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Go and Tell It

The eastern sky was gleaming with the first bright dawn of day,
And the morning mists were lifting where the holy temple lay;

When women bearing spices through the silent city sped
To the sealed tomb where Joseph had laid the precious dead.

They found the tomb unclosed—an angel bright and fair
Was sitting at the portal, but Jesus was not there.

They paused with awe and wonder, and the shining stranger said,
“Why do you seek the living among the slumbering dead?”

“Victorious and triumphant, the Lord is risen, indeed!
Ye bring Him precious spices, of these He has no need.

“But, if you love Him, hasten His triumph to proclaim,
And this shall be the incense you offer to His name:

“Go tell the wondrous story of His redeeming love;
Sweeter than richest spices your humblest word shall prove.”

What honor in this message! What glory in that word!
And, as they gladly hastened, they met their risen Lord.

O'erwhelmed with joy and wonder, low at His feet they fell.
“Pause not,” He said, “but hasten the glorious news to tell.”

And this is your commission, O woman saved by grace.
To tell of Christ arisen to all the human race.

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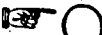
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"I Am A Voice"

By B. F. Brown

"He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord" (John 1:23).

Dear Friends, Brothers and Sisters in Christ, let us study together the wonderful, vital, important truth that is expressed by these simple words: "I am a voice." The voice of one was heard crying in the wilderness, and John the Baptist was that voice; and it was proper for him to say, "I am the voice;" but John was not the only voice that has been heard; so it is proper for others to say "I am a voice."

It has been said, that "Nothing is rarer than a personality." There are so many causes that hinder the development of human beings, so many hostile forces crush them, so many illusions lead them astray, that very few persons ever develop a real personality. But personality degenerates, hence it is common that men endowed with talents begin by serving a cause and end by taking possession of the cause they should serve so completely that they become its masters. Instead of being men of a cause, they make the cause that of a man; and they are voices which honor men and dishonor God.

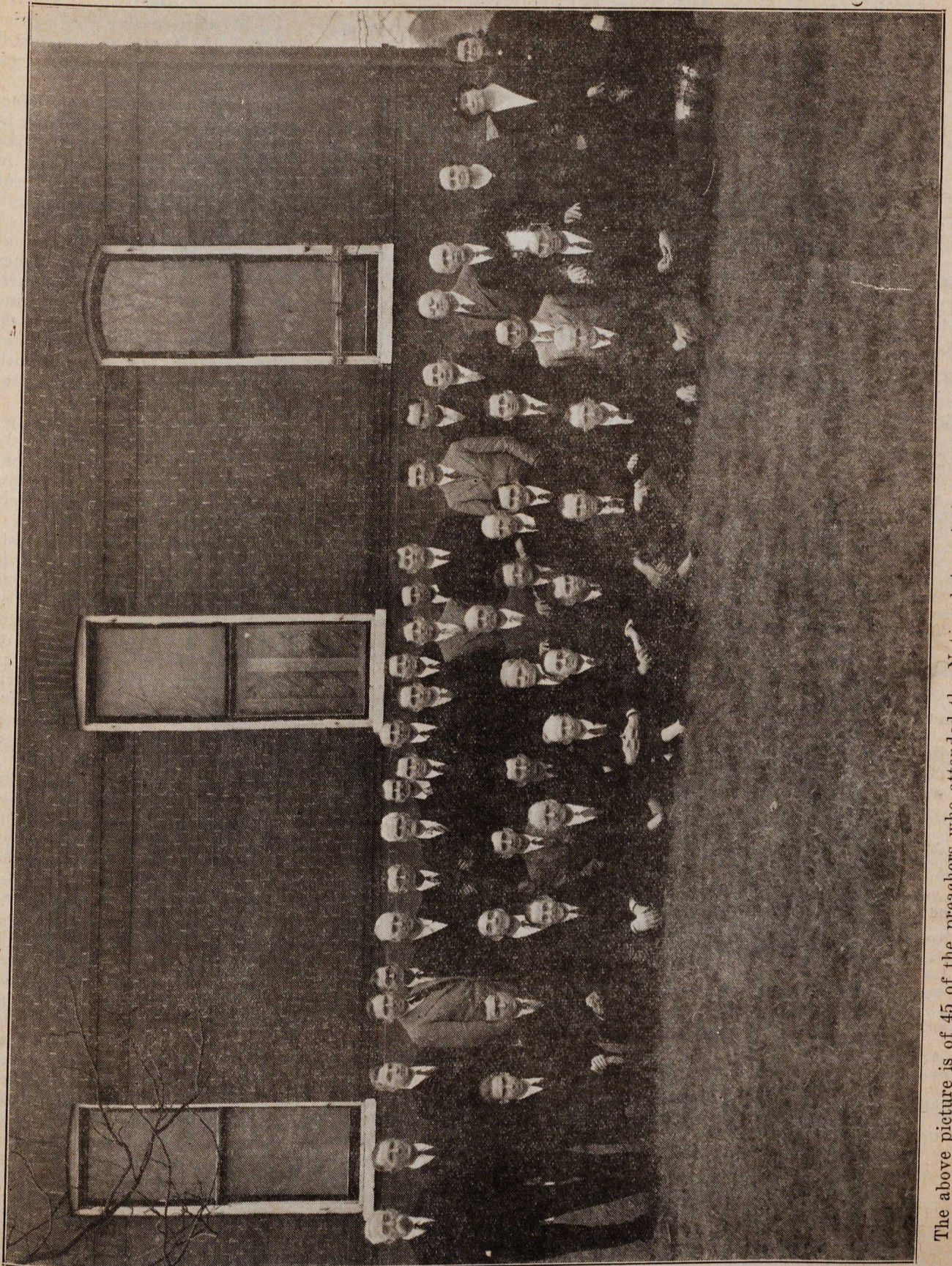
But little is known of John the Baptist: but the little we do know of him sets him forth, or enables us to know that he was a man of character, a personality. But John had in his character far more than the world could give him; he was a man who knew God and had faith in Him: God was with him and he was filled with the Holy Spirit. Because he was fully yielded to God, he could be a voice to the glory of God. That great French Protestant pastor, Charles Wagner, says of John the Baptist:

"John was at once strong and humble, energetic and self-detached. Never has an individuality so well-tempered been less personal. Identifying himself completely with his role as precursor (forerunner), he found perfect happiness in effacing himself in the glory of Christ, just as the dawn disappears in the splendor of the morning."

History records the names of many who prepared the way for others, and even aided them in starting, then selfishly stayed on the job, thus working injury to the cause. John knew nothing of these failings which are scandals in the development of the kingdom of God. Not only did he say, speaking of Jesus, "He must increase, but I must decrease," but he made all his acts conform to these words. While John decreased and Jesus increased, John was happy to say, "This my joy is therefore fulfilled."

As John continued his ministry, and the curious crowd pressed him with questions, he admitted that he was not the Christ, neither was he Elijah, nor that prophet; but confessed he was no one, and said, "I am the (a) voice."

To be continued



The above picture is of 45 of the preachers who attended the National Association of F. W. B. at Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 5-8, 1935.

THE CHURCH WALKING WITH THE WORLD

By Matilda C. Edwards

Contributed by Eld. Claude Smith.

The Church and the World walked far apart,

On the changing shores of time:
The World was singing a giddy song,
And the Church a hymn sublime.

"Come, give me your hand," said the merry World,

"And walk with me this way,"
But the good Church hid her snowy hands,

And solemnly answered, "Nay,
I will not give you my hand at all,
And I will not walk with you,
Your way is the way that leads to death:

To my Lord I must be true."

"Nay, walk with me but a little space,"
Said the World, with a kindly air,
"The road I walk is a pleasant road,
And the sun shines always there:
Your path is thorny and rough and rude,

But mine is broad and plain;
My way is paved with flowers and dews,

And yours with tears and pain;
The sky to me is always blue,
No want, no toil, I know;
The sky above you is always dark,
Your lot is a lot of woe;
The way you walk is a narrow way,
But mine is amply wide.

There's room enough for you and me
To travel side by side."

Half shyly the Church approached the World,

And gave him her hand of snow;
And the old World clasped it and walked along,

Saying in accents low:
"Your dress is too simple to please my taste,

I will give you pearls to wear,
Rich velvets and silks for your graceful form,

And diamonds to deck your hair."
The Church looked down at her plain white robes,

And then at the dazzling World,
And blushed as she saw his handsome lip,

With a smile contemptuous curled,
"I will change my dress for a costlier one,"

Said the Church with a smile of grace.

Then her pure, white garments drifted away,

And the World gave in their place
Beautiful satins and shining silks,
Roses and gems and pearls,
While over her forehead her bright hair fell,

Crimped in a thousand curls.

"Your house is too plain," said the proud old World;

"I'll build you one like mine:
Carpets of Brussels and curtains of lace,

And furniture ever so fine."
So he built her a costly and beautiful house,

Most splendid it was to behold.

Her sons and her beautiful daughters dwelt there,

Gleaming in purple and gold;
Rich fairs and shows in the halls were held,

And the World and his children were there:

Laughter and music and feasting were heard

In the place that was meant for prayer.

There were cushioned pews for the rich and gay,

To sit in their pomp and pride,
While the poor, who were clad in shabby array,

But seldom came inside.

"You give too much to the the poor,"
said the World,

"Far more than you ought to do;
If they are in need of shelter and food,
Why need it trouble you?

Go, take your money and buy rich robes,

Buy horses and carriages fine:
Buy pearls and jewels and dainty food,

Buy the rarest and costliest wine;
My children dote on all these things,
And if you their love would win,
You must do as they do, and walk in the ways

That they are walking in."

Then the Church held fast the strings of her purse,

And modestly lowered her head,
And simpered, "You are right, sir,
Henceforward, I will do as you've said,"

Then, the sons of the World and the sons of the Church

Walked closely, hand and heart,
And only the Master, who knoweth all,
Could tell the two apart,

Then the Church sat down at her ease and said:

"I am rich, and my goods are increased;

I have need of nothing, nor ought to do
But to laugh and dance and feast."

The sly World heard, and he laughed in his sleeve,

And mockingly said, aside:

"The Church is fallen, the beautiful Church,

And her shame is her boast and pride."

The angel drew near to the mercy seat,
And whispered in sighs her name;
Then the loud anthems of rapture were hushed.

And heads were covered with shame.
And a voice was heard at last by the Church,

From Him who sat on the throne;
"I know thy works and how thou hast said:

"I am rich," and hast not known,
That thou art naked, poor and blind,
And wretched before my face,

Therefore, from my presence I cast thee out,

And blot thy name from its place."

STELLA, MISSOURI, Dec. 31st.

I just want to give you a brief report of another wonderful league rally of our Indian Creek Association.

The rally was held at our Macedonia church the fifth Sunday in December, with Eld. F. C. Zimm preaching the Mission sermon in the morning. He certainly brot a soul-stirring message on mission work.

A good representation was out from our Monett, Aurora, Jones Chapel, Merl's Chapel Leagues, but because of bad weather, Blue Eye and Carterville were not present. Nevertheless the house was full and every face beamed with happiness as each part on the program was given.

Several numbers were given by our Juniors, which were truly inspiring, when we stopped to consider the fact that they were doing their part for God, with their innocent little lives.

There were also many interesting talks by our ministers. It makes us feel so happy to hear words of encouragement from the older workers who have our league work at heart. And as some of them were speaking I seemed to get a greater vision of the work that is before us the coming year; the things to be accomplished and the responsibility that rests upon us as leaders.

Leaguers, we are entering another year's work; what the new year has in store for us we do not know, but this we do know, we must work at our very best while the opportunity is ours. I feel that there are great things for us if we can see them and trust God for strength to gain our goal. I suppose some might wonder what the goal of a league worker could be and I think it would really be something for us all to think about.

In a work so far reaching as our work, I believe, as I have said so many times at our our rallies, that it lies beyond the horizon. You know the higher up we go, the wider the horizon grows, so it is with our league work, the more we do, the more there is to do, and the wider our horizon of heavenly vision grows; so leaguers, all over the state, let's work and work and work, and leaguers of Indian Creek Ass'n, let's not fall behind with our responsibility.

Mrs. Jewell Campbell, Pres.

GRANBY, MO., Dec. 10, 1935.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

Just a few lines to report some of the work I have been trying to do for the Lord the past three months, as I haven't reported for some time.

Following our Indian Creek Association, held at Aurora, Mo. Bro. John Rollins and I continued services for a few nights as the good people there requested it, which resulted in souls being saved.

I was then called to Northwest Missouri to conduct a meeting at our Union Third Fork church, in Bro. Cecil Campbell's stead, he not being able to get to that place. We had a wonderful meeting, and we met a lot of good folks there, some who still believe in old time salvation. We continued there over three weeks. We were permitted to attend the Mission service at the Philadelphia Free Will Baptist church, some forty miles north of there.

The meeting closed with four conversions, three united with the church and were baptized. And too, on the last night of the meeting we had a feet washing service, with about eighteen taking part.

When we reached home it was nearing time for our State meeting at Flat River, Mo. and on our way there we stopped at Niangua, Mo. and had service on Sunday night, Oct. 13th. and, as we had been pastor of the Niangua church, it seemed good to be there again.

The State meeting was fine, as all know that were present.

We were also permitted to attend our National Association at Nashville, Tenn., which was an experience worth while.

Following our return home from Tenn., we were called to a community near Lamar, Mo. for a meeting, where we are at the present time. Bro. Arlie Hoover had been coming for an appointment once a month, and learned the need of a meeting, and it seemed to be my lot to come to Doyle'sport school house. We have no church here, just a union gathering for services, but by the help and co-operation of the people here, we feel that much good has been accomplished for God. We have been here three weeks, and find in this community, as in

all others, a good people loving the work of the Lord, also there are those who need God. Besides souls being saved, there is a revival among the Christians; and we thank the Lord for it all. We intend to close in a few more nights and go back near St. Joseph, Mo. to fill our appointment there at the Union Third Fork church, over the 3rd Sunday.

May the Lord bless all who are laboring for His cause, is my prayer. —Eld. Kenneth Turner.

WEATHERBY, MO., Dec. 6, 1935

Dear Readers of the Gem:

After closing the meeting at the Blackwood church, near to Edison, in the western part of Nebraska, that has already been reported to the Gem, I went to the town of Moorefield and held a few nights' meeting there in the town. I came to this town several years ago and found no one was preaching in the town. I started a revival meeting in the Methodist church and God gave us a great victory. There was a large number of professions, and at the close of the meeting, I with others, organized a church, and I continued my stay at Moorefield for quite a while, and pastored the church. The church grew and prospered, and they bought the Methodist church house, also the Baptist church house and built both houses together, and they now have a nice large modern church house with a large basement and a furnace to heat the house and Sunday school rooms. They have a fine large Sunday school, but they have no pastor at present. I was glad to get to meet so many of my old friends once more, and get to preach for them again. There seems to be a lot of pastorless churches in western Nebraska; truly the harvest is great and the laborers very few.

On this trip I got to stop off at Pawnee City, Nebr. and visit good Bro. Wolfe and his good wife. I found Bro. Wolfe much improved, since he was so badly hurt by a tree falling on him some time ago. As far as I know he is the only one now living that was on the council when I was ordained to the ministry in Lincoln, Nebr.

I am now back at home again.

I am sending two more subs. to the Gem.

Eld. T. C. Ferguson.

FLAT RIVER CHURCH NOTES

To the Gem Family:

We are still having our regular church, Sunday school, midweek prayer meeting and league services with an average attendance. Just now, Dec. 2nd., Bro. Miller is at Green Grove, Mo. holding a few weeks' meeting. He leaves to fill his pulpit, Bro. Damon Dodd and Sister Ruth La Brot of his congregation, and we wish to report a good interest and good congregations.

Nov. 26th, our church had a bazaar, with a good attendance. Dinner and supper were served both days, in a vacant store building, barbecue meat and all kinds of good eats. The two days brot in approximately \$85.00 net (not so bad), the proceeds to go on our church building.

We are planning for a revival soon, and we have a Christmas program in progress now.

We covet the prayers of God's people.

Raymond La Brot, Reporter.

NEOSHO, MISSOURI, R3

The people of the Free Will Baptist church, at Oak Grove, McDonald County, Missouri, are still doing what they can for the Master. Eld. B. Fredrick of Monett, Mo. started a meeting here on the fourth Sunday in November. He brought with him as helpers, Bro. Ben Henderson and Bro. Glenn Miller of Purdy. Bro. Fredrick could be with us only for three services, but the others held a two weeks' meeting. While here Bro. Miller preached his first sermon. There were two converted in the meeting, and those of the church, that could attend, were helped. The church here is getting ready to build a house to worship in. They have secured a lot and are now raising funds for the building. Our pastor, Eld. Harris, was with us the second Sunday in December.

The building committee are Arthur Duffield, L. R. Elkins and J. P. Allen. Any one that reads this please remember this needy place, and if the Lord says help, please do so. —I. C. Allen.

MIDWAY, TEXAS, Dec. 16th.

Dear Gem Family:

It has been several weeks since we reported our revival work.

We went from Waco to Fort Worth and had a glorious revival, with Bro. Shutes and his church. We were there three weeks and had 41 conversions and 18 added to the church, and many were revived and took new courage. Bro. and Sister Shutes are dear people to work with, in fact the whole church. We will never forget the glorious meeting.

We went from there to Nashville, Tenn. to attend our National Association, which was another grand and glorious success, and we praise God for the wonderful spirit that was manifested all through the meeting.

We then came back to Texas and visited our New Hope church near Weatherford, and had another splendid meeting, with ten precious souls saved and the church greatly revived. We were glad to meet Bro. Newsome again. He is the pastor and is greatly loved by the church. We also met many that we knew long ago. We stayed most of the time with Bro. and Sister R. L. White who have been faithful all these years. We can't mention all of them, time and space will not permit; but we ask God to bless both these dear churches.

After closing at New Hope, we visited Fort Worth for two nights and Waco also for two nights.

We received a warm welcome from all these churches. God bless them and may they win many souls ere the Master comes.

We are now at home in a meeting, have had two additions so far. Pray for a great revival here.

Yours for Jesus,
Lizzie McAdams.

DRUMRIGHT, OKLA., Dec. 5th.

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

We are sending in our report from Mission Circle No. 1 of the First Mission Association. Our report is not so large this month, owing to the bad weather which made it impossible for some to get here. We had a wonderful day and had with us visitors: Bro. and Sister Bean from Guthrie, Oklahoma.

We received written reports from Vance Chapel, Silver City, Cushing and Drumright. Olive and Jennings gave verbal reports.

Vance Chapel sends the following report: We had two grocery showers, two floral sprays given, had seven cottage prayer meetings, had six souls saved, we gave 33 garments and four pairs of shoes made a \$5.00 payment on our piano, and gave materials for six mission dresses, made 42 sick calls. We are still trusting in the Lord, and with His love in our hearts, we hope to succeed. We need your prayers.

Sister Ralph Robb, Pres.

Sister Chas. Wimset, Sec.

Silver City greets the Mission rally at the home church. We wish to report our church and Sunday school doing fine, also our weekly prayer meetings. On our mission nights we have young people's meeting and Bible class for the older ones, much interest being shown by young and old. We are working on a quilt to be sold for the benefit of the church. Our men folks have finished picking the church cotton and some met and gathered pecans for our Christmas treat. We are having a revival at our church. Bro. Paul Pursell brings the message each night. We request an interest in your prayers, that our little church may ever live and be in harmony with each other and with God.

Sister Baker, President,

Sister Tattersall, Sec'y.

Drumright Mission sends greetings: Our mission is in good working order, having an average attendance of 24 at our Thursday night service, and an average of 12 to 14 on Wednesdays. We have made and sold one quilt for \$7.50, we have read 165 Bible chapters, made 54 sick calls. We wish to be remembered in prayer.

Sister Speck, President,

Sister Manning, Sec'y.

We had a special altar prayer service for one of our brothers, Bro. McPhearson, who is very sick and was taken to the hospital today.

Bro. Bean brought the message at 2:00 p. m. He brought a wonderful message, his main text being: "I Don't Feel Like It."

There was lots of interest shown.

I did not get the report of our

evening service, so will omit it.

We wish to be remembered in your prayers.

Willa Hallman, Sec'y-Treas.

MILLERS ATTEND NATIONAL FREE WILL BAPTIST MEET

Clipped From a Flat River Paper

Rev. and Mrs. James F. Miller, pastors of the Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin, pastor of the Desloge Free Will Baptist Church, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pirtle attended the National Association of the Free Will Baptist Church at Nashville, Tenn., last week. The party left Tuesday morning and returned Friday night. At this meeting the national organization of the Free Will Baptist Church made plans to establish a Bible school at Nashville, Tenn., to open on September 1, 1936.

Another very outstanding feature of the meeting was to send a missionary to South America to open a missionary field under the direction of the Free Will Baptist Church. Many other important things featured the meeting.

Rev. Miller, and the group with whom he went, reported this meeting as one of the best in the history of the church. Rev. Miller has been minister in the Free Will Baptist Church for 21 years and has known the progress of the church over that period of time.

Sixteen states were represented at this meeting: Texas, Arkansas, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Besides attending the church meetings, the group visited the Andrew Jackson home at Hermitage, Tenn.; the state capital at Nashville, Tenn.; the school of the blind; and a number of outstanding places in the state.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Dec. 26, 1935.

The following is a short report of our work since the State Association. We have had six professions and four additions, when we get them all baptized.

Our Sunday school is doing fine work. We had our Sunday

School program the night of Dec. 22nd. It was a success in every way.

Our Home Mission circle has reorganized and is doing nicely.

Our league is also making some gains lately.

Our finances also are coming along satisfactorily. We have been doing some badly needed work on the house lately, have put a brick and concrete floor in the basement, and fixed it up in good condition so we can use it for Sunday school purposes. We have also done some work on the little room at the rear of auditorium so we can use it for our work.

Now, we do not own the building, but the work we are doing goes on our rent.

Our congregations are much larger than they used to be, and the work is moving along nicely every way. Pray for us.

Eld. W. C. Hill Pastor,
Third Free Will Baptist Church,
1405 South 7th Street.

TULSA CHURCH REPORT

December 27, 1935.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

[We hope our report is not too late to be included in the January issue; seems every one here has been so busy doing something for God.

More work has been done on our basement, including new windows and doors for some rooms, and finishing ceiling for others. We are truly proud of the installation of collapsible doors between two of the largest rooms, giving us a very appropriate room for special prayer meetings and social gatherings, with a seating capacity for about 150 persons.

This room was the scene of a very happy occasion last Saturday night, when the entire membership banded together and gave Bro. Melvin a surprise birthday supper, with plenty of pies and cakes and chicken dumplings, and several birthday cakes—with candles too!

After supper a Christmas program was given, and the young choir girls gave Bro. Melvin a handkerchief shower, followed by a grocery shower by the members.

On Monday night before Christmas the Soul Winner's class presented a much enjoyed program before a crowded house.

Last Sunday we saw the best Sunday school attendance of the year, with 246 counted in classes. At the close of the service, Bro. Melvin, assisted by deacons, presented each child with a bag of Christmas goodies.

We are very grateful to the Liberty church and community for the warm welcome received while attending services there on December 8th. Bro. Melvin preached both morning and evening sermons and his choir of 24 young young girls sang special numbers. Bro. Orville Cooper of Tulsa is their pastor, and he and Bro. Melvin each were presented with a beautiful hand embroidered quilt from the Mission Mothers.

Our own Mission Mothers finished several quilts this month, as well as a number of pillow cases, floor pillows and appliqued lunch clothes, which they sold at a reasonable price, proceeds of sales being used to complete our class rooms. We are also proud of three new solid Walnut collection plates, given us lately, as well as some heating stoves.

We've had four additions to the church this month, and for all these things we are giving God the praise.

Evelyn Miller, Reporter.

REVIVAL AT LEANN, MO.

Just want to tell you of a revival we have just closed at Leann, Mo., twelve miles south of Aurora, on highway 39. Thirteen souls were saved, and most all of them were grown up folks.

Leann is a rather new community to the Free Will Baptist and we are new to them. There is a Church of God organization there. I never found a nicer lot of folks anywhere than I found at Leann, and never was treated any better by both young and old. We had splendid crowds throughout the meetings. Lots of folks came in from outside churches and helped us. A quartet from Blue Eye came and sang for us one night, the church at Aurora helped us greatly, also folks from Cassville, Crane, Monett, Liberty, and all around were good to help us.

I succeeded in getting the Gem into a number of homes while there, and a lot of folks around Leann will be constant readers of the Gem from now on.

The preachers of that settlement, which number some three or four, were wonderfully good to work with us too. Bro. Elisha Fly led the song service the forepart of the meeting, then he had to move away, and Bro. Denney, the teacher at Leann school, took charge the remainder of the meeting.

I never could forget the dear folks around Leann, and the precious spiritual services we had together. I feel now that I have many friends in that section of the country. Three men were in the altar seeking the night we closed; my prayer is that they all may be saved.

Your brother and co-laborer,
Winford Davis.

HARTVILLE, MO., Oct. 17, 1935.

Dear Editor and Wife and Gem Family: I am thinking just now how much I would loved to have been at Flat River Association this morning at 9:00 o'clock for the devotional service. I am hoping they have a profitable meeting and the church in general will be filled with the Holy Spirit, and many souls be born into the kingdom of God; and my mind wanders back to 1929, when it was my privilege to be at the Association. Oh, how much we did enjoy being there, my husband, my son and I. We all wished we could go back. People seemed to love one another, and they worshipped God in the old fashioned way. I never shall forget the testimony service and how they got on their knees to pray. Oh, it was spiritual. Sister La Brot took us to her home and made us feel welcome. I remember she had two little girls, I suppose they are as tall as their mother now. Yes, I remember that her husband told his wife to wake him at church time, as he didn't want to miss the preaching; but a lot of folks are different to that today; they seem to not care for preaching. I am still trying to live the old fashioned religion, the kind that Daniel had, and also the Hebrew children, and also our fathers and mothers. Dear Lord Jesus, give us courage to live a life to please you all the days of our life, that we may

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Eld. Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo., R1.

STATE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Well, this is our last opportunity to report our league work in the Gem for 1935, and as I think of this, I am aware that the time is fast coming to each of us leaguers to do service for God. As December closes this year, so the last chapter of our life's history is going to be written according to our service; let us think, if our record should close now, is it the kind of record we would want to meet in Judgment? May we endeavor to make 1936 the greatest year of our league work.

Yours for a closer walk with God,
O. T. Allred, State Sec.

FLAT RIVER, MISSOURI, B302

Dear Bro. Brown and Readers of the Gem: It is with great pleasure that I write again to you of my Redeemer and of His mercy to me.

Some say, "I am here by being careful, or "by luck." But I am here through His mercy, for it is in and through Him that we live and have our being. so in and through Christ does my soul live in Him. He has opened His windows to me several times the last few months, in the wonderful conferences that I have been privileged to attend.

How God has blessed our feeble efforts in our pastoral work at my little church at Fredericktown. We have not been able to see great and visible results, but I want to praise Him for what He has meant to us as a church.

REPORT OF FLAT RIVER LEAGUE

For the month of November
Martha Burcham, Reporter

We have a good league with good interest, and I feel safe in saying that our league is in better condition than it has been for some time. Our average attendance for November was 69%. We had a League program on Nov. 24th, which was very interesting. Reading Dorothy La Brot Song, "Fill My Way With Love." Poem Edna Ruth Johnson Story Virginia La Brot Reading Raymond La Brot Class Song Song Harry and Geraldine Long "He was Nailed to the Cross For Me."

REPORT OF BLUE EYE LEAGUE

Mrs. Alice Taylor, Reporter

I am glad to report that we are still on the firing line, trying to carry on our league work in a way that will be pleasing to the Lord. I wish that every young person in the whole world could just realize the advantage and blessings the league work offers them. It seems to me league work is the greatest training service there is for youngsters. There are a few in our own community who haven't yet realized that their place is in the league. May God some day make them know that the league service belongs to them just as much as it does to anyone else, and that it is their duty to help make it a success.

Eld. John Rollins attended our league service at Blue Eye Nov. 10th

We have organized a ministers' conference in our Southeast Mo. Association. Our last meeting was with Fredericktown Free Will Baptist church, Nov. 29th. Only a few ministers were present, but several visitors were with us, and we had a good time in the Lord. We organized our permanent organization, appointed our committees on Constitution and By-Laws, and elected officers as follows:

Eld. Wm. Reeves President
Eld. Geo. Miller Vice Pres.
Eld. Tommie Franklin, Sec.-Treas.
Eld. Oda Halbrook, Ass't Sec'y.

Our next meeting will be held with our Park View church at Desloge, Mo., beginning on Tuesday evening before the second Sunday in June. Bro. Geo. Miller will preach the introductory.

Come on, brother ministers, we

and brought us a good message.

May we all strive to have better, bigger and stronger leagues, and may God bless our leaguers.

REPORT OF MONETT LEAGUE

Mrs. Mae Phillips, Reporter

We are glad to report that interest in our league is good, with several new members in the last few weeks.

We are looking forward to a great time at our League rally this fifth Sunday at Macedonia church.

May God give us a prosperous year in the league work for 1936.

FREDERICKTOWN LEAGUE REPT

Mrs. Lucy Murray, Reporter

Our league is still progressing. We have have added three new members, and have good attendance. We had a very interesting program the first Sunday night in November, and on Tuesday night, Nov. 26th, a bus load of about 35 Fredericktown leaguers went to Mine La Motte to the Madison County League Convention. We wanted to unite with the Free Will Baptist League Association of Southeast Missouri. We also voted to have a get-together meeting January 14, 1936 to elect delegates to meet with the Southeast Missouri Association at Desloge, Mo.

We are asking for the prayers of all Christians for our league and church.

need you, our boy ministers need your advice and assistance; we need to speak the same language that we may increase in the cause of our Redeemer.

For a long time I have felt the need of a better understanding of my work as a minister—sleepless hours and troubled mind we have borne for lack of the right kind of advice. Brethren, let's listen to the poet:

"Look all around you
Find some one in need,
Oh, help somebody today."

If there are any today who need help it is our boy preachers. Let us lend them a helping hand so they can help those who need them.

Pray that our work may accomplish greater things for God.

Pray for me, for I need help.
Eld. Wm. Reeves.

OBITUARIES

House—Little Betty Ann House, infant daughter of Milford and Sara House, was born October 16, 1935, and departed this life Oct. 31, 1935, age 14 days and 5 hours.

She leaves to mourn her departure her father and mother, four grandparents, three great grandmothers, five aunts and one first cousin.

Her stay upon this earth was brief and full of suffering.

[We submit to the Heavenly Father's will, for we realize that He knows best and does all things well.]

On account of the young mother the funeral service was held at the home, conducted by the grandfather, Eld. E. T. House.

Interment was in the Mt. Zion cemetery.

We loved our darling flower,

But our Savior loved her more;

So He has taken her home to heaven,
There to bloom for ever more.

Written by her aunt, Melba White.

Dyer—Leander Dyer was born in Union County, Tenn., Dec. 4, 1857, and departed this life Oct. 31, 1935, at the age of 77 years, ten months and 27 days.

He was married to Nancy J. Caram January 9, 1880. To this union were born three children: Mr. Robert Dyer of Stella, Mo.; Mrs. Nettie Hickie of Neosho, Mo. and Mrs. Lena Cox of Stella.

His companion left this life September 4, 1896.

He was married to Viola M. Hill July 16, 1898, and to this union two daughters were born, Mrs. Lola McPhearson of Cassville, Mo. and Mrs. Violet Garner of Stella, Mo. were also with him.

Bro. Dyer was converted in early life and united with the Oric Chapel Missionary Baptist church.

He came to McDonald County, Missouri in July, 1905 and placed his membership in the Cross Roads Baptist church where he lived faithfully until his death.

He leaves besides his children nineteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Bro. Dyer was a devoted husband and father and was loved by all who knew him.

The funeral was conducted by Eld. Cecil Campbell at the Cross Roads church.

Womack—Mrs. Robert Womack died at her home in Flat River, Mo., Sunday, November 17, 1935, at the age of 75 years, one month and two days.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock at the Free Will Baptist church in Flat River, by the pastor, the Rev. Jas. F. Miller, and Ruth La Brot. Interment was in the Mayberry cemetery in charge of the C. Z. Boyer Undertaking Co.

Almanza Evaline Mayberry was born at Avon, Missouri, October 15, 1860, the daughter of the late Job and Catherine Mayberry. On September 25, 1879 she was united in marriage to Robert B. Womack. To this union six children were born, two of whom, with the husband, preceded her in death.

She is survived by two sons and two daughters: Oscar B. Womack of Leadington; Charles B. Womack of Rivermines; Katie (Mrs. Henry) Holley of Farmington, Route Three, and Olive (Mrs. Harry) Ste. Gemme of Flat River. She leaves nineteen grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

For the past twenty years the deceased has been a member of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Nash—Mrs. Julia Nash was born July 30, 1852, and departed this life October 6, 1935. She leaves a companion, four children, one brother and one sister.

Just one month ago today,
Our dear sister was taken away.

Our Savior called, He knows what's best,
He has taken her home to rest.

She has gone to heaven to stay,
Thank God, we'll meet her there some day.

In that land of perfect day,
God will wipe all tears away.

Dear sister, we will part no more,
When we meet on heaven's bright shore.

Sadness lingers in our home,
But God does not leave us here alone.

God in His wisdom has recalled, the
boon His love has given,
And tho the body slumbers here, the
soul is safe in heaven.

The golden gates were open wide, a
gentle voice said, "Come,"
An angel from the other side wel-
comed dear sister home.

Heaven now retains our treasure,
earth the barren casket keeps.
Lonely hearts will always linger,
where our dear one sleeps.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness during the sickness and death of our dear sister.
Mrs. Odella Rice and Family.

Barker—W. Riley Barker, who was born July 27, 1876, was married to Miss Mollie Jacobs July 12, 1903. To this union twelve children were born, namely: Albert, Nora, Myrtle, who died in infancy, Ural, Chester, who passed from the stage of action two years ago, Lewis, Edward, Hubert, Leonard, David, and O. D.

Bro. Barker professed faith in Christ early in his teens, and joined the Missionary Baptist church and was baptized, then a few years later he moved to Ruth, Okla., and there he united with the Free Will Baptist church. He moved back to Ark. in 1917, and took membership here at Macedonia. In 1921 he was elected a deacon of the church, and for several years served as superintendent of the Sunday school.

It was during this time that I (the writer) received light on the blessed old Bible, and it was during the time Brother Barker was Supt. that Macedonia Sunday school had her largest enrollment. We feel that Bro. Barker has done lots of good in promoting the cause of the blessed Master, and in training his children up in the way they should go. And we are proud to state that he has four boys that are following in their father's footsteps. At present his son Lewis is the writer's teacher in the Junior class at Sunday school. We are proud of Bro. Barker's life, that he lived, but the Lord said in his all-wise way of business, that Bro. Barker had served out his time here on earth, and on Nov. 22nd called

him to his reward in Glory. He had been afflicted for about eight months, but bore his affliction with patience. It seems hard to give up loved ones here, and we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy and pray God to heal their broken hearts, and help each one of them to realize that their loss is heaven's gain. They have a promise of seeing husband and father again if they only obey God's holy commandments, and cleave to the faith that was once delivered to the saints.

Bro. McFaren preached his funeral and his body was laid to rest in the Shady Grove cemetery.

Besides the family, Bro. Barker leaves to mourn his death, two brothers, Lee Barker of Leslie, Ark., and Bud Barker of Ruth, Okla., one sister, Mrs. Sindy Strong of Carthage, Ark., and twelve grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Written by a friend,

Mrs. Iva Mae McClellan.

The Call For Mission Workers —Here Am I—

By Willa Hallman, Bristow, Okla.

We find as we study God's word, that the call for Mission workers is just as urgent today as it was so many years ago.

Let us turn to Exodus, chapter three, for a little while. We find there, as Moses was coming to the mount of God, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire in the midst of a bush. Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this wonderful sight, why the bush is not burnt."

We get a vision of Moses as he turned aside, but God called to Moses from the midst of that bush and said, "Moses, Moses. And Moses answered and said, "Here am I." God said to Moses, "Draw not nigh hither; put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground."

If we, as a band of mission workers, as we go about from place to place and from time to time, could remember those blessed words that God spake unto Moses, and say as Moses said, "Here am I," it would be then that God could lead us out into higher heights and deeper depths.

We could spend a lot of time

reading Scripture that pertains to missions, or we could tell you of many wonderful things that have been accomplished through Home Missions, but the greatest thought that mission workers could have upon their minds is the "Saving of Souls," through the greatest Mission Worker this world has ever known (Jesus). Why do we say this? Jesus left His home in heaven, came down to this sin cursed earth; He suffered and died upon Calvary's Cross. Why? In order that you and I might live.

And the blessed old Book tells us, "Greater love hath no man than this, That a man lay down his life for his friends" (Jn. 15:13)

We find this same Jesus as He walked to and fro upon this old earth with His fellow men, that He fed the destitute by the thousands, yet He Himself hungered. He was wholly harmless and undefiled, yet upon Him was laid the sins of the whole world.

He gave rest to the weary and heavy laden, when He Himself had not where to lay His head.

He healed the sick by the touch of His hand, He cast out devils by His word, He raised the dead, yet He suffered the pangs of death. Can you find a greater mission worker?

And that isn't all: We find this same Jesus, after He was nailed to that old rugged Cross, after He had entered into the shadow in the valley of death, while He hung there in mortal agony, He found time there to think of others. He found time then to speak those comforting words to His mother. He found time to find her a home. He had compassion upon His tormentors and asked the Father to forgive them: "For they know not what they do."

He spoke peace to the penitent thief and promised him eternal happiness.

Can you find a greater mission worker?

When one can find time to think of others, when suffering as Jesus did, it reveals the greatest character that any man or woman can have. And yet some people tell us we cannot find within the lids of the Book where Jesus ever organized a mission. Maybe we can't in just that many words; but listen: St. John tells us in his

divine word, "There are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written."

Let us go over to Mat. 28:18-20, where we find that Jesus met with His eleven disciples, and spake unto them, saying, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

We hear Jesus telling His disciples the power is His, and He commanded them to go forth, teaching all things He had commanded them, and with the wonderful promise that He will be with them always, even unto the end of the world. Those words are just as true today as the day Jesus spoke them over 1900 years ago.

Did this Great Commission stop with the eleven disciples? No.

We find that Jesus sent out 70 other disciples, by two and two, commanding them to go forth into every city, town and village. These 70 came back rejoicing, telling the Master that devils were subject unto them through His blessed name. Jesus told them to rejoice not because devils were subject unto them, but to rejoice because their names are written in heaven.

Jesus is still sending forth His disciples to all parts of the earth and we cannot find any other commission laid down other than to do the will of Jesus.

But so many times we find that God's divine plan does not fit with ours; and we fail to go forth and discharge our duty and answer the call as Moses did, and say, "Here am I."

STARTING ANOTHER YEAR

BY ELDER WINFORD DAVIS

This issue marks the beginning of the eighth year with the Free Will Baptist Gem, and who would dare say it has been anything else but a success? We can look back

over the past seven years with sacred pride because of knowing we have done everything we have undertaken to do. Truly our undertakings could have been greater, and we are not saying but what they should have been, yet what we did undertake, that we did, and, (I will dare to add) we did it well. Our progress has been somewhat slow, but permanent and sure.

Counting a very few outstanding pledges as cash, thereby, we can say we are starting this year of 1936 entirely out of debt. That is a New Year's remark we have not been able to make for several years. I think it is encouraging that we are entering upon this year with an enlarged program, pointing toward the state ownership of all press equipment, and the housing of the same. Also with a field man as solicitor, working over the state; may this year be distinctly marked, among our Free Will Baptist ranks, by great strides toward greater things.

At this season of the year much is heard about New Years resolutions. Among the many we should make, and likewise carry out, there is one that I would have every Free Will Baptist make, make it in good faith, and rigidly carry it out. That is simply this: "By the help of my God, all heaven called to witness, I will from this point of time forward honor the Lord with the tenth of all mine increase, so help me God." A few nights back I asked for the uplifted hand of all who were tithers, and for all who from then on would be, and 28 hands were raised. It was just a medium sized crowd. I am expecting great things from those folks. Perhaps you say, "Oh, you are always talkink finance instead of more tithes we just need more power." Certainly we need more power; but, my friend, is there not a reason why we haven't more power? After all we have lots of power, enthusiasm, and energy, which is held back and smothered down for the want of finance to put it into action. I know a number of ministers who would love to go preach the word if they had means on which to go. I know ministers who would enlarge and enrich their library of study had they the means with which to do

it. I know congregations that would erect magnificent and useful church buildings, dedicating them to God's service, had they the means. At the National meeting in November several stood up as volunteers to the foreign mission fields just as soon as money is appropriated for their support. I declare to you, that one of our greatest needs is to put into action what we now have ready, and it takes money to do it. If you will honor the Lord this coming year with more of that which HE has allowed you to have, I am sure He will honor you greater than ever before, and will crown you with a peace that those who rob God never enjoy. So let me ask you to consider the matter of tithing as one of your New Years resolutions.

WHY SERVE GOD?

By Lizzie Shipman, Blue Eye, Mo.

We should be more zealous to serve God all the time; "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Cor. 6:20). I do not think we can glorify God out in the world.

Paul said, "He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord" (1 Cor. 1:31). Also, "Unto Him be glory in the church by Jesus Christ through all ages, world without end" (Eph. 3:21).

We are bought with a price, redeemed with the precious blood of Christ; we owe our service to Him. We read in Isaiah 43:7, "Even every one that is called by my name; for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him." Then let us not grieve the Holy Spirit whereby we are sealed by not serving God in a way that will glorify Him. We cannot glorify God out in the world. Since in the church is the place of His glory, we must be in the church to glorify Him; yet we cannot glorify Him by just joining church and then sitting down. To do this would be like the unprofitable servant, who had only one talent and hid it instead of putting it to use.

"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal" (1 Cor. 12:7).

This means every man who has

the Spirit, for a man could not profit by the Spirit if he did not possess it. But we ought to use the talent that God has given us, that God may be glorified in all things. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works." So let us be careful how we walk, where we walk and when we walk. We are commanded to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service; so we see we have no time to spend in the pleasures of the world. If we glorify God with our bodies and spirit in the church, we must go to church. I do not think it is glorifying God when the members of the body stay at home and work on meeting days, or go to town or some other place.

"Let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1). If we are not sick, let us go to meeting, if we have to walk. I believe we can walk a long ways to church, if we love the cause as we should. I think if we would do these things, we would glorify God and get joy for our hungry souls; and what a consolation to the pastor to have all the members in their places.

Next we should serve God for the purpose of strengthening our brethren and proving to the world that we are what we claim to be.

Christ said, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." If we do not let our light shine, we become dead to the joys and pleasures of the church; we lose our influence; I do not mean to let our light shine only on meeting days, but let it shine all the time.

God is all-wise and knoweth the very secrets of our hearts. He never commands us to do anything that we cannot do.

Our bodies are the temples of the living God, they are the globes for our light. If we do not keep ourselves unspotted from the world, our globes will be spotted and our light will be dim. We should be holy in all manner of conversation: "Let no corrupt

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Life or Death, Which Do You Choose?

By Eld. Kenneth Turner

"I have set before thee this day, life and good, and death and evil" (Deut. 30:15).

Before whom has God set life and death?

"For the Lord your God . . . regardeth not persons, nor taketh rewards" (Deut. 10:17).

"Peter opened his mouth and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons" (Acts 10:34).

Since the teaching throughout the Word of God is, that he regards all mankind alike, we must readily agree that all have life and death set before them.

What is life?

It is true that all living beings in the world have natural life, but let us look farther into the Scriptures and read Christ's words, where he says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life . . ." (John 14:6). It must be that Jesus, whom God has set before mankind has life, and all who believe on Him shall live. He is the great gift of God: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life" ". . . the gift of God is eternal life" (Romans 6:23).

We know that the Word says in Heb. 9:27, "And it is appointed unto men once to die, . . ." but we must remember that there comes something after this natural death. The remainder of the verse quoted above reads, "And after this the judgment," speaking of natural or physical death.

What is death?

We have just drawn your attention to the Scripture in Heb., stating that it is appointed unto man once to die, and looking deeper into the thought, we find in Revelation that to be cast into the lake of fire is the second death (Rev. 20:14; 21:8), which means eternal death. Death is separation. At some time all will taste physical death, when the spirit will be separated from the body. The second death is the soul being separated from God for eternity.

A child in early life has no choice of life or death, until it

reaches a time when it knows good and evil. Here we might use the words of Joshua, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve"

The choice must be made, either for Jesus and life, or for the devil and death. In Acts 16:30 we are told that the jailor cried out, "What must I do to be saved?" He surely had reached the place where he realized there was life and death before him. The verse following this is instruction given him by Paul and Silas, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." He would then be choosing life. All who choose life must look toward the crucifixion of the Savior, believe not only in, but on his death, burial and resurrection, then we shall have part in the first resurrection, for it is Christ who is the first fruits of them that slept, and Paul tells about it in 1 Cor. 15:20.

The rich man of Luke 16 failed to believe even when he realized that life and death were placed before him; and "he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mk. 16:16). He, like many others, chose death, and to continue in sin; and "sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (James 2:15).

"The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). "The wicked shall be turned into hell" (Psa. 9:17). And we know that Rev. 20:14 tells us that death and hell will be cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. This being a part of what God revealed to John while on Patmos, which would come to pass just following the Judgment.

But praise the Lord for the scripture in verse 6 of Rev. 20, "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."

So the life we should strive for is Christ in all his glory of Paradise, which will no doubt fill a great place in Heaven.

And the death we should shun is the lake of fire, where all the wicked and ungodly men will be, even hell itself is thrown into that awful place.

I know some don't believe as I have just written here; and if it is you who does not agree, open your Bible prayerfully and read the scriptures we have mentioned and see if we are not right.

Some try to make everything else out of hell, except a place of flaming suffering, perhaps because they don't like to think of this awful place of punishment, with the torturing burns. "It means only the grave," some will say and stop without looking farther for other applications of the word used to mean a place of torment. Even if hell is the grave of the dead, and you could prove that it means nothing else, don't rest too easy, thinking that there will be no flames to torture the wicked; because as we have said already, the Scripture in Revelation states what will become of death and hell: they must be thrown into the lake of fire, which is big enough and bad enough to receive all death, hell, and all the wicked, it being the second death.

So even if one tried to think of hell as a harmless place, and led his mind to believe such, that same person cannot get around the fact, that the lake of fire is so much greater in size and punishment, of real fire, and it will swallow up hell after all, regardless of what hell might be. So shun the second death and choose eternal life.

NOTICE TO THE PICTURE STAFF

Let each member of the staff bear in mind that your payment is due the first of each month. That payment in turn helps to bear the expense of the picture on the next issue; that is a month from that time. You see we must pay ahead at least one month. Time and expense will not permit me to write you each month by personal letter, so please do not forget it. You can pay as many months ahead as you care to, as some have already done.

Thanking you for your interest and co-operation.

—Winford Davis.

ANTICHRIST

By Eld. Everett Wilson, Denison, Tex.

Antichrist, the name of the Man of Sin, who is expected to precede the second coming of our Savior; and who is represented in Scripture, and in the Fathers, as the summary of everything impious, cruel, and abominable: to him is referred what the prophets have said of Antiochus Epiphanes, of Gog and Magog, of the son of perdition, and of the man of sin, mentioned by Paul, and which may have applied historically to Nero. For it may be said of Nebuchadnezzar, Cambyes, Antiochus Epiphanes, and of Nero, that they were so many antichrists, or forerunners of Antichrist. John informs us that in his time there were many antichrists, meaning heretics and persecutors (1 John 2:18). But Antichrist, the true, real Antichrist, who is to come before the Judgment, will in himself include all the marks of wickedness, which have been manifested in different persons, his types, or forerunners.

2 Thess. 2:3, 4, says, That this man of sin, son of perdition, this enemy of God, shall exalt himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so as to sit in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. This terrible picture of Antichrist seems so like Nero, that many of the ancients thought that prince was Antichrist, or at least his forerunner, and that Antichrist would appear very soon after him. Others thought that Nero would rise again before the consummation of the ages, to accomplish what was said of Antichrist in the Scriptures. John, in Rev. 11:7, describes Antichrist under the name of the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit, and killeth the two witnesses; who maketh war with the saints; killeth them, and leaveth their dead bodies exposed in the market-place of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. Afterward, in Rev. 13, he represents him as a beast rising up out of the sea, with ten horns, and ten crowns upon his horns, and on his head the name of blasphemy. The dragon, or the devil, gave him his strength and power. The beast was worshipped, and had a mouth given him speaking great things, and blasphemies, and power to make war against the saints for two and forty months: the beast overcame, and was worshipped for two and forty months.

In another place he says that the beast should oblige all, "both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their forehead; and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast; for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred three score and six" (Rev. 13:16-18). Some believe this number 666, to be of the letters in the name of Antichrist, according to their numerical valuation; for the letters of the Hebrew, Greek and Latin have their numerical values.

It has greatly perplexed the curious to know whether the name of the beast, which John speaks of, should be written in Hebrew, Syriac, Greek, or Latin; whether this name be that of his person, or of his dignity, or that which his followers should give him; or that which he will deserve by his crimes. There are many conjectures on this matter; and almost all commentators have tried their skill, without being able to say, positively, that any one has succeeded in ascertaining the true mark of the beast, or the number of his name.

The number 666, has been discovered in the names—Ulpus Trajanus (a), Dioclesian (b), Julian the Apostate (c), Luther (d), Evanthas (e), Latinus (f), Titan (g), Lampetis (h), Niketes (i), Kakos Hodegos (k) that is, bad guide; Arnoumai (l) I renounce; Romitt (m) Roman; Abinu Kadescha Papa, or holy father the pope; and, Elion Adonai Jehovah Kadooch (o) the Most High God, the Lord, the Holy God. This last name could have been invented and calculated, only to show the vanity of all the pains taken in this inquiry; since the number 666 is found in names the most sacred, and the most opposite to Antichrist.

The above three paragraphs are from a Bible Encyclopaedia, verbatim.

That the coming of this awful man of sin is near at hand is sure, the ever increasing signs of the second coming of Jesus bear witness that the end of this age is near. The spirit of iniquity is fast preparing the world to receive with open arms, the man

who will be wise and cunning enough to turn all the nations against God, and against God's people who dwell in His Holy City. When once Jesus has come and taken His people away, those who were ready and looking for His second coming as Bridegroom of the Church, then many of those who are left will be more than willing to turn to the Antichrist, who by his lying wonders can convince the world that he is God, and when once under his awful influence, it will mean the taking of his number, name or mark, and will be death by one of the many ways of torture that will be used against those refusing to follow him. His number will be 666 whatever that number may mean, but what will be his mark or name yet remains to be seen. Number six always seems to be associated with man, and always comes short of perfection. 666 will surely be the number of the man coming up out of the bottomless pit, who will be the chief of sinful men. The most lawless and cruel of all tyrant kings or dictators will, at the most, be a weak type of this most inhuman incarnation of devil power ever turned loose on the earth, whom Jew and Gentile, whose names are not in the Lamb's book of life, will worship as God.

For many years back, people have been looking for the coming of Antichrist. Every tyrannical king or dictator has been classed as the Antichrist, or his forerunner, dictators of our time not excepted, but few, if any of them, have gained the sceptre of power without the shedding of innocent blood, and many times that of women and children. Martyrs' blood will flow in veritable rivers at the ascending of the Antichrist to his short but terrible reign, in the temple of God. No ruler, dictator, or king, including Antiochus Epiphanes, Mohammed, Nero, and all the Popes, has ever fulfilled what the Scriptures say of Antichrist, and at the most these were only poor types of what the man of sin will really be. But this power invested in him by the Devil himself, can never be developed until the Holy Ghost has perfected the people of the Lord; but when He has accomplished the changing of their mortal bodies, like unto that of Christ's glorious body, and the trumpet call to the righteous dead is sounded, and they all arise together to meet their coming Bridegroom in the air, and the restraining power of the personal presence of the Holy Spirit is gone, will

the Man of Sin receive his authority from the Dragon, the Devil, and be able to fulfill all the prophets have said of him. No doubt he is on the way, but no one knows the day nor the hour of his arrival. Woe unto this poor old sin sick world when he comes.

It is evident from Rev. 13:17, that taking the mark, name or number of the name of the beast, is yet in the future, for the false prophet arising out of the earth, after the advent of the Man of Sin, is the one who causes all people living on the earth to take the name, number, or mark in order

to buy or sell. Why try to apply these to some person or nation? History records so many having done this, and they have failed. If we get people to repent and get their names in the Lamb's book of life, there will be no need to fear the coming Man of Sin. We believe that day is near, for in 2 Thess. 2:3, 4, Paul speaks of a falling away to precede the revealing of Antichrist, and most surely we are in that time now. As Jesus says, "Pray that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that are coming upon the earth, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).

truths therein. Also in too many of our homes the Bible is a closed book and religious instruction is never given at all. No parent can expect the school and church to give all the education the child needs. Too many parents seek to shift all of the training of their children upon the church and upon the school. It is impossible. These two important educational factors can never give the child the training which is expected from the hearth-stone. Time and their specialized organization make it impossible.

There should always be the closest co-operation between the home, the school and the church. The parents should take a hearty interest in the daily school tasks of their children, and whatever home work be required by authorities, they should see that their children perform faithfully and well. By this close co-operation the efficiency of the public schools would be increased.

The home should co-operate more earnestly with the church and give it better support and see that the children attend the sessions of the Sunday school regularly and faithfully. Too many parents think it is the duty of the pastor and teacher to see that their children attend church worship and the sessions of the Sunday school. It is not the whole duty of the pastor and teacher to see that the children attend, but the first duty is on the home. The home, therefore, remains the first important factor in religious education."

Let us see what the home contribution is to the child that measures part of its importance. The home has complete control of two very important forces of life: heredity and environment.

Men tell us that we inherit our characteristics from our parents, grandparents and our great grandparents. Both mental and physical characteristics are inherited. That we inherit physical characteristics is proven from the heights of families. Also the physical features of form, color of eyes, hair, length of life and other characteristics. There were three observations made under heredity. The results were: children inherit tendencies, heredity is governed by grandparents, and heredity is more marked in adolescence. We do not inherit any disease. We may inherit a constitutional weakness or tendency for it. No germ except the spiral bacteria can be transmitted at birth, therefore we do not inherit tubercu-

THE REPEAL GIRL

Selected from the Ozark Times,

Calico Rock, Arkansas

By Eld. J. E. Phillips, Leslie, Ark.

A letter from a girl who favored the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment:

"Once I was an innocent, beautiful, virtuous, ambitious and religious girl. I went to school and had lofty ideals of doing big things in life. I had hoped some day to have a good husband and a good home. I loved my church; I believed my Bible; I attended Sunday school and was inspired to help the needy; I was much loved and admired by my friends. Then from other folks whom I thought to be my friends, too, I caught the repeal fever. I bobbed my hair, rolled down my stocking legs, cut off my skirts, pencilled my eyebrows, painted my lips, and stained my finger nails. I was made to believe that my happiness depended upon being smart and that only popularity, pleasure and a sporty life was ideal; and was told that everybody was doing thus.

"After hearing the cigarette ads over the radio, and seeing them in magazines and on billboards, and watching my so-called friends indulging, I was influenced to smoke. I got

a kick out of sitting in public places, puffing smoke in other people's faces. Having lost my desire to go to church or to be with church folks, I went with the crowds to the dance halls, the road houses, the beer gardens, and the cocktail rooms. I soon became brazen enough to call for a drink at the bar. Soon I learned to gamble, played the races, and had many after midnight dates. Now, that I have had my fling, have been a modern girl, and have had my liberty; my virtue is gone, my religion is gone, my good old time friends are gone, my beauty is gone, my pride and my holy ideals are gone. Here I am an ugly, bleary eyed, blotch-faced, cigarette-stinking, half-crazed, drunken sot. I have repealed every thing that was good, noble, refined, beautiful, moral and spiritual in life, and the few friends I have are as miserable as I am. My ambition is gone and my soul is doomed forever; my past is evil, my present is hell, and my future is dark. Here I am waiting for death to end it all, for I am nothing now just a miserable Repeal Girl.

The Home As An Educational Agency

By Monte Peterson of Greentop, Mo.

"The home is the first and always should remain the most important factor in a child's education. This training should extend from the early years of childhood to manhood. The ancient Hebrews recognized the supreme importance of home instruction and they earnestly tried to bring up their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. When this ideal

was earnestly adhered to, peace, joy and prosperity crowned the people of Israel. In this respect the ancient Hebrew people will always be an example for present and future generations.

The home is the basic unit of society. It is such an important institution that great emphasis needs to be laid upon the instruction of Biblical

losis, but we may be born with weak lungs and a lowered resistance. The mental tendencies and weaknesses are also inherited. The most outstanding example of this part of heredity was demonstrated by the famous Jukes and Edwards families.

To prove that our grandparents determined our tendencies and characteristics, we would look at and consider Exodus 20:5, "For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the third and fourth generation of them that hate me." Such men as Ahaz, Timothy and Hezekiah furnish examples of inheritance from grandparents. Then according to the law of heredity they contribute their part. The law of heredity in a few words is "Like beget like." Then when the grandparents beget the children, then their children, so then, the grandparents are a very important factor.

Perhaps the nearest and most easily traced inherited characteristics that farmers notice are the chickens. The first generation of certain crosses are very uniform, but the second cross the four grandparents show their influence which is very marked. Of course, the influence is not so marked until the chicks approach maturity and are about the period of adolescence as compared to human development. *To be Continued.*

HARTVILLE, MISSOURI

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dwelt in the house of the Lord forever more. Oh Lord, help us to live closer to Thee every day, for we shall all stand before the Judgment seat of Christ; "For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Rom. 14:11, 12).

"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven" (Mt. 10:32).

We should be very careful of our acts. Sometimes when we have opportunity to speak, we think of others who can speak better and use better language and we excuse ourselves. Then they pray as Jesus did, get humble before God on their knees, and we again excuse ourselves—too bad crowded, haven't room to kneel, and oh, this old rheumatism, and so excuse ourselves, and in

many other things the same way, but these excuses will not count in the Judgment; for He said we shall do these things.

Now, dear Christian friends, you all know that I am, by my talk, a very poor, unworthy servant, but I have a simple illustration in mind: Suppose I have a very dear friend living at Mountain Grove, Mo., and they write me a letter, telling me they are going to Springfield, Mo. where I have a friend dear as my own life, and they say I may go with them, that my fare will be free, no cost to me to go, only be ready. "We do not know just the day, nor the hour, it may be at midnight, or it may be when you are least expecting me, but I am coming through Hartville, and he that shall come, will come, and will not tarry." Well, it is such a busy time, I am hardly ready, maybe I can wait a little longer, and go to all these worldly places, then have plenty of time to get packed up. This seems to be what a lot of church members are thinking. Well, we read where the folk did this: They ate and drank, married and gave in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered into the ark. Then think of the foolish virgins, what happened to them. The door was shut, and the King said, "Depart from me, I know you not."

Dear children of God, I believe in God, in His Son Jesus, and I believe with all my heart that Jesus is coming again, and we have enough to keep us busy doing the things He told us to do. He said to Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again."

This is the first thing, get right with God, love your neighbors as yourself, pray for your enemies; for if we do not forgive men their trespasses, our heavenly Father will not forgive us: visit the sick, if your brother smite you on one cheek turn him the other, overcome evil with good. This is a very small number I have mentioned, but if we are children of God, we will not have any time to go to any worldly amusements, neither do we have any desire to go, and we sure will not go. He said to shun the very appearance of evil.

Read what the prophet Isaiah says, "Choose the things that

please me, and take hold of my covenant; even unto them will I give in mine house, and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off. Also the sons of the strangers, that join themselves to the Lord, to serve him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be his servants" (Isaiah 56:4-6).

Then look what is said about sports. We hear more about this from coast to coast than anything else: Ball games in every way they can think of, dancing, card playing, all kinds of shows, even the nudists, drinking and smoking advertisements, telling our boys and girls how good all these things are. Oh, how sad the poor old mother who has taught her children about Jesus, when she starts them off to high school or college, and they are told that that is too old and out of date, and some sport is taught them.

"Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, and draw out the tongue? are ye not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood; enflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the cliffs of rocks" (Isaiah 57:4).

"And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings, while they feast with you; an heart they have exercised with covetous practices: cursed children" "For the great day of his wrath is come: and who shall be able to stand?" (Rev. 6:17).

"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of Heaven from my God" (Rev. 3:12).

Dear Lord Jesus, help us to get ready for that great day: if you do not help us, we cannot do anything without you.

Dear Christian friends, we need your prayers in the old fashioned way. —Mrs. Lina Claxton.

STAHL, MISSOURI

The Gem Family: This beautiful morning finds us rejoicing in the Lord. The victories won the past three weeks enabled us to advance the Lord's front lines.

Rev. Jas. F. Miller (Our State Moderator) arrived on the scene the second day of the battle and became leader of the Lord's army. The Lord rewarded us with victory resulting in the conversion of eight souls, renewed strength to the church and a deeper conviction upon the unsaved.

The all-day union services held with four of our churches were wonderful and gave us a new idea of Christian service.

The all-day service at Shibleys Point yesterday resulted in the organization of a new church there.

Practically all the churches of our Association have enjoyed new spiritual strength, coming through revival efforts and additional membership.

Praying the Lord will bless the entire Free Will Baptist, I am,

A brother in Him,
C. E. Mann.

WHY SERVE GOD?

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communication proceed out of your mouth."

Let your conversation be as it becometh the children of God. By so doing we can always be ready to give an answer to every man that asketh a reason of the hope that we have.

Christ said to Peter, "When thou art converted, strengthen the brethren."

David prayed, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee."

James said, "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him, let him know that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." So we see many things that we can accomplish by letting our light shine.

We now come to the third reason why we should serve God. We are living in perilous times, times of great distress, and nobody seems to know what is wrong or

what will come next. I am made to believe it is the disobedience of God's people that has brought this about. "Vengeance is mine; I will repay saith the Lord."

Jonah suffered the judgment of God in the belly of the fish and was made to cry mightily unto the Lord. We are serving the same God, and I think there are still some fish big enough to swallow us when we step aside; so when distress and misery come upon us, if we will examine ourselves, we may find the cause. By serving God all the time we may escape these things and receive joy instead.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the store house, 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" (Mal. 3:10).

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Will the pastors please take the matter up with your various churches, and all who want Bro. Willey for at least one service, please let me know at once.

I am sure his presence and message will be a blessing to any church that may be fortunate enough to get him. He will also show stereopticon views of the South American mission fields.

Let us hear from you at once, as we are planning his itinerary. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.