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## A WONDERFUL FOOD

By J. M. Doughty

This food was known to ancient peoples. It is often mentioned in the Bible. Milch (milk) is the name our German forefathers gave to this wonderful food.

Julius Caesar, who was one of the world's greatest generals, testified to the great food value of milk. Caesar easily defeated all the nations he met in battle except one tribe in Northwest Europe. It was with the greatest difficulty that he overcame this little nation. He said that people of this tribe were very hard to conquer because they were very strong, as they drank no liquor, but drank milk.

So today people, who want health and great strength, do not drink intoxicating liquors, but drink whole milk.

The more scientists study milk, the more its great food value is appreciated.

The chemist has found that milk contains butter fat, albumen, casein, sugar, ash and water.

Butter is the best form of food fat known and there is no real substitute for butter. Butter furnishes energy to the body and also provides the body with vitamins to fight disease germs. Scientists have found that butter is especially beneficial to the eyes. The drinking of new whole milk provides the body with the best form of butter fat. Each person should drink whole milk each day. Each child should have three glasses of whole milk each day. The skimming of milk takes out much of the flavor, as well as the butter. Nearly all children like milk if the milk is not skimmed, and is properly cooled immediately after being taken from the cow. Any one can cool milk easily by putting milk in glass fruit jar and setting jar in a vessel of water so that water comes up on outside

of jar as high as milk does on inside of jar. It is perhaps as much the parents' duty to provide children with whole milk as it is to furnish them with bread.

Albumen and casein, the white part of milk, nourish the muscles and nerves.

Milk sugar furnishes the body with energy and helps in the digestion of other foods.

Ash is the mineral part of the milk. The lime in the ash of milk is the best source of lime for the building of the bones of the body. It is said that children assimilate or use practically all of the lime of milk. Milk for children should not be boiled as the heat in boiling makes the lime indigestible, and weak bones are the result. The pasteurization of milk, or heating to 160 degrees Fahrenheit does not seriously injure milk. Milk may be pasteurized in the home by putting jar of milk in vessel of cool water on stove and heating milk to 145 to 160 degrees and then removing milk from the vessel of warm water and cooled in air, and then set in vessel of cold water. A cloth should be put in bottom of vessel where milk is to be pasteurized so that milk jar will not rest on bottom of vessel.

All milk vessels should be thoroughly washed and placed in sunshine when empty to prevent bad flavors forming in milk.

## FREE WILL BAPTISTS ARE DISTINCT

By J. R. Hunt

The question, "What are Free Will Baptists?" and, "What distinguishes Free Will Baptists from other Baptists?" is often asked by interested, but uninformed, people in communities where ALL of the Baptist groups are not well known. These are pertinent questions, and deserving of comprehensive reply, since the subject

of religion affects the social structure of the entire civilized world. I am not undertaking at this time, however, to perform the arduous task of an unabridged comprehension of such a broad and absorbing society as the Free Will Baptists are, for there are slightly divergent views on non-essentials, which fact holds good in all religious societies, including the other Baptist bodies, and sometimes on the subject of baptism, the tenet philosophy that merited our primitive appellation. It is my hope, in preparing this abbreviated narrative, to give the busy man or woman that cannot take time for a lengthy investigation, but desires to know the distinguishing devotion that makes Free Will Baptists fundamentally different from other Baptists, the gist of tenet beliefs that identify Free Will Baptists as a distinct society of believers in Jesus Christ, and thereby intercept a possible ex-parte opinion on the part of some interested inquirer. The word "Baptist" immediately identifies the various groups to the common public, as immersers, but, in the ranks of Baptists there are divergent opinions on this subject, which holds good within the ranks of the individual groups. Therefore, I shall observe some Bible subjects upon which there is a broader difference between the Free Will Baptists and other Baptists. I shall not quarrel with our disagreeing brethren, but, with apologetic boldness, suggest that we are justified in an agreement to disagree.

## THE NEW BIRTH

First, and above all things else, Free Will Baptists are Christians; born of the Spirit of God (John 3:7). This, we believe, is by grace, through faith (Eph. 2:8), wholly predicated upon repentance, and acceptance of Jesus Christ as the only medium of de-

liverance from sin, with no definitely pre-fixed day or hour that it must become operative in the individual. We believe that the new birth will be evidenced by a desire of the convert to be received by baptism, into the visible, or militant, church, and to walk in all her ordinances. By the new birth the individual is made new. Old things pass away, and all things become new (2 Cor. 5:17). Jesus Christ becomes the One altogether lovely (Cant. 5:16), the things that he once hated he now loves, and in this new life in Christ Jesus he is free from sin (Rom. 6:18), and free from the law of sin and death (Rom. 8:2), to live in the newness of this new life. His walk will be godly, his life will be fruitful in holiness, and subsequently a warm and strong impulse to entire consecration. He will not be a sinner by practice, but a colaborer with Jesus Christ for the salvation of sinners. Being born from above, he is a child of God, and will bear the image of his Father, and the likeness of Jesus Christ his elder brother.

### PREDESTINATION

We believe that predestination has its fullest expression in the person and provision of Jesus Christ, who took upon himself a body of flesh that he might complete the predestinated purpose of God to redeem men from sin, for whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16). Therefore, we do not believe that God predestinated certain individuals for heaven and certain other individuals for hell, but that He predestinated in Jesus Christ full atonement for all men, and that every accountable person, at some time or times, is convicted of sin and can be saved then if they will. We believe that particular election is to the extent that God elected all men unto salvation through Jesus Christ, unto holiness and righteousness all the days of their (new) life, and that every one that will accept shall attain unto it through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth (2 Thes. 2:13; 1 Peter 1:2), for God has predestinated us unto holiness (Eph. 1:4), that we might be in Christ Jesus (1 Cor. 1:30),

to will and to do of His good pleasure (Phil. 2:13).

### APOSTASY

We believe that man, being created in the likeness and image of God, fell from his holy estate by his own will and disobedience. His posterity, therefore, though they inherited his fallen nature, have their freedom of will, and their privilege to exercise their will is not taken away when they are redeemed from sin, because redemption is by grace through faith, conditional upon turning away from sin (repentance), and perseverance is, consequently, dependent upon continuing in the faith. Hence, we believe that a person that has been born of the Spirit, may lapse into involuntary sin, and subsequently commit final apostasy and be lost in hell, but the backslider that commits final apostasy will have to be deliberate and wilful in it, for God has said, "I am married to the backslider" (Jer. 3:14), and the backslider will have to get a divorce from God before he can be finally lost. We see, therefore, that there is a difference between backsliding and falling from grace; the former being a lapse into involuntary disobedience, and the latter being a wilful and deliberate blasphemy against the Holy Ghost, for which there remaineth no more sacrifice. We believe that children of God often lapse into unintentional straying away from God, and that the Spirit maketh intercession for them with groanings which cannot be uttered, and that almost all of them return to God, but we believe that it is possible for one to stray away and then blaspheme unto eternal death, tho it is very improbable. (To be continued)

### WHAT THOSE NOT BORN AGAIN SHALL MISS

By Miss Faye Savage

"Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3: 3).

You may hear the songs of Zion, which are sung here; but one song—that of Moses and the Lamb—the uncircumcised ear shall never hear; its melody will only gladden the ears of those who have been born again.

Brothers and sisters, you may look

upon the beautiful mansions of earth, but bear in mind, the mansions which Christ has gone to prepare, you shall never see, unless you are born again.—It is God who says it!

You may see ten thousand beautiful things in this world; but the city that Abraham caught a glimpse of, and from that time became a pilgrim and sojourner, you shall never see, unless born again (Heb. 11:8, 10-16).

You may be often invited to marriage feasts here; but you will never attend the marriage supper of the Lamb, except you are born again.—It is God who says it.

Dear friends, you may be looking on the face of your mother or father tonight, and feel that she or he is praying for you; but the time will come when you shall never see her or him any more, unless you are born again.

The reader may be a young man or a young lady who has recently stood by the bedside of a dying mother or father; and she or he may have said, "Be sure to meet me in Heaven," and you made the promise, but you shall never see her or him any more, unless you are born again.

I believe Jesus of Nazareth rather than those infidels who say you don't need to be born again. Parents, if you hope to see your children who have gone before, you must be born of the Spirit. Possibly you are a father or mother who has recently borne a loved one to the grave; and, oh, how dark home seemed! never more will you see your child, unless you are born again. If you wish to be reunited to your loved one, you must be born again.

I may be addressing a father or mother who has a loved one up yonder. If you could hear that loved one's voice, it would say, "Come this way."

Have you a friend up yonder, young man or young lady? Have you not a father or mother in the world of light? If you could hear her or him speak, would not she or he say, "Come this way, my son, my daughter?" If you would see her or him any more, you must be born again.

We all have an elder Brother up there; nearly nineteen hundred years ago He crossed over, and from the heavenly shores He is calling you to Heaven. Let us turn our backs upon the world; let us give a deaf ear to the world; let us look to Jesus on the cross, and be saved; then we shall

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THE CO-OPERATIVE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

met in called session with Tulsa Free Will Baptist church, December 14, 15, 16, 1933.

Bro. Winford Davis, Bro. Noel Turner and myself left Purdy Thursday morning and arrived at Tulsa in the afternoon. We found that many had been there all day, and that they had spent the day with worship, preaching, testimony and song.

Preaching Thursday night by Elders J. F. Miller and E. O. O'Donnell. Text, 2 Tim. 4:2, "Preach the Word."

Friday morning session opened with singing. The clerk read 1 Cor. 2:1-16 for a Scripture lesson and Bro. O'Donnell led in prayer.

The clerk then declared a quorum present for transaction of business and called the assistant moderator, Eld. Winford Davis, to the chair, the moderator being absent.

A credentials committee was appointed, and passed favorably on all delegates and preachers present. About 60 ordained ministers and delegates enrolled.

Elder Melvin Bingham, pastor of the Tulsa Free Will Baptist church, Bro. John N. Pryor and Bro. Conner were appointed on the pulpit committee and they made appointments and arrangements for divine services each day at 11 o'clock a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. The preaching was really good and the house was well filled at every service.

At eleven o'clock Friday a. m. Sister Tommie Franklin and Bro. Selph Jones conducted the service. Scripture lesson from the 5th chapter of 2 Cor. Subject, "Ambassadors for Christ."

The Friday night service opened with a really good song and praise service. Then Bro. G. W. Scott, Jr. brought us a wonderful message. Text, Job 14:14, "If a Man Die, Shall He Live Again?" An altar call was made and a man and a woman came seeking Christ.

At eleven o'clock a. m. Saturday Bro. Winford Davis brought us a good message. Subject, "Choosing a Bride For Isaac" (Genesis 24). Again the invitation was given and three came to the altar.

The writer consented to stay for the Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night services. We had a good congregation at each service and enjoyed being there, and the Lord blessed us in every effort, and we sincerely hope that every one got good out of these services. We think that Bro. Bingham has a real church to pastor. He loves and appreciates the flock he has to feed, and they love and respect their shepherd.

Two committees were appointed: Resolutions committee—Elders A. B. Talbert, J. F. Miller, O. L. Allen, E. E. Morris, W. H. Carter. Finance committee—Elders B. F. Brown, J. L. Waltman and E. O. O'Donnell.

While these committees were making up their reports, verbal reports were given of the work over the field. Many very successful revivals were reported, with conditions generally better than usual.

Resolutions committee submitted two resolutions, one to disband the Co-operative General Association and one to organize a Western Conference.

Motion carried to receive the report for discussion, and after some discussion on the proposition

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Thayer, Missouri, Nov. 25, 1933.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I am sending in three subscriptions for the Gem, which is to me a jewel above all papers. I thank God for the inspiration we get from reading it.

I just feel thankful for life and the blessings of life. As this is near to Thanksgiving Day, when we think of life, we know that it is a gift of God. "Every good and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of light, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." "For in him we live and move and have our being." This being the natural life, what shall we do with it? All men have a right to live their lives as they please, if it pleases God, the Creator, and Preserver of life.

"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it" (Mark 8:35). John 12:25 brings the thought direct, "He shall keep it unto life eternal."

The first commandment with promise was obedience to parents, that thou mayest live long on the earth, though it be a three score and ten years, that is a short time compared with eternity. James describes life as vapor, that appeareth for a little while, then vanisheth away. God forbid that we take this precious life and live it after the lust of the flesh, for he that loveth his life shall lose it. 1 Kings 18:21—"How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him."

"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to the one and despise the other, ye cannot serve God and mammon."

Mammon is riches and wealth, and is corruptible. No wonder the world is in the condition it is today, generally speaking; men are searching and laboring for that which satisfieth not the soul. These men are the enemies of the cross of Christ. God help that they may be won for Christ.

There is nothing in this world too good and too precious to be given up for the Lord. Phil. 3:8, "Yea doubtless and I count all

things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ." There is only one sure way of being blest and that is in the service of God our Creator and Christ our Redeemer. Rom. 8:2—"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." When we are born of the Spirit of God, the soul is filled and thrilled with the Spirit and is made alive unto God, and dead unto sin.

John 17:3—"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent."

To know God is life, peace and happiness. How shall we live this life? Gal. 2:20—"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." By faith we live and have access to the throne of grace.

May God's blessings rest upon all His people and His Spirit guide to the shore of sweet deliverance. There we shall ever be with Him through all eternity.

Your Bro. in Christ,

Elder Harry Beatty.

Pocahontas, Arkansas, Dec. 5th.

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers: Words cannot express how we appreciate the little Gem paper. I think every one should take it: but never before did it mean so much to us as since we attended the State Association and met so many of its writers. We even had the honor of meeting the dear old editor; and now it seems just like getting a letter from home.

Our home church is doing fine, with Elder G. W. Million as our pastor. He sure is wonderful, a devoted man of God. Bro. Ernest Riggs preached at our church (Sharum) Sunday. His subject was "Peace." I tell you it was a wonderful message. Bro. Ralph Staten, another one of our fine young preachers, will preach at Sharum Wednesday night.

Our Sunday school is doing fine.

If Mrs. Dillard of Grubbs sees

this letter, please drop me a line, and I will return the favor. Also the little Blue Bird quartet of Blues Chapel church.

Dear Bro. Brown: I told you when I met you at the State Association I would try to get up some subscribers for our little Gem paper; so I am sending you seven (7) new subscribers at 50c each.

I am closing now, hoping this will escape the wastebasket: and asking prayer for us and our sweet son who is only ten. We want to rear him up in the way that will please the Lord.

Your Bro. and sister in Christ,  
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sutton.

Stella, Missouri, Dec. 8, 1933

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

As I sit here this beautiful winter afternoon, studying this wonderful old Book, the Bible, I am made to wonder what all the "Gem" children are doing.

When we begin to study about how merciful the Lord has been to us, we should want to say with Peter when he said, "Though all the world turn aside, Lord, I will never leave thee." Then, after we have said it, we should prove to Him that we mean to do it.

I think so many times of what Matt. 23:24 says concerning the Pharisees, "Ye blind guides which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel." It seems that people who are supposed to be teaching, preaching, and living like Christ, are today trying to leave out the more weightier matters, and bring into the church things that even Christ himself would rebuke if he were here in person. We as pastors too often try to bring things before our churches that are to no avail so far as our Christian life is concerned. One is saying, "What must I preach to my church then?" The people who have religion enough to live for Christ are tired of this soothing preaching that lets them sleep all through the preaching service. They want to know how to live better, and have power with God and man. I wouldn't give very much of my time to a minister who couldn't help me get closer to Christ.

We have swallowed the camel and are trying to strain at a little gnat. We let the essential things

go to keep from hurting some person's toes.

What must I preach to my people then? The churches are filled on this new idea of a good moral life and sign a card religion. I know pastors who laugh at the idea of the old mourners' bench, and they say, "All that is needed is to confess and be baptized." Why, there never was a thing born in water but frogs and wiggle-tails.

The thing we need to do is to cry aloud and spare not. If you hit me in the "sparing not," why, God bless you, I will not go down to my neighbor and tell them that I am going to have my name taken off the church book. If that is all the religion we have, we had better repent and accept Christ.

May God bless each of us and help us to see that the day is far spent and the night is at hand.

Yours for Jesus,

Elder Cecil Campbell.

### Report of Meeting at Carterville

On October 16, 1933, I went to my church at Carterville for my regular appointment, and while there we began the meeting. Bro. Ele Shahan, a Missionary Baptist came over on Monday evening. We began the meeting with good interest and lots of spirit.

We continued for two weeks, and then came to a terrible end by a car wreck. We were returning home on Sunday night, when some boys hit us and completely wrecked our car, and Bro. Shahan received a broken arm and other injuries.

We had eight conversions and since have had seven additions to the church.

Eld. Cecil Campbell.

### Monett, Missouri, Nov. 11, 1933.

Dear Brother Brown:

Am sending a partial report of the revival at Monett. Meeting began Nov. 6th. Elder Noel Turner, pastor of the Free Will Baptist church at Aurora assisted in this meeting. About nineteen conversions and renewals are reported, seven additions to the church, with others planning to come in soon.

Last Sunday, November 26th, we baptized nine, Elder W. K.

Weston assisting in the baptizing. The Protestant Methodist of Old Liberty church had six candidates to baptize at the same time. God gave us a glorious baptismal service.

Our meeting will probably continue until the first Sunday in December, at which time we plan to go to Mountain Grove, Mo. to assist the pastor, Bro. Dauber in a meeting.

May God continue to bless His people.

Elder O. T. Allred.

### Flat River Free Will Baptist Church Notes for November, 1933

Flat River, Mo., Dec. 9th.

Services are well attended with increasing crowds almost every Sunday.

Average Sunday school attendance, 200.

Thursday night prayer meeting well attended, average 65.

League attendance average 98.

The pastor, Bro. J. F. Miller, has been preaching a series of sermons from the Book of Revelation at the morning services, which have been very inspiring and uplifting. Evening services in the evangelistic order, with an old fashioned praise service, where everyone takes a part and feels at home.

We are planning for a special League program next Sunday.

During the month of November we lost one of our worthy members. Death claimed Mrs. Grace McBride, wife of Bert McBride.

Bro. and Sister Miller are planning to attend the Conference at Tulsa, Okla. Dec. 14, 15, and 16th. Mrs. Raymond LaBrot, Reporter.

### Van Buren, Ark., R3, Dec. 11th.

Dear Brother in Christ:

You will find enclosed one dollar (\$1.00), for which please enter my subscription to the Gem.

I enjoyed so much to read the copies I have been permitted to read in the past, yet I was unable to subscribe until now.

Bro. Wilson of Charleston, Ark. will think I've been a long time keeping my promise to subscribe to the Gem, but it wasn't because I wanted to delay; I've really wanted the paper all the time. Better late than never I guess,

but I don't favor 11th hour salvation; a poor lost soul might not last until the eleventh hour.

To those of you readers who do not know me (which is most of you) I have this to say, "I am just another of those unprofitable servants whom the Father has adopted, and is caring for—saved alone by the shed blood of Jesus Christ—I have done so little for Him, He has done so much for me; as the song says, 'I want to love Him more.'"

Brothers, sisters, readers of the Gem, pray for me, that God will have His way with me. As one of His ministers for nearly six and one-half years, His child for nearly nine years, and still practically unable to stand at 25 years of age; I feel that I need more of His love in my heart to help me on in His way.

I am devotedly one of your fellow readers, one of your brothers in Christ. Everybody pray for me and mine when it goes well with you.

Lloyd N. Weese.

### Report of Douglas Cunyut Q. M.

The Douglas County Quarterly meeting convened with the Harmony church on Friday, Oct. 27th at 3:00 o'clock p. m.

Conference was called to order by the moderator, Elder C. J. Smith. Bro. Smith read a Scripture lesson from 1 Peter III.

Prayer by Elder T. B. Marler. Introductory sermon preached by Elder Sheddie Medlock, using 1 Cor. 3:9 for a text.

Eld. J. W. Silvey was elected moderator, and Eld. O. L. Claxton assistant moderator.

The following committees were appointed: Credential committee—Elders C. J. Smith, Sheddie Medlock and L. M. Marler.

Business committee—Elders T. B. Marler, J.H. Claxton, E. Peters.

Committee on Divine Service—Brothers W. Cardwell, Bill Wingo and Sister Ada Wingo.

Ten ordained ministers were present, four ordained deacons, one church clerk, and delegates from five churches: Girdner, Pleasant Ridge, Breeden Fairview and Harmony.

Preaching services Friday night were conducted by Elders J. W. Silvey and O. L. Claxton.

Saturday morning was spent in discussion of queries which had been assigned to different ones before the quarterly meeting met.

Saturday afternoon we took up the regular routine of business.

Voted to send next quarterly meeting to Pleasant Ridge church.

Brothers Paul Johns and O. H. Bass were examined by the Q. M. for license to preach. They were found worthy and were granted license to preach for one year.

Eld. O. L. Claxton was elected Sunday school missionary to cooperate with the Sunday school missionary of Union Association.

Evangelist reports he held one meeting of 14 nights duration, and had a wonderful meeting. Evangelist was paid, but no new evangelist was elected.

Upon request of Eld. C. M. Dauber he was granted a letter of recommendation to Wright Co. quarterly meeting.

Collection for clerk, \$1.70.

Adjournment till 8:30 Sunday morning.

The stand was filled at 8:00 o'clock services Saturday night by Eld. Claud Smith, followed by Communion and feet-washing services.

Sunday morning we finished up the work of the quarterly meeting, dismissed all committees and adjourned the Q. M. until Friday before the fifth Sunday in Dec.

Sunday school at 10:00 o'clock.

Preaching at eleven o'clock by Elders J. F. Marler and O. H. Bass.

We invite all who will, to help us in our next quarterly meeting.

J. W. Silvey, Moderator,  
Arthur Lund, Clerk.

### Alabama State Conference

The original Free Will Baptist Conference convened at Mt. Harmony church, Tuesday evening, October 24, 1933, with N. J. Dupree presiding and Rev. M. L. Hollis, clerk.

Music was directed by Prof. L. E. Parker. Tuesday evening the devotional was led by the local pastor, Rev. M. L. Hollis.

Rev. J. L. Conner preached the introductory sermon.

The body met Wednesday morning at 9:00 o'clock. Rev. J. L. Lavender led the devotional.

Sermon at eleven o'clock by Rev. M. A. Thompson who delivered an impressive sermon.

At one o'clock p. m. the devotional was led by Rev. J. F. Ashmore. After this a round table discussion, in which several talks were given, and were profitable to the conference. At 2:30 o'clock the devotional was led by Dewey Jordan. Sermon by Rev. W. D. Martain.

Wednesday evening at 7:00 o'clock the devotional was led by M. J. Dupree. Sermon at 7:30 by Rev. J. H. Haas, which was enjoyed.

Thursday morning at 9:00 a. m. devotional was led by Rev. J. D. Byars. What the State Conference Should Mean to the Free Will Baptist of Alabama was discussed by several. This was interesting, for we know it means much to us; it held us together through all trials and difficulties.

At eleven o'clock Rev. J. T. Tilly brought the message.

At 1:00 p. m. the devotional was led by Rev. J. F. Ashmore. Rev. T. L. Walker preached at 2:30 o'clock.

Thursday evening Rev. J. S. Fredrick brought the last message.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were:

Rev. M. L. Hollis, Moderator.

M. J. Dupree, Ass't Moderator.

Prof. L. E. Parker, Clerk.

The next session will meet with Brilliant church on Monday after the fourth Sunday in Oct., 1934.

The State Conference began in the old time way with a revival. This session is said to be the best one held in years. Everyone reported that they had been benefited by going to the conference. The church and community are to be commended on the splendid manner they took care of the conference.

Nellie Dupree, Field Sec'y.

Hartville, Missouri, Dec. 6, 1933.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I get lots of enjoyment out of reading our good paper, the Gem. As I have never written before, thought I would write a few lines.

We had all day services Thanksgiving at Coon Creek church. Brothers John Ratterree and Tom Edwards filled the stand in the

morning and Bro. Homer Smith preached a wonderful sermon in the afternoon, and organized a league for us. We hope and pray that the league will be a success.

Bro. Neal Moore is our pastor and every one enjoys hearing him preach the Gospel. As it is now, there is so much hatred and strife among the people, even the church members (not Christians), that it takes the plain Gospel to reach them. Now, if we want to get to heaven, where we can be with our Lord, we can't have hatred and malice in our hearts, and I sure want to make heaven my home, for I know I have a loving mother and a sweet little girl (Velma) waiting for me. My little girl was eleven years old when the Lord took her home March 1, 1933, and on March 11, 1933, my mother was called home to be with Jesus. She prayed, shouted and sang on her death bed, and said little Velma had come after her; and asked us to meet her in heaven. No one but the Lord knows the lonely and sad hours that have past since then. I don't see how I have lived without them, but the Lord said He wouldn't burden us more than we could bear.

Since my mother was called home to glory, I have often thought about what Sister Alice Burney said to me one time when we were talking about our good mothers, and she said to me, "I don't believe life would be half so sweet without mother, and I find that it is true. Mother is the best friend on earth, and when she is gone, there is no other."

I well remember the little eleven year old girl, Hazel Smith, who wanted us to remember her in prayer. May God bless the little girl. When I read of these little girls, and see them, it makes me think of my dear little angel in heaven, and, oh how my heart does bleed. I have only one little boy left, he is nine years old, his name is Irving. I want to raise him up for the Lord. I have turned him over to the Lord and I am praying that he will just give his whole life to the Lord.

The Lord said in Revelation, chapter 21, that He would wipe away all tears from our eyes, and that there would be no sickness,

nor pain, sorrow or death there, wont that be a wonderful place to be; if we miss that place, we have missed it all. So, dear friends, let us all try to live better and closer to the Lord each day, so that we might reach that wonderful home. There we wont have to say good bye to our friends and loved ones.

I want to ask every Gem reader to remember me in prayer, and that I may live a life for Jesus. That is my whole desire.

May God bless and save you all.

A broken hearted mother,

Mrs. Sybil Baker.

## PROGRAM

### For the Ministers' Conference

To be held with Union Grove or Caudle church, two miles north of Norwood, Missouri, beginning January 8th at night, and ending January 12, 1934.

Beginning with the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, including sixteen (16) chapters.

Teacher for the first day, Elder J. E. Burney.

Teacher for the second day, Elder Homer Smith.

Teacher for the third day, Elder G. W. Scott, Jr.

Teacher for the fourth day, Elder O. L. Allen.

Introductory sermon by Elders John Oxley and Homer Smith.

G. W. Scott, Sr.,

Homer Smith,

Committee Tom Edwards,

J. E. Burney,

John Oxley.

### STAHL, MISSOURI, Dec. 16th.

Dear Bro. Brown:

Just closed a short revival near Leonard, Mo., resulting in seven conversions and a spiritual revival in the church. This was the first meeting held in the church for ten years. They are planning on a Sunday school and regular services.

Will fill my regular appointment at Green today, and will begin a revival here the fifth Sunday.

Sure pleased with the splendid reports of revivals among the churches.

Yours for the Master,

C. E. Mann.

### MT,N GROVE, MO., Dec., 1933.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I feel today that I would like to write a few lines as I never get tired of serving my good Master, and the more I serve Him the more I want to serve Him and want my life in this world to be such that I wont care who follows in my footsteps, so that my sinner friends may see by my daily walk that I am a child of the King.

I want to so live in this old world of sin and sorrow that when my body is sleeping under the sod it wont be said that I was a stumbling block in anyone's way because I partook of worldly pleasures, such as going to parties, dances, swimming pools, Sunday ball games, and many other things I could mention.

Dear children of God, let's be up and about our Father's work, for sin is forcing every way that can be thought of to get our souls lost. O, how we should all be praying! I want to so live that my life will be what God would have it be, and that sinners may seek their soul's salvation while they have the time and not put it off, for we know not what time we will be called to meet the great Judge of all judges, and O, how sad if we have not on the wedding garment! How thankful I am that I gave my life to God when I was young, and each day of my life I pray God from the very bottom of my heart to ever keep me in the blessed way that my life may ever be Christ-like, that when I speak to someone about their soul's salvation that it wont be thrown in my face to practice what I preach, as I have heard it being done.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we must serve God each day of our lives if we expect to have any influence with sinners. We must love one another, pray for one another and always do good for evil, and, dear souls of God, we will each treat our brother or sister as we wish to be treated if we love God because in John 4:20 it plainly says, "If a man say I love God and hateth his brother (which means our Bro. or sister in the church), 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?" We should all love our brethren

more, for love is of God.

I do so enjoy reading our little paper. I pray the time will soon come when we can get it into each home. May God's richest blessings ever abide with our good editor and his wife.

May God help us each day to use the Royal telephone, that the wires may not get disconnected, and the wires that run from our souls to Jesus may not get rusty, because if we do not use the telephone it wont be long until we feel ourselves losing hold on God and Satan gaining our souls.

I ask an interest in the prayers of each one who reads this, that I may ever be what God would have me be.

I am now staying in Mountain Grove with a middle aged lady who is an invalid, almost, but is a good Christian woman.

I am so thankful to God that I had the blessed privilege of attending the State Association at our Oak Grove church, and meeting so many of our dear brothers and sisters in Christ. The Gem will be so much more interesting since we have been blessed with meeting so many of God's children, and one of these days, if we live faithful to the end of our time we will all meet around the great White throne of God where we wont have to part.

Pray for me.

Your sister in Christ,

Miss Daisy Raney.

### AURORA, MISSOURI, Dec. 11th.

Dear Gem Readers:

We have been members of the Free Will Baptist church for only a short time. But we cannot express how glad we are that God has permitted us to be one of you.

Although we may be strangers to most of you, we are not strangers to God.

This morning we feel impressed to write and tell all of you that we thank God for you people, and the great work you have been carrying on. With the help of God we hope to co-operate with you and do all we can for the up-building of the cause of Christ.

We are sending our first subscription to the Gem. We have read a few of the late numbers that were loaned to us by our friends. Each writing has been



an inspiration to us. Did it ever occur to you that passing this paper on to your friends might be the means of leading them into the unspeakable joy of Christ's companionship, and into a life of Christian service? Often times we think of God's love and our love working together.

Modern life with its speed, freedom, covetousness and disobedience has its dangers, but God's love, which is the old foundation, stands firm. Discontent, hate, misfortune, sorrow, temptations, all can be overcome by God's love and our love. Every one is placed here by God for some purpose that He alone understands. He will lead us in His great love to do well His work. Love for Him and humanity must be our compelling urge. He has given each certain gifts, certain advantages, certain opportunities. Let us do our utmost with material on hand to make our lives a success, knowing that the influence of a heart, and a life filled with the love of God, will under God's blessings work together for good.

May we all make all life religious by the simple method of helping Jesus to help love win in this world which so much needs it.

May God bless every one of you, and we hope all of you will pray for us, that we may ever be faithful in doing service for our Lord.

The four Apple Sisters.

### DRUMRIGHT, OKLAHOMA

Dec. 10, 1933.

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown, and all the good Readers of the Gem: It has been a long time since I have written to our good paper, but it has just been through neglect, for I really like to read it.

It was voted in our last Mission circle meeting that we have a reporter, that we might report our good work each month; and, as I am secretary of our circle, it was pushed off on me. I am not very crazy about my job, but I am willing to do anything to advance the cause of Christ, and we believe if anything can advance the cause, it is the great Mission work.

We hope to see the time when all Free Will Baptist churches have a Mission work. I know that some of our churches don't have it, and you will find that they are

not on fire for God as they should be; but most every church in First Mission Association has a good Mission work.

We meet once a week at the church, then we have our monthly meetings when we all come together. We have five churches in our circle. Sister Smith is reporter for the circle at Tulsa. They meet the second Friday and we meet on the first Friday in each month. We visit each other's meetings quite often, and it gives us a great up-lift.

Last Friday, Dec. 1st we met at Cushing church. Bro. Waltman is their good pastor, and we had a wonderful time.

Cushing reported that in the last month they had quilted one quilt, the mission workers had cleaned the church, had made new curtains and put them up, made 69 sick calls, read 630 chapters. Their president is Sister Walker, and Sister Mae Waltman is their secretary-treasurer.

Drumright church reports that they are out of a pastor just now, as their faithful pastor felt the call to go to Texas; we pray God's blessings upon him. They have a fine president, Sister DeJarnett, and their secretary is Sister Christian; so they are going right on with the good work. They have quilted a quilt for the Old Ministers' Home, given clothing, also household goods to some people who had a burn out, also a miscellaneous shower, and have made a great many sick calls.

We had a fine report from Vance Chapel church. Bro. Epperson is their good pastor; Sister Faust is president; Sister Rosebaugh, Sec. They have just had a great revival. Bro. Melvin Bingham did the preaching. Something like 56 souls were saved, and a great number added to the church. They have tacked three quilts and quilted two more, made a number of sick calls, gave pastor a nice shower, also Grandma Marrs a fine shower. The work is sure going over the top.

Jennings gave in a fine report not to have any larger church than they have: They have called a new pastor, Eld. Curby. Bro. Perkins resigned as he has had a hard spell of sickness, but he has done a fine work there, and we pray God's blessings upon him, also their new pastor as he is just

young in the work, but is sure on fire for God. Sister Dieknison is their president, and Sister Casy is secretary. They have been helping the poor and needy, and had more calls for clothes and food than they could supply, and they have made a lot of sick calls.

We had a fine report from the Arber Dale church. Sister Fincher is their good pastor. She organized a church there some time in August, and they are going right over the top. They have a fine Mission work and are always busy. They are building a new church house, and are coming right along with it.

The Blue Bell church was not present at our last meeting, the first time they have ever missed, but they have a fine mission and always have a good report each month. They have as their pastor Bro. Hillard, another one of our new preachers, but he knows how to push right to the front.

Now, this is the last monthly report of our five churches in our circle and we will be sending our report each month, and we trust as you read this others will get the Mission spirit.

We had with us as visitors Bro. Harry Staires and wife, also Sister Sales from the Tulsa circle. We had Bro. Staires to bring the message. His text was, "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."

We ask all of you good readers to pray for us all, and that every church may be led by God's Holy Spirit, and whatever he says to do, that we will do.

Yours for the cause of Christ,  
Rev. Hattie Newman.

### NIANGUA, MISSOURI

Dear Gem Readers:

I have been thinking of the revival meeting that was held at our church (Amity), and of the good that was done. Eld. Wid McClanahan was the preacher, and our pastor, Elder Selph Jones, was there part of the time. We were truly thankful for the good sermons that were preached.

Bro. Selph Jones has been our pastor at Amity for the last nine years. He has been lots of help to our church. He gave me a Bible for my birthday, August 10, 1933. I was so thankful for it. I had been wanting a Bible, and



since he gave it to me, I have read it through, and aim to read it through again. I am over to the first chapter of Job. I think every body should read it, for it is a good guide for all. So I want to thank Bro. Jones through the Gem for my Bible.

Love and best wishes to you all through the Christmas season.

I've decided to serve the Lord every day.

I've decided to serve Him, come what may.

Mona Johns.

### REPORT OF REVIVAL MEETING at Free Will Baptist Church in Mountain Grove Missouri.

We left our home Dec. 4th and arrived in Mt. Grove, by bus, about 7:00 o'clock p. m.

Bro. C. M. Dauber the pastor met us at the bus station when we arrived. At the church we found a goodly number assembled and Bro. Geo. Scott, Sr. was already in progress with the song service.

We found the church prayed up and ready to begin in active work. God's presence was felt in our midst from the first, service on.

We continued with this people until Dec. 19th, two services each day at the church, except Saturday, 9th, when the afternoon service was held in the city square.

Thirty-six (36) souls accepted Christ as their Savior during this campaign. Yes, they came to the altar and prayed their way thru to victory. These ranged in age from 9 to 73 years. Other denominations co-operated with us wonderfully in these services. Large crowds attended throughout and different nights many came and went back home because there was no room for them.

We are praising God for the work that has been established at Mountain Grove. The faithful pastor was with us in every service and is certainly a real man of God.

Eleven were baptized Sunday, December 17th. We shall never forget the good people of Mountain Grove church. I pray that God will continue to prosper them.

—O. T. Allred.

### TULSA, OKLAHOMA, R10

Dear Bro. Brown, and all who read the Gem: Just a few lines to

the paper to let folks know about our new church, the Lawnwood Free Will Baptist, near Tulsa, Ok.

We organized October 22, 1933, with 20 members. Bro. Boyd Williams is our pastor and God is wonderfully blessing him and he is doing a good work here.

We have held a five weeks' revival and had 71 conversions, baptized 49, and had 62 added to our church. We now have 82 members.

We have also organized a mission and it is doing a good work for the Lord.

We also have a Junior Mission, and those boys and girls are sure fire brands for Jesus.

Our church is in Mission Association, and our next quarterly meeting will meet with us, beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in February, 1934. We wish to welcome all who will to come and be with us.

We wish to ask the prayers of all God's children, that our work here will grow and prosper.

Thelma Puckett, Corr. Sec'y.

### GRANBY, MISSOURI, Dec., 1933

Dear Gem Family:

It has been some time since I have written to our paper, so I thought I would send in a few words and give a brief report of a meeting I just closed at our Independence church, near Stockton, Mo. It was truly a wonderful meeting, as the church and community needed reviving. There were eleven souls saved, eight united with the church, besides much good done otherwise. We organized a Free Will Baptist league, which started off fine.

It was the first time I had ever been in that part of the state. I met a number of people I had never met before, and a fine bunch of friendly people they are. We were made to feel at home in every home we were in.

I'll just say here, It was the first meeting I ever tried to carry on without the presence of some other minister. so it was new experience to me.

I am trying to pastor two (2) churches this year, our Hickory Grove church, near Harrisonville, Mo. and our Oak Grove church, near Neosho, Mo., each once a month.

Elder Kenneth Turner.

### BOWDEN, OKLA., Dec. 15, 1933

Dear Mission Workers:

I will send in a report of our last meeting, which convened with our Lawnwood church, Brother Boyd Williams pastor, Dec. 8th.

There was a good crowd in attendance, and wonderful reports received from the different missions, lots of sick calls being made.

Our missions are still growing. Just want to report on the mission at Lawnwood where we met.

It is a new church, just been organized about two months.

But we have had a revival in which 71 souls were saved, 49 baptized and 60 additions to the church. We just had 20 members when the church was organized.

God is wonderfully blessing in our mission work. Had some wonderful Mission talks; I believe it was one of the best Mission rallies we have ever had. God was there in mighty power, and every one seemed to receive a blessing.

Bro. Carl Hood and Bro. Harry Staires brought us a real Gospel message, using as a text, "When I come again I will repay thee." Had old fashioned hand shake.

Our next Mission rally day will convene with the Allen church.

We are at this time without a pastor. We ask an interest in your prayers, that God will send us the right one to feed our flock.

Pray for our Mission workers, and may God bless the Gem paper and may it grow in His cause.

Pray for me.—Mrs. J. L. Smith.

### MY REPORT

I will give a report to the Gem family of my activities in the Lord's work since our Indian Creek Association, Sept. 1st.

The first revival I was in after our Association was with Elder Noel Turner in Aurora. We had a gracious revival with 31 saved, and a church organized, which now has 31 members, and souls being saved in their prayer meetings. I held services there last Monday night, Dec. 11th and three souls were saved. Brother Turner is full time pastor, and I want you to know they are alive. This meeting closed just in time for Bro. Turner and I to go to the State Association in October.

My next revival was with the

Hannon church in Barton County, which ran six weeks and just closed about two weeks ago. 58 dear souls were wonderfully saved in this meeting, and 37 added to the Hannon church. It was one among the greatest meetings in appearance that the Lord has ever given me. I have never held a meeting yet where people of all faiths worked together as they did in this meeting. This was the third revival I have held with the dear Hannon people, and I have never seen the Hannon church in as good shape as it was when I closed this meeting.

I have just returned from the wonderful called session of the Co-operative General Association held in Tulsa with Bro. Bingham's church. It was great to be there. God certainly honored the services with His Spirit. There was a splendid delegation present. Bro. Bingham has built up a fine work there. When you are in Tulsa, don't fail to visit his church located on north Utica street, at Jasper street; you will not regret it. I enjoyed so much being with the dear ministers from different parts.

I am now at home for Christmas. My next meeting will be here with the home church, Macedonia, beginning Christmas night; we will need your prayers here.

Everything for our Free Will Baptist work in general looks wonderfully bright to me; while I am rather young in the work, I can say that I have never seen it look brighter. Our opportunity is great. The masses are starving for something spiritual and the old fashioned way. If our ministry continues to pull and work together as they have been, we shall see greater things than these. Nothing hinders the progress of the cause any more than ministerial wrangles. I am glad we have so little of that.

Some may think I try to be too optimistic about things; but, folks, I don't know but very, very little, if anything at all to say discouragingly about the work, even if I wanted to. Really, if I were to try to say something pessimistic, I do not know what it would be.

Don't get discouraged about the State minutes, they will be forth coming a little later; Bro. Brown is covered up with minute

work; so we will have to wait our turn.

I am pleased with the way the pledges are coming in on the linotype fund; just keep them coming, we will have a good linotype machine paid for before we hardly realize it.

Just a word to the mission workers, as I have charge of the mission work of our Association, then I shall close. We will have increased opportunities this winter to do mission work, as so many are in destitute circumstances. So let us not be slothful, but have our eyes open to the needs of our respective fields wherever you are located. Our home circle is taking a Christmas basket to a pitiful and needy home this coming Thursday. There is much to do; so let's be busy.

May the Lord bless all, is my prayer.

Your brother in Christ,  
Winford Davis.

#### MYRTLE, MISSOURI, Dec. 12th.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I take pleasure in writing a few lines to all of you.

I certainly enjoy reading the Gem. I am glad to read about the good meetings being held, and I had the pleasure of hearing a real good sermon Sunday, preached by a young preacher. He is a soul winner for the Lord, and we are praying that the Lord will lead him on in the way He has planned for him.

Dear friends, I want to tell you that I had the privilege of being at the funeral of one of our friends who had been afflicted for several years. He was 86 years old, but the dear old brother had kept the faith and bore his suffering with patience, waiting for the time when God would see fit to call him home. He was living with his son. God will reward his son and family for their kindness to him. We hate to give up our loved ones, but we must remember that our loss is heaven's gain. We feel that a great load has been lifted, and we give God the praise, but we feel that there are still burdens which we must bear; by casting our care on Jesus He sustains us through it all.

I want to say that I thank God for the plan of salvation, and I

thank Him that I started to live in that way, and I am not tired of the way; and am praying that God will grant that the rest of my life I may enjoy such degree of health that I may be useful in His service and live to His glory.

May this be a merry Christmas to all the Gem readers, and may we hope for a more prosperous year to come to us all, and may God be with the rulers of our nation and give them a better understanding of the precious Word of God, that they may know more about Him.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am,

Your sister in Christ,  
Mrs. M. B. Cockman.

#### A GREAT REVIVAL

Hannon, Mo., Dec. 13, 1933.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

These are very busy days, but I have been impressed so long that I must write to tell of the great things the Lord has done for his people of the Hannon community and surrounding communities.

The Hannon Free Will Baptist church was organized September 7, 1907, with 19 charter members, it now numbers 160 resident and non-resident members. During these twenty-six years we have had a weekly prayer meeting, which has always been very spiritual, and an evergreen Sunday school of which we are justly proud. We always have a large enrollment with a wonderful interest manifested. We have as many as one hundred fifty, with a regular attendance of more than one hundred.

Elder Winford Davis is our pastor this year, and is a wonderful speaker, a beautiful singer, and a power in prayer. He was well acquainted with our people before he took the pastorate as he had held our revivals for us the last two years, and was loved and respected by every one. The church had been praying and looking forward to a revival for months.

On Monday night, October 23, Bro. Davis began our revival under adverse conditions. There was an epidemic of whooping cough, diphtheria and scarlet fever in the community, also very rainy weather which made the roads almost impassible; but God heard the prayers of his faithful children and at the end of two weeks the diseases all disappeared, the weather became ideal, and the meetings con-

tinued until December 4th, a period of six weeks. After the rains ceased, the house was packed until there was not standing room, and every one listened spell bound to the wonderful discourses. Our church has experienced many seasons of refreshing, but this is the most wonderful revival we have ever experienced. There were some of the most wonderful experiences in conversions and with the older members of the church as well. There were several children converted, but the greater number were grown men, women, boys and girls, so many husbands and wives, some nearly sixty years old. In all there were 58 souls saved, thirty-seven additions to the church, thirty-two baptized, and all of God's children greatly revived.

Bro. Davis said he had never held a revival where he had such wonderful co-operation both with the church and community and all adjoining churches, communities and pastors. This truly was a union meeting and the good done will live on as many of the converts have gone to other churches and will be blessings to their communities.

We can never thank the Oskaloosa M. P. church, the Verdella M. E. church, and the Liberal Missionary Baptist church enough for their labors for the salvation of souls and for their help in singing. After our people were worn out with singing these sister churches came with their choirs and took full charge of the singing which was such a great help.

We pray that these churches may have such a revival as we had in the near future.

Bro. Davis labored untiringly for six weeks and closed the meeting with wonderful interest manifested, but he felt that he must go to other fields. Other denominations wanted him here and how we wish he could have gone into other places here, as we felt the revival would have continued without a break. He left praying that those who seemed so deeply concerned would continue to seek the Lord and find him precious to their souls before they were eternally lost.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year in the Lord's work, and pray that the revival spirit may continue to increase, as we read of many good revivals everywhere.

Bro. Brown, I hope my letter has not been too long; there is so much more to tell of the goodness of God.

Yours for the Master's work,  
Mrs. Frankie Wade, Hannon Ch. Clerk.

Wenatchee, Wash., Dec. 8, 1933.

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

By the help of God I am going to make an effort to write a few lines to the Gem.

*The Guideway from Earth to Heaven*

*"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16).*

Dear friends, did you ever stop to think that the Holy Bible is the greatest map that we have?

Dear readers, we are all traveling, we are all going somewhere.

Upon our highways in this day and age, we can see tourists traveling, and usually most of the tourists have in their possession a highway map, showing the different highways, and by studying the directions, and reading the instructions given on this map, they can keep on the right road.

Dear Christian friends, so it is with us as we travel the Highway of Life. In traveling Life's Highway, we come to many cross-roads, and there are many by-roads, and side-roads, that will lead us astray, but thank God, we have a highway map to follow when we come to a road that we are in doubt about. Many times we as Christians come to the place in life, where it is hard for us to decide which way to go. But if we will only pick up our Bible and search the Scriptures, we can easily decide which is the right way. Praise God for the dear old Bible.

God has given us the Holy Scriptures as a Guideway from earth to Heaven.

*"Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matthew 7:14).*

Dear friends, in this day and age, there are many ways by which we can be led astray; but through prayer and faith we can keep in the paths of righteousness. And let us take a few moments off each day, and read our Bible and pray.

Dear readers, if any of you are not in the habit of reading your Bible daily, please start today and use a few spare moments each day for studying God's Word, and I am sure you will find it to be a great help.

I ask that you all remember me in prayer.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,  
Ray Garrison.

## WHO IS TO DRINK IT?

A DIALOGUE took place between two American citizens not long ago, one of them a business man and the other a clergyman, to whom the business man spoke frankly, as one does to a good friend:

"Well," said the layman, with an air of finality, "Prohibition is a failure, and we must get used to the idea of making America wet once again."

"But who is to drink the liquor?" queried his friend. "Will you?"

"Why, no," replied the layman. "You know that I am a teetotaler."

"Will your son drink it?"

"No; God forbid!"

"Would you want liquor back for the sake of your clerks?"

"No, it is my practice to discharge any clerks who drink liquor."

"Do you want your customers to drink it?"

"No, I would much rather not; I am sure that those who use strong drink will not buy so much from me or pay their bills so promptly."

"Should you want the engineer on your train to use it?"

"No, I admit I don't want to ride on a drunkard's train."

"Ah, then, you want this liquor for the men whom you meet driving cars on the public highway?"

"No, of course not; that is a danger to everybody."

"Well, then, who is to drink this liquor in America?"

"I am not so sure that anybody should drink it. I guess we'd be much better off without it."

—Reformed Church Messenger.

## FORGIVENESS

By Mrs. Stella Prince, Bristow, Okla.

And what is forgiveness? It is, always to begin with, the reconciliation of those whom sin has separated. Wrong doing is the great separator. The friend who has sinned against a friend has dug a gulf between his friend and himself.

There is very little else so beautiful, so lovely as a forgiving nature.

But it does not matter who has offended us nor to what extent.

I do not think that there is anything, if we are big enough and noble enough, that we may not forgive.

To be able to forgive is of God

To be forgiven is to be taken back again into the entire and loving confidence of the one who forgives us.

It is divine when we can forgive.

Sometimes we hear some one say,  
Oh, I can forgive, but can't forget.  
We have not forgiven until we forget.  
Of course we can't blot out the mem-  
ory of a wrong done; but there is  
nothing between the forgiven and the  
forgiver save healing love and under-  
standing, and a new and steadfast  
spirit displaces fear and remorse.

Sin separates the sinner from the  
loving will of God.

Our heavenly Father is more willing  
than father or mother to take us back  
again into the fullness of His saving,  
healing love.

Forgiveness is the Divine healing  
of our inner sicknesses.

### NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR

*Written and Dedicated to Christian  
Service, By Bascom Cassatt.*

I wonder if the year just past  
Is what it should have been,  
Or if there are some rugged paths,  
That we could have helped to mend.

Words we have spoken a year ago,  
That wounded some one's heart,  
They've traveled far in this short time  
From the place they made the start.

And as they sped along the way,  
They have scattered grief and strife;  
And try your best, (how sad it is)—  
You can't stop them all your life.

So, while words have wings as birds,  
And make journeys everywhere,  
Let us use the greatest caution,  
That they impart love and care.

The year of nineteen thirty-four,  
Its dawn upon us doth glow,  
It'll be the time for some to reap,  
While for others just to sow.

Flowers grow near by your pathway,  
That bud and bloom and die;  
Where if taken to some lonely shut-ins  
They'd relieve their weary sigh.

Dear readers of this poem,  
Let's build a thousand roads this year  
To the ones that are lonely and waiting  
For a flower, a prayer, a tear.

### JUST SAY "GOOD BYE"

*Contributed by Eld. Paul Pursell,  
Chetopa, Kans., R3, % Harry Kieth.*

He stood up there so tall and straight,  
And looked me in the eye,  
And as the tend'rest accents fell,  
He sang, "Just say Good bye."  
The preacher rose and faced us,  
And told of Calvary,

And how God gave His only Son,  
To die to set me free.

A battle raged within me,  
The devil thought he'd win,  
He showed me all the pleasure lost,  
If I refused to sin.

He'd just about convinced me  
That I was satisfied,  
And that I did not want to be  
Drawn close to Jesus' side.

Then, hark! I heard a knocking!  
'Twas Jesus at my heart.  
He said, "Give up your worldly things  
And sin from you will part."

"Just As I Am," the choir sang,  
As tears were flowing fast,  
I rose and slowly made my way  
To the altar there at last.

I was hungry and he fed me,  
He gave me joy and rest,  
He filled my heart with happiness,  
And thoughts that were the best.

I said, "Good bye" to worldly things,  
And oh, how glad I am!  
For now I truly know and love  
Our Savior, Christ the Lamb.  
—Author unknown.

### THE DAILY DOZEN

*Contributed by Mrs. Cecil E. Horner*

1. Submit your will to the will of God.
2. Let the Spirit of God come into your life and give you sincere repentance for sin.
3. Confess your sin to God and your faults to those you have wronged.
4. Choose to be all He wants you to be.
5. Study the Word for wisdom and understanding.
6. Draw near to God in prayer, and He will endue you with power.
7. Anoint your eyes with the eye-salve of truth, that your vision may be enlarged, that eternal realities may be magnified in your experience.
8. Be temperate in all things.
9. Serve others if you would have a song of joy upon your lips and enduring happiness within your life.
10. Build within your heart a castle of character, whose stones are the golden virtues of the sinless One.
11. Take the Lord into partnership with you; in business or in pleasure, at home or among strangers, let Jesus as the senior partner, direct in your affairs.
12. "In a word, stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of

righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith . . . and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit: praying always, . . . and watching."

### A CALL FOR WORKERS

*By Mrs. I. B. Leonard*

Whosoever believeth on God's only Son  
The dear Lord of glory, the crucified  
One.

A life full of promise awaiteth for you,  
If to His precept you're faithful and true.

The harvest is white, the laborers are few,

Go work in my vineyard, He's calling to you;

Oh, haste, for the daylight fast fadeth away,

Go bring in the sheaves while yet it is day,

The world is so full of darkness and sin,

So many are helpless, go gather them in,

There is no time to tarry, their souls will be lost,

And they have been purchased at such infinite cost.

Go ye, says the Master, go labor today,  
There's many will perish, O, do not delay;

At the end of the harvest you'll receive your reward,

A home and a mansion with Jesus our Lord.

### The Coming of the Prince of Peace

"It may be in the evening, when the work of the day is done,

And you've time to sit in the twilight and watch the setting sun;

When the long bright day dies slowly over the sea

And the hour grows quiet and holy with thoughts of Me;

When you hear the village children passing along the street,

Among those thronging footsteps may come the sound of My feet.

Therefore I tell you, watch! By the light of the evening star,

When the moon is growing dusky as as the clouds afar,

Let the door be on the latch in your home,

For it may be through the gloaming I will come."

—Selected.

## F. W. B. LEAGUE REPORTS

*Elder O. T. Allred, State Sec'y*

We are glad to have reports from some newly organized leagues in with others this month.

### COON CREEK LEAGUE REPORT

*Nettie McDavis, Secretary*

Sister Nettie McDavis of Hartville, Mo. reports the organization of a Free Will Baptist league at Coon Creek church, November 30th. Elder Homer Smith was chairman of this meeting. Ten came in as charter members, with the following officers duly elected:

President, ..... Sybil Baker,  
Vice President, ..... Nettie Kelsey,  
Sec'y-Treas., ..... Nettie McDavis.

### MT'N GROVE LEAGUE REPORT

*Nellie Gearing, Secretary*

The Mountain Grove league reports much interest in the league work. Twenty-six (26) new members have been added to this league since their League rally, the fifth Sunday in Oct. Bro. Bill Paul is president, and Nellie Gearing is secretary and reporter of this league. Their quiz leader, and one of their most faithful workers changed her name, Cinda Hutsell to Mrs. Bob Vandivort, recently. We had the pleasure of meeting these young folks during the meeting in Mountain Grove, and we are sure God will continue to use them in His service.

### N. W. PICHER LEAGUE REPORT

*By Elsie Dunn*

Our league is still growing. We have the three departments, Juniors, Intermediate and Senior, with increasing interest. We still request prayer, also we ask that the next League rally of Indian Creek Ass'n be held with us.

### PLEASANT HILL LEAGUE REPORT

*By Truman Jones*

The next League rally of Union Association will be held with Pleasant Hill church, December 30th. So far only two leagues have joined the Association, but a number of others are expected to join at this meeting in December. A program for this meeting is being prepared by the Pleasant Hill church.

### AURORA LEAGUE REPORT

*By Alertus Riddle*

Our league is growing in interest in both Senior and Junior departments. Each Sunday evening at six p. m., when we meet for service, each one seems to realize there is something for

them to do, and are willing to render a part in an entertaining way. Special numbers are rendered in each service. Our membership is now 37.

We sincerely ask the prayers of those who read this report, that we may grow and prosper in the Lord's work.

We are glad for the reports sent in this month. We have some inquiries for League Manuals. These are yet in the hands of Sister Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo., R1. She will be glad to mail them to any one upon receipt of 10c per manual.

Some suggestion for collecting dues and government of local leagues. We must say that is a matter more for each league to work out for themselves, especially collecting the dues, at least we will leave it for the president to answer.

### Carterville League Report

Carterville, Mo., Dec. 11, 1933

Dear Bro. Allred:

Will try to send in a report of our league. We have elected officers for the next six months as follows:

President, ..... Elmer Johnson,  
Vice President, ..... Marion Johnson,  
Sec'y-Treas., .... Esther Broadhurst.

Our league is still improving and building up in the Lord's work.

We desire the prayers of all God's people, that we may ever work for the betterment of mankind in God's cause.

We have a membership of thirty-eight seniors and thirty juniors, and thirty-two of our seniors are Christians. Remember us in prayer.

Esther Broadhurst, Secretary.

## IF

*By Mrs. Lina Claxton*

This, the sixth day of October, 1933, finds me still trying to study the Word of God, and while the dark shades of another night are over us, at this time, and all nature is hushed in silence, it reminds me, that sooner or later the night of death will come, and are we doing our best in this field of labor for the cause of our Master? The way I read the promises, and understand all promises, is on conditions.

I notice this little word "IF" is used so much, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." "IF ye live after the flesh, ye shall die; but IF ye, through

the Spirit, do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."

"IF ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: IF ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

"IF thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and IF he be thirsty, give him water to drink."

"IF any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be. IF any man serve me, him will my Father honor."

"And I, IF I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

"IF I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me."

"IF I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet."

"IF ye know these things, happy are ye IF ye do them."

"IF I go and prepare a place for you I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

"IF ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it."

"IF ye love me, keep my commandments . . . IF a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will make our abode with him."

"IF ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I."

"IF any man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered: and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. IF ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

"IF ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love."

"In my Father's house are many mansions: IF it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And IF I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also."

"IF a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? "IF so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray."

"IF thy brother shall trespass

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### The Co-operative General Ass'n.

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to disband the Co-operative General Association, motion carried to table these two resolutions.

The Executive Board reported their meeting with the General Conference at Bryan, Texas in June, 1932; their Special Board meeting at our Macedonia church; their meeting with the General Conference at Nashville, Tenn. in June, 1933; and their agreement with the General Conference to unite the two bodies, as published in the Gem for July, 1933.

Motion carried to approve the report of the Executive Board.

Motion carried to send representatives to confer with the Gen. Conference in the consideration of the proposed union of the Co-operative General Association and the General Conference.

Motion carried that the Executive Board, with such delegates as the board may see fit to appoint, represent this body at the General Conference when it meets at Jakin, Ga. in June, 1934.

The Finance Committee reported: "We find no legal indebtedness of this Association, nor any associational assets." After some discussion, motion carried to approve the report.

Motion carried that each member of the Executive Board be furnished with a copy of the proceedings of this conference.

After some discussion, motion carried that we take a firm stand against the Federation of Churches Movement, and that our Executive Board and as many as represent us at the General Conference, be instructed to take a similar stand.

Motion carried that a notice be printed in the Gem expressing our stand against the Federation of Churches.

B. F. Brown, Clerk.

### CARTERVILLE, MO., Dec. 18th.

Dear Brothers and Sisters who Read the Gem: I am an attendant at the Free Will Baptist church at Carterville, and, while praying tonight, I felt that I would like to tell of some of the victories in the church and league.

Christ has been honored here. While I am not a member of this church, though a member of the league, I am much interested in

the work with those dear people, old and young, for I am an old traveler with Christ, 49 years in His glorious service, and have watched to see the increase of His kingdom; and since Bro. Noel Turner and Bro. Cecil Campbell held a meeting here a year ago this spring, it has been a blessed privilege to watch the church grow and the increase of His kingdom.

We read in St. Paul's writings of babes in Christ, how they must be fed on the sincere milk of the word. Well, there were some great big baby boys of the church who had not grown very much, and couldn't take very much of the milk of the word, and they were not able to sit alone, had to be tied up in their high chairs. They had not cut many teeth, and some of them were tongue tied; and from all appearance were destined to always be babes, and just sit there.

Well, Bro. Turner and Bro. Campbell came at the call of the good Shepherd, to feed the lambs and the sheep, both of them filled with the joy of salvation, yet so young and active, and began to break the bread of life and to set meat of the Gospel before those baby boys, that their attention was drawn and the savor of the bread and meat reached them; and they got so hungry that they began to reach and pull, and almost cry for such a blessed experience.

Then some time back, this fall, Bro. Cecil seemed to hear the good Shepherd and Bishop of his soul say, Go to Carterville and feed my sheep and those poor little lambs, and he obeyed that voice and came with that valiant soldier of the cross, Bro. Shahan, and they began to open up the gate to the green pastures and call the lost to the fold; and, oh, how those baby boys worked and turned about until they got untied from the high chairs, and got down on the floor and began to crawl and climb up by chairs and benches, and how they did grow! Oh, what a spiritual appetite! they just took the bread and meat of the Gospel by great mouthfuls. And how they did grow!

At prayer meeting one night not long ago one of them actually stood alone and his tongue got untied and he began to talk. He said he didn't use to like to go to

prayer meeting, but that night he could hardly wait till the time to come, glory to Jesus! Then he volunteered to lead the prayer meeting the next week. So he has talked and walked from that time, and is almost on the run now. And others of those baby boys are now increasing in stature of the Lord; with a little more sunshine, a few more of the heavenly showers, a little more of spiritual exercise in every day battles, and they will want the whole armour and march on up the path that Jesus and the old saints have trod.

Now, if you want to see a good sight, just come to the Free Will Baptist church to prayer meeting some Thursday night and see fourteen (14) young men standing for old time religion. Besides the good deacon, Bro. Bodkin and his wonderful wife, they are the salt of the earth, and others are truly as lights on a hill.

Mrs. B. A. Templeton.

### THE CROSS WAS HIS OWN

*Contributed by Mildred Wilkerson*

They borrowed a bed to lay his head  
When Christ the Lord came down;  
They borrowed the ass in the mountain pass

For him to ride to town;  
But the crown he wore and the Cross  
that he bore

Were his own—

The Cross was his own.

He borrowed the bread when the crowd  
he fed

On the grassy mountain side,  
He borrowed the dish of broken fish  
With which he satisfied.

But the crown he wore and the Cross  
that he bore

Were his own—

The Cross was his own.

He borrowed the ship in which to sit  
To teach the multitude;

He borrowed a nest in which to rest—

He had never a home so rude;

But the crown he wore and the Cross  
that he bore

Were his own—

The Cross was his own.

He borrowed a room on his way to  
the tomb

The Passover Lamb to eat;

They borrowed a cave for him a grave,  
They borrowed a winding sheet.

But the crown he wore and the Cross  
that he bore

Were his own—

The Cross was his own.

## OBITUARY

**Peterson**—Peter S. Peterson was born in Adair County, Missouri, near Kirksville, December 19, 1872, and departed this life December 3, 1933, being at the time of his death 60 years, 11 months and 15 days of age. He was the son of Malcom and Sophia Peterson, who preceded him in death several years ago.

He was united in marriage to Allie Scobee February 28, 1895. To this union eleven children were born, two preceding him in infancy. Those living are Jesse, Otto, and Iva Daniels of Greentop, Mo.; Arthur of Flint, Michigan; Edith Jeffries of Palisade, Nebr; Esther, Ethel, Glen and Junior at home. Besides his wife and children he leaves three brothers, John, Oscar and Alfred of Greentop, four sisters, Anna Hays, Ida Peterson also of Greentop, Celia Lay and Mary Roberts of South Dakota, and five grandchildren, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

He was converted to faith in Christ and united with the New Harmony Free Will Baptist church in the year of 1895, being the 69th member. He was a faithful member and worker until the end. He loved his family and friends and practiced the Golden Rule given by the Lord Himself, Matthew 7:12.

His wife has lost a faithful husband, the children a loving father, the church a faithful worker and the community a friend and neighbor.

The funeral service was conducted Monday, December 4, at 2:00 p. m., by his pastor, Elder S. H. Marcum, at the New Harmony Church and Cemetery.

**Atkinson**—Laurence Butcher Atkinson, daughter of Lewallen and Minerva Butcher, was born in Wright County, Missouri, Oct. 30, 1884, being at the time of her death 49 years, 11 months and six days of age.

She was married to J. Eli Atkinson October 13, 1911.

She was converted in early womanhood and united with Oak Grove church. After her marriage she joined Gravel Point Baptist church, and remained a member of this church until her death.

She had served as clerk of the church for many years.

A brief, beautiful and altogether complete statement of her simple faith was express by her in the following words as she was being taken to the hospital:

"I believe the Lord will accept me with all my faults, and I am not afraid to trust Him."

She leaves husband, father, mother, two sisters, Mrs. Lee T. Goolsby and Mrs. Henry Smith, Norwood, Mo., one brother, Fred Butcher, Springfield, Mo., and a multitude of other relatives, and friends and associates to mourn her departure.

Although little of her life was spent in service of a strictly public nature, she found enough that needed doing in her immediate circle to make her life useful and satisfying, as there was usually a great amount of illness in her immediate family, so a great part of her life was spent in caring for those she loved. She being the oldest of the children in the family she cheerfully assumed the duties of caring for her younger brothers and sisters during the long period that her mother was an invalid, and the sisters and brother have often remarked that she had been more than a sister—she had been as a mother as well.

Although her physical condition was not the best for many years, it was her habit to dismiss any suggestion of her family's that she should give more care to herself and less to others, by saying, "Oh, I'm all right." In her character was manifested great fortitude until her release from suffering, she endured her last pain with such fortitude that it amazed even those whose profession it had been to care for the afflicted for many years.

Shortly before her death she called each individual member of the family to her bedside, telling them how she loved them and how she appreciated the way she had been treated by her husband and other members of her family, and impressing the hope she would meet them in heaven. She sent word to absent members of the family that she hoped that those who were unprepared for heaven would make preparation, and that they would all be together again by and bye.

Funeral service was conducted at Oak Grove church by Elders Galvin Chadwell and Selph Jones, and burial in the Broyles cemetery where she spent much of her life.

### WHAT THOSE NOT BORN AGAIN SHALL MISS

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some day see the King in His beauty, and we shall go no more out.

My dear brothers and sisters, some men say, "I wish I knew how to be saved." Just take God at His word, and trust His Son this very day—this very hour—this very moment. He will save you, if you will trust Him. I imagine that I hear some one saying, "I do not feel the bite as I wish I could; I know I am a sinner, and all that; but I do not feel the bite enough." How much does God want you to feel it? Sinner, fix your eyes on Christ, and do not take them off. It is better to look at Christ than anything else, and just see what a poor wretched sinner you are; and then look at the Lamb of God who has taken away the sin of the world. He died for the ungodly and the sinner; say, "I will take Him," and may God help you to lift your eyes to the man on Calvary; and, as the Israelites looked upon the serpent and were healed, so may you look and live.

I'm asking that all of God's children pray for me, that I may work harder to help bring lost souls into the fold.

### NOTHING TO FEAR

Tune, America.

By Mrs. I. B. Leonard

As down life's road I stray,  
I'm singing all the day,  
So glad and free,  
For Jesus is my friend,  
On Him I may depend,  
He'll keep me to the end,  
So kind is He.

Back in the days of youth,  
God gave His Word of Truth,  
My guide to be;  
Now in life's latest year,  
I've nothing now to fear,  
His hand will guide me here  
O'er life's dark sea.

So singing all the day,  
I'm trusting all the way,  
His love so free.  
With heart made strong and brave,  
In Jesus' power to save,  
His love I only crave,  
Eternally.



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against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: IF he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. IF he will not hear thee; then take with thee one or two more."

Let us all get closer to God, or at least I need to. I don't find so many IF's in Revelation—"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: IF any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

Don't you think this is all on conditions? "IF therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. . . . IF any man have an ear, let him hear."

"IF any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book." And IF any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

"The hoary head is a crown of glory, IF it be found in the way of righteousness."

"Today, IF ye will hear his voice, harden not your heart."

Dear Gem readers, please pardon me for talking to you so often, as it is not my privilege to go to church very often. The Gem is a great pleasure to me to read letters from; so many Christian folk, some of them as old as I am. I wish Bro. Marcum and all the ministers would write.

I am so weak and unworthy; "O, come, let us bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker" (Ps. 95:6)

"For he is our Lord, and we are his people of his pasture, the sheep of his hand."

God bless all who read the Gem and remember us in your prayers, we need your prayers.

**CHIPS**

From Elder T. C. Ferguson's  
Sermons.

Jesus has a hard time of it, cleaning up and getting sin out of some people, and when He gets the job done, He hardly has the hide left.

If some people who claim to be so goody, goody, were turned inside out, there would be such a filth of sin and corruption exposed, that it would be an eye opener, and a great shock to the community in which they live.

Some people get on my nerves, when they want to go to see and help the sick while they are living; then when they are dead, they will go and shed some crocodile tears and try to run the funeral.

It is easier to say things than it is to do them.

People who are always talking, usually don't say much.

If you don't like children, don't try to go to heaven, for there are lots of children there.

Some people are on time for their meals, but late when they go to church.

Some people, if they would feed their stomach as little as they feed their souls, they would be dead and in hell long ago.

Some people, when they get to hell, the hottest thing about them will be their long tongues. That is what happened in the story of the rich man, we read of in St. Luke's Gospel, the sixteenth chapter.

Some churches are falling down because of dirt and filth and rotten timbers. They had better have a house cleaning before it is too late, for it takes clean, consecrated church members to make a good church.

People will often try to build on dirt and filth and rotten timbers, and on sin, but God never will.

When we are praying for God to bless and help the people about their work, we often hear lots of Amens, but who ever heard an Amen when we were taking up a collection to help the Lord's work?

T. C. Ferguson, Weatherby, Mo.

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