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Jesus, the Light of the World

By the Editor

It is no accident that Jesus is the Light of the world; the Father planned it so. From the very beginning of the world, it was God's purpose to send light to them that 'sat in darkness; that is to all the world. From the first day of creation week (Gen. 1:3), when God said, "Let there be light: and there was light," unto the fourth day of creation week (Gen. 1:14), when God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night," there was light, but the source of the light (the sun) was not seen. So, ever since Pentecost there has been light in the world, though the source of the light (the Son of God) is not seen. They say the Christian's light is only moon light. Well, the moon gets its light from the sun: we get our light from the Son.

The sun is the source of all natural or physical light: and Jesus (Sun of righteousness) is the source of all spiritual light.

God announced His purpose to send His Son into the world to bring light and deliverance to the people of earth, and be a light unto them; and He said, speaking to His Son, "I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light to the Gentiles; to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house" (Isa. 42:6, 7). This was literally fulfilled as recorded in the New Testament. As Simeon held the Christ Child in his arms (Luke 2:32), he recognized Him as "a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel."

When Paul turned to the Gentiles (Acts 13:47, 48), he quoted from Isa. 42:6, 7, which says, "I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth." This pleased the Gentiles, and many were saved. Of course Christ is that light, but Paul was ordained to carry it to the Gentiles.

Again (Isa. 49:6), God says to the Son, "I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth." Now the Son of God could not be a light unto the Gentiles (unto us) except He die in our stead; for the Apostle Peter said (1 Pet. 2:24),

"Who his own self bear our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."

Then in 1 Cor. 5:21—"For he (God) hath made him (Christ) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." Except men accept this which Jesus hath done for them, and trust and obey Him, they are in total darkness, no matter what they think or believe.

Moreover Jesus said (John 12:24), "Except a corn of wheat fall into the

ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." This corn of wheat was Jesus: but it is also any one that gives up this life for life with Christ: "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God" (Col. 3:3).

Yes, the Father intended that His Son should be the light of the world, and it is really come to pass. Jesus said (John 12:46), "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness." It is true that Jesus was crucified after He said this: but He is risen, and has ascended up to the Father who hath "given him a name which is above every name" (Phil. 2:9).

Again Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." This light of the world still continues, and is manifested in the lives of them who let their "light so shine before men," that others may see that they have been with Jesus and learned of Him. The true believers in Christ are just as truly the light of the world now as when Jesus said to His disciples (Matt. 5:14), "Ye are the light of the world."

The resurrection of Christ is one of the greatest facts in history: if Christ did not rise from the dead; then we are in darkness and our hope of life beyond this is vain. But we know that He arose as the Bible bears record: for we have light; we love the brethren; our faith gives substance to things hoped for; His Spirit bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God; and much other evidence could be given.

Easter means much to the Christian: it reminds us that our Lord is risen; it guarantees our own resurrection: "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection" (Romans 6:5).

Easter is from the same source as East, and means a rising, a coming forth to life, spring time. As we see the grass, the flowers, the trees, and all the other plants coming forth to life after being apparently dead all through the winter, we know that spring is here. All this should encourage us to wait patiently in hope of our own coming forth in the resurrection, to a new and abundant life, eternal life.

EASTER

Contributed by the Editor

O glad and glorious morning!

O day of sweet surprise,

When angels watched adoring

And saw the Lord arise!

When women bearing spices

Came sorrowing to the tomb,

And found it full of glory,

Instead of death and gloom!

The golden gates are lifted,

The shining portals swing,

And heaven, with shouts of triumph,

Proclaims the conquering King:

The Lord indeed is risen,

And death shall reign no more;

He leaves the grave triumphant,

And opens wide the door.

Henceforth 'tis but the chamber

Where his weary people rest,

In sweet and peaceful slumber,

To rise at his behest.

The loving Christ has risen,

And down the shining way

His glory streams upon us

From the portals of the day.

O bring him blushing roses,

And lilies fair and sweet,

And fragrant myrtle blossoms,

And lay them at his feet!

Make glad the Easter morning,

The Lord is risen indeed!

Raise high the joyful anthem

And let the tidings speed!

O bring a costly offering

Your gratitude to prove!

Lay on his flaming altar

The incense of your love;

Make glad the Easter morning,

And let his praise resound.

Proclaim the Lord is risen,

To earth's remotest bound!

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
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PIANISSIMO, CRESCENDO, FOTISSIMO

By Mamie Howard, 821 N. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.

Somehow I just wish it were possible for me to depict to you the unceasing pleasure that life in Chicago, as a student at the Chicago Conservatory, can be. Often I have heard folk say that half the pleasure of doing anything was the looking forward to it, but such is not the case this time.

Chicago Conservatory, founded in 1857 and with a present enrollment of 3,500 students, is the oldest and largest school of music in the United States. It is located in the heart of the downtown section of Greater Chicago—better known to Chicagoans as "The Loop." Its beautiful lounges and spacious studios can only be appreciated when seen. The high scholastic aims of the school are reflected in the 165 instructors, each of whom is an artist well known in the musical world.

At times we, the scholarship students, like to imagine what we would say were we to try to express to Mr. Harris our gratitude for not only our scholarships, but the many, many kind things he has done for us since we came. Despite the fact he is the youngest member of the faculty his teaching schedule is one of the very heaviest in the entire school. He is held in high esteem by the entire corps of instructors and officials of the Conservatory as is proven by the fact that he was recently appointed to the Examining Board.

To be allowed to study in an internationally accredited school is indeed a privilege; but to have a scholarship under one of the most efficient of its instructors, Mr. Harris—and we do practically all our work under him—is a still greater honor of which we feel altogether unworthy. Perhaps it would only be right for me to tell you that we do study quite a bit. However, no credit is due us, for, after all, we love our music and the joy of knowing our work is well done is sufficient reward.

Mr. Harris has suggested that we do a number of sacred concerts throughout the South this summer in order that we may better acquaint ourselves with the general work of our denomination. This has our most hearty approval and we are even now looking forward to the time when we shall meet and greet many of you as brethren in the cause of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

GUYON VALLEY CONFERENCE REPORT

The Guyon Valley Conference met with the Greenville church on Friday night, Jan. 15, 1937, in its 48th session. The Introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. Jessie Blankenship. It was a good service.

Conference called to order at 9:30 a. m. Saturday by singing and prayer.

33 delegates present. Peace and fellowship called for and found with those present.

Rev. A. A. Marcum was elected moderator and took charge and proceeded to organize the conference.

The following committees were appointed: Pulpit Supply, Standing, Business, Ordaining.

Minutes of 47th session read and approved.

Adjourned for preaching by Rev. John Wheeler and Rev. Alpha Davis. Closing prayer by Bro. Earl Whitten.

Met back at 1:45 p. m. Called to order by singing and prayer. Scripture lesson, 6th chapter of Revelation.

As Rev. John Wheeler of Tug River Conference and Rev. Sexton of Mingo Conference had to leave, we received their reports and gave them the hand of fellowship.

Letters from the different churches were called for, and eight churches responded with letters and delegates, and \$19.00 with the letters. Greenville church sent in \$1.36 for State Evangelist.

Messenger from Sand Lick Conference was seated, and all delegates were given the hand of fellowship.

The business committee, in their report, asked that Bro. S. M. Mullens pay the conference the \$15.00 he owes, and that clerk notify him by letter.

A charge was placed against Rev. Ossie Innes for preaching unsound doctrine, and motion carried that clerk notify him of the action.

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"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness" (Hab. 2:15)

Temperance

"And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible" (1 Cor. 9:25).

Eph. 5:18—"Be filled with the Spirit: Abstain from all appearance of evil."—1 Thess. 5:22

Back To Babylon

By Elmer Ellsworth Helms of Los Angeles, California

THIS is St. Petersburg, Fla., late March 3. The national convention of the Anti-Saloon League has just adjourned after a four day session in the First Baptist Church.

From Los Angeles here is 3064 miles. Mrs. Helms and I made the same trip 12 years ago. What a contrast! Then, no liquor in evidence, no liquor ads, no drunkenness seen. Now, all night long great Neon beer and liquor signs flashing through our pullman windows, and drinking in every car of a two section train, while outside—who could tell that story in a few sentences?

Even Sold in Hardware Stores

Liquor sold in every sort of store and shop—even in beauty parlors, where noses are rouged, and hardware stores (one proprietor said he sold only hard liquors), and gas stations (on one service station we read this sign: "While we fill up your car, let us fill you up"), and 35 miles further on we saw a car and two men who evidently accepted the invitation to be filled up. The car was in the deep ditch beside the road. The motorcycle officer said when he dug out the two mangled men "their breaths still smelled like a distillery. Both were dead."

Liquor Sales and Auto Deaths

There were 37,708 of these auto deaths last year. Only God knows how many were due to the driver "filling up." But the consumption of liquor and automobile killings have exactly paralleled. The four Christmas months of '33, '34, '35, '36 registered all time highs in both. This is also evidence of the way the legalized liquor traffic celebrates the birth of Christ!

From latest government reports, which I had with me, I noted, there are now 4,000 more government operators fighting bootlegging in the worst period of Prohibition. And, last year these operators destroyed 300 illicit stills every week—during Prohibition the highest was 300 to a month.

Huge Bootleg War Waged

The government concedes that one half of all liquor now consumed in these United States is illegally produced and sold. Great government laboratories are now employed analyzing poisonous bootleg liquors, the same liquors which were going to immediately and wholly disappear after repeal. And, great presses, according to government reports, are running 24 hours a day, printing

forged and faked labels, stamps and seals for these millions of bottles of illicit liquor. This is the reign of "True Temperance" promised by the politicians from the President down.

Uncle Sam is Chief Bootlegger

The supreme tragedy is Uncle Sam is the chief of bootleggers. He has granted for 1937, 419,587 licenses to sell, and thousands of these are in territory where the sale of intoxicants is prohibited by law. This number is almost four times that of pre-prohibition days. It is evident that any one who has the price can have a license to sell, even in legally prohibited territory. Uncle Sam, chief of bootleggers. The Government appropriation to protect the legalized traffic against bootlegging is larger than the amount spent by the government to enforce Prohibition. And Uncle Sam joins the lawless bootleg force! A major crime is now committed in this country every 20 seconds—3 a minute—180 an hour. America cannot long exist half law-breaking and half law-keeping.

Army of Women Drinkers Seen

There is one picture I would a gracious God could blot from our memories. That army of women drinking everywhere, and those thousands of girls and young women—a part of the 1,350,000 barmaids in our beloved Columbia, serving intoxicants to men, boys, women and girls. Prostitutes, and High school girls drinking side by side. Boys in their teens and drunken bums! What a picture of the womanhood, motherhood, manhood of tomorrow! Nothing like

it since the days of Belshazzar in Babylon. We are back to Babylon! God save America.

Waiting for Youth to Come of Age

"The future is secure." This is not the prophetic utterance of some Man of God standing in some Holy Place. This is the message of the liquor makers of America in announcing that five billion gallons had been produced in 1936 and stored away to age. These destroyers of our youth are also waiting for the boys and girls to age. This is not all of the announcement, "Stored away in Government warehouses." Mark that oh America; Misery in storage! Crime on deposit! Murder in reserve! Hell warehoused! And in Government warehouses.

Where is that Solemn Promise?

When one recalls the solemn promises made by the President and those in high authority, if the American people would repeal the 18th Amendment, and the Constitution oath recorded in the 21st Amendment, that the federal government would protect dry territory against the importation or sale of intoxicants, one recalls the Irish Governor who said, "I'll give up a part—yes, if necessary, the whole of the Constitution to preserve the remainder." That's the exact attitude and action of the present administration. Dec. 5, 1933—the date of repeal is black Friday of American history, and should be celebrated by and with the tolling of all church bells and the wearing of crepe by all true Americans.

Rejoicing Over Many Dry Victories

Great was the rejoicing here over the fact that already in the 36 months since repeal, 6,000 political units have voted themselves dry despite the political pressure and handicap.

—Taken from the National Voice.

Two Books and Your Prayers

By J. M. Doughty, Strafford, Mo.

More than ten years ago, Congress passed the Child Labor Amendment. This amendment has not yet been ratified by three-fourths of the states.

Less than four years ago, the Prohibition Repeal Amendment was passed by Congress. At a great expense the states called special elections and the Repeal Amendment was ratified by three-fourths of the states within less than a year.

What made the difference?

Many capitalists opposed the Child Labor Law because it would prohibit them from employing children at low wages to work in factories. It was the hope of the Congressmen who voted for the Child Labor Amendment

that the children would be kept out of the factories and placed in school, and the factory owners would necessarily have to hire the children's fathers at better wages.

With the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, the brewers and distillers hoped to increase their wealth by selling intoxicating liquors to boys and girls. Many good people voted for repeal because they were not informed and they were deceived by the propaganda and promises of the advocates of repeal.

What have been the results of repeal?

It is said that there are over 1,000,000
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GUYON VALLEY CONFERENCE REPORT

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Motion carried that we ask the churches to call off all meetings in the churches at conference time, to strengthen our conference, clerk to notify all churches by letter. This to be made a by-law of the conference.

Messengers to the different conference

Brothers Jesse Blankenship and Horace Daniels to the Pontsville Conference.

Bro. C. C. McNeely and Bro. Alpha Davis to the Mingo County Conference.

Bro. W. H. Nichols and Bro. Henry Davis to Logan Co.

Bro. Don Bailey and Bro. E. N. Withrow to Sand Lick.

Bro. Jay Hall and Bro. Thos. Clay to Tug River Con.

Bro. Fred Grim to Island Creek Conference.

Our next conference goes to Rosemore church, Rosemore, West Virginia. Bro. H. H. Daniels and Bro. Don Bailey to preach the introductory sermon.

The ordaining council, in their report, recommended Bro. John Wringles and Bro. Elbert Berger as eligible for deacons; and they were ordained by prayer and laying on hands by the presbytery.

The ordaining council asked that Bro. Griffith and Bro. Maynard study the Bible for three months yet, before being ordained as deacons.

Met Lack at 7:30 p. m. Had a good service with one soul wonderfully saved.

Collection taken for moderator, \$5.00 in cash received, and \$8.00 in pledges.

Motion carried to give Greenville church \$10.00 for building repairs.

Rev. E. N. Withrow elected evangelist for 12 months.

Preaching by Rev. Thomas Clay and Rev. Earl Whitten.

Rev. A. A. Marcum, Moderator,

Rev. Thomas Clay, Clerk.

EXETER, MISSOURI. March 1, 1937.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I can truly say that I enjoy reading our little paper. I read the letters and feel that I have had a visit with all of you, there are so many of the writers that I am personally acquainted with. One reason it is so interesting to me, is that I learn how the Lord is blessing His people. May God bless our dear editor and his precious wife. And Mrs. Opal Frazier, God bless you in your sickness; I did enjoy your letter so much. If God wills, may your life be spared to help your companion to raise your precious children.

Well, it will soon be Easter Sunday. I always love Christmas and Easter times so much. It seems that all the people of the nation center their minds more on Jesus at these particular times, more than at other times. These times mean so much to all of us—the birth of Jesus, and then His resurrection.

Well, here is a Bible story, I wish to call attention to, of two sisters in Bethany, Martha and Mary, very unlike in disposition. But both were loyal to the Master, and they loved Him, which made Him an honored and welcome guest in their home. Into this home sorrow had come, in the death of their brother, Lazarus; and Jesus showed deep sympathy by coming into the house of death—"Jesus wept." This is the shortest verse in the English Bible; and yet, how full of expression and significance!

I love to think of how Jesus sympathized with those dear sisters, Martha and Mary; and He is still the same Jesus, and never changes, and how He went to the grave where Lazarus lay. It was a cave and a stone lay upon the mouth of it. Jesus said, "Take ye away the stone." Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto Him, "Lord, by this time he stinketh, he has been dead four days." Jesus saith unto her, "Said I not unto thee, that if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?"

Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid; and Jesus lifted up His eyes, and said, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me, and I knew that thou hearest me always; but because of the people, which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me." And when He had thus spoken, He cried with a loud voice, saying, "Lazarus, come forth!" and he

that was dead came forth bound hand and foot with grave clothes, and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, "Loose him and let him go."

Then many of the Jews, which came to Martha and Mary, and saw the things which Jesus did, believed on Him.

I have thought of so many deaths this winter, of people that I knew; but this same Jesus can mean just as much to your home as He did to this home. He will comfort you, and some day, if you are prepared to die, Jesus will call, "Come forth," just as He did with Lazarus.

May God bless my own dear mother and father, sisters and brothers, and I can't forget my own little home, my husband and little son, Glendon; may God help us as mothers and fathers to teach our children about Jesus. Our little son, Glendon, was five years old the 21st of Feb. I am trying to teach him about Jesus; he prays at the table almost every morning, and is very anxious to learn.

Mothers, I feel that the first seven years training is the most valuable period in a child's life, don't you?

May God bless you all. I don't write very often, once or twice a year to our little paper, but I am still alive, and doing what I can for Jesus. —Mrs. Merl Wright.

UNIONTOWN, ARKANSAS

We wish to report to our little paper, the progress of our little church at Pleasant Grove, Ark. We think that the Lord has wonderfully blessed us at this place. For years we were not able to have church or Sunday school, and the place was in a sad backslidden state, about the worst I ever saw. I was a member of the Christian Union church at Davidson, and wife and I made that long trip over there on the pastor's monthly appointment, and sometimes oftener. For years I had been praying to God to give me an opportunity to do something to get a church started at Pleasant Grove, where I and my relatives, neighbors and the children could gather on Sunday and worship God. Many a time have I agonized with God to give me a solution to the matter; and finally I seemed to receive an answer to my prayer. After having begged and pled with my preacher brethren of Zion Hope Association to come and hold a meeting to no avail, I still put my faith in God. Finally I had the pleasure of helping ordain one of my boyhood friends at a fifth Sunday conference at the Kenner Chapel church in March, 1934. Bro. Dipboye was raised up in this part of the country, but some years ago he moved to Van Buren, Ark. In that same year, 1934, he was called to assist Bro. Mullens, pastor of Christian Union church, in a revival there, and at the close of that meeting, Bro. Mullens resigned as pastor of the church, and Bro. Dipboye was chosen in his stead. I began to plead with Bro. Dipboye to hold us a meeting at Pleasant Grove, and he came and preached a week. There were only four testimonies given by Pleasant Grove, and everything was cold. Bro. Dipboye said he felt like the Devil had trapped him in a refrigerator. If the Christian Union church had not felt duty bound to come over and assist us, Bro. Dipboye would have quit the third night, but they brought a truck load (about 65) from Tuesday night until Sunday night, and when they announced they could not come any longer, Bro. Dipboye closed the meeting, as his worst failing is wanting a large crowd to preach to.

So we were left again for more than a year without any services; and I pled with Bro. Dipboye, but to no avail. About the time he had got the people interested, he quit. Every time I would ask him to come back, as the people were begging for him to come, he reminded me of the Apostle Peter, when the mob had seized his Master. Peter was looking at the attitude of the multitude; so was Bro. Dipboye, as he later admitted. Finally wife and I again pled with God, like Abraham pled for Sodom. Abraham had relatives in Sodom; and so had I at Pleasant Grove. There was only righteous Lot in Sodom; and I knew there were several righteous at Pleasant Grove, but some of us were a little dried up through a lack of spiritual food and drink, and some had laid down on their duty. I finally was moved by the Spirit to write to Bro. Dipboye and extend to him the call Paul received: "Come over into Macedonia and help us." I was so agonizing in the Spirit by concern for this place, that I talked pretty plain, and told him to put his faith in God, and not in the crowd. Finally he came, and we held five nights' meeting with

about 15 conversions, backsliders were renewed and cold Christians received new life. Bro. Dipboye and I, with the help of others, organized a new church with 19 members. This took place in June, 1936. Three have united since, so we now have 22 members, with three deacons and two ministers, a church that is enthused and, altho we are few in number and poor, our pastor, Bro. Dipboye, states that if every place he pastored contributed to him as well as this little church, he could devote his whole time to the ministry. On the pastor's appointment this month we had sacramental services and feet washing. Only two of our members were absent, and that was due to sickness, and every Christian person, regardless of denomination, communed and washed feet; and we had a glorious time in the Lord.

We had the privilege of entertaining the 5th Sunday conference in Nov., and will have the privilege of entertaining the next session of Zion Hope Association No. 2, which meets on Thursday night before the first Sunday in August, 1937.

We wish to report the death of one of our beloved citizens, Bro. Walter McBroom. As he professed, before his death, his faith in God, we figure our loss is heaven's gain.

I write this to affirm that faith toward God will alter circumstances. Had it not been for the few Christians at Pleasant Grove putting faith in God, we would still be in the wilderness; so I wish to urge those whose community is in the shape ours was in, to continue to pray and put their trust in God; He will answer.

We realize that sooner or later, Satan will throw a bomb into the midst of our peace and rejoicing; so pray for us, that we may not become exalted, but trust God from whom all blessings flow.

Bro. Jim Carlton of Wister, Okla. preaches here the second Sunday and Bro. Dipboye the first Sunday.

Eld. Roy Rose, Church Clerk.

OAKLAND, MO., March 15, 1937

Dear Editor, Wife and Gem Readers:

As I have not written for some time, I will try by the help of the dear Lord to say a few words, hoping and praying that it might be of help to others who are needing salvation, that they gain a home in heaven when their life's work here below is ended. We all need prayer.

I am so thankful to know that I found the Lord in the days of my youth and that I have been striving every day since to live a life that will prove to all with whom I meet, that I am indeed serving my blessed Savior.

I want to so live that my life will be a lamp unto some poor lost soul that they may turn from sin and worldly pleasures and seek a home beyond this vale of tears. I don't want to be a stumbling block in any one's way, but I do want to live each day of my life, that when I talk to lost souls about their soul's salvation, that I may have lived a life before

them that they can't doubt that I am really serving the living God. Dear children of God, may we daily be using that Royal Telephone that the wires may not become rusty and cause old Satan to keep us from enjoying a blessing, for bless the good Lord, no one can keep us from getting these blessings if we will only pray and ask God to guide us. We can get just as great a blessing at home as at church if we will only live humbly. And my dear brothers and sisters in Christ, if ever there was a time when we, as children of God, should be serving Him in Spirit and in truth, it is now. We are all more or less too careless about serving Him, and the time we carelessly let go by when we ought to kneel and pray. Prayer is needed so much.

I am glad to tell you that I am still staying in a Christian home, where we have family prayer—one of us leads in prayer one night, and the other the next night. The lady I am staying with has children who are not serving God; so we ask an interest in your prayers for them.

I was also blessed last month by getting to visiting my home folks and was again permitted to attend cauren at Oak Grove, where we again have Bro. Selph Jones as our pastor. We know he is a real man of God, and ask God's richest blessings upon him and his family.

May God bless all the ministers.

We sometimes meet up with people who ask us why we never go to the quarterly meetings as we used to. We always tell them that we would like to go, but it is not our privilege every time to get there. If we could do as we'd like to, we would never miss a quarterly meeting, association or a revival meeting, and we know it always helps us to meet at the house of God, and we love to meet with God's people, but I am so thankful to know that when we are deprived of these things, we can talk to our blessed Master and can receive some real soul stirring blessings from the loving hand of God.

I ask an interest in your prayers, that I may ever live a life to please my Savior, and be ready to meet Him when He comes.

Your sister in Christ,

Daisy Raney,

% Julia Jones, R2, Oakland, Mo.

SPRINGDALE, ARK., Mar. 4th.

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

It has been some time since I saw a report from Old Mt. Zion church in the Gem; so I will try to write a few lines and let you all know that we are still fighting on for the Lord.

Bro. Allred came the last second Sunday and filled his appointment. There wasn't many out on account of the cold weather and the sickness, but we had an old time spiritual meeting. I will be glad when warm weather comes, so we all can go back to our prayer meeting.

I sure do enjoy reading the Gem,

especially Aunt Lina Claxton's pieces. I wish we had some more mothers and grandmothers like Aunt Lina; this would be a better world if we did.

You all pray for me, that I might always live like the Lord wants me to.
—Mabel Archer.

TUSKEGEE, OKLA., Mar. 10th.

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

It has been some time since I wrote in, but we are still serving the Lord, having our Sunday school, prayer meeting and church services regularly.

We are going to start a meeting Sunday night, March 14th, expecting to see many come to the Lord while they have an opportunity to find Him.

We ask the prayers of all Christians who read this, that there will be many souls saved in our meeting.

I enjoy so much to read the good letters from our brothers and sisters in the Free Will Baptist family and to read of the good that is being done. We just ask that God's blessings may rest upon all the Christians and especially on our home church, which is pastored by Bro. John H. West.

—Mrs. Clara Downey.

CONSOLATION

By Ralph D. Foster, Aurora, Mo.

Look beyond this veil of earth,
See the beauties of their worth,
Filling souls with joyous mirth,
Since our precious Savior's birth.
Through the eye of faith I see,
Since the day of Calvary,
What God's love to me can be,
When I let Christ walk with me.

His love descends, strengthens me,
Makes me like a green bay tree,
Growing on the shore, you see,
By the river on the lea.
Come through the door unto me,
From temptations worry flee,
Let me guide, your pilot be,
Courage give, and anchor thee.

PASTOR'S FATHER SICK

Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin, pastor of Desloge, Mo. Free Will Baptist church, was called to Bryan, Texas March 14th, on account of the serious illness of her father, Mr. T. H. Franklin.

During her absence, the pulpit is being occupied by Elders Elmer Stegall and Joe Dewese, two of our young preachers who were licensed at our last quarterly meeting.

—Miss Anna Reed.

CARTERVILLE, MO., Mar. 17th

Dear Gem Readers:

There has not been a report from Carterville for some time, so I thought I would let the Gem readers know how I enjoy the services at the little church, also the league, and we have had prayer meeting twice a week most all winter, through the faithfulness of our pastor and his wife. He

came and took us to prayer meeting through the bad weather, and we took the Lord with us and went into an unsaved home where the man of the home was an invalid for three months and was eighty years old. He liked Bro. Cecil's talk very much. We ask that all Gem readers help us pray for this old man.

At our prayer meeting last Tuesday night, there were two sisters who said they had received two letters from friends and relatives asking the church to pray for them. There is more need for prayer now than ever before.

Although I am not a member of the little church, I have attended services there for the past ten years. The church has been a great help to me, and more so this winter when my husband was sick. The doctor and neighbors came in and said we could expect the worst just any time; now he is up and around again, and I thank the dear Lord for it all: for it is through His grace and mercy that he is here. And the pastor and wife and all the members of the little church, their prayers reached the throne and the dear Lord did the work; praise His name forever.

I am still serving the Lord and intend to make Heaven my home.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Susie Ellis.

SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The outlined contest requirements as previously announced had to comply with the standards of the Chicago Conservatory of Music which I represent. However, it has come to my attention that there are many of our good people who would like to enter the contest but do not understand the requirements. Inasmuch as I am going to visit some twenty Southern states this summer on a sacred concert tour, it will be most convenient for each contestant to arrange to see me personally. Do not regard the previous announcement. All you need do is, write me a letter telling me how long you have studied music and what you intend to do in the future. If you will state in your letter what large town you are near, I will gladly write you the date I shall be passing that way and at what time and place I may expect to see you.

You must be by fall a high school graduate. You must be prepared to to play or sing for me at whatever time I arrange to see you this summer. You must be of Free Will Baptist belief. You must write me at once for application blank. You should enclose a recent photograph of yourself. Remember, I must hear from you immediately.

Yours in the service of the Lord,
Leonard Earl Harris,
306 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

TULSA, OKLA., March 25, 1937.

To Gem Readers and All Concerned:
I am writing in regard to our Fore-
eign Missionary, Eld. T. H. Willey.
He has just closed a most successful

revival meeting here at our church, with 19 souls saved, some reconsecrated, some quit tobacco. I say that is a revival for these days; praise the Lord! Yes, some got mad, and some got glad.

Last Sunday night when Brother Willey left, we had the most glorious outpouring of the Spirit, the meeting seemed to have just well started. Three souls were at the altar and one was saved. Bro. Willey sure knows how to preach, he gets under the hide. We ran the meeting on three nights, and closed with two at the altar. Sister Pruitt preached for us the last night, and her message was sure enjoyed by all present.

We should all get right behind our Missionary and do our best. I know he is doing his best, I believe he would wade through fire, if necessary. O how proud we should be of him; but it seems that some of you preachers are afraid of him, the way you fail to call him to your churches. He certainly has helped my church, proved out my loyal members and showed up them that cared nothing for Foreign Missionary work. Amen.

Our church gave Bro. Willey \$65.17 cash and pledged \$42.50 to be paid soon. This was very little, but we will continue to give. The pledges are coming in, and Bro. Willey, you can rest assured that we will do our very best for the Missionary program.

Every preacher and every church should get behind this program, other denominations are putting things over, why can't we?

Bro. Willey has found a place for us to establish our work in South America, and they are waiting with outstretched hands, saying, "Come over and help us, we too, want to know your Christ."

Surely we won't stand by and resist the call, when the good Lord has opened the door for us! O how I long to see the good old Free Will Baptist sign swinging on the tabernacles in South America! We have the man, we have the money, we have the Christ, do we have the will? Let's say, "We will!"

Eld. Melvin Bingham,
833 North Utica, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

TULSA CHURCH NOTES

Mrs. Evelyn Miller, Reporter

Dear Gem Readers:

When we sent in our last report, we were looking forward to the coming of Bro. Willey to open a revival meeting at Tulsa church.

God most wonderfully blessed him with powerful messages for three weeks that filled us all, and brought 16 hungry souls to the altar, and they found peace with their Savior.

Not only was the power of God felt in and near the church, as this was one of the greatest and most soul-stirring meeting we've ever been in, but his voice went out over the radio to hundreds of other listeners, thereby scattering seeds which we hope will be reaped later on.

His pictures and accompanying lecture of his great work among the

Indians of South America were shown one night in the school auditorium to a very enthusiastic crowd. It gave us all an inside vision of what God has in store for him in the foreign fields, and we are trusting that God continues to bless him there in this greatest of all work.

During the first week of Brother Willey's meeting here, Bro. Melvin instituted a chain of prayer that lasted for 48 hours of continuous praying, and God blessed in a mighty way.

Many of our people are being strengthened by assembling in our prayer room for a thirty minute scripture reading and prayer service each night preceding the preaching hour, also the prayer meetings in the homes every Thursday afternoon are doing much good and arousing great interest in different parts of the city.

Bro. Willey had to leave last Sunday night, much to our regret, but the revival spirit was so prominent that the services here continued on until last night.

We are now looking forward to a great meeting beginning the first Sunday in April, with Sister Welch doing the preaching.

We are closing by asking an interest in the prayers of God's people.

THE WESTERN GENERAL ASSOCIATION MINUTE FUND

By Eld. John B. Rollins, Clerk

We are still working on the assignment the Western General Association gave to its clerk. At this writing, March 25, 1937, there has been 250 postal cards mailed to as many churches scattered through Missouri, Oklahoma, Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia, asking for at least 25c from each church to print our minutes. A total of \$4.95 has been spent in this service. And a total of 72 churches have responded, giving a total income of \$18.73. This income may be itemized as follows:

From Missouri	\$14.73
From Oklahoma	2.75
From Ohio and W. Va.	1.25

The Tri-State Association east of the great river has not had an equal chance with Missouri and Oklahoma.

Brethren, something must be done, or we cannot print the 1,500 minutes desired by the Western General Association. I have done my best, but I am willing to do more if I am instructed what to do.

Your humble servant.

DRYNOB MO., March 18th.

Dear Mr. Brown and Gem Readers, Greetings: I wonder if I'd dare to hope it might be published if I should write a line.

There is still a band of God's children here trying to help hold up the blood stained banner of Jesus Christ.

Two of the young men who were just born into the kingdom in August willingly and gladly accepted the office of deacons and were ordained in Nov. at our regular meeting. The Word says, "He that desireth the office of

a deacon, desireth a good work," and will receive a great blessing or reward.

In January the quarterly meeting was held with our church, and in spite of the roads, which were in an almost impassable condition, there were some that braved the storm, and we had a good peaceable quarterly meeting after all. There were only six ministers there, but they all were drinking from the fountain that never runs dry.

At eleven o'clock a. m. Friday, Bro. Cecil Horner of Phillipsburg, Mo. delivered a message, a good message filled with power from on high.

In the evening Bro. Holke of Lebanon delivered another good message.

But we were disappointed, for it continued to rain so that we had to close the meeting.

I want to speak briefly about our pastor:

Being born into the kingdom Oct. 1, 1933, at the age of 19 years, he joined the church and was baptized Oct. 8th, at once began willingly working for the cause of Christ.

June 8, 1935, he confessed to the world that he had been called to carry the Gospel to a lost and dying world. He preached his first sermon June 9, 1935, and was licensed to preach the Gospel June 29, 1935, at Mill Creek. Was ordained to the Gospel ministry at Cross Roads church Sept. 28, 1936.

His ordaining council consisted of Elders J. R. Reid of Abo, Mo.; Nelson Reid of Abo, Mo. and Jeff Peterson of Drynob, Mo.

The first funeral Bro. Curtis preached was that of Mrs. Emmily Buckner, in the first year of his ministry.

His first marriage ceremony was performed for Mr. Denis Wilson and Miss Virgie Clarke, Hazelgreen, Mo.

From June 9, 1935, when he delivered his first sermon, till now, March, 1937, he has preached about 125 sermons, conducted three funerals, married one couple, helped in several revivals, pastored two churches the first year, and has been called to pastor two churches this year. He has preached at several churches, had more calls than he could answer. From June 1 to Sept. 1, 1936, he was unable to carry on his work at all on account of poor health. I have not a full report of his work, but I do know this, he delivers some wonderful messages that are anointed with the Holy Spirit. He speaks, not great enticing words of man's wisdom, but preaches thru and by the demonstration of the Spirit and the power of God. The weather seldom gets too bad, or the distance too far for him to go to his appointments.

Will stop here, saying, God bless you all. I thank God for the many wonderful blessings God continues to bestow upon our church and us; pray for us that we may live a life wholly peaceable and acceptable before the Lord at any and all times, that at the end of our race we may hear those blessed words, "Well done."

I will not sign my name, as our pastor dislikes any praise of any kind of himself, and as there are 109 members in our church, he may not find the guilty one.

EUCHA. OKLA., March 28. 1937

Dear Gem Family:

I will, this beautiful Easter morning, try to write a few lines, by the help of our dear Lord, to our many brothers and sisters and friends of the Gem family, as I am renewing my subscription to the Gem., that I enjoy so much to read, and I get so much good from it. I learn so much about our churches in different places, that I wouldn't know if I didn't take our Gem.

I am thankful to say, that I got to visit my home church at Blue Eye again, and meet with so many of my dear friends there, brothers and sisters in Christ and loved ones whom I hadn't seen for some time. It was a great blessing to me to hear so many good sermons preached from our dear old Bible. I pray God to bless Bro. Sam Marcum in his work everywhere, for I feel that he deserves the richest of blessings, and his dear little companion too. God bless our pastor and his dear companion also, there at Blue Eye, and I pray God to bless the church one and all, just help us all to be up and doing at our post of duty. God bless all Christian people, and strengthen them the wide world over, for we realize that now is the time Christian people ought to be doing their best, to let their light shine, so the world can see the awful consequences of lingering in sin; may God help them to change before it is too late for them, is my prayer to God, (for we find sin everywhere we go), and bless all for whom we should pray this wide world over.

I did enjoy those good prayer meetings in our neighbors' homes, didn't get to attend them all, of course, but got much good from those I did attend; thanks be to the dear Lord for all His blessings that have been ours to enjoy in our past life. It is my desire to live closer each day of my life to our dear Lord, for what would it mean to us to hear, "Depart, I know you not," in the day of Judgment?

I ask the prayers of all you Christians, to pray for me, that I may continue in the faith that holds me up able to bear my burdens along this rugged road, with my trials thru life.

—Mrs. Birtie Youngblood.

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REPORT OF UNION ASSOCIATIONAL LEAGUE RALLY

Large number of the good leaguers of Union Association met Sunday, March 14, 1937, with the league and church at Oak Groce No. 2 church. We greatly enjoyed another day's wonderful services in the work of God.

Services were called to order by singing, and prayer by Eld. O. L. Allen, after which the chairman introduced Eld. George Cox who delivered a splendid message. Scripture reading, St. John 10, followed with prayer. Bro. Cox's subject was "The Light of Christ." The services were concluded by Eld. Geo. W. Scott.

There was an old fashioned hand shake, after which we adjourned for the noon hour.

Following class singing led by Eld. O. L. Allen, the chairman took charge of the services. Scripture reading, Prov. 3:1-20, followed by prayer by Eld. John Oxley.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, after which letters from three leagues were read and accepted. The following leagues were represented: Mountain Grove, Brushy Knob and Oak Grove.

Delegates registered as follows: Burl Halliburton, Robert Wilson, Arlene Elliott, Leona Ellis, Katy Conrow, Effie Barker, Raymond and Wayne Coffman, Daisy and Agnes Scott, Geneva Gearing, Nellie Gearing, Cinda Vandivort, George Cox, Estey Ellis, Geo. Scott, Homer Vandivort, O. L. Allen and J. W. Oxley.

New business was taken up.

Mountain Grove requested and was granted the next rally.

Adam Scott was elected chairman, with Wayne Coffman assistant.

Eld. Ruel Parker was elected to preach the sermon at next rally, with Eld. Geo. Scott alternate.

Motion carried that the members of this Rally sing a song and dedicate it to the memory of Eld. Fay George, and that we notify his family of this act. The song, "At the Get-together Meeting in the Sky," was sung.

There being no other business, the secretary took charge, and a splendid program was rendered, with short talks by Homer Vandivort and Eld. Geo. W. Scott, which concluded the services.

We were dismissed and all went home thanking God for the wonderful blessings the day had brought unto us.

We greatly missed the presence and help of the leaguers from Niangua.

Herbert Vandivort, Chair,
Mary Scott, Secretary.

God is Standing By

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

"Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me" (2 Tim. 4:17).

In this scripture, we find that the Apostle Paul had been forsaken by men, and they were the men that were willing to follow until the way became perilous and adversity reared its ugly head in the pathway.

The Apostle Paul was in the hands of the Roman rulers, being persecuted for the same reason that he persecuted the Christians before his conversion; and here he was to be tried in the Roman court. Great were the multitudes that listened eagerly as he preached; gone were the apostles that he had labored with; but he had this testimony, "The Lord stood with me."

What a great consolation to the weary and distressed to know that through the trials of this life, when the sky seems overcast with gloom and we are filled with dismay, and realize that within ourselves we are nothing, we can lift our eyes to the blue dome of heaven and know that God is standing by.

When Noah was building the ark, enduring the ridicule and persecution that no doubt was heaped upon him, and when the ark was finished and the animals and fowls of the air and the family of Noah were safely in the ark, and the door was closed by God Himself, there was God standing by to see that no harm befell that preacher of righteousness.

Then we will think of Job the man that Satan could try in every conceivable way to make him turn from his God. His children were taken, his wealth was gone, his body afflicted, but there was God standing by to protect him.

When the Apostle Peter was in the Roman jail, the angel of the Lord appeared, led him safely from the jail; and one more time God was standing by.

Again we think of the time the disciples were in the ship and a storm arose. No doubt, as the ship was driven by the wind and waves, they could see disaster just ahead, and there was Jesus peacefully sleeping in the ship. The disciples called to Him and Jesus rebuked the wind and the sea—God was standing by His own.

When the Roman officials were making the voyage with the Apostle Paul as their prisoner, a mighty storm arose and destroyed the ship; but God was standing by His apostle and, although the ship was dashed to pieces, they were saved. Then when the viper fastened itself upon Paul's hand, he suffered no ill effect because he was in the hands of One that was able to stand by and protect. And, dear reader, He will not only stand by the ones who are living the life, for we find this scripture recorded in Luke 5:23, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Again in Rev. v:20, Christ said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

When the godly Stephen was being stoned to death, he was permitted to see directly into the heavenly world and see God on His throne, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God; and there He is today, standing by to welcome you and me to the beautiful City of God.

"Take Ye Away the Stone"

By Eld. Ray Purdom, 3820 Armour St., Fort Smith, Ark.

These words were uttered by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at the tomb of Lazarus, as He stood there with the sisters of Lazarus after having delayed His coming for two days, so that the glory of God might be manifested by the raising of Lazarus from the dead.

These words spoken there at that time have come down to us through the space of time and apply to us today just as it was essential that the stone be taken away on that day, that there would be no stone in the way of Lazarus when the Lord called him to come forth.

Now let's see if there are any stones now, that we must take away before we will be able to hear the voice of Jesus calling us to come forth from the dead.

Let us take our Bibles and turn to the third chapter of Colossians and read from the third verse to the tenth inclusive. Let us note verses 5, 8 and 9 very closely, that we may take under consideration some of the stones there mentioned by the Apostle Paul.

We cannot take up all these verses in order as they are laid down, as it would take up the entire Gem for several months, to go into them deeply.

Uncleanness—This is a stone that requires much prayer and diligent study of the Word of God to remove. As I see this word and the use of it, it applies not to the cleanness of our outward bodies, but to the cleansing of our minds, hearts and souls; for we most assuredly cannot enter the portals of heaven with a sin laden heart, blackened by the things of this world, neither can we enter in with our minds filled with the filthy stories and thought of those that do not know the Lord as their resurrection and life. The robe of righteousness will never fit over a heart, mind or soul laden with the mud and dirt of sin, as this robe is a spotless robe, white as fullers' soap can make it.

Verse 8. "But now ye also put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth."

Anger—A stone that will poison our entire life and make us not only outcasts at the throne of God, but will wreck our lives and make outcasts of us here on this earth among our friends and neighbors; therefore it is a stone that we must remove, lest it block the strait and narrow gate which leads into the sheepfold of God.

Malice—This stone is as a great canker that will eat into our very innermost souls to destroy us; as a cancer eats the outside flesh, so will the cancer of malice eat into our minds, hearts and souls, a stone that will grow on us as we go about our daily walks of life. Often this stone will start as a very small pebble of envy and grow, or it may start from a little leaven of jealousy and continue to increase until it becomes our master. Dearly beloved, we are warned more than once to avoid becoming entangled with this stone, and yet we will take it to our bosoms and nurse it until it turns on us as a poisonous viper, to bite us and to destroy us; therefore let us be ever on our guard, that we do not let it creep into our lives. Take ye away the stone of malice, that you may enter into rest with the select of God.

Blasphemy—O, how easy this stone becomes a stumbling block in our pathway that leads us into the city whose streets are paved with gold! Consider, my beloved brothers and sisters, what a great shudder of shame and repulsiveness must come over our blessed Savior who gave His very life that you and I might remove these stones, when one who is supposed to be one of His chosen children will get up in church and testify to the goodness and mercies of Jesus, after spending the week dabbling with the things of the world and taking the name of our blessed Redeemer in vain, blaspheming in almost every sentence he speaks. I beg of you in the name of Jesus Christ, if you know some one of this character, please go to them and in love try to help them remove this stone before it is too late, lest their blood be required at your hands at the great day of Judgment.

Filthy Communication—This is a companion of uncleanness and, if we will clean up and get others to do the same, we will have this stone removed. Therefore it behooves us, as children of the Heavenly Father, to labor with all the energy we have to get those of the world to come to the Fountain that flows for the unclean, where they may plunge beneath the cleansing flood and be made every whit clean.

Covetousness—The insidious stone that will turn brother against brother and nation against nation, sect against sect. This one has destroyed great nations and great people, and will continue to do so until they turn to the only One who can ever throw this stone from the way, and that One is the Lamb of God. This stone is today destroying our churches, our schools, our homes. It destroys the very flower of our young manhood in wars and strife; it fills our jails with petty thieves, and eats out every spark of respect of other people's property and lives; men become

so covetous that they will not care who or what they hurt so long as they get their way. Truly it is an insidious stone that we must remove before we will ever find sweet relief and that blessed peace for which we all long.

Dearly beloved, let us examine ourselves and, if any of these stones are in our way, let's go to the Master in prayer and supplication, that we may be able to do as Jesus bade the ones there at the tomb of Lazarus: "Take ye away the stone."

How Do You Do?

By Eld. Noel Turner, Greentop, Mo.

"John, we have been friends for how many years?"

"Twenty years."

"We have never had any differences have we?"

"No."

"Have you had confidence in me as a friend?"

"Yes."

"John, how long have you been a Christian?"

"Thirty years."

"Well, then what I want to say to you is, That I do not believe in your Christianity."

"Why not?"

"In the first place it should teach love. You do not love me one particle."

"I resent that," says John, "You know I love you more than any friend."

"John, you have been a Christian for thirty years and my friend for twenty years and, in that twenty years, you have never said a word to me about God or my soul."

That was a conversation of two men, as given by Bishop Laycock, more than twenty years ago. But the same thing is still true in this day in which we live.

Where is the heroism of what we believe? How is the world any better off for what we believe, if it all stops with our just believing it?

What has your religion ever done to help anyone to do something?

We need men and women now with courage to put into action the things we believe, that our creed will not be something separate and apart from ourselves. We should be able to keep our Christianity and our ideals in the midst of men and women that are losing both. We must be both unafraid and unashamed to stand for what we profess.

Just personal acceptance of Jesus is not enough. It is true that we must be born into the kingdom of God. Then church membership and all the ordinances should follow; yet we have found no place to stop, we must go on to perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, but we are to leave the principles of the doctrines of Christ. Read Hebrews 6:1.

As we leave these first things and rise higher, we will become more broad minded, and see God's work, not divided into churches or denominations; but as the man who went up in a balloon once said, "As I arose, the fences that divided the farms faded out and the earth became one beautiful landscape of meadow, field and forest beneath the pure sky."

We may climb so high that we will see we are all one. We climb by deeds of service—Do you, or do you not?

How the Bible Will Help You.

By Mrs. Cecil E. Horner, Conway, Mo.

When in sorrow, read John 14, or Psalm 46.

When men fail you, read Psalm 27.

When you have sinned, read Psalm 51.

When you worry, read Matt. 6:19-34, or Psalm 43.

Before church service, read Psalm 84.

When you are in danger, read Psalm 91.

When you have the blues, read Psalm 34.

When God seems far away, read Psalm 139.

When you are discouraged, read Isaiah 40.

When in sickness, read Psalm 41.

If you want to be fruitful, read John 15.

When doubts come upon you, read John 7:17.

When you are lonely or fearful, read Psalm 23; Luke 15.

When you forget your blessings, read Psalm 103.

For Jesus' idea of a Christian, read Matt. 5.

For James' idea of religion, read James 1:19-27.

When you faith seems failing, read Hebrews 11.

When you feel down and out, read Romans 8:31-39.

When you want courage for your task, read Josh. 1:1-9.

When the world seems bigger than God, read Psalm 90.

When you want rest and peace, read Matt. 11:25-30.

When you want Christian assurance, read Rom. 8:1-30.

When looking for happiness, read Colossians 3.

When you leave home for labor or travel, read Psa. 121.

When you grow bitter and critical, read 1 Cor. 13.

When your prayers grow narrow and selfish, read Psa. 67.

For Paul's idea of Christianity, read 2 Cor. 5:15-19.

For a warning against selfishness, read James 2.

For some rules of conduct, read Rom. 12; Matt. 5:1-12.

For a great invitation and opportunity, Isa. 55.

When you think of investment returns, read Mk. 10:17-31.

For Jesus' idea of prayer, read Luke 11:1-13; Mt. 6:5-15.

A prophetic picture of worship that counts, Isa. 58:1-12.

The prophet's idea of religion, Isa. 1:10-18; Micah 6:6-8.

If you are impatient, sit down quietly and talk with Job.

If you are just a little headstrong, see Moses.

If you are getting weak-kneed, take a good look at Elijah.

If there is no song in your heart, listen to David.

If you are a policy person, read Daniel.

If you are getting sordid, spend a while with Isaiah.

If you feel chilly, get the beloved disciple to put his arms around you.

If your faith is below par, read Paul.

If you are getting lazy, watch James.

If you are losing sight of the future, climb up the stairs of Revelation and get a glimpse of the Promised Land.

The Resurrection of Imperial Rome

By Rev. J. F. Harvey in Pentecostal Herald, Aug. 5, 1936.

The revival of the Roman Empire is one of the best attested facts of the prophetic Word. The prophet Daniel, who spake as he was moved by the Holy Ghost as did all of God's prophets (2 Peter 1:21), records the facts of that revival.

It would seem to be unnecessary to call the attention of Bible students to the prediction in Nebuchadnezzar's God-given dream, of the course of Gentile dominion from the time of the dream until the end of Gentile times. But many are not Bible students, and many others who do read the Bible are not able to "rightly divide the word of truth." (2 Tim. 2:15). Therefore, at the risk of being accused of vain repetition in repeating what all true prophetic writers have said, I must call attention to the image of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream, and its prophetic significance.

In this dream Nebuchadnezzar, the Gentile king, would see but an image. Daniel, God's prophet, saw the unfolding of future prophetic history. He said to the Babylonian king, "Thou art the head of gold." Then follows the description of the different parts of the body of the image, and the statement that these parts represent nations, or Gentile power, that would arise in exact order following the kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar (Dan. 2).

All these empires have been in existence and passed away, including the Roman Empire which is represented by the legs of iron. The world power symbolized by the feet and ten toes of the image, which were partly iron and partly clay, has not yet come upon the stage of world history. When it does come it will not be as new world power, but as the resurrection of an old power that has long been dead. Remember the feet and the toes were a part of the image of the king's dream, and that the image symbolized Gentile dominion from its beginning under Nebuchadnezzar until its end under the Antichrist. The feet and toes of iron and clay can represent nothing but the resurrection, not of republican, but of Imperial Rome.

In a vision which God gave to Daniel (Dan. 7), the prophet was shown four ferocious wild beasts. The first beast was like a lion, the second like a bear, the third like a leopard. When Daniel, in his vision, saw the fourth beast, he could find no animal on earth with which to compare it. It was a nondescript. That is, it was a beast not easily described. Daniel said it was "dreadful and

WANT AND WISH

By Mrs. Lina Claxton, Hartville, Mo.

This morning finds me under many renewed obligations to give thanks unto God; for His mercy endureth forever. When I turned on the radio this morning at six, I heard some real Gospel singing, then we had breakfast. Then Jim, my husband, went to the mail box, and returned with a letter telling me that my grandson who was in a car wreck in Idaho, was in a hospital (Mountain Home, I believe it was), and that he was able to leave the hospital; then I thanked God. I also received a box of candy from my son-in-law at Thayer, Mo., also some cards from a little girl. After reading, Jim said, "I am going over to see Bro. Bill Whittaker, how he is this morning." After he left the room, I knelt on my knees to thank God for answering prayer, then I asked God to help Jim to speak words of encouragement to the sick, and while I was down on my knees praying, I heard a knock at my back door, and I went to open the door; and there stood a little girl and two little boys. The little girl said, "Would you like to buy some Cloverleaf salve? I have some pictures, one goes with each box." "Yes, I will take one," and I selected the picture of Jesus blessing little children. I began talking to them about Heaven, and of what a good home Jesus was preparing for all who would love and obey Him. I had heard how poor these little children were, and that they lived in a tent. I said, "Jesus will give us all a home in Heaven if we only love and obey Him; and there we will never be hungry nor cold." She said, "We are without anything this morning." I happened to have a jar of cookies, and I gave them to eat; then I thanked God for having them—all good and perfect gifts come from our Father above. This all happened this Monday morning between 9 and 10 o'clock. I feel like saying, "Glory!" I sure do love little children. I laid my hand on the little boy's head, and said, "God bless you." Then, here is the sad story about them: The little children are to be pitied, but I don't know, if I had money (I haven't), but you might give them a dollar, and the first thing they would buy would be tobacco; and I sure never bought a penny's worth in my life. The little boys smoke cigarettes. Oh, fathers and mothers, we are sure responsible to God for the examples we set before our children! Surely parents have forgotten or perhaps never did read the Bible.

Solomon said (Prov. 22:6), "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Eph. 6:4—"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

2 Tim. 3:15—"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto

salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Now, this experience which I have had today, comes to us all as we travel this Jericho road, trying to live the old time religion every day.

I have been thinking of two words we use so much every day, "Want" and "Wish." David said (Psa. 40: 14-17), "Let them be ashamed and confounded together, that seek after my soul to destroy it: let them be driven backward, and put to shame, that wish me evil. . . . Let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified. But I am poor and needy: yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O, my God." Help us, O Lord, when we make a wish to do good!

"The elder unto the wellbeloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth. Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" (3 Jo. 1-2).

"Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God" (3 Jo. 11).

It is good for me to read this third epistle of John often. I *want* to be careful to make good *wishes* and *want* to do good, and not evil. "O, fear the

Lord, ye his saints: for there is no *want* to them that fear him, the young lions do lack and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not *want* any good thing."

David said, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not *want*." O, if we can only say as David did, "For thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." He said also, "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness." It is then, as I believe, that there will be nothing more to wish for or want: but all will be joy and gladness forevermore.

I think of an old song just now that my dear old mother used to sing:

*I do want to go to Heaven when I die,
To sing the song of Moses by and by.*

Your unworthy servant,

Aunt Lina Claxton.

P. S. I want to thank Eld. John W. Oxley of Cabool, Mo., for the nice poetry he sent me to paste in my scrap book, also for his encouraging words; it helped me so much.

I am thankful also for a real letter from a Gem reader, Sister Holmes of Thayer, Mo. Although I never met these Free Will Baptist folk, I can think of them in my weak petition. I sure do appreciate the cards too, just like a little child. Say, I *wish* every Free Will Baptist family *wanted* the Gem paper in their homes, it is to be a 20 page paper. I wish they who are not taking it, *wanted* it bad enough to subscribe for it at once.

"PRIDE"

By Eld. Boyd Thornton, Arcadia, Ks.

This is, perhaps, one of the least opposed evils of the present day, and yet one of the greatest soul-damning sins there is. Pride of itself is no doubt looked upon by the greater majority of people as no more of an obstruction than a small pebble: but in God's sight it is a mountainous obstruction to our gaining entrance into Heaven.

In Proverbs 6:16, we read, "These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him." And Pride is listed as first among these soul-destroying sins.

Pride has carried more people to eternal destruction than has liquor. Of course, I realize that liquor is a foul demon, loathesome and utterly despised by people of high morals; but pride is a demon transformed into an angel of light. Liquor appeals to the lower nature of man, while pride appeals to the higher morals of man. Pride has caused more people to reject Christ than many other things, which we object to so bitterly.

Pride is one of the best pals of Modernism; it will, if permitted, destroy every good motive of any good spiritual church and, sad to say, I'm afraid that many churches of our fair land have permitted this ambassador of the Devil to enter in and dampen

the spirit, not only in the pew, but in the pulpit as well.

The Bible is too humble for the proud, and also too plain in asserting the truth of the deceptiveness of pride. The Bible says, that God knows a proud look afar off, and hates a proud look. It says that God resisteth the proud; a proud heart is sin; every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord; the Lord will destroy the house of the proud, etc. There is so much scripture against pride; then, can we wonder that the proud are so antagonistic against God's Word?

It has been said by some one, "Pride is silly as a monkey, deceptive as tuberculosis; more destructive than war, and cruel as a savage." Pride surely has had a great hand in sapping the church of its spirituality. It is foreign to old time religion. Brothers and sisters, will she be allowed to come into our beloved denomination and be made a guest in our hearts and churches? God forbid! Remember it is an abomination unto the Lord; therefore, it is of the Devil. "Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

Let us show open enmity and fight this deceptive soul-destroying device of the enemy with all our might.

OBITUARIES

HAKE—Jonathan William Hake was born Sept. 14, 1848, in Mahoning county, Ohio, and departed this life Feb. 3, 1927, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Gussie Byers, near Martins-town, Mo., being at the time of his death, 88 years, four months and 20 days old.

He was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Ella Bury, Feb. 12, 1873. To this union six children were born, four daughters and two sons.

He leaves to mourn his departure, his aged wife, the six children, namely: Mrs. Joe Mullenix of Des Moines, Iowa, Mrs. Joe Duncan, Mrs. Jep Byers, both of Martinstown, Mo.; Walter Hake of San Fernando, Calif.; Mrs. Arch Nicholas of Danneborg, Nebr., and Fredrick Hake of Amor-rillo, Texas; 34 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren, and other relatives and friends.

He professed faith in Christ 24 years ago and kept his faith until the end. He was a kind loving husband and father and neighbor, and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

On account of sickness and the icy roads, the funeral was held at the home of E. J. Byers, where he passed away, conducted by Eld. Noel Turner, with undertakers F. O. Husted and son of Unionville, Mo. in charge.

Interment was in Martinstown cemetery.

The family wishes to extend their thanks and appreciation to the good neighbors and friends for their kindness and sympathy during the short sickness and death of our loved one.

One so dear from us has gone,
To his everlasting home.
Eternal life he surely has won,
Earth's rough path no more to roam;
Jesus piloted him safely on.

We have lost a dear loving father,
He has gained a bright new home.
While we feel a deep pang of sorrow,
Not one of us there, tho we may be tomorrow;
So, he has gone alone.

God has been so kind and loving,
To spare all his family as He has done.
Over each home His love has been hovering,
Until He calls us all home one by one;
Jesus will guide us on.

Father has been first, the Lord called to go,
At a good old age, God willed it so.
We couldn't wish him back to sorrow and care,
We want to live a life to meet him there.
He would read God's Word, he loved preaching and prayer;
We all intend to meet in that land so fair.

As I look back in memory, I see
Sister Mabel and I as we sat on his knee.
The bright smile on his face

Revealed the pleasure, we could see,
As he sang German songs and our laughter rang free.

Since many years of worry and work has passed by,

His steps have grown feeble, he breathes with a sigh.
His steps they grew slow, his eyes they grew dim,
His smiles were still bright,
But he was a child again.

He wanted to go to Jesus,
And be at the feet of his mother.
That's what he would tell us,
He could think of no other.
He now rests with Jesus, his mother's love to share;
And now is waiting to welcome us there.

By his daughter, Gussie.

IN MEMORY of a friend and sister in Christ.

It is with sad hearts that we announce to Gem readers the death of Sister Stella Maynard, wife of Rev. T. Maynard, who died Feb. 22nd, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frankie Nelson of Lawton, Okla., after three weeks with influenza. She was 66 years old. She united with the Baptist church 46 years ago.

She is survived by the husband, nine daughters, two sons, 24 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

As a woman, Sister Maynard was a devoted Christian, and loved by all who knew her. Sister Maynard spent 47 years in and around this community, and will be sadly missed in the home, in the church and community.

In her passing to her eternal home, we feel the loss of a good wife, a wonderful mother, and a kind friend and neighbor. We can only say, "It is well." She rests in the arms of our dear Savior, for whom she toiled so faithfully. With a song in her heart, she was glad to live, and not afraid to die. We have heard her testimony so many times, that her work was all at home, caring for the children and the things at home, keeping the preacher's clothes in readiness to be called away from home on a minister's duty, and her daily prayers were just to live until her children, even to the baby, were all grown, doing for themselves. Sister Maynard raised a beautiful family, one daughter a minister, and all her children living for Jesus.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Baptist church in Comanche, Okla., by three ministers: J. O. Hudson, W. A. Carlton and J. V. Ray, after which Bro. Maynard gave a beautiful talk, expressing how sad and how hard it is to give up a devoted companion as his dear wife was.

We ask the prayers of the Gem readers for this dear husband who has worn his life out in services for the Lord, and their dear children who remain in this world of sadness and

sorrow, that they may look forward to the day when the family will not be broken.

Written by friends of the family,
Eld. John Newberry and wife of
Graham, Oklahoma.

IN MEMORY of my brother, Napoleon, who departed this life April 9, 1936, at the age of 81 years. He leaves five sons, two daughters, one sister, and many relatives and friends to miss him.

The year has rolled along,
The days are past and gone;
A life we loved so dear,
Has left us lonely here.

We saw him fade away,
Leaving in home and heart
A vacant place to stay,
Since from him we had to part.

While our sorrow we cannot express,
We know he is safe above,
And with strong and lasting faith,
We will meet in that land of love.

Faith has an overcoming power,
It triumphs in the dying hour.
Dear brother, while we miss you here,
You're with the Lord you loved so dear.

And, while you lie in death so still,
In a narrow grave on a distant hill,
We look beyond to that land of light,
Where the saints are dressed in their robes so bright.

In the little church where we used to meet,
We can see our brother's vacant seat,
But we know he is singing the victor's song,
In that home above with the ransomed throng.

Sadly missed by his sister and family.
—Mrs. Odella Rice.

RESURRECTION MORN

By Mrs. Belva Zinn, Blue Eye, Mo.

Oh, glorious resurrection morn!
And once again a scene reborn;
An empty tomb at break of day,
Where recently our Savior lay.

Two women gazing there in fear,
When lo, an angel doth appear;
And thus the angel spoke and said,
"The Lord is risen from the dead,
To His disciples hasten ye,
Behold, He goeth into Galilee."

Such is the picture drawn for me,
Of the Christ who died on Calvary,
Our Lord who roll'd the stone away
On that wondrous Resurrection Day.

REPORT OF MISSION SEC'Y

Following is my financial report of Missionary funds received since last report in the March issue of the Gem:

Lena Hamby, Aurora, Mo.....	\$1.00
Esther Apple, Aurora, Mo.	1.00
Cassie Kelsey, Greentop	10.00
Opal Boyd, Carterville	3.00
Ed Wade, Liberal	1.00
Eld. Richard Talbott, Liberal...	1.00
Winford Davis, Sec'y.	

terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth; it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it; and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns."

What world power was represented by this fourth terrible beast? All students of Bible history agree that it was the Roman Empire. The "great iron teeth" unmistakably connect this beast with the iron legs of Nebuchadnezzar's dream-image, and the "ten horns" connect it with the "ten toes" that were part of iron and part of clay. So we see the similarity between the vision of Daniel and the vision of the king's dream. Both were the symbolic representation of world Gentile dominion. Nebuchadnezzar saw world power from the standpoint of the natural man. To him it was like a great image of a man, imposing, noble and splendid. On the other hand Daniel, the servant of God, saw world government as God sees it, and he said he saw "four great beasts come up from the sea." The world powers were the same in both dream and vision, but the viewpoints were human and divine.

The legs of iron of the dream-image were symbolic of the Roman Empire. The feet and ten toes of the image, part iron, and mixed with clay, are symbolic of that Empire revived. The revived Roman Empire is the nondescript wild beast which Daniel saw in his vision. Another divine description of this same beast is in Revelation 13. The Apostle John said: "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea having seven heads, and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy." Then follows a description of this beast in which are incorporated all the other beasts spoken of by Daniel. John then says: "I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death."

The Roman Empire was wounded to death many hundreds of years ago. But both Daniel and John said that the deadly wound would be healed, and Imperial Rome would arise out of her grave where she has been buried for so many centuries. When she does arise it will be in the form of a ten-kingdom federation ruled over by the last world dictator who will be none other than the "Man of sin, the son of perdition, the Antichrist."

Between the rise of the fourth beast of Daniel's vision and the growth of the ten horns there is a gap. This space of time includes the period between the overthrow of the Roman Empire and its resurrection, when the Roman earth will be divided into ten kingdoms, and will be ruled over by a modern Caesar. This ruler will be the "little horn" of Daniel's vision, and the first beast of Revelation 13.

The descriptions of the two are the same. Daniel said that after the ten horns appeared there came up among them another "little horn," and "in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things." The prophet further says that this "little horn" is a king, and that when he arises "he shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High" (Dan. 7).

Compare this with Revelation thirteen. The beast which John saw rise up out of the sea, as the terrible nondescript of Daniel's vision, is a symbolic presentation of the political sovereignty of the world in the endtime. That sovereignty will be one individual administration, embodied in one man. This man, as I have before stated, will be "that Wicked," the "man of sin," and the "son of perdition," of whom Paul wrote to the Thessalonians.

Imperial Rome will once more hold sway over the nations of earth. When she does return to power it will appear to the unregenerated of earth merely as a new alignment of nations forming a ten-kingdom federation covering the territory of the ancient Roman Empire. But in the sight of heaven she will be a monstrous, ferocious, indescribable beast. And he who rules upon the restored throne of the Ancient Caesars will have a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies against the Most High, and he will make war with the saints, and will prevail against them.

When Daniel saw in his vision the "exceeding dreadful" beast with its iron teeth and nails of brass, he was "grieved in spirit," and the visions of his head troubled him. He said: "I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things." After the meaning of the beasts, and particularly the fourth beast and his horns, were explained, Daniel says: "I beheld

... until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom."

Turning again to the great image of Nebuchadnezzar's dream which symbolizes Gentile world power from its beginning with Nebuchadnezzar to its culmination in the revival of Imperial Rome under the world's last dictator, the Antichrist, we find again in harmony with the vision which God gave to Daniel. In his interpretation of the king's dream Daniel said: "Thou, O king, sawest, and beheld a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible." Then follows the description of the image, after which Daniel said: "Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces" (Dan. 2:31-35).

Here we have the connection between the "Ancient of days" of Daniel's vision, and the "stone cut out without hands," of the king's dream. They both speak of the Lord Jesus Christ. In the days of these ten kings, symbolized by the ten horns and the ten toes, when resurrected Imperial Rome is ruled over by the "little horn" with the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, "in the days of these kings," said Daniel, "shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever" (Dan. 2:44).

There must be the resurrection of Imperial Rome. The prophecy of Nebuchadnezzar's dream cannot be completely fulfilled until the coming of the world-power symbolized by the feet and the ten toes. The Roman Empire must be in existence before the "stone" falls. The prophet expressly says that the "Stone strikes the image upon its feet."

In conclusion let me ask a question. Are there indications today that lead to the belief that the Roman Empire is being revived? That is an interesting and important question. Interesting, because of many strange world events of today. Important, because when the Roman Empire is revived it will not be long before the Lord Jesus Christ will return in power and great glory to sit upon the throne of his father David and, having put all his enemies under his feet, shall reign for a thousand years in millennial glory, when righteousness shall cover the earth as the water covers the sea, and the "kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ."

Space at this time will not permit me to answer the question. Perhaps at a future time I may be permitted to do so. In the meantime I trust that interest may be so awakened in my readers that they may for themselves "search the Scriptures" and lay God's prophetic Word alongside of events that are happening in the world today. And remember that the Lord Jesus said: "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Lk. 21:28).

The Plainer Vision

By Miss Lillian Leftwich, Cushing, Oklahoma

I see it not as when a child;
With only stammering little lips to tell his love,
And vague my understanding of his word.

But now I see it as a man;
For I have put away childish things,
And ask of Him that plainer may the vision be.
For when I set my foot upon the path,
I faltered, void of understanding,
And looked back to what I had left behind;
That once had made my days so bright with folly.
Thus I detained myself along my new sought road,
Because I did not make the supplication for a plainer vision.
We find an old command;
To search the scriptures daily,
That we might find the potent shadows,
For in them we think we have eternal life,
Because they point for us the profit,
And not retrace our mistakes,
And put within our hands the torch of plainer vision.

Temperance

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women and girls acting as barmaids in this so-called Christian nation of ours. We were told by the wets that Prohibition was demoralizing this country. Can you think of anything worse demoralizing than to have our young womanhood selling intoxicating liquors to young men?

Look at the price of butter, eggs and poultry. Butter and eggs are about the same price as in normal crop years during Prohibition, although feed is almost twice as high this year as a result of the drought. Is it any wonder that people of this country cannot buy all the nourishing food they need, when it is estimated that they are spending six million dollars a day for intoxicating liquors? The price of poultry is much less than in normal crop years under Prohibition. There has been a falling off in the sale of milk, as the sale of liquors has increased.

We were told that the revenue from the sale of liquor would reduce taxes. Have you noticed the reduction of taxes since repeal? Sales taxes have

been added onto the taxes we paid under Prohibition.

How about crime? It is estimated on good authority that crime cost the people of this nation an enormous sum in money, however the greatest cost is in sin, sorrow and suffering, all of which will increase with the increase of the sale of alcoholic liquors.

You may say, "What can we do in opposition to the organized liquor interests?" You can inform yourselves and then inform others and help to change the sentiment of the people from favoring the liquor traffic, to opposing it.

PROHIBITION FACTS is the name of a little book of 96 pages, which each Christian citizen should possess. This book gives much reliable information about the liquor traffic. It will cost you the huge sum of ten cents, postpaid, and it may be obtained from W. G. Calderwood, Director, 986 Fifteenth Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

This book along with your Bible and your sincere prayers will enable you to go forth with confidence against the Great Liquor Traffic.

Temperate in All Things

By Eld. Kenneth Turner, Granby, Mo.

"And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things"

Paul speaks here of a thought to make clear that we must be, and even will be temperate in all things, if we strive for a really high goal. He brings to my mind his thought of those running a race for a prize. All who enter the race, enter prepared. They have a desire to gain and possess the reward the winner shall obtain at the end of the race; so they equip themselves with just the things they will need to make the best of the race. They would not want to be loaded down with a lot of excess weight or be clothed with a burdensome costume, and their foot wear must be just so.

Neither should one expect to win the prize of glory if they try to run the Christian race without starting in prepared, by doing as Paul says in Heb. 12:1—"... Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run

with patience the race that is set before us." We cannot run successfully the Christian race with an excess weight of sin; and one sin, regardless as to how small we think it is, is too much sin to take with us to the portals of glory.

As we strive for the mastery, that is for the happy home of the soul, let us be temperate in all things, to make the best of the race.

We do not narrow down to just the one thought, the use of liquors and tobacco, as some seem to, but we will include all things, as Paul says, just anything that might hinder our speed in the race should be laid aside, regardless of what it is; if it hinders us from the forward go in the name of the Lord, we should be glad to lay it aside, including eating, drinking, dress, and habits of all kinds. Let us say, "Lord, help me to overcome the thing that might be my besetting sin."

May the Lord bless every one, is the prayer of your brother in Christ.

"Ye Slaves of the Weed"

Contributed by Mrs. Myrtle Black

"If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are" (1 Cor. 3:17).

"... Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (2 Cor. 7:1).

There are fathers and mothers all over this land,

A chewing and a smoking as hard as they can,

While the children are scolded and pushed off to bed,

All dirty and ragged and crying for bread.

Many thousand young men in our land day by day,
Are puffing cigarettes and dying away,
The filthy old snuff, fair ladies will dip,
And spoil their great beauty by filling their lip.

A very small babe sitting on mother's knee,

A chewing tobacco, a very sad sight to see.

The boys and the girls, just now in their prime,

Are learning to use it—they'll be sorry some time.

A father once said with his eyes full of tears,

"I cannot quit chewing—I've tried it for years."

While the dying young man says he sadly regrets,

That he ever did learn to smoke cigarettes.

A snuff-using Mother! O what a shame!

Shall we call her Mother? She's not worthy the name:

For her babe is now lying in the cold grave at rest,

From poison of snuff that is nursed from her breast.

O snuffers and puffers, ye slaves of the weed,

Is your path clear to heaven, is your home sure indeed?

Are you snuffing and puffing to the glory of God?

Are you traveling the pathway our Savior once trod?

You'll confess that you're angry, cross and all wrong,

When you're craving a chew and your plug is all gone.

O, where does your patience and religion then lie,

On a plug of tobacco, or your home in the sky?

Ye slaves of the weed, heed the words that I say;

Lay down your tobacco, no longer delay,

For Jesus is calling to you and to me,
"I'll save you and cleanse you and let you go free."

Now you'll surely confess that my story is true;

Then how can you continue to smoke, dip, or chew?

Quit snuffing and puffing, be wise evermore,

And seek for a home on Canaan's bright shore.

FIGURES SHOW EFFECT OF BEER ON SALE OF CANDY

Beer is cutting into the sale of candy, if these figures from Oakland, Calif. are any criterion. In 1932 coastwise ships entering Oakland unloaded 261 tons of candy, in 1933 only 75 tons, in 1934, 55 tons, in 1935, only 50 tons.

On the other hand, imports of beer, which started in 1933, were as follows: 1933, 35 tons; 1934, 139 tons; and in 1935, 841 tons.

Our Plans For a New Publishing House

By Eld. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.

Is the Missouri State Association going to have a new and better equipped publishing house? The answer is, "By the help of God we are." Never has our State Association launched any move, since I have been connected with it, that has started off in as great a way as this has already. Every one seems enthused about it, and hopeful for it. Now, dear people,

don't be afraid to risk your money in this; it is so arranged, as shown in the copy of the contract below, that it either goes over or you absolutely get your money back. Now, what could be better or safer than that?

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And it is further Agreed, That, if the \$2,500.00 is not raised by November 1, 1938, the full amount of this donation, without interest, shall be returned to the Donor, upon the return of this Certificate to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist.

Given at Purdy, Missouri, this..... day of..... 193...

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State Solicitor for the Publishing House Fund

Now, doesn't that sound plain and fair? Where is there a Free Will Baptist who would not be glad to have a part in an enterprise that will really be an asset to our denomination?

You are prone to say, "Well, I would be glad to make a donation if I knew it would all be raised." But you see it is so arranged that the money is either raised or you lose nothing.

The receipts given are exactly alike in word and appearance, only different in size. You receive a smaller one for amounts less than \$10.00, and a large one for \$10.00 or more. The difference is made in size so as to cut down in expense, as it costs considerable to purchase the blank receipt forms, owing to the fact they are nicely lithographed, making them very attractive in appearance. I wish we could reproduce the certificate or receipt in the Gem exactly as it appears, but we haven't the office equipment with which to do it. Anyway we are giving you the exact wording and, after all, that is the important part. Bro. John B. Rollins, our field superintendent for the raising of this fund, is meeting with success, and is

laboring very tirelessly.

Following is an itemized account of all who have so far given to this New Publishing House Fund:

Eld. J. F. Miller, Flat River,	\$10.00
Eld. Winford Davis, Monett,	10.00
C. B. Dees, Flat River,	10.00
Ben La Brot, Flat River	10.00
Emmet A. Smith, Flat River,	10.00
Flat River Home Mission,	10.00
Robert Glen Crepps, Flat River	.50
St. Francois Co. Q. M. paid by	
Tommie Franklin, Sec.,	\$100.00
Eld. Selph Jones, Mansfield,	10.00
Jones Chapel Church, Stella,....	5.50
Violet Andrews, Liberal,.....	10.00
Jesse Odneal, Treece, Kans.	5.00
Hannon Jr. Class, Zola Truskett,	
teacher, Hannon,	2.00
Mrs. Ida Ball, Liberal,	5.00

Now, this is cash paid, and not just pledges. There is a considerable amount pledged in different places, but the above is cash in hand. We are expecting your donation.

Yours for a greater publishing house,
Winford Davis, Sec.-Treas.

P. S. I have just mailed out the State minutes to the various association clerks; so you can now look to your clerk for your State minutes.

Southeastern Kansas Association.

Here is the schedule:

Jones Chapel,	Thurs. night,	Feb. 18
Carterville,	Tues. night,	Feb. 23
Hannon,	Thurs. night,	Feb. 25
Fairview, Ks.,	Sunday,	Feb. 28
Neola, Mo.,	Tues. night,	Mar. 2
Independence,	Wed. night,	Mar. 3
Monett,	Tues. night,	Mar. 9
Aurora,	Thurs. night,	Mar. 11

Each church received my visit with a hearty welcome, which creates a warm spot in my soul for them. I love our good people—May the Lord bless them.

Each church also received, and responded with enthusiasm to the plans of the State Association.

Each church cared for my personal traveling expenses by a freewill offering, which makes me feel like traveling on.

Here is an itemized statement of their offerings:

Jones Chapel	\$2.60
Carterville	1.83
Hannon	6.25
Fairview, Kans.	6.50
Neola	2.77
Independence85
Monett	1.55
Aurora	1.35

We heartily thank these good people.

At this date I have traveled 498 miles on this mission.

I am leaving a district manager in each section that I visit. His duty is to rally the people and is to serve as an avenue from the people direct to Bro. Davis our State Treasurer.

In Central Western Mo. I appointed Eld. Boyd Thornton, and I'm happy to hear that already Bro. Thornton has accomplished successful goals in his efforts. Will the churches of that association please work with Bro. Thornton, he is trustworthy.

Eld. Kenneth Turner is working with the churches of Indian Creek. I also want to make honorable mention of Elders W. K. Weston, Cecil Campbell, Richard Talbott, and O. T. Allred. These brethren are in full co-operation with the great cause of our denomination.

We want the brethren over the state to be looking for us and planning for a tour of lectures to the churches.

We want as many mid-week appointments as possible, because it will require all summer for us to get over the state.

LET'S ALL HELP ALL WE CAN

By Eld. Kenneth Turner, Granby, Mo.

Dear Gem Family: Just a word to those here and there over the state, wherever the Gem is read.

We have our paper and long to see it go forward with greater victory for God. If we, as a people, will take a stand for right in the Spirit of our loving Christ, this desire will come to pass. I feel that the Gem is a blessing to our work. What would we do for the dear letters and reports from our brothers and sisters in Christ if we had no paper? I for one would be at a loss, not knowing what was being done for the Lord in different places

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Report of Field Superintendent

By Eld. John B. Rollins, Purdy, Mo.

We are on the field! We have moved by faith, and God is smiling upon us and the work. The plan concerning our Free Will Baptist Publishing House in Missouri is going over

in a great way—because God is for us. The first part of our tour over the state was surely a success. It included part of Indian Creek Association and part of Central Western Missouri and

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT



ELD. T. H. WILLEY,
OUR MISSIONARY TO
SOUTH AMERICA,
BRYAN, TEXAS (AT PRESENT)



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ELD. WINFORD DAVIS,
SEC. FOREIGN MISSIONS,
WESTERN ASSOCIATION,
MONETT, MISSOURI.

Report of Our Missionary

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

At the time of my writing, I am in the third week in Oklahoma. We first came into the state in time to attend the meeting of the First Mission Association. We attended that meeting, spoke at the night service to a great company of people, who gave us an offering for Missions amounting to \$15.25, for which we are very grateful.

In order to clear up any misunderstanding among our brethren, I am making the following statement: We are available to any pastor or association who would be sufficiently interested to show if he were favorable to the work in which our National Association is engaged. I am here as an officer of the National Association, under appointment of the National Association, serving in the capacity of both the Eastern and the Western groups, in a sense, a part of each and every association, and of every Free Will Baptist church that has any interest in the people called Free Will Baptist of America. I could not under any consideration go to a pastor, and say, "I am coming to your church;" you may not want me, then it would be embarrassing to me as a national worker.

Again, be it known, that all funds go directly to the field or to the support of your missionaries, they are carefully accounted for. Our Secretary-Treasurer carries his office free,

getting no salary, but is deeply interested in the Foreign Missionary program, he is an exacting man, a careful conscientious man, a God-fearing progressive man, faithful and loyal to the great charge placed upon him by his church. This can be said of all those serving in any capacity on the Missionary program.

We are trying to give a careful account of our funds and a statement of such funds that come in. If there is any question in your mind, please write first to the secretary, and make sure before you become a stumbling block in the work of the Lord by making unwise statements that have no foundation in fact.

We are endeavoring to arrange a tour of each of the states announcing dates ahead to give time for pastors and associations to inform us if they desire our presence when we are in their state. When a schedule is arranged, and when the time is filled up, we cannot very well break those dates.

We are leaving the State of Oklahoma, God willing, Sunday night, March 21st, going back into Texas. We shall be with Rev. Thompson in the eastern part of the state. We shall contact some churches in Southern Texas, which have sponsored the program of the church, this will permit time for arrangements in the northern

states, and bring us to you in pleasant weather.

A word about the pictures. These are motion pictures. Their purpose is not that which is common to the average theater, they are made to take you there, to South America, and show you how people live who have never had the Gospel. If I tried to describe these people to you, I could not convince you, there might be those who would discredit me, but with these pictures you cannot discredit. You see those for whom I hope you shall be caused to pray. You shall see the difficulties under which the missionary goes to his field of labor, and how he has to live.

These people wear very little clothing, but they are not nudists, such as we have in the United States, they are not absolutely naked as are the nudists of America, they would not under any consideration go absolutely naked, they are too modest to do that.

Secure the largest buildings possible when we come to your community. You should be willing to go for miles to see this, the field among primitive people, and a pioneer work such as we expect to engage in.

Do we desire to be obedient to Christ? Do we love Him? If we do, we should ponder John 14:32, "If a man love me, he will keep my words." "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Luke 16:15).

LET US ALL HELP

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that I am really interested in. We can in a few moments of time each month, at the arrival of our Gem, read and see what is being accomplished in our realm. One may think lightly of its importance to our work, but let me assure you that, if it should by any means come to a death, there would be tears shed in the family, because of broken hearts; for to the Gem family its presence has become a part of us; and to have to give it up would be like saying good bye to some loved one.

We have no thought of having to

hear of its funeral, because we feel that it is very much alive, but we want to see it grow, and that to the glory of God. Let us realize that we are all responsible for its welfare, and there is much to consider concerning it. Let us pray God to overshadow it with His guiding hand and lead to victory the effort that is now under way. We do need to own a publishing house somewhere stocked with Free Will Baptist equipment. Bro. Brown and his dear companion have certainly been a blessing to our work, and we feel like saying, "God bless them." They have used their press and equipment, their home, their time and efforts, suffering much for

the interests of our beloved denomination though the paper. It is time we were doing something, as we all know, about purchasing the presses and a place to house the same, that it may be owned by the Free Will Baptist of the state. Bro. Brown has offered to sell the equipment at a reasonable sum, and as our field man, Bro. John B. Rollins, is visiting our churches of the state, let us see the need of helping to raise the desired amount for the buying of the equipment and a place to install it; and ask God to lead us to where that might be, that we as a people might go forward in the way of glory in His dear name.

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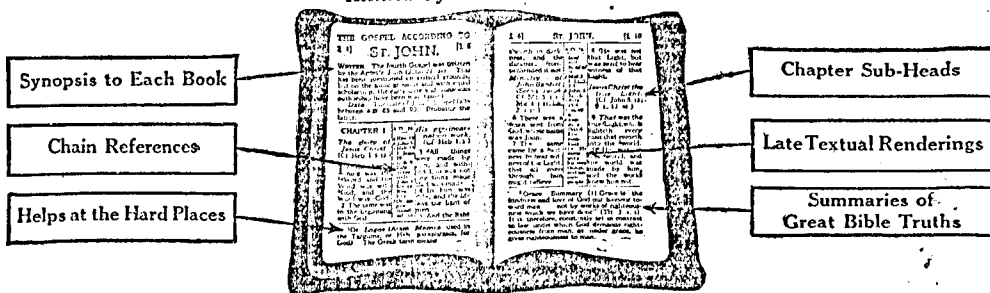
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