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WHAT IS SALVATION?

By Ethel Colquitt

"The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth" (John 3:8).

The most important thing is, are we really and truly saved? Have we believed from the heart, or just with our mind? We are all taught to believe that Jesus died for our sins, and I think most every one believes it, just in the mind. But when we are born of the Spirit, changed from death unto life, this is different.

"Marvel not that I said unto you, Ye must be born again" (John 3:7). I think this is the great trouble with our Christian world today: there are so many with their names on the church book, when they are not on the Lamb's Book of Life.

And I believe that many sinners are deceived. They haven't read God's word very much, and take some man's word, and not God's; and maybe the person whose word they take is not really and truly saved. How can they tell some one else what to do to be saved, when they are not saved themselves? God's people ought to be very careful how they instruct sinners, for remember this is the ONE important thing in a man or woman's life. First we must be born of the Spirit, and then live a life for Jesus.

I have only been reading the Gem a short time, but I like it fine; it contains so many helps and so much information in regard to Christian life—we should try to help one another.

Charleston, Arkansas.

KEEP

By Mrs. Lina Claxton

Dear Editor and Wife and Gem Family: I am thankful this morn-

ing to have this privilege of speaking, or rather testifying, while the storm clouds gather and the thunder rolls, the lightning flashes, the winds blow, the hail falls, the floods come, and after all, the sunshine, and the power of God through all this is still keeping us. Oh, what a wonderful blessing just to know and feel that it is God who keeps us!

Let us think about this little word "KEEP." What it means to us! The first "keep" I have in mind is where the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it, and to keep it. After this the Lord God said, "I will make him a help meet for him." Now to my mind all mothers have helped to rear the little ones that have been born in the home. They must have food to eat, so we plant our garden in the spring time, and as soon as the seeds begin to grow, the weeds begin to grow, then we begin to understand what it means to keep the garden. We have to labor, as it has been said. We pull up the weeds and dig and cultivate the soil, in order that we and our little ones may have food, otherwise, if we are careless about this, the weeds take our garden and instead of food, it is weeds. This to me illustrates our lives. When we are made new creatures, been converted to the religion of our Lord Jesus, it is then that we begin to do and keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight.

"Behold, I send an angel before thee, to keep thee in the way and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared."

"Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in."

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace; whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

Just a few days ago I heard

two women talking, they were talking about church members, and they too, were church members. They said it was no harm, as they thought, to play golf. Look out, church members, it doesn't matter what we think about these things, it is what the dear Lord Jesus says, and He said, "They that are of the world, are not of God;" and these no harm things they keep telling us about, may cause us to lose our souls, if we partake of those things. I don't want to risk it; that that is not of God, is of the old devil.

Back to my subject. When I kept my garden there would come up crab grass in it, and just to look at it, it did not look like it could be detrimental, as those tall weeds, but I found it turned the vegetation yellow and stopped the growth. You have seen this in corn fields, you men have had trouble in this way; so it is with those no harm games folks keep talking about: they will injure your influence and you will become sickly, folks will lose confidence in you—"Keep thyself pure" (1 Tim. 5:22). "But he said, yea, rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it" (Luke 11:28).

"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him: if a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings" (John 14:23-24).

"Pure religion before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and keep himself unspotted from the world" (Jas. 1:27).

"For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."

"All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies."

Just now I think of Bro. Koeh, keeping in the old paths that even we remember our father trod. He gets on his knees to pray, and when he has finished his message, he doesn't run on his tiptoes to get in the door to shake hands with the folks as they go out. No, but he has a hand shake around the altar: besides he brings us Gospel messages. Let us hear what John the revelator says about keep: "Keep the sayings of this Book: worship God" (Rev. 22:9).

"O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called" (1 Tim. 6:20).

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 24).

Well I have kept the floor too long and you perhaps are all worried, and want me to hush. But please keep us on your prayer list, and may God keep all the Gem readers as it were in the hollow of His precious hand, is our prayer.

Stomach Trouble in the Church

By Elder N. E. Snyder

The spiritual diseases and their attributes are common among church members.

Indigestion is the first one I shall take up. This is a chronic trouble, caused by the devil getting the patients to harbor a grudge against some one that they can't digest; consequently the human nature becomes irritated and sore, causing them to refuse to speak or shake hands with each other. This can easily be cured with a dose of James 5:16, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

But if indigestion is not treated and overcome in a short time, it will develop into a rheumatic trouble of epileptic form, known by the world as hypocrisy. In this stage the patients have become so sore and inflamed, that they can't bear to be about one

another, which in most cases is fatal, as it can only be cured by a divine operation, as described in 1 John 4:20, "If any man say, I love God, and hate his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"

Biliousness is the next trouble I shall take up. This is another very hurtful trouble which is sapping our churches of life and power. With biliousness in the first stage, patients get so full of the world and worldiness that they lose their appetite for righteousness and have no desire for anything but some worldly frolic, and if their pastor tries to feed them on the Bread of Life, they vomit it up and go to gossiping and murmuring at him till, before they are aware of the fact, they have lost their spiritual complexion and become spotted, which we are instructed against in James 1:27, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." But biliousness, before it has gone too far, can be cured with a dose of Jas. 1:21, "Wherefore lay apart filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls." But if we neglect this trouble it will soon develop into enlargement of the gall bladder as described by the apostle in Acts 8:23, "For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity." The only remedy for this is a dose of Acts 8:22, "Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee." This has been granted by the Lord in answer to prayer as in the case of David in Psalms 51:12, 13, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee."

Constipation, like the other two, is a very hurtful trouble which may be brought on by a number of different things, such as business affairs and over indulgence in any worldly matter, till the first thing the patients know they find themselves so bound up with

worldly things that they just can't move to do anything for the Lord; they don't feel like going to Sunday school, and just too sleepy to be up on prayer meeting night, and if they go to church, they are too slow to get there till after the offering has been taken and prayer is over. But they could meet that if they would take the teaching of Hebrews 12:1 and Acts 20:35. Paul said in Heb., "Wherefore seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

And in Acts we are told that it is more blessed to give than to receive. But constipation, like indigestion, if neglected, will soon run into a rheumatic trouble, only more of a sciatic form, and the spiritual mind is so bound and the comprehensive ability is so narrow, that the secular nerves are crowded till it causes the patients much pain to move on any proposition or request except that made by someone of their own sect or creed. But this might be cured with the knowledge of the fact taught in 1 Cor. 3:9, "For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."

I being the owner of this prescription, am offering it as a free gift to any person, or his friend, who may be suffering from any of these or similar ailments. These remedies can be obtained free of charge at any Gospel pharmacy, and are strictly harmless, if taken according to directions contained in the package.

—A Free Will Baptist D. D.

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

By Mrs. John Ratterree

I feel impressed this morning to write a few lines concerning these three words, "Stop, Look and Listen." These may seem odd, but let's study them for a while and take warning and see what we can learn.

Now the word stop. We, as Christians, being followers of the Lord, should stop partaking with the world and do the work of God. We find in 1 John 2:15-17, words recorded that I believe are for us

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NO DEPRESSION FOR TRUE CHRISTIANS.

By B. F. Brown

Mysterious, baffling, depressing conditions are seen and felt among men over all the earth, so that even our greatest men know not what to do. Millions are unemployed, and millions are dying of starvation; the nations of the world are coming under the power of tyrannical dictators, soon to be under the power of a dictator of dictators. The day is approaching, is near at hand, when ten kings "shall receive power for one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast" (Rev. 17:12, 13). Thus, there will not only be dictators, but over all a dictator of dictators, without whose permission ("mark"), "no man might buy or sell" (Rev. 13:17), or even live (Rev. 13:15). All these baffling, distressing things are but shadows which indicate the end of the "Times of the Gentiles." The shadows are darkening into night in the which the inhabitants of the earth shall tremble, and shall suffer exceedingly, and not know what to do. But these are not, nor ever shall be, days of depression for the believing children of God. Let the dictators dictate: "Our citizenship is in heaven" (Phil. 3:20).

On March 4, 1933, when Senators and Representatives, and the President of the United States took the oath of office, they all swore that they would "protect, preserve, and defend" the Constitution of the United States; but when they passed and signed a four per cent beer bill they joined the lawless and overrode the supreme law of the land. When our rulers have no respect for the supreme law of the nation, what can be expected of the common people, especially those confronted with obstacles? World-wide lawlessness among leaders and rulers indicates the coming of "the lawless one" (2 Thes. 2:8), which is to precede the coming of the Christ who will occupy the throne of David (Luke 1:32, 33), who "shall bring forth judgment unto truth" (Isaiah 42:3, 4); He shall have a regard for law.

In Germany, where Protestantism had its birth, they are burning all Jewish books (including the Bible). It is said that "German Christians" are thus showing their hatred for God's chosen people—they are not only apostates, but apostates gone crazy. A state commissioner has rule over the church; and they may soon "cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed" (Rev. 13:15). These things are startling, and the picture is a black one; yet it should not depress nor bring despair to those whose lives are hid with Christ in God (Col. 3:3). Then the encouraging words of Jesus: "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads: for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28). Jesus also said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away" (Luke 21:33).

Italy has her Mussolini, who has an ambition to rule the world—look on our dime and see Mussolini's insignia, then look on the other side and think of Rome. Mussolini is probably the seventh king of Rev. 17:10, who is walking again in the ways of

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Greentop, Missouri, May 29, 1933.

Dear Gem Readers:

This is my first attempt to write to the Gem, but with the Lord's help, I will try to write a few lines. I enjoy reading the paper so much; it makes our hearts rejoice to hear of all the good meetings, and to know there are so many good Christian people. We had some good revival meetings at different churches in N. E. Mo. last winter, the Lord was with us and sure has blessed us.

We have a league at New Harmony with twenty members. I enjoy the league work, and am praying for league workers all over the land, that we may be a blessing and accomplish something for the Lord.

This old world is so sinful, we, as Christians, must work and do everything we can for the cause of Christ, so let all get busy and work. James says, first chapter, verse 22, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

I ask all the Gem readers to pray for me, that I may always be one of God's faithful children and do much for Him.

Yours for Jesus,

Esther Peterson.

New Edinburg, Ark., May 22nd.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

As it has been some time since I wrote to the Gem, I'll try, by the help of my blessed Master who strengthens me, to let the dear readers of the Gem know that I am still striving to do my Master's will, and thanking Him for each blessing He bestows upon me and mine, which is no more than our reasonable duty.

Well, dear editor, I am still enjoying reading the Gem and I want to keep on reading, so upon finding an X telling me my subscription expired with that issue, am enclosing 75c for another year.

I want to tell you good folks what a glorious feast we enjoyed last fifth Sunday, in May. Our fifth Sunday meeting met with us at Macedonia and there was a wonderful outpouring of the Spirit during the entire meeting. The best of all we had the happy privilege of seeing young Bro. Moore of Pine Hill church ordained to the ministry. Thank God for

calling such men as Bro. Moore, for he seems to be so zealous in the Lord's service. May the good Lord continue to bless him in this work.

I'm so thankful that God is still mindful of us each day and hour, for sweetly He blesses me.

I will close by asking all who read these few words to remember me in their prayers, that I may always abide in the love of my blessed Lord, and be ready and willing to do His holy will.

A sister in Christ,

Mrs. Iva Mae McClellan.

Report of Revival Meeting

Dear Gem Readers:

I will now tell you of our revival at Pleasant Grove church.

We, father and myself, began the meeting April 11th and closed May 14th. This was first time to visit there, so we are glad we have had the privilege of being there. We found some good workers in that community. The church received spiritual strength and I believe that much good was done.

There were four bright professions, eight united with the church and one was baptized. We intended to have another baptizing the last day of the meeting, but on account of the rain and high water we didn't have it. The four that were saved united with the church which I'm sure will aid them much.

Bro. Kenneth Turner who is pastor there was with us the last two nights of the meeting, as that was his appointment.

The revival closed with a communion and feet washing service in which God wonderfully blessed.

Yours for the cause of Christ,

Elder Elda Crain.

Greentop, Missouri, May 29, 1933

Dear Gem Readers:

As I have never written to the Gem, I will try, the Lord being my helper, to write a few words.

I am so thankful to know that my Redeemer still liveth and that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

We have Sunday school at New Harmony every Sunday morning, preaching every fourth Sunday and Sunday night by our pastor, Bro. Sam Marcum, prayer meeting every Wednesday night, and young people's league every Sun-

day night, that I enjoy very much.

May we, as children of God, keep our robes washed in the blood of the Lamb, and persuade others to walk in that strait and narrow way which leadeth unto life everlasting, because few there be that find it, because wide is the gate and broad is the way, which leadeth to destruction, for many I say unto you will go in thereat."

I want to be among that number that love the appearing of Christ when He comes to judge His own.

I ask an interest in the prayers of God's children for me, that I may put on the whole armor of God and be able to stand in that evil day, and hold out faithful.

Yours for Jesus,

Ethel Peterson.

Thayer, Mo., R2, May 22, 1933.

Dear Brother Brown:

Some time ago our pastor, Bro. Harry Beatty, gave me a January copy of the Gem, and it brought back a flood of blessed memories, that have been impatiently awaiting an outlet; so here goes.

Hoping to divide my time between home and Norman, when the State Association met with that church in 1930, Friday morning arrived, and, milking the cows with unusual speed because the Spirit was calling, I started on our little George horse (Norman is about eight miles from here), but had only traveled about one mile when along came Deacon E. L. Brewer's car bearing Brothers T. C. Ferguson and W. C. Hill, and I was urged to hop in. Fortunately not far away I stowed George and had a wonderfully joyous fellowship with these brethren. Reaching Norman, the whole day was packed with wondrous spiritual "feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined," as Isaiah 25:6 prophesies concerning those whose God is really the Lord. Our 3.2% bibulous friends would be unable to understand the spiritual fullness we enjoyed that day, and then you remember you and Bro. Hill and Sister Robberson were all at Deacon Geo. Moore's for supper, and after supper we men folks went over to George's store and had another joyous time before going back to night services. By the way where is Bro.

Hill? I fail to find him in the minutes of the last Association.

A few days ago I received a report blank to show our Pleasant Hill condition, which reminds me of our local fifth Sunday meeting with Cotton Creek church, Friday night, April 28th and over Sunday, where we received a new filling of good tidings, and one young man was licensed to preach, and did preach Sunday a. m., and if he continues the course then begun, he will soon be a wonderful soul winner, for no doubt the Spirit was abiding with him in power. How blessed that the Spirit is not given "by measure," any one, anywhere, any time, can have every bit of it they need in the King's business.

And I am reminded of the report of one of our local churches which reported state of religion "Common." I noticed the clerk was slightly nonplussed as he read "common," and his think-box slightly jammed at the strange term. Later, however, in talking with the clerk, he said Bro. H. and Bro. L. were far from the brotherly love which Heb. 13:1 says should continue. In accordance with the Word, a committee called on each, and each declared he had no twinges of conscience over what he had said, and held no special hard feelings toward his brother: but when the committee suggested he go to his brother, beg forgiveness and shake hands, he strenuously rebelled, as, also did the other brother; and Tom (the clerk) said, "What could I put but 'common?'"

And right here let me suggest, That is just what the state of religion is over the world at this time, and for many years past; that is why the Lord sent the drought, the low prices, the depression and all the other uncomfortable conditions under which the world is laboring today; and until we, or a goodly number of us, are really ready to believe the Truth and be filled with and led by His Spirit, the depression will continue; but the moment we stop quenching the Spirit, streams will break out in the desert and the spiritual desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose.

Lord, speed that day! 'You know my mother, before my birth, asked God that I might be His

child, and I cannot remember when I was not "on the way," but oh, the joyous "times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord," and the closer to Him the fuller of His Spirit I become.

I have been without the Gem since the Lord, in His wisdom; cut off all but the barest necessities of bodily welfare, but, praise His name, I knew He was only trying me out; and I have been drawing nearer to Him all the time, until now, the Spirit indicates better times are on the way for those who love His appearing, and when they do, my Gem sub will come to you straightway, suddenly (you know a great sermon could be preached with "suddenly" as the text). Num. 12:4; Josh. 10:9; Prov. 24:22; Mal. 3:1, 2; Mark 13:6.

In thinking of you brethren my thought makes Prov. 27:9 true: "Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty council."

Pray for us, that we may all be ready for His will; and may your way ever brighten with the light not found on land or sea.

In His name,

Ralph T. Hoyt.

Blue Eye, Missouri, May 27, 1933

Dear Gem Family:

As it has been some time since I wrote anything for the Gem, I will now write a few lines.

I sure do enjoy reading the good letters and testimonies written to the Gem each month, and it is so sweet to trust in Jesus. I am so glad for the hope I have of a life beyond this vale of tears and troubles. Jesus is so good and merciful to all who will trust in Him, I feel sometimes that I can never do enough to be accounted worthy to be called a child of God.

I know I am not a fully consecrated Christian, but I am striving to know more of God's will and have a closer walk with Jesus.

I am glad that our Association is to be held at Blue Eye, Mo., and we Blue Eye people will get to attend. I, myself, expect to attend the Association. We hope to see many of you Gem readers at Blue Eye during the Association.

Yours for Jesus,

Mrs. Wilburn Taylor.

Report of State Sunday School Council Meeting

The State Sunday Council meeting was held Saturday evening, April 15, 1933, at Davis church, eight miles northeast of Collinsville, Oklahoma, with four churches represented by delegates.

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 p. m. by field superintendent, Bro. Underwood, with song and prayer. Bro. Underwood being chief speaker of the evening, spoke of the necessary co-operation of Sunday schools for the upbuilding of their communities. Several good talks were made. Brother Stenette of Davis church and Bro. Hood of Allen church made wonderful talks for the good of the Sunday school cause.

The next meeting of the State Sunday School council will be at the Tulsa church, located at Jasper and Utica streets, Tulsa, Okla. Every Sunday school should be represented at this meeting, so please come.

Our Sunday School rally will be held the first Sunday in June, at Allen church, on Sapulpa road, near Bowden, Okla. Every one invited to attend.

Yours in His service

V. E. Cooper.

Raymondville, Mo., May 4, 1933.

Dear Editor: I see a report in the April Gem from Elder Chas. Fredrick, who held a two weeks' meeting at Lone Hill, fifteen miles east of Monett, Mo. I would like to get in touch with him; my name was Fredrick before I was married. I would have written to him, but he didn't give his address.

We have been reading the Gem four months and sure think it is fine.

With all good wishes for the Editor and all the Gem family.

Mrs. Lee Geisler.

LIBERAL, MISSOURI

Dear Readers of the Gem:

As I am sending in my renewal, I will write a few lines. I love to read the Gem, there is food in it for the soul, and I know several who write to the Gem.

I love to be in God's service, and love the Sunday school the best of all services. We should study God's word and be ready to testify for Him at all times.

My membership is with the Verdella Free Will Baptist church but I work here in Liberal with the Missionary Baptist people. I don't think the name makes any difference, if we have been redeemed and washed in the blood of the Lamb. I am a great believer in secret prayer, it can unlock the doors of Heaven and one can stand the test of the devil, if we have faith in God, and pray.

Pray for me when it goes well with you.

Mrs. C. W. Ball.

Myrtle, Missouri, May 1, 1933

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I feel this morning that I want to write a few lines to our little Gem paper, which I really enjoy reading. This is a gloomy morning, but I feel that I am one day nearer my eternal home.

I have been attending our fifth Sunday meeting. We had a very good delegation, though it was rainy weather. We had a real message handed out from God by our pastor, Elder Harry Beatty. He is a young preacher, but he is on the firing line for God; every one enjoyed the message and thanked the Lord for it. The meeting was rained out on Saturday night, but we had all day services Sunday. A young preacher, Bro. Rolin, preached his first sermon at eleven o'clock, a nice talk.

Dinner was served and every one enjoyed the meal. Preaching in the evening by Elder Billy Rodgers, who took the stand with the Spirit of God working in his heart. Some people don't like to hear a preacher speak against Sunday ball games, fishing and things like that, but folks, we must keep the commandments and make the sabbath day, a day of real joy and spread happiness everywhere. But our preachers should be teachers and warn the people against wrong doing, but folks that live in sin don't want to hear anything said about the way our depression is today, but sin is what has caused it. May God help us all to see it that way, and help us to fall on our knees and pray through a broken place in the sky, that God will break Satan's bands and help us to live near to God each day, and help our preachers to stand firm to the warning as Christ did.

Christ came to the world for a threefold purpose: To condemn sin, save sinners, and glorify the Father. The Holy Spirit was sent to reprove the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. The New Testament preacher is urged to reprove and rebuke: the Old Testament prophet was classed as a watchman to warn the people of their sins; and the prophet who failed was plainly told that their blood would be upon his head. The gospel of warning includes a large portion of the New Testament, and the preacher who says that it is none of his mission to warn people of wrong doing, is not the Bible type of preacher; he has no mission according to the Scriptures and ceases to be a messenger or prophet from the King. The question of condemning wrong doing is getting to be a serious one, so many church members are cowardly in their attitude and want the preachers to keep quiet on moral issues, but let us remember that the preacher has a responsibility to his Lord. It takes courage to condemn wrong, and he must be true to the instruction of the Book from which he gets his message. The sower is the one who speaks the word of God, and the seed on the road, the trodden path, is to those who hear, but do not take the truth into their hearts and the evil spirit comes on like the birds and snatches away the truth, so that they forget it. The seed on the rocky soil is to those who hear the word and seem to take it gladly into their hearts, but they have no root in themselves. Just as soon as they meet with any discouragement or trouble or find enemies to the truth, they are turned away, and their goodness does not last. That which is among the thorns and briars is to those who listen to the word, but the worries of life and the desires for money and the pleasures of the world crowd the word from their hearts.

But how can it be today that fathers and mothers will sow the seed and fault the children for reaping what they have sown? God help us to sow the right kind of seed, for he says in his precious word that we reap what we sow.

May the Lord bless the readers of this paper, and the editor and wife.

Mrs. M. B. Cockman.

GOSPEL TEAM WORK

Just a brief report of the work done during the last few months by the Monett Gospel Team. This team was organized in October, 1932. Elder O. T. Allred was elected captain, Elder Claud Timmon assistant captain, Eld. W. K. Weston, Secretary-Treasurer.

This team is composed of volunteer, consecrated Christians, mostly Free Will Baptist, but some are Missionary Baptist, and some are Protestant Methodist. We have made 25 trips, traveling 587 miles, going many times where revivals were in progress, usually being given charge of the devotional service, but on different occasions some of the preacher members of the team brought the message.

Some of our visits have been to remote rural districts where very little, if any, religious influence was being spread. God has wonderfully blessed in this part of the work; and we have enjoyed some most wonderful outpourings of God's Holy Spirit. One of the important factors in this work is the strength which the team members derive from these services.

We are also proud of the work our Mission workers are doing.

We, as a church, believe that the way to keep happy is to keep busy in His service.

Yours in the Master's service,

O. T. Allred.

New Edinburg, Ark., June 8, 1933.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I will give a brief report to the Gem family of a short revival which we've just enjoyed, and it was a real feast indeed. Our dear pastor hadn't been with us since the State Association last October, and believe me, this little flock of which Eld. T. H. Dixon is overseer was hungry indeed, but thanks be to the good Lord, we all feel fed up and the church is revived.

Some of you may be wondering what has been wrong with our pastor whom we love and esteem to be a real man of God; but that's easy to tell. The financial depression has been so great that we couldn't pay our pastor to come from Checotah, Oklahoma; that is a long way to come on a few dollars.

Dear readers, I'll now give a brief report of the discourses of Bro. Dixon during the few days' revival. He began preaching Thursday night, June 1st, and used for a subject, "De We Know the Bible is True?" He very ably discussed this subject. Everyone who has been born of the Spirit of

God knows the Bible is true, because when we begin reading and meditating upon its golden promises, that we are going to enjoy the glory of an eternal place of contentment; and it makes me glad when I read where the Psalmist David, the sweet singer of Israel, said, "Precious is the death of the saints in the presence of God."

And Friday night he used a text like unto this, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets." It was so interesting to hear these precious truths proclaimed, How God did speak to the prophets of old, and how they did speak to the children of God.

On Saturday night Bro. Dixon made clear to the minds of this people the subject of three heavens and three hells. Of course the bright side of this picture was grand indeed, and it makes me want to shout "Glory" at every mile post as I go through life; it's worth living for, dear unsaved friends. But the dark side of this picture is sad indeed, and it grieves my heart when I see so many traveling the broad road that leads to that awful place called hell. My prayer is for these, that they may be made to see the awfulness of this place before it is eternally too late.

And on Sunday at 11 o'clock, reading the 12th chapter of Romans, how Paul did so earnestly write to the Roman brethren, saying, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Oh, how I do wish that more of us, who profess to be children of God, would get a broader vision of our reasonable service!

And verse 2 tells us not to conform our lives to the world, "But be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God." Oh, how careful, dear Christian friend, we ought to be as to where we go and who we keep company with. And I know of no better rule for us, as fathers and mothers who profess to be children of the most high God, than to begin right in our own homes, and conduct our lives before our children, raising them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, then when they become accountable, they will not have such a craving desire to conform their lives to the world. I have one precious little girl nearly three years old, and my earnest desire and prayer, by the help of God, is to train

her up in a way that she should go, so I can be assured of that holy promise, that when she is old, she will not depart from it.

And verse three tells us not to think more highly of self than we ought to think, "But to think soberly, according as God has dealt to every man the measure of faith."

Bro. Dixon saved the best for the last; and some may be wondering what that was. Well, hallelujah, it was a grand and glorious communion service. I just know there's no one that enjoys this service better than I do, and Bro. Dixon made clear to the minds of this people the difference between the Passover and the Lord's Supper. Matthew 26:26 says, "As they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, gave to the disciples, and said, Take eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it: for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I shall drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

And St. John 13:4-17 says, "He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poured water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. For he knew who should betray him: therefore said he, Ye are not all clean. So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is

not greater than his lord: neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

No wonder the Lord said, "Happy are ye if ye do these things." It's the humblest command given in the Bible; it makes us love one another more. I'm happy to say that 45 took part in this sacred service. We then sang a hymn and had a union hand shake in token we'd pray for each other and went home.

I'll close, as my letter is getting long, asking all who read this to pray for me.

A sister in Christ,

Mrs. Iva Mae McClellan.

SAND SPRINGS, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brother Brown:

Just a line. I am sure our paper is getting better all the time.

That article in the May number about "Preaching AT People" is well worth the price of a whole year's subscription. The preacher that takes advantage of the pulpit to preach at some one that he doesn't like is a coward.

Our work in this Association is progressing mighty well. I am sure that it won't be long until people will be coming from "the south" to see this mighty works God is doing among us.

God bless every one.

Yours in Christ,

A. B. Talbert.

Bixby, Oklahoma, June 17, 1933.

Dear Gem Readers:

We sure do all enjoy reading the Gem and think it a very good paper. We enjoy all the letters from other parts of the country.

There is no Free Will Baptist church close enough to us that we may attend regularly. Tulsa is the nearest.

We spend most of our Sundays at a singing convention somewhere, as we all love singing, and I feel that, if the Lord has a work for me to do, it is to try to sing a little, although I am not a very good singer, but I get lots of joy out of it.

I would like to see a few more letters from Mountain Grove, Missouri in the paper, as that's about the only way I hear from some of my folks out there. We feel greatly disappointed when the paper comes, if there is no letter from Bro. G. W. Scott, Jr. or some of the other folks. It always gives me a new courage to go on and battle a few more days for the Lord.

We had all ought to write more often to the paper, as we do not know who may read it, and it may help to cheer them on their way. We will be looking for a report in the Gem from the Executive Board of their trip to Nashville, Tennessee. We do hope they enjoyed their trip.

I will close by asking the prayers of all the Gem readers.

Mrs. J. H. Chaney.

F. W. B. LEAGUE REPORTS

STELLA, MISSOURI, June 14, 1933.
Dear Bro. Brown and Leaguers:

I have wanted to write to the paper for a long time, but, as Jonah of old, I had to almost be swallowed up before I would do what I have felt impressed to do.

I trust all you leaguers are looking forward to the next rally which is to be held, as you remember, at our Carterville church. The league over there is looking for a nice time with a large number present. We want every leaguer to be present and take part. We have some items of interest that we want to bring up that day, and each one has a right to voice your opinion in regard to the matter.

In behalf of Bro. Weston, our president, I want to urge every league to send in their program for that day a week or two ahead so there will be no delay in arranging it on that day. It takes time to get it fixed out and some of the leaguers have a distance to drive, so let every one be ready to go promptly.

The mission meeting which is to be in the morning will be conducted by some of our able ministers, will be held in our Free Will Baptist church. But, as we have a small house, our good deacons have made arrangements with the North Methodist for their building again.

The best way to get to the church will be to come to Monett, then follow the Malang highway over to Sarcoxie, take highway 38 west to Highway 71, follow it into Carthage to the intersection of 66, and it is about nine (9) miles west on 66. When you get to Carterville the highway turns west down Main street, go one block west and then one block north to our Free Will Baptist church. The Methodist church is about five blocks west on the same street our church is on.

May we each look forward to the fifth Sunday in July and pray that we may have a wonderful time in the service of our Lord.

Elder Cecil Campbell.

LEAGUE REPORTS

By Miss Melba White, State Sec'y.

Plattsburg, Mo., June 17, 1933.

Sister Kathryn Cooper, Sec.-Treas. of the league at Green Grove church, near Stahl, Mo., writes that their league was organized on Sunday, Feb. 26, 1933.

President Miss Ruby Lawson,
Sec.-Treas. Kathryn Cooper,
Literature—The Holy Bible.

The league at Pleasant Hill church, near Hartsville, Mo., reports that they have elected a new president, Luther Cravens. They are going to divide the league into two classes.

Membership, 36, five of them being honorary members.

Ruth Jones, Secretary.

League Association Report

Mine La Motte, Mo., May 2nd.

The S. E. Mo. Free Will Baptist League Association met in its third Annual session, and the 12th quarterly business session.

Opened by Chas Lund, President.
Singing, Bye and Bye, by congregation.

Prayer by Sister Tommie Franklin.
Scripture reading, 27th Psalm, by Ben La Brot.

Song, Be A Leaguer, by congregation.
Welcome address by Blanche Rogers
Response by Helen Ruth Forshee.
Song, Awakening Chorus, by Flat River League.

Song, When the Pearly Gates Unfold, by Fredericktown League.

The enrollment taken as follows:

Flat River	45
Fredericktown	3
Leadington	37
Desloge	6
Mine La Motte	61
Visitors	42

Total No. present 194
Reading and accepting minutes of previous session.

Reading of Constitution.

Business transactions:

Motion made and sustained that we take into consideration the election of officers in the third quarter of the next league year.

Motion made and carried that we give Desloge league the next League Convention, on Tuesday night before the first Sunday in August, being on August 1, 1933.

Nominating committee appointed:
Sister Franklin, Bro. Forshee, Wm. Reeves.

The appointing of a resolutions committee of three, that all business resolutions come through them. Appointees being Bro. S. A. Hand, Bro. Mark Lewis, Bro. Oda Halbrook, Mrs. Ruth La Brot, Miss Anna Reed.

Appointing of an educational committee. Appointees being Sister Franklin, Bro. Ben La Brot, Bro. Reeves.

The contest was taken off, there being three winners in the contest for a ribbon. Flat River, Desloge and Mine La Motte received a blue ribbon for having 100% leagues, which we are glad to report.

Song, On Calvary, by Leadington.

Song by Desloge league.

Topic—What Good has Our League Work Done? by one delegate from each league. Desloge, Leadington, Mine La Motte, Fredericktown, being represented by one delegate.

Special song by Flat River Junior girls, which was much appreciated.

Quartet by Mine La Motte boys.

Special song by same four boys; we appreciate those boys and pray for their future.

A great surprise was given us by the Mine La Motte league, which was a treat of cake and sandwiches.

Special song by Bro. S. A. Hand.

Benediction by Bro. Mark Lewis.

Raymond La Brot, Sec.-Treas.

THE LEAGUE

By Mrs. I. B. Leonard

There's a movement started in our land today,
Called the league, called the league,
Where we read the Bible in the Gospel way,
In the league, in the league.

CHORUS

Join the league, the Bible readers' league,
Let it spread from sea to sea.
Join the league, the Bible readers' league,
And a Gospel worker be.

Place the Bible in the hands of boys and girls,
Through the league, through the league
Spread the Gospel message over all the world,
By the league, by the league.

Let's extend a helping hand to every one,
Through the league, through the league
Every boy and girl a Christian may become,
In the league, in the league.

Let the Gospel banner ever be unfurled,
Sea to sea, shore to shore,
Till it floats in triumph over all the world
Ever more, yes, ever more.

OBITUARY

IN MEMORY

In loving remembrance of our darling boy Clyde who fell asleep just four years ago July first.

Our dear Clyde, four years have passed since you left us,

Whom we loved and cherished so dear;

Can we help but feel so lonely,
While our darling is not here?

No more his sweet and smiling face
Will cheer our hearts and home;
But in memory's love we will keep him
Though in sorrow we are alone.

Heaven retaineth now our treasure,
Earth the lonely casket keeps,
And the sunbeams love to linger
Where our darling Clyde now sleeps.

Gone but not forgotten, our darling boy Clyde.

His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Asberry Davis and son Winford.

..WALKER—Mr. Burton E. Walker was born February 23, 1860, a son of J. R. and Ella Walker, formerly of Richland, Missouri. Mr. Walker was a railroad man and a telegrapher for several years, but moved to a farm northwest of Kirksville about 1908, where he resided until about two years ago.

On October 8, 1882, at West Fork, Arkansas, Mr. Walker was joined in wedlock to Miss Annie E. Hardin by Rev. O. R. Bryant, to which union was born one daughter, Minta Edith Walker, all of whom have preceded him in death; his father having died in 1900, his mother in 1909, his wife in 1928 and his daughter in 1931.

He transferred his church membership to the Jewel Free Will Baptist church February 19, 1909, and has lived a faithful, humble, kind and consistent Christian life.

One example of his kindness and faithfulness was the kind, loving and longsuffering way with which he helped to care for his invalid daughter for more than twenty years. Neighbors were good to help with this care, but when they found it necessary to leave and pursue their own regular duties, it was he who faithfully stayed at his task and without complaint, especially the last three years of Edith's life, and after passing of his good wife.

Mr. Walker is survived by one sister, Mrs. Lula Harston of Oklahoma

City, and a host of friends who mourn his passing.

Funeral services were held in the Jewel church and interment was made in the Jewel cemetery, June 13th at 2:00 o'clock p. m., with Rev. R. D. Wood officiating.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

By the Editor

Wish I had time and space to give a complete report of the General Conference held at Nashville, Tennessee, but we must be brief. We hope and expect others will report in next issue.

Bro. Melvin Bingham of Tulsa, Okla., after driving all night, arrived at my place at four o'clock Monday morning, June 12th. I went with him to Blue Eye, Mo. where Elders Winford Davis, Noel Turner and Rev. Shahan were waiting for us. The five of us transferred our luggage to Bro. Shahan's car and were soon off. It rained on us most of the day as we drove through Arkansas, and we had some tire trouble, but we landed in Memphis, Tennessee about 7:30 Monday evening, where we stayed over night. We were up in good time Tuesday morning and were soon on our 240 mile journey from Memphis to Nashville, where we arrived about 2:30 p. m.

The first thing we did was to clean up, had our clothes pressed, got shaved and had our shoes polished, then we drove to the home of Rev. J. L. Welch, pastor of the church where the Conference met. There we met not only Bro. Welch, but delegates from the East, also Elder G. W. Scott, Jr. of Mountain Grove, Mo. and Elder Selph Jones of Mansfield, Mo.

There was nothing on the program for Tuesday night, but a good congregation gathered at the church and Bro. Bingham preached. We had a good service and were assigned to homes. Our good time started at once, for we received a hearty welcome, and Christian fellowship and brotherly love were strongly in evidence, and the Lord's presence was felt from the beginning.

The business of the Conference started Wednesday morning, and the opening sermon was delivered at 11 o'clock by Rev. R. F. Pittman of Ayden, N. C.

At noon we enjoyed the feast of temporal food spread for us by the good sisters, in the church basement. Both dinner (lunch) and supper (6 o'clock dinner) were served each day.

Bro. Davis received a call to return home for a funeral, so he and Bro.

Shahan left for home Wednesday p. m., leaving the other three of their party to return at the close of the Conference with Bro. Jones and Bro. Scott.

Nashville is a city with a population of 153,153, and is State Capitol. It is a city of schools, having several large universities. And there are many other very interesting things there, but nothing meant so much to us as the Conference, with its business transacted for the Lord, and the Christian fellowship we enjoyed there.

There are three Free Will Baptist churches in Nashville, two of them have buildings that compare about equally with church buildings of other denominations in the city. The one in which the Conference met is a brick structure that cost around \$40,000.00 to erect.

We left on our homeward journey about 10:00 o'clock Friday morning and arrived home about 3:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon, except Bro. Bingham who expected to drive until about midnight to reach his home in Tulsa. We had a real time, and there is much more to tell, but I must close, hoping that others will keep their promise and will send in a report for our next issue.

"FATHERS' DAY PROGRAM"

The following "Fathers' Day" program was given at Desloge Free Will Baptist church, June 18th, by the three league classes, and enjoyed very much by all present:

Song—Come Thou Almighty King—congregation.

Scripture, Prov. 4:1-7, Alma Brown.

Prayer Miss Tommie Franklin

Song—Faith of Our Fathers—league

Introduction—Fathers' Day—Miss Anna Reed.

Poem—What I Live For—Mrs. Jerry Wood.

Solo—Because He Loves Me So—Ione Forshee.

Scripture quotations by league members: Prov. 10:1; Prov. 4:10; Prov. 3:1; Prov. 17:25; Prov. 15:5; Prov. 17:6.

Song—America—Intermediate class.

Reading—The Man Without a Home—Mrs. Goldie Weitzel.

Reading—The Old-Fashioned Mome—Mrs. Arthur Forshee.

Song—Home, Sweet Home—Junior class.

Reading Miss Lucile Terrell.

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FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

Minutes of the fifth Sunday Meeting of N. E. Mo. League Ass'n.

The N. E. Mo. Association of Free Will Baptist Leagues met the fifth Sunday in April, 1933 with the New Harmony F. W. B. church.

The president turned the meeting over to the vice president who took charge of the meeting.

A song was called for, followed by prayer. Bro. Byrd gave an interesting league talk. The secretary then read the minutes of the last fifth Sunday meeting, and also read the report of each local league. Each league was represented, and each gave an interesting report. After this the business part of the meeting was attended to.

An Executive Board was elected consisting of three members. Bro. Willard Byrd was elected for a term of three years, John Filkins for a term of two years, and Esther Peterson for a term of one year and three months.

The following and interesting program was given:

Reading by Juanita Sevits of Hazel Creek Union league.

Song by Ruby Leonard of Martinstown league.

A short play was given by two members of Stahl league.

Song, New Harmony league.

Song, Green Grove league.

Song, Hazel Creek Union league.

We were then dismissed to meet again, if the Lord is willing, the fifth Sunday in July with Martinstown league.

Esther Peterson, Sec'y.

Carterville League Report

Diamond, Mo., June 5th.
Dear Gem Readers:

Will try to send a report of our Carterville league. Our league is growing rapidly, and its progress is due to the fact that our pastor, Elder Cecil Campbell, has worked faithfully and shown so much interest in our league.

Our new League officers are as follows:

President Alta Johnson,
Vice Pres. Elmer Johnson,
Sec.-Treas. Helen Strech,
Choir Leader Lloyd Johnson,
Pianoist Bertha Johnson,

Quiz Leader Laurane Harper,
Group Captains, Esther Broodhurst and Hazel Blankenship,
Junior Sponsor Clovis Childes.

The old officers had the league in wonderful progress for the new officers, which will give them a good start for the next six months.

Senior enrollment 40.

Junior enrollment 22.

Remember us in your prayers, that we may continue in the Lord's work.

Helen Strech, Sec'y.

Carterville, Missouri, June 6, 1933

Dear Readers of the Gem:

We enjoy reading the Gem and the reports from the different churches and leagues, and, as it has been some time since there has been a report from Carterville church, we want you to know that we are still on the firing line for God.

We certainly enjoyed the league rally at Merl's Chapel the fifth Sunday in April. Only thirty-eight (38) of our league were able to go, and we were sorry all could not attend. We think they had a wonderful program, and we are looking forward to the next rally, the fifth Sunday in July; and we hope all the leagues will be represented with a program and large delegations.

Our league is working harder and doing a greater work than ever before. With both Juniors and Seniors, each member is very much interested in this work. Our Juniors have their Sunday afternoon prayer service. The Seniors too, are reaching out for a greater work to do for our Lord.

Our pastor, Elder Cecil Campbell, is a great help and inspires each member to do better work. He has been a great help to our league. He has built our league and church to where they are at the present time; and we thank God for sending Bro. Campbell this way.

Through the meeting in March, held by our pastor, many souls were saved, most of them league members, and several united with the church. We have preaching services the first and third Sundays in each month. The third Sunday in May we observed the ordinances of Communion and feet washing. The first Sunday in June we had a flower service. Brother

Campbell brought to us a wonderful message both morning and evening. We were so glad to have the other churches of our town to take part in this service. Every one there was lifted to a higher plane of living; for God so wonderfully blessed in the service.

We desire the prayers of all praying people, that we may ever be faithful to the cause of Christ, and do His precious will.

Your sister in Christ,
Delcena Brown.

New Harmony League Report

New officers were elected at our regular meeting on June 4th. The following officers will now take charge:

President Jesse Stinson,
Vice Pres., Mrs. Minnie Thompson,
Sec.-Treas. Mabel Fugate,
Quiz Leader, Kenneth Newcomer,
Group Captain, Elaine Buchanan,

The new president appointed new committees as follows:

Membership—Elaine Buchanan, Esther Peterson, Hazel Newcomer.

Program—Minnie Thompson, Louise Buchanan, Zelda Peterson, Ethel Peterson, Ruth Stinson.

The New Harmony league is prospering very nicely, with fifteen active members. The league literature proves to be a great success. Each one is so willing to do his or her part in bringing a message to the people.

The older people are a great help to our league, and we are very proud to have them take an interest in our work.

I wish that all of the Free Will Baptist churches would organize leagues. If young people do not go to church or league, they will go somewhere else; and how much better it is for them to go to league than to some of the entertainments that they go to!

I am very much interested in other leagues and like to read what they are doing.

Mabel Fugate, Sec'y.

SIGNS OF HIS COMING

By Lucy Deckard

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).

Jesus is here telling his disciples of the signs of his coming and of

the end of the world. I wonder if we Christians can see the signs of Christ's coming, can we see any of the signs? I shall try to mention some of them as I see them.

Jesus said, "Nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom" (Luke 21:10), and great earthquakes shall be in divers places. Have you heard of any earthquakes? Just a few days ago there was a great earthquake in California. What was that but the fulfilling of the words of Jesus? "Men's hearts failing them for fear" (Luke 21:29).

Have you heard of anyone dying of heart trouble? I believe there has been more men died of heart trouble in the last few years than ever before. "Oh well," some one may say, "that was not what made them have heart trouble." How do you know? Now people may not believe that these things are the signs of His coming, but I do. "Take heed unto yourselves lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and that day overtake you unaware" (Luke 21:34). Let us ever be doing the things we would be doing when Jesus comes. "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith the Lord, that I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy: and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams" (Acts 2:17). Has He done that? Can you call to mind when God ever called more young men and women to preach the gospel? Joel also says, "And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy" (Joel 2:28). Now you may say, "That was a long time ago." Jesus said "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away." So, if this has not been fulfilled, why not believe it is being fulfilled now? I am not trying to scare anyone, and do not pretend to have much knowledge of God's holy word, but when the holy Scriptures are being fulfilled before our eyes, why can't we believe it? Let us not sleep as do others, but let us watch and pray.

Someone may say, "Joel was not speaking concerning the coming of Christ." Well, go with me to Joel 2:30, "And I will shew

wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke." And He spake to them a parable: "Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; when they now shoot forth, ye see and know of yourselves that summer is nigh at hand." When we see these things coming to pass we know they are signs of His coming.

HUNGER

I feel just now to write a few lines on this subject of "Spiritual Hunger." There isn't a Christian but has had the experience of spiritual hunger. Physiology says it is good for a person to become really hungry in body sometimes; so, if that is true, then I wonder if it isn't good for a person to get really hungry in his soul occasionally. Jesus said, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled."

Hunger is a prerequisite to a revival at all times, either individually or generally. There never was a revival among the masses until there was first a deep felt hunger for God; neither did you ever experience a revival in your own heart until you first became hungry for it.

I recall going into a community some few years ago which had been without preaching for several years. The revival was on from the beginning. It is almost impossible to explain the phenomena of that revival. Where was the secret to this unusual outpouring, this sudden demonstration of the reality of God's power to bless and save? Simply this, the people were hungry. You know it is a pleasure to feed anything when it likes to eat and shows a craving appetite. Also it is a pleasure to eat when you have been without for some time and can really relish your food.

I have sometimes wondered if it would not be good for some of our whole churches if they just had to completely starve for a while. You know one thing hunger will do, it will make a person get up and move. Hunger will put one to begging sometimes, and there are a lot of folks who need to do some begging before God for spirituality in their lives. We are only beggars before God any way, having no goodness to offer

Him for His love and Spirit; we are simply hungry beggars in a spiritual sense.

In the 42nd Psalm, 1st verse, David says, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God." Think of the hart, the young deer, after being chased, perhaps up and down the ridges, across the valleys and mountains, sometimes almost overtaken by the hounds in pursuit, almost, at times, on the verge of giving up in despair; then after it comes out in victory, O that thirst for the refreshing water brook; and it does not rest, cannot rest, until that desire is satisfied. David had been chased by the pursuer of all human souls, the devil. O the prayers, the tears of repentance, the sleepless nights, the restless pillow—that consciousness of the terrible emptiness and lack of the Spirit in his soul! He said on one occasion, "All night long I water my couch with my tears." But he finally gained the victory and was again able to feast at Father's table. David, like the prodigal son, left home, spent his substance, and really did get hungry. Then after the victory was won he said in Psalm 18:29, "For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall."

If you have no appetite for the things of God, then pray God to make you hungry. You may have backslid, perhaps farther than you think. David didn't seem to realize his condition fully until Nathan came around and said, "Thou art the man." May God make us hungry for a closer walk with Him, and for bigger and better things in a denominational way.

Winford Davis.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Contributed by Eld T. O. Hutchison

God gives us a place to work, energy to work with, and capacity to do the job. We also have something to work with—some of us play the piano, others have good voices, another has a talent for leadership. Whatever the gift may be, the important thing is: "What are you going to do with it?" Do you intend to use your tools to build and strengthen the highway of life over which your brothers must pass, or are you going to use them to make the ruts and holes deeper? Our talent should be used to make the world a better one.—Grit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The General Conference and the Co-operative General Association Will Unite

Our representatives at the General Conference, at Nashville, Tennessee, June '4-'6, 1933, acted as a committee to confer with a committee appointed by the General Conference. After careful consideration pertaining to a union of the two bodies, Elders J. W. Alford and B. F. Brown were appointed to prepare preliminary articles of agreement for a union of the two bodies. They prepared the following, which was unanimously adopted by the joint committee, then by the General Conference:

We submit for final action of the joint committee, the following:

We agree to accept the Articles of Faith of the 1901 Treatise; also the Church Covenant contained in the same Treatise, together with all the forms and usages set forth in the same, with such amendments as may be made and approved by the body when perfected.

We agree to the merging of the General Conference and the Co-operative General Association into one body, and that steps be taken immediately for the final consummation of the union.

J. W. Alford,
B. F. Brown.

THE SUBSCRIPTION PRICE of the Gem is again Reduced; and Gem is now 50 cents per year.

For many months our subscription list had been getting smaller each month, but since we reduced the price of subscription to 75c, it has been gaining; and we are very thankful to our good friends who have sent in clubs. Now that the subscription price is 50 cents each for one subscription or many, our friends will find it easier to get subscriptions; and we are making it easy and convenient for any brother or sister to subscribe; now we are expecting more subs.

Come on brethren, let's get more of our people in vital touch with our work by getting others to subscribe for the Gem.

ELDER T. O. HUTCHISON will begin a revival at Monark Spring, July 8, 1933. We will need help. Pray for this meeting.

Yours for Jesus,
Eld. T. O. Hutchison, Neosho, Mo., R3.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI Association will be held with Center Point church, about two miles southeast of Santa Rosa, Missouri, beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1933.

Melba White, Clerk, Plattsburg, Mo.

The Annual Homecoming of the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist church, north of Plattsburg, Mo., will be held the first Sunday in August, 1933.

Sunday school at 10:00 o'clock.

Preaching service at 11:00 o'clock.

Dinner at 12:00 o'clock.

Everybody come and enjoy the day with us.

Eld. E. T. House, Pastor.

Mrs. Julia Everett, Ch. Clerk.

EACH CHURCH CLERK in the Missouri State Association should have a statistical blank, and should fill it out early in July and mail it to the statistician, whose name and address is written in near the top of blank.

We hope to have a report from each Free Will Baptist church in the state, so a full and complete statistical report can be made at our State Association. Don't neglect this.

EVERY PASTOR in our State Association should see that each of his churches has its BUDGET ready in July. Let's make a real effort this year to have every church paying a FULL BUDGET, and have the amount written in the statistical report.

JULY FOURTH

At Our Macedonia Church

Brother and Sister Wilson are conducting a meeting at our Macedonia church, and announce all day services for July fourth.

There will be good things to hear, good things to eat, and good things to do. Everybody come.

A NEW BOOK

We have just printed a little book written by Eld. A. B. Talbert of Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

The book, "The Preacher's Friend," gives a sketch of a sacrificing preacher's life in the first part, and the last half of the book sets forth **Tithing** as a Bible doctrine.—It is good.

This little book is intended to pave the way for an Old Ministers' Home.

The price of the books is 25 cts., 15 cents of which goes into a fund to help Dependent Ministers, the other 10 cents goes to pay postage, printing commission, etc.

Bro. Talbert has part of these books and part are at the Gem office. Those in Oklahoma should send orders to Eld. A. B. Talbert, Sand Springs, Okla., and those in Missouri should send orders to Eld. B. F. Brown, Purdy, Mo. Others send to either place.

Preachers who will help sell these books will get five (5) books for \$1.00 postpaid.

"FATHERS' DAY PROGRAM"

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Reading, Home Makers, Mrs. Luther Laws.

Poem—Where is Home?—Miss Sylvia Wood.

Recitation, A Lonely Boy, Evert Laws
Solo—That Silver Haired Daddy of Mine—Bernice Powell, accompanied by Orville Shrum on guitar.

Rec.—A Tribute to Father from a Son
Clyde Gibson

Duett My Father's Bible
Misses Sylvia Wood and Helen Forshee
Paper.....The Fathers of Yesterday
Mrs. Elmer Stegall

Song Tell Father I'll Be There
Miss Tommie Franklin

My Father.....Miss Nora Wood
Memories of Father—Response by a number present.

Prayer Sister Reed
Closing song—When They Ring the Golden Bells for You and Me.

Following the program we listened to an inspiring "Fathers' Day" sermon by the pastor, Eld. Tommie Franklin.
—Reporter.

My Greatest Blunder

Five hundred men were asked to write down "my greatest blunder." The answers are to be found in the Crerar library but most often mentioned are these ten "blunders:"

"Gambling."

"When I left my church and mother."

"When I first learned to smoke."

"When I left school before I was past the fourth grade."

"Did not stick to my trade."

"Fooling away my time at school."

"Reading worthless books."

"Thinking that my boss could not do without me."

"Not saving my money when I was young."

"Careless about religious duties."

—Selected.

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!*Continued from page two*

Christians: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world: if any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him, for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but of the. And the world passeth away, and the lusts thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." Now what is the world? It's ball games, picnics, card parties and dances, and the bootlegger, the worldly things, and the lust of the eyes, and all profane talk. Now if we have been guilty, let's stop going to these places and follow Jesus daily; by doing this we can show that there is a reality in serving God: otherwise we have only a form of godliness.

Now look! We see some going on in the ways of the world and they will go to church and sign a little card, then out into everything that the devil brings up before them. The sinner who does not claim to be right with the Lord will watch them and just harden their hearts more and more, but look, dear sinner friend, to God and not to such people as the hypocrites, for Christ is the light of the world, and, if they do not love the light of Christ, they walk in darkness. Christ has said, "By their fruits ye shall know them;" so get above the hypocrite and look to God from whom all blessings flow.

Now, let's listen a while and hear what is being said everywhere. We hear people say, "The church is dead and has lost its power." Listen, friend, the reason is because so many times we listen to Satan instead of to God. We stay at home or go visiting on church days instead of going to church and Sunday school and to prayer meeting. Our light can't shine in that way, neither can we be as a city that is set on a hill. We should rise above the world, so we could throw our light down and all around for the world that is below in darkness. I don't mean that we should throw our light away, but to live and practise what we teach and preach.

I believe that too many sugar coated sermons are being preached and not the pure Gospel. Some

of the Christians and church members are being deserted by their own pastors, and I can see where it is bringing ice water on the church. I believe what the Bible teaches and mean to practise it too. I don't care what others may do or say, the Bible will stand when this world is passing away.

I want to be in that number that will be caught up to meet Jesus in the air. Jesus said, "He that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad: he that is not for me is against me." "Ye cannot serve two masters;" so let's be careful which way we go and remember there are just two ways to land at death. Remember how Christ suffered for us. We must have a cross and bear it if we are to wear a crown in glory.

Pray for me, that when death comes and I must go, I can say, Come on children and companion, that we will be an unbroken family around the throne in glory.

A GOOD MAN'S CONVERSION*By Ralph Staten*

"A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house" (Acts 10:2).

I am much of the opinion that many people are going to be disappointed at the great judgment when they go to give an account of their life before the judgment bar of God. Many are expecting to be saved just by living a self-righteous, devout, and moral life. But God's word treats all men as needing to be saved.

It is interesting to notice how the language changes as the story of Cornelius runs on. In his vision Cornelius is informed that Peter "shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do" (Acts 10:6). When the man comes to relate it to others, he quotes it thus, Who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee" (Acts 10:32). But Simon declares that what he had been sent to do was to tell Cornelius "words whereby he and all his house might be saved" (Acts 11:14). It becomes evident, therefore, that this centurion was as yet an unsaved man. And this is worth noticing, when we look at his character.

Cornelius was "a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God

always" (v. 2). He was prayerful. He was keeping the ninth hour in his house (v. 30). It is likely that Cornelius had family prayers regularly. He was of good reputation among his neighbors (v. 22). What could any one need more? Yet, God's inspired word declares here that Cornelius was not saved.

God's word gives us to understand that all men can be saved. The middle wall of partition is broken down between the Jew and Gentile (Eph. 2:14). "That whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21; Rom. 10:13), and "whosoever will" (Rev. 22:17). Simon Peter was dispatched on the errand of being instrumental in the salvation of Cornelius. If we should doubt anybody's chance, we should doubt his. Being a soldier, his daily life led him constantly to be in the barracks, and among the followers of a legion of loose, homeless creatures whose lives were apt to be immoral. War is a hard trade; piety in military life is pitifully like an alpine flower pushing up through the snow, and trying to blossom on a rock beside a glacier. And so it is the more beautiful when it succeeds in its pure purpose. The position of Cornelius in the army was in a sense political. It is natural always for the spirit of authority to generate arrogance, and true piety invariably demands humility and charity. As a matter of fact, it is known that the Roman officers oppressed the conquered inhabitants unmercifully. All this was against Cornelius. God is no respecter of persons, and it should be edifying to us to know that even he could be saved (vs. 34, 35).

Peter's statement is confirmed, by Paul (Acts 20:20, 21) in prescribing the conditions of every man's salvation. The two conditions which Simon Peter lays down are repentance (Acts 11:18), and faith (Acts 10:43). There is a voluminousness in his argument that renders this quite clear; and there is no room to doubt that Simon Peter was intelligently informed and humbly possessed the doctrines of grace.

God's word settles the conclusion that even a good man, if without Christ, cannot be saved. One may be aroused in conscience and convicted, and yet remain unsaved

Suppose Cornelius had been mortified and wounded, and ill tempered, and so refused to obey the angel's command!

One may be diligent in religious routine, and yet remain unsaved. How exemplary Cornelius appears to us now! One may be virtuous in his life, and remain unsaved. Cornelius was just and devout; yet he was lacking. Cornelius needed the application of the precious blood of Christ to his heart, with the witnessing power of the Holy Spirit, that he was a child of God, a joint heir with Christ, and that, if he should suffer with Him, they would be glorified together (Rom. 8:16, 17).

If there be readers that are like Cornelius was, may God grant that they see the light as he did. Pocahontas, Arkansas.

TRUE GREATNESS

By Elder Noel Turner

If, in another region or world, there are pious mansions for the blessed and faithful, as we have been taught since childhood; If, as the Bible says, the soul is not extinguished with the body; If there is life after death and reward for those who "love His appearing," may we enjoy a state of eternal felicity: may our minds be lifted above all regret and unavailing grief to the lofty habitation of which we are to be inhabitants: may our utmost desires be to so live, that we will be able to run the race with patience, and being victorious at the last, may look back over the path we have come and see our own life well spent in leading others to the safe landing, and serving our God.

If there is a desire with you for fame, or to be remembered for some noble deed or act of greatness, then resign to the perfect will of God and see what He will make of you. As Moody has said, "The world is watching to see what a man can do who is wholly resigned to the will of God." He has saved our souls, gained our love, and set our faces Zionward, and keeps an unmistakable record of each act, rewarding each for their works as only one of His majestic judging is able to do.

Many men who desire greatness, struggle with life, and fight for mastery, and really are the "worthies" of their day in their

realm; yet sink for the want of a faithful historian and fall into the common lot of oblivion, inglorious and unremembered; whereas if only their efforts were turned toward the advancing of something yet greater, their lives will not only be preserved in the register of ages, (men's minds) but up on the divine record there will be an entry of the life of one who is worthy of recognition by those supreme, and the record will be for eternity.

Let us covet the best gifts. Granby, Missouri.

RIGHTLY DIVIDING

THE WORD OF TRUTH

By W. J. Edens

There is an increasing tendency among the laity, and even professed Christians, to question the authenticity of certain portions of the Scriptures. The last eleven verses of the sixteenth chapter of Mark are rejected by many on the ground that they do not appear in the oldest manuscripts. Other passages are classed as spurious, or mistranslations, or interpolations by these critics, but their main target seems to be Mark 16:18, which reads, "They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

We concede that the bite of a venomous snake or a draught of deadly poison would probably prove fatal, if left to take its course, to even the most consecrated Christian. It is further conceded that the doctor has not been supplanted by the laying on of hands. Therefore, it appears that there is but one alternative between the two possibilities—we are not rightly dividing the word of truth, or we do not in fact believe on the name of Christ.

A teacher once told a Bible class of which I was a member that Jesus from the beginning of His ministry uttered no word to anyone that did not apply to every individual to the end of time. A moment's thought will show this statement to be erroneous. For instance when Jesus said to Peter, "This night before the cock crow thou shalt deny me thrice," he was not speaking to you and me. When at he tomb at Bethany he

cried, "Lazarus, come forth," he was not addressing future generations. When he commissioned his apostles to preach the gospel and promised that "these signs" should follow them that believed, that is, healing the sick, raising the dead, resisting the effects of bites by venomous reptiles or of draughts of deadly poisons, he was not addressing the Christian world in general.

In order to be certain about this matter, let us see who the signs followed. Acts 28:3 says, "And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat and fastened on his hand, * * * and he shook the beast into the fire, and felt no harm." Thus the signs were following Paul. Acts 3:7 gives an account of Peter healing a man who had been a cripple from his birth. Again the signs followed one for whom the promise was meant. We should not expect such supernatural demonstrations in this age, for like the rebuke to Peter, the promise was not addressed to us. If we will strive to rightly divide the word of truth and give to each his portion in due season, we shall see that the so-called spurious passages of Scripture are as genuine as any other portion and that the trouble is not with the Bible, but with our lack of understanding. Baxter Springs, Kansas.

No Depression For True Christians

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the Caesars; but he is not the eighth king of Rev. 17:11. See Rev. 17:8 for a description of this eighth king who is to be the world ruler, and think. But whosoever, then, would be accounted "blessed and holy" and have part in the first resurrection" (Rev. 20:6) will not consent to be in subjection to this beast, to do his will, and shall be numbered with them of Rev. 20:4.

Russia has her Stalin, who is anti-God in every way and has ordered God to leave Russia, bag and baggage. All churches and all worship of God is forbidden, and all the young people are trained to be atheists—in Russia there are 150,000,000 slaves. Is God defeated? No! Read Ezekiel 38th and 39th chapters and see how God will deal with Gog, the prince

and with Magog, his land; with Mesheek, or Moscow; with Tubal, or Tobolsk; with Gomer, Germany; and with the other peoples of the north country. But Christians should not be afraid nor troubled, but should make due preparation in the fear of God (1 Pet. 3:14-15)

Even the United States has her Roosevelt! If he fails to meet the emergency over which the whole nation feels such deep concern, and is perplexed; then worse things may be looked for. If this is the time of the end, as many consider it, it will make little difference what plans or laws men adopt and carry out: Events beyond the power of words to describe, and beyond the power of man to control, will soon come to pass.

No doubt we are in the toe period of this age (according to the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king saw): and the stone, which the king saw "was cut out without hands," is about due to fall to crush the governments of this world to powder, and they shall be no more. This Stone is the Son of God, our Savior, who came down from the Father above, was given a body for the suffering of death, that He might redeem and reconcile us unto the Father, that we might be saved from sin and from all the terrible things that are beginning to come upon the earth. Jesus is coming again and it shall be that, "the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled all the whole earth." The unbelieving and disobedient shall be smitten and crushed, and tormented: the believing and obedient shall be saved and blessed, and ever be with the Lord in glory.

THE LITTLE WHITE CHURCH at Martinstown

By Mrs. I. B. Leonard

By the side of the road stands a little white church,
The place that we all love so well;
There we meet, sing and pray, and we worship each day,
As the sweet Gospel story we tell.

CHORUS

Oh, then come to the little white church,
Let us leave all our toilings and care,
Let us worship the Lord in sweet praise,
As we bring our petitions in prayer.

In the little white church let us all meet as one
To learn from God's word every day,
Then with love in our hearts and songs on our lips,
With each other to God humbly pray.

Let us work hand in hand as a true Christian band,
To uphold the true cause of the Lord;
Let us trust and obey our dear Master today,
As we learn from His infinite Word.

Then let God have His way in our hearts each day,
As we travel life's road to the end;
Then with Jesus our King up in heaven we'll sing,
As we greet our dear neighbors and friends.

THE ONLY WAY

Contributed by Ruby Starnes

Far had I gone from the home land,
Deep in the mire of sin;
Far from the smile of my Father—wide was the gulf between.
I had reached the edge of an abyss;
Deep were the waters there;
There was no bridge across the chasm and my soul was in despair.

The Judge's voice I heard then, and these were the words He spake:
Death to the soul that shall sin, and my commandments break.
Condemned I stood before—a sinner accused, unclean;
Blindly I had followed the tempter and death was to be the end.

But ah, as I stood before HIM, the Judge of all the earth,
Trembling in fear of judgment, afraid because of my guilt.
There stood One beside me in shining apparel bright;
His head was bowed in sorrow, His face was drawn and white.

"Father," I heard Him whisper, "my blood atoned for this."
And as I knelt before Him, I felt His pardoning kiss,
"My child, I died to save thee," I heard His sweet voice say.
"My life I gave to ransom your soul from sin's dark way."

"Oh Christ," I cried in anguish, "was there no other way?
Why shouldst thou bear my guilt, why suffer thus for me?"
And then, like the dawn of the morning, a smile crossed His dear face
And in an instant from it, all sorrow seemed to erase.

"Dear child," that sweet voice whispered, "I love thee—love thee so;
My life I gave a ransom, that you my love might know.
There was no other way, child, to cross this deep, dark tide;
And so I gave myself, child, to bridge this chasm wide."

And as the vision changed then, across that sullen stream of night,
I saw my Lord's dear body, flung as a bridge of light.
The way ahead was darkened, not a glimpse of day,
But safe, I walked on Jesus—He had come my way.

"I am the way, dear child," He murmured low to me:
"The Way—The Truth—The Life—are found in me alone—
Though far you've strayed in darkness, my blood will still atone—
Believe with thy heart—confess with thy lips that I am Christ—thy Lord."

"Then back we'll go to the Father, together you and I;
'Twas the lost I came to save, child, for them I came to die—
Forsake the way of darkness and cling to me alone;
I brought you safe across the tide—I'll lead you safely home."

The darkness all is vanished—my way is bright and clear.
My heart has lost its sorrow—my soul has lost its care.
I'm walking now with Jesus—my burdens He doth bear;
And He leads me gently, safely, on to a land that's wondrous fair.

I BEG IN JESUS' NAME

By Mrs. I. B. Leonard

'Twas for a sinful world that Jesus came to die;
Oh Father do forgive them, you'll hear His tender cry;
They know not what they're doing, they're bound by Satan's chain;
Oh turn to God, my brother, I beg in Jesus' name.

Oh see the flaring sign lights all along the way,
Leading to destruction, oh enter not, I pray.
The sirens are singing, the dance halls all aflame;
Oh enter not, my brother, I beg in Jesus' name.

There are so many by-ways as you pass along the street,
Things to make you stumble and catch your wayward feet;
So be careful, oh my brother, do not fall beside the way;
Cheer up, again take courage, 'tis Jesus calls today.

Oh listen to His pleadings and turn away from sin,
Cast away the old way and a new life now begin.
Jesus will receive you, His promises are plain,
And live a life of service, I beg in Jesus' name.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The announcement of your Association, Yearly Meeting, Quarterly Meeting 5th Sunday Meeting, or any

other important meeting should be announced here. If your announcement is not here, send it in so it can be printed in the Gem.

ASSOCIATIONS

CANADIAN Association will meet with Vanzant church, seven miles southwest of Paden, Oklahoma, beginning Thursday night before the second Sunday in August, 1933.

J. H. West, Clerk, Bristow, Okla., R5.

OLD MT. ZION Association will be held with Pilgrim Rest church, beginning at ten o'clock a. m. on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1933. Eld. G. C. Bland to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Claude Lynch alternate.

Horace Knox, Clerk, La Rue, Ark.

SOCIAL BAND Association will be held with New Harmony church, near Noland, Arkansas, beginning on Friday night before the third Sunday in August, 1933. Eld. R. S. Shelton to preach the introductory sermon.

Ralph Staten, Clerk, Pocahontas, Ark.

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI and SOUTHEASTERN KANSAS Association will be held with Fairview church, near Chetopa, Kansas, beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1933. Elder W. H. York to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. O. T. Allred alternate.

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

INDIAN CREEK Association will be held with Mt. Olivet church, Blue Eye, Missouri, beginning on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1933. Elder Sherman Harris to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Noel Turner alternate.

Eld. Noel Turner, Clerk, Granby, Mo.

UNION Association will be held with Wolf Creek church, beginning at 4 o'clock p. m. before the first Sunday in September, 1933.

E. L. Jones, Clerk, Hartville, Mo., R3.

HOPEWELL Association No. 2 will be held with Weaver Chapel church, about six miles east, and two miles north of Comanche, Oklahoma, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1933.

Stella Nall, Clerk, Graham, Oklahoma.

UNION ASSOCIATION OF UNITED BAPTIST will meet with Camp Ground church, beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1933. Eld. C. C. Matthews, Moderator, Green Forest, Arkansas.

MISSOURI STATE Association will be held with Oak Grove church, about eight miles north of Norwood, Mo., in Union Association, beginning on Tuesday night before the third Sunday in October, 1933. Elder S. H. Marcum to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. O. T. Allred alternate.

Eld. Winford Davis Clerk Monett, Mo.

SUBSCRIPTION**PRICES REDUCED**

After carefully and prayerfully considering the matter, we have decided to reduce the subscription of the Gem.

The new prices are to be permanent, and we will be disappointed if we don't receive more subscriptions at these lower rates than we have at the old rate.

The new prices do not include anything for the linotype fund; but all who can and will, are urged to add something to the amount sent for subscription for the linotype fund. The linotype belongs to the Free Will Baptist of Missouri. If you are one of them, it is your machine and it is your duty to help pay it out of debt. Every cent you send more than is required for the subscriptions you send in will be applied on OUR linotype.

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