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HISTORY OF THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION, From its First Session in 1914 to 1934. As taken from Proceedings of Annual Sessions.

Bro. C. E. Mann of Queen City, Missouri has been kind enough to furnish an Introduction and the First Session Proceedings.

Dear Brother Brown:

Complying with your request for a statement regarding things leading unto, and the organization of the Missouri State Meeting of Free Will Baptist, I submit the following:

Introduction

During the early part of my Christian life, and ministerial work, it was my pleasure to have for my spiritual advisor, Rev. G. S. Latimer, now of Washington, Kansas, but at that time pastor of churches in the Northeast Missouri Yearly Meeting. At one time Rev. Latimer was clerk of the old Missouri State Meeting. From him I learned much of the work and results accomplished under this organization. It was my privilege to attend the last session of this conference and, being a boy, I failed to give it the attention and thought I should, therefore I was handicapped some years later when I sought to bring about the organization of the present state work.

In the winter of 1905 I met Rev. T. C. Ferguson at the Schuyler County Quarterly Meeting and from him learned of the work in Northwest Missouri, Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas. This was during my second year in the ministry. With a desire to know more of our Missouri work, I began a campaign of correspondence, but for several years was unable to gather the information desired, or the co-operation hoped for.

During the fall of 1912 I assisted Rev W. H. McKown of Carlow, Mo. in a revival meeting, and later he assisted me in a revival at our home church. While associated together we began to lay plans for uniting our Free Will Baptist work in Missouri. As a result of our plans, and at the close of the revival, I began corresponding with ministers and clerks of the different associations I knew of. Letters were sent to Elders W. H. McKown, T. C. Ferguson, J. J. Wood, R. W. Waterman, S. B. Lewis, and G. S. Latimer, also Mr. Jerry Ahart, clerk of Northwest Missouri Association. I also visited in person, Elders P. H. Veach, W. D. McFarland, James Shoop, C. A. Phillips, W. B. Fadley, and several

others in the interest of an organization. I made two trips into the Northwest Missouri Association, sat in council with the Northeast Missouri Association executive board, and visited a number of other meetings in order to determine the wishes of the people. Rev. Waterman of the Laclede County Association was the only one corresponded with who failed to answer my letters, and Rev. T. C. Ferguson was the only one offering objections. But upon being elected moderator at the second session of the State Meeting at Hannon, Missouri, he put forth his best efforts for the enlargement of the work, and for several years was a tireless worker, sacrificing both time and means for advancement of the cause.

After over a year's correspondence, and traveling, we succeeded in getting the question submitted to the Northeast and Northwest Missouri Associations, the Central Western and Southeastern Kansas Association, and the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting, resulting in a call meeting to be held with the Philadelphia church, near Pattonsburg, Missouri, beginning November 25, 1924.

Proceedings of the 1914 Session

The meeting called to meet with the Philadelphia church, near Pattonsburg, Missouri on November 25, 1914, for the purpose of organizing a state conference of Free Will Baptist, assembled at 7:30 p. m. on the appointed date.

Rev. C. E. Mann, chairman of the Northeast Missouri Association, was elected to deliver the introductory sermon and address of welcome. The Scripture selected was Psalms 122:1.

Thursday Morning

A quorum not being present, praise and prayer services were conducted until eleven o'clock, at which time the Gospel message was brought by Rev. C. E. Mann.

Thursday Afternoon

A quorum being present the conference was called to order by Rev. C. E. Mann, and the object of the meeting outlined. Upon nominations Rev. W. H. McKown was elected moderator and C. E. Mann clerk. The afternoon was spent in discussing the feasibility of an organization. Rev. W. H. McKown was selected to bring the Gospel message Thursday night, and Rev. S. B. Lewis to bring the Gospel message Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

Business was suspended until Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The messages brought by Rev. Mc-

Kown and Rev Lewis were very instructive and helpful and broadened our field of information of the work accomplished by the old State Conference, of which both ministers had been members.

Friday Afternoon

Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the house was called to order by the clerk. The chairman then read a lesson from Isaiah 12th chapter, after which we were led in prayer by James Hardin of the Northeast Missouri Association.

Letters from the different associations were called for and read. Letters were received from the N. E. Missouri, the N. W. Missouri, the C. W. Mo. and S. E. Kansas Associations and the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting.

Motion was made and seconded that the letters be received, delegates seated, and that we proceed

The Letters

To the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with Philadelphia church, near Pattonsburg, Missouri, November 25, 1914. The Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptist sends greetings, praying God's blessings upon you in all your deliberations. May His presence pervade in every session of your Association in mighty power. This Association feels it has much to thank God for. His power was felt in every session of this year's meeting of our association.

This Association has a membership of 634, and church property valued at \$9,800.00.

We send as delegates to sit with you, Brothers W. H. Potts and A. W. Hartley of Wagoner and Stockton churches respectively.

The Association desires that a Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist be organized, and we hereby request that this Association be admitted to the body as a member.

We earnestly pray that your coming together will be highly blessed of God, and that an Association which will greatly help to glorify God will be the ultimate result.

B. F. Brown, clerk.

Dated at Hannon, Missouri, October 10, 1914.

To the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist, while in session with the Philadelphia church near Pattonsburg, Missouri, November 25-28, 1914. Greetings in Jesus' name: The Northeast Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist prays God's blessings upon you in all your deliberations.

This Association is in fine condition spiritually and has many things to praise God for, especially for the number of souls who have turned to Him during the past year.

Our Association voted unanimously for a state conference and desire membership to the same.

Statistics: Number of churches, 9; resident membership, 639; non-resident membership, 160; total membership, 799; number of additions the past year, 246; number dismissed, 6; number of professions in meetings, 320; number of ministers, 11; names of delegates: Rev. J. F. Duckworth, Rev. Chas. A. Phillips, Rev. C. E. Mann, W. D. Houghton and J. M. Hardin and wife.

(Signed) C. E. Mann, Chairman of Association.

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THE NEW KINGDOM

Part 2. SIGNS OF THE COMING KING

By Elder Everett Wilson

A great deal has been said of the advent of Christ as Savior, by the prophets. How clearly they tell of His lowly birth. A Lamb born in a stable. Why not in a palace? Because lambs are not born in palaces. Why could the Jews not see the King in the Babe of Bethlehem? Because they were looking for the kingdom to be restored to Israel, and could not see the Lamb of God for looking for the world ruling King of the Jews. They knew the prophecies of the kingdom, and in their zeal to reign and rule with their King, could not see a new birth, changing the nature of the man to harmonize with the Kingdom of Love. How true this is now, men trying in every way they can think of to bring in peace and prosperity, and a reign of safety and pleasure to all mankind; but forgetting the One, and only One, who must come and destroy sin, before there can be peace. Try as they may, peace can never come to a world whose god is the great Red Dragon, and who is "prince of the powers of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience" (Eph. 2:2, 3, with Rev. 12:9 and 20:2).

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting" (Micah 5:2).

How easy to overlook the Babe Christ in looking for the King of Israel in this Scripture. The iron heel of Rome upon the Jews caused such a desire for freedom from Rome, and for the speedy establishment of their kingdom, that they overlooked their transgressions which separated them from their God, and blinded them to the fact that the King must come as the Lamb first, and that the King must needs be the Lamb, for he must bear their sins in his own body on the tree before becoming their King. They wanted to reign without a change of heart, but man could not partake of the Tree of Life with the juice of the forbidden fruit upon his lips. God drove man from the garden to prevent this bold assumption, but until this day the world wants a millenium without Christ. O, why without Christ! The fairest of ten thousand, the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley, the bright and Morning Star. The only One who can put love and peace and joy in the human heart, and cause a world of all kinds of people to live together in perfect harmony. For man to presume that he can bring about a condition like this will put the Man of Sin on the throne, who will lead the thousands of this Gentile world into conflict with the coming King, only to suffer defeat and the final fall of Gentile powers.

Moses said, "The seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head" (Gen. 3:15). How easy to miss the Babe in this wonderful prophecy now nearly 6000 years old. No matter how subtly he may try to get a hold on the kingdom, he is sure to feel the conquering heel of the Seed of the woman.

How we praise God for hearts that long for freedom from sin; and, in the desire for that freedom, we see what the Jews could not see in the 53rd chapter of Isaiah: The offering of the Lamb of God who suffered for our sins; and now we can look for Him the second time without sin unto salvation (Heb. 9:28). You look in vain for the atoning blood in any other than the Christ, who fulfilled the prophecy of His first coming, and brought salvation to Jew and Gentile alike. Jesus was mindful to leave behind Him much more prophecy of His return, than of His first coming; also promising signs by which we may know when the time is drawing near.

"And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, Tell us when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" (Matt. 24:3).

Three questions are asked, but we will deal only with the second one here: "The sign of thy coming." No language could be more plain or explain the times as they are now than the following Scripture:

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

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THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

"THE SEVEN JUDGMENTS—The Bible speaks, at least, of seven judgments. We may designate them thus: (1) The judgment of the believer's sins on the cross of Christ. "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out" (John 12:31). (2) The believer's self-judgment: "For if we would judge ourselves we would not be judged" (1 Cor. 11:31). (3) The judgment of the believer's works: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (2 Cor. 5:10). (4) The judgment at the return of Christ: "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations; and he shall separate them one from another; as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats" (Matt. 25:31, 32). (5) The judgment of Israel at the return of Christ: "And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant, and I will purge out from among you the rebels and them that transgress against me" (Ezek. 20:37). (6) The judgment of angels after the one thousand years: "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day" (Jude 6). (7) The judgment of the wicked dead with which the history of the earth ends: "And I saw the dead both small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works" (Rev. 20:11). Here we have seen seven distinct judgments, and yet the compilers of the International Sunday School Lessons give the fourth judgment mentioned here as the last judgment. The teachings of the Bible show that a thousand years elapse between the judgment mentioned here and the final judgment of the wicked."

The above is an Editorial quoted from the Free Will Baptist, published at Ayden, N. C. We print it here, not only because we approve it, but we wish to comment on what the writer calls "The Judgment at the Return of Christ."

This Scripture, recorded in Matt. 25:31-46, was spoken by Christ himself, it was spoken unto the twelve apostles (Matt. 24:3), and tells of the judgment of the nations at the end of this age. This is not the last or general judgment, only living people of earth are judged here, no books are opened, and the dead are not included, as in the last judgment (Rev. 20:11-15); and there is one thousand years between the two judgments. This judgment is at the end of this age, and is on earth: the other is at the end of the world, and is in heaven.

Notice that this judgment takes place "When the Son of man shall come in his glory," and as King, "shall he sit upon the throne of his glory." The Jews tried to make Christ king after the manner of men, which He would not permit; but here He calls Himself "King." He was born "King of the Jews" (Matt. 2:2); the only question He would answer when before Pilate was in regard to His Kingship (See all the Gospels); Pilate understood and wrote and nailed over the cross, "This is Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." According to the flesh, Christ was the son of David the king; "and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David; and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever" (Luke 1:32, 33). These and many other Scriptures indicate that Christ shall be King. He has not been King, is not King now; so He will be King, not in heaven, but on earth. In Zech. 14:9 we read, "And the Lord shall be king over all the earth." This is the final answer to the prayer in Mt. 6:10.

When Jesus was here in the flesh, He went from place to place preaching the gospel of the kingdom (Matt. 4:23; 9:35), but His people rejected Him (John 1:11). Yet He said, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matt. 24:14). Then this is the gospel that will be preached during the tribulation after the church is caught up; and at the end of the tribulation, at the end of this age, this judgment of the nations will sit.

BRYAN, TEXAS, May 8, 1934
Free Will Baptist Church Notes
Mary Edge, Church Reporter

The revival of the Free Will Baptist Church, Bryan, Texas, April 15 to 29, was one of the best revivals this church has had in some time.

Rev. J. C. Griffin of New Bern, North Carolina, one of the sanest and strongest preachers in the evangelistic field today, came under the leadership of the Holy Spirit and brought the wonderful messages. Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, pastor of the church, had charge of the singing.

Services were held morning and evening, and while the results were not what we desired, yet we had a good meeting and are sure that the soul-stirring messages brought by Bro. Griffin greatly revived the members of the church and that this revival will continue and the effects will be seen in years to come. There were six additions to the church, three by baptism and three by letter. Some of the converts voluntarily gave up different forms of worldiness and publicly asserted their allegiance to the Master for service in the church.

Our church is in a condition to grow and we thank God for all of the wonderful blessings He has bestowed upon us, and we hope and pray that He will continue His blessings and help us to be worthy of them. Bro. Griffin was certainly an inspiration to the congregations that heard him and I am sure that it would be unanimous on the part of the church to have him again. May God bless him in this wonderful work.

2420 Pierce Avenue, Bryan, Texas.

BRANCH, ARK., May 16, 1934

Dear Brethren and Gem Readers:

I wish to give you a brief account of another wonderful gathering of God's saints here on old mother earth.

Brothers B. F. Brown and John Swaffar of Purdy, Missouri were here with us on May 13th at eight o'clock p. m. Following the league service, Bro. Brown brot a great message to this congregation, on "Faithfulness." His text was, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).

After feasting our souls upon

God's Holy Word, as delivered to us through His messenger, the deacons prepared the table for another spiritual feast. Thirty-eight of God's children partook of this supper. Then, true to the type of faithfulness, they followed the example of our Lord and Master in the washing of the saint's feet. Here our cups were running over, and there was great rejoicing in Zion.

There were several subscriptions paid in to Bro. Brown for the Gem, at the close of the service. We feel that the brethren's visit has been a great lift for the Gem, and we trust that they will soon come back to our community for a longer visit.

Yours for the kingdom of God,
Elder Elmer Turner.

BRISTOW, OKLA., May 18, 1934

Dear Bro. Brown and Readers of the Gem: As I am sending in a few subscriptions, I will try to tell you how we are getting along at Tuskegee church.

We are only a small church. Our meeting days are the first and third Sundays of each month. Our pastor is Bro. W. N. Beaty. We are trying to serve the Lord and do what He would have us do.

If there ever has been a time when we need to follow Christ's example, it is now. Sin is on every hand, and it seems that the Christian part of the people are very much unconcerned.

Brothers and sisters, people are going to hell; and we ought to try to do something about it. If we could get a vision of hell today I wonder if we wouldn't work harder for the Lord and the salvation of lost souls?

I am a young preacher and I desire the prayers of every Christian, that I may be found doing what God would have me do.

John H. West.

WAGONER, OKLA., May 19th.

Dear Bro. Brown and Readers of the Gem: I am sending in a club of nine new subscriptions.

I want to make a brief report: I attended the fifth Sunday meeting at Prairie View church. There was a large attendance and some fine discussions, and some wonderful sermons.

I visited Shahan church Saturday night before the first Sunday. Brother H. E. Dixon preached us

a good sermon. Then on Sunday we all attended the dedication of the new church at Hitchita, Okla. Bro. T. H. Dixon is the pastor of this new church. They have a nice building and some real Christian folks.

We came back to Shahan Sunday night, where we had a good meeting and communion service. About 152 took part in the communion and feet washing.

Then on Monday, accompanied by several others, I went to Jinks, Okla. to visit Sister Tom Ray who has been bedfast since last November. We found her lying very low, not expected to live more than a few days. She is suffering from that awful disease, cancer. But her hope is strong in the Lord, and she told me when I went to leave that there was nothing in her way, said she was just waiting and that death would be sweet.

I fill my regular appointment at Hogan church, near Locust Grove, the second Saturday night and Sunday. We had a good meeting.

Your brother in Christ,
Elder Fred C. Jones.

TORNADO, W. VA., April 30th.

Dear Brother and Sister Brown and Gem Family: I have just returned home from the quarterly meeting at Putney.

We had a splendid meeting and good preaching. I don't know how many preachers were there, nor how many churches reported, but when we took the Lord's Supper and washed feet, 76 took part. We had a happy time.

The conference sent two old elders, Bro. J. E. Thomas and Bro. Wills, \$5.00 each, and Bro. J. W. Martin, who has been suffering with a broken leg for three months, \$10.00.

Our next quarterly meeting will be held with Kanasha Fork church the 5th Sunday in July. Our annual or yearly meeting will be held at Chesapeake, W. Va., beginning Thursday night before the 4th Sunday in August, 1934.

I am sending you four more subscriptions. I sure love to read the good letters and good sermons in the Gem. I hope the time will soon come when I can see reports of the good work all over our state.

I will not write any more at present. I ask the prayers of all the Gem readers.

Your brother in Christ,
F. V. Nicholas.

A LETTER FROM PAUL

Respected Sir:

Our missionary, Miss E. J. Rea, asked me to write out a brief history of my life and work. I have much pleasure in writing these few lines.

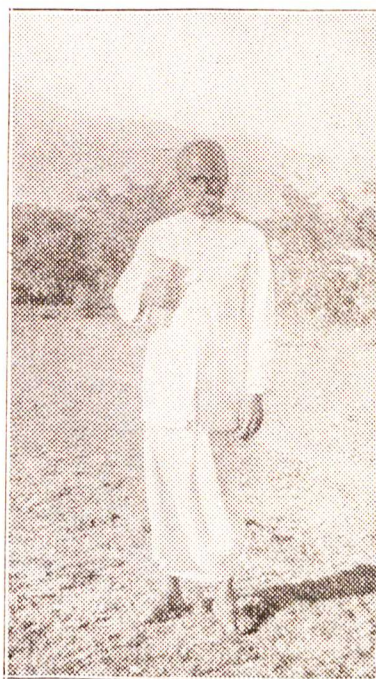
I was born on the 18th day of August, 1875, at Pondicherry. In very early stage of my life—in my 1½ years, I lost my mother, unfortunately. Even in those very early, sad days of my childhood, I was in great trouble and difficulties under my step-mother, who was very cruel and unkind towards me. But my father took much interest and taught the Scripture lessons daily about the birth of Jesus Christ, the beautiful life, redeeming death, glorious resurrection, ascension and promise of His coming again. The spiritual stories rooted in my heart from my infant stage and I trusted our Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior.

When I was grown up, I studied up to the 5th form (5th grade, I suppose) in the London Mission High School. I wanted to continue the higher studies, but my circumstances were much critical at that time for want of sufficient funds. After leaving the school, I served as a mainstry in cotton mills. In those days I had an opportunity to teach the London Mission Church Sunday school boys on every Sunday. Rev Joseph S. Long, who was manager of that school, used to visit often and understood my ability, interest in the studies, hard work and the great progress of the students and promised to send me to the London Mission Theological Seminary at Salem for evangelistic work. My father seriously objected to my views about Gospel work for the small salary paid by the missionaries, and hence he secured an employment in the registration department as a section clerk. I served there for a period of 8 months. Rev. S. J. Long recommended me strongly to the Rev. A. W. Brough who was the chief missionary at time of his departure to England on furlough.

On the great compulsion of Rev. A. W. Brough I was sent to the seminary at Salem in my 21st year. I took there a three years course of training. At that time

I was acquainted with our Lord Jesus Christ and found the joy of salvation, the reality faith and the power of prayer. Afterwards I took courage with the power of the Holy Spirit and preached the Gospel in the London Mission churches. My father also heard my preaching in the churches and praised the Lord for my wonderful gift, and selected me from his fourteen children to spread the Gospel in all parts of the districts.

At the time of attempting to win the souls into His fold, my first wife died, and after five years I was remarried. My father-in-law was an assistant surgeon in the Medical Department of the government. He took much in-



terest on my behalf at the time of my critical position and great deal of hardships and searched me an employment in the Forest Department as master of the fuel depot. In addition to this, I got lots of incomes. It was very difficult for me to remain in this service against my conscience, and remembering about the destruction of Judas Iscariot, and also that the love of money is the root of all evil in this world. So I resigned the post after six months of service, and joined again in the London Mission as an evangelist. In this way our Almighty separated me from my family for His work. I was borne faithful wishes with help of missionaries

and lady missionaries for 23 years.

In the year of 1921, August 5th, Rev. P. F. Summerson, who is now at Pudocottaeh Mission, brought me here as an evangelist. After six years—in the year 1927—second wife also died suddenly by heart failure disease. I have only one son who is reading in the 2nd form on 7th class.

Now by age is 58. But by the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, I am preaching in open-air meetings, villages, shandies, churches, prayer meetings and Sunday schools for the past thirteen years.

I believe that His grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain, but I labored more abundantly. Yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Amen. 'Because thy loving kindness is better than life' (Psa. 63:3).

Yours obediently,
R. PAUL.

Dear Co-workers:

I am sure that you are glad to get this picture and message from Paul, our native Indian missionary preacher. The letter is his own pen-written message to us. In typing his letter for the press, I have made only a few corrections. I am sure that it would take me quite a while to learn his language as well as he knows mine.

If we will closely observe his picture, I am sure that we will be able to understand why he can live on such a small salary. Notice his common clothes and his bare feet. I am sure that the money that we send him is spent for bare necessities only, while he carries the Gospel to those whom we, as a denomination, have neglected in the past.

Let us not forget this great work. I have been receiving quite a few offerings for foreign missions this fall, but most of them have been small. We should praise the Lord for each donation, however small it may be, but more of us should have a part in this work. We need not only sufficient funds for Paul's allowance, but a balance sufficient to send those of our own church whom the Lord calls to the foreign fields. May the Lord stimulate us to greater activity in the work that we have so long neglected.

Yours for the Gospel to all the world,

I. J. Blackwelder, Gen. Sec'y.

MYRTLE, MISSOURI

Dear Editor of the Gem:

As I am sending in a new subscription, I will write a few lines.

As we look out this beautiful morning, we thank the Lord for the light of another day.

We have just attended our fifth Sunday meeting held at Norman church. A good delegation present. We had some fine preaching, and Sunday at 11:00 o'clock, Bro. Fred Dodson and Bro. Harry Beatty, two of our young ministers, preached. We thank God that He has sent them out to work in His vineyard; pray for them, that they may always be found faithful in discharging the duties they owe unto God.

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

MIDWAY, TEXAS, May 15th.

Dear Gem Family:

We are thinking of our many kin folks in the Lord tonight, and wondering what they are all doing for our Master, in different places. We have closed out the meeting here with splendid results, near 30 converts. We lost the count after 25, but several more were saved. A good Sunday school has been organized and the Free Will Baptist has come to life and will have preaching every second Sunday.

We are very fortunate to have preaching every Sunday. We have a Baptist preacher living here in the neighborhood and an M. E. preacher, and they all have a Sunday. The Baptist have a pastor, so we have good services right along.

If it is the Lord's will we will begin a meeting next Sunday at Pine Prairie, about eight miles from here. We have a weak church there, so help us pray that God will revive the church, and many souls be saved. This part of the country sure needs a great spiritual awakening, as many other places do.

We are still rejoiced to see Sister Melba White's good reports in the Gem; we pray God to bless her in all her noble work for the Master. We are so glad that God is pouring out His blessed Spirit upon our dear girls and women; that is one of the signs of His coming (Acts 2:18-20). We wonder why so many women are called

to preach? First, a Bible reason, God said so; and second, I have noticed so many men that say God has called them, doing nothing. So, let's help our girls and do all we can for them.

We sure enjoy the Gem away down here in Texas. We can hardly wait for it to get here. It seems that the last few months we have enjoyed so many good letters and articles, especially Bro. Wilson's article in the last Gem, on the "New Kingdom." Praise the dear Lord for those that read and understand the Bible.

God bless the Gem family and all the mission and league workers. I am anxious to see reports of our 5th Sunday Mission and League Conventions.

Yours for Jesus,
Lizzie McAdams.

LA MESA, NEW MEXICO

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

As I am sending my renewal and a new subscriber, I will write a few lines. We sure like the Gem.

Health in general is good and we are having a better spiritual atmosphere here in these parts. There has been several conversion, and we realize and know that God still answers the prayers and the pleadings of His children.

Our dear Sister Bullard is now at home from the hospital.

I hope Bro. and Sister Epperson reads this, for I took their letter they wrote to me to Sister Bullard's and during her sickness and the address was lost, so I could not answer their letter; hope they write again to me.

We are still laboring for the Master. There are but few of us, but we press the battle in Jesus' name. This country is the most ungodly country I ever lived in. How I wish some of you Free Will Baptist who are alive for God would move out here and help us.

I will close before I write too long a letter. Will ask all who pray to pray for us.

Your sister in Christ,
Verna G. Edson.

AURORA, MISSOURI

We are glad to report another victory in Jesus' name, at our church here in Aurora.

Our meeting began April 8th and closed May 3rd. Elder Winford Davis was with us in this

meeting and did all the preaching except when it was necessary for him to be away for his appointments at the churches where he is pastor.

This was another meeting where Christian people were made to shout God's praise, and sinners were made to tremble, because God's Spirit prevailed. Brother Davis preached the Word of God with great boldness and power in spite of the devil and all opposing powers, and strong men were broken down and wept and prayed their way to God. This meeting has been a great strength to the church, because the Christian people were revived and new recruits were added to our number.

We plan for baptizing May 20th.

Plans for the church building are being made and we expect to be busy getting material ready next week. Every one seems to be anxious to do their part in this work, and even outsiders are doing a wonderful part in helping us with the financial part; we sure appreciate it, and want to thank each one for what you have already done.

The women are making two quilts and embroidering in them the name of each person who gives ten cents or more to the building of this new church. We welcome all contributions. These quilts are to be sold when finished. There is no gambling with it.

Eld. Noel Turner, 924 Rinker.

S. CHARLESTON, W. VA., May 1

Dear Editor:

If you will allow me a small space in the Gem, I would like to say a few words about our Kanawha Quarterly meeting which was held at Putney, beginning on Friday before the fifth Sunday in April. We had a wonderful meeting, with fourteen churches reporting, and about thirty preachers present.

Three preachers were ordained and one was licensed. All of the business was handled through committees, so there was not a jar in the whole meeting.

On Saturday night Rev. H. W. Scott preached a wonderful sermon, after which we took the sacrament and washed feet. It was the largest feet washing service I ever saw, 76 took part in the feet washing, and I think about that many took part in the shouting too.

Of course basins were turned over often, but the good work never stopped until all were through.

Then, on Sunday they had a prayer and praise service that lasted about three hours. I left after dinner, but left the folk where we ate dinner, still singing and praising God.

The next meeting will be held at Kanasha Fork church, about five miles from Charleston, W. Va.

I wish to say that the Free Will Baptist are still much alive in West Virginia.

If I see this in the Gem, I will write some each month.

Your brother in Christ,
F. E. Nicholas.

DRUMRIGHT, OKLA., May 11th

Dear Gem Readers:

Here we are again with another report.

We had a wonderful meeting last Friday a week ago today, at the Cushing church. Just wish all of you could have been with us, but we that stay true to God will go to a great meeting some day, and then we can all be together; and the sweet part of it is, we wont have to part any more, thank God for that.

Cushing church showed us such a nice time. We had a wonderful dinner. Cushing sure has a fine mission work, they just can't be beat anywhere. In the month of April they met the regular meeting day, which is every week, then a great many extra days to work. They quilted five quilts, had one cottage prayer meeting, gave one fruit shower, made 199 sick calls and a number of calls to the hospital. They also have a fine junior mission, and they too, call on the sick, they made 115 sick calls, they have 60 members, they meet on Friday night, they made a quilt for the Old Ministers home. How we need to pray for our young folks.

Drumright has a good report for the month of April: They have had a revival going on. Bro. O. E. Staires and Bro. Johnnie Russell did the preaching. They had thirty odd souls saved, God surely did use those boys, and they got a great blessing for it. They report six cottage prayer meetings and one soul saved in one of those meetings, they gave one pot flower to the sick, also one fruit shower, one grocery shower, and a cloth-

ing shower to some folks that had a burn out, made 62 sick calls, and the mission paid \$5.00 to the evangelists.

Jennings reports that 18 to 20 meets out with them each week; they have made 56 sick calls in the last four weeks, they have fed from 12 to 20 hungry children every Thursday for the past six weeks, they, too, have quilted one quilt and have others ready.

Vance Chapel reports that they have had eight cottage prayer meetings, have given two grocery showers, and one clothing shower, also given one funeral spray and quilted three quilts.

Arbordale didn't give in any written report, just a verbal report, but they are still doing mission work.

Sister Oliver brought us a fine message in the afternoon, using as her subject, "Understand." She brought out some good thots on that, and I'm sure, if folks could only understand, we would live better, do better, be better, and have a better world to live in.

Pray for us, that we may have a better understanding of God's Word, that we may go out and win lost souls to Christ.

We just want to mention all the preachers' names that were present in our meeting, so you might see why we had such a good time: Elders O. E. Staires, A. B. Talbert, Johnnie Russell, A. B. Epperson, Lee Oliver, J. L. Waltman, and Sisters Oliver, Perkins, Dickinson, Fincher, and the reporter, Hattie Newman.

BRISTOW, OKLA., May 16, 1934

Dear Gem Family:

I decided to write a few lines with my renewal for this little paper, which we love so dearly.

I thank the Lord for a people who are teaching God's Word and Old Time religion. It was good enough for my dear old father and mother, and it's good enough for me.

Mothers' Day was a wonderful day at Liberty Hill church, 12 miles north of Bristow, at Princeville. Pleasant Valley and Olive Sunday schools met with us. We had a fine Sunday school and two wonderful sermons on "Mothers," by Bro. Marvin Dalton of Tulsa, and Bro. Carter of Tuskegee, Okla.

Bro. Johnson of Drumright was

with us and made a fine talk on "Mothers."

A splendid dinner was served at the noon hour.

A real good Mothers' Day program was rendered in the afternoon, and all reported a good time.

The thoughts brought to the mind as we think of mothers, remind us of the great importance of the right sort of home life. The home is the oldest institution in the world. It is older than the state or church. Today it can be said, "As goes the home, so goes the church and the state."

God started the human family with a home, and heaven is built on the model of a home; so that we sing, "Oh, think of the home over there." Jesus was always trying to get into the homes of the people; and His great desire today is to get into our homes.

When Jesus comes in He acts as a check on many things.

The four great enemies of the human race are sin, hurry, worry and debt.

Jesus so positionizes the home He enters, that sin goes out, poise takes the place of hurry, assurance replaces worry, and contentment so fills the heart that one lives within his income.

Christ not only comes in as a check on disturbing tendencies, but as an inspiration, a comfort, an instructor and a protector.

So, let Jesus have His rightful place in the home, for in doing so, we make possible religious progress in the world.

Stella Princee.

BOWDEN, OKLA., May 21, 1934.

Dear Mission Workers:

The reason I say, "Mission Workers," is that anyone who loves the Lord is a mission worker. I am still working for the Master, trying with God's help to do what He would have me do.

I will give in a brief report of our last mission circle meeting, held at Blue Bell, May 11, 1934. Bro. Hillard is pastor.

The Lord is still blessing us in our mission work in many ways.

There was a goodly number out. Oglesby and Zion Hill could not be with us, but mailed me a written report of their work.

Oglesby reports that they are still trying to do their best and are helping their pastor.

Zion Hill reports that they have

been making aprons and bonnets and selling them. They give their pastor all the eggs they get on Sunday. Junior mission progressing nicely.

Blue Bell reports they have made several sick calls, given three stork showers, are getting along fine with their new church, amount in treasury \$10.55.

Allen reports cottage prayer meetings, 6, sick calls, 20, amount paid into building fund, \$50.76, and if the Lord wills they too, will soon have a new home to worship God in.

Lawnwood gave in a verbal report: Two stork showers, quilted three quilts, had seven cottage prayer meetings, gave three grocery showers, revival going on and souls being saved.

Our next mission circle meeting will be held at Lawnwood the second Friday in June.

Bro. Harry Staires brought us the afternoon message, using as a text, "They need not depart." The Lord surely laid His anointing hand upon him, for he surely preached a wonderful message. There were some shouting. May God bless our preachers and keep them humble and where God can use them to His glory.

Bro. Walter Warner is starting a revival at Pretty Water school house this week; we earnestly ask your prayers that many souls might find God.

Pray for me.

Mrs. J. L. Smith.

ST. LOUIS, MO., May 21, 1934.

The following is a brief report of our work since the organization of the Third Free Will Baptist church, May 4, 1933.

We organized with eleven charter members. We now have 66 members. Have dismissed three. Have had an increase of 58 during the year.

We organized our Sunday school with an enrollment of 31, and now have an average attendance of 75, with an enrollment of 109.

We have a splendid league and prayer meeting.

When we organized this work we did not have a dollar with which to pay expenses or purchase supplies. We borrowed 98 chairs and a few benches, and had the use of them until a short time ago. We made some good benches and returned the chairs. Some

one gave us a piano; so we now own our own fixtures, and are practically out of debt. We value our property at \$150.00.

Sunday, May 20th, was a good day for us; we baptized four and received one into the fellowship of the church, who had already been baptized. Saturday night we had two reclaimed.

We are expecting to begin a revival June 3rd. Bro. Mart Lewis, one of our splendid young preachers, will help us. We are expecting a great meeting.

Yours in the Master's cause,
Eld. W. C. Hill, Pastor,
1133 S. 10th St., St. Louis, Mo.

NIANGUA, MISSOURI

Dear Readers of the Gem:

If your life is unhappy and you are discouraged and feel that you have no friends; if the world looks blue to you and sickness may be your condition and you feel you no longer have anything to live for, but would rather die than to live; don't throw your life away, for there is hope for you. Jesus loves you and died on the cross for you and me. O, let him into your heart, for he wants to make you happy. I thank God that he ever hears and answers prayers and has made it so plain for us.

I would have been back in sin today if I had not walked in the light of God. Dear readers, there is where many make their mistake, too many are led by the voice of man. They want their own way and, if they have their own way, they will go back into sin again; for God's ways are not our ways. We must obey God and walk in the light as he is in the light, and we will have a glorious time with Jesus.

Now, as I bring this letter to a close, this is my prayer, that God will bless His Holy Book to His glory and the salvation of souls and the sanctifying of believers.

Now, dear readers, may God bless all who read the Gem, and I hope I may meet each one of you at the right hand of God.

Mona Johns.

REPORT OF Q. M.

Niangua Q. M. met with Union Chapel church, April 26th, at 2:30 p. m.

Praise by congregation.

Prayer by Bro. S. F. Baker.

As the pastor was absent, the moderator, Eld. G. W. Sturdevant, read for a lesson, Matt. 7th chapter, then delivered a wonderful message. Text, "Behold, a sower went forth to sow" (Matt 13:3).

Moderator called the meeting in conference and called for the enrollment.

Ordained ministers present:

Elders G. W. Sturdevant, Ray Scrivener, Elmer Palmer, Arthur Bailey, J. G. Koch (visiting).

Deacons: S. F. Baker, S. T. Allen, E. C. Lawson, Edd Scott, Frank Dibbin, James Watkins, and Joe Kesling.

Church clerks: Silas Haston, Lula Scrivener, Ruby Miller.

Delegates: Viola Watkins, Claude Bailey, Della Dibbin, Otho Seurlock, Nola McCaffity, J. McCaffity, H. M. Lee, Dona Barclay, Rosa Bailey, Sarah Smith, Gilbert Percival, Warren Moffitt.

Bro. Sturdevant was elected moderator and Bro. S. F. Baker assistant moderator.

Moderator appointed as a business committee, Ray Scrivener, Otho Seurlock and S. F. Baker.

Benton Branch and New Prospect handed in letters and were received and delegates seated.

Adjourn till 8 a. m. Friday, with Eld. J. G. Koch to fill the pulpit at 7:30 p. m.

Closing prayer by Bro. Koch.

Meeting Thursday night was hindered on account of the rain. Bro. Koch preached a soul-stirring message. Text, John 11:25.

Friday morning session opened with singing by congregation.

Lesson read by moderator, the 4th chapter of Luke.

Freewill Chapel handed in a letter and was received and their delegates seated.

As Eld. Lem Waterman was absent Elder Koch took up his subject, "What is the duty of a member to the church?" After he ably discussed the subject, we adjourned for noon, with Bro. Gilbert Percival and Bro. Warren Moffitt to fill the pulpit at 11.

After noon Eld. Arthur Bailey took up his subject, "Can one Christian perform another Christian's duty?" and gave a good talk on the subject.

Bro. James Watkins was ordained as deacon for Union Chapel church, and Bro. Warren Moffitt was licensed to preach the Gospel.

Closed conference till 8 a. m.

Saturday, with Elders Koch and Sturdevant to fill the pulpit at 7:30 p. m., with the Lord's Supper and feet washing to follow. Had a wonderful sermon, and after the Lord's Supper and feet washing, the Lord sure did bless his people the house was full of shouts, 32 taking part in the ordinance.

Saturday morning we took up the question, "Was the devil ever in heaven?" Discussed it until time for eleven o'clock services. Motion carried to pass the question by and assign it for the next Q. M., as every one was not satisfied on the question, with Elder Elmer Palmer and Eld. John Koch to fill the stand at 11 o'clock.

At 11 o'clock a great spiritual meeting was manifested.

In the afternoon we selected Hopewell church as the place for our next quarterly meeting.

Elders Warren Moffitt and Arthur Bailey filled the stand at 7:30 Saturday night.

Eld. G. W. Sturdevant, Mod.
Eld. Arthur Bailey, Clerk.

PLAD, MISSOURI

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

I will attempt to write a few lines this evening. I have received my paper and am always glad to get it, I never stop till I read it through. I like the good letters and sermons it has each time.

I have just returned home from our Benton Branch church, where I am pastor. We had all day services there yesterday, and remembered our Lord in the breaking of bread and drinking the wine, and washing the saints' feet, and the Lord sure was there in mighty power. Elder John Koch was with us and preached two soul-stirring messages for us, which we sure did enjoy. May the Lord bless Bro. Koch. We need more men and women in the field today like Bro. Koch, that will preach the real Gospel and not sugarcot it, for that is what it takes to convince the sinner.

I will close for this time asking that one and all remember me in your prayers.

Yours for the cause,
Elder Arthur Bailey.

CROSSETT, ARK., May 5, 1934.

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers: Just a few words to you all. I have just returned from the quarterly meeting, which met at Pine Hill church. Sure did enjoy myself, and met lots

of people that I knew and lots that I didn't know. And I heard some good preaching.

Service opened Friday night by Bro. J. E. White. Prayer by Bro. J. M. Estelle. Scripture lesson from 2nd Kings 20th chapter. Text, 1st verse, "In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live." Followed by Bro. R. M. Moore.

Saturday at eleven o'clock service was introduced by Bro. J. M. Estelle, followed with prayer by Bro. W. M. Guinn. Lesson, Matt. 16th chapter. Text, 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." Followed by Bro. Rice.

Testimony service was led by Bro. Silas Woodered, Saturday night. There is nothing I enjoy any better than to sit and listen to the good people testify for the Lord. Bro. W. M. Guinn brought a wonderful message Saturday night. Scripture lesson Acts nine. Text, Acts 9:6, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" I think that is a wonderful subject; I think about it myself, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? I just want the Lord to use me anyway He sees fit.

Sunday at eleven o'clock, service opened with prayer by Bro. J. E. White. Scripture lesson by Bro. W. P. White, a part of the first and second chapters of Hebrews. Followed by Bro. R. M. Moore.

We were dismissed for dinner and enjoyed the good eats. Had singing in the afternoon.

Our next quarterly meeting meets at Harmony church. I pray God's richest blessings on the church, and hope they will have a wonderful service. I won't take any more space in the Gem, asking the prayers of all the Christian people, for I need your prayers.

May God bless and save is my prayer
Mrs. J. L. Johnson.

REPORT OF Q. M.

Our fifth Sunday meeting met at Notch Mound church, April 28, 1934.

Meeting opened by singing and prayer. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Paul Pursell. The testimony service was led by Bro. Judd.

Sunday morning, April 29th, the meeting was opened by singing and prayer.

Sermons preached by Bro. Judd, followed by Sister Elda Crain.

Dismissed by Bro. Porter of Centralia, Kans., for dinner.

The afternoon service opened by singing and prayer, then Bro. Pursell read a lesson from the Psalms.

The first sermon after noon was by Bro. Porter, the Methodist minister from Centralia. Bro. Crain followed.

A special song by Bro. Paul Pursell.

After the song Bro. Ellis preached, followed by Bro. Pursell.

After preaching, a testimony meet-

ing was led by Bro. Frank Jones, followed by an old fashioned hand shaking. Dismissed for night service.

Sunday night service opened with singing and prayer. Then followed a testimony meeting led by Bro. Watson. This was a good service and the Lord was present and everybody felt good.

Special song by Brothers Pursell and Judd.

The closing sermon was preached by Bro. Judd. Then followed an old fashioned handshaking, and prayer of dismissal by Sister Flossie Allensworth.

Our next fifth Sunday meeting will be held with South Picher church in July. Sister Elda Crain is to preach the introductory sermon on Saturday night before the fifth Sunday.

VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I wish to write and express my appreciation for the spiritual inspiration I receive from the Free Will Baptist Gem, and also for the spiritual blessings that I received through attending the fifth Sunday meeting at Kenner Chapel.

When I behold God's warriors from so many different communities assembled together, to discuss and proclaim God's Holy Word, and to make more plans for furthering the cause of our Christ; I then know that the devil will meet with many disappointments.

I ask the prayers of all readers of the Gem for us ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that we may ever be humble and try to know nothing but Christ and him crucified. I wish to refer all those that seem discouraged to 2 Tim. 3:12, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

I wish to offer this illustration:

A witness in circuit court who knows very little about the crime is not cross-examined very hard, but an eye witness is always a large target for the shrewd lawyers who wish to tear down his testimony; and so it is with a good Christian who is an eye witness to the cleansing power of the blood of Christ Jesus. He has received Him into his heart and knows that his Redeemer liveth. Read John 14:17, "Even the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you and shall be in you." We find in the 26th verse of John 16 that the Spirit will testify of Christ Jesus. Trials and persecutions will come to you if you are a good witness for Christ, but be not discouraged; for Jesus is with you, even to the end.

It is not easy to convince a person who has never had the tooth ache that there is such a thing as tooth ache, but you cannot convince a person who has had the tooth ache that there is no such thing as the tooth ache, for they have had it and have felt it and they always tell about it.

You may convince one who has never received Christ or the Holy Spirit that there is no such person, but you cannot convince one who has received Him, felt Him, and accepted

Him, and they always tell about Him.

If you are on the firing line for Jesus you will be persecuted, for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

God bless you all, and Christ Jesus fill your hearts, and do not forget to pray for your humble brother in Christ
Elder Glen Dipboye.

BLUE EYE, MO., May 17, 1934.

Dear Mission Workers:

Here we are again, with three months gone by, and we are still working for our dear Master. We had a mission program Saturday, May 13. The Mission ladies were dressed in their white uniforms, and they sang this song:

"Have thine own way, Lord,

Have thine own way

With the Home Mission work,

[We do pray.]"

After our program, our pastor, Bro. Winford Davis, took a vote as to whether we would remain divided or come together again as two circles, North and South. So we still have two circles, the young ladies' circle and the old ladies circle.

We had Mothers' Day program Sunday, with dinner on the ground, a day spent in God's service. The work is still moving for God here at Blue Eye. God is a Friend that never forgets us, if we remember Him. Friends here on earth may turn and forget us, but God will not turn us away when we come to Him in the right way.

I want to say just a few words about our Sunday school. We have six teachers, the attendance is very good, with lots of children, but not so many of the old folks, yet a few never fail. Mission mothers, here is a chance to do what many mothers and fathers are failing to do, attend Sunday school. If I fail to go to Sunday school on Sunday, the week seems long and it don't seem like Sunday ever comes. I love Sunday school best of all: for there I study and learn more about my dear Master, and His words that I need to know.

Alice Taylor.

EXETER, MISSOURI

Dear Readers of the Gem:

It has been quite a while since I have written, but I always enjoy reading the Gem. I thought Bro Brown wrote such a good article, also Mrs. Asberry Davis, but I love to read them all.

I haven't forgotten my God, how can I, when He has been so good to me? and not for me only, but for all who will only remember Him, and thank Him for His blessings. Count your blessings, name them one by one, and see what the Lord has done. One of the great blessings to me is Jesus saving us and sparing our lives. He saved me when I was a mere girl, 13 years old, blessed me then and many times since. He is a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

We are in church service somewhere every Sunday. It doesn't seem like Sunday unless we go to the house of the Lord to worship on the Lord's day. I have sent some appointments here and there and I want you to know that I haven't forgotten my Master's work. You know I think that one thing that is wrong with the world today is, that people have forgotten God.

It is raining this afternoon and I just wonder how many people are thanking God for the good rain. You know Jesus loves to make people happy. We read after Him in the good Book, that when He went to the home of Mary and Martha their Brother Lazarus was dead; and He said, "Lazarus, come forth;" and when he came forth, this home was made happy. Some day all those that are asleep in Jesus will come forth and many a one will be happy. Blessed are they that have a part in the first resurrection, and "Blessed are they that die in the Lord." Christian friends, let's go a little farther, for "Some Day I'm Going Higher," when Jesus is through with me here below. I love to go home and pray like I used to with mother and father, brothers and sisters, and I feel that I owe them something for teaching me about the loving Master. May Jesus bless them, and may their days be many.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. Merl Wright.

NEW HITCHITA CHURCH DEDICATED SUNDAY

(From The Hitchita News, Okla.)

The dedication services of the Free Will Baptist church at Hitchita, Sunday, May 6th, will be a memorable event for those of that faith who have been so long without a house of worship.

Following a very successful revival last fall, conducted by Bro. Thomas Dixon, a church organization was effected. Those interested in establishing a Free Will Baptist church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sessions on Oct. 25, 1933, for that purpose. The charter membership was thirty-four.

On that date, also, plans were made for the building of a church house. Those named on the building committee were: Tom Sessions, D. Kindell, Natan Kindell and Diyle Womack.

Finding a suitable location, Mr. Pence giving the lots, work began at once. The members of this church did most of the work and they have worked untiringly almost every day since. Some of the members working as much as 80 or 90 days each.

The result and reward of such co-operation and labor is a thing of beauty. A structure (300x50 ft.) of native stone. Bert Minic, local stone mason, is to be given praise for the care he took in his work. Not only are the Free Will Baptist proud of the church house and the purpose for which it stands, but all Hitchita is proud of it.

The Dedication Service was something as follows: Services began at

10:30 with Bros. Jim Harren and Tom Sessions in charge of the song service.

First speaker was Bro. Thompson of Coweta. Then followed a testimony service in which all Christians took part, songs, and a 5 minute recess. Dedication paper read by Mrs. F. F. Mann of Checotah; letter of endorsement for Bro. Dixon and family from the Welcome Home church of Hector, Ark., read by W. W. Lemlen of Checotah, also recently of Hector; Prayer by Bro. Dixon; Song; Dedication sermon by Bro. Dixon, pastor, his subject being, "Two Buildings, The Spiritual and the Temporal," the text being Psalm 26:8: "Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth. Much was said about great temples and beautiful church houses but stress was laid on the body being a temple of the soul and our responsibility thereto.

Dedication prayers following the sermon were led by Bro. Phillips of Booneville, Ark., Bro. Jones of Tulsa and Bro. Dixon.

Bro. Phillips dismissed for the noon hour. Dinner was served on the ground. A crowd of 600 was estimated and old friends met and new friends were made. A very enjoyable time was had by all.

Afternoon services began at 1:30 with a special song, "Little Ones Like Me," by little Mary Elizabeth McIntire of Morris; Song; Sermon by Rev. Eldie Thomas, a brother of the pastor; Song; Opportunity extended for church membership and eleven were added to the church, making a total membership of sixty (60).

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MONTHLY REPORT

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

At our League Rally at N. W. Picher, Oklahoma, the fifth Sunday in April, seven of the leagues of Indian Creek Association were present: Namely: Macedonia, Monett, Aurora, Jones Chapel, Carterville, South Picher and N. W. Picher (Blue Front), together with the Endeavor at Fairview, Kans. and some representatives from other young people's Christian organizations. A splendid program was rendered.

Elder W. K. Weston, our associational president, not being able to attend, our worthy vice president, Elder J. B. Rollins, had charge of the program.

Our next rally will be held with the Monett church the fifth Sunday in July.

S. E. MO. LEAGUE CONVENTION

Raymond La Brot, Secretary

Flat River, Mo., May 11th.
Dear Brother Allred:

I am sending you a report of our last League Convention of S. E. Mo., which convened with the Wotham church. Five of our leagues of this association were present, while two of our leagues have drawn off from this association. We report a good time and a fair attendance of 150 present.

We had a number of songs from each league, and several topics, with

good speakers, business transactions and election of officers.

We still retain Bro. Lund as president, Bro. Howard Jarvis as vice president, Bro. Raymond La Brot as Sec.-Treasurer of S. E. Mo. Association.

Our contest was taken care of, Flat River, Desloge, and Wortham being winners of a blue ribbon for having a 100% league.

We are proud of the work of our association, and glad to give a summary of some of their work, such as making sick calls, visiting the sick, with a bouquet of flowers, Bible reading, and many other good things that I will not take time to mention.

Flat River league made 693 sick calls for January, February and March, read 4873 chapters of the Bible.

Desloge made 868 sick calls, read 2731 chapters of the Bible.

Wortham made 65 sick calls, read 1007 chapters of the Bible.

Leadington had a 90% league, made 536 sick calls, read 11,827 chapters.

St. Louis league had a 75% league, made 327 sick calls, read 1990 chapters.

Total sick calls for the quarter were 2489; total chapters of the Bible read for quarter, 22,428.

Raymond La Brot, Reporter.

WOLF CREEK LEAGUE REPORT

Hazel Fagan, Reporter

Wolf Creek league is still growing, with a total membership of 43, for which we are very thankful.

A large crowd attended the quarterly meeting program at Wolf Creek, given by the leaguers. A great interest was shown by the leaguers, and a splendid program was given.

Pray for us.

MONETT LEAGUE REPORT

Mae Phillips, Reporter

We wish to report that our league is still progressing.

After the lesson on last Sunday night our young captains, Bro. Weston and Sister Ricketts, chose up for the beginning of a new contest.

Several new members came in and we thank God for them, and hope and pray that we may be a real blessing to each other.

We read the good reports in the May issue of the Gem and it really does our hearts good to hear of the wonderful work for the Master in other places.

We earnestly desire an interest in your prayers, that our league may grow and always be found faithful to God.

N. W. PICHER LEAGUE REPORT

(Blue Front)

Helen Beam, Reporter

We still have a good league, only the bad weather reduces the attendance.

We enjoyed having all of you with us at the League Rally, and you who were not here missed a lot. We invite you all back, but don't wait till there is another rally here.

Last evening we had a Mothers' Day program, omitting the junior and

senior lessons and letting the intermediates take charge. We had a good attendance and a wonderful program.

We ask the prayers of all of God's people, that we may ever do His work as He would have it done.

NEW HARMONY LEAGUE REPORT

By Monte Peterson, Secretary

We have 34 members, with an average attendance of 17, and 12 visitors.

Our officers are:

President, Miss Esther Peterson
Vice president, Mrs. Minnie Thompson
Sec.-Treas., Mr. Monte Peterson

During the past quarter we have received seven new members into our league. We are growing in interest and Christian fellowship.

We ask you to pray for our league, that it may be a lighthouse to the ungodly.

NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE 1 Timothy 4:14

Dear Leaguers: I want to talk to you this month for just a few minutes on the above subject.

You know there is something good in every one of us, if it can be brought to the surface; we are all gifted to some extent for some phase of Christian work. I don't believe there is any one so bad but that there is something good in them, and that something becomes very vivid and plain when Christ gets a chance at the life. God plants that gift, or talent within us, but He expects us to develop it. If you have ability to sing, play, talk, or do anything in God's service, you should do that, and do it cheerfully and willingly. I believe that many a young life is brought to wreck and ruin simply because of neglect. One of the most pitiful things to me is that we have so many young people who could be worth so much; but are wholly giving their lives, together with all their ability, to things of the world, and to sin. When I see our young girls and boys smoking cigarettes, drinking booze, etc., I always say in my mind, "I wish they could be inspired to higher ideals in life;" then when I see young people who are so accomplished, and could be worth so much, I always covet their young lives for the Master's use. Why should we know or be able to do anything, unless it can be to the glory of God? I may be talking now to some young people who feel the call to some special service—you may be called to do evangelistic singing, playing, or personal work, or you may be called to preach, teach, or be a foreign missionary.

I was in the home today of a missionary who is home on a visit from Africa. As she showed us the many things she had brought home from the strange, far away land of the black people, and told us of the work there, and how readily the heathen respond to the Gospel, I said, "Lord, why can't some of our Free Will Baptist young people be trained for the work and be sent and supported to

establish a Free Will Baptist work in the foreign land?" We don't know what we might have some day, if we will all do our bit.

Well, I must close and not make my piece too long. May the Lord bless you all, and your different leagues.

I am now in a good revival with Bro. Noel Turner and his church in Aurora, Missouri. —Winford Davis.

NEW EDINBURG, ARK.

Dear Editor and Wife and Gem Readers: I will this morning, in honor of my blessed Lord and Master, try to give you a report of the faithful few who are still trying to do the master's holy will, and who are still trying to follow and practice the examples Christ gave the night before He was crucified, and who worship at old Macedonia church.

Bro. Moore, our beloved young pastor, though young in the ministry, had his lesson already prepared. I thank God for God-called men.

Friday and Saturday nights he proved by the Bible that God has had a people, a church ever since righteous Abel offered up that acceptable offering unto God. Sunday morning at 11 o'clock he distinguished the difference between water baptism and the baptism that makes us children of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ.

And Sunday night, having saved the best for the last, in the Communion service, Bro. Moore impressed upon our minds and hearts how the emblems, broken, represented Christ, broken for us (1 Cor. 11:23). And as he poured the wine, how that Christ's blood was poured out to save us from sin; and best of all, he made it plain who was to eat the bread and drink the wine. That is why we Free Will Baptist can set the Lord's table instead of a denominational table. The Lord said, "As oft as ye do this, do it in remembrance of me." To prove that Free Will Baptist set the Lord's table, when our pastor invited all of God's children to come and eat, then read verses 2^o and 29, "But let a man examine himself and so let him eat; for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself."

Now John 13:2-17, "And supper being ended, he riseth from supper and laid aside his garments: and took a towel and girded himself. After that he poured water into a bason and began to wash the disciple's feet and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded." I am happy to say 28 took part in this humble example Christ said, "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet." Well there were some who said by their actions, as Peter told Christ, Thou shalt never wash my feet. I hope and pray that these will repent and say as Peter did, "Not my feet only, but also my hands and my head."

The Lord said in verse 17, "If ye know these things, happy are ye, if ye do them."

I close by asking all who read this to pray for me, that my faith fail not.

A sister in Christ,
Mrs. Iva Mae McClellan.

BLUE EYE, MISSOURI

Dear Gem Readers:

After reading the Gem, we find that mission work is still growing and new mission circles are being organized. We are thankful for mission workers, for we love the work.

Looking over the records we find that our mission circle was organized May 12, 1929, by our pastor, Bro. Winford Davis. I am glad to report that we are still working for the cause of our Christ, and today we can see a greater need for mission work than ever before. It is urgent that we as mission workers, as we look forward to a more definite aim in our work, put forth greater efforts to reach out and help lead the lost to Christ. If we be the cause of one person giving his life to Jesus it would be worth every effort we have ever put forth.

We have set aside the last Friday in each month to visit the sick and pray with the unsaved. Next Friday we are going to visit a dear old sister who has been a shut-in for many years.

We have helped in different ways those that were in need, and helped to finance our church. We paid our pastor about \$80.00 and paid \$26.00 on the linotype, and financed our church as follows: Paid \$104.00 on piano, steps for church \$17.00, material for seats \$26.00, and helped on church debt \$56.43.

May God bless each one and send us more workers for the fields are white and ready to harvest, and the laborers are few.

Yours for Jesus,
Mrs. Artie Butler.

THE KINGS BUSINESS

By Mrs. E. G. Tharp

The sun is shining after the shower, and the birds are singing as joyously, as though there were no pain nor sorrow in this fair land of ours.

The wind whispering through the branches of the trees seems to carry a message that all is not well: and my heart is heavy today; because I know of the want that is abroad in this fair land.

My heart seems to have taken on a new load of heaviness since I saw the pain and disappointment, in the face of a man, who had been told by the one distributing the relief funds, that there was no relief slip for him: and at his home there are already eight mouths to feed, and another visit from the stork due soon. The children (that I have seen) are bright eyed, intelligent looking children, but on account of straitened circumstances, some of them have never attended school. I have been told that none of them have gone for the last three years. I am satisfied there was no breadstuff in the house, and perhaps no other articles of food to speak of.

No wonder his face made me think of the prophecy in Joel, which said, "All faces gather blackness." I have only recently become acquainted with these people, who seem to be hard working, honest citizens.

Although we are broken up financially, and husband not able to work (although he has to work), our needs seem to sink into insignificance in facing a situation like this. But if I could only imagine that this one family I have reference to were the most needy in the land, the shadow, perhaps, might be lifted: but there are hundreds and thousands in the same condition—and worse; for these have shelter, fuel and water, and prospects for garden and some field crops later. What I am going to say now is not to cause those, who by chance may read this, to help me. I am not saying it for that purpose at all. I do not want you to give to me. But look around you, and see the need, dear hearts. There are children who can not attend Sunday school and church, as well as grown up folks. Of course there are those who would not go if the clothing were supplied. but do you know you might do a little mission work right in that home, which, perchance, might lift some one higher than the rank and file in which they are in? Our Savior, when He was here on earth, went about doing good and, if we can imitate Him with our own life, we shall not have lived in vain. So let's try to spend a little less on ourselves and a little more on others. I do not mean to give to those who are able to give to us: but to those who can never repay us. Oh, it is so much more blessed to give than to receive! I have experienced that too. Therefore, feel that I am able to judge.

Our Savior said, "But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: and thou shalt be blessed; for they can not recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just."

I wonder how many of us have tried this? Well, let's be more careful, and let other's welfare take up part of our time. And when we stand in our place at the end of the way, how glorious it will be to hear the King say, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me." For our King will say, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." So, dear hearts, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." This is what our King would have us do; so, if we are on business for our King, let's try to do it just as we think it will please Him most. Let us do these things, because we love God's creatures; for without love it is impossible to please God; for God is Love.

THE NEW KINGDOM

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"For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark.

"And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matt. 24:37-39).

"Take away the Eighteenth Amendment," was the cry, "so men and women may drink," but the Bible says, "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that puttest thy bottle to him" (Hab. 2:15).

Again the voice rings out as of Noah before the flood, but the words fall upon a heedless world again, for their minds are blinded by the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4). So they cannot see the sign of His coming, nor hear the voice of the old prophet. "And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth" (Gen. 6:12).

Hear the words of Paul in 2 Thess. 2:1-12, —Falling away from the faith, turning to the world to be overcome by it: coming of the Antichrist and his short but awful reign on the earth, and to be destroyed by the coming of Christ. Such a scripture ought to cause men everywhere to think, but as Paul says again, they are turning to fables and will not endure sound doctrine (2 Tim. 4:3).

Again Paul speaks of the last days, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come" (2 Tim. 3:1-9). Men are not safe anywhere; perils on land and sea, and in the air. We will note a few: Perils of war, of robbers, famines, disease, traffic, earthquakes, storms, and above all, false teachings leading thousands away from the truth.

Space will not permit us to deal with every verse, so we will look at only a few of them now. Verse 4, "Lovers of pleasure," as a last day sign. Surely you will say such a time of pleasure loving as now was never here before. Sunday, the day when the voice of the risen Lord sounded out to His sorrowing followers, the glad news of His resurrection, is one of the greatest days of worldly amusements now. In the days of the Exodus the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play, but did not reach the promised land (Exodus 32:6).

"Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof" most surely describes the popular religions of today. Where God is, there surely is power. I must say with the late Wm. J. Bryan, "I believe the Bible, miracles and all." The greatest one, I believe, is the new birth, which no man can describe (John 3:8), and it surely shows the power of God; we wish it were manifested in every church.

Verse 7, "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." Why? Because it may only be found in the Word of God, which today is so largely ruled out of our education, but this does not do away with it, and the day of the Lord is coming just the same, as these signs show.

The money and labor sign is told by James in chapter 5:1-8. This is the time when the rich man is uncertain of what is coming to him. He has piled up wealth for the Last Days (v. 3). Much of it by defrauding the poor and the working man, but God has seen it all, and is calling a day of reckoning. Labor is trying to save itself, and, although a powerful movement, will fall a victim to the coming Man of Sin, for the spirit of the evil one is doing its part to keep them away from the Lord, and to bring in the Antichrist who will divide the spoil with the people (Dan. 11:24). But Christ will destroy him with the brightness of His coming (2 Thes. 2:8; Dan. 2:44-45).

Nahum gives us a very wonderful prophecy of our day. "The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men are in scarlet: the chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of his preparation, and the fir trees shall be terribly shaken. The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against the other in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings" (Nahum 2:3, 4).

Such is a description of our present day traffic, streets so full of cars there is hardly room to park. Gleaming headlights, like great torches, and moving at such high speed, bumping together on the broad roads. Oh, what a message they bear to the watching and waiting Christian.

We are in the day of His Preparation or last days. For nearly 6000 years our forefathers and mothers went along with the old ox cart, only in the last generation the automobile has come, with all the vivid description of it given by the prophet nearly 700 years B. C. Almost too wonderful to believe.

Signs have appeared in the heavens in letters of fire, telling of the soon coming of Jesus, warning the people to be ready (Luke 21:11). Also signs in the sun, moon and stars (Luke 21:25), some of which the writer has seen. All these signs surely tell us of the time spoken of by the Lord Himself in Matt. 24:33, 34, and in Luke 21:31, 32. "This generation shall not pass away until all be fulfilled." Surely the end must be near.

Just watch the movement of the Jews if you want to know of the near coming of the Lord, for as some have said; "The Jew is the barometer by which we can tell the soon coming of Christ." There is surely something moving them and causing them to be drawn back to the home of their fathers. Study closely the scriptures given in article one, as touching the Jews and you will see how they are now spending millions of dollars rebuilding the sacred old city and the towns all around Jerusalem. But still they will have to come to the place where they will say, "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord" (Matt. 23:37-39). This they will say when they see Jerusalem in the hands of the Antichrist, as described in Zech. 14:1-4. Jesus said they would say this when they see Him again; and the Jews have never seen Him since He arose from the tomb. Surely the New Kingdom must be near.

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PROGRAM

Announcing the Fourteenth Annual Session of the
General Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist
Jakin, Georgia Free Will Baptist Church
June 13, 14, 15, 1934.

Note—Some minor changes may take place later should it occur that any of the nominees cannot attend.

Tuesday Evening, 7:30, Central Standard time, services at the local church by the pastor.

Wednesday Morning

- 10:45—Devotional Services—Rev. M. L. Hollis (Ala.).
- 11:15—Introductory Sermon—Rev. M. H. Mellette (S. C.)
- 12:00—Recess and Refreshments.

Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:30—Devotional Rev. J. N. Barnes (Ga.).
- 1:50—Welcome Address—Rev. K. V. Shutes, pastor (Ga.)
- 2:10—Response—Rev. A. L. Davidson (N. C.).
- 2:25—Appointment of Credential Committee
- 2:30—Moderator's Message—Rev. J. R. Davidson (Ga.).
- 3:00—Credential Committee's Report
- 3:15—Adjournment.

Evening Service

- 7:15—Devotional—Rev. W. L. Jernigan (N. C.).
- 7:30—Concert Program by the F. W. B. Orphanage Class, Middlesex, N. C.

Thursday Morning

- 9:00—Devotional.....Rev. D. F. Pelt (Ala.)
- 9:20—Report of Field Secretary
- 9:40—Report of Statistician
- 10:00—Report of F. W. B. League Secretary
- 10:00—Report of Sunday School Secretary
- 10:00—Report of Secretary of Education.
- 11:00—Recess
- 11:15—Sermon—Rev. W. B. Everette (N. C.)
- 12:00—Recess and Refreshments

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:45—Rev. W. B. Woodlief (N. C.).
- 2:00—Report of Secretary of Foreign Missions
- 2:20—Report of Women's Work.
- 2:40—Inspirational Address—Miss Marie Wilson (N. C.)
- 3:10—Report of Committee on Merger of the two national bodies.
- 3:20—Adjournment.

Thursday Evening

- 7:15—Devotional—Rev. E. C. Morris (Texas)
- 7:30—Sermon—Rev. W. B. Spencer (N. C.)

Friday Morning

- 8:30—Devotional—Rev. J. W. Moore (S. C.)
- 8:50—Report of Treasurer
- 9:00—Miscellaneous Business
- 9:30—Our Greatest Need—Rev. M. L. Sutton (Texas)
- 11:00—Recess
- 11:20—Sermon—Rev. Melvin Bingham (Oklahoma)
- 12:00—Recess and Refreshments

Friday Afternoon (Probable)

- 2:00—Devotional—Rev. Robert Craford (Alabama)
 - 2:15—Miscellaneous Business
 - 3:00—Adjournment.
- Music Director, Rev. S. T. Shutes, for entire session.

TULSA, OKLAHOMA,

May 28, 1934

Dear Brother Brown and Gem Family:

I want to report our work here at Tulsa. Our church is doing fine: Two souls were gloriously saved Sunday night, the power of God prevailed through the entire congregation, sinners were convicted with the old time Holy Ghost conviction; that's the only way I believe sinners can be saved, just shaking hands with the preacher or signing a card is not conversion.

Our church met this morning at six o'clock and prayed one hour for lost souls, and the good Lord met with us in mighty power. You may not think this is Free Will Baptist doctrine, but I do; and think churches should fast and pray. Once here at the church while we were having a revival my daughter was of a stubborn disposition, and wife and I were praying that God would show us what to do. We had prayed earnestly for her to be saved, but nothing seemed to touch her. I could not let the devil defeat me, my child must be saved; so I fell on my face and told the Lord I would pay the price for my child, such a load fell on my heart. The impression from the Lord was, Fast even unto death.

Say folks, would you have paid the price? I wrestled with the Lord quite a while, and thought within myself, "I have worked so hard with the church, and felt that I had undergone so much," but as Jacob of old, I still wrestled with the Lord. After a while I was as one dead at His feet, willing to pay the price for my child. After consenting to the Lord, I arose to my feet and asked the church to pray for me, and they too became heavily burdened. Turning to my daughter, I said, "Sister, daddy has prayed many prayers for you, and now the Lord has asked that we fast unto death for you; and when you see me cold in death, perhaps you will surrender your life unto God." Yes, I could see a change in her countenance.

We went home that night, and the devil said I had made a fool of myself, but I still believed God. God does not demand any more of men than He did of Abraham. Next morning wife prepared breakfast, and it seemed to me that I was so hungry for breakfast, but I must not eat. The smaller children ate their breakfast, but daughter did not eat. She went on to school as usual, came home at noon for lunch, but did not eat. Supper time came, but she did not eat. The smaller children ate their meals, but would sit and cry because mother and I would not eat; that was heart rending. Service time came, and when the altar call was made, my daughter came forward, but was not saved, yet I could see victory ahead. Next morning wife prepared the meal, but daughter did not eat. The scent of that food was very tempting, but I must hold on to God.

The devil said it would not be very good for my health to do without food, but I still remembered Jacob. The noon hour came, and I could see a heaviness on my daughter's heart, but she would not eat. Service time came again, the altar call was made, but no move from my daughter. The devil said, "You see you should have eaten your meals," but Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" (Luke 4:4). Back home after services, and daughter was preparing for bed, when she called her younger sister, and asked, "How did you feel when you were saved?" Well, Glory! Victory!

She came running into the front room, and said, "Daddy, it is all settled." You should have been there, and seen us go around and around. Praise the good Lord, I am not dead yet! It was quite late, but wife prepared a midnight lunch, and did we eat? That was the happiest meal I ever ate. Today she is a Christian girl and plays

the piano at church.

I am giving this testimony for the good of fathers and mothers who have unsaved children. The Lord will save them, if we pay the price. God is still on the throne.

Yes, preachers, I have a wife who helps bear the burdens. She has made many sacrifices for me to go. She says, "Go." Yes, I am going to the General Conference at Jakin, Georgia.

Melvin Bingham, 833 N. Utica Street, Tulsa, Okla.

REPORT OF QUARTERLY MEETING

The Douglas County Quarterly Meeting convened with the Girdner church, April 27, 1934, at 3:00 o'clock p. m. Introductory sermon was preached by Elder Ezra Owens with Elder T. B. Marler as alternate.

Elder J. W. Silvey was elected moderator, with Elder O. L. Claxton as assistant.

Credential committee appointed as follows: Elders W. E. George, J. F. Marler and Claud Smith.

Business committee—Brothers Arthur Rich, U. S. Findley and John Marler.

Pulpit committee—Brothers J. C. Stoker, Jim Rippee, and Sister Vernon Moore.

Adjournment until Saturday morning.

Preaching at 8:00 o'clock by Elders W. E. George and O. L. Claxton.

Saturday morning registration was called and sixteen ordained ministers, one licentiate, seven ordained deacons, and ten delegates, representing six of the nine churches of the Q. M. registered and we proceeded with the conference.

Most of the day Saturday was spent in discussion of the six topics assigned by the program committee to various ministers in the conference.

One of the outstanding good points of this quarterly meeting was the good Christian spirit manifested through the entire meeting and the harmonious way in which all business was disposed of.

The following churches sent in contributions for the Sunday School missionary: Breeden church, \$1.00; Harmony church, \$1.50; Pleasant Ridge church, \$2.80.

Voted to send next quarterly meeting to the Brushy Knob church, at Brushy Knob, Mo. Elder A. M. Halford was elected to preach the introductory sermon, with Elder J. W. Silvey as alternate.

Sunday morning Bro. Robert Robertson was ordained to preach the Gospel, Elders L. M. Marler, T. B. Marler and Claud Smith acting as ordaining council, with Elder L. M. Marler delivering the charge.

Our S. S. Missionary had not been able to do much work the last quarter, but has plans which he expects to put into action this quarter that should be a great help to our Sunday schools.

The community at Girdner certainly lavished upon the visiting delegation the best hospitality that could be shown to anyone, and I am sure the delegation appreciated it.

Although this was one of the best quarterly meetings I was ever privileged to attend, let's all try and make the next one a little better.

We wish to take this opportunity to invite the whole "Gem family" to our next Q. M. which convenes July 27, 1934, at 3:00 o'clock p. m. at the Brushy Knob F. W. B. church, at Brushy Knob, Mo.

We also ask an interest in your prayers, that our Q. M. may always be a bright and shining light to help lead lost souls to Christ.

Elder J. W. Silvey, Moderator,
Arthur Lund, Q. M. Clerk.

DESLOGE CHURCH NOTES

Since our report in the May number of the Gem, our church has enjoyed another quarterly meeting, the 240th session, also the 60th anniversary of St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting was entertained by Leadington church.

Business for the good of our churches was disposed of in the usual way.

Two of our senior preachers, Elder Canterbury of this county and Elder Gus Seminole of Detroit, Mich. gave inspiring messages at the 11 o'clock services. Subject, "The Church and its Duties."

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OBITUARY

KIRK—Judd Otis Kirk was born in Joplin, Missouri, March 18, 1894, and died at his home in Treece, Kans. May 22, 1934, at the age of 40 years, two months and four days.

He was married to Mary Elizabeth Gage April 19, 1915.

Besides his widow he is survived by his father, George Kirk of N. W. Picher, two sisters, Mrs. Maud Lettinger of Wilburton, Kansas, and Mrs. Naomi Lacy of Joplin, Mo., three brothers, Arthur, Earnest and John, all of Treece, Kansas.

He was convicted of his sins and was saved on February 13, 1934, and later was baptized, joining the Blue Front Free Will Baptist church of which he remained a faithful member, always ready to stand as a witness for his Savior. He enjoyed his salvation because he lived it. He took suddenly ill on Saturday night before his death on Tuesday. He had attended the revival services at South Picher Free Will Baptist church, and gave his last testimony to the public, which has aroused great interest in Treece and Picher.

Honorable mention may be made of his devoted Christian wife; his sisters are devoted Christians and Sister Lettinger is the faithful delegate to the Indian Creek Association for some years; his brothers Earnest and Arthur are Christians and Bro. Art has answered the call to the Gospel ministry; these are all members of the Blue Front church; his father and Bro. John are good honest men, but are not Christians. We are hoping they will realize the folly of sin and turn to the Lord soon.

Funeral services were conducted by the pastor, Elder J. B. Rollins, May 24, 1934. Interment was made in Union cemetery, near Galena, Kans., the Todd Undertaking Company of Picher, Oklahoma in charge.

KINSEY—Henry W. Kinsey was born in Iowa July 8, 1858, and departed this life May 4, 1934, at the age of 75 years, nine months and 26 days.

He was married to Ida Mae Sage of Topeka, Kansas in 1877.

He passed away at his daughter's home in Wichita, Kansas. He had made his home near Cassville, Mo. for the past eight years.

He leaves to mourn his passing, seven daughters: Mrs. Nellie Heffram of California, Mrs. G. H. Graves of Abilene, Kansas, Mrs. Sadie Breakey of Leavenworth, Kansas, Mrs. Maudie Stone, Mrs. Cora Lembeck and Mrs. Mamie Bishop of Wichita, Kansas, Mrs. Etta Armstrong of Matfield Green, Kansas, and four sons: Elmer E. Kinsey of Kirkland, Wash., Robert, Walter and Virgil Kinsey of Matfield Green, Kansas, all of whom were present at the funeral except the daughter in California and the son in Washington.

He was laid to rest in the Dover, Kansas cemetery by his wife and two sons who have preceded him in death.

He also has thirty-one grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Bro. Kinsey was saved and ready to go.

Contributed by a daughter, Mrs. G. H. Graves of Abilene, Kansas, a member of Merl's Chapel Free Will Baptist church, near Cassville, Mo.

BROOKS—Charles Lee Brooks, the little son of Ray Brooks, was born near Liberal, Mo. January 26, 1929, and departed this life April 12, 1934, being at the time of his death five years, three months and sixteen days old, after an illness of ten days.

Little Charles Lee leaves mother, father, and three small brothers, grandmother, grandfather, and many uncles, aunts, cousins, and a host of friends to mourn his going.

Charles Lee was a bright, sunny and loving little boy and made every one love him that knew him. He was cheerful and bore his intense suffering with patience.

He took sick about ten days ago with measles followed with Pneumonia fever, which proved fatal. Everything that could be done to save little Charles Lee was done, but God saw fit to take him home. He is sadly missed by all, but our loss is heaven's gain.

Our little one from us is gone,

The little voice is stilled,

A place is vacant in our home,

Which never can be filled.

Funeral service was conducted by Elder Winford Davis, at the Hannon church, May 14th, and interment was made in the Shiloh cemetery.

WILLIAMS—Katherine Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams, was born September 16, 1932, and departed this life April 16, 1934, at the age of nineteen months.

Surviving are the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams, one brother, Kenneth, grandparents, two aunts and two uncles, and many other relatives and friends.

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

Funeral services were held at the family home on Rolla street, Tuesday morning, April 17th, at 11 o'clock, Elder Selph Jones officiating, and interment was made in the Hartville cemetery.

By a friend, Miss Faye Savage.

DUGGAR—Lenora Duggar was born September 26, 1869, and died March 26, 1934, at the age of 64 years and six months.

She was born and raised in Wright county, Missouri.

She was married to Charles Curtis April 18, 1886. To this union were born three children, one of whom preceded her in death.

She united with the Free Will Baptist church in early life, and was a faithful member until her death.

Charlie Curtis died April 8, 1906, and later she married Wm. P. Randolph. After being left alone the

second time, she married Wm. Shelton who survives her at this time. She is also survived by two sons: W. A. Curtis of Grove Spring, Mo. and Ray E. Curtis of Preston, Okla., six grandchildren: Lowell, Letha and Oliver Curtis of Beggs, Okla., Wanda June Curtis of Grove Spring, Mo. and Seldon Fry of Springfield, Mo. and Mrs. Fred of Mansfield, Mo. and two great grandchildren, Dempsey and Don Gann of Mansfield, Mo. She is also survived by one brother, Tommy Duggar of Mansfield, Mo. and a sister, Mrs. Emma Box of Broken Arrow, Okla.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 28th, at Pleasant Hill church, Elder D. S. Jones officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Hill cemetery, under the direction of the Steffe Funeral Home.

A precious one from us is gone,

A voice we loved is still,

A place is vacant in the church and home,

Which no other one can fill.

She bade no one a last farewell,

She said good-bye to none,

Her cheerful smile and kindly ways,

She had a kind word for every one and died beloved by all.

By a friend, Faye A. Savage.

DESLOGE CHURCH NOTES *Continued from page fourteen*

Elder Jas. F. Miller moderated the meeting.

The Sunday School Convention, also the League Convention, which precedes our quarterly meeting, were well attended, with encouraging reports and good programs. Both met with the Wortham church.

Mothers' Day was observed with a suitable program at the evening preaching hour, Sunday, May 13th.

Our revival began May 23rd, Elder Charles Miller being the evangelist. We are glad to report good interest, and that God is answering prayer.

Miss Anna Reed, Reporter.

COWETA, OKLAHOMA

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers: Again I will try in my weak way to send you a few lines from Shahan.

We have had regular services and fine attendance.

Our delegates that were sent to the fifth Sunday meeting at Prairie View in April report an extra fine meeting.

We have one sick member among us this month, Mrs. Dora Ray of Jinks, Oklahoma.

Our next fifth Sunday meeting will be in July, and at our home church, Shahan. We extend a hearty welcome to all who wish to attend; lots of Free Will Baptist here, and I am sure you will enjoy being here.

Must tell you dear Gem readers about our visit to the new Free Will Baptist church at Hitchita, Oklahoma. It is certainly a beautiful church, made of native stone. We stayed the day (first Sunday in May), and such sermons, I don't believe I ever heard the like before. A bounteous basket

dinner was served and plenty of eats for all that were present. There was something like 200 people present.

We are preparing for all day services here at Shahan Memorial Day, and dinner also.

Our Sunday school is doing fine.

God has blessed us with a fine rain, and everything looks promising now.

We should all be more thankful than what we are; for I am afraid a number of us fall short on that one thing. We should watch ourselves more closely, and pray more for the weak, as well as for ourselves.

Pray for us, dear brothers and sisters, that we may always be found at our post of duty.

Your sister in Christ,
Alta Potter.

OBITUARY

BRENDLE—James Oren (Little Jimmie) Brendle, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Brendle, was born August 2, 1927 and departed this life May 9, 1934, at the home of his parents, near Mankato, Kansas. They had formerly lived in Clinton county, Missouri, near Plattsburg, where the parents were faithful members of the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist church.

Little Jimmie's stay on earth was six years, nine months and seven days. Those surviving are his parents, four grandparents, a host of uncles, aunts and cousins. Jimmie was a lovable little man, making playmates wherever he went, and was loved by all.

His time here was short, but sweet and blessed to us. How well he fell asleep! like some proud river, winding toward the sea; calmly and grandly, silently and deep, life joined eternity.

Earth has one angel less, and heaven one more, since God called little Jimmie to that happy shore.

Funeral services were held at Courtland, Kansas, conducted by Elder E. T. House of Maysville, Missouri.

Interment was made in the cemetery near by, Kromer Undertaker of Mankato, Kansas in charge.

TORNADO. W. VA.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I have just returned from attending a quarterly meeting of the Union Conference of the Logan Yearly Meeting in West Virginia.

We had a fine meeting. They have seven ordained ministers in the conference, and all but two were present. They have six churches that reported and one that did not report. Three preachers were there as messengers from other quarterly meetings.

We took the Lord's Supper and washed feet, and had a glorious time.

I am sending you one new subscriber and an order for a Treatise.

Yours in the Lord,
F. V. Nicholas.

ABOUT THE PLEDGES

Dear Gem Readers:

There is \$74.00 yet due on the

pledges; when that is paid it will clean up the linotype debt. You who yet owe on your pledge, please pay as soon as possible, and let's get it cleaned up. Let's be sure and come to the State meeting this fall out of debt. I know times are hard, but if you will pray about it, I feel sure the Lord will provide a way for you to pay your pledge.

Your brother in Christ,
Winford Davis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The announcement of your Association, Yearly Meeting, Quarterly Meeting 5th Sunday Meeting, or any other important meeting should be announced here. If your announcement is not here, send it in so it can be printed in the Gem.

WANTED

We are starting to print the history of the Missouri State Association in the Gem, beginning with this issue. But so far we have not been able to find the proceedings of the second, third, fourth and ninth sessions, held in 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1922 respectively. If any one can furnish us with the proceedings of one or more of these session proceedings, we will appreciate it very much.—Editor.

WHY THE GEM IS LATE

Perhaps the Gem is going out later this time than it ever did before; but it can't be helped: the editor has been sick for nearly three weeks and could not work.

We are better now and can work a little each day. The type is nearly all set now and we can mail out in a few days, but it will be later than ever before, as today is June 13th.

Pray for us, that the Lord will give us health and strength to do the work.

PAY BUDGET IN JULY

July is the month in which every Free Will Baptist belonging to the Missouri State Association should pay at least 10 cents as Budget money for 1934.

Pastors should see that every member of his church or churches pays this 10 cents per member.

Half of the money goes to the State Association and half to your own Association.—Editor.

JULY IS STATISTICAL MONTH

During the month of July each church clerk should make out a statistical report on the blank the statistician of their association sends to them and mail it by August first to the statistician of their Association, so the statistics of each association can be sent to the State Statistician in good time for the state report to the State Association.

NOTICE

To the Many Readers of the Gem:

The First Mission Association has grown to such an extent, that it has become a problem to take care of its delegation. The Association is in its seventh year, and is progressing rapidly.

Our Sunday school work has become so large under the humble leadership of our beloved Bro. Wilbur Underwood that we had to employ the Convention hall at Tulsa for the annual session this year, which convenes

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 1934.

The good commissioners of Tulsa gave us free use of the hall, and we certainly do appreciate this favor. We are looking for many visitors from Texas, Missouri, Arkansas and Kansas. All are invited to attend this convention. We believe this will be the greatest and most successful convention ever held in Oklahoma.

The officers of this Association are: Moderator, Elder Melvin Bingham Clerk, Elder Bert F. Rogers Supt. of S. Schools, Wilbur Underwood

These officers invite you to come and help to make this a great convention for the Free Will Baptist denomination.

Lunch will be served free at the hall.

Butler-Dunn Theology

The Butler-Dunn Systematic Theology, the standard book on Free Will Baptist faith and doctrine, is now reprinted, and every minister and Christian worker should have a copy. This is an important book in the SCHOOL OF THE BIBLE, conducted by Eld. John H. Wolfe. Ministers and Christian workers, wishing to better prepare themselves for Christian work, should have this book, and should take the correspondence course offered by the "School of the Bible."

The book is well bound, has 476 pages, at \$2.00 postpaid.

Send orders to the F. W. B. Gem, Purdy, Missouri or to Eld. John H. Wolfe, Pawnee City, Neb.

TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

Brothers Winford Davis, Noel Turner and Cecil Campbell have gone to attend the General Conference, which meets at Jakin, Ga., June 12 to 16th. Bro. Ralph Staten of Pocahontas, Ark. was to meet them at Hoxie, Ark. and go along to the Conference.

Our prayers are with them and the Conference, praying that much good may be accomplished for the F. W. B.

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