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"WHY SEEK YE THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?"--Luke 24:5.

By B. F. Brown, Editor

Those who are familiar with the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord, as told in the Gospels, should be able to read the whole story from the picture printed on this page.

The women who went to the tomb very early on the first day of the week, took spices to anoint the Lord's dead body. But when they found the stone rolled away and His body gone, their first thought seemed to be, that the body had been taken away, and that they must find it. The Lord had plainly told them He would rise again the third day, but they had forgotten this, and knowing it was the third day, they still sought "the living among the dead."

But God knew all about His creatures; and knew just what would happen, and what would be needed; so He sent His angels (messengers) down to the tomb to overthrow the guard, roll away the stone, and make known to those who came to the tomb that their Lord was not there among the dead: but had risen, and was living.

The women went as they were instructed and told the disciples. It seems that Mary Magdalene, as soon as she saw the stone was rolled away, ran to tell Peter and John, and told them that the Lord had been taken out of the sepul-

chre. Then Peter and John ran with haste to the sepulchre, and saw the napkin that was about His head, and the linen clothes, how they were laid. Peter saw, "and departed wondering:" but John saw, "and believed." When John saw the napkin carefully laid to one side, and the grave clothes just as they were when the body was in them; he knew his Lord had risen, for no human hands could remove the body and leave the clothes thus.

The resurrection of Christ is the greatest fact of history, regardless of the fact that so few realize and appreciate the power of Christ's resurrection. His resurrection guarantees the resurrection of all them who really knew and trusted Jesus and lived for Him in this life. Jesus said, "Because

I live, ye shall live also" (John 14:17) Pauls said, "That I may know him and the power of his resurrection" (Phil. 3:10).

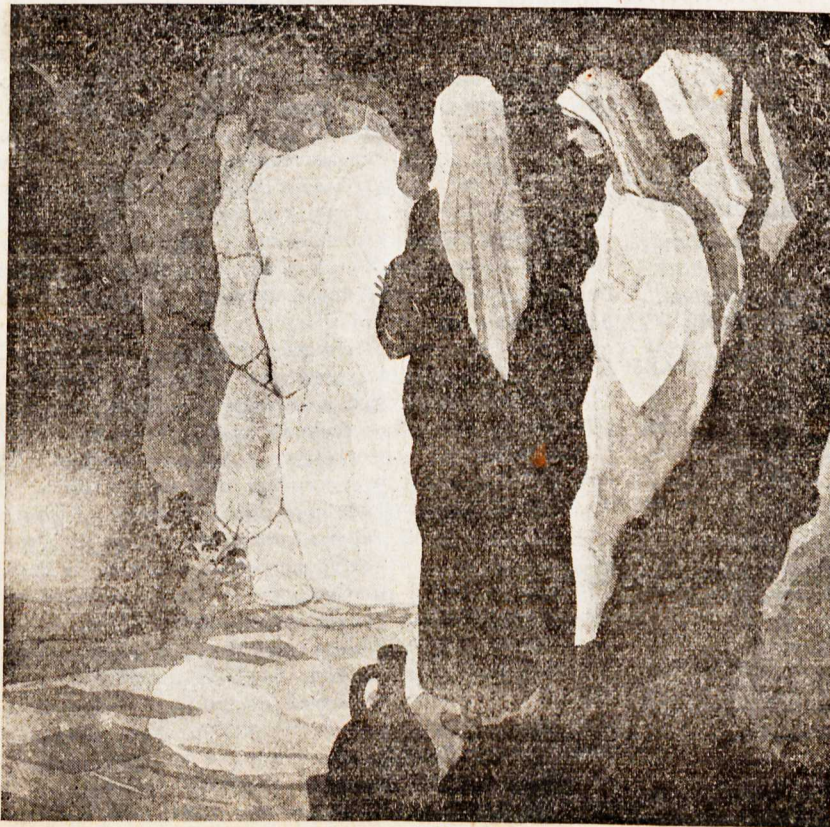
To be a real child of God, we must be living branches in the living Vine. And to realize this, we must seek the living One among the living; for He is among the living, and must have His Spirit dwelling in us if we are to be found among the living.

The living, life-giving Christ is not found among the dead. If you would find Him, don't seek Him in the social circle, at the show, at the feast, at the party, nor in any place that's of this world: for that would be to "seek the living among the dead."

The religion of Jesus Christ is a living, vital state of being that vitally connects us with Him and enables us to fulfill the law of Christ which is "Love."

After Christ's resurrection, He ascended up to the Father who sent the Holy Spirit to do a work for God among men; and when the Spirit baptizes those who believe, they are united with Christ, and with one another, so that the risen, glorified Christ is now the Head of a new Body, the Church.

"The religion of Jesus Christ is not mere forms and ceremonies, nor is it testimonies, faith, or gifts. The religion of Jesus Christ is Love!"



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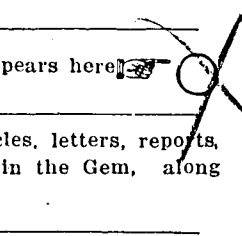
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OUR NATIONAL AUXILIARY WORK

By Mrs. Fannie Polston, 318 Woodland St., Nashville, Tenn.
Secretary Women's Department, National Association of Free Will Baptist

Dear Presidents:

Time is passing so rapidly that only a few weeks remain until the first meeting of our National Women's Auxiliary Convention. I hope many of our dear women from every state will be there. Begin now to make your plans. But should it be impossible for you to be there, won't you pray earnestly for the meeting.

Please send me a report of all your work, with the national dues (ten cents per capita), by May 15th. As your national secretary, it will be necessary for me to make a report of our work to the Eastern Division of the National Association in June, and then to the Western Division at whatever time it meets. I am very anxious to have a good report. So won't you help me by sending all information possible. In the states that have organized conventions this will be easy. However, I will be glad to get reports from the local work.

I hope you will order a liberal supply of the new Handbooks now ready at the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C. The price is five cents per copy. You will need them after the national meeting in June to reorganize your work. We will meet in connection with the General Conference, which will meet at Glennville, Ga., in June.

Dear women, please stand by the program. Let us all work together for the extension of Christ's kingdom, believing that our Heavenly Father is leading, and that we are really laborers together with Him.

REPORT OF LEAGUE RALLY AT AURORA

By Mrs. Jewell Campbell, President, Stella, Mo.

Dear Leaguers:

I wish to make a brief report of our League Rally, which was held March 29th at our Aurora church and we found, as we always have, a real live group of leaguers there.

Leaguers were present from Blue Eye, Monett, Jones Chapel, Macedonia, Carterville, and other churches not in our association. I believe they were Hannon, Fairview in Kansas and Crane, Mo.

The program consisted chiefly of singing from the various leagues and talks by interested workers. Mrs. Glen McCarty of Fairview, Kansas gave us a few words of encouragement, and told us of their young people's work there.

It was so inspiring to me as I looked out over all our leaguers and thought of the great work we are doing by just witnessing for our Master through the league. I am sure we all know that in our own communities the league work is regarded as something that will stand the test if every worker will stand true to its cause and, after all it isn't hard to do if we stand together.

I'm afraid those who don't have the opportunity of seeing young people living in all manner of sin fail to realize how wonderful it is for a young boy or girl to work in the church as a League worker. You know there is, or at least should exist, in all our leagues, something that will cause unsaved boys and girls to take notice of the work.

I would like to visit every league in our Association, just to be with you workers, but have failed to get to all of them so far, but am glad to hear that every one is still working. Although there is one thing I would like to see

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A BIBLE READING

By Mrs. Lina Claxton, Hartville, Mo.

Dear Editor and Wife, and Christian Friends: I am so glad that I found the narrow way, that leads from earth to Glory.

I am now thinking of an old song I heard father and mother sing long, long ago; I find it suits my case, but perhaps you think differently. I did not understand then that it was like this; a mixture of joy and sorrow, that I daily pass through. Some people think church members should have no trouble: but sometimes I'm in the valley sinking down with woe; sometimes I go to meeting, and wish I had stayed at home: but sometimes I get a blessing, then I am glad I went.

Then I heard some singing

*"In Heaven above, where all is love,
There will be no sorrow there."*

I sure don't want to miss Heaven, no, nor you don't either.

January 22nd we had joy and gladness in our souls, as about twenty or more of our neighbors and friends, regardless of the cold night, gathered at our home and had prayer and testimony meeting; it was encouraging.

Then February brought us two great birthdays: Lincoln's and Washington's by whom the world was made better by them having lived in it; and we love to think of them.

And this month (February), brought great sorrow to us, as some of our very dear ones slipped out so silently, and we will not hear their sweet voices here any more, nor see their smiling faces, but we hope to meet them in the Glory Land. Then father comes to me in my memory of this song:

*"A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify."*

"If ye love me, keep my commandments . . . If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him. . . . If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love."

All Christians realize that Jesus is our Mediator, and we are expecting Him to come back to earth, perhaps soon, and when He leaves His throne in Glory, to come after His jewels, there will be no use to pray, there being no mediator there to plead our cause.

The Bible says, "He which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still."

Now, I think of what Paul said, "Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand without understanding." If we could speak over the air by our voices, that all might hear, I don't think, in my simple way of thinking, it would be any better than this:

"PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD!"

Jesus said, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." This is so plain to me, but we hear church members say, "You can go to all these places of worldly amusements, if you have been converted, joined the church, been baptized, then go to church first, you will be all right; just go wherever you can find the most pleasure." I declare to you, The Word of God is true! If we are God's chosen, children of God with Christian hearts, we don't want to go, neither will we go; for there would be no pleasure there for us. That which is not of God is of the Devil. God made man in the likeness of His own image, created He them male and female; and yet, the female sex is not satisfied with their looks, and sit on a stool before the glass with tweezers, picking out part of the eyebrows; they think God put too many there. They are continually fixing and preparing their faces, that they may attract the attention of folks; but what about the heart, do you ever see them on their knees, praying to God for salvation? And those vanity cases they nearly all carry, they surely have the right name for this drug store beauty, which is all vain and foolish. They carry the little looking glass, which they use on the road, going and coming, and even after they get there. I saw a Sunday school teacher trying to teach a little class, but every little bit she would have to look at her face. Did you ever see one that carried the Word of God, and be looking to see if she was following in Jesus' footsteps, that she was careful to read her Way-bill to see if she was in the narrow way?

I see mothers and grandmothers, past 80 years old, with their grey hair bobbed and curled. Some pay six dollars for what they call a per-

manent, while the old cow is bawling for bran, and some little children almost starving, never was their privilege to be at a table where there was plenty to eat.

An old lady said, If she got the Old Age Pension, she was going to have a permanent and all the meat she could eat. She seemed to think only of herself.

"Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye judgment, and justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it" (Isa. 56).

"Pride goeth before destruction and an haughty spirit before a fall."

"Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud."

"The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the Lord: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness."

"But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it."

David said, "Who will rise up for me against the evil doers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?"

We are commanded to love our neighbor as ourselves. With love I give you this Bible reading.

I will tell you a true story: I have a neighbor that has been almost an invalid for six years. She has two little boys. We have a little bunch of sheep, and among them is one that is bad to fight. He knocked Jim's trotters from under him a few times, so he had them away on another pasture for several months. But one day he brought them home and turned them on the pasture between our house and theirs; so I went and called this mother, and told her not to come, nor let the children come through the pasture; for that old butting sheep would hurt them. And she said, "I am glad, Aunt Lina, that you told me, for I am sure afraid of him." I knew this mother could not run, neither the little children, and keep out of his way. If I had not loved them as myself, I don't suppose I would have given them warning.

You say, "Aunt Lina, do you try to compare the old sheep to the devil?"

"No, no, the devil is the worst, he will tell you to come on and go to the ball room, saloon, gambling den, play cards, and go to shows; he has so

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TORNADO, W. VA., March 5th.

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

I have just returned home from the Union Quarterly Meeting, which convened with the Spring Hollow church in Putnam County. We had a fine meeting, had no meeting till Friday night. Rev. R. L. Stanley preached the introductory sermon, concluded by Rev. W. I. Marlow.

Saturday morning the conference was opened by Bro. D. W. Wade, the clerk not being present. Rev. Wade was elected moderator and Sister Spencer clerk protem, F. V. Nicholas, assistant clerk, Rev. R. L. Stanley, treasurer protem.

Then we heard the ministers' reports. Ministers present: R. L. Stanley, D. W. Wade, Frank Lovejoy and W. I. Marlow of Logan, W. Va. Rev. Herbert Bell was not present, his horse had fallen on him and crippled him. Bro. Thos. Bell could not come on account of his father being crippled. J. S. Stanley is old and his health is bad. G. W. Stowers is in bad health and Sister Lottie, his wife, is very ill. P. E. Stowers the clerk could not leave his father and mother.

Rev. D. W. Wade preached at eleven o'clock, Bro. Lovejoy followed.

After enjoying a fine dinner with those good people, we went back to the school house at 2:00 o'clock.

All 7 churches reported by letter. All business was agreeably transacted. Ordained one deacon.

After Bro. Marlow gave us a short talk, Bro. R. L. Stanley and Bro. D. W. Wade brought the message at night, then the Lord's Supper and feet washing followed.

They are starting a new church house at that place; hope every one will help that can. Pray for us.

—F. V. Nicholas.

PAINTSVILLE, KENTUCKY

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

We are proud to report our big Johnson County Quarterly Meeting, held with the Alka Free Will Baptist church, at Alka, Ky., beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in January, 1936. Although it was zero weather, we had a large delegation present.

Called to order Friday morning by the clerk, F. S. Vanhooose.

Eld. Millard Vanhooose was elected moderator, and we proceeded to business.

The first day was Ministers' Conference. We had some real discus-

sions of different topics of the Bible, which I think was profitable for our ministers.

Moderator Called conference Saturday morning, seated delegates and appointed committees.

Preaching at eleven o'clock by Bro. Allen Castle. Had a good meeting.

Met back at 2:00 p. m. After song and prayer, moderator called for the church letters. 18 churches reported by letter and delegates, and four verbal reports. Letter was read and received showing a big increase in membership, many received by letter.

Contributions received with the letters \$38.00, collection taken and received \$15.00.

Motion carried to give Betsy Layne church \$50.00. The church is finished and ready for services.

All business being taken care of, we adjourned for preaching by Bro. Assie and Bro. Bates of Seco, Ky. Had a good meeting.

Met back Sunday morning. Minutes were read and approved.

Preaching by Bro. Mead and Bro. Andrew Davis. Had a wonderful meeting.

Adjourned to meet with Betsy Layne church the fourth Saturday and Sunday in April, 1936.

We have had some real revivals this winter. There were 75 conversions at Alka Free Will Baptist church in a meeting conducted by Brothers Butts and Assie. Paintsville church had eight conversions, Toms Creek ten, Rock House three. Preaching by Bro. Millard Vanhooose and others.

Please every body that can send Bro. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo., \$1.00 to help get his program on the radio. I sent my dollar today

—Millard Vanhooose.

WILBURN, ARK., March 12th.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I am glad to write to the Free Will Baptist people, as they are one with us in doctrines, and very similar in practice. We General Baptist, of the Wolf Bayou Association, would like very much to co-operate with the Free Wills of New Hope Association, which is in the southern part of Clebourne county, and wherever the rest of the New Hope Association may be.

Our fifth Sunday meeting convenes March 27th, 28th, and 29th, at Five Mile, Ark., and our Brotherhood begins the third Saturday in May, and will be held at Wilburn, Ark. The Association will meet Aug. 27th to

29th, at Tyler, Ark. We'd be glad to have delegates from New Hope Ass'n, or any other Association in the Free Will Baptist denomination. We'll be glad to return your visit at any of your get together meetings.

I'll be glad if the editor would send me a sample copy of the Gem, I am going to subscribe to it one of these days if I can rake up the price.

Your brother in Christ,

Dayton Pinion,
Heber Springs, Ark., Wilburn Rt.

Fredericktown Church Notes

Fredericktown, Mo., March 6th.

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

We have just closed a three week's revival at the Fredericktown church. Bro. F. C. Zinn and wife did a wonderful lot of good for the church. Some six or seven souls were saved and reclaimed and the church much revived. Bro. Zinn did wonderful preaching in the old time way. Many were under deep conviction when the meeting closed. We are praying that the Lord will send Bro. and Sister Zinn back to be with us again some time this summer.

We are asking every Gem reader to pray for us, that our church may prosper.

With love to all,

W. J. Murray.

SOPER, OKLAHOMA, R1

Dear Editor, Wife, and Gem Family:

I am still reading the Free Will Baptist paper and enjoy hearing from the field of service; glad indeed that the Free Will Baptist are still doing things for God. I am still doing pastoral and revival work through the months of July, August and Sept. Sometimes I get home sick to be back in the evangelistic work again.

Our Non church is doing fine. We have built a new church house there, will have the dedication service on the third Sunday in April, 1936. We are planning for an all day service with dinner on the ground, and extend an invitation to all to come and be with us. You will all find a welcome there, so come and be with us, and let's enjoy that day together.

We have a real live church at Non. I have been pastoring at Non for five years. The church is on highway 75, 12 miles south of Calvin, Okla. and 22 miles north of Colgate, Okla. We also have a new church building at our Bera church, four miles east and two miles south of Atoka, Okla. I

have only been pastoring this church a part of this year. We had the dedication service there some time ago. Sure had a fine time, it was good to be there.

I am still spending part of my time on the farm, and the rest in pastoral and revival work. I am glad the Free Will Baptist people have a vision of the need of building church houses at different places to take care of their churches, and hope all of our churches will soon get the vision of supporting the work in general. That is where our greatest failure is, and has been for years. The doctrine will take anywhere it is preached in its purity; and we have ministers who are able to preach it, but are hindered on account of finance. I am proud of our aged ministers who have been preaching the same old doctrine for so long, and it makes my heart glad to know that we have young men and women that are preaching the same old doctrine.

Paul says in 1 Tim. 4:16, "Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine, continue in them; for in doing this, thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee."

"Fight the good fight of faith; lay hold on eternal life."

—Eld. M. M. McKee.

FLAT River, MISSOURI

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown and Gem Readers: I wish to write to you again. I have just been reading some of the good articles from the last month's Gem, it is food to my soul. I do so enjoy reading when I can feel God's power in the message, and can read how God is working through our brethren in the different states, and how He is blessing our denomination, continuing to grow and spread out for God.

I am thanking God for our ministers, men who can preach the Gospel in the face of criticism, and hammer as it were on the walls of Jericho until the walls of offense crumble and fall before them. God will surely bless people that are so willing to fight for the cause of Christ.

We closed a meeting a few weeks ago at the church where I try to pastor, at Fredericktown. Bro. F. C. Zinn of Purdy, Mo. being the evangelist. I thank God for sending Bro. Zinn our way, and for the Gospel he preached, how that God so wonderfully blessed our church through his tireless efforts. I truly praise God for the success of the revival, how the church was revived.

Have been attending revival at Leadington where Bro. Mark Lewis is pastor. Bro. Chas. Moyler is the evangelist and God is blessing his efforts.

We are now looking forward with great interest to our Southeast Mo. League Association, which will meet with our Fredericktown League, April 21st at 7:30 p. m. We sure enjoy our league meetings.

Brethren, pray for us, that we may be a blessing to others.

—Eld. Wm. Reeves.

TROUP, TEXAS, March 14th.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I have just received the Gem for this month and sure enjoy reading it. I think every Free Will Baptist home should have this paper. It is not only good for us Free Will Baptist, but is fine for anyone to read. I am letting my neighbors read my paper.

The meeting in our home March 3rd was the best meeting we have had yet, there were 27 present, and we had two conversions. We plan to have our next meeting near Easter, if I am able, I am sick now and not able to be up; please remember us in prayer.

We think it will be fine to have the radio program, and we will send our money for the broadcast soon as I can get it. We are here in east Texas and don't get to hear any Free Will Baptist sermons, so it will be fine for us to listen in. We enjoy listening to the Radio Revival from Dallas, Texas at 12:30, and the Old Camp Meeting program every morning at 8 o'clock, from Dallas. Then we sure enjoy our little home prayer meetings.

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).

Dear friends, let us all remember the Great Physician:

"The Great Physician now is near,

The sympathizing Jesus,
He speaks the drooping heart to cheer,
Oh hear the voice of Jesus."

A servant in the Master's work,

Amanda J. Kester.

DOUGLAS CO. Q. M. REPORT

The Douglas County Quarterly Meeting convened with the Harmony Free Will Baptist church, south of Seymour, Mo., Dec. 27, 1935, at 3:00 o'clock p. m.

Introductory sermon was preached by Elders Oliver Letterman and O. L. Claxton, after which the following officers were elected:

Moderator Eld. J. W. Silvey

Ass't Moderator Eld. O. L. Claxton

A business committee was appointed composed of Elders Harry Johns, Claud Smith and Oliver Letterman.

A credential committee composed of Elders T. B. Marler, E. N. Owens and L. M. Marler.

A committee on divine service composed of Bros. Walter Cardwell and William Wingo and Sister Maggie Silvey.

The enrollment of this session showed eleven ordained ministers, one deacon, one church clerk, one licensed minister, one minister's wife, and ten delegates representing the six churches reporting.

The following churches sent in for evangelistic work:

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| Pleasant Ridge | \$4.00 |
| Breeden | .65 |
| Old Liberty | .75 |

The evangelist, Eld. Claud Smith, reported on work done since last Q. meeting. Report received.

Eld. E. N. Owens was elected evangelist for the coming year.

Eld. O. H. Bass was ordained by the Q. M. to preach the Gospel of Christ.

Although the weather was very stormy, there was a good delegation present, and a wonderful spiritual meeting was enjoyed by those present.

The next session of the Q. M. will convene with Pleasant Ridge church, east of Mansfield, Mo., March 27, 1936, at 7:00 o'clock p. m. Eld. A. M. Halford to preach the introductory sermon, with Eld. Arthur Rich alternate.

The Douglas County Quarterly Meeting wishes to extend to all Gem readers an invitation to attend the next session of the Q. M. We also ask an interest in the prayers of God's people everywhere.

Arthur Lund, Clerk.

DRUMRIGHT, OKLA., Mar. 6th.

Dear Gem Family:

Due to sickness and death in our home, I failed to send in the Mission report from Circle No. 1 for the month of February. I would just say we had a wonderful day. We met at Jennings and had nine missions represented, of which 7 gave written reports.

We met March 6, 1936 at Vance Chapel church. The following missions were present and gave written reports:

Jennings Mission reports: We are still working for the Lord by visiting the sick and giving showers to the needy. We are working on our mission quilt. We ask an interest in

your prayers, that we may grow and prosper.

Sister Ethel Brown, President,
Sister Melvina Mills, Sec.-Treas.

Olive Mission reports: We have an average of 14 present and all are interested in the work. We quilted two quilts, gave one to Bro. and Sister Bookout in appreciation of their help to us. We have plenty of work to do in the future. We have 177 service hours, made 209 sick calls, read 382 Bible chapters. Remember us in prayer

Sister Mildred Inmon, Pres.,
Sister Sadie Roscoe, Sec'y.

Olive Junior Mission reports: We have made 29 sick calls, read 250 Bible chapters, and have 25 service hours. We bought 50 new song books for our church. Pray for us.

Sister Evelyn Lacy, Sec'y.

Vance Chapel Mission reports: We do not have much to report this time. Gave one grocery shower, made 11 sick calls, paid \$2.00 on insurance. We hope to have a better report next month. We need your prayers.

Sister Chas. Winsett, Sec.-Treas.

Tuskegee reports: We are still working for the Lord, have quilted one quilt, made 84 sick calls, had 34 service hours, read 310 Bible chapters. We need your prayers.

Mrs. J. H. West, President,
Mrs. Jim Garrett, Sec'y.

Cushing Mission reports: We are still working for the Lord, have an average of 17 ladies present. We have a real interesting Bible study Thursday evening after mission. We have had two cottage prayer meetings, with one soul saved, one clothing shower, quilted three quilts, made 123 sick calls, read 352 Bible chapters, paid \$9.00 on church insurance and \$1.50 on piano tuning. Pray for us.

Mrs. Jack Williams, President,
Mrs. Bob Mounts, Secretary.

Silver City Mission reports: We wish to report our Sunday school doing well. We have a good attendance at our night services. Our weekly prayer meetings are doing well.

We have made several sick calls, had one apron social, proceeds going for various needs. We have oiled our church floor. We gave our pastor a quilt in appreciation of the many good things she has done for us. We are still in the fight and trying to climb higher each day. We ask you all to remember us when you pray.

Sister Baker, President,
Sister Tattershall, Secretary.

Drumright Mission reports: Our mission is in good working order. We dismissed some Thursday night

meetings on account of revival and to attend quarterly meeting. We have quilted two quilts, bought one floral spray, served lunch for three meals in the home. We have had just two work day meetings, the rest were dismissed for funerals. We have an average attendance of 30 to 35 on Thursday nights. Read 192 Bible chapters, made 195 sick calls.

Remember us in your prayers.

Sister Mae Graham, President,
Sister Miriam Manning, Sec'y.

We had a very spiritual day, there being eight missions represented.

We will discontinue our fellowship meeting from now on. We will preach two young preachers in the afternoon and two in the evening. We think it will be a greater encouragement to those who have answered the great Macedonian call.

We ask an interest in your prayers, that when the different missions of this circle meet, that we might be led by the sweet Holy Spirit of Almighty God and be submissive to His will at all times.

We had a special altar service for the sick. Bro. Hall's wife, who is very low, and Sister Justice was prayed for and anointed with oil.

Bro. Harry Staires was in charge of the evening service.

After singing and prayer, the following ministers took the stand:
Bro. Fincher St. John 2:5
Bro. Easton 2 Tim. 3.

Special quartet from Olive.

Bro. Kindred Dan. 5:27
Sister Bookout St. John 3:16
Bro. Johnston Text not given.
Bro. Kersey 1 John 2:15-17
Bro. Geiger St. John 3:18
Sister Newman Text not given
Bro. Williams Gen. 4:9
Bro. Staires Text not given
Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Smith.

Our next rally goes to Tuskegee.

Willia Hallman, Secretary.

NEOSHO, MO., R3, March 23rd.

Dear Brother Brown:

The Oak Grove Free Will Baptist church wish a small space in the next issue of your valuable paper. They are getting ready to build a church house. They have a lot to build on. They have bought a school house and they want to pay for it as soon as they can. So, as a few Gem readers have been getting donations, this is to request all who have collected any money or taken pledges for this work, or any one who feels like giving a small sum to this work, please act at

once. Send to the church clerk, Miss Geraldine Duffield, Neosho, Mo., Route 3.

Written by request of the Board of Trustees.
—I. C. ALLEN.



Sister Lizzie McAdams

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., Mar. 9

Dear Gem Family:

How are our Christian friends out in the West? You will see by this that I am a long ways from home. After the glorious meeting at Pine Dale we were led to come to North Carolina for a short time.

I never saw the weather so bad in Texas any winter before; it seemed that a meeting was almost impossible but we held on and had 28 conversions and 16 addition and 16 baptized.

Then we came to be with Bro. and Sister Morris for a meeting. We were here 14 years ago, for 4½ months, and never missed a night preaching while here. We are finding a number that were saved in that meeting still serving God. Some have passed on to their reward. We have run a week and had eight conversions, and one for consecration. The house has been overrun the last two services. Help us pray for a great revival.

Bro. and Sister Morris have done a great work for the church here since they came, but they need our prayers and co-operation to build up the work to where it should be.

We are surely enjoying the wonderful articles in the Gem, and The Free Will Baptist too. It is wonderful how God can bless through our papers.

God bless our dear people and the work everywhere, is our prayer.

Lizzie McAdams.

BETHEL CHURCH NOTES

Gid, Ark., March 26, 1936.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I wonder if you would give space for one who loves the Lord and His cause. I have been living for the Lord a good many years. I am what some might term, Getting old in this life, but thank the Lord, my salvation is renewed every day.

In regard to our church and Sunday school, our church is only small in active members. We have an enrollment of some 50 members and most of the time nine members are present at church. But the Lord said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them," which I believe is true. So we just fight on for the truth and right.

Bro. Herman Lewis is pastor of our church, and we certainly believe he is a God sent man. We sure enjoy hearing him preach.

We have a young preacher preaching for us once a month. We ask all Gem readers to pray for him.

Our Sunday school has been going for about nine years, and at times is a lively Sunday school, and all seem to enjoy being there, but at other times we think we might as well quit, yet we know that would please the Devil, and the good Lord is the One we are working for.

Sin is abroad in our land as well as in other places, and ask all Christians to pray for the sinners of our land, especially the young men who are so careless about salvation. We are made to wonder how many young men there will be in heaven. And yet, some of our preachers will stand in the pulpit and tell women to keep silent in the church. If women did keep silent in the church, I wonder who you would hear singing these good old Gospel songs, and praying such good prayers!

I believe the Gem is the best religious paper I have ever read.

I have a Christian home, for which I am truly thankful. I have heard every one of my children pray and talk in public, and tell how they love the Lord, and that will make any father and mother feel good.

I am to start in the morning to our quarterly meeting which will be held at Weaver Chapel church, eight miles north of Batesville. Pray that we may have a good meeting in the Lord.

I must ring off and let some one else write for the Gem, especially Sister Lina Claxton. I sure enjoy reading her articles in the good old Gem, as

well as a lot of other good letters.

Pray that my home will always be a Christian home.

G. E. Richardson.

THE PROGRAM OVER KWTO

I want to take this opportunity to thank every one who has responded to the cards I mailed asking for \$1.00 or more to pay for the time in placing Bro. Winford Davis on the air once each week. While there is only enough money in to pay for four periods, we are trusting you will continue to send in your contributions until the thirteen (13) periods can be paid for, and we hope, even more. Bro. Davis has started his programs. He began Tuesday, March 24th. You will hear him each Tuesday from 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. Pray for him as he renders this service, and if you enjoy his programs, write him care of KWTO, Springfield, Mo.

Thanking you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

H. B. Terry, Verona, Mo.

I too, want to thank you for the donations you have sent in. I contracted with the Station staff for four periods; but I feel sure more money will be in by the time these four periods are finished, so we may go ahead. I expect it would be interesting to you to know from what a wide range this money is coming. There is not yet a whole lot of money in, but it is coming from several different states, including North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Texas, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Missouri.

Any time you want me to make an announcement for you, just let me know, as I want to do all the good I can for our work while rendering these programs, and above all, remember us in your prayers.

Listen in each Tuesday afternoon at from 2:30 to 3.00 o'clock.

Yours in Him,

Winford Davis.

TULSA CHURCH NOTES

Tulsa, Okla., March 27, 1936.

Dear Brother Brown:

We wish to say this morning that Tulsa church folks are still on the job for the Lord, in fact finding so many things to do that I almost forgot to get my report off this month.

Our members are still busy picking out and selling pecans, and it surely has been a big help as about \$115.00

has been added to our treasury. And, by the way, we have something else to be proud of and thank God for, Bro. Melvin paid the bill in full for material used in our basement; so we are looking forward now to accumulating a fund to be used in a new building.

We entertained our city officials with a chicken dinner, which netted us \$40.00, with plenty of food left, and a crew of workers distributed it out among several needy homes.

Every day this week has been a work day at the church, the Mothers bringing lunch and spending the day—some quilting, some picking out pecans and some doing embroidery work. They have given three bridal showers, two grocery showers, one layette, and \$5.00 to Sister Bingham, while her class presented her with a beautiful Easter dress. And we are happy too for the good work these soul winners are doing in the cottage prayer meetings. Just this week one dear boy was saved at two o'clock in the morning, that the precious old father had been requesting prayers so long for. We had another conversion last Sunday night after such a good sermon by Bro. Melvin.

We are looking forward to a Sepulcher service at 4:00 o'clock in the morning on Easter Sunday, followed by an all day preaching and program by the Junior departments.

Continue to pray for us, that we will be a real light led by the Spirit.

Mrs. Evelyn Miller, Reporter.

THAYER, Mo., R2, March 30th.

Dear Brother Brown:

Our Cave Spring fifth Sunday meeting convened with Mill Creek church, at Myrtle, Mo., was opened by singing, reading of Psalm 23, and prayer by Elder T. J. Dunkin.

Eld. Claude Bryan was elected Mod. pro. tem. and appointed Brothers Willis Wisheart, Elmer Pingleton and Percy Wheeler as pulpit committee.

Routine business was followed by searching and helpful sermons on The Christian Life, founded on Col. 3:1-13 with Col. 1:6 as a text.

After a temporal feast of good things business was resumed by Eld. Harry Beatty, assistant moderator.

Dials Creek church, over in Ark. was chosen as the place of next meeting. A collection of \$3.50 for State minutes was taken and pastors instructed to bring the matter before their charges.

At night, Elders Billie Rogers and

J. E. Rolan, using John 14:1-19 as the lesson and 2 Cor. 5:1 as text, gave loving messages tending to lead us all back to a closer walk with God in order to surely receive the crown of life at the last day.

Sunday morning at Ministers' meeting, Elders H. C. Crase and J. R. W. Harbison gave convincing proof that *all good* (Deut. 28) will surely come if we remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, for according to James 2:10, *every one* of the ten commandments is still in force, though an uninformed person would see little proof in the backsliding world of today, with movies, ball games, business meetings, pleasure riding, and the many other things now being done on Sunday. Lord, help us to seek for (and find) the old paths and walk therein, so we may find rest for our souls!

At eleven o'clock, Elders J. C. Talley and P. F. Bennett clearly pointed the way out of the depression and declension by doing the will of God, for if we *begin* that, He always sends the knowledge needed to keep us *in the way*.

Elders Rolan and Beatty presented wonderfully clear descriptions of the nature and office of saints, Satan and angels.

Another notable *way mark* of the way of holiness and brotherly love causes us to *again* thank God and take courage, for the light that always clears the way when we gather in the name of the Lord.

Love and best wishes to all saints.
—Ralph T. Hoyt.

TULSA, OKLA., March 30, 1936.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

We want to report another Mission rally held by the East Side Mission circle, held at Allen church.

The attendance was small, but the presence of the Holy Spirit was felt by all. Bro. Biggs brought the morning message, followed by Bro. Rogers.

Lunch was served at the noon hour by the mothers of the church.

The afternoon service was opened by Scripture reading and prayer.

Letters and reports were handed in from the following churches: Allen, New Home, Antioch and Tulsa. All reported they were forward in the Lord's work.

The Antioch church, near Clarmore, Okla., reported a new native stone church house started and every one working to see it finished.

Motion carried to change the date of our Mission rally to the second Friday night, instead of an all day ser-

vice on the third Friday, as that is quarterly meeting date.

We urge each church to have a special song or readings, or some short program, to be given after the business session; in this way more unsaved people will have a chance to attend.

The next rally is to be held at Blue Bell church. Don't forget the date, the second Friday night in April, at 7:30 o'clock.

We urge, especially, the Junior Missions to help with the programs.

A wonderful devotional service was led by Mother Warner who had been absent for some time on account of illness. We were dismissed on account of a funeral.

Pray for our mission rally, that we may have more mission workers.

Lela Payne, Sec.-Treas.

BOWNEMONT, W. VA., Mar. 29.

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

As I was at our quarterly meeting today, I thought I would send in a little report. I don't know whether any one else will report or not.

We had a good meeting, but was very sad, for one of our oldest and most loved ministers was called from labor to reward last Sunday March 22, 1936. It was Rev. Samuel F. Wills. He was old and has been a Free Will Baptist preacher for fifty years, and never missed many quarterly meetings and was loved by all that knew him; so you may know the sad feeling that was among the brethren this morning when we met and knew that Bro. Wills would meet no more with us in quarterly meetings, but we do not mourn as those who have no hope, for we are sure that, if we live the life that pleases God, we will meet Uncle Sam where meetings never break up, and trouble never comes.

Well, I will try to give a brief report of the business of the Q. M.

The ministers' conference met Friday at 2:00 p. m. with ten ministers present. Ministers' reports were read and accepted.

Rev. Willis Comer and Rev. James Harold preached the Introductory sermon Friday night.

Conference was called to order Saturday morning at nine o'clock by the clerk, James Cooper.

Scripture reading second chapter of Timothy. Opening prayer by Bro. Tumpson, then Bro. Willis Comer was elected moderator.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Letters from the churches were read and received. Fifteen churches

reported. Fifteen ministers were present, and deacons and delegates about twenty. The money that came in from the churches, preachers and deacons, as conference money, was \$51.00.

Moderator appointed committees.

At eleven o'clock Rev. J. L. Patterson preached a wonderful sermon.

At 2.00 p. m. we were called together by singing, and prayer by J. E. Nicholas.

The business committee, in their report, recommended that a council be appointed to examine Bro. Hudson as to his qualifications for a deacon, also that \$5.00 be sent to Rev. Jeff Thomas, and that the same committee be retained on the Chanler's Branch deal.

The committee on location located our next quarterly meeting to meet at Chesapeake, beginning on Friday before the fifth Sunday in May, with Eugene Wolf to preach the introductory sermon.

Just a word or two about our little church at Chanler's Branch. Our pastor, C. E. Lee, has not been able to be at the church but once in three months, but says he is better and will preach tonight, March 29th. We are trying to pay for the place, and so far have received no help from outside the neighborhood. So, if you cannot help with money, pray for us, that don't cost you anything.

—F. E. Nicholas.

IN REMEMBRANCE

By the ministers of the Ministers' Conference of the Free Will Baptist of the Kanawha Quarterly Meeting, when in session at Ruth, W. Va., March 27, 1936.

Be it Resolved, That, as God in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to call from our midst our esteemed and dearly beloved brother, Samuel F. Wills, we realize the great loss, but we bow to the will of God, knowing that our loss is his eternal gain. Here is an example of a great servant who has been inspiring to all.

We also extend to his family our deep sorrow and sympathy in their great loss.

We request that a copy of this be filed on our ledger, and a copy be sent to his family.

Rev. Willis Comer, Moderator,
F. E. Nicholas, Acting Reporter.

Peacefully in his grave alone,

No more here to join our number,
But the thought that lightens our sad hearts,

We know we can meet him yonder.

Free Will Baptist League Reports

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REPORT OF LEAGUE RALLY AT AURORA

On March 29th, a good congregation from the different churches of Indian Creek Association, also some from the Hannon church in Barton County, Mo. and from the Fairview church in Kansas, gathered at Aurora and enjoyed a really good day together in the Lord's service.

There was a goodly number present for the eleven o'clock service.

At the noon hour a bountiful dinner was spread, which was enjoyed by all.

Afternoon others came in and an inspirational program was rendered by the League workers, which consisted mostly of songs—Solos, duets, and quartets. One very impressive play was given by the Senior League of Aurora, showing the trend of many minds toward literature that is considered popular among those of a worldly mind, and how many are neglecting religious literature.

The next rally will be held with the Monett Free Will Baptist church, the fifth Sunday in June.

May God bless our league work everywhere, and enable us to stay in the fight against sin.

Eld. O. T. Allred, State Sec'y.

CUSHING, OKLA., R2, March 25

Little do we think that what we say and do accomplishes much. Some small instances, such as a few words spoken to some one, or a smile from your lips, that comes from the heart,

travels far. It means far more to others than to yourself. When we think of this it comes natural to think of the older people encouraging the young, even as our Heavenly Father encourages His children.

I'm sure the young people appreciate the interest taken in them by our Seniors. It thrills the very deep of our souls to know that some one likes us enough to strive for us, to pray for us, and to work for our benefit (not theirs). This is exactly what some of our older people have done, and I hope some day our work in our every day lives may prove this to them.

The Free Will Baptist Young People's rally is something many young people have looked forward to and at last we had our anxiety fulfilled.

On Sunday, February 24, at Drumright, we organized our rally. Bro. Harry Staires acted as chairman. The morning message was brought by one of our young preachers, Elva Walker. Her text was, "From the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh." We had two souls saved. This made our meeting seem more successful.

In the afternoon, we chose officers. Those elected were as follows:

Bro. Harry Staires Sponsor
Avis Pearson President
Velma Walker Secretary
Earnest Oakerson, Assistant Secretary.

Rallies are held the first Sunday in every second month. Our next meeting will be held at Silver City on May 3rd. Sister Alice Disney, another young preacher, will bring the message.

Another interesting thing we had, and shall have at every meeting, is a program. Each church is to participate.

May we ask the prayers of every true worker of God's to help us pray for our young people. Never was time so enjoyable for sinners. We need to pray more for sinners. We need to get a greater "Love" in our hearts for our young people. The Christians as well as the sinners also need your prayers. Send up a word or two for us who are striving to live as pure as our Savior desires. We're asking your prayers because we need them.

—Velma Walker, Sec'y.

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

QUARTERLY MEETING REP'T

Report of Meigs Free Will Baptist Conference, held March 7, 1936, with Silver Run church.

I am glad to note that we had a very good meeting, not so largely attended, but the Spirit of the Lord was there. Rev. Olen Gould was holding a revival there at the time, and several were at the altar Saturday, also Saturday night.

Had several preachers present: Rev. Guss Graham of Chauncy, Ohio, Rev. Charley Moore, Rev. Geo. Moore of Springfield, Ohio, Rev. Humphrey, Rev. Webb, Rev. Relford, from the southern part of Ohio, near Portsmouth; Rev. Willis Maye, Cheshire, Ohio; Rev. Gould of Wellston, Ohio.

Raymond Fife, a young man, was licensed to preach the Gospel for one year in this meeting.

Bro. Charley Short and good wife were with us from Porter Q. M., near Portsmouth.

The meeting continued the following week and gave out baptizing for Sunday afternoon, but was postponed on account of high water, and I never heard, but suppose the back water caused the meeting to close, as there has been a big flood along the Ohio river, was up in our home church here at Old Kyger near four feet deep; just got it cleaned yesterday. The water is falling very slow, don't know if we'll be able to have services Sunday or not. Have had no services since a week ago tonight, neither prayer meeting nor after services. Our son-in-law and the janitor went and got our church organ and quite a few of the things out of the church and put what seats they could on the pulpit platform, but what was on the floor floated on the water. It took the varnish off of them, but glad it was no worse, as the 1913 flood was in our Old Kyger church up to the top of the windows. Our regular church meeting is Saturday afternoon, if the water is down so we can have church.

Rev. Guss Graham is our pastor.

Mrs. W. H. Jacobs, Clerk,
Cheshire, Ohio, R1, B16.

KENEFICK, OKLAHOMA

Our fifth Sunday meeting, which convened at Red Lake, Okla., was well attended. The people were in a good attitude and felt the power of the Holy Ghost enough to shout praises to God. I think it is fine that God has people that can shout in this evil day. Thank God for the old time power.
—Eld. J. W. Fulce.

OBITUARIES

Hahn—Albert A. Hahn, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hahn, was born in Madison County, Missouri, August 3, 1876, and departed this life Friday, March 13, 1936, at his home in St. Francois, Mo. He was 59 years, seven months and ten days of age.

He was united in marriage to Miss Mattie Callaway in 1894 and to this union four children were born, one son and the mother preceded him in death. The three children surviving are: Mrs. L. E. Ragsdale of Flat River, Mrs. Derl Hahn of Potosi and C. V. Hahn of Flat River.

In September, 1911, he was again united in marriage, this time to Miss Gertrude Blaylock. To this union three daughters and one son were born. They are: Gladys, Leland, Ethel and Audrey.

Also he is survived by his aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hahn of Mine La Motte; nine grandchildren; two brothers and three sisters. They are: Arthur Hahn of DeSoto, John Hahn of Mine LaMotte, Nellie (Mrs. Jim) Stout of St. Louis, Bashti (Mrs. Henry) Greer of Mine LaMotte, Maggie (Mrs. Harry) Hoff of California; besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral service was held at the Flat River Free Will Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, conducted by Eld. James F. Miller, pastor. Interment was made in the Christian cemetery at Fredericktown with the Caldwell Funeral Service in charge.

Their many friends extend sympathy during their bereavement.

Boydston—The angel of death claimed a pure saint to take into Heaven's glories, with the setting of the sun, Tuesday evening, Feb. 25th, when Mrs. H. P. Boydston, at the age of 64 years, slept her last sleep on this turbid earth, to awaken in the sweet bye and bye, to the glories of the skies.

Margaret Idella Neely Boydston, daughter of the late J. H. Neely and sister of the late Will Neely, was born in eastern Texas in 1872. She moved with her parents at an early age to Benton County, where she lived until she was claimed by death.

Aunt Dellar, as she was known

to young and old, professed faith in her Lord at an early age and united in faith with the Free Will Baptist church, and remained loyal to her faith and God until the end.

Her life has been a beautiful sermon, one of love for her fellow men, faith in her Heavenly Father, a loving mother and a devoted wife.

For 35 years she has been confined to her home with Asthma. From this she has suffered death on earth, but through it all she braved the dark hours, believing that a silver cloud was hidden, and that soon joy would come.

She was patient, loving and kind. Her going seems hard to understand, but we only know that God's divine will has been done, in choosing His own.

She came into this world as a fragrant rose bud. Slowly and gently, as the petals unfolded, her life grew and the sunshine of her life lightened the path for those round about her. At last, as the blossom begins to fade, so has she declined with the years, and as the rose closes with the setting sun, so has the sun of her life gone down behind the clouds.

As the sun set and the evening stars began to shine, the call from Heaven came for her, and lo, there was no moaning at the bar as she sailed out on the sea.

She is gently sleeping—Yes, she is even dreaming, now beyond the dark stream of time, to awaken on the golden shores of eternity, to meet her dear loved ones whom she has left below, when at last the circle has been broken.

She was united in marriage, in 1889, to Horace Patterson Boydston, and to this union were born, one daughter and six sons, all of whom were at her bedside when death came to her, except a son Walter of San Bernadino, Calif.

She leaves to mourn her going, her husband, Horace Boydston, a daughter, Mrs. S. P. Webb of Lowell, Ark., six sons: Homer, Virgil and Raymond of the home, Dow and Henry of Rogers, Ark., and Walter of San Bernadino, Calif., three sisters: Mrs. Calvin Knox and Mrs. Wiley Forrester of La Rue, Ark., Mrs. Silas Weatherman of Fulerton, Calif., two brothers: John Neely of Vernon,

Texas and Rufus Neely of La Rue, Ark., twenty-one grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

Dear little Mother of mine,
As we see your vacant chair,
We can't see why we have been left to pine,
Our home is now so empty and bare.
We can't understand the vacant chair.

Your smile brightened our home,
Your love turned all darkness into day,
Now that we are left all alone,
We pray we shall not falter along the way,
And we'll understand your vacant chair.

Your loving arms we all miss,
Your loving words were heaven's bliss,
We miss your guiding prayers,
As we view your vacant chair.

But perhaps some day we'll understand,
When we've reached the golden strand,
We'll unite with you up there,
Then we'll understand your vacant chair.
*Written by her granddaughter,
Mabel Webb.*

Buntin—Edna Ann Minnis was born September 30, 1886, at Bogard, Mo., and departed this life March 5, 1936, being 49 years, five months and five days of age. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Minnis, who preceded her in death.

She was married to A. A. Buntin at the age of 23. To this union six children were born, three sons and three daughters. Two boys have preceded her in death, namely: Billie Jean and Clyde Estis. Those surviving are Mrs. Curtis Hayworth, Mrs. Carl Brown, Mrs. Daniel Henderson, all of this vicinity, and Junior at home. She leaves besides her children, her companion, four sisters, two brothers, five grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

She accepted Christ at the age of 14, and lived a devoted Christian life to the end. At the time of her death she was a member of the Merl's Chapel church.

Of late it seems that the Lord saw fit to take from this family

unusually often. Clyde having passed away the 12th of February and Sister Buntin's mother Febr. 25th. But we are reminded of the Scripture, "As the heavens are high above the earth, so are my ways above your ways, saith the Lord." We find comfort in knowing what the heavenly Father does is best; so we bow in humble submission to His will.

Sister Buntin will be sadly missed, not only in the home, but in the church and community. She was always found at her post of duty in the church work, and was a grand example of motherhood in the home.

Funeral service was conducted in the Merl's Chapel Free Will Baptist church by Elder Winford Davis in the presence of a large crowd of neighbors and friends.

Hagler—Trueman Hagler was born December 11, 1912, and departed this life March 7, 1936, at the age of 23 years, two months and 25 days.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hagler, and was born and raised near Crane, Mo.

He was united in marriage to Lora Gamble November 21, 1930. To this union were born two children, Aleen and Maxie Fay.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hagler, three sisters: Mrs. Frank Eaton, Mrs. Ed Stevens and Mrs. Paul Dean, four brothers: Baker, Elmer, Omer, and Luther, all of Crane. One brother, Robert, preceded him in death. He leaves besides his relatives a host of friends to mourn his departure.

Funeral service was conducted by Eld. Winford Davis in the Presbyterian church at Crane, Mo.

Crawford—James Riley Crawford was born at Licking, Mo. in 1860, and departed this life February 9, 1936, at the age of 76.

He was united in marriage to Miss Rhoda Ann Williams in 1875. To this union were born two sons and two daughters: Virgil Crawford of Antlers, Okla., Worth Crawford of Moyers, Okla., Mrs. Gertie Thurman of Antlers, Okla. and Mrs. Ollie Herman of Mud-sand, Okla.

Bro. Crawford professed religion in 1906 and united with the Free Will Baptist church at Nelson, Okla. A few years later he

was ordained a deacon in the church. He was a good deacon and a real Christian man until death. His wife departed this life February 23, 1923, at Nelson, Okla. She was also a faithful member of the Free Will Baptist church and died in the faith. After her death, Bro. Crawford made his home among his children, and at his death he was living with his daughter, Mrs. Gertie Thurman, at Antlers, Okla.

Funeral service was conducted at our Hall church, Feb. 10, 1936, by Eld. J. H. Coffman and Eld. M. M. McKee of Antlers, Okla.

His body was tenderly laid to rest in the Hall cemetery by the side of his wife.

He leaves two sons and two daughters, twenty grandchildren, three great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death. He will be sadly missed in the homes, in the church and in the communities where he lived—another soldier has gone home. A FRIEND.

Roberts—Mrs. Beulah Roberts was born Feb. 11, 1897, and departed this life Feb. 17, 1936, at the age of 39 years and six days.

She was married to Mr. C. S. Roberts February 28, 1918. To this union were born four sons, one son dying in infancy. William departed this life not long ago. Cleo and Marvin are still living, and one daughter, Kathryn.

She was converted at an early age and united with the Presbyterian church, then later united with the Methodist church, and over one year ago Sister Roberts united with the Free Will Baptist church at Non, Okla.

She lived a faithful Christian life until death.

Besides her husband and children she leaves four brothers: Isaac Garrett of Gerty, Okla. Frank Garrett of Atwood, Okla., Jim Garrett of Siloam Springs, Ark., and Wesley Garrett, Wayne, Okla. She has one sister living, Mrs. Eva Wolfe, East St. Louis, Illinois, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her death. Her father and mother, three sisters and two children preceded her in death.

Funeral service was conducted in the new Free Will Baptist church at Non, Okla., Feb. 12th, at 2:00 o'clock, by the pastor, Eld. M. M. McKee, Antlers, Okla.

The body was tenderly laid to rest in the Non cemetery at 3:00 o'clock by the side of her two children. She will be sadly missed in the home and church and community. She was a good Christian woman. —A FRIEND.

Jeffries—On Tuesday, March 10th, I preached the funeral sermon for Mrs. J. W. Jeffries, at the Philadelphia Free Will Baptist church, near Santa Rosa, Mo. Mrs. Jeffries had been a faithful member of this church for over forty years. Her husband was a faithful member and deacon of the church till his death. He also was a song leader in the church. His son, Serge, is now a faithful deacon and song leader in the church, he is following in his father's footsteps.

Sister Jeffries was laid to rest in the grave yard near the church.

Sister Jeffries leaves a large number of relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

The text used for the sermon was Philippians 1:21.

—Eld. T. C. Ferguson.

TEMPERANCE

By Eld. Jesse B. Pratt, Rose Bud, Ark.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I wish to write some views on the important subject of Temperance, because it is of vital importance to you and me.

Being intemperate does not necessarily mean that we are drunkards, we can be intemperate in many different ways.

We find in the third chapter of St. James, the form of intemperance that I believe far exceeds any that I have in mind, the tongue is a member that boasteth great things, it is an unruly evil full of deadly poison, it is the only thing that cannot be tamed; and the intemperate use of the human tongue has caused more misery, more heartaches, broken homes, confusion in communities and churches, than all other forms that are in the world.

There are people in our churches that seem to be religious, who will not hesitate to repeat some slanderous statement, or will be entangled with some self-righteous people, and with their tongues defame some one's character, cause homes to be broken up, family ties torn asunder, and ill feelings between the best of friends.

If we will remember, it was the deceiver's tongue that caused Mother Eve to disobey God and partake of the forbidden fruit, thereby losing a home in the beautiful garden of Eden; and for that same disobedience caused by the tongue of Satan, the sentence of death was passed upon all mankind. A very small fire can be kindled with a match, which, if not controlled, may spread and become a great conflagration that would be of immense danger to people in its pathway. The human tongue can defile the whole body, and can start some breath of scandal, that will travel as if wafted on the breeze, and will grow in magnitude as it travels from tongue to tongue, causing some poor man, woman, boy or girl to be ostracized from the society of the people, who should be upholding the blood stained banner of Prince immanuel.

The injustice of a deceitful tongue might be compared to a giant octopus that entangles its prey in the tentacles which are connected with its body, and renders the victim powerless and they are unable to escape. And it is only by the grace of God and our unspotted record that we can avoid the eternal punishment that shall be given to all deceivers, idolaters, and all who believeth and maketh a lie; for their doom is sealed and it will be too late to pray.

As I have used the tongue for intemperance in this article, I do not want you to form the opinion that I do not consider alcoholic drinks intemperate, for there is nothing under the vaulted dome of heaven that I detest more than a lying tongue and intoxicating drinks. The two combined are Satan's best tools, and they are sending untold thousands to destruction year after year, and will doubtless continue until God in His infinite wisdom proclaims that time shall be no more.

May God help us to guard our tongues and keep our thoughts on the unsearchable riches of the heavenly kingdom where God will reign and peace and harmony prevail.

REV. WILLEY'S ITINERARY

Following is Bro. Willey's Itinerary for the State of Missouri.

Rev. Willey is endorsed by the National Association of Free Will Baptist as Missionary to South America. In connection with his inspiring messages he will show stereopticon views of the South American Mission

fields. Don't fail to have him in your fields.

He will be at

Monett church April 6, 7
Macedonia church April 8, 9
Hannon church April 10, 11
Aurora Ch. Sunday, April 12, a. m.
and Sunday night
Blue Eye church April 13, 14
Merl's Chapel church April 15, 16
Jones Chapel church April 17, 18
Carterville church, Sunday, April 19,
at 11 o'clock and night.
Gospel Tabernacle, Corner Booneville
Ave. and Lynn Sts., Springfield, Mo.

April 20
Neola Ch., near Greenfield, Apr. 21, 22
Hickory Grove Church, April 23, 24.

NORTHWEST MO. ASSOCIATION

Union Third Fork Church, April 25,
also Sunday and Sun. night, Apr. 26.
Philadelphia Church, April 27, and 28

Now, you will notice a change here in the tour from the way we had it planned in last month's Gem. I had a letter from Rev. Willey just recently, stating that he had a revival planned for the forepart of May and would have to have an omission in the Mo. tour after April 29th, but would resume it again May 22nd. So we are obliged to change the dates of the Northeast Missouri churches from the latter part of April to the latter part of May. I understand the N. E. Mo. churches are talking of going together thereby making fewer appointments, yet placing them so as to reach all the people. Now, my advice is for you to do that, as Rev. Willey must get through in N. E. Mo. in time to get to the churches of S. E. Mo. and on to the Eastern Conference, which convenes at Glennville, Ga. June 16th.

I will not give exact dates for N. E. and S. E. Mo. until the May issue of the Gem, as I want to wait for some more definite information on the merging of the N. E. Mo. churches, but, as I have said, he is to begin in N. E. Mo. the night of May 22nd. This is the word recently received direct from Bro. Willey. Soon as he is through in N. E. Mo. he will go direct to S. E. Mo. to fill appointments with Flat River, Desloge, Leadington and Fredricktown churches. Watch for exact dates in the May issue of the Gem. Please do not ask for any more dates with Bro. Willey, as time will not permit them. We are trusting the folks of the various churches will turn out well and give Bro. Willey a real hearing. Will the pastors please advertise it extensively throughout the communities about your churches?

Bro. Willey is in Bryan, Texas at the present date of this writing.

March 29th, but no doubt by the time you receive this issue of the Gem, he will be at work in Mo. Listen for him also over KWTO.

—Winford Davis.

A REPORT

On the fourth Sunday in February, we began a meeting at the church in Monett, Mo. Bro. O. T. Allred, the faithful pastor, started the revival with a soul-stirring message at the eleven o'clock service, his subject was, "Sir, we would see Jesus" (Jn. 12:21). This brought before the church the need of a personal examination, and a reflection of the image of Christ.

We met a great number of Christian people that love and serve God.

We were there with those good people for 19 days, and God gave us a good time. We witnessed the conversion and renewal of twelve souls. Sickness kept their faithful pastor from being with us, except for the first week, and other members were out on account of sickness, but the Lord gave us a blessing by saving those that were lost.

May the Savior bless you good people around Monett, and keep you from the snares of the Devil. Be faithful to your church and stand by your pastor..

May God bless our big Gem family.

A bother in Christ,
Cecil Campbell, Stella, Mo.

Thoughts of Easter

By Mrs. Merl Wright, Exeter, Mo.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, and Dear Sinner Friends. I will attempt to write a few lines to our little Gem, and my prayer is, that it might help some one.

Well, Easter will soon be here. We all like to think of Christmas, and the meaning of it, when the Christ Child was born yonder in Bethlehem, in a stable very, very poor.

We read in the Bible where it says, "The foxes have holes, and the birds have nests, but the Son of man hath nowhere to lay his head."

Easter means the resurrection of our dear Savior. This past year so many have died, the death angel has called at so many homes. Even with our dear Editor, Bro. Brown, the death angel called for his dear precious Mother. God bless you, Bro. Brown, there will be a resurrection some day, and you can meet your precious

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The Transfiguration

Text, Matt. 16:28 to 17:21

By Eld. Winford Davis

Introduction:

Regardless of your familiarity with this lesson, please get your Bible and read the above stated Scriptures again. I mention the last verse of chapter 16, because it has a vital relationship with the following chapter.

First: The Great Doctrines Taught

In this lesson much light is thrown on several of the fundamental truths of the Bible. We are taught the fact of immortality, because Moses and Elias, those two Old Testament characters who had left this earth centuries before, were there very much alive. We are taught the fact of the conscious state of the dead. I don't know what the advocate of the soul-sleeping doctrine would do with this Scripture. This lesson undermines the thought of the dormant state of the dead. It appears that every physical sense of these two bodies was awake and functioning. It brings much satisfaction to us here to know that our deceased loved ones are alive and active somewhere in the realm of bliss. We are also taught the fact that we will know each other in that heavenly world. Wont it be grand to know each other over there, and be able to sit down and talk with them of past experiences? Then too, we learn a great lesson from this transfiguration account of the coming kingdom and reign of our Lord. In the last verse of chapter 16, Jesus makes the following statement: "Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom." What did He mean? The ones to whom He was talking died soon after, and the Savior has not come in His kingdom yet. This Scripture is mystifying unless it is carefully analyzed. What Jesus meant was simply this: That Peter, James and John would soon see the Son of man in His kingdom body, that they would soon have for themselves a kingdom experience. This transfiguration event was, in reality, a little ahead-of-time strip of Christ's coming kingdom. In chapter 17, first verse, "And after six days," etc., why didn't this take place after seven days, or after five days, or some other number of days? Because there is a great prophetic significance in this

six days. The kingdom day is the last or seventh day of the earth's historical week. It comes "after the six days." Of course we are talking in terms of thousand year days. You may say, "What about Luke's account of the transfiguration, where he says 'An eight days after.'" Yes, he says that; but notice, he says "About." No doubt Luke was considering a part of the day before and a part of the day after; hence the words, "About an eight days." Matthew and Mark both say "six days" in positive terms. We are now living in the sixth day. The earth has been in this present order for nearly 6,000 years. That is it has been nearly that long since God arranged things as given to us in the Genesis account of creation; but there is yet another day, which day will be the peaceful reign of our Lord and Savior. How this old wicked world today does need the Prince of Peace to come and take control, and mind you He is coming. So, for us who are ready, it can't be too soon, can it?

Second: The Purpose.

In my mind the purpose of this outstanding event was for the benefit of Jesus. You might ask, Did Jesus need help? Could this eternal character of perfection be helped? Yes, the human part of our Lord needed strength for the ordeal He was soon to undergo, namely, the crucifixion. Of course it took heavenly beings to strengthen Him. The lesson says (v. 3), "And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him." In Luke's account he says, "They spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem." The human part of Christ dreaded this as we can detect in His Gethsemane prayer, when He said, "If it be possible, let this cup pass from me." No doubt Moses and Elias spoke many words of comfort to Him, and perhaps talked of their trials while here upon earth. Then, too, He heard the Father say again, and afresh, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." We can only imagine what that meant to Him as His cup of suffering was approaching. The Father was mindful of His dread of this hour and gave Him this experience to fortify and equip Him for it; just as He gives us strength-

ening experiences, so that we may stand the trials which He only knows are coming, and this leads us up to the third and last topic of this discussion.

Third: Practical Application.

Did you even notice that most every time you have what we commonly call a mountain top or shouting experience you soon find yourself in the midst of some severe trial in which you found a need for every ounce of grace you received in the happy experience? The Father knows our future where we cannot see, and gives us just the experience we need to keep us during the fiery test. Did he not say he would not permit more to be placed upon us than we could bear? Just as there was a purpose in the transfiguration, so there is a purpose in the experiences God permits us to have. His Spirit is not poured out aimlessly, neither does He give that which He knows will not be used.

For every mountain peak there is a valley. There could not be the one without the other. To experience the peaks, we must also experience the valleys. In reading the 14th to the 21st verses of this 17th chapter of Matt. we find that just as soon as they came back to the valley, or to the multitude, there was a great need awaiting them. A certain man came kneeling down, saying, "Lord, have mercy upon my son, for he is a lunatic." The main thought I would have you get just here is this: In the valley is the place of service, because in the valley is the place of suffering, in the valley are the teeming multitudes of the world, in the valley is unbelief, in the valley is great groaning and crying out under great strain and burdens. I really believe one necessary thing we as Christian people need to do is to become more willing and submissive to the valley of service. Of course we like the mountain top, naturally, for there is where we plainly hear the voice, and consequently all doubts and troubles are dispersed; certainly it is wonderful beyond all human experience. We feel like Peter, no doubt; we want to build some tabernacles and stay there, but, brother, O brother, listen, there are cries and moans of agony and suffering at the foot of the mountain in the valley below. Sure it means a sacrificial life, but let's go back down there and help them, and be willing to live with them. Then some of these days our heavenly Father will take us to the mountain top and we

never will have to come back down any more. That will be worth a lifetime of suffering with the sinful of this world, poor, miserable, demon possessed people in the valleys of sin. May God give us a vision of them. Aren't we selfish to want to build tabernacles on the mountain and stay there, instead of going back down and helping some other brother up the mountain? We often hear the prayer thus, "Lord, give us a blessing." But isn't it a rarity to hear a prayer in these words, "Lord, make us a blessing?" No doubt, if we prayed the latter way more, the former would be answered more. My experience has been that if we would but do the work of the Lord He will certainly take care of the blessing part. We should be more willing to serve and suffer for Christ, and He will give us just enough mountain top experience to keep us on the way.

Thoughts of Easter

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mother. May God bless all that have given up loved ones: for "Blessed are they that have part in the first resurrection." We remember different homes that were sad, when we read our precious Bible. One home I wish to call your attention to is that of Mary and Martha, when their brother Lazarus was dead (John 11:35).

Jesus wept with those girls, because they were sad. I'm so glad we are serving a sympathizing Jesus.

"And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth" (John 11:43).

"And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave-clothes; and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go" (John 11:44). And here now was a really happy home. Jesus shows His power, on down to verse 45—"Then many of the Jews, which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him." And, oh, how many homes will be made happy some day! But, we have two classes of people, the saved and unsaved, here on earth are believers and unbelievers, just as it was then.

Mary and Martha's home, to my mind, was a Christian home. But oh, how sad to think of the many unsaved today! Now, sinner friend, except you be converted you cannot see the kingdom of God.

Christ says, "I am the door, by me,

if any man enter in he shall be saved" (John 10:9). "Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Sinner, have you prayed for Jesus to save you? We must humble ourselves before Him as a little child.

Oh, how they crucified our dear Savior! Judas just betrayed Him with a kiss, and how they treated Him! He died for you, sinner friend, that you might have life.

"The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him. Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in. Then came Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, and the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. For as yet they knew not the Scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, and seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to

my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend to my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her" (St. John 20:1-18).

May God help some of those who are fighting women preachers so hard. Here we read that Mary Magdalene was the first one to carry the message about Jesus' resurrection, that He is risen and is alive. I have been just like Mary so many times, gone just as far as I could go. But just then Jesus comes and comforts me. Dear friends, I know we have all had the same experience. I love to think how God has blessed His dear people, and I know He still is able to bless.

My prayer is, that these lines might help some one. I don't write very often to our little paper, but may God bless and keep you, one and all.

Sister McAdams, just go on, I sure enjoy reading your good reports in the Gem, not only yours, but reports of all the preachers; I sure can sympathize with them all.

Please remember me in your prayers.

—Mrs. Merl Wright.

A BIBLE READING

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many places to lead you to, and, if possible, will deceive the very elect, destroy your body, and send your soul to hell to spend your eternity in torment: for the wicked shall be turned into hell, and all nations that forget God.

Now, another song I heard father and mother sing was,

"Oh turn sinner, turn,
May the Lord help you to turn."

Then some would come to the altar and pray though, and go on their way rejoicing. Oh, give me the old time religion, the kind our fathers had.

God bless all that have asked an interest in our prayers through the Gem. And I ask you all to pray for us, we need your prayers. As ever,

Your unworthy sister,

Mrs. Lina Claxton.

A CORRECTION

On page nine of this issue it states that the next League Rally will be held at Monett, the fifth Sunday in June, it should be the fifth Sunday in May.

TIMELY POEMS

EASTER MORN

By Alice Maude Carvell

Another Easter morn we greet,
Glad day beyond compare.
All Nature joins in praising Him
Who made the lily fair.

Thanks, thanks to Thee, our glorious
Lord,

That we, this Easter time,
May leave behind our doubts, and prove
Thy risen power sublime.

Some whom we love have gone from us,
To spend the Easter fair

With Christ who triumphed o'er the
grave,
That they His life might share.

We would not wish our loved ones back
Amid earth's pain and gloom;
Their spirits dwell with Him who left
On earth an empty tomb.

Some day the dead in Christ shall rise
Transformed, in glory bright,
As bursts the lily from the sod,
Arrayed in spotless white.

O marvel this! O miracle!

By Love transcendent planned;
And that which seems mysterious now,
In heaven we'll understand.

JOY

The portals of thy heart wide open fling
And let me in; it is fair Eastertide,
Mine own glad hour; I will not be denied.
For I am Joy, the Spirit of the spring,
And close behind me, coming on swift wing,
Are Faith and Hope; alone sweet Love hath sighed,
Without her mates, the winter through; set wide

The barring gates — we must be entering.
If so it be that thou canst not believe
That Christ is risen indeed — oh, then receive
A message from my train, the bird, the bee,
The butterfly, the flower, the budding tree,
The scent of Easter lilies on the air
And types of resurrection everywhere!

—Adene Williams.

I YIELD THEE PRAISE

By Philip Jerome Cleveland

For thoughts that curve like winging
birds

Out of the summer dusk each time
I drink the splendor of the sky
And touch the wood-winds swinging
by—

I yield Thee praise.

For waves that lift from autumn seas
To spill strange music on the lanl,
The broken nocturne of a lark
Flung out upon the lonely dark—
I yield Thee praise.

For rain that piles gray torrents down
Black mountain-gullies to the plain,
For singing fields and crimson flare
At daybreak, and the sea-sweet air—
I yield Thee praise.

For gentle mists that wander in,
To hide the tired world outside
That in our hearts old lips may smile
Their blessing thru life's afterwhile—
I yield Thee praise.

For hopes that fight like stubborn
grass

Up through the clinging snows of fear
To find the rich earth richer still
With kindness and honest will—
I yield Thee praise.

RESURRECTION

By William Luff, Chesham, Bucks, Eng.

The word was in the sunbeams,
They wrote it on the blue
Which spread that Easter Sunday
Above my raptured view.
The word was "Resurrection,"
An Easter message, writ
In fair illumination,
Where all might look on it.

One word the birds were singing,
The blackbird, thrush, and lark;
One message, sweetly winging,
While still the hours were dark.
That word was "Resurrection";
I heard the cheery song,
In garden, field, and woodland,
From all the feathered throng.

A little bee came humming
Along the wood that day,
And around my shoulders booming,
He sang the same sweet lay.
He told of "Resurrection,"
Awakened from the sleep
Of winter, he that morning,
His Easter day would keep.

And then the church bells chiming,
Rang out the same sweet tale,
That told of "Resurrection,"
And life beyond death's vale.
We sang it that morning;
The pastor preached it, too;
And from the Holy Volume
We proved the glad news true.

Then Let Us Pray

By Dorothy Callaway

We are a Nation, bound by sacred ties
To keep our place before the loom, and weave!
God is so close—why have we turned our eyes
From Him, believing that we might achieve
Some gilded, tinsel fabric of our own,
Each for himself, we snatched the gleaming thread,
Leaving the drab, until—each man alone—
We now are bound with dull and tangled dread.

We must weave on! The pattern still is clear,
For He who set the task is close at hand;
The prayer of troubled hearts shall prove Him near,
And burdens shall be lifted from our land
When we forsake our blind, material way.
God hears! Then let our people kneel and pray!

SOME ONE HAD PRAYED

The day was long, the burden I had borne
Seemed heavier than I could longer bear,
And then it lifted—but I did not know
Some one had knelt in prayer,

Had taken me to God that very hour,
And asked the easing of the load, and He,
In infinite compassion, had stooped down
And taken it from me.

We can not tell how often as we pray
For some bewildered one, hurt and distressed,
The answer comes—but many times those hearts
Find sudden peace and rest.

Some one had prayed, and Faith, a reaching hand,
Took hold of God, and brought Him down that day!
So many, many hearts have need of prayer—
Oh, let us pray.

—Grace Noel Crowell.

REPORT OF LEAGUE RALLY

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improved, and that is our reports to our paper. Now Leaguers, you know if we can't read your report every month in the Gem, we begin to wonder if that league is active, or not. So next month let's see how much space Bro. Brown will have to give to our reports, and I know he'll be pleased.

Our next Indian Creek rally will be held at the Monett church the fifth Sunday in May; so begin to plan now to make it the best one ever held.

BLUE EYE, MISSOURI

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

Since we last wrote we have held a revival at Fredericktown, Mo., with the Free Will Baptist church there, of which Bro. Wm. Reeves is pastor. We had a good meeting and several souls were saved and reclaimed.

We came to Blue Eye and began a meeting with the Free Will Baptist here, on Sunday, March 8th. We have been here four weeks and have had 19 conversions—a wonderful meeting. The church has been revived much, but it needs a lot more. There were three young men in the altar last night. Oh, how much there is to do here yet! We can't find any place to quit; pray for us, that we will do His will. Bro. Cecil Campbell is pastor here, and a real man of God. We enjoy working with him, and we never will forget the people around Blue Eye. May God bless and save the lost.

—F. C. ZINN.

GOD'S MINUTE

I have only just a minute,
Only sixty seconds in it;
Forced upon me—can't refuse it,
Didn't see it—didn't choose it;
But it's up to me to use it;
Give account if I abuse it;
Just a tiny little minute,
But eternity is in it.

—Contributed by Albertus Riddle.

THE TRAIL OF LIFE

Contributed by Eld. T. C. Ferguson

Like weather is the trail of Life
That changes with the years;
We brighten it with happiness,
And darken it with tears.

Through mellow sun and silvery rain,
Hope spreads her magic gleam,
And though our castles often crash,
We rise again to dream.

When old age lifts a shining face
To greet the setting sun,
Death reaches out a friendly hand,
And, lo! Life's race is done.

CHIPS

From Eld. T. C. Ferguson's Sermons
on Disgusting Things.

It is disgusting to see some women powdering their faces and painting their lips, and making a beauty parlor out of the church house, while the preacher is trying to preach.

It is disgusting to see members of the church choir trying to sing and chew gum at the same time.

It is disgusting to see some people come stamping and storming, and making more racket than an old Model T Ford, when they come into a church house, while someone is trying to preach or pray.

It is disgusting to see men chewing tobacco in the church house and spitting on the floor. Leave it outside, it will be safe, the dogs won't even touch it.

It is disgusting for people to stay away from church services, and then go visiting and keep others from going to church.

It is disgusting to have some people in the church who won't help to do anything in church work, but will grumble and growl like a dog, and find fault and try to hinder those people who try to carry on the church work. They put you in mind of an old mule that never breaks any harness except hold back straps.

It is disgusting to see people leaving their feelings lying around on the floor for some one to step on, then get mad at them because they step on them.

It is disgusting to see some people, who won't go to see the sick while they are living, then try to run the funeral, and shed a few crocodile tears when they are dead.

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