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By the Editor

It is very fitting that there should be a day when the people of God should come together, at the end of harvest, with rejoicing and thanksgiving unto God for the many blessings of the year, whether it has been a prosperous one in temporal or material things or not. But we are given too often to counting our losses and failures and hardships, when we ought to count our blessings: for in the worst of years and times we have much that we should thank God for.

In spite of the depression and the drought, which has cleaned many of us out of everything but the promises of God, and many people can't even claim the promises of God, they have thought to live without Him; but we esteem His promises as sufficient cause for rejoicing and thanksgiving. Let us not forget that God's grace is always sufficient for anything His will permits for us.

The following Scripture will remind most of us of the effects of the drought we have been experiencing for so long: for some people have suffered almost the loss of everything they had; yet many that have suffered greatly have failed to find joy in the Lord:

*"Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat: the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation"*  
(Hab. 3:17, 18).

Despite the great afflictions of the children of Israel in their dispersion, the prophet will re-

joice because the Lord is yet to return to His temple.

Perhaps we should be especially thankful for the depression and the drought through which we have been passing. We are just common everyday folk; so we build our neat little nest and live our comfortable little lives until

one day the tempest wrecks it all. Possibly it is the hand of our God upon us that wrecks what we have built for ourselves, and drives us out to better things and to greater efforts.

But why should any Christian be sad and cast down because there is a dearth of material things which cause physical suffering; for the Lord will not forget them that are His. He has promised never to leave us, and to supply all our needs according to His riches in glory.

Oh, we have so many things to be thankful for: We have His blessed fellowship, His wonderful promises, His abiding presence, His love, and the love and fellowship of brothers and sisters, besides all the temporal blessings. Let count your blessings, and see if they are not many.

But best of all is the blessed hope of His soon coming. This wonderful truth is a great help in these trying times, and we are very thankful for it. Each morning I think, with joy, "He may come today." and each evening, I think, "When I awaken, I may be in glory." We must live each day as though it were to be the last, and there is much to do, to purify ourselves, and put our house in order. Thank God for the blessed hope.

Sometimes we may wonder how much longer we shall be permitted to labor and prepare for His blessed coming, and to have our treasured earthly possessions. Then we gladly look away expectantly for the coming One in whom we know we shall have heavenly possessions which shall be far better, and which shall endure forever in His presence.

### Thank-Offering

*Bring an offering to the Master—  
what, beloved, shall it be,  
Worthy of His wondrous kindness  
who has given all to thee?  
Myrrh and gold and sweet frankincense  
to His altar wilt thou bring,  
As of old the adoring wise men  
offered to the infant King?*

*Bring thy best, for he is kingly;  
bring thy offerings full and free;  
Thou canst never match his bounty,  
for he gave his life for thee;  
Love unmerited and boundless! let it  
stir thy languid heart  
Till it glows with fervid longing in  
his work to share a part.*

*Look on all his gifts around thee—  
gifts that make it joy to live;  
Best of all, O regal kindness! he has  
given thee power to give!  
He has filled thy hands with blessing,  
which he bids thee scatter wide,  
Calls thee friend, and not a servant  
—friend to labor at his side.*

*O to share his royal favor! O to work  
betimes with God!  
Following, though the way be thorny,  
where the feet of Christ have trod!  
O to give with glad thanksgiving!—  
freely, freely we receive—  
Counting this our crowning blessing,  
that he gives us power to give!*

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## REVERENCE FOR THE HOUSE OF GOD

By Stella Prince, Kellyville, Okla., R1.

How does the Lord regard the things that have been devoted, or dedicated to His service?

"Every devoted thing is most holy unto the Lord" (I 27:28).

Did Christ exhibit regard for the sanctity of God's house? "And they come to Jerusalem; and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seats of them that sold doves; and would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple. And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves" (Mark 11:15-17).

How should we conduct ourselves in the house of God? "But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy; and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple" (Psa. 5:7).

Christ has given us an inducement to worship in His house. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Mat. 18:20).

"Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God" (Eccl. 5:1).

"Guard thy steps when thou goest to the house of the Lord, that thou mayest enter it with sacred composure, and carefully avoid everything that would interfere with thy devotion"—Lange.

Reverence is becoming in the house of God, yet there are those who do not seem to appreciate this. In some places it is customary for the worshippers to enter the house of prayer noisily, and to move about, talking and laughing immoderately. Children too are sometimes allowed to run wildly about the house before and between the times of worship, playing and laughing aloud. This is a scandal to the house of God wherever it is permitted.

There are some extreme cases in which even the men do not remove their hats, but stand in knots discussing the weather, and its effects upon the crops, while some of the women engage in visiting, and lively conversation about common place things. At times, the discussion of various topics becomes so animated that the participants forget the hour, and when the time for opening the service arrives, the minister, if one is present, steps into the sacred stand, and calls the meeting to order; sometimes after waiting a season, he is obliged to call again, raising his voice above the din in order to command attention and perhaps even then a portion of the opening hymn is read while some of the congregation are taking their seats in any church that such things can be recorded of its members. It seems a shame to have seats with more or less confusion. It seems a shame to have members.—"Ye shall keep by sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary; I am the Lord" (Lev. 19:30).

Why this injunction to reverence the sanctuary, which was made only of earthly materials? Because it was the house in which God chose to place His name and in which He would be manifested by the symbol of His presence. It was therefore a holy place and, as such, should receive the reverence of His people.

Where only two or three are met in His name, He has promised to be in their midst. Were people to step into the actual presence of Jehovah, it is probable that none would there engage in levity. On the other hand, they would most likely feel at once to bow in awe and rever-

ence, to adore their Creator.

But if God is really present in the person of His representative, in the convocation of His people, why should they treat His Holy Spirit with any less consideration?

"Serve God acceptably, with reverence and Godly fear" (Heb. 12:28).

God is the same in every age, and though inhabiting eternity, He still dwells with those who are of a contrite and humble spirit. When this class come together for worship, the Lord comes with them.

God has deigned to accept the earthly houses dedicated to Him, and they should therefore be revered, because He has thus honored them.

"But, as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy; and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple"—Ps. 5:7.

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him" (Psa. 89:7).

It is a solemn thing to go into the presence of God. May we have grace to do so with reverence.

"Our God is a consuming fire."

I do not believe any performance which does not relate to the service of God should be conducted in a house dedicated to His service.

## FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING PROGRAM

The Fifth Sunday Meeting of the New Hope Association of Free Will Baptist will meet at Pleasant Grove church, about three miles northeast of Greenbrier, Ark., at 2:30 p. m. Friday, November 27, 1936, and continue over Sunday.

### Friday Afternoon

- 2:30—Opening by the Moderator, Eld. R. E. Pruitt.
- 3:00—Talk: Did Christ Eat the Bread and Drink the Fruit of the Vine at the Lord's Supper? Discussion by Eld. S. A. Morgan.
- 3:15—Talk: Are Children Born With or Without Sin in their hearts? Discussion by Elders R. E. Pruitt and Jesse E. Pratt.
- 7:00—Introductory Sermon by Elder C. E. Wilson, Eld. S. A. Morgan alternate.

### Saturday Morning

- 9:00—Opening ..... Moderator
- 9:30—Talk: What is Prayer? Discussion by Eld. J. A. Stephens.
- 9:45—Talk: What Do Free Will Baptist Require of a Member, to Hold

### Good Standing with the Church?

Discussion by Eld. J. W. Moore.

10:00—Talk: Did Christ Baptize with Water? Discussion by Eld. C. E. Wilson.

10:15—Devotional Service led by Eld. W. B. Maddox.

### Fifteen Minute Intermission

11:00—Sermon.

12:00—Lunch.

### Saturday Afternoon

1:00—Opening ..... Moderator

1:30—Talk: Where was the Garden of Eden, and Where is It Now? Discussion by Eld. J. M. Tucker.

1:45—Talk: What was the Condition of the Man in Matt. 1:44, 45, After the Unclean Spirit had gone Out? Discussion by Eld. J. H. Hartsell.

2:00—Business Session, in Charge of Moderator.

7:00—Sermon.

### Sunday Morning

10:00—Sunday School.

11:00—Sermon ..... Moderator.

Every one that is interested in working for the Lord is invited to attend this meeting.

P. S. Please read Romans 12:12-21.

Eld. R. E. Pruitt, Mod., Rose Bud, Ark.

H. C. Holleman, Clerk, Rose Bud, Ark.

## LET'S ACT OUT

### OUR PRAYERS

By Rev. S. T. Shutes, Colquitt, Ga.

To the brethren, I say, That believing that those who have embraced the principles that constitute Christianity in the personal life, that regardless of where you are, you are my brother or sister in Christ.

I have never written to the Gem before, but somehow the Lord has impressed me with a message.

May I call your attention to the meeting in Nashville, Tenn. last Nov. for the purpose of perfecting the National Association? It was done, I thought, and all our organizations in the East are complying therewith.

At Nashville a brother preacher said to me on the first day of the meeting, in the afternoon, that we were further apart than when we met. I never said much, but prayed that night, and just before the benediction was said, I asked for permission to make an announcement. It was granted; so I asked every one that would pray before sleeping that night, until every doubt was removed, and that God would guide the committee that was to select the Treatise for our people,

and lay on their heart what to do, to stand up. Those of you who were present remember, everybody, I think, stood up. What happened? The committee said when they entered the upper room next morning, that they felt different; and that it was no trouble to get together. What else? The report was adopted without being read (Later it was partially read by request). What then, brethren? I felt that we were on the mountain top. Shouting. I never saw as many rejoicing at once. God heard and answered. Now, brethren, I trust that you will, in your associations, find the Spirit leading as we have.

Pray before you object.

## THE TOUCH OF CHRIST

Scripture reading Mark 5:21-43.

By Floyd Clingenpeel, Anderson, Mo.

Just as it is necessary to shun evil influence, in order not to become contaminated; so it is well to seek good association, in order to be strengthened and encouraged. All people need to be strengthened for good, even Christians, who have been tried time after time, need a constant association with Christ. It is the association with Him, and the touch of His influence, that makes us fit for His service. Not only does it make us fit to serve Him, but it brings the happiness and joy into our lives that makes life worth living.

The influences of the home life are the influences that mark the success or failure of the average boy or girl. By home life I do not mean the amount of money, or the number of autos, or fine clothes, or any other sign of wealth in the home. Too often we confuse the idea of the home with its material things. Home is not made up of money, houses and lands, cars and costly furniture, etc.; it consists of something grander and nobler than these. It is made up of those things that will stand misfortunes and reverses—it is indestructable, but what makes it so? It is the Spirit of God.

There was a home near the little town of Bethany that Jesus visited quite often, what do we find in that home? We find that the sister whose name was Mary sat at Jesus' feet and listened to His gracious words. They were friends of Jesus, and He was their Friend. When trouble and sorrow entered that home, Jesus removed them, that is what His touch does for the home; and it will do the same

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**NEOSHO, MISSOURI, R3**

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

I thought it good and honoring to God, that I should let you know something about the meeting, held at the Free Will Baptist church at Oak Grove, in McDonald County, Mo.

The meeting commenced on the first Sunday in September and closed on the second Sunday in October. The meeting was held by Eld. F. E. and Elda Crain of Miami, Oklahoma. The pastor of the church, Elder Kenneth Turner, was there on the second Sunday in Sept. and the second Sunday in October. Eld. Ben Henderson and Eld. B. Fredrick were there the last Sunday.

While the wet weather and the flooded creeks kept the people away, and caused the loss of one service, we still report a good meeting; to the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, be all the praise.

There were eight converted, two reclaimed, six baptized, and eleven united with the Free Will Baptist church.

Unofficially reported by I. C. Allen.

**SPRINGDALE, ARK., Oct. 15th.**

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

It has been some time since we sent in a report, so we want to get one in the next paper. We want to let our brothers and sisters in Christ know that we are still on gaining ground at Old Mt. Zion church.

Our church is increasing in numbers and a goodly number still come out to worship and help to carry the load. There are some people that seem inclined to hold back, and if their holdback straps should break, I don't know where they would land. But there are many good people, not only in this neck of the woods, but everywhere.

May God help us to wake up to a sense of duty and give the Devil a blow every time we get a chance. Folks are getting too timid, seemingly afraid to come to the front and take a stand for their Savior who has done so much for us; and raise a voice against the wicked one who is trying to, and will destroy the souls of our boys and girls if we don't wake up and compel them to come and be safely sheltered under the protecting wings of the Almighty.

There are some who say, "The Free Will Baptist people, and others as well, have just a scare salvation."

If it is I hope to goodness they remain scared, and that a lot more will get scared.

We need a great vision of lost souls, a greater vision of revivals, and not just sit around and wait for God to send a revival, or save souls, but we as God's people will have to pray a revival down and pray for souls to be saved. God works through human instrumentality.

Well, I intended to give a report. We still have a good prayer meeting, and a good Sunday school, with an average attendance of about 60.

Bro. J. W. Allred is our pastor again this year, seems that we can't give him up.

Well, it is getting close to election time again, and we all want to go right. I beg of you all in the name of a risen Redeemer, to pray the right prayer and vote the right ticket.

God bless you all. Good night.

From Old Mt. Zion church,

Eld. Bruce Phillips, Reporter.

**FREEMAN, MO., Oct. 10, 1936.**

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

I want to tell you about our good services Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night at old Hickory Grove church, near Freeman, Mo.

Bro. Richard Talbott of Hannon, Mo., a talented young minister, one who believes and preaches the old time religion in a soul-stirring way, is our pastor.

His text Saturday night was taken from the Old Testament, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth," bring out the truths that God is Maker, Ruler and Keeper of every living thing, drowning out the many new theories that some are trying to advance today.

Sunday morning his text was taken from Genesis 26:18. Subject, "He Cleaned Out the Wells." This made each one of us search our own hearts to find what kind of trash we were keeping hidden deep down in our hearts, and to send up prayers to our Father to cleanse our hearts from all impurities.

The Sunday night message was based on Luke, chapter 19, where Jesus looked up and saw Zaccheus in the tree and told him to make haste and come down, and Zaccheus obeyed Jesus; for the Bible says, "And he made haste, and came down, and received Him joyfully." Oh, what a grand place this world would be if we would make haste and obey God as Zaccheus did!

I wish I could write this message just as Bro. Talbott gave it, so we could all share it with us. It was a soul-stirring message that God sent us through Bro. Talbott. It touched our hearts made us all want to stand harder to obey God's will in all things and it made us so happy.

Bro. Mosby's (one of our deacons) face was a wreath of smiles, and just had to say "Amen" several times real loud.

Bro. Tom Lewis, many of you know him, for he has been to the Association several times, his face was just a big smile all the time, and I think he agreed with everything that was said, for he kept nodding his head.

Tears of happiness were in the eyes of others: it was a message that drew us all closer together in brotherly love, one that I think our church was needing badly.

We are just a small country church so was Zaccheus a small man; but God noticed him, and I'm sure that when we meet God's requirements He will bless us and cause us to grow and do great things in His name.

I want to ask all who read this humble little article to please pray earnestly for our little church, that we may live and conduct our service in a way that will be pleasing in the sight of God, and that we may help up Bro. Talbott in every way, so we can go ahead with the great work God has for him to do.

May God bless all who are trying to help in God's great cause, in earnest prayer.

—Mrs. Bert Goddard

**GRANBY, MISSOURI, Oct. 5th**

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

Just a few lines to report our meeting at Antioch church, near Marble Hill, Arkansas, beginning Sept. 22nd, and continuing until Oct. 2nd. We were there only a few nights, but the Lord proved His goodness and love to those who came trusting in His power to save.

During the eleven nights we were there, there were five souls saved with an experience that made us rejoice and know without a doubt that they were really in possession of the blessing of salvation. They seemed so anxious to go with their Lord in baptism; so we called for a baptizing service on Friday, Oct. 2nd before closing that night. Five were baptized. The location being so convenient, with the stream of water only a few steps directly in front of

the church, we were reminded of the Scripture found in Acts 8:36: after one had sought and found Christ, he said, "Here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?"

Bro. Watson was with us in the last few nights of the meeting. We met a number of folk we had met at the Associations in that part, and were glad to find them serving the Lord.

We were obliged to close for our appointment services, and to make arrangements to go to our State Association, which convened October 12th.

Yours for Jesus,

Eld. Kenneth Turner.

### REPORT OF THE QUARTERLY LEAGUE RALLY OF UNION ASSOCIATIONAL LEAGUE

The members of the Union Associational League met Sunday, Sept. 13, 1936, with the Niangua League.

Services were called to order by Bro. Loyd Sell. Singing and prayer by Bro. Walton, after which the services were turned over to Eld. L. J. Gearing. The Lord's Prayer was repeated by all.

Bro. Gearing delivered a good message, using Matt. 6:33 as a text: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness."

A song was sung, and we were dismissed for the noon hour by Elder O. L. Allen.

The afternoon services were called to order by our President, Clifford Cain. After singing the business session was held.

Officers and delegates registered.

The following were present:

Herbert Vandivort, Katy Conrow, Ansel Alexander, Opal Coffman, Mr. Dudley, Evelyn Babbitt, Agnes Scott, Geneva Gearing, Curtis Redding, David Scott, Jassie Pettet, Mr. and Mrs. Sell, Verda Arthur, Ellen Gearing, Clifford Cain, L. J. Gearing, Florence Vandivort and Adam Scott.

Letters from the different leagues were read and accepted.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Mary Scott was re-elected as secretary for a term of one year.

Brushy Knob requested and was granted the next rally.

Bro. Herbert Vandivort was elected chairman of the next meeting, with Rolla Allen assistant.

Eld. O. L. Allen was elected to preach the sermon, with Eld. Faye George alternate.

Since no business League session

was held at Union Association, the President, Eld. L. J. Gearing, called a short business session, at which the business was taken care of.

Officers for the following year were elected as follows

President ..... Eld. L. J. Gearing  
Secretary ..... Adam Scott  
Executive Board Mem., Rolla Allen.

We recommended that the State Association League appoint Bro. Homer Vandivort as field worker.

There being no other business, a splendid program was given by the different leagues, and a growing interest in our leagues was manifested.

After an old fashioned hand shake, we were dismissed by Eld. Fay George.

Clifford Cain, Chairman,

Mary Scott, Secretary.

### TORNADO, W. VA., Sept. 30th.

Dear Brother and Sister Brown and Gem Family: I am so rejoiced over a two weeks' revival which Rev. John Henson of the Brother Hood Q. M. of West Va. held, beginning Sept. 14th. This meeting was with the New Fountain Free Will Baptist church in the Union Q. M. and the Logan Y. M., near my home where I was a member for about 15 years. They had no revival last year, and the church grew cold, with no great success; but the church and people now seem to be very much interested and warmed up. There has been nine professions, five reclaimed and four new conversions, two baptized and two waiting for baptism.

Bro. Henson's subject for the first night, Sept. 14th, was "Being a Good Soldier for Jesus" (Gal. 5:17).

Subject for the second services, "Reaping and Sowing" (Num. 32:23).

Third subject, "One of God's Imperative Commands" (Mark 5:19).

Fourth, "The Needful Thing" (St. Luke 10:42).

Fifth, "Signs of the Times" (Matt. 24:14).

Sixth, "The Three Sweetest Words in the World" (John 19:26, 27).

I will give only the six subjects, it would take too much space.

The meeting is still going on, but I can't wait for it to close, and get my report in for the Oct. issue, and I would love to see this in the Oct. paper, also a report of the revival going on at my home church, Chanler's Branch. I want to tell the Gem family why I am so happy and thankful for what Bro. Henson, by the help of God, has done for the community I live in is this: there are

nine more to help fight the battle for the Lord, and nine less for Satan, and all are my neighbors, some of them are my children; so pray for us.

I may have a lot more to say next time.

Yours for Christ,

F. V. Nicholas.

### BOWNEMONT, W. VA., Oct. 17

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

I received my Gem just the other day, and I don't think I missed any thing that I didn't read. The editor may get tired of printing what I write, for I have been writing something for nearly every issue of the paper for some time. I sure do feel proud of the reputation of Rev. Winford Davis, and am sorry I cannot hear him over the radio. I am working when he is broadcasting, but my wife says he is a real preacher.

Well, our five weeks' revival closed last Sunday night. It was the most peculiar meeting I ever went through, just seemed that somebody was always out of place. The first week our choir leader was sick and missed four nights. The second week, Rev. C. E. Lee, who was our pastor last year, one we all loved and had lots of confidence in, was not able to be with us. Then the third week, Rev. J. L. Patterson, who was doing the preaching, got sick and had to miss four nights; but our pastor, Bro. E. L. Bowman, and Rev. C. E. Lee went on with the meeting till Bro. Patterson got able to be back. The pastor was not there all of the time, but in spite of all the hindrances, we had a good meeting, and nine renewed their covenant with God. I am looking and praying for the time when Chanler's Branch church will be one of the most lively and humblest churches in Kanawha Conference.

Tonight is our regular church meeting, and our pastor will not be there, for he went to Sandy City, Ky. to the Tri-State Association. I suppose some one will report that meeting.

Since our revival at Chanler's Branch closed, wife and I went to Magazine Wednesday and Thursday nights. I am really interested in Magazine church, I feel it is partly the cause of there being a Chanler's Branch church, for seven members of Magazine left there just about 16 months ago and came to Chanler's Branch, and with seven others, organized a church. Now we have twenty-six, and many other folks that stay

right with us. Well, I hope, if the meeting goes on next week at Magazine, that the Chanler's Branch choir will all go and sing for them; for God has blessed us with a good choir, and I think it is our duty to help one another.

As the weather is bad, we may not have a very large crowd tonight, but Rev. C. E. Lee is to fill the pastor's place tonight.

I will close by saying we need the prayers of those we love.

—F. E. Nicholas.

## A WONDERFUL MEETING

**The 23rd Annual Session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist An Overwhelming Success. Held October 12 to 16.**

Well, our State gathering is again a matter of history. Certainly pleasant memories linger. Again we can say, "This was one of the best State Associations we have ever had." A splendid harmonious spirit prevailed throughout. It is literally true that our State meeting is growing better year by year.

The Mission and League workers had some splendid sessions on Monday night and Tuesday. We had a good delegation at these auxiliary sessions, and some important moves were made. One was, that we shall soon have a State Mission Manual, the same as we have had in the League work for some time.

The State meeting proper opened on Tuesday night. An addition had to be put on the large gospel tent the first day. It became evident at the very start that the room would not accommodate the crowd that was gathering. 400 meals were served at the eating quarters Thursday noon.

Officers elected for the 1936-37 term were:

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Member Ex. Board, Eld. Geo. Scott, Jr.,

Mountain Grove, Mo.

State Statistician, Eld. Miss Tommie Franklin ..... Desloge, Mo.

Some important matters that were transacted were as follows:

Definite steps were taken toward the organization of a stock company, whereby \$5,000.00 is to be raised for the erection of a building in which to house the Free Will Baptist Gem, and

to buy printing equipment. This matter was left in the hands of the Publication Committee and the Executive Board to carry out, and these committees are already at work on the same. We have all faith that this is going to be a solution of what has long been to our state workers—a perplexing problem.

A State Sec'y-Treas. was elected in the interest of our educational work to co-operate with our national board of education in the establishment of a school. Eld. Selph Jones of Mansfield, Missouri was elected.

A Foreign Mission Secretary was elected to handle all state Foreign Mission funds, and to encourage our people to support our foreign work. Your writer was the one chosen. May God help me to be a blessing to the work. An interesting report was read to the body from our Bro. Willey, written from Cristobal, Panama Canal Zone. The body was called to prayer in his behalf, and a nice offering was then taken for his support.

Many other interesting things were said and done, the account of which space will not permit us to give here. Every one seemed to enjoy themselves in a wonderful way, and we hope they did, for we did our best in preparing for and serving them, as this was held at our home church. Right here I want to thank every one for their help financially or otherwise. The people who gathered certainly did give and help wonderfully.

Following is an itemized account:

Meals served .....	4,000
Beef, lbs .....	400
Chickens .....	125
Bacon, pounds .....	50
Bread, loaves .....	325
Crackers, lbs .....	50
Cookies, lbs .....	36
Pies .....	150
Cobblers .....	30
Cakes .....	16
Eggs, dozens .....	96
Coffee, gallons .....	205
Soup, gallons .....	51
Gravy, gallons .....	14
Tomatoes, cans .....	72
Cabbage, lbs .....	150
Milk, cases .....	4
Sweet potatoes, lbs .....	150
Corn, cans .....	36
Pork & Beans, cans .....	24
Peaches, gallons .....	12
Mixed fruits, quarts .....	20
Pickles, gallons .....	6½
Flour, pounds .....	55
Irish potatoes, lbs .....	580
Sugar, pounds .....	68
Lard, pounds .....	20

Oats, pounds .....	36
Apple butter, quarts .....	24
Apples, bushels .....	2
Peas, cans .....	24
Salt, pounds .....	20
Pepper, pounds .....	1
Macaroni, pounds .....	12
Butter, pounds .....	22
Dressing, gallons .....	20

### Association Enrollment

Ordained Ministers .....	37
Deacons .....	18
Delegates .....	76
Ministers' Wives .....	21

Many of our people attended who were not standing or elected delegates. Also many visitors attended. At different times the crowds were estimated at 550 or 600. Splendid special singing was featured throughout the entire session. At the preaching hours the Gospel was delivered very effectively by several of our ministers.

On Friday night and Saturday morning, all separated with regret that the week had passed so quickly, but we are looking forward to meeting again next year with the Hannon church, at Hannon, Barton Co., Mo.

With love to all,

Winford Davis.

## TORNADO, W. VA., Oct. 20, 1936

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Family:

I have just arrived at home from our Tri State Association, which convened with the Sandy City Free Will Baptist church, at Sandy City, Ky. I am not going to try to give a full report of the meeting, but I want the Gem readers to know what a good time we had and how I enjoyed meeting those good people, and the way they looked after us and seen that no one was left not cared for, and how I enjoyed meeting the good brothers and sisters from the three states: Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia.

Rev. E. L. Bowman of Charleston, W. Va. and I went together, and stayed together all the time we were there. We went to the church a little after dark, while the good pastor was leading the song service. We went in and sat down. Every one in the house were strangers to both of us. But the good pastor, Rev. L. E. Colliver of Ashland, Ky. came and invited us up to the front. After an introduction to all the good brethren, Rev Langdon of Logan, W. Va. was called to the stand. He brought a good message, and was followed by Bro. Bowman.

After services, the good pastor took us home with him, and we enjoyed

the night with him and his nice family. We went to the store with him Friday morning and enjoyed seeing a part of the nice town of Ashland.

We met again at the church about nine thirty. After organizing and appointing the committees, Rev. John Henson of Hurricane, W. Va. brought a fine message. It was a wonderful meeting. Then a good sister was running all through the crowd to find six people to go with her for dinner, and by persuading the pastor to go to her house, and take us, she got five to go; and we went back there for supper, and back there for the night.

I am taking up too much space, but I will just say that we went with another good brother for dinner and supper Saturday, but went back to Bro. and Sister Jones' for the night. That was the place we stayed Friday night. I never met a better bunch of people than I met at Sandy City. They were so well prepared to take care of the meeting that no one was crowded, and no one had enough company to eat what they had prepared. All were filled with food and were running over with spiritual blessings.

I will close before I write more than Bro. Brown will have room for, but I want to say that we met a bunch of real Free Will Baptist.

Pray for me and the little Gem. I wish all Free Will Baptist would take this paper.

Yours for Christ,

F. V. Nicholas.

## ABOUT THE PICTURES

Taken at the State Meeting  
At Macedonia Church ....

I have seen the proofs of the two pictures taken at Macedonia, and they are very plain and distinct, especially the one of the ministers and delegates. One can easily recognize almost every face. The other one is just as plain, only the photographer was a little farther away when it was taken. If you want one, or one of each, I feel sure you would not be disappointed in them in the least.

I am soon mailing out the pictures that were ordered and paid for. If you want one or more of them, just send me your name, address, and 55c for each picture ordered, stating clearly which picture you want if only one is desired, and I will see that you get them.

Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri.

## BONNE TERRE, MISSOURI

Dear Brother and Sister Brown and Gem Readers: I have just arrived at home from the great State Association of the Free Will Baptist Band—that means all of God's people.

Oh, what a wonderful Savior we have to prepare such for His people; and that they will open their doors and welcome you in.

I cannot express the blessings that I received—the wonderful prayers, songs, and testimonies.

Praises are still singing in my soul.

Now a word about Temperance—against any kind of intoxicating drinks and tobacco. But when God cleaned us up, and took tobacco away, He did not give chewing gum in its place. You see preachers and their wives, and members of the church, chewing gum in time of service.

Preachers, preach more against painted finger nails, lip stick, and many other things that go with Temperance—dance halls, road houses, beer houses, smoking cigarettes, etc. Oh God, forgive such things; for all those things take glory out of some one's soul.

We want to be clean and spotless, looking for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. If we walk in the Spirit, we will not fail: for God is no respecter of persons.

Pray for me.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. Odella Rice.

## MT. OLIVE MISSION REPORT

Greenfield, Mo., Oct. 22.

Dear Mission Workers:

On Tuesday, August 18, 1936, the Home Mission circle met and organized. Officers were elected as follows: President ..... Mrs. Myrl York  
Vice Pres. .... Mrs. Nannie Martin  
Secretary ..... Velma Smith  
Ass't Sec. .... Marie Hughes  
Treasurer, .... Mrs. Sylvia Lemaster

We now have nineteen (19) members, each one taking an active part.

We meet Tuesday of each week, in all-day session. We have quilted four quilts and are working on another one.

On September 22nd we were glad to have with us, Sister Roena Thomas, Grandma Thomas and Sister Melba White. Sister White delivered a very interesting message on the Home Mission Circle, and its Requirements.

Some of our members attended a part of the State Association, held with the Macedonia church. It was

the first time some of us ever had the privilege of attending a State meeting.

The Spirit of God surely did prevail, and we certainly received a lot of inspiration. After being there, we could all truly say, "My cup runneth over."

We expect to represent our Mission circle at the fifth Sunday meeting, which is to be held with Independence church, Sunday, November 29th.

We feel that the Lord has blessed our Mission circle, and we ask your prayers, that we might grow stronger in the work of our Master.

Velma Smith, Sec'y.

## BROTHER WILLEY SAILS

On September 30, 1936, at 2:40 p. m., Rev. T. H. Willey sailed for Panama, South America. Our missionary is on his way to open a mission field for us as Free Will Baptists. He is God's man and our man. He is the channel through whom we can obey the supreme commission of taking the Gospel to those who have never heard. How are we to obey? By putting ourselves wholeheartedly behind this missionary program with our prayers and our money.

Brother Willey sailed from the port at Houston, Texas, on the S. S. Ruth Lykes. This ship is a freight steamer with accommodations for a limited number of passengers. He will arrive in Cristobal, Canal Zone on Oct. 8th, the Lord willing, and can be reached by mail, for the present, at the following address: Rev. T. H. Willey, Cristobal, Canal Zone, % American Bible Society, Bible House.

Yes, the time to which we have been looking is here, for Bro. Willey has sailed. But it is with grief in my heart that I now recount the conditions under which he sailed. Might I here say, that as one who helped Brother Willey get ready to sail, and who was with him until the ship sailed out of sight, I am not exaggerating anything which I shall say. I am going to try by the Lord's help to state facts as they are. The conditions under which our missionary sailed are a disgrace to our church and to God. We, as a church, covenanted with him to put him across the water, and to support his family, while he as our ambassador and God's ambassador carried the Gospel. By faith he has stepped out, trusting God and us, and has faithfully fulfilled his part. But we have sent him into a foreign country with NO MEDICAL



SUPPLIES, NO CONCENTRATED FOOD SUPPLIES, INSUFFICIENT PHOTO SUPPLIES, VERY INADEQUATE CLOTHING, as well as a number of other things not quite so important, but necessary supplies, AND WITH ONLY HALF THE NECESSARY FUNDS. And on top of all this he had to leave *without having anything with which to support his family*. It seems as though we thought he could get his necessary supplies by performing some miracle, for we made absolutely no provision for his obtaining them. Brother Willey started for Texas from North Carolina to be here to sail on scheduled time, without enough funds to hardly get out of the state. But the Lord intervened, and with the help of one of our churches, and the help of some others than Free Will Baptists, he was enabled to get here.

Are we going to let things stand as they are? Here is his family without a thing, and they must have funds NOW. We agreed to give them \$20.00 a week while Bro. Willey was gone, in order that they might not suffer. I for one cannot stand by and see them suffer. Bro. Willey must have more funds within two months. We lack \$450.00 of giving him the stipulated amount. In the countries to which he is going the rate of exchange is so high that it takes about \$1.50 of our American money to make \$1.00 of their money, thus making the money that he does have, worth about half as much. Some of the countries require a deposit of \$200.00 to \$250.00 when you enter, thus making it necessary to have more money. This deposit is returned on leaving the country, but he must have money to travel within its borders.

Some, in making claim to the greatness of our Free Will Baptist, say that we have 300,000 members. But others say we have 200,000. Then let us take a case of supposition. Supposing we only have 50,000 from whom we could expect any help—If these gave only 10 cents a piece per year, we would have \$5,000.00 for Foreign Missions. May God have mercy on us for giving so little as this amount. If this same 50,000 would give \$1.00 a piece per year we would have \$50,000, with which to start our college. If every pastor would take an offering monthly in his church or churches, we would have the necessary funds. With shouting and tears we voted for this missionary program. It takes more than shouting to put a thing over, it takes hard work. Resolutions

and laws are all right if you work them, but they will not work themselves. They are not worth the paper they are written on unless we put these resolutions into effect. What have we done in Texas? We have done our best by the Lord's help, and have raised approximately \$500.00 CASH in six months' time for Foreign Missions. And this amount from only seven churches. Are we boasting about it? No! We feel that we are still far behind what God is expecting of us. "But," you say, "you talk too much about money." Jesus said more about giving than He did about repentance and regeneration. He knew if He had a man's pocket book, He had his heart. I have no confidence in any man's Christian experience that does not reach down into his pocket book.

Beloved, we cannot let this missionary program fail! We must not retrench! Our church is at the zero hour! Are we going to go over the top, or are we going to settle back into the trenches AND DIE? We need \$5,000.00 for Foreign Missions by one year from now. We must have the necessary funds to send workers into our new field and properly man it. We must have funds now to take care of Brother Willey's family, and to send him the rest of his funds. Bro. Willey is counting on us, God is also counting on us; and I believe you will not fail at this hour. But we must get busy NOW!

E. Sterl Phinney, Pastor

Bryan Church, Bryan, Texas.

## About the College Property or the Weaverville Proposition

The Board of Education of the National Association of The Free Will Baptist Church met in called session at Weaverville, N. C. on Wednesday, October 7, 1936. The following members were present, namely: T. B. Mellette, J. W. Alford, Selph Jones, and I. J. Blackwelder appointed by J. L. Welch as his proxy. Absent were Melvin Bingham and E. E. Morris.

In view of the proposition made the Board by H. C. Sprinkle, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Brevard College, and Judge Weaver also a member of the same Board of Trustees, the following was adopted,—We, the un-

dersigned, hereby offer the sum of fifteen thousand dollars for all of the (Weaverville College property, Weaverville, North Carolina; not including the twenty-two acres more or less, lake tract.

We agree to pay the fifteen thousand as follows:

(1) We assume the \$10,000 deed of trust, now on the property and being held by Ottis Green.

(2) We will pay the sum of \$1,000 cash upon receipt of deed conveying a good fee simple title to said property.

(3) We will pay \$1,000 November 1, 1937.

(4) We will pay \$1,000 November 1, 1938.

(5) We will pay \$1,000 November 1, 1939.

(6) We will pay \$1,000 November 1, 1940.

We hand you herewith a Cashier's Check in the sum of \$100.00 to be held in good faith money and if the offer is accepted it is to be credited on the \$1,000 cash payment to be made on receipt of deed.

In case the offer is rejected, the money is to be returned to us.

We reserve the right to pay any or all of the \$4,000 deferred payment at any interest payment date. It is understood that the payments of the \$4,000 is to draw interest at 6% per annum from date.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Education of the National Association of the Free Will Baptist Church.

The writer wishes to note here that in the absence of J. L. Welch, Chairman of the Board, that I. J. Blackwelder was made temporary chairman. Too, it is well to make mention that W. L. Moretz, Swannanoa, N. C. was made our representative to meet with the Western N. C. Methodist Episcopal Conference at Saulsberry, N. C. on October 22, 1936. Brother Moretz is to make the above offer, and a representative citizen of Weaverville, N. C. is to accompany him.

As Secretary of the Board of Education I will state that the Board was informed that the National Association Executive Committee passed a resolution rescinding the former resolution of the National Association and the Eastern General Association act making Nashville, Tennessee the home of a centralized college, and that the matter of establishing a home site for a college is now at the discretion of the Board of Education.

It is well to state that the Chairman of the Brevard College Board of



Trustees. Brevard, N. C., made a different proposition to the one presented to the Board when in session at Nashville, Tenn. on Aug. 18, 1936. The proposition submitted by the said Board is as follows:

The Free Will Baptist Board of Education pay \$2,600.00 cash; assume a \$10,000 deed of trust now on the property, held by Ottis Green; and pay Brevard College \$12,400.00. The last may be had upon terms. Thus, \$10,000 difference exists between the offers. But our Board made the offer which was first submitted to us at Nashville, Tenn. on August 18, 1936.

The secretary of the Board of Education invites any of the visitors or other members of the Board who were present to make comment on the offers and the property as an opportunity being presented to us. Several visitors were present to view the property and the lay of the land. These were: Mr. and Mrs. Covile, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Rev. and Mrs. I. J. Blackwelder of East Nashville, Tenn., Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Davidson of Glennville, Ga., Rev. E. B. Joyner, Lake Butler, Fla., Rev. F. E. Crosby, Hazelhurst, Ga., Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Vause, Timmons ville, S. C., Rev. M. H. Mellette, Mr. and Mrs. Creighton Gibbons, Mr. Fred Mims, Turbeville, S. C., Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Moretz, Swannanoa, N. C. Other visitors were present, but I do not remember all. Brother Selph Jones and his brother were the only ones from west of the Mississippi.

The Board feels that the property is well worth the price asked for, and we also feel that the offer first presented to us should be sustained.

T. B. Mellette, Secretary,  
Blakely, Ga.

*Taken from the Free Will Baptist*

## TITHING

Dear Brother Brown:

I hope you will allow me space in your paper for a few lines on the subject that lies next to my heart—"Tithing."

Every one of us who study, or even read our Bibles, knows that one-tenth of all our income (not our savings) belongs to the Lord. And until we give Him His tenth, we have failed to do our part. Until we have given Him the tenth, and above the tenth, we have given nothing. Lev. 27:32 says, "The tenth shall be holy unto the Lord."

I'm sure we all want to see God's work prosper, but how many are

willing to do their part, and not sit back and wait for the other fellow to finance it?

If, when we receive our pay checks, we would lay aside the tenth which justly belongs to God, there would be no need to pass the hat to get money to finance an association or pay the preacher. It's so easy to give after once laying aside that which belongs to the Lord.

We have a goodly number of preachers who are willing to leave home and loved ones, just to carry on the good work. Many times they are forced to go out into strange fields without a dime, or leave their family with little to eat, and less to spend. Friends, this is not easy by any means, but it has to be done. because God says, "Go." I consider that God's work comes first, and must be financed. God isn't going to let us suffer so long as we keep His commandments. If we give Him His tenth, He will certainly replenish our needs. But too many of us take God's work for granted thinking it will be taken care of sooner or later.

It's a joy to help carry on this great work, even though it is a struggle, then when we have something to show for our efforts, just to think, "I had a part in it," will bring joy.

All that's wrong with most of us is, "We just aren't willing to sacrifice."

I'm not a preacher, but I know from observation, that what I have said is true.

One who tithes.

DALLAS, TEX., 1822 Lenwood

Oct. 22, 1936.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I want to write about our little church here in Dallas. We all have trials and hardships, and when we overcome them, we want the world to know it, especially our brethren. Ours has been a struggle against Satan, but thanks be unto God, right will triumph if we do our best, doing God's will, giving Him the glory.

Last year, about this time, I wrote an appeal to the Gem for help. The editor published the appeal, and we received one response. from Brother Albert Halbrook of Leadington, Mo. Our sister church, The First Free Will Baptist church of Ft. Worth, sent us an offering in answer to a letter we wrote them. The rest of the struggle we fought alone. We didn't even have a place to meet, being unable to pay rent on a building we were using.

So we met at the homes of the members for two and one-half months, then we heard of a congregation north of the city that wanted to meet with us, all Free Will Baptist, mind you. We went to them, they joined with us and we now have a nice little church on Lovefield Drive. I want to say, We do not own our building, but hope to soon erect a building of our own. That will be another struggle, but with God's help we can do it.

Here, I would like to make mention of our pastor, Bro. Allie Ferguson of Ft. Worth. He has been a faithful shepherd, coming to us every Sunday and paying his own expenses, also giving his tithes to the church. We have been unable to pay him a salary, but he has never failed us.

He is a young man in his twenties, but we have watched him grow in grace and surely feel that his sacrifice and labor in our little church is preparing him for a greater work. We want to give his wife a word of praise, for she has, stood by his side through it all.

Now, I know there are others who are suffering for the work's sake, and may God bless them all. We, as Christians, should keep God's storehouse full, then when a small church needs our aid, we could help them. Then the work would not be stunted. If each member would tithe to his church, each church, to their association, and each association to the General Conference, the storehouse would be full and our needs supplied.

—Sybil Dunaway (Church Clerk).

## LIONS BY THE WAY

By F. E. Nicholas, Bownemont, W. Va.

Text: "And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him" (1 Kings 13:24).

This was a man of God come out of the land of Judah unto Bethel. He was a real man of God, for at his word God caused the hand of Jeroboam to wither, and by the words of this man, He healed it in the same way, but the Lord told this man of God not to eat bread nor drink water in this place, nor return back the same way. But a man called him and told him that an angel of the Lord had told him to tell him to come back and eat and drink and return the same way: and he obeyed this man, because he claimed to be a prophet of God. I believe this true happening

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# "Ye Ought"

By John B. Rollins, Purdy, Missouri

The great cardinal doctrines of the Christian faith are set forth in "Ye Ought," which contains the majestic "do's" and "don'ts" as infallible guides for our conduct in that faith. One of the first principles involved in a Christian experience is "prayer." The penitent one prays—his whole soul is a prayer. Also the secret to a successful Christian life is a devoted, consecrated prayer life. Jesus said, "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1).

The construction that is oftentimes placed on the word "ought" renders it of none effect. It is accepted that prayer is good and men are better if they pray and faint not; but to contend that there is nothing definite, nothing binding, no necessity involved, or nothing commanded in "Ye Ought," is to contend that we don't just have to if we don't want to. To contend thus is to contend in error and to the destruction of Christian faith. The language of the Bible commands more attention than that; The New Testament Greek word *dei* is the third person (men ought) of the primitive verb *deo* which means "to bind." Thus men are bound by obligation to pray and faint not. Also *deon*, a derivative from, and a neuter active participle to the primitive verb, means "it has been, it was, and it is necessary" (as binding). It includes "behoove, must needs, be needful, ought, and should." My friends, you cannot live a Christian life if you fail to pray!

Our Lord prayed! He taught His disciples to pray, then commanded them to pray. We hear Him say, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation" (Matt. 26:41).

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things

(see context) and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).

In the same capacity of "ought" as explained above, the following Christian doctrines are set forth. Please see the context of each:

1. "Ought not Christ to have suff-



John B. Rollins,

ered these things?" (Luke 24:26).

2. "These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone" (Luke 11:42).

3. "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

4. "To every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think" (Romans 12:3).

There is another phase to the word "ought," that carries a yet greater weight than that translated from *deo*. The greater "ought" in the Greek is *opheileo*, which means "to owe (pecuniarily); figuratively, to be under obligation, behoove, be bound, be in debt, be due, duty, must, must needs, needful." It is translated "ought,"

"should" and "must." *Opheileo* (ought) is an imperative command, authorative and obligatory, that is, it is a command from one who has the authority to give it, and the one to whom it is given is under an emphatic obligation to do the commandment. The word, in its full force of meaning, is found in 1 John 3:16 and 4:11, "If God so loved us, we *ought* to love one another." My friends, to prove that we have not translated amiss, we shall substantiate the foregoing concepts by the English version of the Bible. We ought to love one another. The test of discipleship is love, for Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35). The test of fellowship with God is love: "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." And moreover, "He that loveth not his brother abideth in death;" and more forcefully yet, "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him" (1 John 14:15). Yea! The murderer shall have his part in the lake of fire and brimstone, which is the second death. This is proof that "we *ought* to love." "Ye Ought" is not some insignificant, loosely composed, hap-hazard statement. It is an imperative command.

The word "opheileo" is used with all its command of authority, and its obligation is imposed upon man who is in debt to do the commandment, and that debt is now due. Such is the language of St. John 13:14, "Ye also *ought* to wash one another's feet." Jesus continued His commandment: "For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." Then He promised, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

Thus "Ye Ought" carries a great message to man and will lead him into happiness, love, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost, if he will only submit to God and follow Him.

## CHRISTIANS, STAND FOR THE RIGHT.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

How many today, in general over our land, are standing for the right? Not sinners, but Christians. We can't expect sinners to stand for the right; but sinners do expect Christians to stand for the right.

The Bible says, "Hold fast the faith which was once delivered unto the

saints." What was that faith? Does that mean for Christians to just go on and live like the people of the world? No! Christians ought to always to try to do their best to be on the right side.

At present all minds are on the coming election, for the right of the people to rule the nation. Folks, can you find inside the lids of the Bible, where God told us to vote for any certain political party? No, but He

does say to choose Godly rulers. Then in these trying times we need to read, pray, and seek guidance in God's holy Word, and vote, not for a ruler just because he belongs to our party, but because he stands for the right. If a man or a woman is for whiskey and wine and beer, or any other evil; then we are directly disobeying God's command if we vote for them, because God is not for those who would stand for things that send souls to hell.



After hearing the article, "No Tobacco Preachers Here," on page nine of the October Gem, read: I say, I wish associations would pass and obey such resolutions—and lay members don't need to use tobacco either. Just think how much good could be done with all the money that is spent for tobacco! Even women use it. God have pity! I would be glad if every one could see just what God would have them do with their tobacco money.

I see so much neglect of eight to twelve year old children. Parents, we

are supposed to look after our little children, and bring them up in the way they should go. Take them to church and Sunday school, and see that they stay in the church house, and keep quiet. Give them good books and papers to read; bad reading is a great harm; but good reading helps a child to develop a love for God and good things. Let us at least take as much interest in our children's welfare as we do in our crops.

Pray for us, that we may always work for the right in God's way.

—Mrs. Edith Bagwell.

## REPORT OF OUR MISSIONARY

By Rev. T. H. Willey, Our Missionary to South America.

Address: % American Bible Society, Panama Canal Zone.

I have been on the Isthmus of Panama just four days, during which time I have discovered a few things of fundamental importance. I have stood appalled and amazed at the extent to which fanatically narrow sectarianism will stretch its influence. Here men of authority stand with a mandate in the form of a constitution that forbids a white missionary of the Protestant faith to work among the 25,000 Indians on the Isthmus. I had not been in Panama one hour when I saw a San Blass Indian, many of whom speak both English and Spanish. I stopped him and began investigation, hoping to discover the whereabouts of an Indian friend, one of their own chiefs, Iglesias. This young fellow led me through the streets of Cristobal, on through Colon to the English speaking Union church. I did not find Iglesias, but came face to face with an old class mate who is pastor of the Union Church of Colon. How the Lord does lead when we commit it all to Him; He has always made His promise good! Here I was with a friend of great influence, and already during my brief stay I have been enabled to make some wonderful contacts.

Another discovery I made is, that one day's journey by freight boat from Cristobal, on an island out from the main land live the San Blass Indians, 15,000 of them, with them now is this young chief, educated at the Missionary Training Institute at Niack, N. Y., and his wife, a fine well prepared sacrificial young woman. This young couple is the answer to the above mentioned mandate, he is one of them they would not date to

do anything with. One man informs me that he gives them \$60.00 a year, showing his confidence in them. Then today in Panama City, I met an explorer who makes a business of taking tourists, that are a little more daring than the average, back into the interior by aeroplane and motor boat among the Valiente Indians. It is estimated on authority that there are 8,000 of them in a scope of territory sixty by thirty miles. When questioned if he had ever encountered a missionary among them, he answered "Never." To the north of the San Blass Islands, living in what is known as El Boco del Toro, the mouth of the bull, are the Talmanche Indians, numbering over a thousand. These all are naked savages, wearing nothing but a loin cloth, and using long javelins made of palm boll, and bow and arrows. How our hearts are burdened as we think of them. I am planning on going among them possibly within six weeks, God willing.

We will still think of Panama, with an army of Americans within beck and call. There is one district here, a congested section with 50,000 people. One denomination has talked for five years about entering, but nothing has been done. These people still wait with no messenger of light. Brothers and sisters of the fair land of the United States of America, do you long for lots of room where we need not step on each other's denominational toes? Just think with me, will you, of this field just about eight hours drive from Miami, Florida, by aeroplane of course.

Now go with me in figures as I went with one of the greatest author-

ities today on Latin America, Mr. Gregory of the American Bible Society. We took three districts or departments as they are called, beginning along the coast of Northern Colombia, South America.

In those three divisions there are no missionaries. We start with Magdalena with a population of 302,000, three of her cities located fairly close have a large enough population to make a good sized congregation for any preacher: Santa Marta with her 22,067, Barranquilla with 139,974, Cartagena with 86,467. These are all seaport cities. The next department is Atlantico with a population of 242,000, then further down is the department of Bolivia with 457,000, then we move on down the winding river to the department of Santander del Norte with its 329,000, but the place that interests us most is Santander with her population of 595,000, a congested section with a leading city of importance, having a population of 44,000, and the following cities in less than one hundred miles: Giron 8,000, Rionegro 16,000, Lebrija 11,000, Piedecuesta 10,000, Guaca 8,000, Zapaloca 12,000, Galan 6,000, Simacota 6,000.

I am here with a burning desire to go into this virgin field, truly it is not all roses, neither will it be free of cost, but I say to you: What shall we do with this? It is left for us to answer. We can as well say, "What will ye do then with Jesus which is called the Christ?" Do we know Him as the mighty Savior, One altogether lovely? Would we share this knowledge with those who have never heard? If we fail here, we declaim Him by our actions. Along with a few others, I am saying, "As for me and my house, we shall do our best."

## WHAT DO YOU ASK FOR?

By Eld. Kenneth Turner, Granby, Mo.

Riding along the highway some time ago, a Scripture that I had often thought on, came to my mind; and to the minister that was sitting by me, I said, "If it were possible for some one to grant you whatever you might wish for, what would be your first wish?"

"More power with God," he answered.

That was exactly my thought; for I realize that the world needs more people who wish for a closer walk with God. We then began to talk of the greatness of Elisha, as Elijah was nearing the time of his departure.

He said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee" (2 Kings 2:9).

Without hesitation, Elisha answered, "Let a double portion of thy Spirit be upon me."

Could we just take time to think of the value of this wish! Oh, for more people who would wish for the same gift. It shows where his mind and thoughts were. It shows a love for the work of God. Elisha could then do the things for his God that Elijah had done. And it is plain that he was in earnest about his wish; for when Elijah said, "If thou shalt see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee," he continuously had his eyes upon him. And even though the rushing, whirring of the wind and the chariot of fire came between them, it did not attract his attention from Elijah. He was determined to see his companion depart, for it meant a double portion of his Spirit, which was of God.

Yes, he saw him leave, for back fell his mantle, which Elisha gladly took up. And smiting the water of Jordan, we see that the Spirit and power that

Elijah had attained was given to Elisha, because the water divided just as it had for Elijah.

Elisha proved a great blessing to his country, just as Elijah had, and sometimes I think maybe greater, for he had a double portion of that Spirit which was of the great God.

What is your foremost desire and wish? I say here, as I have at other times, If your first wish be of any other nature than that stated by Elisha, you need to be at a mourner's bench, asking God to forgive you for having things of this world between you and Him. For if you are not concerned enough about the condition of the world and want to help bring the lost to God, above all other things, there is something wrong with you. There are so many in this old world whose first wish would be everything else before God. It is up to the true saints of God to pray for them an lead them to see the sad mistake they are making, in letting things stand between them and God.

Let even us who know Him, desire a closer walk, with a greater portion of the Spirit which is truly of our God.

On the fourth Sunday the Harmony Band singers went to Ashley Free Will Baptist church. Their first song was "Amazing Grace." Oh, what joy these old songs bring to folk living the old fashioned religion and traveling in the narrow way. Rev Bro. Ora Keller was present with them on this day. He is a blind man, preaching repentance, and to hear him pray is to know that while he can't see temporal things, by an eye of faith, he can see spiritual things, and can sing with the spirit and the understanding: God gave him a beautiful voice to sing His praise. Sing on, live on through eternity, live on.

Then another great blessing September has brought us is a glorious rain, and many little brooks are overflowing with water, that poor dumb animals might quench their thirst. "Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things."

Now, I have been thinking, as I hear the school bell ringing, that all over the United States they are ringing something like that at the same hour, calling the children to their lessons, assigned to them by their teachers; and how anxious the parents at home are for them to make good, so they have them study at home and help them all they can, so that they may be promoted from one grade to another, that at each term of school they may go higher. They count it an honor, and so it is; it shows they have tried. Well, I am thinking of what we read about promotion in the Bible.

Numbers 24:11—"Therefore now flee thou to thy place; but, lo, the Lord hath kept thee back from honor."

Let us read Matt. 6:24—"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, ... Ye cannot serve God and mammon"

Hear what David said in Psa. 75:6, "For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the Judge."

Numbers 22:37—"Am I not able indeed to promote thee to honor?"

John 5:44—"How can ye believe, which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor that cometh from God only?"

Oh, that our leaders would teach our children in the high schools and colleges what an important thing it is to be promoted from earth to heaven. This should interest every individual on earth today. Paul was one of the greatest teachers that we

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## Promotion

*By Mrs. Lina Claxton, Hartville, Mo.*

Dear Editor, Wife and Gem Family:

I am so glad to tell you this morning, September 29, 1936, that I am still contending for the old time religion. I enlisted in this holy war some 61 years ago; and I want to be content to suffer a soldier's fare till the warfare is over.

*The banner o'er my head is love,  
I draw my rations from above  
Till the warfare is over,  
Hal-le-lu-jah!*

September always brings such pleasant memories to me, memories of my childhood days, when mother would say, "Lina, today is the 12th day of September, this is your birthday." Then it was customary to give on birthdays a little whipping, a lick for every year you had lived. Now it's a cake, one of the best, and candles mark the years. Well, then later on, when I had grown to womanhood, I was united in the bonds of matrimony to a boy of my choice, on the 16th day of September, 1877. I had better tell you that the folk called him Little Jim Claxton, he would be 19 in May. Well, later on, as the years passed

so fast, God sent a little son, Sept. 28, 1888, to our home to be our darling child, then God saw fit to give us a girl baby on my birthday, Sept. 12, 1899. Of such is life.

Jesus has been such a wonderful Savior to me, just this month He has permitted me to go to the Harmony Band Singing, the first Sunday in September, at Coon Creek Free Will Baptist church. Their first song was "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound." It was really spiritual.

On the second Sunday, Harmony Band singers went to the Dennis Baptist church, near Mansfield, Mo. Their first song was "Amazing Grace." Everybody seemed to sing with the spirit and the understanding, it was a happy day to be remembered.

On the third Sunday, Harmony Band singers went to the Liberty Free Will Baptist church. Their first song was "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing." It sure was another glorious day. We heard a man shout aloud the praises of God, he was so happy. This was something we had not heard for years. Shout on, brother, till the victory is won.

# Free Will Baptist League Reports

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CARTERVILLE, MO., October 26th.

Dear Free Will Baptist Leaguers:

I feel that I want to write a few words to you this morning, for I know that, as we all get back home from our wonderful State Association it might be too easy for us to settle back to routine and perhaps get into a "rut."

I wish every leaguer in the state, especially in our Indian Creek Ass'n, could have been at our League business session of our State work. It is truly an inspiration to think back over the few years of our League work and see the rapid growth it has made. But the most wonderful success in the work that I see is the great number of our boys and girls who have gone out under its influence to make better Christians. The extent of its influence knows no limit; so we should be encouraged to reach out after more and more young people and get them into Christian training. Not only young people, but our fathers and mothers have their part in the work, and receive their blessing as do our juniors also.

So, you see it isn't just for a few, but for anyone who has the work of the Lord at heart, and they are sure to get a reward and a blessing.

Now, to you Leaguers of our Indian Creek Association, don't forget that our next League Rally will be the fifth Sunday in November, at Blue Eye, Mo. You who are presidents of local leagues please don't fail to see that your league is represented and bring a good program. We also want

to have a meeting of the Executive Board, for we have some matters of business for it to see to.

Let's plunge right into the work and stop at nothing short of our very best, for the coming year's success of our leagues, and above all, strive for the saving of souls and the encouraging of young Christians.

Mrs. Jewell Campbell.

## DESLOGE LEAGUE REPORT

By Sylvia Wood, Reporter

Desloge, Mo. Oct. 26th.

Dear League Workers:

We feel that the Lord is blessing our league in a wonderful way. New members are being added to the ranks and each leaguer, since the State Association, seems to have gotten new inspiration and have a greater zeal than ever to go forward for the Lord (Exo. 14:15).

In our league we have four classes. The lessons are helpful and inspiring to all. A special Thanksgiving program will be given by the Senior class the 22nd of next month.

We desire an interest in each of your prayers, that our league may ever go, grow, and glow for Christ.

Yours for the advancement of the League work.

## A MESSAGE TO LEAGUES

By Eld. Myrtle Black, Cassville, Mo.

Subject: "GOD. THE FATHER."

Text: "As we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone graven by art and man's device" (Acts 17:29).

Last month we talked to you, thru the Gem, about "God, the Creator." And how we belong to Him, "soul and body," and that we owe Him our all in all, because it is by His wisdom and great love and good mercy, that we are here. I wish you would just read this, just another verse or two of Scripture, along this line. 1 Cor. 6:19, 20, "Ye are not your own? for ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

We read in Psalms 119:94 where the Psalmist says, "I am Thine." Well, what a wonderful stone for the slinging of faith! It will slay any Go-

liath of Temptation, if we will only sling it out boldly and determinately at him. When self tempts us, let it be met with "Not your own," and then look straight away to Jesus with "I am Thine."

Isaiah 64:8—"Now, O Lord, thou art our Father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand." "We are the clay, and Thou our potter." That is true whether we give ourselves into the hands of God or not. It is true even while we are in rebellion against God; it is true of us while in the blessed process of reconciliation, and true thru-out the whole of the glorious process and progress of redemption.

"The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying, Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words." And when he went to the potter's house he saw how he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it (Jer. 18:1-4).

Verses 5, 6—"Then the word of the Lord came to me saying, O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter, saith the Lord. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel."

I believe we have said enough now on how we should, by all means, recognize and remember "God the Creator."

Now let us think of God as the Father. If we so rightly belong to Him, then He should have the right to love us and lead us as a Father; and should have control of our lives and the right to correct us as a father.

Read Heb. 12:9—"Furthermore, we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?"

But if we give our lives to Satan, God's enemy, we have robbed God of His right, and also forfeited our right to life eternal.

John 10:1—"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber."

Here are some words of Henry Ward Beecher concerning God's mercy, judgments, love and pity in dealing with us a father:

"For those who have done wrong in any degree, there is a place in God's

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## PROMOTION

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have any account of, and he told Timothy to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God (not man), a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

2 Peter 1:10—"Give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall."

"And hath raised us up together and made us to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus; that in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace, in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:6-10)

We know that if we ever are promoted from this earthly home to that home He has gone to prepare for those that love Him and obey His commandments, that it will be through His loving kindness; not through any worth or merit of our own, but thru His loving mercies and kindness He will save us. Here we are subject to all kinds of trouble: there there will be no trouble, no sorrow, pain nor death. It is almost tax paying time now and a lot of folk don't know how they are going to get the money to meet their requirments; but this is an old custom: Joseph and Mary went up from Galilee to Bethlehem to be taxed, and at this time God sent the greatest blessing to humanity that could have been given.

Matt. 25:31-34—"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from an other, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

I sincerely desire the prayers of all who read this unworthy servant's article, that I and all my loved ones may be found on the right hand of God and hear Him say, "Come, ye

blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." No more taxes, no rent, no insurance, all is joy peace and gladness after we have been promoted.

God bless all who have asked an interest in this poor unworthy servant's prayers, one who believes in bowing our knees and being humble like Jesus.

## LIONS BY THE WAY

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was written in the Bible as a warning to us. This man that claimed the angel had talked to him and told him these things, bring to my mind, a man that could preach with more power, seemingly, and shed so many tears that folks could not help believing he was a real God called man, until they found out that he was not even a gentleman, much less a man of God. But as it was with the man that the lion slew by the way, it is with us, yet it is too late before we find out that we have believed a lie.

There are many lions by the way, to devour us, if we are led by false prophets instead of being led by the Spirit and by the holy word of God. We believe that there are real God called men today, but one Scripture says, "Watch as well as pray." The same kind of a lion is not in every body's way: what would be a lion to you may not bother me at all, but there is one or more lions by the way to destroy every one that starts out to live a Christian life, and make heaven their home. If they don't watch and pray, the drink habit will be a lion in the way of some, and will destroy their pleasures here, and their soul in the end, if it is not conquered by the power of God.

You know by reading that a pretty woman was the lion that got poor old Samson's eye, and finally his life. But one Scripture says, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap," and perhaps he reaped in this life and repented for his wrongs, that his soul was saved. I don't know that it was, but I do know that is a very dangerous lion, and has been the ruin of many more than Samson.

The pleasures of this world and a big time was the lion that almost starved the prodigal son to death; just so-called little things may be the lion that will ruin our Christian experience; and we may lose our soul—dancing, playing cards for fun, going to worldly amusements, gossip-

ping or telling little lies for fun may be the lion that will slay many. Just anything that may get between you and God is the lion in your way, and one Scripture says, "The little foxes spoil the vines."

Well, none of these things that I have mentioned was a lion to me; but there was one by the way, and it almost got me, and it was right in my own home. I almost broke the first commandment, for God said, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." When we felt the call to do special work for the Lord, and listened to some one else, that is about the same case as the man of God that the lion got: so let us, as Christians, be careful, and you backsliders and unsaved folk should repent: for we all can miss the lion and make heaven our home.

## AS IT WAS IN DAYS OF NOE

*By Lucy Deekard, Monett, Mo.*

Text: "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matt. 24:37).

We would like to make mention of a few of the things that were being done before the flood. Now, I think any rational minded person will agree with me, that the world is growing worse and worse, as time rolls on. We have people, I know, who say things are in no worse condition than they were many years ago. Well, I believe we are just about to reach the place that the world was in when God looked down on the children of men and saw that every imagination of man was evil continually, and God said, "It repenteth me that I have made man: I will destroy him from off the face of the earth."

Now, for a few Bible references of some of the things they were doing:

Turn with me to Gen. 6:1, 2—"And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were fair: and they took them wives of all which they chose." Now notice the last clause of verse 2, "of all which they chose," leaving God out, because they knew it was displeasing to Him. How many of us, when we want to do something we know is contrary to God's will, just refuse to counsel with Him at all: for we know, if we do, He will show us the wrong? Now, from the surface of the thing, it does not appear evil, but notice the way in which

they were marrying. I would say here, that they were not regarding the social law of marriage, but were mixing and marrying with the world, or marrying into a race which God had rejected. In Heb. 13:4, it says, "Marriage is honorable in all and the bed not defiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."

Now back to Gen. 6:3—"And the Lord said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man." I think any of us will have to admit that there never has been a time this side of the flood when there was so little regard for the marriage vow, and so many divorces; then what could be plainer to the human family, that the world is growing more wicked every day?

The Word of God declares, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" (2 Tim. 3:13). And notice that Matt. says, "They were eating and drinking." And hear what Paul says about it, speaking of the last days, he says, "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof."

Was there ever a time on record when more people had their names on the church record? but how many really acknowledge the power? Thank God we still have a few who are willing for the power of God to be manifested through them. I wonder sometimes, when we see so many who have so little time for God and His work, who will really be ready when Jesus comes! Now, we notice that God prepared an ark for Noah and his family, to save them from the flood, and in 1 Thess. 4:16, I see a way of escape for God's people. As God had Noah to prepare an ark to the saving of his house, He is going to send Jesus for His people before the worst is come; and I believe every true child of God will draw closer to God as the evil day approaches; but many who are neither cold nor hot will fall away.

Thanks be to God, His grace is sufficient for all who trust Him.

### GOD IS MERCIFUL

"God moves in a mysterious way  
His wonders to perform;  
He plants His footsteps in the sea,  
And rides upon the storm.

Ye trembling saints, fresh courage take,  
The clouds you so much dread  
Are full of mercy, and will break  
In blessings on your head."

### THE TOUCH OF CHRIST

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for your home. Society needs some agency or influence to keep it clean and wholesome. The natural tendency of people is to do the things that bring reproach upon society. If the average young man or young woman were to allow their conduct to agree with their natural desires and inclinations, society would be corrupt in the extreme, but there is a better influence that tends to raise people's desires to things higher and better, and set a goal of idealism ahead. Where is the source of that influence? It is in the Lord, and it reaches to us through the touch of Jesus. You will notice that in all His social activities He never stooped to anything that was low, but all His acts were those of the highest standard of morality and Christianity. His was a life that would lift people higher and help them to better things; a life of humble service to help people with their cares and burdens and sorrows and troubles.

In Acts 10:38, we find the writer saying, "He went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil," He is doing the same thing today, only He wants us to let Him, and lend our hands to help Him. He would clean up society, and drive out corruption today, if only He were allowed to.

Business methods seem to have left the thought of righteousness out all together, and men want to receive value for what they put out, but care little whether other people receive value or not. Men seek to take advantage in business deals, so they may profit at the expense of others. The more business men are able to get out of their fellow men through unfair dealings, the greater recognition they receive from the world; and are said to be men of rare business judgment. How sad it will be with them some day, when they stand before the One who knows the secret thoughts of men, and who will mete out justice to all. The blackest chicken thief in the land, if placed side by side with some of our shrewd business men, compared with them, would shine in brightness.

Let us see what the touch of Jesus can do in business. This is what He says in Luke 6:38, "Give, and it shall be given unto you: good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same

measure that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again." Many people who are engaged in evil business, and employing unfair methods, would go out of business, if they let the touch of Jesus come into that business. He cleans things up, and sets men right.

Since the test case in the garden of Eden man has been under condemnation—they are sinners by choice—All people outside of Christ are sinners, and lost. Some are unclean, some are clean in their conduct; some are rich in worldly goods, some are poor, some are moral, some are immoral, and so on; they are without Christ, and are lost. It is unfortunate for poor sinful depraved man that his life is so crowded with evil influences: if he has a mind to do good, temptations are always present, and before him. Try as he may, he is unable to draw himself away from things that are wrong. Only one thing that can deliver him, the touch of Jesus is his only salvation.

There was a woman who had been afflicted for twelve long years, and had spent all her money paying doctor bills, and for medicine, and had received no benefits. She was no better, the disease still clung to her, and no doubt she had become discouraged, but wait, there was a great throng of people in the street, a great Physician was in town, and on His way to see a sick child, the daughter of a man named Jairus, a prominent man of the town, and a ruler of the synagogue. He carried no medicine case, but He had a splendid reputation as a wonderful Healer; if He could cure the daughter of one of the prominent men of the city without drugs and medicines, could He not cure a poor woman of her afflictions? The crowd was so dense around Him that one could not hope to get His attention, but pushing her way through the crowd, and edging up behind Him, she stretched out her hand and touched the border of His garment. There, it was done! Immediately the old trouble was gone, the disease was healed, and she was a free woman! It was Jesus, and how she praised Him for that wonderful relief! What He did for the woman, He does for them that are afflicted with sin, when they come to Him desiring His touch. O, the wonderful love and power in the touch of Jesus! It removes the burdens of life, it heals the broken heart, it brings satisfaction to the restless soul, and sends the individual on his way rejoicing.



## A MESSAGE TO LEAGUERS

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heart. For those who have sought to break away from wrong and met with the poorest success, there a *place of mercy and pity* with God. For those who have *tried* to reform—not once, but twice, and thrice, and many times—and broken solemn resolutions—there is *divine leniency*. For those who have given God occasion to draw His sword of judgment and smite them asunder, there is hope of salvation, *if only they are willing* to be *subdued* and led by the infinitude of divine goodness. If they *love sin* and *mean to sin*, there is *NO* grace for them, but if sinning, their heart abhors sin, and if in their *better moments* they abjure it, and like the apostle they cry out, "Who will deliver me from this body of death?" there *IS* grace for them. For all those who will repent, there is *room* for repentance, and *help* for repentance, and *succor* during repentance."

Oh, how wonderful it is to study about the dear Lord as the Creator and Father! When I read in His dear Book about the Fatherhood of God, it just brings me closer and closer to Him; and that is why I want others, especially the youth, to think of God as being their Father by divine right. I *know* it will bring them close to Him. For if we love our earthly father, or father of our flesh, because he has done so much for us, and has loved and provided for us; why shouldn't we love our Heavenly Father more, who has done and is doing *more* for us, and doing things for us that even our earthly parent cannot do?

I feel that, if we don't love God as a father, we can't love our earthly father as we should. But if you are not living for God, you will be ready to say, "I know I love my father and mother as much as any one does." But, folks, listen. you don't know how much more you can love any one until you have known and loved God. It just takes the love of God to make any love complete. You know we sing about the "Old Time Religion," "Makes me love everybody." Now, listen again, That word "everybody" includes our enemies as well as our loved ones. So if a good dose of God's love makes us have love for even our enemies, then surely it will provide added love for our loved ones.

1 John 4:8—"He that loveth not knoweth not God: *for God is Love*."  
Acts 17:29—"As we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that

the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone graven by art and man's device."

What if we should think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone graven by art and man's device? Then would we be thinking of Him as a real living and loving God? or a real living Father? No, we would not be thinking of anything that is living, nor of anything that is loving, nor of anything that is *REAL*.

In Him, who is the center of the spiritual order, "we live and move and have our being." Then if we are real "living beings, and really move," He is real and His life is communicable, as is ours.

So, now, if you are thinking of a god that is like unto gold, or silver, or stone graven by art or man's device, you are thinking, too much, along the line of idolatry to be thinking about *my God*. because my God is the real, loving, and living Father who sends us "bread" out of His own home and from His own table.

Our Savior said once, "If a son ask his father for bread, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

Well, well, this is such a wonderful subject to study on that we could go on and on with it, but will not try to take up so much room this time, and will look forward to another good subject for next month, the Lord being willing to send us one. So, pray for us, that we might be led by Him alone in this work for Him.

I remain your humble servant.

## BUILDERS

*Contributed by John B. Rollins*

Isn't it strange  
That princes and kings,  
And clowns that caper  
In sawdust rings,  
And common people  
Like you and me  
Are builders of eternity?

So each is given a bag of tools,  
A shapeless mass  
And a book of rules;  
And each must make  
E're life has flown,  
A stumbling block or  
A stepping stone.

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In the conference of the Board of Education of the Free Will Baptist denomination, recently held with the Cofers Chapel church, Nashville, Tenn. one of the items passed was the following, namely: Owing to a lack of funds to begin the operation of a Bible and Junior College this fall, and owing to the fact that we are considering another proposition for a college location, we indorse the operation of Zion Bible School, Blakely, Ga., for another year, 1936-1937, or until we are able to operate a college under the auspice of the National Association Board of Education, and encourage the support of the same.

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