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VICTORY OVER SIN

By Elder J. E. Phillips

Text, 1 John 1:7—"The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin."

God's attitude as regards sin will always remain the same, whether it is committed in the church or by the world sin will receive a just reward (Heb. 2:2). No difference if the world counts it a little sin or a great one, sin is condemned by the Son of God. *Dressed up or stark naked*, sin is condemned by the Son of God.

Now, is there a way that I can have victory over sin while here in this world of crime, vice, and all of the evil suggestions of Satan? Yes, there are things that are hidden from the wise and prudent, but revealed unto babes; which eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, but which God reveals by His Spirit to them that love Him: and, if these were once understood and accepted, they would wipe away many a tear and shed sunshine on many a darkened pathway.

The most of us want to have *pure hearts* and garments that are *spotless*; we consent to God's law, that it is good; delight in it after the inward man; notwithstanding all of this, we refer to the seventh chapter of Romans, verse 19, "For the good that I would, I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do," and try to make it appear that we are as helpless in keeping God's commandments as if our brains had suffered a stroke of paralysis.

SHAME! What a travesty on Jesus and His cleansing blood! Do you think God would plant a desire for holiness in our hearts, and a hatred of sin, if there were no escape from the tyranny of the one, and no possibility of attaining the other?

Yes, God has provided for this: "The blood of Jesus cleanses from all sin."

There are more folks going to the Judgment unprepared over the misinterpretation of the seventh chapter of Romans than you would believe. If the seventh chapter of Romans is Paul's Christian experience, you can not harmonize it with the rest of his writing.

Paul said, "I am carnal, sold under sin" (Romans 7:14). "The carnal mind is not subject to the law of God" (Romans 8:7). No wonder Paul was wretched; and so is every one that is living a dual life, serving God with the inward man, and the devil with the flesh. I want to say right here, that has been preached ever since the devil went into the ministry, is still preached and believed and practiced.

My Bible teaches me, "Let not sin reign in your body, nor have dominion over you and rule your life." Then again it says in 1 John 3:8, "He that committeth sin is of the devil." I don't care from what source it comes, the flesh or the soul, every time we sin it brings condemnation, and we must call unto God for mercy and forgiveness, or be lost.

Now, if the blood of Jesus atones for sin, how may I live in this life and know that the blood of Jesus cleanses from sin?

Read Romans 8:1, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Is that not plain? Sin brings condemnation, and if there is no condemnation, there is no sin. The trouble with so many is, that they walk after the flesh. They put their bodies in the church and leave their hearts in the world, then wonder what is wrong. Their prayers go no higher than their heads; they can't sing with life and spirit, never feel inclined to shout and cry with joy. Folks in this condition need the cleansing blood of Jesus to flow over them, then to walk in the Spirit, and be led by the Spirit; then you will not ful-

fill the lusts of the flesh, and can say, "We are the sons of God" (Rom. 8:14).

You will have temptations as long as you are in this world, but being tempted is not sin. Our Lord was tempted, but without sin. Then, God will not suffer us to be tempted above that which we are able to bear (1 Cor. 10:13); and He also makes a way to overcome them, by ever looking unto Him in prayer. I want to say right here, that *you cannot live right without prayer*. Meditate on God's law, His love and mercy, be crucified with Christ, by which the world is crucified unto you, and you unto the world (Gal. 6:14); then brother, you can become dead to sin, and its temptations will create no desire within you, and you can shut victory over sin; for this is made possible through Jesus our Lord. As the clear sparkling water of the mountain brook flows over the rocks and keeps them polished and clean: so will the blood of Jesus flow over your soul hour by hour, day by day, and keep it polished and clean, ready any moment to be called into the City where the *pure in heart* shall dwell throughout all eternity. Amen.

Leslie, Arkansas.

JESUS

By Bascom Cassatt

He is the Great Physician.
We are filling prescriptions for Him.
Directions—Take Him at all times.
He is the Healing Stream, take a dip.
He is the Fountain for Cleansing,
Plunge in and be clean.

He is Rivers of Wisdom, Follow their course.

He is Oceans of Knowledge and Understanding, launch out into the deep.

He is the Store-house of Food for our souls, start to shop early in life; just call Him, He delivers.

He is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end; why look beyond Him? there is nothing there.

He is the Author and Finisher of our faith; no wonder it is so fine to have great faith in God, no wonder we can't please God without it.

He is the Bread of Life; partake and live.

He is the Captain of our Salvation; it is a conquest and He leads us to victory.

He is the Chief Shepherd; He knows His sheep, and the pasture where the wolves will not molest them, and where the grass is green, and the water still and pure.

He was the Consolation of Israel, now He is the Light of the world; why walk in darkness?

He is the Chief Cornerstone; build upon Him and be secure, steadfast, solid, unmoveable.

He is a wonderful Counsellor; why walk in the counsel of the ungodly, when the best counsel in the universe is at hand for you?

Mulberry, Kansas.

FOR THE YEAR 1934

By Mrs. Lina Claxton

For all good people, far and near,
Dear Lord, thy blessings we implore,
Banish the shadowy ills they fear,
Their faith and courage now restore.

May life grow rich with hope once more,

May they the family altar rear
And thru nineteen hundred thirty-four
More love and trust in God appear.

May smiles on faces reappear,
And men look forward as before;
Forgetful of the troubled year,
And the rough road they've journeyed o'er.

May shop and factory and store
For eager workmen sound the call,
May all be willing to do more
To feed the poor, both one and all.

Grant that the stormy skies be cleared,
And worry wait at no man's door;
Straight be the course our Pilot steered
Till safely comes the ship to shore.

I pray that men may see God's way,
In nineteen hundred thirty-four,
Regard His holy will and say,
"I'll drink not strong drink any more."

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A CHILD OF GOD?

Gleamon Cansler

Christian friends, listen to these words very carefully. Jesus said,

"Ye are my disciples."

Christian people, if we are Christ's disciples, we have to obey His commandments. Let us look at the first commandment, "Thou shalt have no other Gods before me." We should obey this commandment. We should not worship any other thing but God.

Let us look at the fourth command-

ment, "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy." This commandment is broken very often by many people. "No man can serve two masters." Some people try to serve God and mammon all at the same time; but this cannot be done, because God will not have it thus; He wants people that are bold soldiers. A Christian will not go to base ball games, parties, dances, nor to any place that dishonors God: if he does, he is not a real Christian. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." Christians wont do this. "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Some people say, "I can't do it." You can if you have Jesus in your heart. "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." Let us live up to this verse. If we don't do this, let us take God's word for it.

"Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." The Bible says, "Quench not the Spirit." We shouldn't quench the Spirit. Sometimes we feel like testifying twice but don't do it. Remember God's word. I want to be working for the Lord all the time.

THE SALOON

By Elder Warren Moffit

Oh, saloon, thou hast been our curse for many generations before this the United State spread her borders and reached from ocean to ocean. And thou wilt still be our curse from everlasting to everlasting. Thou turnest men into being beasts and to everlasting destruction; and sayest, "Return ye children of men," for virtue in thy sight is as nothing, and when it is past, thou carriest them away as with a flood.

We are as in a sleep: in the morning we are like grass which groweth up. In the morning we seem to flourish, but in the evening, after visiting thee, we are cut down and limbered like grass that is withered. We are consumed by thine ire and by thy strength are we troubled. Thou dost set our iniquities before others, our secret parts in the light of thy glory. All our days are passed away in thy curse, we spend our years as a tale that is told.

The days of our years are three score years and ten, that is if by reason of strength we may overcome thy curse, yet it is labor and sorrow to fight thee, for we are soon cut off and fall away.

Who knoweth the power of thy curse? Even enough to moderate drinking, so is thy power. So teach us that we may number our days, when we may apply our hearts unto thy strength. Return, O Saloon, how long? and let it repent thee from ever leaving thy servants. O satisfy us

largely with thy curse, that we may be a sot and shame all our days. Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen thy evil.

Let thy works appear unto thy servants, and thy strength unto their children, and let them see thy beauty upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hands establish thou it, that our children may see the power thou hast upon us, and our blunders. For thou makest us to squander our money, and our children to go hungry with a few rags to wear; and makest our wives to rejoice for not having to wash.

Oh, return saloon, that we may make fools of ourselves again. I will hate thee, O Saloon, O Viper, and I will curse thy name for ever and ever. Every day will I curse thee and I will curse thy name for ever and ever. Great is thy wickedness, and greatly to be feared; and thy power is unsearchable. One generation shall fall by thy works and another shall be damned by thy mighty acts. I will speak of thy mighty curse, of thy power, and of thy dangerous works, and men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts, and I will declare thy evil. They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great badness, and shall speak of thy unrighteousness.

The saloon is vicious and poison to all, and full of conceit; slow to love, and of great cruelty and hardness. The saloon is a curse to all; and its wickedness is over all its works. All thy works shall condemn thee, O Saloon, and all thy patrons shall hate thee. They shall speak of the evil of thy power, and talk of thy cursedness, to make known to the sons of men all thy dirty acts, and the shame of thy powers. Thy rottenness is an everlasting rottenness, and thy curse an everlasting curse; and thy curse and shame have endured throughout all generations.

The saloon pulleth down all that is upright, and causeth to fall lower those that are bowed down under its curse. The hearts of all ache because of thee; for thou givest them no meat or pleasure in due season. Thou openest thine hand and snatchest the desire of every living thing; and driveth all men to hell. Thou carest not for young or old, nor for body or soul, but that thine own gain may be satisfied. The saloon is rotten in all its ways, and corrupt in all its works. The saloon is nigh unto all them that come into it, and unto all that come to it with money. He will fulfill the desires of them that can pay him; he also will put up with their racket, and will protect them, as long as they have the money, but curse them when they go broke.

The saloon destroys all them that love him; and all the saints and those who are not his customers he tries to destroy. My mouth shall speak of the evil of the saloon; and let all saints and men curse its name for ever and ever.

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Lazarus and Dives

According to Luke 16:19-31

By the Editor

This "certain rich man" is not named, but was a man who lacked for nothing that taste and appetite craved and money could buy. He is called Dives, which simply means a rich worldly man.

The "certain beggar named Lazarus," was a poor man, who was full of open, undressed sores, and was carried each day and laid at the rich man's gate. He desired to be fed with the crumbs from the rich man's table, but perhaps all he ever got was what he could snatch from the dogs. The rich man, heartless and indifferent, looked each day upon one of God's poorest and most afflicted ones, but had no compassion on him. But the dogs, being more merciful than Dives, licked his sores, which perhaps helped the poor man somewhat.

Lazarus died and his body was perhaps laid to rest in the potters field, but his soul was "carried by angels into Abraham's bosom." His burial was perhaps thought to be too unimportant to deserve mention; but it says, "the rich man also died, and was buried."—carried in pomp to his earthly resting place.

In hell (hades), "the unseen world," which is the place of the departed dead until the resurrection, it is the intermediate abode of those who die without God, but the righteous dead are with God and Christ in heaven since our Lord ascended up on high. This is where Lazarus is seen resting and in comfort with Father Abraham, while the rich man is seen tormented in the flames, begging for water to cool his tongue. He could see Father Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom; so he begged for mercy from Abraham, with whom he hoped to establish a relationship; and he said, "Send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame." Yes, he would have the victim of his merciless neglect to minister to him now, and notice that he asks for just a little drop of water; but he is told that even that is unreasonable.

The rich man, whose "good things," craved and enjoyed, were bound by time; now he has only torment. But Lazarus, whose "evil things" led him to seek and find help and consolation in the Lord, also a hope beyond the grave, is now released from all "evil things" and has rest and comfort.

Perhaps Dives had tried to go over where Abraham and Lazarus were to escape his place of torment, and found that he could not pass over; and I wonder just why he thought Lazarus could come to him, did he know nothing of the "great gulf fixed" between them? Anyway he was to find out that neither he nor Lazarus could pass from his state to the state of the other.

Losing all hopes for himself, Dives remembers his father's house and his five brethren, and pleads that Lazarus be sent to warn them, lest they also come to this awful place of torment, but he is told that they are sufficiently warned. The greatest miracle will have no effect on those who are determined that they will not believe. Lazarus of Bethany rose from the dead, and crowds of people saw him and knew how he was restored to life, but it only increased the unbelief of the murderous plotters and hastened the murder of the Lord of glory. Nor has the resurrection of Christ, with all the power follow-

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GRANBY, MISSOURI, Feb. 28th.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I closed a meeting at our Niangua church, in Niangua, Mo., last Thursday night, February 22nd. We only held about two weeks. There were five conversions during our short stay there, and there was a real good interest there when I left, but I took sick, and there being no one to leave the meeting with, I had to close it. However I plan to go back some time in the future for another meeting.

I find there are a lot of fine folks in and around Niangua. There are about four other churches besides our Free Will Baptist church in the town and most all of them were represented every night at our service; and we felt and appreciated their co-operation with us in the service of the Lord.

There was a fine bunch of little fellows there every night to help in the singing of special songs for the little folks, and they all enjoyed the singing.

The church at this place had not had peaching since late last summer, they were out of a pastor all this time. It seemed at the close of the meeting that they were anxious to have regular services again, and they called a business meeting after the last night of the meeting to see about calling a pastor. They asked me to pastor the church. I desire your prayers, that I may be able to be of service to them.

I plan on going to our Oak Grove church, near Neosho, Missouri, to begin a meeting next Monday, Mar. 5th.
Elder Kenneth Turner.

HARTVILLE, MISSOURI

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

As I sit here this beautiful afternoon, having just returned from church where I had the pleasure of hearing Elder Jas. F. Miller preach the Gospel. I'm so proud to know that there is one more soldier in the battle.

My dear children of God, let us wake up and be about our Father's work, for sin is forcing in every way to get our souls lost. We should be praying that sinners may seek their soul's salvation while they have time, and not put it off. I want to live in this world of sin and sorrow, so that I wont care who follows my footsteps, and so that my sinner friends may see by my daily walk that I'm a child of the King. Oh, how my heart does bleed for my sinner friends.

Everything in our dear Lord's work 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 in the old fashioned way.

Dear readers, I wonder how many of us are doing all we can to win the lost to Christ. I feel like I do less than anyone, but I don't want to do nothing; I do want to be busy in the service of my blessed Savior. It makes my heart ache to see so many

who do not care about their souls; just where lies most of the trouble? With the world? I am afraid a great deal of the trouble is caused by us Christians not living for Christ every day. We hear lots said about how it wont do to turn members out of the church. Now there is a time for all things that are right. God said in His written word, Gen. 17:14—"And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant." God has always had a law and certain things for His people to do in order to be separated from the world. I have my dear Book to prove those things.

Matt. 16:19—"And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth, shall be loosed in heaven." here is the power of the church.

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.

Your sister in Christ,
Miss Faye Savage.

CABOOL, MISSOURI, March 9th

Dear Brother Brown:

I have just received the Gem and noticed the blue marks across the circle, which serves notice that my subscription expires with this issue. So here I come with my renewal, for I do not feel I could miss an issue of this wonderful little messenger that brings so many blessings of comfort, that encourage us to try a little harder in this great battle against sin.

I only wish the Gem could come once a week, and do not see why it should not, if every one would put his shoulder against a move in that direction and push a little. I believe that every Free Will Baptist ought to take the Gem, and every body else who can read, as it has so much spiritual food which all of us surely need in these times when Satan is making such inroads on the church of today.

I am going to make a suggestion that we double the subscription list to the Gem in the next twelve months; and below I will show you the plan by heading the list, WILL YOU FOLLOW? Please do so, and we will go over the top good and strong: and you will always be glad you helped.

Here is the plan: When you renew, send another subscription along with yours. Just tell your friends about the paper and what they are missing, and they will help you.

Please find enclosed \$1.00 for two subscriptions to the Gem:
Renewal, Elder John W. Oxley, R2, Cabool, Missouri, \$.50
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Elder John W. Oxley.

GREENTOP, MO., March 10th.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

As I haven't written for some time. I will try, Jesus being my helper, to write something. I am still trying to live for Jesus and He grows sweeter to me each day.

I sometimes wonder how those that don't live for Jesus can be happy. The Scripture says, "If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" and "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?"

I have a greater desire to live for Jesus than I used to have, for I have a precious father and many loved ones waiting for me there.

I will try to write the words of a song, that I hope I'll be privileged to hear when I reach those mansions John tells about.

I ask an interest in your prayers, that I may be a blessing and do my Master's will.

SONG

IT WAS YOU WHO INVITED
ME HERE

1

When I enter that beautiful city,
Far removed from earth's sorrow
and fear,

I want to hear some-body saying,
"It was you who Invited Me Here."

CHORUS

"It was you who Invited Me Here,
It was your Invitation so clear,"
Oh, I want to hear some-body saying,
"It was you who Invited Me Here."

2

When to welcome me over the River,
All the loved ones from earth shall
draw near,

I want to hear some-body whisper,
"It was you who Invited Me Here."

3

When at Home in those Mansions
Eternal,
And the saved of the nations appear,
I want to hear some-body tell me,
"It was you who Invited Me Here."

4

When the Glad Harps of Heaven are
ringing,
With their music so tender and clear,
I want to hear some-body singing,
"It was you who Invited Me Here."

—Ethel Peterson.

CHETOPA, KANS., March 9th.

Dear Brother Brown:

I will report our meeting which we have just closed at the South Picher church.

Bro. Lester Judd who has just answered the call to preach, with Elder Paul Pursell, have just closed a three weeks' meeting. We report a sin-killing revival with the shouts of new-born babes, and joy among the older Christians.

There were ten souls saved and reclaimed, and we feel that the church has been spiritually helped.

We ask the prayers of all the Gem readers for these just starting in Life.
May the Lord bless you all.

Your servants in Christ,
Bro. Lester Juld,
Elder Paul Pursell.

ALMA, ARKANSAS, March 9th

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown and Gem Readers: Just a few lines. I don't want to take up much space, for I believe I make a better listener than anything else. But I must throw in my little "mite."

I feel that I am one of the most unworthy of God's creatures, though I must "work out my own salvation with fear and trembling."

I am not doing much preaching, but want to say here, that I am ready to go anywhere I can and all I can; I'm looking forward to the summer revival season in prayer and hopes. I've been negligent, but God being my helper, I shall "launch out into the deep" at the first opportunity, and I need all of your prayers.

I enjoy reading the Gem very much, and wonder if it can be true, that our Zion Association No. 2 has so few readers as correspondence through the Gem would indicate; if so I hope to help very much in our territory toward the 1200 mark of subscribers if I can get around this summer.

Your brother in Christ,
Lloyd N. Weese.

SANTA ROSA, MO., March 12th.

Dear Brother and Sister Brown and Gem Readers: I will give you a brief report of my work for this winter. We have been very busy all winter in meetings.

The first meeting was at Philadelphia church, near Santa Rosa, where I have been pastor, going on 4 years. We had Elder Sam Marcum employed to hold this meeting, but had to let him go on account of another meeting commencing on our date, near by. So I later began the meeting myself. Elder Fadley came and helped some, then Elder T. C. Ferguson helped us some, and the last week Elder Marcum was with us. The meeting ran four weeks, and started on the fifth, but the weather got bad and we had to close it. We had a wonderful meeting with nine conversions, 14 additions to the church, and seven baptized.

Then I was called to Northeast Mo. for a meeting at the Green Grove church of which Elder C. E. Mann is the worthy pastor. We had a fine meeting there with those good people, but no conversions.

Then I was called back up there for another meeting at Bethel church of which Elder C. A. Phillips is the pastor. We had a wonderful meeting there, with seven conversions. These good folks sure enjoyed the meeting and made us feel a welcome in their homes. They have a fine bunch of workers. I am sure Bro. Phillips will be able to do a good work there. We had one baptizing during the meeting, then they aimed to have another the following Sunday, but the weather was so bad they didn't get to.

Leaving the Bethel meeting, I came home and took up my pastoral work. I have full time work here, all near home, at Philadelphia church 1st and 3rd Sundays in each month, at New

Hope the 4th Sunday, and at Fairview church the 2nd Sunday. We are to have baptizing at Fairview the 2nd Sunday in April. There are about ten there, then some at New Hope, and at Philadelphia some 6 or 8; so we plan on having them all together, as they are not far apart. There will be perhaps 20 or 25 all together.

The work seems to be coming along in pretty good shape here this winter.

I pray for the work everywhere, that the Lord's will may be done, and His name praised, and that He may have the glory for it all; for without Him, we can do nothing that will stand.

Pray for me, that I may do His will at all times and be able to do as Jesus said to Peter, Feed the lambs, and feed the sheep, the bread of Eternal Life.

Your unworthy brother in Christ,
Elder Willie Rush.

Report of Cavespring Q. M.

Cavespring second quarterly meeting met with Bethany church on its regular time, the fifth Sunday in December. It was an enjoyable session. God's Spirit was manifested in each assembling.

Officers for ensuing are as follows:
Moderator, Eld. H. H. Beatty
Clerk, Eld. J. R. W. Harbison.

A fine dinner was spread each day.

On Sunday, after all business of the quarterly meeting was finished, a fine Ministers' meeting was engaged in. Elders J. E. Rolan and W. P. Stogdill delivered the message at 11 o'clock and two souls were saved; and a great feast of God's love was enjoyed amid much rejoicing. We are praying for many more such meetings.

Our next meeting, beginning on Friday night before the fifth Sunday in April, 1934, will be with Norman church, eight miles north of Thayer. Come, everybody, with prayerful hearts, that Norman may be greatly revived.

Eld. H. H. Beatty, Moderator,
Eld. J. R. W. Harbison, Clerk.

COWETA, OKLA., March 21st.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

This is the first report from our Free Will Baptist church, 4½ miles west of Coweta, Okla., which we call Shahan church. This church has been thriving for several years, but we have had our church house built only about 2½ years. We sure have some wonderful messages from our pulpit. We have services regularly, and a fine Sunday school, always well attended, and lots of interest shown by the young people.

We have some 145 members in our church. We always elect delegates to send to fifth Sunday meetings.

We hold conference on Saturday night before the first Sunday of each month. Our regular services are the first and third Sundays. And we usually have visiting ministers from other churches the Sundays our pastor doesn't preach. We very seldom miss a Sunday without preaching.

I think the Gem paper is wonderful, it is indeed rightly named "The Gem." As I read the letters, I wish so much to visit each church and each individual, if I could.

We have a nice Free Will Baptist league, too. I think there are near 40 members, mostly young folks. Their meetings are every Sunday night, and always well attended.

I will close for this time. I think I can promise you a better report, and more complete next month. On account of illness I haven't got my report as I wished it this time.

Remember us, kind friends, in your prayers.

A sister in Christ,
Alta Potter.

ABOUT THE PLEDGES

Dear Folks:

I feel that you should know how the pledges are coming in that were made on our indebtedness at the State meeting last fall. This is your affair the same as our own, and I expect some of you would like to know how much money has been paid in. My record is as follows:

Amount received on pledges while Association was in session, \$42.50
Received since the Association, 129.00

Total \$171.50
Collection Rec'd at State Ass'n on the linotype, which was not pledged:
State Mission workers, \$30.00
General offering, 88.10
Making an entire total amount received on linotype fund during and since the last State meeting, including both the money received on pledges and outside of pledges, \$259.60
Balance due on pledges \$127.00

I have been able to send in three nice payments to Mr. Mitchell at Fayette, Mo., the man we owe:
October 18, 1933 \$128.20
January 22, 1934 37.00
March 9, 1934 62.40
Am't now ready to send in.... 32.00

Total amount paid \$259.60

I have at hand a statement from Mr. Mitchell, giving credit for all we have sent in, and figuring both principle and interest up to March 12, 1934, we still owe him \$169.13; and counting the \$32.00 I have now ready to send in, leaves \$137.13 we yet have to raise. You will notice this record shows \$127.00 yet to be paid on the pledges and \$137.13 yet due on the machine; so we have \$10.13 to raise outside of the pledges that are to be paid. Of course some of the pledges might not be paid; we are hoping they will be, but we are speaking of the possibility that they might not be you know. Remember these pledges are all due April 13, 1934. Now let's get busy and send in the pledges, and some besides the pledges, and make a clean up of it, for this note is gathering interest all the time.

Yours for the cause,
Winford Davis, State Clerk.

MATEWAN, W. VA., March 19th
A Report by Rev. C. S. Pennington

I am only pastoring one church at this writing. I have been very poorly for nearly three years with heart trouble, but am some better of late and have resumed some of my Christian obligations again. I am pastoring the Sprigg church, at Sprigg, W. Va., which is getting along nicely, and has extended an arm to organize a church at Matewan, W. Va. We expect to organize this church on Easter Sunday.

I have, with the assistance of a young minister named Huie Comes, held a revival meeting at the Buskirt school house on the Kentucky side of the Tug river, opposite Matewan. We had a good meeting with six added to the church, all elderly people.

I am also clerk of the Tug River quarterly conference. Our last session was held with the Poplar Grove church of Switzer, W. Va. Same was held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the fifth Sunday in December, 1933. Had a splendid conference.

Our next meeting will be with the Smithfork church of Phelps, Ky., and will begin on Friday before the fifth Sunday in April, 1934. We cordially invite all our fellow laborers to meet with us in this work of the Lord; pay us a visit and lend a helping hand in this great cause in which we are engaged. And, if you can't be with us in person, please remember us in your prayers.

Your humble servant in Christ,
C. S. Pennington.

BLUE EYE, MO., March 19, 1934

Dear Sister and Brother Brown and Gem Readers: I will write a few lines this afternoon, as it has been some time since I have written any for our Gem paper. I sure do enjoy reading the good letters from our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Lord has been good to me, and I am thankful that the word of God is true; and I know that he will stand the test. I find that he must have a tried people, and I think it is high time that his people were waking up and crying aloud, sparing not. Victory must come from God, and I know we have had victory here at Blue Eye in the meeting Brother and Sister McAdams held. We all felt the need of them staying longer, but God told them to go, so they left when it seemed that the meeting had just begun. Two souls have been saved since the meeting closed, and other good was done too.

We are looking for the time when our pastor can come and hold us a revival.

Yours for Christ,
Alice Taylor.

A REPORT

I want to report our revival at our Merl's Chapel church, which was the last meeting I have held. It closed on Monday night after the 4th Sunday in February. 22 were saved during the

three weeks, and another one was gloriously saved last night at my regular appointment. We have taken in eight members as a result of the meeting, and I know of others who are coming in soon. I baptized seven. The members we received are substantial members. God is calling ministers out of the church, too. There is a fine bunch of folks there to work with, and one can sure feel the Spirit of the Lord there.

All the churches I have charge of have had good revivals this winter, and are in much better shape now than they have been. I held the meetings at three of them, and Bro. and Sister McAdams and Sister Melba White held the meeting for me at Blue Eye, Mo. I could sure see and feel the results of the meeting when I was there at my last appointment.

Yours for Jesus,
Winford Davis.

WORTHINGTON, MISSOURI

To all the Gem Family, Greetings.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As the weather is such that I can't attend morning services, and I feel I should not be idle, I will get out my faithful old friend (my pen) and get busy for the Lord. When I can't meet with the home church, I'll just slip into the Gem circle (if the editor permits).

I am so glad that there was a way provided that all could become brothers and sisters, and that God's wonderful love can bring all in one in Christ Jesus. As He hath said, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free, male, nor female, but all one—One Father, one fold, one Shepherd, Christ Jesus our Lord. I don't see where there is room for envy and strife among God's children, if they believe on the Prince of Peace, as the angels sang at His birth (Luke 2:14) "On earth peace, good will towards men." Shall we make Christ's coming of none effect and His great sacrifice in vain? Paul tells us in 1 Cor. 3:16, "That ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you."

How can we expect God and Christ (Rev. 3:20) to come into our hearts when they are full of hatred and malice, and all kinds of uncleanness and filthiness? for the Holy Spirit cannot dwell in such hearts (1 John 4:7-21). I think verses 7 and 8 should convince every one that, if they expect God's love, they must love also. We must clean up our hearts and lives as you would a bowl for some precious fruit. No one would put sweet pure fruit in a dirty, filthy bowl, but would cleanse it and make it ready; so our hearts must be made ready for God's love, for God is love, and the heart that loves not, hath not God.

I do so love our little Gem and the dear letters. It gives us courage to battle on for the Lord when we read such testimonies. Note Gal. 6:7—"Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." As we have opportunity, let us do good to all mankind, espec-

ially our brothers and sisters in Christ.

May God's richest blessings rest upon our editor and all the Gem family, and Mission and League workers.

A sister in Christ Jesus,
Mrs. I. B. Leonard.

CROSSETT, ARKANSAS

Dear Brother Brown:

As I am sending you some new subscribers, I will write a few lines to the Gem. I think it is one of the best papers I ever read. I am so glad when time comes for my Gem to come. I enjoy reading about so many people working for God. I have been trying to work for the Lord for four years, and I am going to try to do more this year.

Bro. W. M. Guinn brought us a fine message Sunday at eleven o'clock. His text was St. John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." I am glad that included me.

I want the prayers of all Gem readers. Pray that Mount Pleasant church may do more in 1934 than she has ever done before.

Mrs. J. L. Johnson.

A PARENT PREACHER ASS'N

I am sure you are all familiar, more or less, with the Parent Teacher Ass'n; but I want to talk to you a little about a Parent Preacher Association. I am not exactly advocating that we organize along that line, but sometimes it does look like we need something to draw the parents to closer co-operation with the pastor. One main reason why we have the parent teacher association is from the fact that the teacher realizes he cannot teach a successful school without the interest and co-operation of the parents. The same is true relative to the church work. No minister can successfully pastor a church or hold a revival without the hearty co-operation and interest of the parents. Some parents seemingly, expect the pastor to raise their children for them. If they don't behave at church the pastor is supposed to shoulder the whole responsibility. Lots of the parents will send their children to Sunday school, league, etc. and stay at home themselves, and the pastor must see that they are quiet, and if he gets a little too severe, why some body is mad and slinging mud at the pastor. It is a real proposition for the pastor to instill good manners into the young people and refine them unless he can get the parents behind him. It is hard enough to get folks to adhere to what the preacher says these days without some father or mother setting back in the hold-back straps. The way children are allowed to act at home is the way they will expect to act in God's house.

One reason it is so hard to keep lots of young folks from smoking in the church house is because they are allowed to smoke in the house at home, and more than that, dad smokes

too. One reason why lots of children with them, at home and in the church, are so noisy at church is because they are allowed to keep a regular rough house at home. I have always said the best way to cultivate a church is to cultivate the home. We are living in a day when children are turned loose too early in life; they are turned loose at 10 and 12 years of age, when it used to be they were kept under strict control until they were at least 18, and generally 20 to 21 years of age. Girls begin "dating" now at about 11 to 13, when they used to have to be 17 and 18, and then she and the new beau had to go along with pa and ma, and ride in the back seat of the hack.

Children will obey nobody quicker than they will their own parents, and will believe nobody any quicker, so the first requirement, in order for the preacher to reach the young folks, is that the parents line up with the pastor heart to heart and shoulder to shoulder, in correction and culture of their children as well as in all good things the pastor in your church and community stands for.

As well as so much P. T. A. let's have a little more P. P. A.

Winford Davis.

Report of Meeting at Fairview

April 3, 1934—We have just closed a 28 day revival at Fairview church, near Chetopa, Kansas. We had victory over sin and the devil in the salvation of 17 souls. All these were outright sinners, being born again—saved by grace, with the exception of one who had become negligent and began to stray away, then came to the altar for a renewing of her covenant and a reconsecration to God. Out of the 17 saved and reclaimed, 13 united with the church, and on April 1st, we baptized 14 in the Neosho river. Several homes were made happy by the salvation of the heads of the families. Four husbands and fathers were saved.

The church is on better footings and the community is uplifted; but we want the prayers of praying people for that community, that it may become a greater power for God.

Elder John B. Rollins, Evangelist,
Elder John C. Swaffar, Pastor.

VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS

Dear Gem Family, and Bro. Brown:

I have kept quiet as long as I can. My subject is "Forgiving one another."

Jesus knew, when Peter asked Him, how many times he must forgive his brother. Peter thought seven times was enough, and that is more than some will forgive. Jesus gave Peter the information he needed, knowing what Peter was going to face. Jesus not only told Peter how many times, but told him if he did not forgive his brother, God would not forgive him.

I know that Jesus was talking to Peter, but He meant the sisters also, and He included all of us. Here is what Jesus told Peter, "Not unto thee, Until seven times: but, until seventy times seven." 490 times. (Matt. 18:21-35).

I am praying that this will help some one.

Yours for the Master,
Elder J. A. Joslin.

TORNADO, WEST VIRGINIA

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

I was converted about 39 years ago under Free Will Baptist preaching and doctrine, and still love the old doctrine and practice.

Many of our West Virginia Free Wills have left the old land mark so far, that I am afraid they will never get back; but I am still holding to my first faith, and am praying God to bring them all back.

Please pray for us, and if this is of interest to anyone, I will write more next time; there is much more I would like to say, but will not write so much this time.

F. V. Nicholas.

PEACE

By J. M. Doughty

We hear and read much of national and international peace. We should pray for World Peace and do what we can in our small way to promote peace in the world. Although our influence is small in bringing about World Peace we can, as individuals, greatly assist in bringing peace to the home, the church and the community.

When Christ appointed the Seventy and sent them forth to preach and to heal, He gave as a part of His instructions: Into whatsoever house ye enter first say, *Peace be to this house*. Brother, sister, God grant that we may keep these words before us, for one of the great needs is peace in the home. Let us try to make home the nearest Heaven of any place on earth.

God help us to speak kindly to the other members of the home. If business men of America can pay one million dollars a year to put *please* and *thank you* into telegrams and telephone messages, can not we Christians wisely use these terms of politeness in promoting harmony in the home? Does not Paul tell us to "*Be kindly affectioned one to another*?"

Firmness and even punishment are sometimes necessary with children to keep peace in the home, but God help us to use judgment. When a child can be won by love and kindness the victory is more complete than when punishment is used. Each child has a right to enjoy peace within his or her home. Should not parents pray for tact and judgment in dealing with children in the home, and keeping peace among them?

God grant that we may live Christ-like lives in our homes.

LABORERS

I was just reading from the ninth chapter of Matthew, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Mt. 9:37).

Jesus went, teaching and preaching

and healing. It is very evident that the Lord Jesus was a hard worker. Even before He started His apostles out on their teaching and preaching and healing, He did this work Himself. It would have looked better from a human standpoint, if He had opened headquarters down in Jerusalem and put advertisements in the papers, asking for excellent men who would do this work at an excellent salary. As wonderful as this appears, it was not the way in which the Son of God could do this work. It takes a certain willingness to do this work—Jesus had it and was fortunate to find it in some of His disciples.

He was moved with compassion. There are folks today who are just like the people Jesus felt sorry for—faint and scattered abroad. Why shouldn't they be faint with all the burdens which had been put on them in connection with keeping the law? (Matt. 23:4). It was to these the Lord Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." When they were described as being scattered abroad, there would be the idea, that they were far from God.

"Pray ye." The Lord Jesus told his disciples to pray for laborers—for men who would tell the ungodly about God. It has always made a deep impression on me to know that the Lord Jesus spent a whole night in prayer before he invited the twelve to be his apostles (Luke 6:12). Of course, the Lord Jesus was one who did pray; and it is quite evident that his disciples are going to be able to pray. Evidently, in God's business, praying is the way to get things done.

The laborers, though they were not university trained men, they were willing to do what the Lord Jesus told them to do: they had power to heal diseases and to raise the dead; and when the people stood around in order to hear what these men had to say, they opened their mouths and delivered a message about the nearness of the kingdom of heaven. I have not the slightest objection to the university trained worker, provided the worker has the power of God. In these days that power may not be shown in the raising of the dead, but it must most assuredly show in Christian character and life of service. What is more, every Christian worker has a message to deliver, which is most assuredly a message of good news. The remission of sins by faith in the Lord Jesus. The Lord Jesus puts a premium on loyalty to himself. To us it seems terrible that anyone should hesitate to believe in Him, yet it is happening every day. How fortunate are those who can honestly say, "I do believe in the Lord Jesus as the Son of God, and my personal Savior." No matter who does not like it, loyalty to the Lord Jesus is worth something in every walk of life.

I am dedicating this to my brother and sister in Christ, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stafford who recently have started out to tell this lost and dying world about Christ and His power to save the the lost.

—Mrs. N. B. Martin, Clemscot, Okla.

F. W. B. LEAGUE REPORTS

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

Not so many reports this month, but I am sure more will report next month, and don't forget to be ready to represent in your fifth Sunday meeting in April when your leagues have their fifth Sunday meeting.

We have had an inquiry concerning the League work from Elder J. F. Marler of Seymour, Mo., also from Sister Luella McCoy of Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Our leagues of Indian Creek Ass'n intend to meet with our Northwest Picher church next fifth Sunday. We have a committee of one, Elder John Swaffar, to invite other young people's Christian organizations to meet and take part with us at that meeting.

MT'N GROVE LEAGUE REPORT

By Nellie Gearing, Secretary

Our League at Mountain Grove is still growing. During the months of January and February we added six members. The total membership is 70. We have had an average attendance of 45 and hope to increase that average during each month of this year. We are looking forward to the next fifth Sunday meeting, when we can meet all the leagues, and hope to see other leagues represented there.

Pray for us, that we may grow and prosper in the work of the Lord.

N. W. PICHER LEAGUE REPORT

(Blue Front)

Helen Beam, Reporter

Our League is still progressing. It gets a little bigger and better all the time. Everyone seems to be taking more and more interest.

Every Sunday evening at the last of our lesson we have a brief program by different members of each division, each division taking active part every week.

The sponsor of each division appoints a different committee to visit sick friends every week, and we hear their report every week, as to how they are, etc.

I really believe that God is right in the midst of every meeting we have had so far and we want the prayers of all God's children that He will pour His blessings upon us as He blesses others.

MARTINSTOWN LEAGUE REPORT

By Ruby Leonard, Secretary

We are still battling for the Lord. We have 30 members, but not more than half of them attend our regular Sunday night meetings. We have a faithful few which are trying to keep the work going, but we read in God's word, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Praise His holy name, He is always ready to help overcome sin, if we ask Him.

For literature we still use God's Holy Word.

Last May we elected one new officer, the others were voted to continue in office. New officers are as follows: President, Harry Jones
Vice President, Marie Hodges
Sec'y-Treas., Ruby Leonard.

We are now planning to meet at Green Grove church the fifth Sunday in April for our regular quarterly meeting.

Although we are few in number, and very weak, we know the Lord is with us. We ask an interest in the prayers of the Christian people, that our league might grow and be the means of helping many of our young people to begin a new life, and strengthen those who are weak.

STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Elder Winford Davis, State President

Dear Leaguers: How are you all this month? Still going strong I hope. The leagues are moving well in the churches where I have been working the past month. Let's remember we have a fifth Sunday meeting in April; I suppose all our league associations will be meeting at that time; I am praying you all will have a wonderful day together, and in the Lord. I wish I could attend your meeting, but of course I can't attend them all. The leaguers of my home association meet down at Treece, Kansas this fifth Sunday.

I am so thankful for the way our leaguers are growing in so many places and hope we will just advance by leaps and bounds. I heard a brother say last night that he just felt that the Free Will Baptist were going to spread all over America. Well, it would be a blessing from God to America, wouldn't it? We certainly need somebody to cover our country who have the old time faith. One of the worst things in this country is that so many of our churches are so infested with formality and Modernism. Let's all stand for the real Salvation.

The best way for us to advance in our league work is for every one to be a willing volunteer worker. Let me give you this illustration, then I will close.

It is said that a captain of an army wanted someone to volunteer to perform a dangerous task. He lined the soldiers up in perfect order and said, "Now I will turn my back and the one that will volunteer for this dangerous undertaking, though you may never get back alive, please step forward one step while my back is turned." He turned his back for a moment, then turned facing them again, and the line was still in perfect order. He said, "Is it true that not one of you thinks enough of his captain to volunteer for this task?" They all spoke out and said, "Captain, we have all stepped forward."

The Bible says they successfully rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem because 'the people had a mind to work.'

May the Lord bless you all.

Pray for me.

STATE LEAGUE OFFICERS

President, Eld. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.
Vice President, Eld. Wm. Reeves, Flat River, Mo.
Sec'y-Treasurer, Eld. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Eld. Lizzie McAdams, Desloge, Mo. Term expires 1934
Eld. Noel Turner, Aurora, Mo. Term expires 1935
Miss Ethel Newcomer, Greentop, Mo. Term expires 1936

FIELD WORKERS

For Cave Springs Association
Eld. Harry Beatty, R3, Thayer, Mo.

For Niangua Association
Eld. Arthur Bailey, Plad, Mo.

For Union Association
Eld. George Scott, Sr., Mt'n Grove, Mo.

For S. E. Missouri Yearly Meeting
Eld. Wm. Reeves, Flat River, Mo.

For N. E. Missouri Association
Miss Esther Peterson, Greentop, Mo.

For N. W. Missouri Association
Eld. Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo., R1.

Field Worker at Large
Eld. Lizzie McAdams, ... Desloge, Mo.

MIDWAY, TEXAS, March 20th.

Dear Gem Family:

I may be too late to get this in the paper, but how the time flies, especially when you are in your old home with friends and loved ones.

Our meeting has been running two weeks and 15 precious souls have been saved and we look for many more before it is over. How we do praise God for His great convicting and regenerating power.

We are planning for a Home Coming and dinner served at the church, with three services that day.

This part of the country sure needs mission work, and we are praying that a great work may be accomplished and many saved. We think of you dear ones there and pray for you every day. I hope and pray that all of our dear preachers will co-operate with Sister White and help her in the work while I am away. I don't know how long I will be here. Mr. McAdams is improving all the time and I am trusting that we can both soon be back in Missouri again.

Pray much for us here, that God will bless and save many precious souls, not only in this meeting, but in others; for I am going to another meeting just as soon as this one is over, where they need mission work too.

With love and prayers.

Yours for Jesus,
Hiram and Lizzie McAdams.

OBITUARY

TONNEY—William Marlon Tony, son of Clint and Laura Tony, was born at Centerville, Iowa, March 22, 1888, and departed this life January 23, 1934, being at the time of his death 45 years, ten months and one day old.

He was united in marriage to Grace Seebree, September 14, 1908. To this union were born two children, Jannita and Junior. Besides his wife and children he leaves to mourn his departure his mother, Mrs. Laura Toney, Kirksville, Mo., five sisters and three brothers: Mrs. Nora Fox, Numa, Iowa, Lawrence Toney, Glenwood, Mo., Arthur Toney, Greentop, Mo., John Toney, Mrs. Ollie Toney, Mrs. Pansy Wood, Mrs. Iva Barkley and Mrs. Hazel Reese, all of Kirksville, Mo. Also a host of other relatives and friends.

He was converted to faith in Christ, January 25, 1932 and united with the Hazel Creek Union Free Will Baptist church.

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

Funeral was conducted by Elder Sam Marcum at the New Harmony church, and burial at New Harmony cemetery.

TYSON—Margaret Tyson, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tyson, was born January 8, 1933, and departed this life December 6, 1933, at the age of 11 months.

Surviving are the father and mother, two brothers and two sisters, grand parents and many relatives.

She has taken her flight

With the angel of light.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Melvin Bingham at the First Free Will Baptist church, Tulsa, Okla.

HOBBS—John Luther Hobbs was born February 1, 1855, in Camblin County, Mo., and departed this life May 16, 1933, at the age of 78 years, three months and 15 days.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ollie Hobbs, three sons, H. H. Hobbs of Owassa, Okla., S. P. Hobbs of Wagoner, Okla., James L. Hobbs of Tulsa, two daughters, Mrs. Vesta Childers of Houston, Texas, Leta Pauline Tapp of Owassa, 17 grandchildren, one great-grandson.

Bro. Hobbs had lived a devoted Christian life for years.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Melvin Bingham at the Moore Funeral Home.

BECHTEL—Emily Bechtel was born in Dewitt, Iowa, October 10, 1860, and departed this life March 19, 1934, age 73 years, five months and nine days.

She was married to Alvin W. Oberholser December 29, 1881. To this union five children were born, all of whom survive her: Ethel Oberholser of Seattle, Washington; Edna and Harriet of Mansfield, Missouri; Ruth Harding of Aberdeen, South Dakota; and Susie Finifrock of New Underwood, South Dakota.

She was converted early in life and

lived a devoted Christian to the end.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Geo. W. Scott, Jr. at Pleasant Ridge (Ashley) church, using for a text, Luke 10:42, "But one thing is needful, and Mary hath chosen that good part which shall not be taken away from her."

CANNADY—Bill Cannady was born May 31, 1912, and departed this life January 20, 1934, at the age of 21 years, seven months and 20 days.

Surviving are his wife, Pauline, father and mother, six brothers and three sisters, other relatives and many friends. A profession of salvation was given before death.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Melvin Bingham at Altus, Ark.

GEBHART—Charles Dale Gebhart was born March 29, 1932 and departed this life June 19, 1933, at the age of fourteen months and three weeks.

Surviving are father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gebhart, two sisters, Mary and Zeeda Vern, grand parents and many other relatives.

His smiling way and pleasant face are a pleasure to recall, and some day we hope to meet him, some day, we know not when, we hope to clasp his hand in a better land, never to part again.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Free Will Baptist church by Elder Melvin Bingham.

ROBERTSON—W. C. Robertson was born in Oregon County, Missouri, August 28, 1874, and departed this life November 15, 1933, at the age of 59 years, two months and 19 days.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Bertha Robertson, three sons, one daughter, two brothers, one sister, and many relatives and a host of friends.

He was a member of the First Free Will Baptist church of Tulsa. He is now at rest with Jesus.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Melvin Bingham at the First Free Will Baptist church.

MOORE—F. N. Moore was born January 3, 1848, and departed this life December 3, 1933, at the age of 85 years, and 11 months.

Surviving are three sons, one daughter, one brother, seven grandchildren and other relatives, and a host of friends.

He was converted at the age of 12 years and served as a Christian leader, Bible teacher, choir director and an elder of the church. He was a member of the First Free Will Baptist church of Tulsa.

His smiling way and pleasant face are a pleasure to recall. He had a kindly word for all, and died beloved by all. Some day we hope to meet him again, some day, we know not when, to clasp his hand in a better land never to part again.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Free Will Baptist church by Elder Melvin Bingham.

DURKEE—Mrs. Mary Durkee was born September 12, 1844, and departed this life January 1, 1934, at the age

of 89 years, three months and 20 days.

Surviving are four sons: Frank, James, John and Charlie Durkee, all of Tulsa; one sister, Mrs. Joe Ann Carr of Vinita, Okla.; 25 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren, and a host of friends.

She was converted at an early age and was a member of the Methodist church.

Funeral services were conducted at the Tulsa Undertaking Company by Elder Melvin Bingham.

COLLINS—Frank Collins was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, December 21, 1885, and departed this life October 27, 1933, at the age of 47 years, ten months and six days.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Frank Collins, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Melvin Bingham at the Tulsa Undertaking Company.

COPE—Sister Sue Cope was born in Missouri, April 15, 1852, and departed this life September 20, 1933.

Surviving are one sister, one brother, one son, T. J. Cope, four grandchildren, and a host of friends.

She lived a Christian life 48 years. She was a member of the First Free Will Baptist church of Tulsa. She is now at rest with Jesus. We humbly bow in submission to our heavenly Father's will.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Melvin Bingham at the First Free Will Baptist church.

MRS. C. E. GILBERT PASSES AWAY

The relatives and friends of Mrs. C. E. Gilbert were shocked and saddened Thursday morning on hearing that during the night she had been called to the Great Beyond.

On Sunday morning she stopped while in preparation for Sunday school and told her husband to go on without her as she had suddenly become ill.

That afternoon she was taken to her daughter's home in Tulsa, where she would be convenient to a physician. No alarm was felt for her recovery, when suddenly she passed away without a number of her immediate family knowing of her illness.

OBITUARY

Mary Josephine Crumby was born August 15, 1873, in Barry County, Mo. and died March 14, 1934, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Merritt, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. At an early age her mother and father passed away, leaving her an orphan child. She grew to young womanhood in the vicinity where she was born and was united in marriage, July 7, 1891, to Charles E. Gilbert at Cassville, Mo., living in that state until 1901, when they moved to Oklahoma, since then they have continually resided in this state.

From a very small child it was noticeable that she was religiously inclined, and in her tender youth she confessed her Savior and accepted Him on which to lean and guide her through life. She has ever been an active worker for the Lord.

In the past fifteen or more years

she has worked faithfully, going thru all kinds of weather to attend a Sunday school which she helped to organize, and of which she was superintendent much of the time, and helped make it possible for church services to be held in the neighborhood where she lived.

She was an ardent advocate of World Peace, and longed for the day when Christianity would govern the nations. She was a kind and loving mother of ten children, all of whom she has raised to manhood and womanhood, the youngest being 18 years old. She has also reared one grandchild and one step grandchild. She was a prayerful mother, also had a heart full of prayer for all with whom she came in contact. She was ever faithful to the Golden Rule, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." The whole community is saddened by the hushed voice.

She leaves to mourn her departure her husband, C. E. Gilbert, six sons and four daughters: Truman, Dorman, Mrs. Myrtle Merritt, Mrs. Lillian Henley, all of Tulsa; Charles of Oklahoma City; Mrs. Frances Stultz of Dawson, and Ted, Paul and Mary of the home address; besides other relatives and a host of friends.

The funeral was held at the First Baptist church in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma by Elder Melvin Bingham, 833 North Utica St., Tulsa, Okla.

MILLER—Mary Addie Barton was born in Taylor County, Iowa, May 14, 1874, and departed this life March 24, 1934, at the age of 59 years, ten months and ten days. She was the daughter of Samuel P. and Luisa Barton. They moved to Cedar County in 1896 and stayed four years, then moved back to Iowa.

She was united in marriage to Chas. H. Miller, November 29, 1900. They moved back to Missouri where they made their home until her death. To this union three children were born: Harley, Finis and Theo, all of the home address.

She professed faith in Christ August 1911 and united with the Wagoner church where she remained a faithful member.

She had been in poor health for the past three months, but had only been bedfast for two weeks. She bore her suffering with patience until God saw fit to call her home.

Her children were all present at her bedside and all was done for her that loving hands could do.

She leaves to mourn their loss her husband, Charles Miller, and children: Mr. and Mrs. Harley Miller and son, Mr. and Mrs. Finis Miller and son, Mr. and Mrs. John Bough, three sisters, four brothers and other relatives, and many friends.

Funeral services were held at the Wagoner church, of which she was a faithful worker, by her pastor, Sister Roena Thomas, on Sunday March 25, 1934. A large crowd of relatives and friends were present to pay their last tribute of respect to one they loved.

Burial was made in the Wagoner cemetery.

Sleep on dear mother,
And take your rest,
God called you home,
He thinks it best.

Here misfortune overtakes us,
Hearts are broken, lives are sad;
But thank God there is a city,
Where our spirits shall be glad.

There will be a great reunion,
When he calls us round the throne,
Fathers, mothers, children, loved ones
All will meet in Home sweet Home.

BERRY—Sister Eliza Berry, born October 30, 1873, departed this life February 22, 1934, at the age of 60 years, three months and 23 days. She was converted and baptized at the early age of fifteen years, joining the Free Will Baptist church.

She was united in marriage to Bro. Robert Berry, August 4, 1892. To this union was born ten children, five sons: Tom, Otis and Cleburn of Kirby and Elbert of Dardanelle, Ark.; Ezra departed this life at the age of fifteen. Five daughters: Mesdames Pearl Self, Belya Black and Hattie Parker of Glenwood; Allie Whisenhunt of Amity and Geneva Miller, Hot Springs.

Sister Berry was a devoted wife, a loving mother, and a good Christian woman. She was loved by all that knew her. She was a faithful member of the Free Will Baptist church at Glenwood, Ark., uniting with same about ten years ago.

She had been a deaconess in the church all these years. Her happiest moments were spent while doing kind deeds for her family, church or her many friends.

Funeral service was conducted at her home church by Rev. E. J. O'Neal, Moderator of the Little Missouri River Association of Free Will Baptist.

Her church and friends presented beautiful floral offerings.

The body was tenderly laid to rest in Mount Zion cemetery, February 23rd, at 2:00 o'clock p. m. She will be sadly missed in the home, church and town in which she lived, but we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

She was mother-in-law of her pastor, the writer of this article.

W. H. Parker.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. ELIZA BERRY

Mother dear has gone to rest,
Her toils and cares have ceased,
Her body is no more distressed,
For all her pain has been released.

And since she's closed her eyes in death,
Not a single day has gone,
That I haven't had a thought or breath,
Of some good deed which she has done.

May all these memories linger still
In our hearts from day to day,
That when our lives we here fulfill,
Our friends will have just this to say.

The parting filled each of us with grief,
Yet we rejoice in knowing,
That she is resting in relief,
In a land where peace is flowing.

In the home, the church, the Sunday school,
How we miss her, none can tell,
But for her life's work is ended,
And God doeth all things well.

Sometimes I sit and wonder,
Just why she had to leave us here,
But God in his wisdom called her
To her heavenly home so dear.

Think, if God should call for you,
To whom mother said, "Farewell,"
And death came quickly creeping thru,
Where would you eternally dwell?

There is but one road that we should tread,
The road our mother trod,
If we would meet her up in heaven,
In her happy home with God.

To the companion, left so lonely,
Without her cheering smile,
Keep your hope in Christ, Him only,
He will carry you through the last mile.

I can see her with the angels,
Beckoning, "Loved ones come,"
May her circle be unbroken
In that blessed happy home.

So we must not grieve, dear friends,
As those who have no hope;
But follow her life line,
To the end of life's rope.

The dear family will miss her,
The church will too;
We say, "Lord, it's Thy will,"
That's the best that we can do.

Written by her son-in-law and pastor, W. H. Parker.

DODGEN—Martha Jane Butler was born near Blue Eye, Missouri, April 14, 1873, and departed this life March 9, 1934, at the age of 60 years, ten months and 23 days.

She was married to W. N. Dodgen, June 10, 1892. To this union was born five children, one, Hattie, having preceded her in death a number of years ago. Those surviving are Breezie Newman and Chloe Buell of Blue Eye, Missouri, and Mila and Lois at home; three grandchildren: Noel, Joel and Lowell Dean; two brothers and five sisters, her companion, and a host of relatives and friends.

Sister Dodgen spent her entire life from childhood in and around Blue Eye. She was respected and loved by all who knew her, and was a loving companion and devoted mother.

She was converted at the age of 19 and lived a consistent Christian life until death; at the time of her passing she was a member of the Free Will Baptist church of Blue Eye.

The church has lost a faithful member, the community a mother whose influence truly counted for good, and words cannot be found to express the loss felt and realized in the home.

May the loved ones look beyond the vacant chair, beyond the silent tomb, and away into that sweet rest that remains for the people of God.

Funeral service was conducted at the Free Will Baptist church in Blue Eye, by the pastor, Elder Winford Davis. Nelson Undertaking Company of Berryville, Ark. in charge.

REPENTANCE

By Rev. J. R. Edwards, Antlers, Okla.

"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3).

Now, Repentance means something more than just turning around and walking the other way. In Taylor's Lexicon, page 405, we find the word repent was originally derived from the Greek word *metno*, which means to change the mind of man; that is he is sorry for his sins, sorry that he is in sin, and feels a keen interest in obtaining God's pardon. So, we see there is more than one element in repentance according to the Greek definition and the American point of view. Repentance implies contrition, compunction, regret, sorrow, grief, mourning, and always implies prayer. So, we see that water baptism is not connected with any element implied in repentance.

"Repent ye, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19). So, you see that salvation depends upon repentance and faith.

"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God" (1 Jn. 5:1). Is born of God means present tense, now, not after water baptism.

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God, and every one that loveth is born of God" (1 John 4:7). Who is born of God? Not he that is baptized, but he who has the love of God shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Ghost (Rom. 5:5).

How do we know that we dwell in Christ? Is it because we have been baptized? No, let John tell us: "Hereby know we that we dwell in him and he in us; because he has given us his Spirit" (1 John 4:13). Now Paul said in 1 Cor. 6:11, "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

My friends, we cannot be justified by water baptism, nor by works of righteousness. Now Paul, how do you say that we are saved? Paul said in Titus 3:5, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost." Now Paul said it was not in the act of obedience in water baptism, nor any works of righteousness.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9). Some people teach that we cannot have remission of our sins except thru the act of water baptism. If that is true, then God could not save a man without a minister to perform the act of baptism.

Now works comes after regeneration. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:10).

"And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of kings

of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood" (Rev. 1:5).

"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved" (Jn. 10:9). Jesus says he is the door. If this is true, then baptism is not the door, for Jesus is not water baptism. But I am glad that when we go through the door, which is Christ, into the family of God, then we have the witness in ourselves.

"He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself" (1 John 5:10).

Paul, what is the witness? "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God" (Rom. 8:16). Now Paul said the witness was the Spirit, not the word, not baptism, but the Spirit.

"But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach" (Rom. 10:8).

What is it, Paul, that you preach? "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:9-10). Now Paul tells us what he preached, and told what to do to be saved, and never said a word about water baptism.

Baptism should always follow regeneration. I believe in water baptism as a divine ordinance of God; but I do not believe it is for the children of the devil, in order to make them children of God. "And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin" (Rom. 8:10). Now this is the kind of men we bury in baptism, because they have died to sin.

How do we get into Christ? Paul said in 1 Cor. 12:13, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body." Now surely no one would deny this being spiritual baptism. Paul said this gets us into Christ, the body, and without this spiritual baptism it is impossible for us to know Jesus Christ. "Wherefore I give you to understand that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed, and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Ghost" (1 Cor. 12:3). So the only way that you and I can know the Lord is by the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Now, my friends, I am writing this because Jesus said, "Repent or perish;" and what vast importance and transcending necessity there is in knowing how to obtain salvation through repentance. Now as prayer is an inseparable adjunct unto repentance, no man can repent and gain acceptance with God without prayer.

WHO SHALL BE READY?

By Elder O. T. Alred

Matthew 25:10—The latter part of this verse tells us, "And they that were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut."

Would like for us to think together for a little while. Who is going to be ready? Notice that Christ said, "They that were ready," not those that began to get ready, not those that intended to be ready, not those who were partly ready, but those who were ready. You who read this examine your own hearts as you read, is your lamp lit? do you have oil in your vessel? Christ gave us this beautiful parable to help us to be ready. In Heb. 10:25, we are commanded to not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is (He might have said as the manner of some of you Free Will Baptist is.); but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Those who do not see that day fast approaching, surely are blinded and cannot see afar off.

We would like to dwell here on the budding of the fig tree; but as our subject is "They that were ready," may we notice a few characters who will not be ready?

The man who is not doing God's bidding in service may have had his lamp lit; but unless he is wholly resigned to God for service, he can not expect to have oil in his vessel; and his lamp is already going out.

2. The man that is not living a separated life for God, separated from indulgence in worldly things, different from the world, or an unregenerated person in thought, word and deed.

3. Those who have a greater desire for worldly things, riches or pleasure, than they do for the things of God.

When the cry breaks forth, Behold, the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him—What a stir, as the wise that have oil in their vessels, are caught up to meet him in the air! What a glorious event as our bodies are changed from mortal to immortal (1 Cor. 15:51)! Those who are ready will not only have the privilege of being at the wedding supper, but will be with Christ for ever.

If you are ready then, you must get ready now.

But to those who are left behind when the door is shut; how dark indeed, when the full realization of the hour is upon you! Those that were ready entered in with Christ, and the door was shut.

You will still have your Sunday ball games, Sunday motion picture shows, which you attended even when you said the weather was too bad to go to church, the dance hall; yes, and the card tables, bridge, with the others. For Christ and those that were ready will not take any of that stuff to the Marriage Supper. Yes, jealousy, envy, tattling, hatred immorality and vice will still be here.

But do you really think they will comfort you in that hour? Ah, no, they will not.

Then choose Christ fully now, that you may be able to escape (Luke 21:36); and be one of those that are ready.

LAZARUS AND DIVES*Continued from page three*

ing it, ever won over that "crooked and perverse people," the Jews.

Now the rich man was not doomed because he was rich, nor was Lazarus blessed because he was so poor and afflicted. The rich man rejected God and loved riches and pleasures: while Lazarus sought peace with God and served Him while he had time and opportunity. Men may have all the wealth, pleasure and ease this world can give them, leave it all and go to torment because they have laid up no treasure in heaven, and are not rich toward God; or they can dedicate riches, and all that they have and are to God and go to enjoy all the blessings and glory of heaven: and poor men will go as rich men go, according as they purpose in their hearts to live and walk with God or without Him; for it all depends on ones attitude toward God.

Some people tell us that this parable of Scripture is just a parable to teach us that there is an intermediate state; it is not a parable, but a statement of fact by our Lord. It not only shows us that there is, a place where departed ones shall remain in a conscious state until the resurrection, but it shows also that they who live this life as Dives lived it, shall go to a place of torment: and that those who live this life for God and others, or live as Lazarus did, shall have eternal life with all its blessings and comforts.

NOTICE

Since the responsibility of preparing and getting out the programs for the coming session of the General Conference was placed on the Moderator and Recording Secretary, I am asking that every minister who plans to attend the 1934 session of said Conference, drop me a postal card, stating that you plan to be present.

Yours for a successful session,
J. R. Davidson, Moderator,
508 Morris, Glennville, Ga.

MARRIAGE

Cleve Adams, grandson of Mrs Emma Newcomer of Greentop, Mo. and Juanita Sevits, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sevits, were united in the bonds of wedlock, February 23, 1934, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Mann.

These young people are of fine Christian character and are both members of Hazel Creek Union Free Will Baptist church, and leaders in church, Sunday school and league work.

The beautiful ring ceremony that united these young people was witnessed by Deacon H. H. Filkins and wife who accompanied them.

Their many friends join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Adams the many blessings of a life of companionship and love.

LEAGUE and MISSION RALLY

We have made arrangements with the good Methodist people to have our League and Mission Rally in their church. They have a fine large building on Main street in Treece, just two blocks north of Blue Front church. Our building is too small.

We are expecting a good time with all of you present. Remember the time and place:

Treece, Kansas, April 29, 1934.
J. B. Rollins Pastor.

KIRKSVILLE, MO., March 10th.

Dear Brother Brown:

Just a few lines to let you hear from north Missouri. We are now having a revival meeting at Jewel church. The Rev. Mr. Perkins and wife from Ohio are conducting the meeting. We believe them to be God sent and his sermons are filled with the power of God.

We shall never forget the good meetings at the State meeting at New Harmony. How we would love to hear the good sermons and prayers and songs again, that made us rejoice in a Savior's love. I am hoping we may all meet again some day, but if not on earth, may we meet around the throne of God where we shall praise Him for ever.

Mrs. A. M. Eggert.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

By Miss Mildred Wilkerson

1. When you feel like gossiping, read James 3.
2. When in sorrow, read John 14.
3. When men fail you, read Psalm 27.
4. When you have sinned, read Ps. 51.
5. When you worry, read Matt. 6:19-34
6. Before church services, read Ps. 84
7. When in danger, read Psalm 91.
8. When you have the blues, read Ps. 34
9. When God seems far away, read Psalm 139.
10. When discouraged, read Isaiah 40
11. If you want to be faithful, read John 15.
12. When doubt comes upon you, try John 7:17.
13. When you are lonely or fearful, read Psalm 23.
14. When you forget your blessings, read Psalm 103.
15. For Jesus' idea of a Christian, read Matthew 5.
16. For James' idea of religion, read James 1:19-27.
17. When your faith needs stirring, read Hebrews 11.
18. When you feel down and out, read Romans 8:31-39.
19. When you want courage for your task, read Joshua 1.
20. When the world seems bigger than God, read Psalm 90.
21. When you want rest and peace, read Matthew 11:25-30.
22. When you want Christian assurance, read Romans 8:1-30.
23. For Paul's secret of happiness, read Colossians 3:12-17.
24. When you leave home for labor or travel, read Psalm 121.
25. When you grow bitter or critical, read 1 Corinthians 13.
26. When your prayers grow narrow

- or selfish, read Psalm 67.
27. For Paul's idea of Christianity, read 2 Corinthians 5:15-19.
28. For Paul's rules on how to get along with men, read Romans 12.
29. When you think of investments and returns, read Mark 10:17-31.
30. For a great invitation and a great opportunity, read Isaiah 55.
31. For Jesus' idea of prayer, read Luke 11:1-13.
32. For the prophet's picture of worship that counts, read Isaiah 58:1-12.
33. For the prophet's idea of religion, read Isaiah 1:10-18; Micah 6:6-8.
34. Why not follow Psalm 119:11, and hide some of these in your memory?

THE REDEEMER PLEADETH

By Mrs. I. B. Leonard

Oh, I wonder why Jesus descended from heaven,
A world so fair and happy and bright,
To earth so full of darkness and sorrow,
So full of sin, and the blackness of night.
There are dear precious souls down there, says the Father,
Souls that are seeking some way to be free;
Go tell them there's room in my heavenly mansions,
Go call the dear ones to come unto me.
Tell them that we will abide with them ever,
The blest Holy Spirit shall be their true guide,
In the ways of truth and life, He will lead them
In green pastures, by still waters they e'er shall abide.
Oh, come unto me, His voice ever pleadeth,
Oh, come unto me ye weary and live;
Your heavenly Father is longing to bless you,
A crown of bright glory in heaven you'll have.
No more the tempter of earth shall deceive you,
The dear Lord of Glory your footsteps will guide,
The angels of heaven are lingering near you,
And in their blest presence you e'er shall abide,
Their glad hosannas to heaven are ringing,
The Shepherd has found His dear sheep that was lost;
Back to the Father in His dear arms He will bear them,
For they have been purchased at such infinite cost.
By His own precious blood He provided a ransom,
He sealed their redemption by His death on the tree,
From a world of sin and darkness and sorrow,
His coming alone could have made sinners free.
Oh, yield to His pleading, the daylight soon fadeth,
The dark night of death so soon will appear;
Accept His sweet grace He now so freely offers,
In the mansions of heaven a home you shall share.

MISSION REPORTS

PURDY, MISSOURI, March 13, 1934.

Dear Gem Family:

I will try and tell some of the places we have been permitted to visit since you last heard from us. We have been visiting the various churches in the Indian Creek Association in the interest of Mission work. As was reported last month, three missions were organized at Blue Eye.

From there we went to Aurora to visit Bro. Noel Turner's church. Had a good spiritual meeting, but didn't get a mission organized, but feel sure one will be organized later. We stayed in the home of Sister Roberts while in Aurora, who was very kind to us.

From Aurora we came to Monett to visit their mission circle and had a good service. They have a good mission with good interest. Bro. Allred is the faithful pastor.

From Monett we went to Bro. John Swaffar's church at Jones Chapel. They were in a revival and we were indeed glad to be with them. We made our home with Bro. and Sister Willis Eaton who made us feel welcome. While there we visited in other homes, Sister Lizzie Turner's and Bro. and Sister Geo. Campbell's. The Lord blessed in the meeting and nine souls were saved. They have a good mission organized.

We next went to Carterville. Bro. Cecil Campbell is the faithful pastor there, and has built up a wonderful work. They have a large mission circle with about 35 members. We stayed with Bro. and Sister Ben Medley who made us welcome in their home. We met so many good people while there, all of them working for the Lord.

We next visited Bro. Winford Davis' churches. First at Macedonia. We had good services there on Wednesday night, Friday night and on Sunday morning. They have a good mission. They are going to have a food sale the 24th of this month. While there we stayed in Bro. and Sister Asberry Davis' home, who were so good to us. We enjoyed being with our friends at Macedonia.

We visited Merl's Chapel Church last night. Had a wonderfully spiritual meeting and God wonderfully blessed. They have a good mission who are active in the Lord's work. We enjoyed being in the home of Bro. and Sister J. B. Jefferson.

May the Lord bless all the missions and their work.

We will next visit the Union Ass'n. Pray for us.

Money received on Mission coat:
 Blue Eye, \$1.02
 Monett,68
 Jones Chapel,50
 Carterville, 1.00
 Macedonia,48
 Merl's Chapel,45

Yours for Jesus,

Melba White.

BOWDEN, OKLAHOMA, March 18th.

Dear Mission Workers:

I am real glad to have the pleasure of sending in another report from our Eastside Mission circle.

Our last meeting met March 9th with Zion Hill church, Bro. O. H. Staires pastor.

We sure did miss the Tulsa and Lawnwood churches, but we are sure they have a good excuse. There is so much sickness, and the mission workers I am sure are doing their part to help. There were five churches represented and all gave in good reports.

New Home mission reports one revival with 24 souls saved, lots of sick calls made, a number of cottage prayer meetings.

Allen mission reports that they are getting along fine with their new church house, are all working hard to get them a house to worship in.

Blue Bell reports that they are piecing quilts, served at a sale and cleared \$20.00, which they gave toward their church building.

Oglesby reports lots of sick calls, pieced and quilted three quilts, sold one for \$2.70, gave one to Sister Miller.

Zion Hill reports a number of sick calls made, five stork showers, sold one quilt for \$4.00, two more ready for sale.

In the afternoon we had a real praise service, then Bro. Stinnett and Bro. Harry Staires, both real men of God, brought us a wonderful message, using as a text, "Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick?" (Neh. 2:2).

We don't want to forget to mention that Bro. Bingham and wife from Vera met with us; we always enjoy having them.

Our next Mission rally will be held at the New Home church the 2nd Friday in April. We are looking forward to a wonderful day in the Lord's service and ask all the Mission workers to pray for us; and may the Lord bless all His chosen ones everywhere.

Hoping my report is not too long, nor too late to be published, I remain

A sister in Christ,

Mrs. J. L. Smith.

BLUE EYE, MISSOURI

Dear Mission Workers:

I will write a few lines to let you all know that we are all alive yet, and working for our dear Master.

The meeting Sister and Brother McAdams held here has helped us in our mission work so much. We have three circles now, instead of one, and I guess we need one or two more yet, we all live so far apart. I live in Missouri, north of the church. We have named our circle The North Circle. We have ten members in North circle, and are expecting many more to join. We have had only one meeting since dividing into three circles. God is blessing us in many ways. We are not able to express in words what the Lord has done for us here at

Blue Eye. The work is growing.
 Pray for all us here at Blue Eye.
 One that loves the Mission work,
 Alice Taylor.

DRUMRIGHT, OKLA., March 16, 1934

Dear Readers of the Gem:

Here I come to chat just a few minutes. As I write, I wonder if folks get tired each month reading our report. Well, we never get tired in telling it, as we love to tell the good news wherever we have a chance. And we do know that our mission work is good news; as it is the work of our Master.

Our mission circle met at Jennings this month, but on the account of being sick the reporter wasn't there. But a good time was reported. Bro. Kirby is their pastor. They have made 76 sick calls, also given one shower since last month. The Jennings Juniors have a good work and an average attendance of 20.

Vance Chapel reports five cottage prayer meetings, one grocery shower, have sold one quilt for \$3.00, also given Grandma Myers a nice shower, this is done the 15th of each month.

Drumright reports five cottage prayer meetings, have given one grocery shower, also one fruit shower. They report that they give most of their time in visiting the sick.

Arbor Dale gave a verbal report. They are still at work for the Master.

Cushing wasn't present.

We just want to say that we have lost the Blue Bell mission, but our loss is Tulsa's gain, they have gone into their circle up there. Each month we shall look for the good report of Blue Bell from Circle No. 2. They will be greatly missed by Circle No. 1.

After all the business was over they had a wonderful dinner, then Bro. A. B. Epperson brought a wonderful message on Luke, 10th chapter.

Our next meeting will be at Arbor Dale church. We ask all who read these reports to pray for us.

Yours for Jesus,

Rev. Hattie Newman.

OGLESBY, OKLA., March 12th.
 Free Will Baptist Church Notes

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We look forward to our regular preaching services when our pastor, Bro. D. W. Stinnett, meets with us, for he always delivers us a wonderful message. He gave a wonderful message Sunday at 11:00 a. m., and Sunday night there were people at the altar calling on God to save them. We are still praying that they will pray through and live for Jesus.

We have our prayer meeting every Wednesday night and always look to that night.

We have a good Sunday school every Sunday, with good attendance.

Our Mission meets on Tuesday evening. We are out working for God and to do His will.

All of you pray for us, that we may be faithful in His service.

Jessie Hug.

MT'N GROVE, MO., Feb. 24th.

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown and all the rest of the Gem Family: I will drop you a line this cold snowy night. It was so stormy that I didn't go to my appointment today, but expect to go tomorrow.

I haven't done much revival work this winter. I am trying to pastor four churches and have had revivals at all of them. I was in a meeting with Elder V. H. Kastning at Denlow, Mo. and our little girl took sick, so I had to go home. I had intended to help Bro. Winford Davis at his home church, but could not after our sickness.

Elders Jim Miller and Sam Marcum will never know just how bad I wanted to answer their calls. I never was at Bro. Miller's church at Flat River, but I have met a number of his members, and I am made to believe he has a good church. I have been at Bro. Marcum's church where he wanted me to help him, and have wanted to go back, and, if it is the good Lord's will, I'll go some time.

I sure do enjoy reading the many good letters in our Gem. Bro. Davis, your article was fine: some thoughts on the subject I never had thought of in that way and maybe never would have thought of them that way.

To all you Oklahoma preachers that I met at Tulsa and other places, I long for the time when we can meet again, for I can truthfully say that in my heart, I love you all as a brother in Christ. I am now making my plans to meet the rest of the board in Georgia next June at the General Conference. I think of all my Bro. preachers and your work and hope you have great success in Jesus' name.

Some of the churches I am trying to pastor, I have pastored for quite a while, but I think it will be best for them to get someone else another year, I would like to do a little more evangelistic work, if I possibly can, than I have been doing. But you fathers that have raised your children and put them through school, know what I am up against, trying to give them at least a high school education.

May God bless you all, is my prayer.
Geo. W. Scott, Jr.

GREENTOP, MISSOURI, Feb 17

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I will try to write to our little paper again; I enjoy reading it so much.

I surely enjoyed the State Association this year and hope and pray we can have a still better one next year.

I haven't got to attend the revival meetings in our Association much this winter, because of being away from home going to school.

I was asked the question last night, "Is it hard to live a Christian life and go to school?" I answered, "No," and it doesn't seem hard, although there are many of my schoolmates who do things, as drink, dance, smoke, etc. But it surely helps to have good Christian teachers. One of my teachers

is a minister's wife and is a great help to our school. How much better our schools would be if we had more Christian teachers!

The meeting at New Harmony, which did our community a great deal of good, closed February 7th.

Our league and Sunday school are both growing spiritually as well as in numbers, also our prayer meetings.

I enjoy reading the young people's letters so much and wish more would write.

I ask an interest in the prayers of all praying people, that I might always follow Him and live a life pleasing in His sight, that others would want to follow in my footsteps.

Your sister in Christ,
Louise Buchanan.

MYRTLE, MISSOURI, Feb. 15th

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I am writing you again to let you know that I am still living on the way that makes my prospect for heaven grow brighter every day. I thank the Lord this morning for this beautiful day and for the nice mild weather we have had so far, haven't had much winter yet.

We still have some good sermons preached down here, but we sure feel sad to think that one of our preachers has gone back to the old country where he was reared. We miss him in our churches, and Bro. Crase is missed by his many friends. His work for the Lord here will never be forgotten, for he has preached so many good sermons.

I think we should treat our pastors well. Give your pastor a large place in your daily prayers; this will help him and your mutual relationship. Have confidence in him and in his ability to succeed under divine guidance, stand by him and co-operate with him in his plans for progress, stand up for him when he is criticised, and talk of his good qualities in the community; however new and different his ideas may seem, give them fair unprejudiced hearing; if they are untenable, talk them over privately with him, help to preserve his hours of study, do not let it become necessary for him to be a parish errand boy for all of the church organization, tell him about it when he preaches well; this will result in more good preaching, see that the comforts of life necessary to his greatest efficiency are provided for him and that his salary is paid promptly, so that he may preserve his credit, let your criticisms of him be to his face, and then always in love and helpfulness, promote co-operation for his administration in all departments of the church, but Satan makes some people think we should just let our preachers go and do nothing to help them. Of course God could have destroyed Satan at once, but His wisdom provided a more efficient course, that following the time of trouble, peace will come to the people of earth, that all will be brought to a

knowledge of the truth, and that those who will know and obey God shall be restored to their homes, to their friends, to their property, and be given even much more than they ever had before, and above all, the obedient will receive life everlasting and dwell together for ever. Thus knowledge of the mercy and the loving kindness of God is now brought to the attention of the people, that all those who desire may take their stand on the side of Jehovah God and gladly obey and serve him.

"Blessed is that man that makes the Lord his trust and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies" (Psalm 40:4).

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance" (Psalm 33:12). There must be a lesson in the book of Job for all who love righteousness, in brief that lesson may be summed up as follows:

"Jehovah is the only true God; and there is none other, that His power is supreme, that he is just, wise and the complete expression of unselfishness, that He is the source of life, and that all who will receive life must receive it from Him, that Satan is the embodiment of evil, the enemy of man and the adversary of God, and that he always resorts to lies, deceit and hypocrisy to accomplish his wicked purposes; that Satan has a powerful organization, both visible and invisible to man, that the agencies of the visible part of Satan's organization are, to wit: the clergy and their allies, the commercial and the political powers of earth, who rule the people and misrepresent God, and whose efforts turn the people away from God and blind them to his word of truth; that on the earth there is a class of men and women who have desire for righteousness, but have been blinded by the efforts which Satan makes to test the faith of every righteous one. God permitted him to be used to try the faith of men; thus a way was opened whereby man could choose to follow evil or choose to follow righteousness and good. Every man must have an opportunity to exercise his own free will power; and, if he follows evil, the consequences will be disastrous, but if good, he will receive God's blessings. From the time of Eden until now Satan has opposed every effort on the part of men or people to do that which is right.

Hoping this will be read by our brothers and sisters in Christ, I am asking prayers for our church and its pastor.

Mrs. M. B. Cockman.

GRANBY, MISSOURI.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

As I sit here tonight, and old, old song has been running through my mind, which goes something like this:

"I've seen the lightning flashing,
I've heard the thunder roll,
I've felt sin's breakers dashing,
Trying to conquer my soul.

I've heard the voice of the Savior,
Telling me still to fight on;
He's promised never to leave me,
Never to leave me alone."

Isn't it wonderful to have a promise like that—and from a God like ours? Just to think that Jesus is always with us—everywhere we go there is an all-seeing eye watching us.

Friends, shouldn't we be very careful, where we go, what we do and what we say? I am so glad I have put my trust in Him, that I've a friend "that sticketh closer than a brother." And everyone can have this wonderful friend, if they will just accept Him.

It seems so good to me that Jesus is willing to forgive us when we err. Oh, how easy it is when we come to the place where we really want to do right, just to say, "Lord, here I am!"

Sometimes, it seems to me, there is no way out of temptations, but when Jesus is taken into consideration, and His advice is asked, the way is so clear and so plain.

I ask an interest in the prayers of God's people, that I may grow in His likeness and may let my light so shine, that others may see Jesus in my life.

Yours for Jesus,
Doris Turner.

FAYETTEVILLE, ARK., R1

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

As I haven't written to the Gem for a long time, I will write and let you know where we are and what we have in our weak way been trying to do for the cause of the Lord. We are now living in the "Mountain Home" community, near Habberton, Ark., not very far from Fayetteville, Ark. We have a real good Sunday school here and glad to say it is growing stronger each Sunday. We have an average attendance for this quarter of 36 pupils, with my husband, Bro. McCoy, as the superintendent, and Bro. Elmer Harris teacher of the Bible class, myself teaching the young people's class, and Sister Fannie Mays teacher of the card class.

We also have singing on Sunday evening, with large crowds and good order, and excellent singing.

Then on Wednesday night we meet for a prayer meeting, with a good attendance. We began with the first chapter of the book of Matthew and take it chapter by chapter, each one that will gets up and discusses and explains any part of the chapter he likes, and testimony meeting when desired—we just let the Spirit lead.

Bro. McCoy and I, with the help of the Lord, have organized a Free Will Baptist league with 23 members, not very strong yet, and as there are so few Christians here, the membership is mostly non-Christian. We want every Christian Gem reader to pray for our little league, that it may become stronger and be a real benefit to this community. Now brothers and sisters, we need your prayers.

We are also praying for the Lord to speak to the heart of some good Spirit filled preacher and send him here to help hold a revival. We believe that if God sends a preacher here he will be the one needed to have a real heart felt revival. There is no organized church here as yet, but some of us feel the need of one. It seems that there is not enough Christians here yet to successfully organize a church of any one denomination. So, Bro. and Sister Brown and Gem family, please pray for us, that we may stay where the Lord can use us here in this community, as there is great need of good Christian workers here.

We have preaching twice a month. Bro. Bryan from Fayetteville preaches on the second Sunday in each month and Bro. McCoy preaches on the 4th Sunday in each month.

Your brother and sister in Christ,
David and Luella McCoy.

NEW EDINBURG, ARK., Feb 23

Dear Editor and Wife and Readers of the Gem: I will try, after being silent for a few months, to write a few lines to the Gem family. It's through this grand little paper that I've received my spiritual food, having been deprived of going to church since last August, on account of ill health. But thanks be to God forever, He has restored my health to the extent that I went to church last Saturday night and Sunday.

I am truly thankful to my blessed Lord for past blessings, He has been so merciful and I am proud to say that I am still on praying and pleading terms with my Savior, praise His wonderful name.

Well, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I must tell you a little about the two good services we had Saturday night and Sunday morning, words can't express the good I got out of these services, I was so hungry spiritually. But while I was being so hungry all of these months, the word of my Master spoken of in Matt. 5:6, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled," gave me great consolation.

On Saturday night our beloved young pastor, Bro. R. M. Moore, who seems to be so zealous for God's great cause, brought us a wonderful message from the stand. He used for a subject, "Abiding Love"—"Except ye abide in me, ye can do nothing." He very ably brought to our minds how we must continue in God's love to the end of the world in order to reap our reward.

And on Sunday morning, Bro. J. E. White, another one of our young preachers, a man we've known and loved all our lives, and whose membership is here at Macedonia, brought the message. He used for a text, "I am come that they might have life and that they may have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). He wonderfully impressed upon our minds what that

life would really mean to those who keep the faith that was once delivered unto the saints. And with old Bro. Hartley to say a few "Amen's and Glory" and some real Spirit-filled songs, which the choir sang, it was wonderful indeed. My cup didn't just get full, but bless God, it ran over.

Dear editor, just a word about our grand little paper, the Gem. There are so many good sermons and letters, and one article I want to mention is worth the price of the paper. This article is written by Bro. T. H. Dixon who so faithfully served us as pastor many years; we shall never forget him, for we believe he really loved Old Macedonia. And his article on the "Church of God or Christ" was just like hearing him preach from the stand. May God bless him in his good work.

Well, as my letter is getting long, I will close by asking all who read this to pray for me, that I may always try to do the Master's holy will.

A sister in Christ,
Mrs. Iva Mae McClellan.

FLAT RIVER, MO., March 7th.

Flat River Church Notes for February

We have had our regular church services this month as usual, but not so well attended, owing to much sickness, and weather conditions. We have had some zero weather, and much snow last of February.

We hope for moderate weather, so we that have been deprived of attending services, can get back on the firing line for God.

Our pastor, Bro. Jas. F. Miller, has been away to Hartville, Mo. holding a two weeks' revival meeting, but he has arrived back home now, but I have not learned what success he had while away. During his absence, our home preachers filled his stand. We are proud of our young preachers, that we can depend on them so greatly in time of need.

We covet the prayers of all God's own.

Raymond La Brot, Reporter.

Fifth Sunday Meeting Program

The fifth Sunday meeting of the New Hope Association of Free Will Baptist will meet at Pleasant Grove church, three miles east of Greenbrier, Ark., Friday, April 27th, at 2:30 p. m. and continue through Saturday and Sunday, April 28th and 29th.

PROGRAM

- 2:30 p. m. Opened by moderator.
- 3:00 p. m. Talk, "The Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire"—Rev. J. W. Moore.
- 3:15 p. m. Talk, "Third Chapter of Joel"—Rev. E. C. Adkins.
- 7:15 p. m. Introductory sermon, by Rev. W. B. Maddox and Rev. J. H. Hartsell.

SATURDAY MORNING

- 9:00 a. m. Opening by moderator.

9:30 "The Duty and Requirements of a Sunday School Superintendent and his Teachers"—R. H. Goodman. Response—Mrs. C. E. Wilson. Quartet, by the Melody Sunbeams.

9:45 a. m. Talk, "What is the Young People's Duty to the Church?" by Prof. Earl Vaught.

10:00 a. m. Talk, "What is the Duty of the Church to the Young People?" Rev. W. B. Maddox.

Solo by Miss Odell Maddox.

10:15 a. m. Devotional services, led by Rev. J. H. Hartzell.

15 Minute Intermission

11:00 to 12:00 a. m. Sermon by—

12:00 to 1:30 p. m. Lunch.

1:30 p. m. Talks on Stewardship:

(1). "The Stewardship of a Deacon"

Rev. J. W. Moore.

(2). The Stewardship of the Laity"

Rev. E. C. Adkins.

2:00 p. m. Talk on 1 Cor. 13:10—Rev. J. W. Tucker.

Duet by Mayme and Odell Maddox.

2:15 p. m. Talk, "The Promises"—led by Bro. Greely Burkett. Followed by Rev. C. E. Wilson.

Every one is invited to attend this meeting. There will be a real welcome awaiting you at Pleasant Grove church; Come.

Rev. C. E. Wilson, Pastor,

Rev. W. B. Maddox, Mod.

H. C. Holleman, Clerk,

Rosebud, Ark.

BLUE EYE, MISSOURI

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I have always enjoyed reading the letters written by our Free Will Baptist folks, and have thought about writing a few lines, too, but just put it off.

I must tell about the meeting. Bro. and Sister McAdams arrived here on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, and started a two weeks' meeting they had planned. The weather was simply ideal, it couldn't have been better at this time and season of the year, the attendance was fairly good, considering some sickness, for the first week, then a good increase in attendance and folks were interested. Seven were converted, including one man about 73. They were baptized after church on Sunday, February 18th by Sister McAdams, assisted by one of our deacons, Bro. S. Head. Bro. McAdams was a victim to the epidemic of colds that were making the rounds of the community, and was out of commission.

The song service conducted by Bro. McAdams each evening was great, and we learned by attending the Sunday morning service, that he is also great in the preaching service. And Sister McAdams is certainly a chosen vessel—what wonderful inspiration, and what great leadership, and such a lovable disposition! What church, and what community, but would be richer and better by her leadership.

Our own dear pastor, Bro. Winford Davis, had told us about these good folks often and wanted us to know them; and I must say right here that from the first evening we attended the meeting I enjoyed a great blessing, which will carry pleasant memories on through life.

Miss Melba White came with them and stayed through the meeting, going from here to Aurora to take up the State Mission work that Sister McAdams has been doing.

Our Home Mission workers' meeting came on the last Saturday of the revival and Sister McAdams advised us to make two circles out of the one, and we now have a north and a south circle, also a young ladies' circle. I think we will have more interest and will get better results. Our circles will all come together every three months. I think it will be easier to get a smaller number to co-operate than it was with the full number together.

God bless all that strive to do the will of our Lord, and may He lead and guide us all the way.

Abbie Scott.

MOUNTAIN GROVE, MISSOURI

Dear Editor and all the Gem Readers, Greeting in Jesus' Name: I am still on the dear old battle field for Christ and am glad of it. I love my Christ who bled, suffered and died on the cross for me, and bless the good Lord, not only for me, but for each and every one that loves Him and will give their lives into His service. No, no, not a part, but all. It takes 365 days each year to live a Christian life for God, not a day and night for Satan and a day and night for God. O, my dear brothers and sisters, that is the trouble with us children of God today. We should live each day expecting Christ to come, for the good Book tells us to be ready, for we know not the day nor the hour when He shall appear.

Dear children of God, our every day life is the best sermon we can preach. I want to so live in this world, that my life will prove that I am living for Christ each day. We can't live too close to God, neither can we pray too much. The good old Bible tells us to pray one for another, love one another. We may see people partake of things in this world which we ourselves could not do without feeling it was sin to us, yet we should not turn a cold shoulder to this brother or sister, but go to them in a loving way and say, "Sister," or "Brother," which ever it chanced to be, "Do you feel it was right in the sight of God to do as you did?" But so many of us will say to some other brother or sister, "Did you hear what they did? I am not going to have anything more to do with them, for they partake of things I don't like," and maybe we have done something that looks just as bad to our brother or sister in Christ. Yet they go ahead and treat us the same, just like we should do if we are living a daily life for Christ.

If we keep our own row weeded out clean, we will have all we can do. But we leave our row weedy and our windows dirty, and try to clean and scour up our brother or sister's row and windows. I tell you, dear children of God, I keep busy and then I can't keep my weeds from growing,

but when I go on my knees and ask the dear Lord's help, He is always ready to turn a listening ear to my cries and will also lend a hand.

Some of these days I am intending to take a ride on that old Gospel ship that rocks like it is loaded with angels, and I want to be ready, as we know not how soon we may be called to get on board. What a glorious time to do as the song says, "I'm Going Higher Some Day." O, how I long for that time, but it is sad that so many poor souls will not be ready.

I pray each and every day to my blessed Lord to help me to live to be what He wants me to be, always ready to greet my brothers and sisters in Christ with love and bid them go on in the work of the Lord. Help me, dear Lord, to ever be willing for thy will to be done. Give me more love for my dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

If there ever was a time on the earth that we children of God should be praying, it is now. I don't want to be a stumblingblock in any one's way, and would thank any one in the name of my Christ, if I do aught that is wrong, to come and tell me, instead of talking to other people, because we should love one another well enough to go to our brothers and sisters in Christ with love in our hearts and talk to them in a gentle way.

I ask God's richest blessings on our dear editor and his wife, also on each one that reads this, and I want you all to pray for me, that I may ever be found at my post of duty, ready at any and all times to do my blessed Lord's will, and not be a stumblingblock to any one.

A sister in Christ,
Miss Daisy Raney.

HARTVILLE, MISSOURI

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I will try by the help of the Lord to write a few lines to our little paper.

I sure do enjoy reading the Gem; it encourages me to go on. I am still trying to serve the Lord, and praying that there may be more come into the fold. I think this is a trying time for us Christians, but God said His people should be a tried people; so friends, let's fight harder and live close to the Lord.

In 2 Timothy we find that it says, "Perilous time shall come . . . yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

Paul said, "Let us hold fast to the profession of faith without wavering; for he is faithful that promised."

I sure enjoyed the preaching that Bro. Clifton Harrison and Bro. Chas. Findley did Sunday. James tells us, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only." So friends, we must work and try to get more saved. We need to pray more for one another, and for sinners. Sinners, this is my prayer, that the Lord will help you to see the awfulness of sin, and accept the Lord before it is too late.

Pray for me, all that know the worth of prayer.

A sister in Christ,
Lola Deckard,