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## BENJAMIN RANDALL

*A Sketch of His Life Found in the Free Baptist Cyclopedia*

EDITOR'S NOTE—For some time we have thought of publishing this sketch of Benjamin Randall's life just as we find it in the Free Baptist Cyclopedia. We feel sure that this will interest all who read it, and that it will prove profitable as well. We shall print it all, though it will take two or three installments.

Rev. Benjamin Randall was born in New Castle, N. H., February 7, 1749. His grandfather had come from England about 1700 and settled upon this island at the mouth of the Piscataqua river, on which was built the fort for the defense of Portsmouth. In 1693 Great Island was incorporated as a separate town under the name of New Castle. Here the father of the founder of our denomination was born January 13, 1726. His wife, Miss Marden, was born in New Castle October 17, 1730. He was a sea captain, but late in life moved to Ossipee, where he died January 21, 1790, aged 64 years, and was buried in New Durham. They had several children. One daughter lived in Ossipee, another in Effingham, and another in Standish, Maine. A son named Jacob resided in Saco, Maine. Though Captain Randall was unable to send his children from the island to be educated, yet Benjamin, through dint of application, obtained what was considered a good mercantile education. He accompanied his father to sea at the age of nine, and for the next nine years this was his principal occupation. Becoming disgusted with a sea-faring life, at his request his father apprenticed him with a sail-maker in Portsmouth, then the largest town in the state. For three years he carefully improved the advantages afforded him. When twenty-one he returned to New Castle, and the next year, 1771, he married Miss Joanna Oram, a daughter of Mr. Robert Oram a native of England, but then of Kittery, Me., just across the river from New Castle.

He had early been the subject of strong religious impressions. His early religious training had been good. Even while on the seas his sense of propriety made profanity to him disgusting. He attended regularly the Sunday worship. Though often engaging in vain amusements he yet saw the hollowness of a life of sin, and reproving himself, he observed stated seasons of fasting and prayer. In 1770 George Whitefield made his last visit to America and preached in Portsmouth. Randall listened to him and his heart was stirred with opposition and consequently he was hardened. But a few days after, on the announce-

ment of Whitefield's sudden death at Newburyport, deep conviction fastened upon Randall, which terminated in true repentance and conversion. He had enraptured views of God as his friend, of Christ as his Savior, and of the atonement as free and full. He gave glory to God, and great peace filled his soul. This great change came October 15, 1770. The family altar was erected, and in November, 1772, he and his wife united with the Congregational church of his native town. In the next three or four years they had three children christened. Through the coldness of the church, and its opposition to true religion, he with a few others set up a separate meeting. But his spirit was greatly crushed when he heard it reported, "Randall wants to be a preacher." Yet convinced, in spite of his early education, that believers only were the proper subjects of baptism and that immersion was the only true mode, and becoming dissatisfied with other doctrines of this church, he separated from it in 1775. Some ten miles to the west, in Stratham, Dr. Shepherd of Brentwood was preaching and baptizing. Randall thought of going to Stratham with others who were seeking baptism, but learning that William Hooper was to be ordained at Berwick, Maine, he with John Trefethern, a confidential friend, went some twenty miles to the ordination; after the service, which was on August 14, 1776, Randall and three others were baptized, all of whom became ministers. Randall united with the Baptist church in Berwick. His pastor was the first minister ordained as a Baptist in Maine.

Soon after his return to New Castle he felt strong convictions of duty to enter the ministry. His own insufficiency and the great sanctity of the work led him to dismiss the subject. He read the sermons of others at the social meetings. Making a few remarks in connection with the 13th of John, he soon heard it reported that he "preached last night." Next meeting he undertook to read one of Dr. Watts' printed sermons, but the more he read the more he felt his life departing, till he did not dare to read another line, and laying the book aside, he at once confessed his neglect of duty and declared that he would henceforth give himself up to God's service as long as he lived. Having made a written covenant with the Lord and a new consecration of himself, he preached almost daily for several weeks, and in the spring of 1777 saw the conversion of thirty. His life was threatened; unseen hands threw missiles; in a neighborhood town a mob assembled before the door. But a shower cooled their zeal and they dispersed without any act of violence.

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## All Should Be Humble Before God, and Sober

By Mrs. Lina Claxton, Hartville, Missouri

Dear Christian Friends: I am glad to tell you this beautiful morning, September 13, 1933, that I am still on the Lord's side, trying to do things to please my Father in Heaven, yet it grieves me to see and read how leading men of our nation are working to get strong drink back to deceive our young people, and to make them drunkards, if possible.

"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived;" they are already boasting to the public about how good their beer is, and how pure their whisky will be.

"Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornications, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire." We went to visit our son who lives beyond Lebanon a short time ago. We traveled the No. 5 highway and on either side of the road, where there was white oak, there was timber cut to make staves for barrels and kegs to put their intoxicating liquor in, how differently they used the staves in old times, then they used them in building the tabernacle—"the staves shall be in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it, and he took and put the testimony into the ark, and set the staves on the ark, and put the mercyseat above upon the ark, and he set the bread in order before the Lord; as the Lord had commanded Moses." I see but one barrel spoken of in the Bible, and it had food in it, or meal, "the barrel of meal shall not waste." What they are planning to put in those barrels that they are spending so much money today for, when drunk, will cause the father to beat the child and run the mother almost wild, the little children be sent to bed hungry, never be educated, never be taught good from evil. Get out of the way! you whisky seller, you have ruined many a clever fellow, you have robbed the statesman of his brain and filled his head with aching pain. Sometimes in the gutter he may be found, feeling upward for the ground.

"Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink, which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him. Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink. Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, of them that are overcome with wine, the drunkards of Ephraim shall be trodden under feet, the priest and the prophets have erred through strong drink; they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink."

"Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, envyings, murders, revelings, and such like, of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." This is plain, but it is Bible, and it will stand for ever.

Let us read what this Bible says about soberness: "Therefore let us not sleep, as do others;

but let us watch and be sober, but let us, who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation."

"A bishop must be sober, not given to wine, moreover he must have a good report, even must their wives be sober. A bishop must be blameless, not given to wine, but a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayer." "Speak thou the things which become sound doctrine, that the aged men be sober, temperate, the aged women likewise teachers of good things that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands; to love their children, young men likewise exhort to be sober minded, in all things showing thyself a pattern of good works: that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you."

"Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lust, we should live soberly, righteously, and Godly in this present world."

"But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer, and above all things, have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover a multitude of sins."

We have just mentioned a few things we have in mind of what the Bible tells us about how we should live soberly, "Touch not, taste not, handle not." We read so much about our nation, and hear folks talk, wondering about what will be the outcome; let us see what the Book, the waybill, says about the nation, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance. The Lord looketh from Heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men. But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him, he is Lord of all. The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." There is so much said in the Bible about nations, and the daily papers tell about the distress of nations.

David prays for the humble, Psalm 10:12, "Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble." Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup, for the righteous Lord loveth righteousness; His countenance doth behold the upright.

The issue of the day is Wet and Dry; and we have just been thinking about the great power of God, the only One who has power to remove mountains, and to speak and calm the tempest. But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea, and the waters were a wall unto them on the right hand, and on the left: let us cry aloud and spare not, for Him to make this a dry nation.

While we are camping here, waiting for His coming, let us ask God to bless the president of our W. C. T. U. who has been so faithful, that she may take courage and grow stronger in His cause each day. Help us, dear Jesus, to be true to God, and gather us together in the Home you are preparing for your children.

Excuse me for talking so long, and pray that I may ever be found at my post doing the best I can.

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MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Parable of the Wheat and Tares

Matt. 13:24-30; 36-43

By B. F. Brown

In this parable the "good seed" is not the "word," as in the first parable, but is that which the word has produced, "the children of the kingdom." These are providentially scattered in the "field," which is the "world" (v. 38). This field, which is the world, where the wheat of God is found, is also the scene of Satan's activity: for "among the wheat" Satan sows "children of the wicked one" (vs. 25, 38, 39).

These children of the wicked one profess to be children of the kingdom, and are in their ways and appearances so much like the true children of the kingdom that only the angels may be trusted to separate them at the end time (vs. 28-30; 40-43). So great is Satan's power of deception that the tares often really think themselves children of the kingdom (Matt. 7:21-23). These tares are children of the devil and have the spirit of the devil, as children of the kingdom have the Spirit of God.

While every person is either a child of the devil or a child of God, mere sinners or unbelievers are never called "tares" (John 8:38-44). They, professing to be wheat, are found among the wheat as children of the kingdom, and most of them are members in the visible church, but the fruit they bear declares them to be "children of the evil one," even so are the "children of the kingdom" known as children of God by the fruit they bear (Mt. 7:20).

The wheat and the tares, the faithful Christians and the false brethren are to grow together until the harvest, the time of Christ's second coming, and of the judicial separation of the righteous and the wicked by the angels. Until then no attempt is to be made to accomplish such separation, that is to exclude or turn out members of the visible church. But to stretch this to mean that openly wicked, scandalous persons are to remain in fellowship and communion in the church is to violate the teaching of the word of God. See the fifth chapter of 1 Cor.

In the first parable there was but one sower, who sowed only good seed; but there were four kinds of soil, and the results were different. But in this parable One, the Son of man, sowed children of the kingdom: and while men slept, the devil sowed children of the wicked one in among the children of the kingdom. These children of the wicked one (tares) were not discovered by the Lord's servants until they brought forth fruit. The servants then wanted to pull out the tares, but their master said, "Nay, lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up the wheat also with them. Let both grow together until the harvest." Thus we are warned against expelling members from the church; for we might pull up wheat instead of tares, or offend some of the faithful members by turning out the unfaithful. The Lord knoweth them that are His and His angels are competent reapers to gather the tares to be burned, and the wheat into the Master's barn; then there should be no worry on our part, if we are really His.

### Report of Wright County Quarterly Meeting

The Wright County Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptist met with Faith and Hope church at two o'clock p. m. Friday, July 28, 1933.

Called together by singing. Scripture reading and introductory sermon by Elder Selph Jones.

After the routine the old assistant moderator, Bro. John Hickman, took charge and appointed two committees: Credentials—Elders L. T. Koch, O. L. Allen and Clarence Ussery. Divine service—Brothers A. W. Belt, T. P. Means and John Kaighan.

Enrollment of ministers and deacons—Ministers, eighteen; deacons, thirteen.

Report of Credentials Committee called for and received on Hartville, Oak Grove, Mt. Zion No. 2, Mt'n Grove, Big Creek, Lone Star, New Home, Mt. Zion No. 1, Faith and Hope, Willow Springs, Oak Grove No. 2, and delegates seated.

Election of officers called for and Eld. L. T. Koch was elected moderator and Eld. L. J. Gearing, ass't. Bro. John Hickman was appointed on credentials committee in place of Bro. L. T. Koch.

Query No. 1—Explain 2 John 9, 10, 11. Opened by Eld. J. G. Koch; talked on and tabled till morning.

Conference closed with prayer by Homer Smith. Stand filled at night by Brothers Clarence Ussery and C. D. Findley.

Conference opened Saturday morning with singing. Scripture reading, first chapter of 1 John by Mod. Prayer by Bro. Lewis Moody.

Cinda Hutsell appointed clerk pro tem.

Report of credentials committee called for and received on five more churches and delegates seated.

Query that was tabled Friday was taken up and discussed, and passed by satisfied that any one in the homes or churches that agrees to or endorses evil doctrine is partaker of the evil.

Report of credentials committee called for and received on Union Grove No. 2, and delegates seated.

Query No. 2—Explain Rev. 2:5. What is the candlestick? Opened by Eld. D. R. Royster, discussed and passed by satisfied that the candlestick spoken of in Rev. 2:5 is the church.

Conference adjourned for divine service at eleven o'clock with prayer by Sister Lizzie McAdams.

Stand filled by Sister Lizzie McAdams and Sister Lucy Deckard.

Conference opened at two p. m. Scripture reading St. John 14:1-12 by moderator. Prayer by Eld. Geo. Higby.

Bro. D. R. Royster appointed, with Brothers J. J. Postlewait and Ben Owens to arrange program for next quarterly meeting.

Home Mission funds called for, \$17.84 received.

Request that Bro. Mose Johnston be examined for license to preach the Gospel.

Brothers Clarence Ussery Neal Moore and H. T. Edwards, committee.

Requests for next quarterly meeting passed by vote that next Q. M. be at Mountain Grove.

Eld. Clarence Ussery to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Neal Moore alternate.

Some time given to Sister McAdams to talk on Mission work. Passed by vote that the Mission and

League workers be given Sunday afternoon of the Q. M. and the mission appoint some one to preach on Mission work at eleven o'clock Sunday—Brother Homer Smith appointed.

Query No. 3—Explain Matt. 14:15. Opened by Elder A. J. Kelsey; passed by satisfied that it is self-explanatory.

Query No. 4—1 John 2:15, What is the world? Opened by Elder Homer Smith, talked on and tabled.

Report of committee examining Bro. Mose Johnston for license called for. Report was favorable and Bro. Johnston was given license to preach the Gospel for one year.

Conference adjourned till 8:30 Sunday morning. Prayer by Bro. Will Paul.

Stand filled Saturday night by Elders J. G. Koch and L. J. Gearing.

Conference opened Sunday morning by Scripture reading, Romans XII by moderator. Prayer by Sister Cinda Hutsell.

Query No. 5—1 Cor. 16:13—Opened by Bro. Clarence Ussery; discussed and passed by satisfied that it means like it reads: To quit a thing, and then fight to keep quit to the end.

Query No. 6—What good can we get out of a quarterly conference? Opened by Elder Geo. Higby. Talked on and passed by satisfied that we get light on our Christian pathway.

Bro. Robert Vandivort chosen delegate from Q. M. to the Association.

Vote of thanks by church to delegates. Vote of thanks to moderator.

Conference adjourned with prayer by Bro. O. L. Allen to meet with Mt'n Grove church at two o'clock Friday before the fifth Sunday in October, 1933.

Stand filled Sunday at eleven o'clock by Bro. Neal Moore and Bro. L. T. Koch.

Delegation: Eighteen ministers, thirteen deacons, twenty-three delegates and three clerks.

Elders L. T. Koch, Moderator,

Elder L. J. Gearing, Ass't Moderator,  
Riley Hutsell, Clerk.

### Report of Douglas County Quarterly Meeting

The Douglas County Quarterly Meeting convened with the Brushy Knob Free Will Baptist church, Thursday, July 27, 1933, at three o'clock p. m.

Introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. B. Marler. Prayer was offered by Eld. G. W. Scott, Sr. Bro. Marler read the second chapter of 1 Corinthians for a Scripture lesson, and used 1 Cor. 1:11 as a text.

The following officers were elected: Elder Claud Smith, Moderator, and Elder A. M. Halford, Ass't.

The following committees were appointed: Credentials—Elders J. H. Claxton, J. W. Silvey, and G. W. Scott, Sr. Business—Elders L. M. Marler, O. C. Keller and Arthur Rich. Divine Service—Deacons T. F. England, Willis Grey and U. S. Findley.

The stand was filled Thursday night by Elders G. W. Scott, Sr. and L. M. Marler.

The following ministers enrolled:

Elders L. M. Marler, J. W. Silvey, T. B. Marler, Ava, Missouri; Eld. Claud Smith, Macomb, Missouri; Elder Arthur Rich, Norwood, Mo.; Elder A. M. Hal-

ford, Brushy Knob, Mo.; Eld. J. H. Claxton, Seymour, Mo.; Eld. O. C. Keller, Mt'n Grove, Mo.; Eld. Sheddie Medlock, Bertha, Missouri.

Visiting ministers enrolled: Elder G. W. Scott, Sr., Mt'n Grove, Mo.; Eld. L. A. Windsor, Brushy Knob, Mo.; Elder H. L. Knight, Stoutland, Mo.

Licentiate enrolled: Bro. Elza Owens, Macomb, Mo.

Deacons enrolled: Brothers U. S. Findley, Frank England, Jim Rippee, Willis Grey and J. A. Detherage.

Church clerks enrolled: Sisters Ada Wingo, Vernon Moore and Lula Grey.

Delegates enrolled: Burley Moody, W. L. Crippen, Marie Glasgow, Dee Brooks, Elsie Saver, Elizabeth Datson, Thelma Halford, Dora Moore, Hazel Dauber, A. J. Haines, Paul Johns, Cecil Wingo, Cora Porter.

Letters were received from the following churches:

Lone Star, Pleasant Ridge, Happy Home, Brushy Knob, Harmony and Friendship.

Most of the day Friday was spent in discussing the topics assigned by the program committee.

At eleven o'clock the stand was filled by Elders Claud Smith and Elza Owens.

At 8:00 p. m. the stand was filled by Elders J. W. Silvey and J. H. Claxton, and was followed by Communion and feet washing, in which more than seventy (70) Christians participated.

Saturday morning was spent in general routine business.

Harmony church was chosen as the place for the next session of the quarterly meeting. The date was set at 3:00 o'clock p. m. on Friday, October 27, 1933. Elder Sheddie Medlock was chosen to preach the introductory.

Preaching at eleven o'clock by Elders Sheddie Medlock and Arthur Rich.

The conference closed at noon Saturday, and we returned to our homes, thanking God for blessing us with such a wonderful meeting, and so lavishly bestowed upon us so many blessings from His bountiful storehouse. We were also more than pleased with the splendid interest and co-operation shown by the people of the community, and pray that God may bestow His richest blessings upon them.

We wish the whole Gem family could attend our next conference.

Claud J. Smith, Moderator,  
Arthur Lund, Clerk.

#### HARTVILLE, MISSOURI, September 12, 1933

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown and Readers of the Dear Old Gem: I am sending you a line to let you know that I am still in the fight for the Master, and trying to stay in the front trench in the firing line for Christ.

I have just closed a meeting at Walnut Ridge, Arkansas. Sure met some good people down there. They believe and practice religion in the old way. We had 25 saved in the old time way during the meeting. Some got shouting salvation, the kind I believe in, for I believe there will be shouting in heaven. And I want to go to heaven in that kind of religion, in the good old way.

I am now at Pleasant Ridge church, in Hickory county, near Urbana, in a meeting helping Brother Walter George, a man I love. Bro. George is in poor health, but is still fighting sin. I am praying God to touch and heal his body.

I am going from here to Cedar Ridge church, a little church in Dallas county that I am trying to pastor, one that has the old time salvation; I have seen them tested. They are true blue. Twelve of them came over and stayed with me and took in our Union Association, and seemed to enjoy it, and they helped me up life's pathway with their presence and their prayers.

I am sending you four new subs to the Gem, they are from my Cedar Ridge church in Dallas Co.

I see the need of getting our Free Will Baptist paper and literature in every home.

God bless the editor and the Gem.

Yours for the cause of Christ,

J. E. Burney.

#### STAR CITY, ARKANSAS, September 12, 1933.

Dear Brother Brown: If you will allow me space in your little paper, I will tell you a little about our Free Will Baptist work down here in Arkansas.

The Saline Association of Free Will Baptist met in its 37th Annual Session with Pleasant Valley church, Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, with nine churches represented. There were six ordained ministers present as follows:

Elders J. M. Estell, John Hartley, O. A. Ashcraft, W. P. White, R. M. Moore, J. E. White, and Bro. Rice was licensed to preach. He is about fifty, but is young in the ministry.

The business was carried out in a quiet spirit of love. We had the best Association we have had in several years. Also our State Association meets near Atkins, Ark. Thursday night before the first Sunday in October. Would be glad if you Missouri preachers would meet with us there.

Yours for the cause of Christ,

J. E. White.

#### Report of Revival at Mt. Zion Church, in Arkansas, Better Known as Berk's Shed

On August 14th we went to help father, Elder J. W. Allred, in a revival at this place. When we arrived we found the Christians hungry for a revival, and as is always the case when God's children meet the conditions, God gives the victory. We were there eleven days, during which time there were seven (7) conversions and renewals, eleven additions to the church. We had the privilege of baptizing seven. Four others were baptized at the same gathering, one by Elder Geo. Been and three by Eld. Couldwell, pastor of the Missionary Baptist church at Springvalley, Ark.

After returning from this meeting we had the privilege of taking the family and attending our Indian Creek Association at Blue Eye, Mo. God gave us a wonderful time at this Association, which, no doubt, other writers will mention more fully.

On September 9th we were called to Line's school house, near Verona, to assist in organizing a church. Elder F. E. Crain and daughter Elda were holding the meeting, and we assisted them in the organization. There were eight (8) charter members. Elder Bee Fredrick is preaching for them each second Sun-

day and Elder W. K. Weston each fourth Sunday until they secure a pastor. The church was named Happy Hill Free Will Baptist church, the name was suggested by its youngest member who is only eleven years old.

We are now in a meeting at Monett, Elder Wilson doing the preaching for us.

Pray for us, that we may continue in God's service.  
O. T. Allred.

Huntington, W. Va., 311 Buffington, August 22, 1933

Dear Editor of the Gem: While thinking of our Free Will Baptist people, the nation over, and our many friends, I just want to tell you what we are doing out here in the West Virginia hills.

A couple of our young preachers decided that they could organize a Free Will Baptist Sunday School convention, and with great success they gained the victory. Our first convention convened June 9, 10, and 11, 1932, at Pleasant Valley, near Huntington.

There we organized and elected officers for the convention, with only nine schools enrolled. The 1933 session convened at Bigson church at Van, W. Va., in which the convention more than doubled.

I am sending you a minute of the 1932 session.

If you know of any F. W. B. Sunday school conventions anywhere else, I would like very well to know where and when they were organized.

Rev. J. C. Wilcox.

TABLER, OKLAHOMA, Sept. 12, 1933

Dear Bro. Brown: The Dibble Association has just closed its annual session, and to my knowledge it was the best in its history. We had nine conversions during the session, which we were all thankful to God for. It was a revival from beginning to end.

As Dibble church is to entertain the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptist, I have been requested to send in this announcement to the Gem:

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

A meeting will begin on Saturday night before the third Sunday in October and continue until the Association, which convenes on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday, and that free transportation may be had from Blanchard to Dibble by calling Jack Hopkins, Phone No. G551. Every one is extended a cordial invitation.

Mrs. Birdie Drennan, R1.

WEATHERBY, MISSOURI, Sept. 14, 1933

I wish to say to the readers of the Gem that I am still alive and on the Lord's side, and I believe that He is on my side.

The past year I have not been in the active ministry like I used to be. I have been farming for myself and others the most of the time. I have had two monthly appointments to preach, one at the church where I live and one in the town of Weatherby, and I go quite often and preach for church at Carlow. When I go, I usually stay and preach for them a week or longer. I was there not long ago and preached about a week and helped them make

repairs on the church house. A new roof has been put on and other repairs have been made on the building, and they now have a piano in the church. I think that the material for the roof cost over one hundred dollars besides the work of putting it on. This work has been done with Free Will Baptist money. They have no regular pastor, but they have an evergreen Sunday school. Awdery Snyder is the faithful superintendent. We expect to go soon and preach for them again. Elder John McKown lives near Carlow and is quite active in the Lord's work, and has done a lot of good around Carlow.

I had the pleasure of attending the Northwest Missouri Association of which I am now a member. There was quite a large delegation present and there were several visiting preachers and others with us. We had a fine time. Elder E. T. House of Maysville, Mo. was elected moderator and I was elected as 2nd moderator. Miss Melba White of Plattsburg, Mo. was elected clerk and treasurer. Walter Kerns of Hemple, Mo. was elected on the executive board for a term of five years. We were truly glad to have Elder Mareum and Elder Phillips and wife with us from Northeast Mo. Association. We missed the smiling face and kind words of help from Elder C. E. Mann of Greentop, Mo. who has met with us so often before. The Northwest Mo. Association met this year with our Center Point church, near Santa Rosa, Mo. It will meet next year with our Mt. Zion church, near Plattsburg, Mo.

I am planning to hold some revival meetings and Bible schools this fall and winter.

Elder T. C. Ferguson, R2.

CLIFTY, ARKANSAS

Dear Gem Readers: I am impressed to write a few lines this beautiful Sunday afternoon.

We (husband and I) arrived home safely from Indian Creek Association where we enjoyed ourselves very much; and we hope, if it is the Lord's will, to attend next Association which will meet at Monett.

We are trying to serve our Lord to the best of our ability. Husband has been preaching three years and I have heard every sermon but five. I certainly don't want to be any hindrance to him.

Our revival will start Saturday night before the first Sunday in October. Pray for us, that we may see many saved. It is not certain yet who will hold the revival, but we hope for two or three preachers to help in our community where we feel that we need so much help.

I am praying that our league may be started again for the benefit of the many young folks.

May the Lord bless each reader of the Gem.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. Willie Capps.

MYRTLE, MISSOURI, September 8, 1933

Dear Brothers and Sisters: It is with joy in my heart that I write these few lines. We have just had our Association, and had a delightful time; the sweet spirit of Christian fellowship was wonderfully manifested. There was very little up for consideration, and with much patience was accomplished.

The spirit of grace, one toward another, was beautiful to behold. The messages were inspiring, each better than the other, yet none better than the rest. We are enlarging our borders and strengthening our stakes.

I wish that we had more pure people in the world—what I mean is people that have pure love. We think of Jesus on the cross, and Jesus' mother offering her son, that the people might have life. We all love to think of the risen Lord as He is now in heaven as we are on life's journey. We are praying that God will help, so that we may help some mother's daughter or son to a better life, for we see sin on every side, and so many young people are selling their pure lives to Satan, he has so many things to offer us. We must watch our company and keep a clean character. Salvation is free and heaven is free, but will cost you all of your sins and yourself in the bargain, if you ever get to heaven.

Torment is the only place you can gain in the eternal world without an effort. You will only need to simply do nothing, sit with folded hands and arms and just neglect salvation. Neglect to repent and you will go to torment as sure as if you had committed murder. Awful crimes may hurry you there a little faster and sink you a little deeper, but will not take you there any more surely than if you just do nothing. It is not only what men do that lands them in torment, but it is what they really are and what they do not do.

If you are looking for a religion that is cheap or does not cost much, and you do not have to give up the evil things of the world to get it, you can find it on earth, for there is a lot of it—it does not change the heart and life of those who get it, but fills them with darkness, so that they do not realize their condition; and hits them with fear when they think of death and the judgment of God. I would rather, far rather, pay the full price and get the genuine that saves people from all their sins, one that completely changes their life, conversation and works, gives them assurance of heaven and companionship with Jesus while they stay here on earth and lands them inside the pearly gates, washed whiter than snow.

The Holy Ghost first comes as a sin destroyer before he enters into the heart to dwell. He never associates with sin, nor puts an endorsement upon it.

May each of us know, dear Lord, that thou hast a plan for our lives and never be satisfied in doing our own will, but ever seek thine. May all in this family circle today know what it is to have the joy of doing the will of God. May we take hold of thy hand and be led by thee all our journey through. When the way is rough and our feet grow weary and our hearts faint, may we cling to thy promises, knowing that rest will come when thou seest that we are ready to enter the heavenly home.

We must set our house in order and sweep down the cobwebs of sin and evil, and then with the light of Christ to shine in our lives, may God help all His children to grow in grace and to abstain from every sin, for sin cannot enter the kingdom of God, and dear brothers and sisters, as this is the beginning of a new year for our ministering brethren, let us stand by them in the work and strive to make this

year more prosperous than last year. Let's not depend on the pastor to do all, but let us work with him and help to lift high the blood stained banner of Christ.

May God bless you all, is my prayer.

Mrs. M. B. Cockman.

### NEWTONIA, MISSOURI

Dear Brother and Sister Brown and Gem Readers:

I have been impressed to write a few lines to the Gem. I have been a Gem reader nearly all the time since the beginning of its publication, having missed only a few copies of the paper. I think lots of the Gem, yet this is the first time I have ever made an attempt to speak through it. We have always heard that it is best to think a number of times before we speak. I have been so slow speaking, that some may think I am a Quarker; I am not, but I realize it is time for me to get busier about our heavenly Father's business. I am glad to know that, when we think and speak of the Gem, it is a paper pertaining to our Lord's business.

Oh, say, I want to tell you about being up at Purdy a short time ago. I had been wanting to call at the Gem office and visit with Bro. and Sister Brown, so I did for the first time. They treated me so nice that I was sorry I hadn't gone sooner, and have longer to stay. I saw the linotype, and it in operation. It is the greatest machine I ever saw, and I am more than proud of it, and I want to thank the good Lord for the men who made the move that brought that machine to where it is located and started it in operation for the Lord and our denomination. I believe the Lord prompted me to visit the Gem office, and I know He impressed me to write these few lines. Since my visit with Bro. and Sister Brown gave me a better knowledge of how to appreciate the linotype and such people as they are, he being one of our well qualified ministers, devoting his entire time at the press, I wish every reader of the Gem could visit with them.

I feel like making a request in behalf of Bro. and Sister Brown with a freewill offering. If every Gem reader could send them anywhere from a dime up to as much as you want to give, I know the Lord will bless you in an effort like this, and it would be appreciated by Bro. and Sister Brown. So let all that feel like it, and can, act on this in the month of October. I think it would be nice where two or more families are close together to send their offerings together and save postage.

May the Lord bless the entire Gem family, and others; we don't want to leave any out.

Elder G. A. Garner.

### Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention

The Free Will Baptist Sunday school convention convened at Van, West Va., Aug. 18, 19 and 20, 1933. Called to order by the clerk at 2:00 p. m. Friday, August 18th. Address of welcome at 3:00 p. m. by Rev. E. L. Gibson.

Friday evening at 7:30 p. m. Sermon by Rev. B. H. Hedrick, Missionary of the American Sunday School Union. Subject: "The Binding, Blinding,



and the Grinding Powers of Sin." Concluded by Rev. James Jeffrey.

Saturday 10:00 a. m. Appointment of committees and reports of Sunday schools received. 11:00 a. m. Subject: "Sunday School and Its Mission" by Rev. B. H. Hedrick, 40 minute talk. 1:30 p. m. Reports of committees and election of officers. 2:30 p. m. Subject: "Does It Pay to Have a Sunday School?" by Rev. J. M. Henson and Rev. James Jeffrey, 30 minutes each. 7:30 p. m. Preaching. Subject: "Pay Day in Eternity" by Rev. Earl Gillenwater and Rev. J. M. Henson.

Sunday morning, 9:30, Sunday school. 11:00 a. m. Subject: "How to Create a Better Interest in Sunday School" by Rev. L. P. Kirk.

12:00 noon. Dinner on the ground.  
2:30 p. m. "Program by Union Christian Society" by Sunday school at Detroit, West Virginia.

7:30 p. m. Preaching by Rev. B. B. Lay.  
Convention adjourned to meet at Lick Branch church, near Charleston Friday at 2:00 p. m. before the second Sunday in July, 1934.

R. W. Henson, President,  
Rev. J. C. Willeox, Clerk,  
E. B. Legg, Treasurer.

CUSHING, OKLAHOMA, September 8, 1933

Dear Editor and Readers of the Gem:

We are sending in a report of our church, as it has been some time since the Cushing Free Will Baptist church has given a report. We want every one to know that we are still striving to serve our Lord in a manner that will be pleasing in His sight.

We have a splendid Sunday school. Bro. Oscar Taylor is our superintendent and has been a great help in building up our Sunday school to what it is. We have an average attendance of one hundred thirty, and a great interest is shown.

We have a Junior mission to be proud of, as we have such fine young Christian workers who are not afraid to testify to their love to God and go out among the sick and to those who are unable to attend services and take the service to them. They do a great work for the Lord in this way.

We love to send in a report of our Senior mission. We feel that the Lord has so wonderfully blessed us in many ways, in giving us work to be done and strength with which to do it. We meet each Thursday, all day for our work and our mission meeting. We have our meeting in the evening and we start it with singing, Scripture reading and prayer, then the service is turned to the president and the business is taken care of. The meeting is dismissed with prayer. We have done quite a lot of quilting lately. Several times we have quilted two quilts in one day. We have been sewing some for orphans.

Bro. J. L. Waltman is our pastor and is putting forth every effort possible for the good of the Sunday school and church and mission, and is always ready to go where he is called or in sickness, or wherever he can be of service in any way.

We now have a revival meeting going on, conducted by Bro. Boyd Williams. It has been going only a few days, but we have already been blessed by several souls coming to Christ and being saved. We

are looking forward to a great revival before closing. Pray for our revival, that there may be many souls saved.

Mrs. Ora Leftwich, Corresponding Sec'y.

### Revival Meeting at Pilgrim Rest Church in Arkansas

Following the Old Mt. Zion Association we began a meeting at Pilgrim Rest church, where the Association was held. The Association itself was a great success and God's Spirit was poured out upon us while there. The meeting began on Monday night after the close of the Association.

Here at this church was where I first helped in a meeting after I started preaching over three years ago, so you see it was a great blessing to be again with the people at this place.

Bro. Geo. Been the pastor was with us every night and all except two or three day services, to help in singing and praying. Bro. Been has been pastor of the church for several years and has been called for the coming year; we feel sure he is the man for the place.

The meeting was another of the old time kind, where God's people get so full of His Spirit that they will shout and praise Him in the old time way.

There were 14 conversions and renewals during the two weeks' meeting, 11 additions to the church, and eight were baptized.

Elder Noel Turner, Granby, Mo.

HANNON, MISSOURI, August 20, 1933

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

It has been some time since I have written. I am trying to keep busy in the Lord's vineyard; the need is so great, and it seems that laborers are few.

Precious time is being wasted; multitudes are going down without God. Oh, the darkness in this old world today concerning spiritual things! The word says, "At midnight the cry came, Behold, the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him!"

Oh, that today we could get a vision of conditions around us! The word tells us in Prov. 29:18, "Where there is no vision the people perish." I'm sure if we would "awake thou that sleepest," and really see the great need, we wouldn't be Jonahs, but would hold high the banner of Jesus, and do His bidding, whatever the cost to us.

We are now in a meeting with the Wagoner church Sister Lottie Chandler is helping me. This is the second week of the meeting. We are having large crowds, but so far no one has been saved. Pray for us here. The church at this place is in a run-down condition, has been for several years, but things now look encouraging to us. We hope to see the work built up here and a real old time revival.

We will go from here to the Independence church for a revival there, the Lord being willing, so we covet your prayers for us while we labor for the Lord and His great cause. Last night 13 persons stepped out and gave their hands for prayer.

Interest seems to be growing every night and we praise God for it.

Rena C. Thomas.



## OBITUARY

### IN MEMORIUM

In loving but sad memory of our dear Brother Carl Byrd, who left us one year ago Sept. 11, 1932.

He bade no one a last farewell,

He said good bye to none,  
His loving heart had ceased to beat,  
Before we knew it he was gone.

His cheerful ways and kindly smile,  
We so pleasantly recall;  
He had a kind word for every one,  
And died beloved by all.

Sadly missed by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Byrd and son Junior.

### ELDER W. C. AUSTIN

To the many readers of the Gem:

It is with a sad heart that I announce the death of Elder W. C. Austin of Shawnee, Oklahoma.

On the third day of July, 1933, God saw fit to call the old soldier home to rest.

Bro. Austin had been confined to his bed for fifteen months, but had been in poor health for better than two years. I am sure the last preaching he did was while with me in South Arkansas in 1931.

The Free Will Baptist in this state realize that they really lost something when they learned of Bro. Austin's death. Bro. Austin began preaching at the age of 18 and was active in the work for 51 years. He held near 160 religious discussions, met the ablest men in the United States in the defence of the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist.

He began preaching in Arkansas about 33 years ago, at a time when we preachers all differed on our doctrine, and in a short time had all of us of a oneness.

We'll never know the good Bro. Austin did—it will take eternity to decide it.

As a man, Bro. Austin was a Christian, lived a Godly life 365 days out of the year, and as a teacher he had no equal. He devoted his life to the study of God's word, and we who knew him hate to give him up, but we all know that our loss is heavens gain.

He leaves to mourn his loss, a wife and six children:

B. M. Austin, C. E. Austin, Mrs. V. W. Barrett, Miss Fay Austin, Charlie Austin, Jr., Miss Lorene

Austin, all of Shawnee, Oklahoma.

May God bless his wife and children, is my prayer.

Written by Elder W. M. Guinn, Booneville, Arkansas.

**Hughes**—Mrs. Allie Hughes was born August 11, 1874, and departed this life Sept. 16, 1933, at the home of one of her sisters, Mrs. Maudie Merit, at Roff, Okla.

She was united in marriage to John Hughes on March 18, 1906, at Ada, Oklahoma.

Besides her husband, she leaves her aged mother, Mrs. Callie Blackwood, Non, Okla., three brothers, Charlie, Tom and Essie all of Non, Okla., two half brothers, Willie Blackwood of Rodes, Calif., and Attie Blackwood of Paulsvalley, Okla., three sisters, Delena Russell of Alex, Okla., Maudie Merit of Roff, Okla., Goldy Chism of Non, Okla., two half sisters, Christine Howell and Altis Chism, Non, Okla.

Her body was brought back to Non cemetery, where the funeral service was conducted by Elder M. M. McKee of Antlers, Okla., pastor of the Free Will Baptist church of which she was a faithful member. Sister Hughes was stricken with heart trouble in February. She bore her suffering patiently. All was done that could be done for her recovery. She was a real Christian woman, a devoted wife, a loving mother and a good neighbor. She will be sadly missed in the home, church and community.

The family has a great host of relatives and friends who sympathize with them in their hour of sorrow

—A Friend.

**Brian**—Imogene Brian was born June 4, 1930, and departed this life August 30, 1933, at the age of three years, two months and 26 days. Little Imogene was stricken seriously ill two weeks before she died. All that a faithful doctor and loving hands could do was done, but the power of God is stronger than the power of man, and God called her up higher, to a home prepared for His loved ones, and we must humbly bow to His will.

Elder M. M. McKee, our pastor, was called at Sulphur where he was holding a revival to conduct the funeral service.

Imogene was a sweet and adorable child and had many friends. To know her was to love her; and we can't understand sometimes why our loved ones are taken from us, but some day beyond this life we will understand.

She leaves a father and mother, two sisters and one brother.

We extend to the family our heart felt sympathy.

—A Friend.

### A SADDENED HEART

By Mrs. Lydia Rollins

Two years ago last June,  
In the year of thirty-one,  
My dear companion passed away,  
His work on earth was done.

Left us so sad and lonely,  
Our heart ached with pain,  
But trusting all in Jesus,  
That we shall meet again.

One year ago September the twelfth,  
In nineteen thirty-two,  
My darling baby took its flight,  
God saw fit to call him too.

He was like a precious sun beam,  
That played upon the floor,  
And oh! how sadly we miss him,  
To see him play no more.

Six months later was the month of  
March,  
In nineteen thirty-three,  
My daughter, too, was called away,  
With Jesus for ever to be.

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

A saddened heart within our breast,  
A loneliness is there;  
'Tis sweet to know they've gone to rest,  
Yet, how we miss their loving care.

So you see, dear readers, I've had my portion of trouble, but perhaps not my full share. If God sees fit to send more trouble I am willing to bear it. Grief and sorrows serve me different than others; I take it with perfect patience, but grief is there just the same, and on the other hand I am very quiet with salvation, but it's there just the same.

I feel that I am a very weak piece of timber in the church, but am trying to do the best I can. When I get discouraged and blue, my mind wanders to the precious song we've heard Bro. Winford Davis sing quite often: "Life

Will Be Sweeter Some Day." That is a great help to me to know that life will be sweeter some day, for I have five children in that great Beyond. Though I am here in the valley and feel that I must stay at the foot of the cross for the sake of my twelve children that are here with me, I have three sons out on the bleak mountains of sin, and desire the prayers of you dear Gem readers. I've been greatly strengthened by the prayers of the dear Meceadonia people and still desire your prayers, for I have a great responsibility upon my shoulders, trying to raise my little ones in the right way *Purdy, Missouri.*

### REVIVAL MEETING REPORT

Dear Bro. Brown and Readers of the Gem: I know I'm writing to a good bunch of folks when I write to the Gem. I'm really thankful for the Gem and the denomination it represents.

My father and I closed a three weeks' meeting September 10th, at the Line school house, about three miles southeast of Verona, Missouri.

There were twelve conversions and fifteen baptized. We also organized a Free Will Baptist church with eight members. We chose Elder O. T. Allred as a member of the council, also chairman of the council. The church is known as Happy Hill. The name was given by the youngest member of the church, Miss Nadine Lonberg, age eleven.

Monett Gospel team attended the meeting one night, which added much strength to the meeting.

Bro. Bee Fredrick of Monett, has an appointment at this church each second Sunday, and Bro. W. K. Weston of Monett has an appointment each fourth Sunday.

On account of the meeting we attended the Indian Creek Ass'n at Blue Eye only on Thursday. But it was well worth our trip. There was a spiritual atmosphere in the camp.

Your sister in Christ,  
Elder Elda Crain, Miami, Okla.

was written of *worthy and unworthy* ministers nearly thirty-three years ago, and it might interest some of us to apply this measure to present day ministers.

A clear apprehension and a deep impression of the varied, solemn, and awful responsibilities of the Christian ministry are of the first importance to those who aspire to the office and to those who occupy it, because of the general interests of Christianity and the special interests of the congregation they serve. The want of these things they serve. The want of these low state of religion at home and abroad. A revival of them would be a harbinger of times refreshing from the presence of the Lord. They would deter the uncalled from entering the office, and give pause to the unworthy occupants of the office, lest they should bring double condemnation upon themselves by their errors and immoralities, their carelessness and selfishness.

These facts are strikingly set forth by the Master in his discourse recorded in Luke 12:35-37 and 41-47, in which the nature and duties of the ministry, the character of the occupants true and false, and the destiny of the worthy and unworthy are exhibited. The Savior's reference to the ministry is beyond question. He had dined in the Pharisee's house. When he came out he found a great crowd awaiting him. He did not address them, but his disciples in their hearing. In the thirteenth verse it is stated that one of his company of listeners interrupted him, and asked that he act the part of a civil judge and secure for him his property rights. Christ took this occasion to say to the company that it was extreme folly to expect human happiness from earthly possessions, no matter how numerous (verse 15). Then in the 22nd verse, he resumed his discourse to his disciples, some of his utterances being of a general character; and in the 41st verse Peter asked if he spake for all, or only for the disciples. His reply clearly indicated that he meant his confidential servants, his official deputies. The Master is represented as an Eastern house-holder, who is to be absent for a season. He calls his confidential servants, appoints them his stewards, rulers of his house, and gives them minute instructions as to his will respecting the conduct of his affairs. There are two classes among these. The faithful and wise give

their fellow-servants their portion of meat, keep their lamps burning and their loins girded, and when their lord returns they receive dominion and are feasted. The unfaithful and unwise beat their fellow-servants, eat and drink with the drunken, and when the master comes they are cut off and consigned their portion with hypocrites and unbelievers.

1. *The nature of the ministry.* Ministers are Christ's servants. Paul said, 2 Cor. 4:5, "We preach, not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." Ministers are only servants of Christ. They do not advance their own opinions, but only proclaim the mind of Christ. They do not enforce their own wishes, but only administer the law of Christ. In this sense they are appointed by Christ to serve the people. But he has also made them "rulers" in his house. They are not princes, but stewards; not lords, but leaders. They superintend the affairs of Christ's house. They do not teach new things, but lead the people in "the old paths, the good way." Every interest of Christ's house they conduct with reference to his expressed will. He is the Lord of the family, they are only his agents. He is lawgiver, king, and judge for all. It is true that the pastor is called by the choice of the people. But he is not their employee. He does not receive his commission from them. He is Christ's ambassador to them. He does not seek to please them, but Christ. The most worthy object of mingled blame, contempt, and pity is the minister who preaches with a view of gaining the approval of men, without reference to Christ. It were better for that man that he had never been born. At the same time his message is best appreciated by those whose good-will and confidence he enjoys. So that he is to please his neighbor for good unto edification. In subordination to Christ he is to become all things to all men, that he may by all means save some.

2. *The occupants of the ministerial office.* The two classes of servants were alike in one respect, both knew their Lord's will. In every other respect they were in contrast. What one had the other had not, and *vice versa*. Both are necessary to complete the picture. What is affirmed of one is denied of the other; and what is denied of one is affirmed of the other.

(1) *The worthy.* "They knew their Lord's will." True ministers learn their Master's will, not from the tradi-

### THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

BY THE REV. J. M. FOSTER

EDITOR'S NOTE—This article is copied from *The Morning Star*, published at Boston, Mass., January 3, 1901. This

tions of the elders, not from the decretals of the church, but from the revelation of the Spirit: "As it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man the things that God hath prepared for us; but God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit." He searches the Scriptures, and so becomes a scribe instructed unto the kingdom of heaven. "He prepared himself." This may mean that he prepared for his Master's return, or that he prepared, fitted himself, for conducting the affairs of his Master's house according to his will. The last seems to be the meaning. The true minister studies the Word. He gives himself to reading and meditating upon it. He fits himself for doing his Lord's will toward his fellow-servants. He does not beat them with the rod of the tongue or the rod of tyrannical discipline. He gives them their meat. He may not serve it in a lordly dish, but he brings it in a clean vessel. The preacher sought out good words acceptable words,—beaten oil for the light. He gives them their meat in season,—clear exposition for the ignorant, convincing evidences for the doubting, pungent warnings, strong stimulus for the indifferent, strong consolation for the disconsolate. He does not use the rod, but he spares not to reprove and rebuke. He warns them that are unruly, as well as comforts the feeble-minded. "O son of man, I have set thee for a watchman to the house of Israel! Therefore thou shalt speak to warn them from me. When I say to the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked, he shall die in his sins, but his blood will I require at thine hands. Nevertheless if thou speak to warn him, if he turn not, he shall die in his sins, but thou hast delivered thy soul." He prepared himself to do his duty toward his Master. He keeps his lamp burning and his loins girded, ready for the return of his Lord. The true minister has reference to the coming of Christ in all his work. No matter whether that coming be sooner or later, it has the same effect on his faith. He stands between the living and the dead. He is answerable for the use he makes of his opportunities. He warns every man and teaches every man, as he shall answer to his Judge. "Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ; as though God did beseech you by us, we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." Thus he

becomes a faithful and wise servant. A faithful servant is one full of faith and distinguished for fidelity. When the Jewish sanhedrin forbade the apostles speaking or teaching in the name of Jesus, Peter replied: "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye, for we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

*To be continued in next issue*

### THE CHURCH'S QUESTION AND GOD'S ANSWER

The Question: "Wilt thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee?"

The Answer: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

"Wash you, make you clean; put away the the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow."

*—The Editor.*

### READ THIS SLOWLY AND THINK.

Does my life please God?  
Am I studying my Bible daily?  
Am I enjoying my Christian life?  
Is there anyone I should forgive,  
Have I ever won a soul to Christ?  
How much time do I spend in prayer?  
Is there anything I should give up for Christ?  
Is there anything I cannot give up for Christ?  
Just where am I making my great mistake?  
How does my life look to those who are not Christians?

Do I pay for the support of my church according to my-ability?

If each of the members of my church gave the same as I do in money, time, effort and service, would the church prosper?

How many things do I put before my religious duties?

Have I ever tried giving one-tenth of my income to the Lord?

Is the world being made better or worse by my living in it?

Am I doing anything I would condemn in others?

Am I doing all that I should do, and do I have the assurance that I shall meet God in peace?—*The Editor.*

### THE STAGGERING DRUNKARD

*By Mrs. Lydia Rollins*

See how the staggering drunkard reels,  
Away, away with beer!  
And oh, what misery he reveals!  
Go away, go away with beer!

His hungry children cry for bread;  
Away, away the beer!  
And in their cold, damp cellar bed,  
Away, away with beer!

They looked for his return with dread,  
Go away, go away, old beer!  
If this should last we'd rather be dead;  
O do go away with beer!

Cold water has far sweeter charm,  
O do go away with beer!  
For I am sure it will do no harm,  
Away, away the beer!

### LISTEN DADDY

Come on daddy, let me whisper  
A few words I have to say;  
Listen to me closely daddy,  
You must hear them all today.

You're my dear and only daddy,  
And the one that I adore,  
You have helped me thru my troubles,  
And my hope in life's reward.

Some sweet day I'll make you happy,  
And my debt to you I'll pay;  
When the hours start growing darker,  
I will be your staff and stay.

You are growing old, dear daddy,  
Life is passing on too fast,  
But the lesson you have taught me,  
Will for ever, ever last.

*—Mrs. Ina Edwards.*

## MISSION REPORT

Hemple, Mo., Sept. 20, 1933

Dear Mission Workers:

Here I am again to tell you that Jesus is still fighting our battles and giving victory in His blessed name.

I came to help Bro. House, with all his churches, and to have revivals, and to win souls, and organize missions and young people's meetings. We began at Mt. Zion church first. We had some rain on the start that kept us from the church, then about the middle of the meeting it rained again, and the last week we were rained out two nights, but we praise God for the rain and refreshing showers all along. The meeting was hard and the victory all came in the last few services, that is, the most of the visible results. We feel that we had victory from the start. We had 14 conversions and reclaims, two for consecration, one for healing, 11 united with the church and eight for baptism. We organized a mission band and a Free Will Baptist league. The young people took right onto the work, and we expect a band of them to visit us here Friday night. We made our home with Bro. and Sister Matt White, and they were like father and mother to us. They have a lovely family, only two girls, Melba and Sarah. We thank the dear Lord for these two girls. We feel that God will use them, along with other young people of the neighborhood.

We want to make mention of a few of the young men and girls: Milford House, Marks Tyer, Woodroe Everett, R. D. Everett, the two young George brothers who were converted during the meeting, and another wise young man by the name of German who was saved and baptized. I would mention more of the boys, but can't remember their names.

Some of our girls are: Melba White, Sarah White, Georgia Everett, Bessie and Florence Tyer, Nadine and Hattie. I can't think of their last name, Lucy Carter, Eva Martin Rose, Emma Lou Christian, Irim Everett. We have more girls than this, but I can't think of their names just now, so help me pray for all of these, that God will make them a great blessing. We were in a number of homes and would like to mention all of them, but can't, it would take too much space.

The church is greatly renewed and the fifth Sunday in October we will have a Mission and League program and basket dinner. Pray for us.

We have been here at our Third

Fork church two nights and have had one conversion already.

God bless our workers everywhere.

I hope to meet many of you at the State Association.

State Mission money—Mt. Zion \$2.30

Yours for Jesus,

Lizzie McAdams.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

The Book of Programs published by the Women's Department of the General Conference for 1933-34 are now ready for distribution among Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies and will be sent free to any society that requests them. These books carry a program for each month in the year and should be a great help to any society that wishes to use them.

When the president of a society wishes to write for programs, please give the name of your church, your association or convention, the district auxiliary, also the number of members in your society, number of societies in your auxiliary convention and any other information which you think will help me in my work.

Mrs. Fannie Polston, Gen Sec.,  
318 Woodland St., Nashville, Tenn.

## INDIAN CREEK ASSOCIATION

The Indian Creek Association met with our Mt. Olivet church, at Blue Eye, Mo., in its 21st Annual Session, August 30, 1933.

From introductory sermon to the last benediction it was all harmonious and helpful to each one present.

All the business was transacted in a spirit of love and unity, and we trust that much good has been accomplished by the association.

Each day at eleven and eight o'clock some of God's servants brought a message wherein all present could feast at God's table, and sinners were made to tremble because their soul's condition was made so plain to them. During the Association there were three souls saved, and many others were made to feel closer to God. In fact every one seemed to enjoy each service because of God's presence in our midst.

The good people of Blue Eye spared no pains to make us all as comfortable as possible, and did all in their power to make the Association a success. Three meals were cooked at the church each day, which was enjoyed by every one beyond our ability to express.

We feel that every one can say, "Of a truth, I've been more than re-

paid for every effort I've put forth for the success of the Association."

The enrollment shows there were present: Twenty ministers, nine deacons, fifty-one delegates, and eighteen visitors, besides a house full of other people who were interested in the things which were going on.

There were twelve churches represented by letter or delegates, besides corresponding delegates from Old Mt. Zion Association in Arkansas.

The next Annual Session of Indian Creek Association will be held with our Monett church, beginning on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1934.

Elder Cecil Campbell, Moderator,  
Elder Noel Turner, Clerk.

## ZION HOPE ASSOCIATION No. 2

The editor had the happy privilege of attending Zion Hope Association No. 2, which was in session at Fort Smith, Arkansas, Sept. 14 to 17, 1933.

There was a good delegation present, with plenty of preachers. The usual associational business was transacted in a lovely spirit, the Lord's presence being manifested at every period of the session, especially at the preaching services.

They have several good preachers in this Association, which I was glad to meet and become acquainted with, but I am sorry that I am such a poor hand to remember names, however I do remember some of them, and esteem them as men of God. The pastor of the Ft. Smith F. W. B. church I take to be a real God called man, and he is an able preacher, his name is E. W. Simpkins, address Van Buren, Ark. The Association clerk, Bro. Ray Purdom is a worthy young preacher, and is superintendent of the Sunday school. Others I remember are Elder Ben Pixley of Rudy, Ark., Elder Church who was moderator, Bro. Joslin and there were several others, all giving a good testimony for the Master.

I met several visiting ministers, and among them were Bro. T. H. Dixon of Checotah, Okla., and Bro. Clark from Okla. Bro. W. F. McGee of Russellville, Ark. and Bro. T. J. Robertson of Charleston, Ark. were present, and several others from Arkansas. A Bro. Cecil from Tulsa, Okla. was also present and was a great help in the song service.

The Purdom home was my home while there, but I was in other homes and I enjoyed such Christian fellowship and hospitality that I long to go back again to the church at Ft. Smith.

## THE ORGANIC CHURCH

By Elder Annabelle Craig

Gathering—"The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be" (Gen. 49:10). The sceptre (staff on which to lean, or royal authority, shall not depart from Judah (praised), nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh (rest come; and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be.

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow into it" (Isaiah 2:2).

The Glory Kingdom and Victory of the Church—"But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and the people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion (sunny), and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem (founded in peace)" (Micah 4:1, 2).

"And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is the BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord" (Zech. 6:12).

A STONE—"The stone which the builders refused is become the headstone of the corner" (Psa. 118:22).

"Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes" (Matt. 21:42; Mark 12:10).

"Wherefore also it is contained in the scriptures, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious; but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, and a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed" (1 Peter 2:6-8).

A TRIED STONE—"And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered. And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone, that it be made bread" (Luke 4:1-3).

A FOUNDATION STONE—"Therefore thus saith the Lord, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste" (Isaiah 28:16).

THE FOUNDATION—"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ"

(1 Corinthians 3:11).

ORIGIN OF THE CHURCH—"And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God" (Luke 6:12). "And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him. And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach" (Mark 3:13).

"And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues" (1 Cor. 12:28).

"And this they did (gave money to poor saints), not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God" (2 Cor. 8:5).

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP INCREASED—"And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples; and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles" (Luke 6:13).

"And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (the number of names were about 120)" (Acts 1:15). "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41). "And they continued daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:46-47).

"Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand" (Acts 4:4). "And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women" (Acts 5:14).

"And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables" (Acts 6:1-2).

"And the word of God increased; and the number of disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith" (Acts 6:7). "And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily" (Acts 16:5).

### Members are Added to the Church.

BY FAITH—"Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations" (Rom. 14:1).

BY RECOMMENDATION—"And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus" (Acts 9:26-27).

Churches were established at different places—"Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount

called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey. And when they were come in, they went into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Phillip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. These all continued in one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of them and said" (Acts 1:12-15). This was the opening of the church doors to the Jews.

"And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles" (Acts 8:1).

"Then had the churches rest throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied" (Acts 9:31).

(To be continued)

### A GOOD SPORT

By Miss Martha Bush

Is there one reading this who cannot recall one or more times when with a group that someone hasn't said, "Come on, be a good sport?"

Have you ever thought of the significance that is attached to these words, "be a good sport?" Did you ever notice that it is used more often by non-Christians than by Christians? Did you ever notice that it is not used merely in petty matters, but in affairs that effect others materially and also spiritually? This is not taken seriously by the majority, yet it is from small things that larger things grow. If we should too often say, "Be a good sport," there are those who may decide that this is the right or proper attitude in which to govern oneself.

But what gives rise most often to its use? Is it not from someone's request to break some principle, however small it may seem? Perhaps it may begin with someone's playing a seemingly harmless prank, but it is impossible to know how much people suffer in order to let a few have their fun, yet in this case the sufferer must "be a good sport" and endure it. Then there are the more harmful practices that are drifted into all too easily.

I once had a teacher who was lecturing the students for their downtown behavior during the noon hour. I shall never forget the expression on her face, nor the emphasis she put on these words, "A good sport! I hate to be called a good sport!" To her it was abandoning virtue, a fault rather than a character-building motto, although unconsciously people have grown to regard it as a good quality.

### WATCH AND PRAY

By Miss Hazel Robberson

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (St. Luke 21:36).

Just a word on this verse of Scripture, as it appeals to me very much. We, as Christians, should be on the watch for His coming, as He has said that we do not know the day nor the hour of His coming.

Christ also said, "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth" (Luke 21:34, 35).

"If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come upon thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee" (Rev. 3:3). So it behooves us to always be watchful as well as prayerful. We should pray as He has said, "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1). I believe prayer is the important part, that we may not faint by the wayside; if we neglect prayer we are sure to faint. We should obey these things, "that we may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass."

In the chapter where this verse appears, Christ was telling of the signs before the last day. I believe we will have to live a consecrated life so that we may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass. Paul said, "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand" (Eph. 6:13).

But if we put our trust in Him, we know His grace is sufficient in every time of need. Then after having done all, by the help of the Lord, we will be able to stand before the Son of man.

### OVERTHROW OF BELSHAZZAR

Contributed by J. B. Rollins, Purdy, Mo.

Belshazzar is king! Belshazzar is lord!

And a thousand dark nobles all bend at his board;  
Fruits glisten, flowers bloom, meats steam, and a flood  
Of the wine that man loveth runs redder than blood:  
Wild dancers are there, and a riot of mirth,

And the beauty that maddens the passions of earth;  
And the crowds all shout, till the vast roofs ring,  
"All praise to Belshazzar, Belshazzar the king!"

"Bring forth!" cries the monarch, "the vessels of gold,  
Which my father tore down from the temple of old;  
Bring forth, and we'll drink, while the trumpets are blown,  
To the gods of bright silver, of gold, and of stone:

Bring forth!"—and before him the vessels all shine,  
And he bows unto Baal, and he drinks the dark wine;  
Whilst the trumpets bray, and the cymbals ring,  
"Praise, praise to Belshazzar, Belshazzar the king!"

What cometh? Look, look! Without menace or call?  
Who writes, with the lightning's bright hand, on the wall?  
What pierces the king, like the point of a dart?  
What drives the cold blood from his cheek to his heart?  
"Chaldeans! magicians! the letters expound!"

They are read—and Belshazzar is dead on the ground!  
Hark! the Persian is come, on a conquerer's wing:  
And a Mede's on the throne of Belshazzar the king!

—Byron Waller Proctor.

## F. W. B. LEAGUE REPORTS

### Carterville League Report

Dear Gem Readers:

I will give a report of Carterville League. Our league is on the stand-still just now, but we hope we will be able to do better work in the next quarter, God being our helper, and so many prayers going up for us.

Every Christian leaguer has a greater desire to work harder for our league since our League Rally in July, which was a great help to our league, as well as to others. We have a desire to attend the Association this year. Our league has never represented, but God being our helper, our delegates will be there.

We had a wonderful service Sunday morning, July 30th, in which our Sunday school was enjoyed, and then the Home Mission meeting, in which Bro. Davis gave us a wonderful message, and the dinner was served at the church. Our rally met at 1:30 p. m. with a spiritual program from every league. And we were very glad to have visitors from Hannon church in Barton county.

We are looking forward to the next rally at Macedonia church, October 29th. Hope to meet with representatives from each league in the Association.

We enjoy reading reports from other leagues, and ask an interest in your prayers.

Helen Stretch, Sec'y.

### Minutes of the Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Northeast Missouri League Association.

The Northeast Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist leagues met the 5th Sunday in July, 1933, with the Martinstown F. W. B. church. The president took charge of the meeting and called for a song, which was followed by prayer.

Bro. John Ewing gave an interesting League talk. The secretary read the minutes of the last fifth Sunday meeting and read the report of each league representing.

A very interesting and lengthy program was given by the league members.

After this the business part of the meeting was taken up and

disposed of, and new officers were elected as follows:

Reta Crooks, Pres., Worthington, Juanita Sevits, Vice Pr., Novinger, Mabel Fugate, Sec.-Tr., Greentop.

Rev. Willard Byrd was chosen to make the League talk at the next fifth Sunday meeting, which will meet in October at Shibley's Point. We were then dismissed.

Mabel Fugate, Sec'y.

### W. C. T. U. ITEMS

EDITOR'S NOTE.—The following is taken from the report of the W. C. T. U. Union meeting held at Liberal, Missouri, September 6, 1933, and was printed in *The Liberal News*, from which we have copied:

"Drys and wets alike are erroneously basing predictions on the old liquor trade and the old saloon. The drys picture the evils of the old saloon and the wets glory in the taxes the old liquor business paid. Both are in error: The wets are ninety per cent wrong in their estimate of beer taxes. The drys err in depicting the evils of the old saloon—when the new saloon is planned to be much more of a pest hole than the old one. The liquor business already chortling over repeal, is giving away its plans through liquor trade journals. Liquor men plan to make the new saloons so attractive and with so few restrictions that women and young girls will become the same hard drinkers American men were forty years ago. Brewery trade journals are advising brewers to quit advertising their products with adipose old burghers. In the place of the degenerate old soaks who would test the ability of modern medical science to put them in shape to do any job, the brewers are advised to advertise with idealized pictures of slender young women.

Meanwhile apathetic well wishers tell the W. C. T. U. the way to solve the liquor problem is not by legal and restricted measures—but by education. Well, the brewers are already on their way to educate the young people in more deathly misinformation about alcohol than can be removed by a decade of the quiet type of education many uninformed people are advising.

Beer propaganda pours into

millions of homes via radio; and the general attitude of American editors is appalling in its complete misunderstanding of the situation. Already beer drunkenness is increasing. Sleepy headed, beer-filled automobilists are responsible for accidents which are not receiving proper attention by the newspapers. Traffic mortalities are going up."

—Press Reporter.

### Chips From Elder T. C. Ferguson's Sermons.

Where is hell? Where you raise it.

Heaven would be hell for an unsaved soul.

It is easier to follow the crowd, but the crowd is often on the wrong road.

One of the most useless things in the world is anger.

What is a home? It should be a father's kingdom, a mother's world, a child's paradise.

Home is a place where we often grumble the most, when we are treated the best.

Home should be a place where a world of strife is shut out, and a world of love is shut in.

You must win people to yourself, before you can win them to Jesus.

Truth crushed to earth, will arise again, if you will try to raise it with truth.

The man who kills another man believes in capital punishment or he would not have killed him.

I am against everything that the devil is for.

Did you vote for whisky and the whisky joint? Then don't get mad if some one pukes on you.

Remember that the Gem is still published at Purdy, Mo., and that the price is reduced to 50c a year, 27 months for \$1.00, so everybody can afford to subscribe. Everything else is going up in price; so we may have to raise our price too. Better subscribe now.



**CLEMSCOT, OKLA., Aug. 11, 1933**

Dear Gem Readers:

If I may, I wish to drop in for a little while, and give a brief report of our church and work here.

I certainly enjoy reading the Gem and hearing from other workers in God's great vineyard; it does my soul good to know that so many Free Will Baptist churches are on the firing line for Jesus, also to know that so many are endorsing the Gem, and most all of our members are taking it. We certainly think it is a fine paper. We are sending eleven subscriptions by Brother and Sister Stafford at this time for the Gem.

Brother and Sister Brown, I almost feel that I know you both, Bro. and Sister Stafford have told us so much about you folks. They certainly think a lot of you folks.

Our church members will always love Bro. and Sister Stafford for the great work they did in establishing our church here. They organized with only six (6) members, and now we have a large membership, and our church is still growing. When our church was established here most of our members were young in the Lord. But Bro. and Sister Stafford shouldered the burdens of the church, and now we are blessed with many workers, and we all have a mind to work. The Lord has also sent us a wonderful pastor, Bro. T. Maynard. He and Sister Maynard are a father and mother to all of us, and we love them.

We have a Senior and Junior league and fine sponsors who are taking a great interest in their work.

We also have a strong mission circle here. We believe in endorsing all of the Free Will Baptist organizations and being a genuine Free Will Baptist, for united we stand: divided we fall. I want to say to the Home Mission world, Let us all stand firm and carry on this great work for the Lord. A home mission circle is a strength to the church.

Our ladies here quilt quilts for people, to make money for our treasury. We save a revival fund each year by doing that—each one tries to make some money; some sell eggs, milk, vegetables, and some sew. In fact we do anything we can, that is honest, to make money. We save a charity fund for Christmas the same way.

We have given a large number of grocery showers to the poor and needy of our community and made a large number of sick calls the past year. We believe we can line up to Matthew

25:31-40 by carrying on this work. I could tell you a number of other things that we are doing, only I would take up so much space. Please don't think I'm boasting, I just want to give the Lord the praise for what He has done for us. We really have suffered trials and persecutions. The opposing power has tried in every way to tear up our church, but we have been able to overcome by the precious blood of Jesus.

Dear readers, no matter how Satan tries to devour us, if we stay humble at the feet of Jesus, no harm can come to us; for if the Lord is for us, who can be against us?

Brother and Sister Carter of Tuskegee, Okla. held a wonderful revival here this summer. We all learned to love them truly, and hope they can be with us again.

I humbly ask the prayers of all you Gem readers for our church and all of its branches, and also my home and family. My husband is an ordained deacon and we are only two years old in the Lord. We feel our weakness, but are determined to live for Jesus. Love to all.

Mrs. Ed. Gilliam,

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**ASSOCIATIONS**

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.

**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.