gospel of God. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, not the Pope of Rome.

God bless the Free Will Baptist doctrine. It will stand when the world is on fire, because it is founded on the Rock Christ Jesus. Amen.

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HE Found Time To Die

There was an old fellow who never had time

For a fresh morning look at the volume sublime,

Who never had time for the soft hand of prayer

To smooth out the wrinkles of labor and care;

Who could not find time for that service most sweet

At the altar of home where the dear ones all meet;

And never found time with the people of God

To learn the good way that the fathers had trod.

But he found time to die; Yes! he found time to die.

This busy old fellow, too busy was he
To linger at breakfast, at dinner, or tea.

For the merry small clatter of children or wife;

But he lived in his marriage a bachelor life.

Too busy for kisses, too busy for play.
No time to be loving, no time to be gay,
No time to replenish his vanishing health,

No time to enjoy his gathering wealth,
But he found time to die; yes! he found time to die.

This beautiful world had no beauty for him;

Its colors were black and its sunshine was dim.

No leisure for woodland, for river or hill,

No time in his life just to think and be still.

No time for his neighbors, no time for his friends,

No time for those highest immutable ends

Of the life of a man who is not for a day,

But for worse or for better, for ever and aye.

But he found time to die; yes! he found time to die.

—Selected.

THE TATTLER

Contributed by Nellie Pitts

A tattler's wagon once had I,
Which round with me I'd pull;
As fast as I would empty it,
Someone would fill it full.
I got so busy by and by
Much else I could not do;
But still I'd go to church and sing,
"Praise God, I'm going through!"

Yes, I was surely going through,
And tattling as I went;
But those who really walk with Him,
Toward higher aims are bent,
About my neighbor I would talk,
And he would slander me,
Then both would go to church and sing,
"I'm Glad Salvation's Free."

I'd tattle everything I heard,
Broadcast it far and wide,
And when my wagon empty was,
I'd put some more inside.
I'd talk about my Christian friends,
And they would tattle too,
But when we'd meet again in church,
We'd sing, "I'm Going Through."

But in the singing of that hymn,
I think somehow we lied,
For we would load our wagon up
With tattler's junk inside;
And when we'd meet a passer-by,
We'd fence our words about,
Until we'd get a right good chance
To dump some poison out.

When someone testified in church,
Then some good sister doubts,
Another has no confidence,
When a certain brother shouts;
They tattle then about the folks
Who shout and sing and pray,
And go right on to church and sing,
"I Bless the Happy Day."

Then someone hears an awful lie.
By Satan's agent told,
So he loads his tattler's wagon up
As full as it will hold;
And starts right out to pass it on—
He has no time to lose—
And on his neighbors he unloads,
Till the whole bunch has the blues.

The minister must weep and pray
To get the matter right;
And say, a lucky man is he,
If he prevents a fight.
Oh, all should stop this tattling,
Turn our words all into praise.
The result would be amazing,
How the Lord would bless our way.