

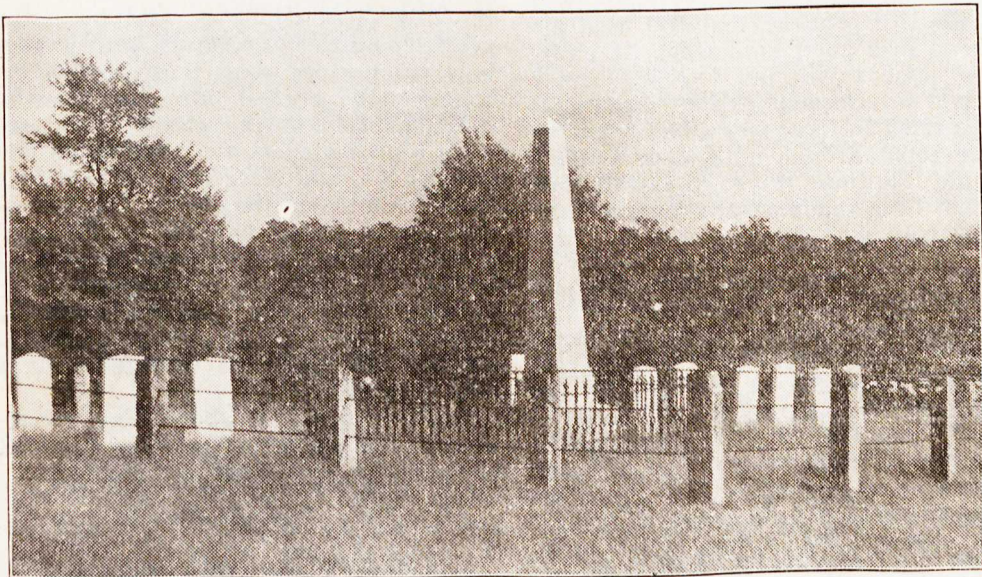
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The above is a picture of the Randall family cemetery located not far from the old site of New Durham, New Hampshire. The large monument marks the grave of Benjamin Randall whose life and influence, and the results of the same, are so wonderfully set forth in early Free Will Baptist history. This cemetery is located in the field where Randall received his great light while sitting on a rock in meditation and prayer, in the midst of growing corn. In relating the grand experience, he said, "My soul has never been in any trial about the meaning of the Scriptures since . . . I saw in at the beginning of Genesis, and out at the close of Revelation."

Randall passed away at two o'clock a. m., October 22, 1808.

The above information is taken from the history of Randall's life, and from a letterwritten by Edwin B. Stiles, State agent of the New Hampshire Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptist, who states that he lived only five miles from the above mentioned field at the date of the letter, February 1, 1911.

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—Winford Davis.

PROPHECY

By Elder T. H. Dixon of Hitchita, Okla.

Dear Readers of the Gem;

I have been waiting a good long while for Bro. Wilson to get through writing on the New Kingdom. Now by the promise of our good Editor I shall begin my write up on prophecy. We Freewill Baptist well know there is a wide difference among us on the fulfillment of prophecy, and with all due respect to one and all I give my views and if we differ let it be a friendly difference.

Our Editor has received letters in regard to Bro. Wilson's Articles on the New Kingdom, I have myself received letters in regard to his writing. Many think Brother Wilson is wrong in his interpretation and I think so myself. Let's deal with this question Scripturally and let the Bible settle the matter.

Our Editor promised me I might write on this subject, and I made this promise, that if I used his name I would do so in a good kind way. If I call Brother Wilson's name I will not express myself harshly. I have met several men in Bible discussion and I have always tried to treat men like I want to be treated. After I am through with these articles if our friends would like these things discussed man to man face to face I am ready at any time at any place to meet any man who does not see as I do. I am not asking for as many articles as Brother Wilson had. To save time and space I will make my articles as short as possible.

I hope all will read my articles as you did his. I hope there will be no misunderstanding in regard to my position on the prophecy. First I will say we read nothing on Christ coming back to Jerusalem and setting up a new kingdom.

Daniel 2:44 Quote; And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms and it shall stand forever.

Note: It shall stand forever not just one thousand years, Jesus was born in the days of these kings, and he was born king. John the Baptist, the twelve Apostles and the seventy Jesus sent out preached the kingdom at hand, at hand means in reach, so Christ is the king over the kingdom. It shall not be left to other people Jesus set it up and was and is king over it. The kingdom ship has been in the hands of men since king Saul was anointed king over Israel, as is recorded in 1st Samuel 10:1. No longer was God intending for men to rule as kings over his kingdom.

EZEKIEL 21:25, 26-27, Quote—And thou profane prince of Israel whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end. Thus saith the Lord God; remove the diadem, and take off the crown: this shall not be the same: exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him. End of quotation.

Here we see the word of the Lord to the wicked king of Israel, taking the ruling power out of his hand overturning it and giving it to him whose right it is and God gave it to him.

Exalt him that is low, which were the Gentiles. Abase him that is high which were the Jews. The

kingdom begins to break, and kings begin to fail, when these scriptures begin to fulfill. Jesus took charge but not to reign as a personal king on this earth. But the scripture does teach that he set it up, men had let it get down and Jesus had set it up, as this prophecy has said.

ISAIAH 11:6—The wolf shall also dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. 7—And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8—And the suckling child shall play on the hole of the Asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

ROMANS 11:17 and 24; Quote verse 17—And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree. Verse 24—For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree.

Explanation of the above quotation: The Jews were represented as the tame olive tree. The Gentiles as the wild olive tree. The wild animals were used to represent the Gentiles. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Verse 10—And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people, to him shall the Gentiles seek, and his rest shall be glorious.

Explanation of the above verse, we see that Christ was the one spoken of and the Gentiles would seek him, and his rest would be glorious.

Luke spoke of the glory that would follow Christ, and a light to lighten the Gentiles, and a glory to thy people Israel.

The earth shall be full of knowledge, means that Christ would give light to all the world, and the Gentiles would come to the light. The wolf and the lamb would dwell together, and the cow and the bear, the fatling and the young lion shall feed together. Yes the wild olive tree and the tame olive tree become one. Jesus becomes the shepherd of both the Jews and the Gentiles, as he said there shall be one shepherd and one fold. Nothing shall hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, the holy mountain, the holy mountain means the place where God's people worship.

We read in Isaiah 2:2 It shall come to pass in the last days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the tops of the mountains and exalted above the hills, and all the nations shall flow unto it.

This scripture was fulfilled when God made the covenant with the house of Israel. Heb. 8:8-10.

The house of Israel was the Israelites of course, and the date of this was A. D. 33. Place Jerusalem. We need not look for the time to come when all the animals which are wild by nature to be so tamed that the weaned child can put his hand on the cockatrice' den without being in great danger of hurt and destroy. Why does the scripture speak of these things to represent that wild olive tree the Gentiles?

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EARTH'S PROPHETIC WEEK

By Elder B. F. Brown

Continued from last month

Peter had said the scoffers are ignorant, now, as if to warn the beloved brethren to whom he writes, lest they, too, might forget, he says (v. 8), "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that ONE DAY IS WITH THE LORD AS A THOUSAND YEARS, AND A THOUSAND YEARS AS ONE DAY."

The scoffers of the last days say that God is so slow about keeping His promises, that they will never be fulfilled; but Peter says (v. 9), "The Lord is not slack concerning his promises, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." Now it was only yesterday that Peter said these things. He spoke early yesterday and this evening we are considering what he said: it is only two days since he spoke. Yesterday was the fifth day, today is the sixth day, and tomorrow will be the seventh and last day of time. Today is man's last work day, and in it he must finish his work and make his preparation to meet God; for tomorrow is the Lord's day.

Some take this 8th verse to mean that a day in the Bible may mean one thousand years, and one thousand years may mean only one day; and they say we can't tell anything about dates and time as expressed in the Bible. But these things were written for man, and in language that man can understand; and God means just what He says. Peter does say that with God a thousand years are as one day, but that is with God. God is not limited with time, but man is limited, so must take account of the hours, days and years, etc., but our limitations in this respect will cease when we get to be creatures of eternity.

I believe that Peter means that God has ordained that the history of this earth shall be a Week of Seven Days of One Thousand Years Each. And we find in the Bible, that in terms of thousand year days God has indicated that the history of earth shall cover a period of seven days of one thousand years each, and has thus dated both the first and the second comings of His Son.

When Peter gave us this key to the interpretation of prophetic time in the Bible, he referred back to the account of creation in the book of Genesis. He also mentioned the Flood in which "the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished." And Christ said, "As the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Mt. 24:37). He thus showed how closely the story of the Flood is related to the promise of His return.

To be continued

This rather long article on the subject of EARTH'S PROPHETIC WEEK is being printed in book form.

The book will contain 30 or more pages, and will soon be ready for delivery.

Prices, postage paid:—1 book, 10 cents; 3 books, 20 cents; 5 or more books for resale at 5 cents each.

FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, April 3, 1935

Dear Brother Brown and Friends:

It has been some time since I reported anything from this place and in regards to local association meetings, so here goes.

It was my happy privilege to attend the last association meeting, held with Lone Elm (88) church, north of Rudy, Arkansas, beginning Friday night, March 29th and lasting over Sunday, March 31st. Although I did not get to be with them on Saturday night and Sunday, I can assure you that they all had a really good time at these services.

The Association met on Friday night in regular quarterly conference and opened with congregational singing, which was a joy to those present, after which two very spirited messages were given by Brothers P. J. Mullen who opened the service, using as a text, Psalm 9:9, with Bro. J. B. Lavette concluding, using as a co-text, Isaiah 66:4. Followed by a special song, "I'm Completely Satisfied."

Then past moderator, Don M. Bias, was called to take charge and proceeded with the election of the officers for the present meeting.

Bro. Ben Pixley was elected moderator and Bro. Glenn Dipboye as assistant moderator.

Bro. Ray Purdom was elected clerk, with Bro. J. W. Atwell as his assistant.

A brief talk was given by the moderator, after he had read the Rules of Order, which was enjoyed.

After an old fashioned handshake, we were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Conyear, to meet Saturday morning at eight o'clock.

Saturday Morning—The Zion Hope Association of Free Will Baptist was called into conference by singing, "I Must Tell Jesus." Scripture reading, Acts 2:1-8, followed with prayer by Bro. Conyear.

Eleven churches were represented by letter, including three new churches, and two churches were represented by statement from their delegates and moderators, one church not reporting.

Regular business was considered and disposed of in proper manner, after which Bro. Conyear gave us a fine talk on "Faith."

The Divine Service Committee selected Bro. Jas. Franklin to open the morning devotional service, Bro. J. B. Lavette to conclude—Text, Heb. 2:1-10. Bro. Franklin preached his first sermon at this hour, having been granted a license only a short time before, and did a fine job of the task set before him, with Bro. Lavette concluding. At the conclusion of the service there was shouting, as God was pouring out His Holy Spirit on the meeting, and the people began to wake up and to lift up their feeble hands and voices in praise to God.

A special prayer was requested for a member who is sick with T. B., and a soul-stirring prayer was sent up from the altar in her behalf.

Dismissed by Bro. Simpkins, after a handshake.

Afternoon Session—Opening song, "Nearer My God to Thee." Conference was opened by the assistant moderator, Bro. Dipboye, who read as a lesson, Psalm 147, followed with prayer by Bro. Charles Graham.

Committee reports made and accepted.

A special song, "When the Saints Go Marching In," was rendered by the Oak Grove delegation.

The Obituary Committee's report brought sadness

to our hearts, as they reported the death of Sister Martha Ann Hall, age 73 years, a member of the First Church at Fort Smith, and Bro. Ed. Bramer, one of the pillars of the Lone Elm church, but we could rejoice that they were prepared to meet the great summons with a smile on their faces.

At three p. m. Bro. Dipboye and Bro. Tommy Robertson brought two Spirit filled messages from Rev. 22:10, and it looked as though the Spirit of God became stronger as the meeting progressed, until it broke out in much shouting by the congregation.

I cannot begin to tell the wonderful story of all the joy that abounded and of the wonderful Gospel feast that was a feast indeed.

The next conference will be held with the Pleasant Hill church, near Hackett, Ark. and has been set aside for Sunday schools especially, thereby giving recognition to this all important part of the church and its activities. Pray for us.

There were 16 or 18 ministers present.

Ray Purdom, Route 1, Box 284.

WARREN, ARKANSAS, April 3, 1935

Dear Brother Brown and Gem Readers:

I will try to write to our dear paper for the first time. I am a subscriber to the Gem and one of the oldest preachers in Saline Association of Free Will Baptist of Arkansas.

I was born in 1873, Nov. 5th, and was ordained to the ministry when I was 16 years old, and have called 12 churches together, and have baptized 945 people, and have one son who is ordained to the ministry, J. E. White. I am still preaching, and am not tired of it yet. I still love to preach that doctrine that my Master preached. I called one church together last summer, and I still want to preach all the time. I am in good health and am trying to live close to my Master, and will go anywhere people want me to hold meetings.

Pray for me and my son, Eld. J. E. White.

Eld. W. P. White.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING REPORT

Cave Spring Fifth Sunday Meeting met with the Walnut Grove church, near Elm Store, Ark., Saturday morning, March 30, 1935.

After singing, scripture reading, and prayer by Eld. J. H. Talley, needed business was transacted until the eleven o'clock preaching service, when Elders E. E. Simpson and J. H. Talley brought forth a most encouraging message on "Guardian Angels and Their Protecting Care Over Us," giving many references to them in the Bible: Jesus, in blessing little children, said, "Their angels do always behold the heavenly Father's face."

A bountiful dinner was served indoors on account of rain; after which we were called together by singing, then Deacon Finis Johnson led us in prayer, then the reports of some of the churches were made.

The increasing bribery in connection with the selection of teachers by the school boards received the severe condemnation it deserved.

It was suggested that, in addition to the ordinary contributions to the salary of pastors, each body of believers should devote the proceeds of from two to four acres of ground to be given them. It seems that, in some sections, the plan is working well.

May the Lord guide and bless us each and all, in materially increasing the hire that the Bible tells us is due to the spiritual guides.

Royal Oak church, near Alton, Mo. was chosen for the next meeting to convene June 29, 1935.

Four topics for Ministers' meeting were as follows:

1. What are the Terms of Salvation? Discussed by Elders E. E. Simpson and J. H. Talley.

2. Why have all who have helped the Jews been blessed, and all who have persecuted them been cursed, from Haman to Hitler? Discussed by Elders J. R. W. Harbison and H. H. Beatty.

3. What does "Day of Judgment" mean? by Eld. J. E. Rolan.

4. Will the ground ever yield her strength? Elders E. E. Winfree and H. C. Crase.

These were all splendidly handled, and if we retain the glowing facts very many will be enrolled among the saints, and the rest of us wonderfully helped in drawing nearer to our Lord, and consequently increasingly blessed.

They must be a forward bunch down there, as a bank failure cost them the loss of several hundred dollars; then the school house burned (uninsured); another was built, which also burned, but was insured; a third was built, and an able, dependable teacher was employed for several succeeding years at good wages; and I wish all our schools were as honest and helpful.

May the Lord increase our faith so that we may all have a really noble part in maintaining that conscience void of offense toward God and toward man that Paul stated as his chief exercise.

May the Lord bless you all, and us, in becoming continually overcomers through the grace that is for every one! —Ralph T Hoyt.

SAND SPRINGS, OKLAHOMA Our Mission Work

Since I went to our Association several years ago and got them to endorse the By-Laws for an organized Mission work, we have had many happy hours, also many disappointments in the mission work, but we feel now, since the work has been recognized by our National Move, that we will be able to do a great good.

Oklahoma has changed the name of State Superintendent to State

President. This may cause some little misunderstanding, but we plan, of course, when the East and the West are together, to adopt a uniform government and will be able to do a greater good.

Hoping that all may work out for His glory, I am your servant,

Eld. A. B. Talbert,

Nat'l Supt. of Mission Work.

TORNADO, W. VA., April 1st.

Dear Brother Brown:

I will try to write a few lines in answer to yours of a few days ago. I am sending you \$1.00 for my renewal of the Gem, also for Bro. J. W. Martin, Spring Hill, W. Va.

I have just returned from the Kanawha Q. M. We had a fine meeting. Bro. Scott preached a fine sermon Friday night. We had good singing, and Saturday we had a fine meeting, and all went well.

Bro. Patterson was moderator. We ordained one preacher and one deacon.

This Q. M. was held at Ruth church, and the people sure did take good care of the people that attended. We had messengers from about three other Q. M's. About 75 or 80 took part in the communion and feet washing.

Some one may send in a report, and if they do, you need print but one. Pray for us.

If I see some writing from W. Va., I will write again soon. Don't let us miss the April number.

Yours for the Lord and the little Gem.

F. V. Nicholas.

SAND SPRINGS, OKLAHOMA

Dear Readers of the Gem:

In our weak way, we want to give our report for Lawnwood Free Will Baptist church.

We are still striving to enter in that straight way and we want the prayers of all praying people, that we'll always be on fire for God. After the wonderful Easter services, both Sunday morning and Sunday night, I think we ought to all have a greater zeal to go on working for our Lord. I for one need to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord.

Our church met in conference and withdrew from the First Mission Association, and God has blessed us in it, and souls are still being saved.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Derwood Clymer, born and departed this life on April 15, 1935. He leaves his parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Vaughn Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Clymer, and many other relatives and friends to mourn his departure. But we count our loss as Heaven's gain.

We are all striving for that home not made with hands, which God has prepared for all that will trust Him. Pray for us, that we will ever be found faithful.

Eld. Boyd Williams, Pastor,
Helen Persall, Reporter.

BOWDEN, OKLA., April 22, '35.

Dear Bro. Brown and Readers of the Gem: Here we are again with another of our East Side Mission circle reports.

God is still blessing us in many ways. We held our last rally at the Blue Bell church. There were five missions present, with good reports, and we had good attendance.

The Tulsa mission had a good report:— Six souls saved, 71 cottage prayer meetings, 500 sick calls made.

New Home mission reports lots of sick calls made, quilting quilts, 25 souls saved.

Allen mission reports that they have moved into their new church, for which we are very proud. Number of sick calls made, and we are planning on a great revival soon. Remember us when you pray.

Lawnwood mission reports 95 sick calls made, eight garments given to the needy, bought one spray of flowers which was \$2.50. Lawnwood Juniors are getting along fine, have made 36 sick calls, given garments to needy, gave one wedding shower.

Blue Bell reports that they are having a wonderful revival, 19 souls already found the Lord. Bro. White and Bro. Hood are holding the meeting. Bought new song books for the church. Have visited and helped take care of the sick. These are just some of the things reported at our circle.

We voted to send \$3.00 for our Foreign missionary. Let us pray and help them all we can and I am sure God will bless us. We also voted to send \$1.00 to help pay on the linotype. God was with us throughout the entire day.

Bro. Boyd Williams brought us

the afternoon message, using as a text, "I am the resurrection and the life." I truly believe it came from the throne. It was enjoyed by all.

Our next next rally will be held at the Allen church the 3rd Friday in May. Everyone welcome.

Am asking an interest in all of God's children's prayers, that we will always do His will.

—Mrs. J. L. Smith.

TULSA JUNIOR MISSION

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We are glad to say that our class is still working for the Lord. The class seems more interested in the work.

We have talked about several ways to make money for the class, but nothing definite has been settled on yet.

Last month we had 21 Bibles in class, 468 Bible chapters read, 32 sick calls.

Pauline Peachey, Reporter.

BRISTCW, OKLA., April 18th.

Dear Editor and Readers of the Gem: I'm praising the Lord this morning for the privilege of writing to you again. Owing to the serious illness of my husband, I have been deprived of writing the last two months. My companion was near death's door, but thanks be to God for His mercy in sparing his life. I believe with all my heart that it was through the prayers of God's people that he was spared; that he may have time to repent and be saved before it is everlastingly too late. I am so thankful for a God that hears and answers prayer. I can't begin to tell my dear brothers and sisters how much I appreciate their prayers and the interest they have taken in him while he was at St. John's Hospital, Tulsa, Okla.

It seems that the Gem gets better all the time, and is full of so many good things.

I am so thankful to God that I had the blessed privilege of attending the quarterly meeting at Tulsa, and meeting so many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. It made me feel good in my soul to hear the shouts and praises of the good old saints of God. It carried me back forty years to my girlhood days in an old fashioned Methodist camp meeting where I found Jesus sweet to my soul. It was my first time to attend an

association; I surely enjoyed it.

We don't have much to report this month, the weather has been so bad. Our pastor, Eld. V. E. Cooper of Tulsa, has just got to fill one appointment the last two months. Our Sunday school is holding up very well; had 45 in attendance last Sunday. Mission workers are coming right along with their work; have quilted six quilts, made two showers, made 125 sick calls.

Bro. Johnson of Drumright will be with us the third Sunday to bring the Easter message, for which we are so thankful.

We wish to ask the prayers of all God's children, that our work here will grow and prosper, and that a revival will break out here in the near future, which is badly needed.

God bless the Gem, and may it grow in His cause. Pray for us.

—Stella Prince, Reporter.

ALMA, ARKANSAS, April 29th.

Dear Bro. Brown & Gem Readers:

I haven't 'put in' for quite a while, and I'm not saying much now. I surely enjoy every article, letter and report in the Gem. I speak by way of commendation of Bro. Brown's good work; no one is so poor as to neglect a subscription to the Gem. "So much for so little," I believe would be a good motto for our little paper. Keep the good work going, brethren, let's all send in one subscription during the month of June; if no more than an extension or the renewal of our own subscription.

I hope this little missive can be called, "A word spoken in due season, how good is it!" (Prov. 15:23b).

May God bless you all.

Lloyd Weese.

MONETT, MO., April 7, 1935.

While still somewhat closed in from my recent illness, and unable yet to fill the stand, I will write a friendly letter to the Gem readers. I am so glad to even be able to write again. Sometimes we have to be deprived of our grand privileges for a time to make us appreciate them the more. The Lord has blessed me with wonderful health since I started out preaching the Gospel, nine years ago; but for another time I experienced what it really means to

be sick. I feel now that I can sympathize with sick folks much better than before. I never was uneasy but what the Lord would raise me up. though I realized some were very much afraid that I never would get up, I felt sure though, that if the Lord should call me, I was ready to go. After all, were it not for leaving loved ones behind, it would have been a grand privilege to go.

I shall never forget the many friends who came to see me, sent flowers, letters, cards of sympathy, etc. One certainly does appreciate them when in bed sick. I counted 176 different people who came, and a number of them came again and again. The good ministers were so kind to come and have prayer and healing services. You brethren don't know what you meant to me.

Our Dr. Palmer of Hurley, Mo. made a number of trips and then was good enough to not charge one cent. Doctors like that are a real blessing. I am glad to give all honor where honor is due, but after all I give the entire glory to the Lord for the privilege to be up again.

If my throat keeps improving I expect to be preaching again by the time this letter is in print. I feel that I owe it to the Lord though to take some rest.

The "Willing Workers" Gospel Team came into the home and had services on the 5th Sunday night. They sure are a fine bunch of workers. May God bless their efforts.

I hated so much to have to miss the mission and league rally at Merl's Chapel on the 5th Sunday. The report was that it was wonderful. I felt all the while that it would be.

Well, I will close my remarks. I certainly am praising the Lord, and may the Lord bless the Gem family, is my prayer.

Your servant in Jesus' name,
Winford Davis.

LAWNWOOD CHURCH NOTES

Tulsa, Oklahoma

We wish to report again that our little church is still enlisted in God's army against the Devil and his cunning ways to drag souls down to eternal punishment.

We enjoy reading the Gem and knowing that other churches are still holding unto God and carry-

ing the banner on for our Lord.

Our Junior mission meets every Friday night, and are taking a great interest in God's cause. They had a bake sale to help with expenses.

Our church visited with Bro. Johnnie Russell's church at Lumbarg on Tuesday night, Apr. 19th.

Bro. Delbert Hillard visited with us last Thursday night and gave us a wonderful message.

Bro. Hucklebee, one of our young ministers, is in a revival at Collinsville.

We sincerely ask the prayers of all praying people, that we will continue to work for the Lord and do the things He would have us do.

Helen Persall, Reporter.

WARREN, ARKANSAS

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I will try and drop in if there is room to try in my weak way to let you know about our little church called Pleasant Valley, located nine miles west of Warren in Bradley Co., Ark. We are doing just fine, but we want every one that reads this to pray for us; we need your prayers, and I hope everyone will consider this, for we need to get closer to God.

We wonder when we hear some people say, "Don't be too hard on sin, for you will make people mad and they won't come out to church." We suppose the people of Israel said about the same thing about Isaiah, Jeremiah, Nehemiah and others in those days in the land of Israel. We admire courage in men who make no compromise with evil. We need men like Malachi who said, "What the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak." What was the great command of our Savior to his disciples? Was it not to make disciples of all nations? It was to make disciples. I pray that we all will think more and pray more over this and try and do more for the cause of Christ. He gave His life for us, and said to Peter one morning on the banks of the sea of Galilee, "Lovest thou me more than these?" Could not that question be applied to the most of us today? Christ would have us love him more than the picture shows, more than the baseball parks, more than our money. If we can't give more of our money and more of our time, God won't accept our prayers. God demands ten per cent of what we make, and

tells his people in Malachi 3:7-10, "Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from my ordinances and have not kept them. Return unto me and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? Will a man rob God? Yet we have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Now brethren, God is asking his people to try him, and I think we ought to swing out on God's promises more and not look to our president so much; he can only do what God wants him to do, and I don't think God is going to turn things over to him. I hear some of our brethren say, "If our president don't do something for us, we are gone," but I say, If we don't swing out on the promises of God, He will keep whipping us till we turn to Him. Our heads are too high and our necks are too stiff, and He will show us that He is ruling.

Now, I pray from the very deep of my heart that every one that reads this will pray for the little church here at this place, that we may do more in the future than we have in the past, and bring many lost souls to Christ.

Your brother in Christ,

L. E. Jones.

MINE LA MOTTE, MO., Apr. 19

Dear Readers of the Gem:

Just thought I would write a few words this morning, hoping I might be able to help someone, the Lord being my Guide. I feel very weak myself, but I am interested in others that are lost. Sinners, wont you come to the Lord and repent and believe while He is merciful and waiting to give you rest? For He has said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Let each one of us ask ourselves the all-important question, "Are we neglecting our Bible, or do we study it and take it as our guide?" I am sure that most people are neglecting it more than all books. There is nothing

in the world that should be of more abiding interest to us than reading and observing Bible teachings.

Dear readers, I think we should put God first in everything. If we would put God first in our schools and colleges, they would not teach the children that they sprang from monkeys. Friends, let us consider it carefully. We may be able to fool a few people, but we cannot deceive God. Our life is only short on earth; let us give the rest of our lives to the Lord's service. Let's prepare for that great day. Remember Lazarus and the rich man, and choose the place that Lazarus chose for a home. Brothers and sisters, this is the time you are needed on the firing line for the great cause of our Master. We cannot live the Christian life alone, but we should let Jesus be our guide in everything. Let us hold to God's unchanging hand.

I ask the prayers of the praying people for our church at Mine La Motte, that it may grow and prosper.

Katie Copher.

BOONEVILLE, ARKANSAS

Dear Brother Brown and Gem Family: If you will give me space, I will say just a few words again to our brethren in the State of Arkansas.

As I have told you before, we voted a twenty-five (25c) cent donation or assessment on each Free Will Baptist in this state, the money to be used to purchase a tent and to bury our deceased preachers, but it seems that many of you are not interested. Brethren, this is the greatest move we have ever made, and is going to mean more to our church than anything we have ever done, if we put it over, but if we fail it's going to hurt us. Thousands of people are watching us and many of them saying we will fail. For God's sake and for the sake of his cause, join hands with me, and help collect this money. It's impossible for me, I can only see a few of our people, for I'm not getting any salary, not even my expenses. Will you preachers please help me? Your churches will pay if you will teach them how this money is going to be used, and what it's going to mean to our cause. I am praying that

we will have at least a thousand dollars left in the treasury after we buy the tent and pay the funeral expenses of our deceased preachers, then we can put our old worn out preachers on a small pension. They have given us their lives, and many of them are now having to beg, some on the poor farm; are you Free Will Baptist satisfied with conditions like that? If not, please get behind this move and help put it over. Now I am going to expect you preachers to get busy and do something. It won't effect your salary, so come on. Every member can pay this amount.

May God bless all, is my prayer.
May I hear from many of you soon?
—W. M. Guinn,
Corresponding Clerk and Treas.

TULSA CHURCH NOTES

April 21, 1935

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

Through this wonderful little paper we want to try to tell the outside world of what God is doing for our little church.

After the dust storms had passed over, then the refreshing showers of last week, and when we awoke this beautiful, sacred Easter Sunday morning, to feel the warm sunshine, and see the little birds and the beautiful flowers—all put here by our merciful Father, it took our minds back to Bro. Melvin's text of a few weeks ago, using the words, "I am God."

It seems to me that God is trying in every conceivable way to awaken people and to get them to believe that He is God and for them to turn from their wicked ways.

During the month of March nine were converted, eight united with the church. Bro. Melvin baptized seven this Sunday evening.

We have held 71 cottage prayer meetings in different parts of the city, several souls being saved and all others who attended were greatly built up.

We were sorry to lose four of our good members by letter withdrawals, but our loss means another church's gain, and we bid them God's speed.

Our church also granted four of our young preachers their license to preach, and we are asking that each of the readers of this paper offer a prayer in their

behalf. We are truly proud of all our young preachers, and we are thanking God for calling these young men and women out into this old field of sin to fight Satan.

Beginning on Monday night following Easter services our church is sponsoring a week of prayer, with Bro. Melvin leading the devotional, followed by short messages by our young preachers. We are trusting that God will come on the scene in a mighty way and that some of the many lost souls will find their Christ. We are carrying a burdened heart today because of a lost son and daughter that need Jesus, please remember them when you pray.

We received such a great blessing when several of us attended the Mission rally at Blue Bell church last Friday. Sister Esther Miller from our church filled the pulpit at eleven o'clock, taking for her subject, "Why stand ye there idle?"

Bro. Underwood, field Supt. of Sunday schools, also of Tulsa church, gave an interesting fifteen minute talk on Sunday School Missions.

At the present time our superintendent and teachers are laying plans for an all day program with dinner on the grounds, in honor of Mothers' Day.

We are looking forward with keen interest to the coming of the County Singing Convention, which meets with us this coming Saturday night, to worship God in songs, and we extend an invitation to all of God's people to come and share the shelter of His house with us.

And while our hearts have been rejoicing, a sadness overcomes us just now when our thoughts drift back to a few homes where the Death angel stole in and plucked out a member of each family. Bro. Melvin preached two of the funerals, the other being the father of Sister Rachel Meeks, who died and was buried in Star cemetery in Missouri.

He was born in 1859, and died March 4, 1935.

Stephen Douglas Milligan, age 76 years, of Seymour, Mo., an old retired Free Will Baptist minister, his license to preach the Gospel having been written out in the year 1901, by Bro. Melvin Bingham's grandfather, and ordained the following year by a group of old well known soldiers of the

cross in Missouri.

To each of these bereaved families we try to offer a consoling word and point you to the Great Comforter.

Evelyn Miller, Reporter.

St. LOUIS, MO., April 15, 1935.

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:
Just a brief report of our St. Louis church at this time.

We have had 13 professions in the last six weeks; and have had nine additions to the church, that is when they are all baptized.

Our Sunday school has gained up in attendance and also in offerings.

Our prayer meetings have also gained up in attendance and interest.

Our league is doing splendid work. We have had eight additions to the league in the last two weeks.

Our finances are coming along in good shape. All expenses have been met promptly; and we are out of debt.

We are to have a few days meeting in May, beginning on the second Sunday. Our dear Editor is to be the messenger. We have not had any special meetings since the revival our dear Bro. T. C. Ferguson held several months ago.

Eld. W. C. Hill, Pastor,
3rd F. W. B. Church, 1495 So. 7th St.

EXETER, MO., April 29, 1935.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I haven't written to the Gem for some time, so will write a few lines to tell you of the new Free Will Baptist church, lately organized at what is called Oakley Union, near Wheaton.

We had an appointment at this little church yesterday, April 28th. We have been going here and there to worship ever since we were married. I have been praying that God would give us a Free Will Baptist church in this part, and this church is between three and four miles from where we live. It is about 12 or 15 miles from Macedonia and Merl's Chapel churches.

There were 58 at Sunday school. Prayer meeting once a week at the church and cottage prayer meeting twice a week. They have bought a nice piano. Bro. Stafford is pastor, and meeting days are first and third Sundays in each month. Some wanted me to pastor the church, but I feel that, as Bro. Stafford live near the church and can be there most all the time, he could do better by the church than I could. But we are going to do our best to help in every way we can.

Pray for us.

Merl Wright.

WEWOKA, OKLA., April 14th.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

We are writing to make a request of the editor and all the Gem readers for special prayer in regard to a revival that we will begin May 12th, at our little church here in Wewoka, if it is the Lord's will. We realize that all

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STATE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Yes, another month has passed and we as leaguers are still facing opportunity, also adversity, but there's no place to quit. So may God give us grace to stand and fulfill the mission for which He has called us.

We have some nice reports this month, also some important work that we haven't a report of in full. Late in February we received a report from Sister Verda Arthur of Niangua church, stating that the league work there had been reorganized and was moving out nicely. This report came too late for the February issue of the Gem. We had hoped to have a more recent report for this month, but shall look for it in May.

Also the leagues of Indian Creek Association met the 5th Sunday in March with Merl's Chapel church and enjoyed a wonderful program. Six leagues were represented and one Endeavor from the Church of God at Crane, Mo.

May the Lord continue to bless the work.

O. T. Allred, State Secretary.

REPORT OF LEAGUE RALLY of INDIAN CREEK ASSOCIATION

Dear Leaguers:

This morning, as I write a brief report of our "Indian Creek" League Rally, I'm thinking not only of the leaguers in our own association, but of the hundreds of other leaguers who are studying the same lessons, doing

SPECIAL CLUB RATES

Yearly subscriptions to the Gem will be accepted at 40 cents each, provided there are five (5) or more subscribers all to the same postoffice address, or the five or more papers sent to one person. This is especially for leagues, but churches may have the same low rate where five or more members wish to form a club.—The Editor.

the same work, and serving the same God that we serve, in all parts of the state. Don't you think it's wonderful that so many young people are working for the same goal? the advancement of the cause of Christ thru our league work and a closer individual walk with God. I hope we as leaguers feel the real greatness of the task before us, for there are so many boys and girls who should be in the Lord's service, and so many of our churches do not even have a young people's union. I think it would be interesting to know just how many leagues we have over the state. In our local association we have approximately two hundred Seniors and one hundred Juniors.

We have a League rally every fifth Sunday, for the purpose of bringing our workers together and to keep them in closer contact with associational work. The morning services are devoted to Home Mission work and the afternoon to League work.

Our last rally was held with Merl's Chapel church. It is a country church and they certainly have a group of wide awake Leaguers who made us know we were welcome.

Eld. B. F. Brown preached the Mission sermon and Eld. O. T. Allred gave a response to the welcome address given to the Leaguers by Bro. Black, president of Merl's Chapel League.

Representatives were present from Menett, Aurora, Carterville, Blue Eye, and Jones Chapel Leagues, also from the Church of God Union at Crane, and each contributed some very interesting numbers for the program. Every part was so good and so well given we just wish you all could have heard them, but since you did not, and I can't tell you about every one, I do want to mention the number given by Carterville. It was a pageant "The Challenge of the Cross," which very clearly brought out the attitude of many Christians of today. One Christian felt the call to bear a cross for Jesus and after receiving it tried to hide it, explaining that she did not wish the world to know she was a cross bearer, but if the Lord knew it she thought all would be well; another refused to bear her cross because it was rough and clumsy looking; still another thought her cross was too small, until finally one came who was willing to take the cross given her, although perhaps it wasn't the kind she had hoped to bear, but nevertheless accepted it just as the Lord gave it to her.

So it is with many of us today, I

fear. If we can't do *what* we want to do in the *way* we want to do it, we refuse even what the Lord thinks best.

Another number I believe everyone enjoyed was a mixed quartette from our Junior League at Jones Chapel. It was really inspiring to see those little Juniors, who were about eight to ten years old, stand before such an audience and sing. They also presented a playlet, "Can't-ites," that taught a good lesson.

Two Juniors from Monett played piano solos, and others from Merl's Chapel sang, thus showing us that we have wonderful talent in our little Juniors.

Some exceptionally interesting talks were given; among them was one given by Bro. Zinn, the Church of God pastor from Crane, and I'm sure every one enjoyed every word of it and appreciated the encouragement he gave.

Since time and space does not permit a review of all the program, I can only say the entire day was inspiring and helpful to everyone.

The next rally will be held with our Aurora church the fifth Sunday in June. Eld. Johnnie Swaffar will preach the Mission sermon, and I'm sure we will have another wonderful day in God's service, so every Leaguer and Mission worker keep the date in mind and pray that our League work will continue to grow through our efforts as League workers.

Jewell Lewis, Associational Pres.

REPORT OF MACEDONIA LEAGUE

Mrs. Leslie Henderson, Reporter.

Dear Gem Readers:

We have chosen up sides in our League since we reported last month, and our league is progressing nicely.

Our league members are planning to go soon to visit a sick lady in our community who has been ill for several weeks. We intend to go after league and have some prayers and songs.

Pray for our League and we will pray for yours.

REPORT OF UNION LEAGUE ASS'N By Miss Zelida Young, Secretary

The members of the Union League Association of Free Will Baptist met with the Brushy Knob League Sunday, March 10, 1935. The house was called to order at the eleven o'clock hour by Eld. L. J. Gearing. The service was opened by singing. Prayer by Bro. Adam Scott. Eld. Gearing delivered a splendid introductory sermon, using as a text, Eccl. 12:1. We then adjourned for lunch.

After lunch the meeting was called to order by singing. Prayer by Elder L. J. Gearing. Scripture reading, Eph. 6:1-10 by Eld. G. W. Scott, Jr.

BUSINESS

Mt. Grove League requested and was granted the next meeting, to be held June 9, 1935.

Bro. Adam Scott was elected chairman for the next meeting.

Eld. Homer Smith was elected to preach the introductory sermon at eleven o'clock at our next meeting.

The business session was followed by a short and soul-stirring program.

PROGRAM

Reading Grace McCarty
 Reading Geneva Gearing
 Reading Benjamin Scott
 Song .. Betty Jean and Navene Scott
 Reading Hima Paul
 Reading Agnes Scott
 Song Leah Mae Scott
 Reading Mae Mitchell
 Song, Adam, Daisy, and Mary Scott
 Benediction, Eld. Herbert Vandivort

On account of bad weather many were unable to attend. We hope to see many more out at the next meeting.

Pray for our leagues, that they may grow and glow for the Lord.

REPORT OF FLAT RIVER LEAGUE

By Martha Burcham, Reporter

We are thanking the Lord this morning for the privilege of reporting for our league once more. I thank the Lord for the league work and what it has meant to me, and I am sure it has meant as much to others as it has meant to me.

Our league members are not all Christians, but we are hoping and praying that the time will soon come when we can see them all trusting in the Lord.

Our attendance the past month has not been quite so large on account of bad weather and sickness, and perhaps some just didn't want to come. I am glad the Lord has given us this privilege to serve him, yet it seems sometimes that there's nothing that we can do, and we would like for things to be different, but I think of the verse of scripture, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt 6:33).

We desire an interest in your prayers

Report of S. E. Mo. Field Worker

To S. E. Missouri Association:

I have visited the Leadington league several times, assisted Bro. Reeves, Vice Pres. of State League Association, in organizing a league at Aulsberry Chapel church. I have attended the League convention and find through attending these that most of the leagues are in good condition.

I have been in a revival meeting with Eld. Lester Ferguson at Bethel church, near Patton, Mo. Here I did not get an opportunity to visit the league, but their pastor, Eld. Mark Lewis, notified me that they had won a blue ribbon for being a 100% league at every one of their League conventions, which speaks for their good condition.

At our last league convention, which was held at Flat River, Mo., Jan. 22, 1935, each league received a blue ribbon for being a 100% league. These leagues were as follows: Flat River, Desloge and Leadington.

We are looking forward to the next league convention at the Leadington church and hope that each league belonging to this convention will be represented and hope each will come

as 100% leagues.

I wish each league great success, and also desire your prayers that my life will be of greater use to God.

—Albert Halbrook.

LEADINGTON LEAGUE REPORT

Chas. Grifford, Reporter

The Leadington Free Will Baptist League has made some improvement in the last month. Seems as though the members have become a little more interested in the league work. We are preparing for the Southeast Missouri League convention, which will meet with our league on Apr. 23. We are still hoping and praying that our league will improve more and more

REPORT OF ST. LOUIS LEAGUE

Cecil Miller, Reporter

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Family, Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord:

May we beg space in our little church paper to report our work for the Master in St. Louis? In November, 1934, a group of people assembled at 1443 South 18th St. to organize a Free Will Baptist Mission, and sixteen people offered their services as mission workers. The Lord has blessed our work, and 26 have professed a hope in Christ. We have just closed a revival meeting. Eld. Mark Lewis was the evangelist and we heard some soul-stirring sermons, and witnessed six conversions. We earnestly ask all of God's people everywhere to pray for our work in this city.

We have a Free Will Baptist League with 17 members, and the league is a great success in the study of the Bible. We have an average attendance of 15, and have read 1153 chapters in the Bible this quarter, and made 56 sick calls.

They have elected me as League reporter, and may I say I am just a boy, still in school and just a babe in Christ, have been converted since the mission started; and I need the prayers of the Christians to help me in this warfare against sin.

NEOSHO, MO., April 16, 1935.

Dear Brother Brown:

I thought perhaps some would like to know how things are going at Oak Grove church. Eld. Sherman Harris is pastor, and the regular meeting day is the second Sunday and Saturday night before. At the April appointment, Bro. Frank Linton, Supt. of the Sunday school, preached his first sermon on Saturday night.

The Sunday school was good, 59 in attendance. After Sunday school Bro. Harris preached, and at the close of a fine sermon, he opened the doors of the church for members and two young men, one the head of the home, joined, and at 2:30 p. m. they were baptized. We expect others to unite with the church.

At night the pastor preached a fine sermon on the text, "And be not drunk with wine wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." He used the first part of it for his text.

The church here is on the upward move.

—I. C. Allen.

OBITUARY

Finn—Clyde Curtis Finn, son of Mr. and Mrs. U. E. Finn, was born at Seligman, Missouri, Nov. 7, 1904, and departed this life at the home of his father, 173 Hill St., Fayetteville, Ark., March 27, 1935, at the age of 30 years, four months and ten days.

He was converted at Niangua, Mo. October, 1927, and united with the Free Will Baptist church there, later removing his membership to Macedonia church, then after the Free Will Baptist church was organized in Monett he placed his membership here and remained a member until death.

He was associated with his father in the merchantile business in several places and for a number of years in Monett, and had a wide circle of friends everywhere he was known; as he was always kind and courteous to everyone.

Those left to mourn his passing are his wife, Gloria and daughter Jean, his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. U. E. Finn, three sisters, Mrs. O. T. Allred, Mrs. Dock Miller and Mrs. Jennie Hodges; two brothers, Herman Finn and Jess Finn, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

He will be sadly missed by those who loved him. He left evidence that he has gone to a peaceful rest.

Funeral services were conducted by Elders W. K. Weston and John Swaffar at the Free Will Baptist church in Monett, and burial in the Bethel cemetery.

Rest on in peace, and may God supply the needed grace to those of us who are yet in the battle strong, that we may safely brave the storms and make the landing safe on eternity's shore.

May the hope of the reunion on the other shore lighten our sorrow now, and inspire us to do our best for others while it is yet day.

Written by his pastor.

Quinn—Nannie Louellen Quinn, daughter of John and Martha Quinn, was born April 28, 1870, near Maysville, and departed this life, March 26, 1935, at the age of 64 years, ten months and 28 days. She was united in marriage with W. H. Bridgeman, a deacon in the Center Point Free Will Baptist church, July 11, 1888, and four children were born to the union, three sons, Fred of Weatherby,

Floyd of Gallatin, Frank of Winston, and one daughter, Mrs. Ralph Haddly of Weatherby. In 1895 they moved from DeKalb to Daviess county and have lived near Santa Rosa the past 34 years.

She was converted at an early age and joined the Christian church at Maysville in 1891, later removing her membership to the Center Point Baptist church.

Besides the devoted husband and children she leaves eleven grandsons, nine granddaughters, one sister, Mrs. Will Searcy of Weatherby, and other relatives and friends, all of whom will greatly miss her in the walks of life. One brother, Herbert, preceded her in death. She had been in failing health the past six months and at six o'clock Tuesday, serenely crossed the Great Divide to be at home with her Master.

Funeral arrangements were in charge of Mrs. H. E. Stroup, the final services being held at Center Point church, Thursday, March 28, in charge of Eld. T. C. Ferguson of Weatherby, the text used, John 11:35. Interment was made in Cope cemetery.

Childers—Harriet Ellen Wiggs was born at Piggott, Ark., Sept. 5, 1858. With her parents, A. N. and Elizabeth Wiggs, she went to Rolla, Ill., where she remained about seven years, from thence to Thayer, Mo., Nov. 10, 1871.

In 1880 she was united in marriage with Rufus Childers, a son of Benjamin Childers, who was one among the first settlers in the community known as King's Point. To this union two daughters, Dovie and Ursula were born.

Early in life she exercised faith in Christ and on Feb. 3, 1877, she submitted to the ordinance of baptism and from thence to the end of life affiliated with the United Baptist church at Antioch (Now Kings Point), in which she lived righteously until death.

Aunt Ellen, so called by her friends, became a sweet treble singer when quite young and was often heard singing, "I Must Tell Je us," and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." She loved the old songs.

Coming to this community early in life she spread the sunlight of life for all her friends, whom she seldom failed to join in every attempt to improve the civic and religious interests of her community and neighboring ones, and

thus endeared herself to everyone with whom she came in contact. To know her was to love her.

She departed this life at eight a. m. April 19, 1935, at the ripe old age of 76 years, seven months and 14 days. Besides the smile, the outward expression of her pure soul, she leaves a devoted and true husband, Rufus Childers, two children, Dovie, wife of Willis Fraley and Ursula, wife of Com Crews, three grandchildren, two brothers, James and Albert Wiggs, two sisters, Mrs. Sarilda Jewell, and Mrs. Talitha Redburn, all of Thayer, Mo., and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Rev. H. H. Beatty and John Tolley conducted funeral services April 21, at 2:30 p. m., at the Clifton cemetery, using Phil. 1:21, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain," as text.

Burial was made in Clifton cemetery under direction of Carr Funeral Service.

Kirk—Dazie Dean Kirk was born Jan. 15, 1933, and passed away April 5, 1935, at the age of two years, three months, 21 days.

Her death was due to measles and pneumonia. Through all her suffering she was patient.

She leaves to mourn her going, father and mother, Bro. and Sister Earnest Kirk, and two sisters, Erma and Verda May of the home and other relatives and friends who loved her dearly.

Her body was laid to rest in a cemetery near Galena, Kansas.

Funeral services were conducted at the Free Will Baptist church at Treece, Kans. by the writer, Eld. Elda Crain.

Edwards—Little Billy Eugene Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edwards, was born May 10, 1924, and departed this life Jan. 29, 1935, at the age of eleven years, eight months, 19 days. He was a sweet pleasant child, a great singer, loved to read the Bible, was saved just about three months before he died. He lived with his grandparents, Eld. A. B. Epperson and wife. He had appendicitis, and had to be operated on, but it didn't save him; God needed Billy so he took him. It was a sad thing, the only boy and the oldest child. His father is in the hospital at Norman, has been there for five months. God only knows

why little Billy had to go; it was almost more than his mother could stand, but he is now at rest.

He leaves two little sisters, Gloria and Mary Ann, his mother, Mrs. Georgie Edwards, grandparents, uncles and aunts, and a number of cousins and many friends. He is greatly missed by all.

His funeral was preached by Eld. Wade at our Tecumseh church. A large crowd attended, and we said farewell to little Billy for the last time here, but we will meet again on the happy Golden shore.

Written by his grandmother, Mrs. Mattie Epperson.

Oh, it was hard to give up little Billy,

But we knew he would have to go;

So we laid him in the arms of Jesus,

For we knew that Jesus would know,

And He took him home to Heaven,

And we said it was well done;

So, farewell, but not forever,

We will meet Billy in that home.

CHETOPA, KANSAS

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

With another year almost gone, I will try to write a few lines to the Gem in memory of my mother. It is a paper she always loved to read, and kept it in her home, and I find it a help to all who read it. I ask the prayers of God's people, that I may grow stronger in His work, and help to carry on the good work our mother loved so well. Pray for us, that we may be an unbroken circle when Jesus comes to call His own.

IN MEMORY

of Malinda Olive Mayfield who passed away May 7, 1933.

One more year is past and gone,

With its sorrows and unrest,

And I'm thinking of my Mother,

In her home with the redeemed and blest.

Where no sickness, sin nor sorrow

Ever come to dim the eyes;

But all is joy and gladness,

In that home beyond the skies.

I would not call her back to us,

To this world of sin and woe,

But I long to live to meet her,

And to that happy home to go.

Her presence is not with us,

But the life she lived each day,

Is hovering o'er our pathway,

As we journey on our way.

May the hand that guided Mother's life

On the journey to her home,

Be the one that guides our pathway,

Wherever we may roam.

Just a few more joys and sorrows,
And we must answer to the call,
May our answer be as Mother's was:
I have fought a good fight; I have
finished my course.
By a daughter, Mrs. Lula Sexton.

Kirk—Reva June Kirk, daughter of Bro. and Sister Earnest Kirk of North West Picher, Okla., was born March 22, 1935, and departed this life March 30, 1935, at the age of eight days.

She leaves to mourn her loss, father, mother, and three sisters, Erma, Verda and Dazie Dean of the home. She was just a flower that budded here to bloom in Heaven. We bow in humble submission to our Heavenly Father.

Funeral services were conducted at the home by Eld. Elda Crain. She was laid to rest in a cemetery near Galena, Kans. to await the returning of Jesus.

Eld. Elda Crain.

Report of Blue Eye Young People's Home Mission Work.

Our Mission circle met and elected new officers for the coming quarter as follows:

President Violet Butler
Vice President Lenna Butler
Sec'y-Treas. Veta Garrett
Chaplain Verdine Butler

We were able to fix and give a quilt to a needy home, and get a bouquet for our church.

We ask your prayers, that our work will continue to grow stronger in Him our Redeemer.

Veta Garrett, Sec'y-Treas.

WAGONER, OKLA., April 15th.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

Just a few lines to let the world know, that Victory Hill church is really on fire for God.

Sunday school and prayer meeting are both good.

We have a goodly number present at Bible study and much interest.

Flat Rock, Vans Lake, Pipe Line and Victory Hill churches were all in a Sunday School Rally. Victory Hill won by having one hundred fifty present. All Sunday schools met at Victory Hill church, Sunday, April 14th. Dinner was served by the other three schools. Something over three hundred fifty people were present and everyone enjoyed the singing and the sermons that were preached.

The ministers who brought messages throughout the day were, before lunch: Our pastor, Bro. V. E. Cooper. After lunch: Pastor of Vans Lake church, then Bro. Cottle of Flat Rock, Bro. Arnold of Tulsa, Bro. Jones of Wagoner, Bro. Wilson of Tulsa and Bro. Woods of Flat Rock.

We were certainly glad to have visitors with us again. Those from Tulsa were: Rev. and Mrs. V. E.

Cooper, Bro. and Sister R. V. Whitten, Bro. and Sister Hayes and family, Bro. and Sister Wilson and family, Bro. and Sister Mathis and son, Bro. Prock and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Morgan and family, Mrs. Roy Mathis and daughter of Afton, Okla.

Our quilt sold for \$15.00. The quilt contained 150 names, so the net amount received was \$35.00.

Plans are being made for a church house. Work will be donated by the members.

Remember us in your prayers.

Mrs. Paul Whitten.

NOTICE

The Eight Annual Sunday School Rally of the First Mission Association will convene Sunday, June 9, 1935, in the high school building at Berry Hill, New Home Church, 4½ miles west of West Tulsa, starting at nine-thirty, and continuing throughout the day.

Each Sunday school will be given fifteen minutes to put on their program, and the best school will be given a banner by the Association. Judges to be selected from other churches not represented, possibly from other denominations. Last year there were thirteen Sunday schools represented, and we expect more this year.

Each school is requested to bring baskets.

Come and see the future church in action.

Wilber Underwood,
1336 E. 12th St., Tulsa, Okla.

CHIPS

From

Eld. T. C. Ferguson's Sermons

We ought to be more concerned about Salvation than condemnation.

We should hate sin, but not sinners.

Don't call any one brother and not mean it.

There are more lips that confess Christ, than lives that confess Him.

You can serve Christ by keeping your nose out of other people's business

God pity the person who has no pity for anyone but himself.

Read the Bible and it will read you.

Why don't you know more about the Free Will Baptist? Because you don't read their church papers.

When I pray, I should be talking to God: when I read the Bible God talks to me.

Prayer to God is the soul of man in communion with God.

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

I do not know whether you folks love me or not, but you must love me if you ever get to heaven.

Get out of self and you will get into Christ.

Climb down in yourself and you will climb up to God.

A repenting person is close to Jesus.

Some people spring their heels more than they do their knees.

Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people; are you ready for Heaven?

REMEMBER GETHSEMANE
Contributed by Mrs. Ed Sirclum

Are you weary treading 'long the road
That's dreary with a heavy load
While in your eye there lurks a tear,
And in your heart a hidden fear?

Your journey 'pears too far in length,
For what is left of your weak strength—

You even feel the world's forsaken you,
And oftentimes wish Death had o'er-taken you?

Remember at Gethsemane
How Jesus on His bended knee
Drank of the bitter cup and said,
He must be led the way to tread?

Remember at Gethsemane night,
(No doubt, it was His hardest fight)
And how His loved ones went to sleep
Leaving Him there alone to weep?

Alone He fought and alone He won,
And said "Amen" when all was done;
It was for love He chose the cross,
That others would not suffer loss.

When you shrink 'neath the cross you bear,
Your Savior's there, the weight to share—
And when you tread 'long the long, long road,
Your Savior's there to share the load.

Do Others See Jesus In You?

Has any one seen Christ in you today?
Christian, look to your light, I pray!
There are wearied hearts and burdened souls

Being lost on sin's destructive shoals;
And of Christ who loves them their only view

May be what they see of Him in you!
Is your light a message of hope and cheer?

Look to your light! Does it shine out clear?

—SELECTED.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Born to Mrs. W. H. York, a baby boy, arrived at 5:50 a. m., April 12th. He has been named William Hughes. Mother and baby both doing fine. She is at the home of her sister, Mrs. Gus Fruin, Greenfield, Missouri.

PROPHECY*Continued from page two*

The cockatrice spoken of in Isaiah 11:8 is a large reptile found in portions of Africa and Asia. We read of the animal in the Teachers and Pupils Cyclopaedia, by B. P. Holst teacher and school superintendent, Iowa.

This crocodile said to have been a very dangerous animal said to have grown to the length of thirty feet and lived to be of great age, the older ones will not hesitate to attack larger animals or man. They are accompanied by a small bird much like the cow bird associated with cattle. This bird consumes the insects and worms that fix themselves to their bodies also warns them in time of danger. They were held sacred by ancient Egyptians at present they are not found on the Nile except at its headwaters.

The leopard is a ferocious carnivorous animal a native to Southern Asia and Africa and is blood thirsty often killing more than he can devour for the sake of fresh blood and steals from ambush upon its prey, such as poultry, deer, antelope or any animal it can overcome. Its size and strength is sufficient to overcome a man, but it rarely attacks a human being except in defense or in need of food.

The Asp is a species of snake native to Egypt and Lydia, and is distinguished for its venomous qualities, it became well known in ancient times by the circumstance that Cleopatra, chose it to accomplish her suicide, this species is quite similar to the Cobra found in various parts of Arabia. The bite produces acute pain in the first instance and the poison acts so quickly that the application of an antidote is impossible.

Read my articles and study the references; may God bless the Gem family.

To be continued

several who would like to write on the subject, but we can hear only one at a time. And articles considered by the committee as unworthy of a place in our paper will not be printed.

Sketches From the History of The Life of Benjamin Randall.

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"From early childhood, through youth to manhood, Benjamin Randall had sustained the habit of daily scripture reading and prayer.

Pages 15, 16—His Conversion.

"On October 15th, while musing on my condition, I fell into the following train of thought: Once I was company for almost every one, but now for none. I took pleasure in the world, but now there remains nothing of that; all things appear insipid. I, who used to enjoy so much in prayer, now cannot offer one petition; yet on second thought, I know I did pray, though I did not enjoy prayer as formerly, while thus musing. Heb. 9:26 came to my mind: "But now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." I was in such deep meditation that the words passed without particular notice. They came up the second time, however; then I began to think, what can the passage mean? "But now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself."

"Meditating upon the text, my burden rolled off, leaving me calm and peaceful. As my faith grasped the meaning of the text, I gave glory to God; and what a joy filled my soul! I could now see in Jesus Christ a blessed sacrifice for sin, to the full satisfaction of divine justice. How the character of Jesus shone in my soul. For a time I could do nothing but repeat the name of Jesus, Jesus! Jesus!! It seemed to me that if I had a thousand souls I could trust them all in his hands. I saw in him universal love, a universal atonement, a universal call to man, and felt confident that none could ever perish but those who refuse to obey. Then what love I felt for all mankind; longing that they too might share in the fulness which I saw so extensive and so free. What pity flowed into my soul for poor sinners whom I saw to be in the gall of bitterness and the bonds of iniquity!

Pages 87 to 90—

"He would suffer great perplexity respecting those texts which he could not construe to his own satisfaction. . . . The question would often arise, 'What do these texts mean?' Then, again, the feeling, 'I must know.' But how could he obtain the knowledge? He knew of no living person to whom he might resort for aid or comfort. As to books, in the meager supply at that time, the Bible almost alone taught a full and free salvation.

We will let Mr. Randall tell of the very extraordinary experience through which he passed:

"Some time in July, 1780, being in great trial of mind because of such texts, and desiring solitude, I walked to a remote place on my farm, where I had a field of corn, which I entered. My soul being in great agony, I sat down upon a rock, and prayed that my heavenly Father would teach me. All at once it seemed as if the Lord denied my request. This increased my trial, and I said, 'Lord, why may I not be taught?' I then saw that my heart needed much purifying and refining. I said, 'Lord, here am I, take me, and do with me as thou wilt.' And oh, the flaming power that instantly possessed my soul! It would be impossible to give one an adequate idea of the experience, unless he had passed through the same. The power increased in my soul, and it stripped me of everything as to my affections. I tried to recollect my brethren and connections, but had no feeling save the awful majesty of God, before whom I sank, as it were, into nothing.

"Then it appeared that I saw a white robe, brought and put over me, which completely covered me, and I appeared as white as snow. A perfect calm, an awful reverence pervaded my soul. A Bible was then presented before the eyes of my mind, and I heard a still, small voice, saying, 'Look therein.' I looked in at the beginning of Genesis, and out at the close of Revelation. My soul has never since been in any trial about the meaning of those scriptures since. After passing through this experience the vision was withdrawn. I came to myself sitting on the rock in profuse perspiration, and so weak I could hardly sit up. I observed the sun

EDITOR'S NOTE—The above article by Eld. T. H. Dixon, while it is an answer to Bro. Wilson's articles on the "New Kingdom," it is not in debate nor controversy. Bro. Dixon asked for and was granted the privilege to write a few articles expressing views on the subject of Prophecy.

We all know that we are divided on the subject of prophecy; and our Publication Committee has decided to hear both sides. Perhaps there are

and estimated that I had been in this exercise about an hour and a half; and whether in the body or out of the body, I never could tell.

Pages 215 to 218—

'A few hours before his death the Lord gave him strength for a brief space, so that he talked, prayed, and praised God loud enough to be heard in an adjoining room. Then followed a relapse, from which he rallied only enough to whisper, 'My soul is full of Jesus, I long to depart.' Here his strength failed, again, and at two o'clock in the morning of October 22, 1808, the white soul of Benjamin Randall went out and up. This was on Monday, and the funeral occurred four days later. Rev John Buzzell, the one chosen to conduct the services, says, 'Mr. Randall settled all his temporal concerns, made every arrangement in respect to his funeral, indicated the man to preach the sermon, and planned the order of the procession.' The host present at the funeral was a reminder of the most largely attended Yearly Meetings at New Durham. Mr. Buzzell announced his text from 2 Tim. 4:7, 8, 'I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.' Seventeen ordained ministers were present. Six, the oldest, served as bearers. One walked with the widow. The other ten took their places next to the relatives, as mourners. In the rear of these the local church members fell in line. Then followed Mr. Randall's physicians. Next, all civil and military officers present. Finally, citizens in general. These aggregated a very long procession, forcibly reminding one of the event described in Acts 8:2, 'And devout men carried Stephen to his burial and made a great lamentation over him.'

'Mr. Randall's wife, whose maiden name was Joana Oram, survived him till May 12, 1826. They had eight children: Robert Oram, Mary Shannon, Benjamin Walton, Margaretta Frederica, Ursula, William, Joana and Henry Allen.

There can be no more fitting closing of this chapter than a transcript of a record found in the "Free Baptist Cyclopaedia":

"September 14, 1859, the plain marble slab that marked the resting place of Benjamin Randall

was replaced by a beautiful monument of Italian marble, erected by the denomination. Over one thousand persons listened to the impressive religious services at the dedication.

"He sleeps amid the beauties of nature. Pleasant fields are all around. The wind in the forest at the southeast chants a requiem; a rivulet southwest glides peacefully along, and all day long the sun rests graciously upon that hilltop."

Of course history shows that there were Free Will Baptist in North Carolina, England, and other places long before the first church organized by Randall, but the above refers only to the Randallian period.

WEWOKA, OKLAHOMA

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successful revivals are prayed down from Heaven, and we sincerely beg all praying people to remember us in prayer, both in your home and in your church.

Eld. Bert F. Rogers is to help our pastor, Eld. W. H. Carter in this meeting. Pray that God will speak through these brethren with sin-killing power and that many souls will be saved.

Mrs. Maudie M. Sharp, R1, B294.

PURDY, MO., April 18, 1935.

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

If you will allow space in your paper I would like to write a few words in regard to the revival we have had in our community, at Okley Union church house, four miles southeast of Wheaton. It was conducted by Bro. Otis Johnson. There were ten conversions. Then, after the close of the meeting we called the organizing committee: Elders B. F. Brown, W. K. Weston and Noel Turner. They organized a Free Will Baptist church on the 5th Sunday night in March, with 16 charter members.

We have a real live Sunday school with an average attendance of 50, also we have a prayer meeting which meets Thursday nights; and we earnestly covet the prayers of all who read this, that our church will grow and be a blessing in the community in which it is established.

Wishing all rich blessings from God.
Mrs. S. A. Keeling, Clerk.

ANDERSON, MISSOURI

Pleasant Grove church was well filled last night, for league and preaching. We have missed very few Sundays having Sunday school and preaching service this year. We are planning for an Easter program.

We request the prayers of the Gem readers for a revival at this place.

It is a difficult field, but God is still on His throne; praise His holy name!
Mrs. John L. Wilson.

PAINTSVILLE, KY., April 24th.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I am pleased to report our revival held with the Missionary Baptist church at The Alka, Ky., in the Northeast Coal Co. Camps.

At the close of our revival meeting at Rock House church, we reported in the last issue of the Gem, we went to the Alka, Ky. and began preaching on Sunday night. The Lord sure was with us and Bro. D. A. Hays and Bro. Ervin Rice sure did show their hand in the meeting, and the Lord sure did use them in the salvation of souls. Old time conviction came upon the people and there were 62 prayed their way through to the Lord; praise Him for ever! This was a great old time revival, husbands and wives coming to the Lord. We sure have had a great time for the last few months working for the Lord, and He has blessed our labors, for which we thank Him.

Last Saturday and Sunday was our regular meeting time at Rock house church, and what a wonderful out pouring of the Spirit! It being Easter we preached from 1 Cor. 15:19, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ we are of all men most miserable." We sure thank the good people for their beautiful songs, they were sung in Spirit and power.

We ask an interest in all our good brethren's prayers.

Eld. Millard Vanhooose.

CREVE COEUR, MISSOURI

Dear Brother Brown:

Just a line to let you know how we appreciate the Gem—its timely articles and news from the churches. I bought the book, "The Life Story of E. T. Vestal," written by Bro. Hill of St. Louis. It surely is a wonderful book; proving the day of miracles is not passed, and illustrating the truth of the Scripture, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

I became acquainted with Bro. Hill when we called him to hold a revival meeting at the Welcome mission of which I was pastor last year. I have since resigned to go into evangelistic work. We sure had an old time salvation meeting with saints getting blessed and fifteen souls born into the kingdom. We sure enjoyed having Bro. Hill with us. I understand he is planning on doing some evangelistic work; any church securing his services will have a real man of God.

May the Lord bless the Free Will Baptist church of this day in giving us a tidal wave of salvation this year.

Eld. A. E. Gulley.

THE REVIVAL AT FAIRVIEW

We began a revival meeting at the Free Will Baptist church at Fairview, Kansas, February 26th and continued until March 17th.

All through the meeting there was a good spirit of co-operation among the Christian people, and also great interest among the sinners. There were nine professions and three additions to the church.

Bro. John Swaffar is pastor of this church, and certainly has a fine bunch of people to work with; and is doing a great work in the church and community. Bro. Swaffar was with us in the meeting and did some of the preaching.

It had been several years since I was at Fairview for a meeting, and I sure did enjoy being there again, with the good people I already knew, and also to make new acquaintances and friends.

Most all of the church is loyal to the Gem, so we secured a number of subscriptions while there. We believe that everyone will feel more than repaid when they read their first copy.

Here we again had a wonderful Junior choir, not so many in number, but an enthusiastic bunch of little folks with whom it was a pleasure to work.

Bro. Kenneth and I are now in a meeting at Hebron. The meeting has been going only one week, so as yet we can't tell what the results will be; but we want you to pray for its success. Hebron is two miles southeast of Granby, Mo. We have no church here, but there is a fine group of Christians to work with, and many souls that need to be saved.

Eld. Noel Turner, Granby, Mo., R2.

CUSHING, OKLAHOMA, April 1st.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

We want you all to know that we are still on the firing line in Mission No. 1. Our last rally was held at Cushing April 5th. We received the following reports:

Vance Chapel Mission—We are still working for Jesus, have made 25 sick calls, held three prayer meetings, quilted six quilts, purchased curtains for the church. We desire an interest in the prayers of God's people, that we may ever do His will and help some one.

Tuskegee—Our church is having a revival, have only met twice during

the past month, have made 145 sick calls, read 366 Bible chapters, paid out one dollar for flowers. Your prayers will be a blessing to us.

Drumright Mission report for the month of March, 1935—Our name quilt is still unfinished, have quilted one quilt, sold several bottles of furniture polish, have been making doughnuts to sell, made \$12.16, paid out \$12.51, made 21 sick calls, read 251 Bible chapters, Bible study attendance 22. We ask an interest in your prayers.

Cushing—Report for February and March—We are making a name quilt, which will be given to the one who gets the most names, have made 254 sick calls, read 786 Bible chapters, quilted ten quilts. We desire an interest in your prayers.

We were glad to have our Mission rally here, and glad for the good fellowship meeting at night, after our rally. Our next rally will meet with Drumright church on May 3, 1935.

Everybody welcome.
Eld. J. D. Williams, Sec'y Circle No. 1.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING
Eld. J. L. Waltman in charge.

Singing.

Special prayer for the sick and the meeting at Olive by Bro. Epperson.
Singing.

Testimony meeting led by Sister Walker.

Bro. Epperson Matt. 23:27-30
Bro. Fincher Matt. 12:30
Bro. Easton Luke 10:20
Bro. Williams Matt. 13:24-30
Special song.

Bro. Fay Honor 1 Sam. 3:5
Bro. Giger John 13:15; Mt. 11:29
Sister Perkins Luke 10:29
Sister Milo Matt. 19:18
Sister Fincher John 3:18

This is a report of our Fellowship meeting on Friday night after our Mission rally. Each preacher preached ten minutes.

PLATTSBURG, MISSOURI, April 1st.

Dear Mission Workers:

Will send in a brief report of our Northwest Missouri 5th Sunday meeting, held at the Center Point church, near Santa Rosa, Missouri.

The stand was filled at the eleven o'clock service by Eld. T. C. Ferguson. Subject, "Seven Ducks in Muddy Water." Scripture used in connection with subject, Fifth chapter of Second Kings. Our worthy brother brought a wonderful spiritual message.

At the noon hour the Mission circle served a delicious basket dinner. Prayer was offered by Bro. Ferguson.

In the afternoon the program committee had charge.

Scripture reading, 1 Cor. 13th chapter, by Eld. E. T. House.

Prayer by Eld. T. C. Ferguson.

The following churches were represented on the Mission program:

Philadelphia, Mt. Zion and Center Point.

The Center Point Mission circle had Bro. Reynolds and his wife and daughter to come from Gallatin, Mo. to be with us. Bro. Reynolds is a talented singer and writes many of his songs, and we had the honor of hearing him sing several of his own compositions, accompanied on the piano by his wife, also his wife and little daughter sang a few selections together.

The program was a much enjoyed one and shows the interest the Mission workers are taking in promoting the work.

The following officers were elected:
President Mrs. Mildred Baker
Vice President Mrs. Ethel Helms
Sec'y-Treas. Mrs. Sara House

Committee on program elected by churches for the quarter:

Philadelphia, ... Mrs. Grover Burke
Union Third Fork, Mrs. Anna Ellis
Center Point Mrs. Ethel Helms
Mt. Zion Miss Melba White
Chairman of Com. ... Eld. E. T. House

Our next meeting will be held with the Union Third Fork church, near Easton, Missouri.

A collection of \$3.76 was given to Bro. Reynolds for his services.

The Spirit of the Lord prevailed throughout the services.

The services were dismissed with prayer by Elder Faddley.

—Melba White.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

AS WE COME to the composition of this the last page of the May issue of the Gem, we find that we have a lot of manuscript left over, but you who have sent it in, please bear with us; it will have a place in the Gem later on. We are glad for these articles, and heartily thank the writers. Our minute work is now finished and we will have more time, and can make the paper larger for at least a part of the time till we catch up on the left over manuscript; so don't quit writing. Together we will DO GOOD.

Bro. John Swaffar and I were in a meeting at Treece, Kansas, beginning April 7th. I stayed two weeks and Bro. Swaffar a little longer. It was a good meeting. Christians were revived, and there were nine conversions and reclaims together. I am to begin a meeting with the Third Free Will Baptist church of St. Louis, Mo. May 12th, to continue two weeks. Pray for us.

Sister McAdams is in a meeting at Denison, Texas, and reports a wonderful meeting, with ten conversions to date, and she requests our prayers.

This busy season of the year makes it quiet at the Gem office, and some of you may get so busy making garden, etc., that you will forget to renew your subscription to the Gem.

Remember that the Gem needs your support and co-operation, and you need the Gem; don't neglect it.

Think! Pray! Act! Then we will be glad to hear from you, and will be thankful for your help. —The Editor.

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This is a wonderful history of Mr. Vestal's life from boyhood to the present time.

It is a very thrilling story of how he was so MIRACULOUSLY SAVED from the HANGMAN'S ROPE, the ELECTRIC CHAIR and the INSANE ESYLUM.

The book was recently printed, and contains about 100 pages of really interesting reading matter.

All the way through this book important truths are illustrated. It shows what sin will do for all those who keep bad company, how sin overcomes and ruins all those that go in evil ways to commit unlawful deeds, and it illustrates how those who reject or ignore, or fail to heed Christian influences must and do grow or increase in sin.

The book also illustrates what Christ can do to save the sinner from sin; it also illustrates the

value and power of prayer, especially in the home, also the value, the power, and the beauty in a life lived for Christ, in the home, in society, in business circles, and everywhere good people may go.

The book furnishes one of the strongest personal testimonies, as touching all the things mentioned above, you ever heard or read.

Elder W. C. Hill of 1133 South 10th Street, St. Louis, Missouri, is the author of this book. He labored and prayed for many days, as he patiently gathered the facts and the important truths which are incorporated in this valuable little book of about 100 pages of important facts.

Bro. Hill has spent many years in the Lord's service. He is now pastor of the Third Free Will Baptist church in St. Louis, Mo. He is also city missionary for the City of St. Louis, being appointed to this work by the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist. For several years Bro. Hill has been working among the people of St. Louis as pastor and missionary and has accomplished a great deal, which speaks of his worthiness and ability: he is well and favorably known over the State of Missouri.

This book was published and offered to the public, not as a money making scheme, but to do good and be a help to all who read it. We did think the book ought to be cheap enough at 35 cents, and several hundred have been sold at that, but to help get these books out to fulfill their mission, we are reducing the price to 25 cents each.

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Editor's Note—Bro. W. C. Hill writes that he expects to go on the field in early spring to represent our work. He is also authorized to take subscriptions to the Gem. Bro. Hill is a good preacher and evangelist, and will be glad to answer calls for revival work. Write him at his St. Louis address.