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LOST CONFIDENCE

By Eld. Winford Davis

"Cast not away therefore your confidence which has great recompence of reward" (Heb. 10:35).

To have lost confidence is to be in a pitiful plight. Occasionally we meet folks who say they have lost confidence in humanity. I would think that would be a terrible feeling. I never had that experience, and hope I never shall. I have been told that I am too ready to trust folks; but I am glad that can be said of me: for I certainly do not want to be filled with suspicion about my brethren and my fellowmen. One without confidence is certainly not going to get very far; because confidence is largely the motivating power in the natural, business, social, and spiritual world. You would not plant much crop were it not for the confidence you have in the God of all nature: you wouldn't feel much like venturing into business were it not for the confidence you have in your fellowmen. Because with all the drawing up of contracts, etc. there is a certain amount of the carrying on of affairs that must be done purely on confidence alone. We are here in a relative position, and we are compelled to depend upon, or have confidence in each other to a great extent, regardless. The more of this confidence we have the farther along we will get in the business and social world. One of our greatest drawbacks today in our denominational work is the lack of confidence. It really hurts me to know that some of our people have such little confidence. Folks say that we have been crooked in the past; and a burnt child is afraid of the fire. Yes, true; but remember, that child outgrows that eventually, and comes to know how to handle the fire. I don't think we should be children always. Where is the person that is going to stay away from the fire and freeze to death just because they got burnt once upon

a time? Yet folks, as a denomination, we can do just that very thing, if we do not use our better judgment. You know the Lord said, "In malice be children; but in understanding

be men." A child gets peeved and declares relationship entirely severed; but in a few minutes it is all over. I wish we could be as quick to forgive and forget.

The man that gets somewhere, and the man that Providence will help, is the man that, though he utterly fails, will rise up and go again. The same will apply to a people or denomination. We should not look for human perfection any way; but we should have confidence. You know the poet said, "There is so much bad in the best of us, and so much good in the worst of us, that none of us are justified to talk about the rest of us." Is it not well said? I say it is.

I knew of a man the other day who named three women and declared that outside of these three he had no confidence in womanhood. Isn't that a terrible condition for a man to get into, as many real women as we have left in the world? To be sure many of our women have become terribly degraded; but by no means are they all that way. No indeed. Some folks say they have lost confidence in all young people. I am glad to say I have not. I think we have some of the most wonderful young people today the world has ever produced. It is true that many of them have gone far into the territory of sin; but do not classify all of them that way: cast not away your confidence.

I get joy out of believing in my brethren. We have a most wonderful circle of ministers here in the Indian Creek Association. The fellowship, confidence and co-operation is universal. I am so thankful for it. It certainly takes those three factors among the ministry to advance the cause. I recall that after the State Association had delegated Bro. Brown and myself to purchase the linotype machine for the Gem office, we were in Fayette, Mo., making this purchase,

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LIFE'S LESSON

I learn as the years roll onward
And I leave the past behind,
That much I had counted sorrow
But proves that God is kind;
That many a flower I'd longed for
Had hidden a thorn of pain,
And many a rugged by-path
Led to fields of ripened grain.

The clouds that cover the sunshine,
They cannot banish the sun,
And the earth shines out the
brighter

When the weary rain is done.
We must stand in the deepest
shadow

To see the clearest light;
And often through Wrong's own
darkness

Comes the weary strength of Right.

The sweetest rest is at even,
After a wearisome day,
When the heavy burden of labor
Has been borne from our hearts
away;

And those who have never known
sorrow

Cannot know the infinite peace
That falls on the troubled spirit
When it sees at last release.

We must live through the dreary
Winter

If we would value the Spring;
And the woods must be cold and
silent

Before the robins sing.
The flowers must be buried in
darkness

Before they can bud and bloom,
And the sweetest, warmest sunshine
Comes after the storm and gloom.

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MISSIONARY REPORT OF THE TEXAS STATE CONVENTION

4721 W. 27th St., Bryan, Texas, April 11, 1936.

It has been the privilege of the Texas State Convention to have Rev. T. H. Willey, through the month of March. The Lord blessed his labors and the people were greatly awakened and welcomed the opportunity to obey the command of Christ, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

The people of Texas believe that Brother Willey is the man to send to open our Free Will Baptist mission field in South America. There are two reasons why the people believe he is the man: First, he is a man that knows

God: second, he is a man of experience, having been on the field before and knows just how the work should be done, thus saving our church much money. The people in Texas believe with all their hearts that it is our duty, as individuals and as a denomination, to put forth every effort to evangelize the world. One cannot believe the Bible and believe otherwise.

The financial report is as follows:

	Cash		Pledges	
	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly
First Church, Ft. Worth	\$16.00	\$4.40		\$52.80
First Church, Waco	2.46	1.70		20.40
Per. gifts to Bro. Willey	18.60			
North Zulch Church	8.20			
Bryan Church	197.47			125.00
Central Texas Quarterly Meeting				
Bright Light Church	18.50			5.00
Kurten Church	3.00			29.00
Edge Church	6.00			
Cross Church				5.00
Willow Hole Church				5.00
Keith Church				4.50
Free Will offering	4.50			
Totals	\$274.73	\$6.10		\$246.50
Sum Total, cash and pledges				\$521.43

Note that Brother Willey spoke in only four churches and one service at the quarterly meeting. We feel justly proud and grateful for the response of our people.

E. Sterl Phinney, Texas Home and Foreign Mission Sec.

A BRIEF REPORT OF MY MISSIONARY TOUR

We completed our Missionary Tour of the East March 6th, and went home to find that my wife was ill with the Flu, then a reaction set in from food poison, but we started in the old car. We spent Sunday in the Gospel Tabernacle at High Point, and spoke over the radio, then on Monday morning we resumed our journey, going as far as Greenville, S. C.

Wife began to feel the effects of the trip, so I was forced to take her to friends in Columbia, S. C., and with our little three year old boy, we started by bus to Fort Worth, Texas, stopping for a rest in Atlanta and Shreveport, with relatives, we were enabled to complete the trip.

Bro. Shutes met us in that wonderful city where the West begins. We had a royal reception and gracious treatment. One of our dear young preachers, Bro. Ferguson, made me a present of a valuable pair of Cow-boy Boots which gives the western touch. A pleasant surprise was in store for me when I arrived at the church;

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A BIBLE READING

By Mrs. Lina Claxton, Hartville, Mo.

Dear Editor, Wife and Gem Readers:

This morning finds me still contending for the old time religion; and I wish I could be at an old time revival, like they used to have 60 years ago, when the preacher would carry his hymn book and Bible in his saddle riders, and go on horse back. Then he would read two lines of a song he had selected himself, and all the congregation would unite with him in singing, that is, most all that could sing; then, before he dismissed, he would say, "We will have a fellowship hand-shake and renew our covenant to pray for each other. Sometimes, if two had had a falling out with each other, they would embrace each other and, as they stood there in the altar, with their arms around each other's necks, they forgave each other,

Well, the preacher had for his text, "If ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive you . . . If you love not your brother, whom you have seen, how can you love God, whom you have not seen?" Now, I have often seen people make these confessions in the altar, and the whole church was revived; and there was shouting in the camp; and they all went home rejoicing, feeling that it was good to be there.

This morning, when I went into my bedroom to pray, I asked God to give me of His Holy Spirit, and to guide me in this testimony, that I might say something that would help somebody to a higher plane of life. I am so weak myself, and need to be taught, but I have noticed some things that maybe you never noticed: and some of you may have noticed things that would be a great help to me.

James said, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed." I don't want to offend any one: and as I was on my knees this morning, trying to pray, this old song came to my mind, and I got up singing:

*"Ch, for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame,
A light to shine upon the road,
That leads me to the Lamb."*

The closer we walk with Jesus the brighter the light, for He is the Light. He also is the Lamb that was slain, yet liveth again to intercede for sinners saved by grace.

This thought comes to me: We

used to walk to church. Father and mother would walk in front, and carry a lantern, which had been put in order, the wick trimmed, the bowl filled with oil, the globe brightened; this was all prepared. Our parents wanted it to be bright as possible so the little children might see the way as they were coming along just behind, in their footprints. Now, this is temporal. Father, mother, think on these things seriously; how is it with us? are we living so close to Jesus, that our children, so dear to us, can see Jesus in us, and be safe to follow our light? Oh, fathers and mothers, we are sure responsible for our children! Solomon said, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

Just think of the difference between a woman that serves God, and one that serves the Devil. "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold" (Prov. 22:1).

Read Romans 16:1, 2—"I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea; that ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succour of many, and of myself also."

Paul tells us of others, and he did not leave many out, saying, "Now, I beseech you brethren, mark them which cause divisions" (Rom:16:17). I will tell you of one later, one who caused division.

You will see by reading the Second Epistle of John, that all women are not called ladies. John exhorteth a certain honorable matron with her children to persevere in Christian love and belief. And he said in verses 1 and 2, "The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth: for the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever."

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life."

2 John, verses 8 and 9—"Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doc-

trine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son."

And for more about good women read Prov. 31:26-31—"She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her house. hold, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her . . . Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands: and let her own works praise her in the gates."

The half can not be told about a good woman; my mother was a woman and she was called Phoebe: many other good women had different names. Jesus' mother's name was Mary. The heading of this chapter is Properties of a Good Wife. (Psalm 31).

Now let us see what the other class of women is called. Notice that Jezebel was the wife of Ahab. Read 1 Kings 16:31, 32; 18:19.

Now read 2 Kings 9:30-35—"And when Jehu was come to Jezreal, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window. And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, Has Zimri peace, who slew his master? And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs. And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trod her under foot. And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this cursed woman, and bury her: for she is a king's daughter. And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull; and the feet, and the palms of her hands."

Now, these were left for some purpose. There is much more said: but we will ask you women to go to John the Revelator, Rev. 2:20—"Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman, Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols."

I was at a quarterly meeting some years ago, where they were trying to condemn women for preaching. I believe Brother Brown was present at that time. If he remembers, one of the preachers quoted this Scrip-

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MISSIONARY TOUR

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a car full of relatives, including my mother and sister. They had been up at Oklahoma City. After a day together, they went on to Miami, Fla.

Bro. Shutes is sure back of us for getting the Gospel to those who have never heard. We shall not soon forget his hearty co-operation.

Taking bus we went on to Waco, where again friends extended their cordiality. The church was full each night we spoke, and many were so kind. Bro. Bounds and I went about, eyed suspiciously by the populace. Probably they took us for deputy sheriffs.

Our next stop was at Bryan, Texas with Bro. and Sister Phinney. They are real live wires, demonstrating that those who are alive for Home missions are more vitally alive for those who have not heard.

Our next church was North Zulch, with good crowds and hearty co-operation from the pastor. Then for two weeks we preached to a fine company of people at Bryan, folks that would almost kill a fellow with kindness. Many dear friendships were formed, and warm and kindly interest manifested. Bro. and Sister Thompson were present to help in the meeting.

We spoke every day during the first week in the schools of the city. The result of our trip, with the cash and pledges made at Bryan and the quarterly conference was gratifying. Texas is truly back of the work of our church to the tune of \$550.00. Just a little handful of folk at the quarterly conference contributed well.

Leaving our dear friends with full hearts, we went on to Tulsa, Okla. and Bro. Melvin Bingham. Our heart was made to rejoice as we saw him in action, visiting and almost tied to the telephone. He has many friends and great influence in that mighty City of Tulsa. Our crowds were affected by the general epidemic of Flu, but they came and we preached. Sunday afternoon was an extra service. We were out with Bro. Rogers at New Home church for two services and ran back for this extra meeting. And the folk were there, they came in from other churches; so a number of our brethren were there with the result that we had a great service, and a fine financial report. At New Home I was amazed to see a horse, the price of which (\$26,500.00) would keep me on the mission field for 30 years. How our hearts are moved

as we think of the masses in India, Africa, China, South America, who are waiting for the light bearers, and we spend our money for that which is not essential to help men to God! How shall we answer for our stewardship to God?

From Tulsa we came on to Monett, Mo., with Bro. O. T. Allred for two nights and exceptionally fine crowds.

Bro. Winford Davis another sacrificing live wire, a real speed, *Jehu*, in a car speeding us to Springfield, Mo. for a brief time over K W T O, then in the evening at the church.

We are writing this at the Gem publishing house.

We are hoping that in the days to come many will come to hold the ropes while those who are called go down with the message.

We are praying that God will truly open doors of service in these lands of darkness.

Rev Thomas Willey.

EASTON, MO., April 6, 1936

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Family:

I am again sending you a report of our fifth Sunday meeting, which was held at the Center Point church.

Our sermon was delivered by Bro. Eamon, which was a real feast from the Lord.

The afternoon meeting was called to order by our State president, Sister Melba White.

New officers were elected as follows: President Sister Mildred Baker Sec'y-Treas. Sister Chloe Lewis Chair. Pro. Com., Eld. T. C. Ferguson

Then the president of Northwest Missouri missions took charge of the program, which was put on by three of the churches.

After the program we had some time left, and as was suggested, we all spoke a word for the Lord, and every one was surely led of the Lord, for there were two souls saved, a mother and daughter from the third Fork church. Praise God for them.

Our State president, Sister Melba White met with us at our last two meetings, and we prayed that souls would be saved; and God heard our prayers; but we give God all the glory, for without Him we could do nothing.

The Third Fork mission met at my house last week, and one asked for prayers.

We ask all mission members to remember us in prayer, and may the Lord bless you all, is my prayer.

—Mrs. E. W. Ellis.

TULSA, OKLAHOMA, April 21st

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

As I have not written for quite a while, I will now, after a big day's work, that is, a pastor's day's work, write you a few lines. I have just returned from the hospital, from visiting a very highly refined man, a merchant and owner of a big concern here in Tulsa. But what I want you to know about it is this, I have been acquainted with this man and his brother for a number of years, and have spoken to them many times concerning their salvation, but seemingly of no avail, yet somehow they seemed very near to me, and respected me when around their place of business, and have favored me in many ways, for which I was grateful, but alas, the great hand of death begins to steal upon this great merchant.

At ten o'clock last night my phone rang and, to my astonishment, it was this merchant calling for the little Free Will Baptist minister to come and pray for him. I rushed to the Hospital, and found him in a critical condition, ready to listen to me at this time. His brother was standing by his bed side as I prayed earnestly for him; and he looked up into his brother's face and said, "What are you going to do about it?" His brother took him by the hand and promised him he would meet him in Heaven. Many tears were shed, too, at that moment. But something else was behind all that, a sainted Mother in glory; and many prayers had been uttered in their behalf before she took her departure. These boys were sent to school and college, and became owners of great possessions, but it was no good in the hour of death. So, Mothers, keep on praying for your children.

Many other sick calls were made during the day, attended services at our Lawnwood church, asleep at about one o'clock; this is a pastor's day's work or a portion of it.

We have many things to be thankful for: The good Lord is taking care of us, our church gave us a ten dollar raise. I will soon have finished seven years' work here at Tulsa; and am willing to serve in the Vineyard wherever God might call me.

I'll not recant from what is known as heart-felt salvation; I do not believe in signing cards and just giving your hand to the preacher for salvation. Heart-felt salvation is a little unpopular now, but it is very much popular when one comes to die.

Now about our missionary, Brother Willey. Say, he is a live wire, daring as a lion, and his heart as big as a bellows. We enjoyed every minute of his stay with us, our only regret was that he couldn't stay longer. I believe we have the right man for the right place. As the Lord has sent him to be our messenger and ambassador to carry the good news to far away fields, let's all do our part to make his work a success. Bro. Willey, when you read this, it means we are behind you with our prayers first, then finance, loss of sleep, sacrifice of time, and all it takes to help you in your lonesome hours.

I have written quite a lot, but if this article is too long, Bro. Brown knows what to do with it. Our reporter is sick and may not get to send our regular report. We ask that you pray for her. The Flu has swept this part of the country, and many of our church folk are sick. Pray for us. I wish I could see a lot of you good Free Will Baptist I read about in the Gem. I don't see how we could get along without Brother Brown; and I must mention Sister Brown too. She has been very faithful to go through all kinds of criticisms with Bro. Brown. The Gem is a wonderful paper, one which we are so anxious to see come. I want all the readers of the Gem, and all that you can think to tell about it, that I am for the Gem paper.

Another thing that I want you to know is, that I am a genuine Free Will Baptist, dyed in the wool, but I do believe in a paid ministry, feet washing, free communion; and you will go to hell if you eat unworthily, and don't repent. I have been branded as a Millennial Dawnite; the above statement might straighten that out. I do see the Kingdom some different from some of you brethren, but God is blessing my work; so I must not be far off.

The Tulsa church is on the firing line, the good Lord is adding new members and souls are praying thru in the old fashioned way, pocketbooks are getting converted, cigarettes are being thrown away, people are tithing, consecrating their lives to God, shedding tears over the lost, our church treasury showed two hundred and forty dollars for the month of March, all departments of the church are at work. Of course the Devil doesn't like this very much. We have been branded as the "Bawling Baptists." Hallelujah! I had rather be a bawling Baptist now, than to be a

weeping hypocrite at the Judgment.

A Gem reader, Bawling Baptist, a Pre-millennialist, a Brown lover, a Willey backer, a Free Will Baptist, a scratcher, from Missouri and have to be sighted.

Melvin Bingham—833 N. Utica.

GREENTOP, MO., April 4, 1936

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I will try to give a report of our fifth Sunday meeting of Northeast Mo.

The mission circles held their regular fifth Sunday meeting, March 29, with New Harmony church. In the morning they began with Sunday school at ten o'clock.

The eleven o'clock sermon was delivered by Bro. Archie Cooper. Scripture reading the 6th chapter of Eph. Text, 2 Cor. 10:4. Prayer by Bro. Noel Turner.

Dinner was served at the noon hour.

In the afternoon we were called to order by singing. Meeting was turned over to the president of missions. Scripture reading 2nd chap. of Titus. Prayer by Sister C. M. Dauber.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Letters from the different missions were read and approved.

As there was only one request for the next meeting, it was voted to hold the next meeting with Hazel Creek, the church requesting it.

Bro. Noel Turner was elected to preach the eleven o'clock sermon, Bro. C. E. Mann alternate.

After the business was transacted we had a very enjoyable program furnished by the different circles, as follows:

Song Green Grove Mission Reading, Norman Dauber, N. Harmony
Song Subblett Mission Reading Anna Belle Buchanan
Song Low Ground Mission Reading, Sister Dauber, N. Harmony
Reading, Bro. Marcum, Shibbes Point
Song New Harmony Mission Reading, Hazel Creek Union Mission
Reading, Neta May Forte, N. Harmony
Reading Mrs. Sylvia Sevit

After the program, the meeting was turned over to the president of the Leagues, who gave us a very enjoyable program.

Received \$1.00 from Hazel Creek Union Mission and 33 cents from New Harmony Mission for State work.

May God bless all mission workers.

We desire your prayers, that we may do greater work for the Master.

Mrs. Minnie Thompson, Ass't Sec.

TROUP, TEXAS, April 21, 1936
Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

Just a few lines this morning, hoping every one is fine and still enjoying the service of the Lord.

We are fine and the Lord is still blessing us. The prayer meeting in our home this month, April 13th, was fine, there being 27 present.

We had for our lesson, "For He is risen as He said" (Matt. 28:6).

I also had the privilege of doing a little work for the Lord at the Sugar Land Penitentiary, last Sunday, Apr. 19th. I am praising God for our wonderful Savior, and to know that we have this wonderful promise found in St. John 11:25, 26—"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"

Please remember us in prayer.

God bless each and every one.

Amanda J. Kester.

ST. LOUIS, MO., April 24, 1936.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

Thanks for the good messages or sermons: for I sure think they are real good sermons: for I get wonderful spiritual food from reading them. Thank the Lord for the Gem preachers.

Our Easter program was a real success. Bro. Lincoln, our Sunday school superintendent, worked hard to train the children for the occasion, and God blessed the work.

The following Sunday night Bro. Hill, our pastor, preached a wonderful sermon on the risen Christ. A large crowd was present and God wonderfully blessed the service.

Wednesday night at our prayer meeting two souls were reclaimed.

Our league is doing fine since the weather has turned off nice.

We are planning on having a revival meeting in the near future, if the Lord wills. We sure do need a spiritual awakening in some of our churches in St. Louis. Help us pray, that God will bless and souls will be saved and backsliders will come back to Jesus: for we can't get along without Jesus. But dear ones, He can get along without us. Let all the Gem family join heart and hand and prove to the world that we stand on the Word of God, and that we are His witnesses, even unto death.

May God bless and be with you all, in His work, and I will be anxiously awaiting next month's Gem.

Sam Gill, 1225 So. 6th St.

ST. LOUIS, MO., April 15, 1936

It has been quite a long time since I last reported our St. Louis work.

We are moving along nicely. Have several ready for baptism. We are having professions now and then. Last Sunday night we had an Easter program, which was a real success.

Our Sunday school is on the increase in attendance and interest.

Our league is doing splendid work also.

Our finances are in good shape, and the pastor is eating three meals a day, and so we are moving along contented and happy.

Eld. W. C. Hill, Pastor

Third Free Will Baptist Church,
1495 So. 7th Street.

BRISTOW, OKLA., April 15th.

Dear Gem Family:

We are sending in our report for Circle No. 1.

We met at the Tuskegee church, Friday, April 3rd, with four missions represented, and the following reports were sent in:

Cushing mission wishes to report that they are still striving to do the Lord's work. Our young preachers held a revival. There were eight souls saved. We have Bible study on Thursday nights. We have quilted six quilts, made 39 sick calls, read 165 Bible chapters, gave one clothing shower.

Sister Jack Williams, Pres.

Olive mission sends their greetings to the rally when convened at Tuskegee: We have lots of sickness. We have made 82 sick calls, varnished our church seats, had one supper, had 28 service hours, read 287 Bible chapters. We need your prayers.

Sister Inmon, Pres.

Vance Chapel wishes to report 28 sick calls, two cottage prayer meetings, quilted one quilt, cleaned and papered Grandma Mizes' house for her, had one grocery shower.

Remember us in prayer.

Sister Robb, President.

Tuskegee mission sends greetings to the rally when convened at our church, April 3rd. We are still serving God. We omitted our mission program this month, because of our Easter program. We have quilted two quilts, made 31 sick calls, read 102 Bible chapters, held three cottage prayer meetings, worked 41 service hours. We are in a meeting now, and having a fight.

We need your prayers.

Elizabeth Garrett, Sec'y.

OUR MISSIONARY PROGRAM

The very first word in the heading of this short message should mean much to us. I think it is wonderful that we can say "Our" Missionary program. For years it seems we have been leaving the missionary work to others, and all we could say was "Their" Missionary Program; but now we can say "Our" Missionary Program. We should also feel that it is "Our" undertaking as individuals and individual churches.

Bro. Willey has been making a tour of our churches in Southwest and Northwest Missouri for the past three weeks. It has been my privilege to be with him on several miles of this tour and in a number of the churches. It has been a feast to my soul. I find Bro. Willey a real man of God. I am so thankful for the way our churches have received him so far. The attendance has been wonderful, and the financial part, I must say, has gone beyond my expectation. I know the Lord will bless us for doing something toward sending the Gospel to those who have never heard. I am looking for great blessings to be showered upon those churches that are getting behind this program. I am very glad to have had Bro. Willey in the churches I have charge of. My prayer is that God will give us this new South American Mission field. But, in reality, He has already given it to us, if we will but take hold and possess it.

Bro. Willey is obliged to leave this state after the 29th of this month (April) for a revival in the State of New Jersey; but intends to return to Missouri to finish his work in North-east and Southeast Missouri the latter part of May and the forepart of June.

I learn there is some dissatisfaction because of the change we made in the itinerary. Let me say here, do not blame Bro. Willey. If you just must blame some one, then blame me. I will tell you exactly how that came to be. Back in late winter, I made out the itinerary, after soliciting invitations from the various churches. I did not know Bro. Willey had engaged himself for the New Jersey revival during the forepart of May, so I planned the itinerary on up into and including a great part of the month of May. Bro. Willey had not informed me of his revival engagement simply because he had no idea of us planning the tour so far ahead, which was then back in late winter. Just as soon as he saw in the Gem that I had it planned for the forepart of May he wrote me at once that he

would have to have an omission for the revival he had previously planned; but would return and finish this state.

Please let me ask you, Let us be considerate, and try to work together for the good of all concerned. That is what I am trying to do. I am doing the best I can, and know how, will you please help me?

? I have found Bro. Willey sound in the Word and sound in the faith, and living a sacrificial life for the sake of the cause. I love him more as I have continued to associate with him. If he is willing to penetrate the dark jungles of South America for the sake of benighted souls, and to open up for us a mission field, then let's be willing to have faith in him and get behind him.

Yours for the great cause,

Winford Davis.

REPORT OF Q. MEETING

The Douglas County Quarterly meeting convened with the Pleasant Ridge church, near Macomb, Mo., March 27, 1936, at 7:30 p. m., with Eld. J. W. Silvey acting as Moderator.

Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. Arthur Rich.

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

Moderator appointed the following committees: Credentials, composed of Elders W. E. George, O. H. Bass and Oliver Letterman.

Divine Service—Deacons U. S. Findley, David Bennett, Lee Pope.

Business—Eld. Claud Smith, Elder Arthur Rich and Bro. U. S. Sindley. Met pursuant to adjournment Saturday morning at 8:30.

Singing by the choir.

Scripture lesson, read by moderator, Psalm 16.

Prayer by Eld. Oliver Letterman.

Enrollment—Thirteen (13) ordained ministers, seven (7) visiting ministers, seven (7) ordained deacons, one (1) church clerk, seven (7) ministers' and deacons' wives, thirteen (13) delegates, from the seven (7) churches represented at this session.

The remainder of the morning was spent in discussion of topics assigned to various members of the Q. M.

Saturday afternoon was spent in regular routine of business. The following churches sent in money to help pay the evangelist:

Pleasant Valley	\$1.00
Pleasant Ridge	3.63
Friendship	2.11
Total	\$6.74

Collection for clerk's expense \$3.98, of which the clerk is to use all necessary money for regular expense, and what is left for clerk's salary and general expenses.

Voted by Q. M. to hold the next session of the quarterly meeting with Friendship Free Will Baptist church, south of Mansfield. The next session only to convene on Thursday night at 7:00 o'clock. Introductory sermon to be preached by Eld. T. M. Marler, with Eld. T. B. Marler as alternate.

Adjournment until 8:30 Sunday morning. Prayer by Eld. Arthur Rich.

Preaching service at 8:00 by Eld. Walter George. Followed by Communion and feet washing service, with the moderator, Eld. J. W. Silvey in charge.

Sunday morning the Q. M. was called to order by the moderator.

Singing by the choir.

Scripture lesson read by the moderator from Psalm 5.

Prayer by Bro. Hagan.

The morning was spent in discussion of topics.

All committees dismissed.

Adjourned until next quarterly meeting, which will convene with Friendship church, south of Mansfield on Thursday night at 7:00 o'clock before the fifth Sunday in May, 1936.

Preaching at eleven o'clock by Eld. J. B. Easter.

We, the Douglas County Quarterly meeting, invite all who possibly can do so, to attend the next Q. M.

We ask an interest in your prayers.

J. W. Silvey, Moderator,
Arthur Lund, Clerk.

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., 4-22.

Dear Gem Family:

How the time flies! We have been here in a six weeks' revival, but it has closed; and we are in another at this writing.

Well, it is wonderful what the Lord will do when we let Him. We have had a precious meeting with Bro. and Sister Morris and their people. We have witnessed 69 professions, and I think eight have joined our church up to date, but a number of the converts were in our church. We feel that others will come in later.

The first three weeks of the meeting were wonderful, but the last three weeks were not so good; a strike broke out with the mill folks, and men and women were up all night. The women were on guard in day time, and the men at night. But we

went right on till God said it was enough. Bro. and Sister Morris stood right by us.

We went into homes, business houses, and everywhere we could find a lost soul to tell about Jesus. We had two all day fast and prayer meetings at the church, which was glorious. People came and went all day, and many of the working people dropped in at the noon hour for just a few minutes.

About the time we were closing out another meeting opened in another part of town, and we have had two reclaimed already. Bro. and Sister Morris have a good work here, with a good Sunday school and a good mission work. I am meeting with them this afternoon to organize a Junior Mission. They also have a good league work. This is a good work; but a hard work; so pray for our brother and wife here. They are dear souls to work with. They are on the go most of the time.

We go from here to Belhaven where we organized a church about sixteen years ago. Pray very earnestly for us, that God will give a great victory, with many precious souls saved.

God bless our dear people everywhere and give them a great harvest of souls this year.

Yours for Jesus,

Lizzie McAdams.

SODA VALLEY CHURCH

Greenbrier, Ark., April 28, 1936.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I wonder if you would give space for one who loves to read the Gem.

When we read the good letters from so many different places and learn that so many people are working for our dear Lord, it is a feast to our soul. I get great joy out of a Christian life. I was converted when I was only twelve years old, and am not tired of the way. I think if we were all real true Christians, we would not get tired working for our good Master who keeps us each day.

We have an evergreen Sunday school.

Bro. Emmitt Wilson is pastor of our church, and we sure enjoy hearing him preach: for we believe he has done much good in our church.

I must not take up too much space, but let some of those good brothers and sisters write, who have been sending in those good letters.

I want to send in a few words from Pleasant Grove No. 2, best known as Soda Valley, as I have seen only two letters from here.

I am also sending a song: "Fifty

Miles of Elbow Room." This song has a good theme; and when we get to heaven, we will have fifty miles of elbow room.

As this is my first time to write, I hope it will not be asking too much to print this song.

I am asking all of you brothers and sisters in Christ to pray for us, that we may ever grow stronger in the cause of Christ. —Mrs. Chester Catton.

FIFTY MILES of ELBOW ROOM

Twelve hundred miles the length and breadth,

That four-square city stands;
Its gems and walls of Jasper shine,
Not made with human hands.

Twelve hundred miles its gates are wide,

A hundred entrance there,
With fifty miles of elbow room
On either side to spare.

CHORUS

When the gates swing wide on the other side,

Just beyond the sun-set sea,
There'll be room to spare as we enter there,

Room for you, and room for me.
When the gates swing wide on the other side,

Where the flowers ever bloom,
On the right hand, on the left hand,
Fifty miles of elbow room.

Verse 2

A sinner saved by grace may leave
His house of sin and shame,
And proudly pass through yonder gates;
By faith in Jesus' name.

One hundred will his entrance be,
Into that city fair,
With fifty miles of elbow room
On either side to spare.—Chorus.

Verse 3

Sometimes I'm cramped and crowded here,

And long for elbow room;
I long to reach the multitude,
Where fairer flowers bloom.

'Twill not be long till I shall pass
Into that city fair,
With fifty miles of elbow room
On either side to spare.—Chorus.

Verse 4

That four-square city I shall see,
When done with toil and care.
Sometimes it seems almost here,

The bells for glory chime.
This will be mine when I shall pass
Into that city fair,
With fifty miles of elbow room
On either side to spare.—Chorus.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING PROGRAM

The Fifth Sunday Meeting of the New Hope Association of Free Will Baptist will meet at Center Point Church No. 2, about six miles east of Vilonia, Arkansas, Friday at 2:30 p. m., May 29 to 30, 1936.

PROGRAM

- 2:30 p. m. Opened by Moderator.....Rev. J. H. Hartsell
 3:00. Talk, What is the Condition of the Person Who Believes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?.....
 Rev. C. Wilson.
 3:15. Talk, When is a Person Saved? Heb. 2:3
 Rev. C. L. Lybarger.
 6:30. Talk, When is a Man Born Again? 1 John 3:9.....
 Rev. O. H. Doss.
 3:45. Talk, Can a Person Know that they are Born of God?
 Rev. N. E. Pruitt.
 7:00 p. m. Introductory Sermon..... Rev. R. E. Pruitt
 Rev. C. E. Wilson alternate.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

- 9:00 a. m. Opened by Moderator.....Rev. J. H. Hartsell
 9:30. Talk, Explain about Union with Christ. Eph. 4:5
 Rev. J. H. Hartsell.
 9:45. Talk, Why do not more People Attend Church, and
 What is the Cause?.....Rev. Jesse E. Pratt
 10:00. Talk on LoveRev. J. W. Moore
 10:15. Devotional Service Rev. W. B. Maddox
 Fifteen Minute Intermission.
 11:00 to 12:00 a. m. Sermon.
 12:00 to 1:00 p. m. Lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00 p. m. Opened by Moderator.
 1:30. Talk, Have the People Received the Mark of the
 Beast, or is it Yet to Come? What is the Mark?
 Rev. R. E. Lee.
 1:45. The Promise to the Faithful, Rev. J. M. Holleman
 2:00. The Home of the Saved.....Rev. J. A. Stephens
 2:15. Report of all Committees and Preachers.
 2:30. Business Session, Moderator in charge.
 7:00 p. m. Sermon

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

- 10:00 to 11:00. Sunday School.
 11:00 to 12:00. Sermon.

Every one that is interested in working for the Lord is invited to attend this meeting, and don't forget the date, Friday at 2:30 p. m., May 29, 1936.

Pray that this might be one of the best meetings ever held at this place, and that all the people might be lifted up in the most holy Faith; and, remember that if you will subscribe for the Gem you always get the Program.

Rev. J. H. Hartsell, Moderator, Rose Bud Ark.
 Herbert C. Holleman, Clerk, Rose Bud, Ark.

FROM THE CROSS TO THE CROWN

Contributed by a reader of the Gem

Look away from the Cross to the glittering crown,
 From your cares, weary one, look away,
 There's a home for the soul, where no sorrow can come,
 And where pleasures will never decay.

CHORUS

Look away, look away,
 From the cross to the glittering crown,
 Look away, look away,
 From the Cross to the glittering crown.

Though the burdens of life may be heavy to bear,
 And your crosses and trials severe;
 There's a beautiful hand that is beckoning, come,
 And no heartaches or sighings are there. —Chorus.

Mid the conflicts, the battles, the struggles, and strife,
 Bravely onward your journey pursue;
 Look away from the Cross to the glittering crown,
 That's awaiting in heaven for you. Chorus.

STANDING MONUMENTS FOR CHRIST

By Mrs. Myrtle Black, Cassville, Mo., R2.

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown and our great Gem Family:

This is my first effort to write to our great Gem family: but as I am somewhat handicapped in doing my little bit in helping to spread the Gospel for our dear Master, on account of not having a way to go around to the different places I'd like to go; I thought the next best way for me to reach so many places with the Gospel would be through the Gem.

So this, the month of May, is the time of year when our minds are drawn back to the last resting place of our loved ones and friends, with a desire to place a wreath or decoration of some kind, or probably as a memorial or token of the love we still hold in our hearts for them.

But then, after we have brought a decoration in memory of each one; we are made to remember *Another* whose memory is the dearest of all to us, and who deserves a memorial most of all. So, if we will study the Gospel of St. Mark, we can learn how we may erect a memorial to the name of One so worthy. We can plainly see the very keynote, or we'll say "keyword," of this wonderful Book of the Gospel of Mark is "Service." How it tells of what great service and miracles our Master wrought for the sons of men, while He was here laying patterns or examples for us to follow.

Then when we read in chapter 10, verse 45, "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many;" we are reminded that He is still doing things for us. Oh yes, just such wonderful things!

In chapter 4, how He stilled the tempest at sea! Well, haven't you ever had just that very experience that the disciples had at that time? And how through fear and anguish you turned to your Master for help. Oh how the great angry waves of sin and persecution roll up around us sometimes, and when we say, "Master, we perish!" we can almost actually hear the very words of Him: "Peace, be still;" and then what a calm!

Now this isn't the only tempest our dear Savior encountered and stilled as is told us in this particular Book. Just think what a tempest was quieted when He healed the man of Gadara whose name was Legion! What a wonderful service He rendered for that country across the lake, the country of the Gadarenes. He removed a demon from their country in healing the Legion.

And now He's doing the same for us today. "But," you say, "How can that be? we have no such characters." My dear friends, I'll say we have, and I have seen men and women so deep in sin that they were just as miserably undone *physically, mentally, and spiritually* as this man. And still the loving Master, whom we are supposed to be doing service for, is able and anxious to heal them just

as He did then, doing the same service for our country.

I think the purpose of this Book of Mark is to emphasize His power and the power we have through Him. Yes, the power we can have. Just turn with me to St. John 14:12, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." And verses 13 and 14, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name I will do it."

Now, as Christ is our Mediator, interceding for all who call on Him, then we can intercede for the miserable, undone sinners. There was something that led or drew the demoniac out to meet the Savior on that occasion. Then there is something we can do to lead the worst characters to Him. Then after we have led them to the Great Physician and seen them healed, and sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in their right minds, how do we receive Him? Do we give Him the kind of reception as did those wicked cruel Gadarenes? Or do we receive Him as a Hero who deserves a memorial erected to His memory?

It was the custom of the heathen to erect lofty columns, or statues and blazing altars in the honor of; and even sometimes conferring divine honors on the heroes of their country. But here was a Hero who, instead of receiving any honor or welcome, was ordered out of their country. So He complied with their stupid request, leaving them His pledge of love and us a pattern of perseverance in well doing. Then how are we to erect a memorial to so wonderful a Hero? Read the 19th verse of Mark 5. After the Savior had entered the ship the one who was healed begged to go with Him.

"Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee."

So now, there's the monument we are to build. Jesus left the demoniac who was healed as a standing monument for Him in that country of the Gadarenes.

Then we are standing monuments for Him who hath had compassion on us. And what kind of a structure are we? Are we erected of the kind of material, such as will stand or

endure all kinds of weather? For remember the terrific tempest just mentioned. There will be lots of such weather and lots of sunshine too. So remember, if storms and darkness come, there is a Christ in every ship. And when He seems to be asleep, and fears begin to rise, speak to Him and He will take command of not only the ship, but of the troubled sea and angry waves. For when He speaks to a disquieted, tempest-tossed soul, there is an inward calm that is indescribable.

Now I hope these few remarks will prove to be a benefit to some discouraged soul or some unsaved, whose ship is tossed about on the sea of sin. Or may it accomplish some good for the Great Physician who healed my sin-sick soul. May God bless every one, is my prayer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY

The Ninth Annual Sunday School Rally of the First Mission Association will convene Sunday, June 7th, at Olive, Okla., eight miles east and two miles north of Drumright, Okla.

The Sunday school having the best program will receive a banner from the Association, and the individual boy or girl that distinguishes himself or herself most will receive a handsome prize.

These rallies are getting better each year; and we are expecting a big time this year.

Come, and bring a friend.

Rev. Wilber Underwood,
Superintendent of Sunday Schools.

REV. WILLEY'S ITINERARY

Bro. Willey leaves the State of Mo. April 30th for a revival in the State of New Jersey, returning to this state to finish the Missouri tour, beginning the night of May 22nd.

He will be in the Northeast Missouri Association from May 22nd to, and including the night of June 5th. I am leaving it to the ministers of Northeast Missouri to work out the tour in detail within the bounds of the above stated dates.

In Southeast Missouri as follows:
Flat River Church Sunday and Sunday night, June 7th.
Desloge Church June 8th and 9th
Leadington Church, June 10th and 11th
Fredericktown Ch., June 12th and 13th

I wish to thank every one for your co-operation in making these services a success throughout the state.

Yours for the cause,

Winford Davis.

BROTHER HOOD Q. M. REPORT Hurricane, W. Va.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I will give a brief report of the Brother Hood Quarterly Meeting, which was to meet April 3, 4, and 5th, but on account of high water it was put off until April 24, 25 and 26th, at which time it convened with the Good Hope church at Huntington, W. Va. It was well attended.

The Ministers' and Deacons' Conference was called to order by the clerk, Rev. A. C. Berry, Friday at at 2:30 p. m.

Rev. Oat Ellis was elected moderator.

Ten ministers and nine deacons reported, bringing \$3.50 into the Treas. The ministers reported some good revivals. After a brief business session the Ministers' conference adjourned for preaching.

Sermon by Rev. N. A. Borders. Subject, "Faith." Concluded by Rev. Herbert Henson.

Announcements and benediction.

We met again at 7:00 p. m. Sermon by Rev. A. C. Berry Subject, "Love." Concluded by Rev. Earl Gillenwater.

Hand shake and benediction.

The Quarterly Conference was called to order Saturday morning at 9:30. Appointment of committees and receiving of church letters. Nine churches reported, bringing \$14.91 into the treasury, making a total of \$41.68 in the treasury.

Adjournment at eleven o'clock.

Preaching by Rev. John Janey. Concluded by Rev. M. A. Workman.

Called together at 2:00 p. m. by the moderator. Report of committees received and business disposed of.

Bro. Herbert Henson, a promising young man, was ordained to the Gospel ministry.

Adjourned for preaching.

Sermon by Rev. Wm. Coyle, concluded by Rev. C. I. Harper.

Hand shake and benediction.

Called together at 6:30 p. m. by the moderator. Rev. Oat Ellis was elected to preach the next introductory sermon.

A rising vote of thanks was given the good people of Good Hope church for their hospitality.

Adjourned to meet with the Pino Grove church July 3, 4, and 5th.

Sermon by L. W. Ellis. Text, "The Weapons of our warfare are not Carnal." Concluded by Rev. J. C. Wilcox.

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OBITUARIES

Harris—Mary Ann Eads was born February 3, 1861, in Washington County, Missouri, and passed away at her home in Flat River, Mo. April 27, 1936, at the age of 75 years, two months and 24 days.

She was united in marriage to William D. Harris July 7, 1876. To this union was born nine children, five sons and four daughters. Her husband, one son and one daughter preceded her in death. She is survived by the seven children, Mrs. Ida Patterson, at home with her mother; William Harris, also at home; James Benjamin Harris of Bonne Terre, Mo.; Mrs. Stella Lozier of St. Louis; Clifford and Oliver of Flat River; and Mrs. Lena Ray of Farmington, Route 4. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and one brother, Joe Eads of Bonne Terre. One brother, James Eads, died four years ago.

"Grandma Eads," as the deceased was known to those who knew her, was a member of the Free Will Baptist church of Flat River.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 2:00 p. m. at the Free Will Baptist church of Flat River by Rev. Jas. F. Miller, assisted by the Rev. Chronister.

IN MEMORY OF MY MOTHER

Nothing sweeter on this earth,
Nothing that has greater worth,
For she's worth far more than gold;
That's a mother — young or old.
Sweeter than a poet's dream,
Eyes so soft, Love-lit, a gleam.
Never failed us, never will,
Good or bad, she loves us still.

Voice that bubbles, music rare,
Face that's glowing, kind and fair,
Kisses that our memories treasure,
Mother's smiles are joy and pleasure.
And there's nothing can compare
With a mother's voice in prayer.
And I'm sure attention's given
By all they that dwell in heaven.

Tho' your flashy friends all went,
When your money you had spent,
Mother pets you, comforts still,
And we know she always will.
Mother-love will not erase,
Nothing ever takes its place,
So let's love and cherish Mother,
For we'll never have another.

Nellie Galyan, Seligman, Mo.

CHETOPA, KANS., April 21st.

Dear Gem Readers:

As another year is almost gone, I will try to write a few lines to our little paper in memory of my Mother. It is a paper she always loved so much. Pray for me, that I may always be trying to teach others about our Christ who suffered and died, that we might have eternal life.

In memory of my Mother, Malinda O. Mayfield who passed away May 7, 1933.

Often times I sit and ponder

O'er the days that came and went,
When dear Mother still was with us,
And the happy hours we spent.

Every one seemed, oh so happy!

And our troubles lighter to bear,
When we had a word from Mother,
Dearest of earthly friends to share.

A link in our circle is broken;

God called one we loved so dear,
To be with Him in heaven,
In that pearly white city so fair.

When earthly friends are called home,

There's the Savior at our side,
To share our cares and troubles,
And be our heavenly guide.

Now that our circle is broken,

With Mother beckoning, "Come,"
Let us all live to meet her,
When Christ shall claim His own.

Then there will be a great reunion,

Over on the streets of gold,
And there will be no more parting,
When all are safe in the fold,

BRO. DAVIS' RADIO PROGRAM

We are glad to announce that you can hear Bro. Davis over K W T O Springfield, Mo. each Tuesday afternoon from 2:30 to 3:00 o'clock. Folks throughout this part are enjoying the programs very much.

Any time you can send in a contribution to help keep these programs going. Bro. Davis will greatly appreciate it. He is mailing his picture to all who send in contributions.

Mrs. Brown and I now have a radio here in the office. We get lots of enjoyment listening to his programs, the Gospel Singers programs, the John Brown programs, and others.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Brown.

LOST CONFIDENCE

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The man from whom we were buying required that we give our personal note in connection with a mortgage on the machine for \$700.00. So we signed the note for the \$700.00 balance. I was not afraid. I spent no time worrying about it. I felt that our brethren would stand hithred on the proposition, and they did. Now, that it is paid for, I thank God.

Brethren, it is great to have your heart full of confidence, instead of distrust. Then, if some one does fall a little short in some way or another, let's not be too quick to place a brand upon them. It isn't Christian to do so. Do not we all fail to do just as we had hoped to do sometimes? Then brother preachers, let's not instill into the minds of our people that distrustful attitude. It is very easy to do that too. Our laity are going to be largely as their leaders, the ministry. Let's try to build up a confident people, a people who will not be afraid to undertake, reach out, and believe. "Perfect love casteth out fear."

There are still honest hearted religious leaders; so let's not cast away our confidence: for to do so simply means destruction to yourself and to the cause.

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Followed by Sacrement and feet washing.

Sunday school at 9:45. Bro. J. F. Coyle, Supt. Attendance 137. Offering \$7.05.

Sermon at 11:00 o'clock by Rev. Earl Gillenwater. Subject, "The Voice of God."

There was love and unity throughout the entire session, and the Spirit and power of God was made manifest in every service. May the blessings of God be always upon the people of Good Hope church.

Rev. Earl Gillenwater.

ABOUT MANUSCRIPT

As we are filling the last column of the Gem for this month, other reports and articles come in, which we must leave over for next issue.

We are very thankful for plenty of manuscript each month, but would appreciate receiving it a little earlier in the month. If your report reaches us by the 20th of the month preceding the month of issue, it will be most sure to be printed in the current issue.

Some Signs of the Gospel

By Eld. Claud J. Smith, Macomb, Mo.

"And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following."

The above Scripture is the words of inspiration. While the Lord was here He gave the commission found in Mark, 16th chapter, beginning with verse 15. This command was to preach the Gospel, which was the first command after He arose from the dead; and the signs recorded in verse 17 were to follow them that believed:

"In my name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

These were the signs that were to follow while the word was being confirmed (v. 20), and each sign was given for the same purpose, and that purpose was to confirm the word. While the Lord was here He was constantly working with and among the people, doing the same wonderful works that He did: and John (20:31) tells us that these things were written that we might believe that He was the Son of God.

Now, that Christ has fulfilled His mission here on earth and ascended to the Father, He left His work in the hands of His people, and charged them to carry out the command that He had given them.

It was necessary for them to prove to the people that the work was divine, therefore He set the signs following to confirm the word and works of the apostles as they went forth preaching the Word.

Now a lot of people will accept one sign, and reject others; some believe in heal the sick by laying on of hands; but don't believe in speaking with new tongues, and some believe both; but, my brother, they were all given at the same time (1 Cor. 12:28) and had their fulfillment at the same time (1 Cor. 13:8).

In the matter of healing the sick, those that advocate this doctrine, will quote James 5:14, 15, to prove the argument, but never tell why they never use the other signs.

Now James was written while the word was being confirmed, and the signs were still following. This was in the year 60 A. D., but as we follow the apostles in their work of confirming the word, the signs were still following: but there came a time when the word was confirmed and the signs stopped following; and in A. D. 66, we hear the Apostle Paul say, as he is writing to Timothy (2 Tim. 4:20), "Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletus sick."

Now the question is, why did Paul leave Trophimus at Miletus sick? Simply because the word at Miletum had been confirmed, and there was no more need for this sign. So, to say the gift or sign as given in Mark 16:15-20, should be observed today, is to say the word has not been confirmed, and if the word is not confirmed, then we should preach and practice all the signs or gifts the apostles did: raise the dead, open blind eyes, unstop deaf ears, cast out devils, heal the sick, and speak in new tongues, and, if a snake bites us, not call a doctor.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Christ told them they were the salt of the earth. That is, they that were following the Lord had that Spirit, which would preserve the earth and keep it from coming to ruin as long as they continued that close relationship with Him.

Let us see if God has not always had some few all through the ages of time, who have played this part in preserving the earth, even when all seemed to be turned away from Him: yet the salt was present to preserve and purify it again. Let us call Noah before our minds just a minute, and ask him to prove this in his time. God said He would destroy all the wicked because of their sin. He asked Noah to prepare the ark and sound the warning, that all might have a chance to believe him. Suppose Noah had said, "No," and refused to build the ark, and had been rebellious like the masses of the people of his time? The earth would probably not be inhabited today. But he was the salt that preserved the earth, he was close enough to the Lord to be used of Him, and prepared the way for himself and his family to come to dry earth again after the Flood.

We'll now turn to the 18th and 19th chapters of Genesis, and see some of Abraham's experience. When God had pronounced destruction upon Sodom and Gommarah, Abraham was one who followed God's commands. He realized that down there in that wicked city were his kindred, Lot and his family; and certainly Abraham was interested in them: for he began to pray a mighty prayer to God. As the angel stood and talked to him, telling of what would soon befall those cities, Abraham asked if He would not spare the place if there could be found fifty righteous people within it. The answer was, "Yes." Abraham surely realized there could not be found fifty; for he asked if it could be spared for forty-five, and again the answer was "Yes." But Abraham knew that there could not be found forty-five; so he asked for it to be spared for forty, and again the Lord answered "Yes." Then for thirty? and the Lord answered, "Yes." Then he asked if it would be spared for twenty, and the Lord said, "Yes." Finally he asked if the city would be spared if ten righteous were found, and the Lord said He would not destroy the city for ten's sake. Then the Lord went His way.

There could not be found ten righteous; but the Lord remembered Abra-

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WHERE IS THE SALT?

By Eld. Kenneth Turner

"Ye are the salt of the earth"
(Matthew 5:13)

These are the words of Jesus while here on earth, addressing His followers, those who had taken up the life of following and living with Him, a people who had turned their whole attention to that of the Lord. But just what did He mean? What is salt?

When we go to our grocer to buy

salt, it is because we need it for seasoning and preserving purposes; and when it is properly applied, the expected results are obtained, proving that the salt has not lost its preserving qualities. So we say the salt preserves that which it is applied to.

Now for Christ's spiritual teaching in the lesson. It is true that the disciples understood the use and purpose and the results of natural salt, and

God's Loving Money Rule For Your Financial Prosperity

By Eld. F. C. Zinn, Pierce City, Mo.

If those who are always crying about the depression want to find a way out of it, and to have their money worries over with, should read this message and practice it.

Carry out the Lord's loving command to tithe. To tithe is simply to pay ten per cent regardless of your income, increase or profit to the Lord. The Lord returns it to you with profit and great blessing. God asks you to prove Him: prove God and His promises to bless you financially. Read God's promises to you in Mal. 3:10-12—"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts."

The challenge from God to prove and test Him now herewith, on His promises of a blessing is stated in the tenth verse very clearly and emphatically, in which the promise to pour out a blessing from heaven upon those who tithe, so that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Will you take up God's challenge and prove Him and His word, Many thousands have to their great delight.

The eleventh verse clearly promises material prosperity, with financial blessings from God, as a reward to those who tithe, that He will rebuke the devourer for your sake. Is not this protection worth while? Do you want it? It is yours if you accept.

In the 12th verse, God promises that you shall be called blessed, and our country shall be a delightful land.

Read Prov. 3:9, 10. God here again promises success with plenty to those who honor Him with their substance and first fruits. "Do these promises really include me?" you may ask.

They certainly include you, if you tithe. No matter how poor, or how rich you are, they are promises to you direct from God, with a challenge

to prove Him. Whether you are a farmer, fruit grower, laborer, mechanic, clerk, professional man, merchant, lawyer, doctor, or manufacturer, in any station of life, in the city, or in the country, you are included, if you accept this offer. God's challenge to prove His promises is open to you and to every man and woman in the world. (1 Cor. 16:1-12; Deut. 8:18).

"How can God inspire me to prosperity?" you may ask. In many ways. For instance, by giving you wisdom (Job 32:8).

God instituted tithing for the good of the tither, because He loves you and wants you to be happy and successful. It is God's love for us that points to His way for our great and lasting success, that teaches us to profit, with always an assurance of better things, and peace of mind over our personal financial matters.

God is the owner of everything (Haggai 2:8).

You honor God when you accept His promises and tithe; and God blesses you for thus honoring Him. Your gift of a tithe is the return of a part of that which God has already given to you, an expression of your loving allegiance to God; and God repays it generously as He promised.

Are you as happy and successful as you wish to be, or have your own plans failed? Are you in debt? Then follow God's rule and see the blessed results.

Are you poor and struggling, trying to make both ends meet? Then try God's plan and see how He provides for you in the most unexpected and wonderful way.

Start tithing today and maintain it for one year, and you will be so blessed you will never give it up.

Jesus taught tithing (Matt. 23:23).

Abraham tithed (Gen. 14:20), and was blessed (Gen. 13:2).

Jacob tithed (Gen. 28:22), and was blessed (Gen. 30:43; 35:11-12).

What God has to say about tithing in His Word: (Mal. 3:8; Lev. 27:30; 1 Cor. 16:2; Prov. 19:17; Luke 6:38; Deut. 12:18-19; Jer. 17:7-8;

The tithe is the Lord's (Lev. 27:30).

God says, "Them that honor me, I will honor (1 Sam. 2:30).

I wish that people could understand that when they are using God's money which is ten cents out every dollar, they are using money which absolutely does not belong to them.

When we hear of some one robbing a bank, a store, or some person, we are ready to pass our opinion on them, and ready to send them to jail; yet we, as church members, will rob God every day, then get up and shout and praise God. Is it any worse to rob a bank or a person than to rob God? Does the Bible uphold robbing?

Oh, may we wake up and believe all the Bible!

May God help us to believe His word and to measure our lives by it.

Pray for us, that God will use us to His glory.

AT PRAYER MEETING

Contributed by Mrs. Stella Prince

There were only two or three of us,
Who came to the place of prayer—
Came in the teeth of a driving storm;
But for that we did not care.
Since, after our hymns of praise had risen.

And our earnest prayers were said,
The Master himself was present there
And gave us the living bread.

So rapt and glad and free:

We felt His touch when our heads
were bowed,

We heard His, "Come unto me."

Nobody saw Him lift the latch,
And none unbarred the door;

But "peace" was His token to every
heart,

And how could we ask for more?

Each of us felt the load of sin
From the weary shoulders fall;
Each of us dropped the load of care,
And the grief that like a pall;
And o'er our spirits a blessed calm
Swept in from the Jasper Sea.
And strength was ours for toil and
strife,

In the days that were thence to be.

It was only a handful gathered in
To the little place of prayer;
Outside were struggle and pain and
sin,

But the Lord Himself was there;
He came to redeem the pledge He
gave—

Wherever His loved ones be
To stand Himself in the midst of them
Though they count but two or three.

And forth we fared in the bitter rain,
And our hearts had grown so warm.
It seemed like the pelting of summer
flowers,

And not the crash of storm;
"Twas a time of the dearest privilege
Of the Lord's right hand," we said.
As we thought how Jesus Himself
had come

To feed us with living bread.

The Blood Donors Benevolent Society of Mo.

1751 Mississippi Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo., April 3, 1936.

The Blood Donors Benevolent Society of Missouri is an organization which had its inception in a girls' Sunday school class, taught by W. R. Goodman, at the Third Free Will Baptist church, at 1405 So. 7th St., St. Louis, Mo.

It was the custom of Mr. Goodman and his class to visit the sick at the City Hospital on Sunday afternoons and evenings. Their continual visits soon led them to ask themselves the Pauline question, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" And the answer came back clear and strong, "Whatsoever your hands find to do, do with your might."

The thing which seemed most urgent to this class and their energetic teacher was to supply that which no other group had undertaken, namely: Blood for free transfusion to needy persons in charitable institutions. Accordingly they consulted Dr. Snow who was at that time head Surgeon of Division 4 of City Hospital. He gave them some information as to the types of blood and of the need of such a group, but was pessimistic as to the formation of an organization of any consequence.

Mr. Goodman set about his task in full assurance and within a week had twenty persons who were willing to be tested and typed and to be in readiness to answer a call from him at

any hour of the day or night for service. Consequently Dr. Snow was called on to make a talk to a mass meeting which was called for the purpose of organizing a Blood Donors Society. His talk was provocative of much confidence in the project, and a number of additional members. Subsequently a committee was appointed to draw up a Constitution and By-Laws and to name the society.

From this small beginning in March, 1935, when the present name was adopted, the Society has grown in leaps and bounds, so to speak, until today the membership embraces upward of 190 people, including about ten preachers of the Gospel. The Society has far exceeded the church from whence it originated and includes members from seven different churches and is the only corporation of its kind in the State of Missouri.

The Society holds a monthly business meeting the first Thursday night of each month at which time new members are received. At the March meeting 36 new members were received, and at the April meeting 25 were received, and the officers have high hopes of increasing the membership to 500 by the end of the year.

The Blood Donors Benevolent Society charges its members no dues and pays its officers no salaries. The expenses of the Society are met by contributions and donations from the outside, which are generally adequate to meet the current expenses.

The officers of the Society donate their spare time to the work of transporting Donors to and from the hospitals for tests and typing and the giving of blood for transfusions, which is quite a job in itself.

In the near future no doubt the need of this Society will be so keenly felt by the hospitals and physicians of the state that it will be necessary to employ a number of people full time to take care of the work. For the last nine months of last year the Society took care of 208 transfusions in 12 hospitals in the City of St. Louis. Every one connected with the organization is of the laboring class of people, including Mr. Goodman who is president.

Credit is given for saving 20 lives that would otherwise have been lost but for the blood which our members supplied. We are rejoiced to know that we have been an instrumental channel through which the ministry could work by the direction of the Holy Spirit in leading a number of souls to Christ in the past year.

May we ask the sincere prayers of every person into whose hands this article may come to remember us, that we may be of greater service to the sick, especially those who are not of the "household of faith," without a selfish motive in ourselves, but to be faithful to the charge which has been delivered to us by Him who knows our every need and is willing to supply it in answer to prayer according to His tender mercy.

Your brother in Christ,
Leonard White, 2nd Vice Pres.

SIDE SHOWS ON RELIGION

By Eld. T. C. Ferguson,

A great show man once said that the greatest drawback to good shows was the side shows, that followed the big tents of the good shows, and got concessions from the towns or from some one else, and set up side shows, and put on immoral and indecent shows to deceive, swindle and cheat the people out of their money. And so it is with the religion of Jesus Christ. One great drawback to pure and undefiled religion is the side shows of isms and scisms, and false religions that follow the Gospel tents of the pure and undefiled religion of Jesus Christ. They pitch their tents as close as they can to the Gospel tents of Jesus Christ, and put on their side shows of false religions to deceive the people and mislead them;

so that they will miss heaven; and they don't care so long as they can get the people's money, and a little honor and praise from the worldly minded people out of it. But you can easily tell the difference between the false religion in the religious side shows and the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ in the big Gospel tents. The people who preach and teach false religion are very seldom sound and orthodox on the great Bible doctrines of heart-felt Bible repentance and regeneration, and the new birth, and the seeker praying through to God and getting a real heart-felt spiritual experience. They will dodge these great Bible truths, or pass them lightly by.

Beware of side shows of false re-

ligions, and denounce them as soon and as often as you can, because I believe they are one of the greatest drawbacks to the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this country today. And cry out and spare not, as the Bible teaches us to do; for people are being deceived all over this country by the teaching of false religions.

Weatherby, Mo., April 17th

NOT FAR AWAY

"Not far away is He
To be by prayer brought nigh;
But here, in present majesty,
As in His courts on high.

"Our bodies are His shrine,
And He the indwelling Lord;
All hail! Thou Comforter divine,
Be evermore adored!"

—Selected.

Religion or Salvation?

By Eld. Kenneth Turner

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12).

I must say that the world is full of religion, the heart of every human being is religious, but millions of them have not salvation; they are without God. If one will stop to think, they can see a vast difference in just religion and real salvation. Religion is the belief of our heart, whether it is righteous or evil. Even the heathen yonder in Africa, India and other countries are full of religious ideas. Their belief leads them to a form of worship, their hearts desiring to be in a spirit of worship; and having no knowledge of God, some worship the animals of their country, thinking them to be gods, or returned spirits and so on. This sounds strange and even foolish to many of us, that they should place their belief and trust in such ideas.

Listen, think again and see if (in this country of ours, even in our home towns and communities), we cannot find many who are just as far from God as the heathen are. We are all religious and oftentimes blinded by our religion and can't see the true salvation we need. Why is it true, that when one is asked the question, "Are you a Christian?" they will oftentimes say, "Yes, I belong to the church," or "yes, I've been baptized," or "I've had my name on the church book for a long time," or "yes, I pay my debts, help my neighbors, pay the preacher, and so on." These are just as far from God, no doubt; and I wonder sometimes if not farther away than those who have not had the Gospel preached, and had the way explained to them. All these ways are religious ways, but perhaps not ways of salvation. They are just ways of some man or men who have tried to find some easy and different way, and are deceiving and leading many poor souls off after such ideas.

Remember our Scripture, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." And the Bible plainly lays down the words of Jesus where He says, "I am the way." The teaching is that any one trying to get up any other way is the same as a thief and a robber.

The ways of deception have been in the world for ages, even in the gar-

den of Eden, where the serpent made Mother Eve think it was all right to partake of that which she had been told not to eat. The Devil is the author of all these ways, except the way which is Christ. He is so cunning in his power to deceive, that people follow him thinking, no doubt, that they are right, trusting in religion instead of salvation.

Yes, the heart of every one has a desire to worship God, whether we are conscious of it or not, there is that longing for Him. Then here comes the Devil in the form of some teacher, preacher, or leader, and misrepresents the true God to that heart that really wants the right thing, and introduces some new form, a substitute, a counterfeit, as in Jer. 2:13: "My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living water, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." The Devil has them standing around the cistern (the substitute for the well), even when there is no water in it, because it can hold no water. They are just standing there, dying of thirst; they crave a good drink of real pure sweet water, but here they are spell-bound by the old counterfeit, dying just because of the power of the evil one. He won't let them look away to the place of pure, fresh, ever-flowing water which is for them.

Oh, can't we be moved by these conditions and works, that they might realize that the ways of the Devil are just religious ways without salvation!

I often think that we have a class of people equal to those Paul met at Athens. The people there were so given to the worship of idols, that Paul, beholding their form of religion stood up and said, "Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious" (Acts 17:22).

Every definition I find for superstition says it is a form of religion, or false worship. We find the people here condemned for their worship of all things except the true God. We have people of today who are just as superstitious as the people of Athens. They worship things of the world which are of the Devil. They fear some worldly made up idea more than they do God. Some look for signs, and some have faith in some old dream book, and so on. These things

become idols which they worship; then we must put them in with the people of Athens, and condemn as Paul did. It is just religion, and is not salvation.

The only religion that is worth while is the old time religion, which is salvation. Pray God to deliver people from this new religion that is full of formalism, and so dry of the Spirit that they are dead and don't know it.

Are we in the way with Christ, or are we, through deception, in the way that leads to death?

I KNELT TO PRAY

Contributed by Don Pettijohn

I knelt to pray when day was done,
And prayed: O Lord, bless everyone;
Lift from each saddened heart the pain,
And let the sick be well again!
And then I woke another day
And carelessly went on my way;
I did not try to bear the load
Of any brother on the road;
I did not even go to see
The sick man just next door to me.
Yet once again, when day was done,
I prayed: O Lord, bless everyone;
But as I prayed, into my ear,
There came a voice that whispered clear:

Pause, hypocrite, before you pray;
Whom have you tried to bless today?
God's richest blessings always go
By hands that serve Him here below!
And then I hid my face and cried:
Forgive me, God, for I have lied;
Let me live but another day
And I will live the way I pray!

TODAY

Contributed by Mrs. Lina Claxton

Today I am writing a message
For all who may chance to read,
Telling each the old, old story
Of a home that is sure indeed.

So many just all around us,
That yesterday were here,
And from us swiftly passing
And leaving an empty chair.

It seems as I grow older
I can see it all more clear,
That we should work for the Master,
And not for riches here.

Today we see all nature,
The leaves on every tree
Are changing with the autumn,
And winter is near we see.

Winter to each is coming,
And like the branches bare,
We will each pass onward
And leave our vacant chair.

A BIBLE READING*Continued from page three*

ture, and these women were there that day, to be licensed. They were virtuous women so far as I know, and they wept because they had been compared to this cursed woman. Let us be careful not to offend one of these little ones that believes in Jesus: it were better that we be cast into the sea with a rock tied about our neck. Oh, this is awful! Now, you may hate Aunt Lina for telling about this cursed woman: but Jesus said, "The world hated me before it hated you." You did not get mad at me because I told you not to go in the pasture where that old butting sheep stays: and if I had not told you about him, when I knew, and he crippled you for life, you would be mad at me, and make all kinds of hard wishes about me.

Let us strive to enter in at the

strait gate: the Devil is as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. Oh God, help us to stay off of the Devil's territory: he is worse than the old sheep; he can get such a charm on us, and if we don't watch and pray, he will lead us into hell, with all nations that forget God.

I know the Bible tells us not to fret; the children say, "Mother, Grandmother, what good do you think you can do to say anything about pride and fashions? It is here and will be here as long as time lasts." Yes, and I suppose the old woman in time of the Civil War knew there would always be war; but when a great battle was being fought, and she could hear the guns like popcorn in a skillet over a hot fire, and the dying men groaning, she grabbed the old broom and ran out into the yard, and the children said, "Grandmother, what good do you think you can do with that old broom?" "I can show

which side I am on."

So we take the Word of God for our weapon. Paul said, "Ye are our epistles, written in our hearts, known and read of all men."

I heard some one say, "I don't think these things should be printed in the Gem." No, and I guess you think that they should not be in the Bible: but pride and fashion are often spoken of in the Bible, and condemned.

"If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life."

Think of the song that was sung last summer, "You can't do wrong and get by," no difference how hard you may try. God help us all to do right, and overcome evil with good.

Your unworthy servant,

Aunt Lina Claxton.

Christian Liberty*By Mrs. N. B. Martin, Clemscot, Okla.*

"Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh"—
(Gal. 5:14).

Four times the Holy Spirit is mentioned in this passage; and each time it has some bearing on the Christian's life and liberty. Walking in the Spirit delivers from the lust of the flesh (Gal. 5:16, 17). It needs to be distinctly understood that the believer possesses two natures, the fleshly and the spiritual (y. 17). The fleshly nature he has inherited from his human ancestors. It has many natural and harmless desires, but it has also many abnormal and sinful appetites; for it is fallen human nature. It will not do to read the first Epistle of John without also reading Galatians. In John we read: "He that commiteth sin is of the devil" (1 John 3:8). And again, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he can not sin, because he is born of God" (1 John 3:9). That which is born of God, the divine nature in us, cannot sin: but we still have the fleshly nature, and there is constant warfare between the two. Many Christians go down in defeat before the flesh time and again. It is not necessary thus to fail: for victorious Christian living is possible, if we walk in the Spirit (Rom. 8:4). Being led of the

Spirit delivers from the service and bondage of law (Gal. 5:18). In the old covenant God gave a law to guide His people in their conduct: in the New Covenant He gives them His Spirit to lead them.

By the Spirit we are delivered from the works of the law; and it is written, "The man that doeth these things shall live by them" (Rom. 10:5).

The rich young ruler expected to inherit eternal life by doing something. But when Jesus asked him to prove he loved his neighbor as himself, by selling all he had and giving it away, he went away sorrowfully (Matt. 19:16-26). Quite different was the experience of the Philippian jailer when he asked what he must do to be saved. Paul did not prescribe circumcision, the observance of the sabbath, the keeping of the law; but he said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). God has put His Spirit within us, that He may lead us in lives that are in accord with His will. The spirit-filled life is far better than a dozen church rules for Christian living. If every member of our churches were filled with the Spirit, we wouldn't have any difficulty with worldliness. The law was made for the fleshly man, and the works of the law are not for the righteous man (1 Tim. 1:9; Rom. 6:14, 15).

The fruit of the Spirit overcomes the works of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-23). Evidently the fleshly nature is capable of committing any and all of the things enumerated here; there are some that we certainly abhor, such as adultery, murder, drunkenness; are we just as ready to give up enmities, strife, jealousies, wrath, factions, divisions, envyings? If we consciously hold to anything contrary to holiness, we are not walking in the Spirit.

There is a safe and sane way to overcome these things; that is, by yielding ourselves to the Holy Spirit in such a way that we will bear the fruit of the Spirit. The word "fruit" is in the singular, indicating that all nine varieties are to be borne by the one who is fruitful. The Christ-life is possible for every Christian in order that he may live for Christ.

Such a life delivers from seventeen phases of sin, which includes everything displeasing to God (Gal. 5:19-21).

Such a life produces nine phases of Christ-likeness, which include everything pleasing to God (Gal. 5:22-23).

SERVICE

Serve ye, for only he who serves doth truly live.

All noble life is measured not by "get," but "give."

To what extent? Is there a limit us to guide,

Yea, limit if you will—One set it, and He died!

Selected.

WHERE IS THE SALT?*Continued from page eleven*

ham's prayer and request, and sent His angels to Lot's home to warn them to get out, even took them and led them out: and, as they went out, the city was consumed with fire. But Lot and his wife and their two daughters were not burned. Why? The righteous life of Abraham, with his faith and trust in God was salt unto Lot.

If you could ask Joseph to relate his experience of the same nature, it would be wonderful to hear him tell about it. After being taken to Egypt, the famine came upon so much of the land, including Egypt, Canaan and all the surrounding countries: Joseph being a man which pleased God, provided a way to store up an extra supply of food while grain was plentiful. Let us remember that his people who were the chosen people, were at that time in Canaan, where the famine was great; and they were in great need of food, no doubt for both man and beast. They heard that there was food in Egypt; so they did the only thing there was for them to do, they went to the storehouse of Egypt to secure that which was needed, and their lives were saved. Suppose again, that Joseph had not played the part he did, things concerning the people of Israel doubtless would have been different. In this case Joseph was the salt of the earth to his people in his time.

Daniel could tell us what his integrity with God meant to himself and also to the wise men who were not able to tell the king his dream and the interpretation of it (Daniel 2). Because of his walking daily with the Lord, he was able to tell the dream and interpret it; and all the lives of the wise men, Chaldeans, soothsayers, astrologers, etc., were spared. He then, we must say, was that which preserved the lives of all these people.

The lives of Paul and Silas, along with many others, picture to us this same thought: what it means to follow Jesus, and be as He said,—"Salt of the earth."

It seems that the salt is getting somewhat scarce in the earth, from the way things are being carried on. But we praise God for the faithful ones that are still praying for the salvation of the world: and doing their utmost to keep things moving for Him. It will be too bad for the people who are left on earth after the

Lord comes in the air and catches away the preserving portion. The old earth will be so full of nothing but those who live at a distance from God, and the ones in power and authority will be so wicked that it won't take very long for the earth to really spoil.

I love the words of Jesus, because they tell us we can be, and are if we are following close to Him, "The salt of the earth."

INFLUENCE OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AGAINST CRIME*Contributed by Eld. T. C. Ferguson*

Judge Fawcett, justice of the Supreme Court of the state of New York, in a recent letter to the New York Bible Society, made the following statement relative to the value of the Sunday School against crime among youth: "Permit me to state that my experience during twenty-three years on the bench, in which time over 4,000 boys under the age of twenty-one years were convicted of crime before me, of whom but three were members of a Sabbath school, has satisfied me of the value of Sabbath schools to the community, in helping safeguard it, to the extent to which Sabbath schools exist, from the growth of criminals. My experience also satisfies me of their value to the individual."

He also makes another statement that is worthy of consideration. Out of 1900 cases of suspended criminal sentences in each of which a minister, or Christian worker became interested, only sixty-two of the boys were brought back for violation of the conditions of parole. These statements coming from an official touching the criminal youth of one of our largest states, shows the importance of our Sunday School work.

Over and over again I have made the statement that the youth of our day can be saved if someone will take an interest in them, and prove to them that he loves out of a true Christian heart. Our Sunday schools are the builders of citizenship for the tomorrows. Regular Sunday school scholars hardly ever get into serious trouble.—A. S. London.

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