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## The Closing of the Gentile Age

By Eld. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.

*"And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24).*

Where is the observer of today who is not made to know we are living in strange times, and who will not confess that many of the events which are transpiring today are significant when viewed through the prophetic telescope? The economic, moral, and spiritual condition of the Gentile nations today, together with the late activities of the Jewish people in their present returning back to Palestine, are some of the outstanding signs of the times, and when studied in the light of God's Word, are some of the most striking evidences of the soon return of our Lord.

In order to determine or know the closing of the Gentile age, we must needs know something of the beginning of their age, and also of the length of time God said He would take in punishing Israel upon the condition that they should fail Him. In Lev., the 26th chapter, God told Israel four different times in this one chapter that if they failed to keep His commandments and statutes, He would punish them "seven times" for their sins. Now in studying the numerology of the Bible, we find that a "time" is 360; the length of a Jewish year. We have our solar year of 365 days, then there is the lunar year of 354 days, 8 hours, 48 minutes and 34 seconds, and the Jewish year of 360 days. But the time as spoken of in Lev. 26, and elsewhere in the Bible, means 360, because it is spoken of directly in

connection with the Jews.

Now a "time" does not always mean 360 days. Sometimes it means 360 years, and such is the case in the 26th chapter of Lev., while in Dan. 1:25 and in Rev. 12:14, it means 360 day years, or  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years, which Scriptures refer to the last half of the seven years of tribulation just preceding the return of Christ to earth. In order to determine if the Scriptures in question mean 360 years or one Jewish year of 360 days, they must be studied in their relative position; which is true of any Scripture if one would arrive at its true meaning. We cannot take Scriptures from their context and build up a substantial doctrine. "No scripture is of any private interpretation." So the seven times punishment of the Jews in Lev. 26, means seven times 360 years or 2520 years. We are bound to know this is true as we consider the long dispersion of Israel in which they received their punishment, and which dispersion or breaking off of the natural olive branches because of unbelief, occasioned the grafting in of the wild branches or the Gentiles (Rom. 11). And further, if we try to make the seven times of Lev. 26 mean 360 day years; well, it just would not work, for even the 70 years of Babylonish captivity within itself lasted much longer than that.

Now, that we have it settled as to the meaning of "a time," let's now determine when the Gentile age had its beginning. All students of Bible prophecy are agreed that it had its beginning at the time of the first raid and the carrying away captive of the Jews by Nebuchadnezzar in 607

(some say 604) B. C. But let us term it this way: This was just the commencement of the beginning of the Gentile age. Later, in 585 B. C., Nebuchadnezzar made a final raid, or finishing up of the job in which the beautiful temple was burned, etc. This date marked the definite beginning of the Gentile age. Though the Jews were permitted to return under the leadership of Ezra and Nehemiah and resume their temple worship, yet they never held any mandate over their country any more. They were always under the overlordship of some Gentile power. Even our Savior Himself paid tribute to Caesar.

Now let us take the "seven times" measuring rod of 2520 years and lay one end of it down at 607 B. C. Reading down thru the ages, lo and behold, to our astonishment we arrive at the date of exactly the year of our Lord 1914. The very mention of which date takes our minds like a flash to the outbreak of that most horrible of all wars. Yes, it was called the World War because practically every nation on earth was dragged into it. The Gentile nations of earth went into a holocaust of hell.

Then if we lay our measuring rod down at 604 B. C. (time of Nebuchadnezzar's second raid on Jerusalem), again we find something just as striking because it takes us to the year 1917 A. D. Those who kept close watch on the transpiring events during the anxiety of those days will remember that 1917 was the year in which the British armies gained control of Jerusalem and Palestine under the leadership of General Allanby; taking it from the  
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## IT ISN'T THE CHURCH, IT'S YOU

Contributed by Albertus Riddle, Oakland, Calif.

If you want to have the kind of a church,  
 Like the kind of a church you like,  
 You needn't slip you clothes in a grip  
 And start on a long, long hike.  
 You'll only find what you've left behind,  
 For there's nothing really new.  
 It's a knock at yourself when you knock at your church;  
 It isn't the church—it's you.

When every thing seems to be going wrong;  
 And trouble seems everywhere brewing;  
 When prayer meeting, Young People's meeting, and all,  
 Seem simmering slowly—stewing,  
 Just take a look at yourself, and say,  
 "What's the use of being blue?"  
 Are you doing your best to make things "hit?"  
 It isn't the church—it's you.

It's really strange sometimes, don't you know?  
 That things go as well as they do,  
 When we think of the little—the very small mite  
 We add to the work of the few.  
 We sit, we stand around, and complain of what's done,  
 And do very little but fuss.  
 Are we bearing our share of the burdens to bear?  
 It isn't the church—it's us.

So, if you want to have the kind of a church  
 Like the kind of a church you like,  
 Put off your guile, and put on your best smile,  
 And hike, my brother, just hike,  
 To the work in hand that has to be done—  
 The work of saving a few.  
 It isn't the church that is wrong, my friend,  
 It isn't the church—it's you. —Unknown.

## IF CHRIST SHOULD COME TODAY

Contributed by Mrs. Cecil Horner, Conway, Mo.

If Christ should come today!  
 If we could find Him on the broad highway,  
 Or city street,  
 Oh, would we crowd to touch His garment's hem,  
 Or kiss His feet?

If He should come today!  
 If the all-seeing One should find us out,  
 And call our name;  
 Would we press forward toward the outstretched hand,  
 Or sink in shame?

If He should come today!  
 The Prince of Peace amidst the clang of war,  
 And battle heat;  
 Oh, would we haste to lay our weapons down,  
 Before His feet?

If He should come today!  
 Above all honors and the paltry things,  
 That men call great;  
 Is He enshrined, and have we kept our faith,  
 Inviolable?

Oh, poor and weak and blind!  
 Living for self, we make our petty plans,  
 Map out each year;  
 Forgetting in an hour we know not of,  
 He may appear.

Oh, gentle, pitying Christ!  
 Delay Thy coming to the weary soul,  
 So sick of sin;  
 Draw close Thy cords of love until his heart,  
 Shall take Thee in.

Then come at morn or eve!  
 Whether in manhood, youth or feeble age,  
 Thy visit fall;  
 To him who loves Thee all is well, since Christ  
 Is all in all.

"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh 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

By the Editor

The Temperance cause is just as real, just as important, and just as much, yea far more needed than ever before. Since our Government has gone into the liquor business, our country is flooded with beer, wine, ale, rum, and the various hard liquors wheresoever one may go, there being many, many more saloons than in pre-prohibition days.

Many people seem to feel that the liquor business is here and there is nothing we can do about it; but the drys are doing something about it in many places over the nation; and we can do something, if we think we can and will really try. Of course the wets are many and they have plenty of money and a determination to not only keep what they have, but to gain more advantage for their dirty business: but many people are coming to realize the great mistake they made when they voted for repeal, and are turning against the demoralizing, destructive liquor traffic. Prohibition is coming back; and the sooner the people who want prohibition believe it, the sooner it will be realized. Towns, cities, counties and states can petition for an election and vote the stuff out, and many are doing it; why can't we?

The wets are getting scared, and are asking for laws to protect them. And too, they have many well known men of great influence in their employ at salaries as high as \$300,000.00 per year.

The wets are trying to 'purge' our children's text books of statements about alcohol. They say "These statements are misleading and designed to sway the child's mind definitely against all alcoholic beverages." I should hope so. An ungodly clique of unbelievers got the Bible ruled out of our public schools; now this lawless bunch of wets are trying to fix our children's text books so as to admit the free use of booze by the

children; what can we do about it?

One of the worst features of the whole liquor question is the very friendly attitude and the support given to it by our Government, especially by President Roosevelt and his advisors; and with the death dealing, demoralizing stuff which now floods our nation, they are killing thousands. Every friend and supporter of the liquor traffic, even those who voted for repeal are guilty of murder in every death caused by alcoholic drinks, and there have been many thousand such deaths since church members helped the Devil's crowd to kill the 18th Amendment.

**GOVERNMENT RUM** from the "Virgin Islands Government Corporation" is now being placed on sale in U. S. A. Through Secretary Ickes of the Department of the Interior, millions of dollars of the financially distressed American taxpayers' money have been spent on St. Croix and other Virgin Islands in preparation for making Government rum; and now, according to official figures, more than 600,000 gallons of St. Croix rum is in Government storage. This rum bears Government guarantee that it is 90 proof—it is a very dangerous beverage.

Some of this rum is being sent to President and Mrs. Roosevelt, and to cabinet officers. It is said that more alcohol is now used about the White House than for many years—now St. Croix rum is added.

Our First Lady is reported to have said a few years ago, that girls should learn how much drink they can carry; so it will be interesting to see how this new rum ration works out, under official patronage.

The wets say: "Appeal to the coming generation. . . It is the teaching you do now that is going to help you increase your percentage of beer consumed by women."

## 'TEACH EVERY CHILD'

From The Natlinal Voice

Teach every child, in every school,  
By every precept, fact and rule,  
That he who drinks will play the fool.

Wine is a mocker, men were told  
By Solomon, the sage of old,  
Whose wisdom was by all extolled.

Three thousand years have passed  
away  
And men of science, day by day,  
New wonders to the world display.

To higher knowledge men attain,  
And later learning now makes plain,  
How alcohol deceives the brain.

Entering the blood, it reaches first  
The highest cells, and harms them  
worst,  
And thus begins its work accurst.

It dulls the sense and slows the  
thought,  
Brings judgment and control to nought,  
By just one glass the harm is wrought.

The need for caution men disdain,  
And a false confidence they gain,  
That brings disaster in its train.

The drinkers all, in home or bar,  
Who drive in lorry, 'bus or car,  
Are spreading death both near and far.

For alcohol will slower make  
The time a driver's brain must take  
To gain control of clutch and brake.

Daily, on all our roads, we see  
How narrow may the margin be  
'Twixt life and death, for you and me.

To every simple passer-by,  
That "beer is best" the hoardings cry,  
And Press and pen are paid to lie.

In brewing, grain is turned to waste,  
And alcohol, that none should taste,  
Thus, food by poison is replaced.

If then this alcohol they brew  
Is poison, how can it be true  
To say that it is "good for you?"

Whisky and rum, the drinkers say,  
Will warm us on a winter day  
And keep the cold out on our way.

Even these fiery liquors cheat  
The simpletons who drink them neat  
And boast of warmth, while losing heat.

In the flushed skin the vessels fill,  
The heat escaping, causes chill  
And leaves the drinker colder still.

In beer, whisky, ale and stout,  
The alcohol has been found out  
And proved a poison, without doubt.

Teach every child, in every school,  
By every precept, fact and rule,  
That he who drinks will play the fool.

## A SPLENDID MISSIONARY TOUR

By H. M. and Lizzie McAdams

We have been doing missionary work with our churches here in Texas since the first of the year. We have been hindered some on account of rain and muddy roads. After the third Sunday in March we started on a missionary journey that embraced churches in Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri. On our way up we stopped the first nite with our Denison church, the next night in Tecumseh, Okla., the next in Drumright, Okla. and the next in Monett, Mo. Then, on Easter Sunday, we were in Desloge and Flat River, Mo. We had splendid services at all these places, and met so many of our dear people that we had worked with for three years. We visited Oak Grove church Sunday afternoon. Then on Monday and Tuesday nights we visited Mine La Motte and Fredericktown churches. We would love to mention every pastor and each home we visited, but it would take too much space in the paper.

After visiting this group of churches, we visited the home of Bro. and Sister Jerry Wood, and was able to secure Sister Sylvia Wood to travel with us in meetings. She is one of our splendid League workers of Missouri.

We left Desloge early Friday morning before the first Sunday in April, and went to our old Macedonia church, where we found Bro. Davis in a revival meeting with a number ready for baptism. We enjoyed two good services with him and his people.

We went from Macedonia to Aurora on Sunday morning and had a fine service there.

Then on Sunday night we went to Jones Chapel church where we had another splendid service.

From Jones Chapel we went to Silver City church, and on Tuesday night we visited our church at Olive. These churches are in Oklahoma. The last church we visited in Oklahoma was Wolfe church where Bro. O. D. Wade is pastor, and at the time he was very ill and in the hospital at Shawnee. We ask prayers for him. His case is very serious. These churches all have good pastors. We tried to impress our

missionary program with all these churches and pastors. Many of our churches have splendid plans, and are carrying them out.

We also put stress on the responsibility of the Home Mission work, as it is the foundation for the Foreign work. Our people are working up on Missions, and we want to say that we find our churches going just as far as our pastors are leading them.

It was our happy privilege to visit our dear Editor and wife on this trip. We ask all to pray for them; they have given us many years of their best talent; and let us pray God to make us a blessing to them.

We are now in Comanche, Tex. We will erect the tent this week. We ask every one to join us in the ten o'clock prayer, for a great revival and many to be saved.

Our address will be Comanche, Texas for the next four weeks.

God bless all of our kin folks in the Lord everywhere.

H. M. and Lizzie McAdams.

## REVIVAL AT MACEDONIA

Sunday night, April 4, 1937, marked the closing of an inspiring old time revival meeting at the Macedonia Free Will Baptist church, conducted by the pastor, Eld. Winford Davis. The meeting began March 1st, and all who attended the services that followed heard some wonderful discussions on God's Word, for Bro. Davis is truly a God called minister, and was there with a mind to work. His efforts and those of the Christian people who heartily co-operated with him in singing, praying and testimony services were rewarded by seeing nineteen saved, 12 baptized and 13 additions to the church.

On March 14th and April 4th, all day services were held, with Sunday school and preaching services in the forenoon and baptismal services in the afternoon. At the noon hour a bountiful dinner was spread in the church basement.

Brother and Sister McAdams were with us two nights near the close of the meeting, and Sister McAdams did the preaching. I wish all Christians everywhere could have heard and heeded her sermon on Christian Stewardship.

Then, I believe, we would not hear such distressing cries about flood, drought, and hard times.

In behalf of Bro. Davis and our church, we wish to thank all from different communities and churches who came and co-operated with us in the meeting. May God richly bless you.

We pray God's blessings on Bro. Davis as he turns to other fields of labor.

—Mrs. Erskil Henderson.

## LIBERTY CHURCH NOTES

By Mrs. Ida Dressler, Clerk

We wish to report again, as we haven't reported for a long time.

We are still fighting for the great cause of Jesus Christ our Savior, and we sure love to work for such a wonderful pay Master; for He always has such wonderful blessings to bestow upon us.

Our church is getting along fine since we have had Bro. Carl Hood as our pastor. He has been a great help to us, but at present he is very sick, he has had a severe heart attack. We are very sorry and are praying that Jesus will heal his body, that he can soon be with us again. We ask the prayers of the Christian people for our pastor and his good wife, and for our church.

We have Home Mission meeting every Thursday. Last Thursday there were fifteen of us, and we quilted. If any are sick in the neighborhood, we go visit them, sing and have prayer with them. If there is work, we do that. We had a funeral in our church a few weeks ago, a little girl about three years old. We brought a nice spray of flowers. Later, as the Mission workers went to visit Mr. and Mrs. Jones, the parents of the child, the father was sick, and the poor mother so heart broken, was just able to be up. We sang, had prayer, read some from the wonderful Word of God, and one of their daughters was converted. We were back again Thursday to see them, the mother was very sick, but the father was able to be up. Please pray for them. We are told in the Scriptures to visit the sick; so let us, as Christians, not neglect to visit the sick and pray with them.

We ask each of the Gem readers to pray for the Liberty church, and may God bless you all.

**BOWENMONT, W. VA., Apr. 4th**

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I will try this beautiful spring morning to write a little for our paper, which I look so anxiously for each month. But this month I didn't see anything from W. Va., so I know that the few who take the Gem in West Virginia would like to see something from their home state, that is one reason I am trying to write, for I don't have much to report.

It seems that we have been moving awful slow this winter. I attended a protracted meeting, not a revival, at Magazine where I used to belong. Their pastor, James Earl, preached some awful close sermons, but they seemed to do no good. There was constant change in the congregation; folks are not interested in their own souls, nor in the souls of any one else. I go to our own little church at Chandler's Branch, and find only just a few there at prayer meeting on Friday night, and no better at regular preaching services. We do have a good Sunday school, which is growing some.

Our next quarterly meeting will meet on Friday before the fifth Sunday in May at the Ruth church. I hope I will have something good to report then.

As I haven't much to write about, I will send a song that I worded from my own true experience. I was thinking of sending it to Aunt Lina, but if it is printed in the Gem, she will get it anyway. It is my own wording, sung to the tune of "The Church in the Wildwood."

I will close by asking all God's children to pray for us, that the Free Will Baptist of West Virginia will wake up and do something for the cause of Christ.

—F. E. Nicholas.

**THE CHURCH ON THE HILL**

Tune: *The Church in the Wildwood.*  
By F. E. Nicholas, Bowenmont, W. Va.

There was a school house on the mountain by the roadside;  
When a boy I went there to school,  
I never will forget that teacher,  
For he taught us all the Golden Rule.

**CHORUS**

Oh, come to the church by the roadside!

Oh, come to the church on the hill!  
There's no place so dear to my childhood,

As the little white church on the hill.

Later on, I went to that school house,  
And heard the real Gospel preached;  
Yet a boy, I went to that altar,  
And there I found pardon and peace.

Later on, I grew into manhood,  
And wandered away from that spot,  
But what I learned at that altar,  
Is something I've never forgot.

Sometimes I get sad and worried,  
And the Devil almost makes me doubt,  
Then I take him back to that school house,  
And you ought to see him hide out.

**FIELD SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

We have moved forward! Since our last report, we have launched an extensive campaign in the interest of the Publishing House program.

On March 28th, I began visiting the churches of the Wright County Quarterly Meeting. By April 11th, I had presented the plans of the denomination to 13 Free Will Baptist churches and one Missionary Baptist church, which is being pastored by Eld. O. L. Allen.

I certainly enjoyed working among these churches. They are composed of poor people, but they received our visits and responded as best they could to the cause. They are farming people and each church promised faithfully to raise some money during the summer.

The pastors in Wright and Texas Counties gave wonderful co-operation. Eld. O. L. Allen of Mountain Grove loaned me his car—A-Ford—to use in the tour.

Eld. Selph Jones of Mansfield was a hearty supporter and advocate in the tour. Eld. Homer Smith of Norwood, R1, was a very pleasant co-worker. Elders Claud Smith and Eli Burney are also on "our side." We enjoyed a very hearty and enthusiastic co-operation of Eld. G. W. Scott, Jr. Bro. Scott has a wonderfully inspiring family. He lives with his children, and that is my ideal.

I wish to make honorable mention of the Cedar Valley Missionary Baptist church. They are

surely a wonderful group.

Your Field Superintendent was royally entertained and supported in his personal expenses. Following is a list of the churches visited and their contribution:

Mt. Zion No. 1 .....	\$2.50
Hartville .....	2.75
Oak Grove .....	3.02
Mountain Valley .....	1.00
Willow Springs .....	1.25
Mountain Grove .....	None
Pleasant Ridge .....	None
Wolf Creek .....	None
Pleasant Hill .....	2.45
Mt. Zion No. 2 .....	None
Pleasant Grove .....	.45
Oak Grove No. 2 .....	None
Union Chapel .....	4.70
Cedar Valley .....	1.50
Mrs. M. D. Newton of Mansfield gave me \$2.00, and Miss Eileen Jones of Mansfield gave me \$5.00 for my personal expenses.	

I visited in the home of dear old Uncle Jim and Aunt Lina Claxton of Hartville. While there I visited with Rev. W. D. Peebles, a Methodist minister from Springfield. He is a man of faith, fundamental in doctrine, and spiritual. It was certainly an inspiration to visit with him.

This section of my tour required me to travel 425 miles.

On April 14th, I began visiting the churches of Southeast Mo. Yearly Meeting. By April 25th, I had lectured and preached in eight churches that responded well to the enterprise. These churches also entertained their Field Supt. splendidly. They contributed to his traveling expenses as follows:

Leadington .....	\$2.65
Flat River .....	18.33
Fredericktown .....	.90
Desloge .....	2.37
Mill Creek .....	None
Mine La Motte .....	.60
Union Light .....	1.10
Wortham .....	None

We were happy to attend the Southeast Missouri League Association which met with Flat River church on April 20th, and were permitted to speak to the Association on the subject of "Church Auxiliaries."

Eld. Jas. F. Miller, our State Association's moderator, accompanied me to most of the churches. We met so many good folk. Eld. George Miller, Eld. Miss Tommie

Franklin, Eld. Mark Lewis, Eld. John Long and Eld. J. L. Yancy are pastors in this section. Each one is co-operating to forward the denominational enterprise. The tour in Southeast Mo. required me to travel 1216 miles. Eld. John B. Rollins, Field Supt.

### TULSA CHURCH NOTES

*Mrs. Evelyn Miller, Reporter.*

Dear Brother Brown and Gem Readers: It seems that Satan tries to delay us each month when it comes time to send in a little write up for the paper, but we are thankful now that our Redeemer has come to our rescue and we are going to do our best for Him.

We want to say that Tulsa Church is marching forward for the Lord in spite of all the attacks and hardships that we may encounter as we go along, and we are having good attendance, good services and wonderful messages, —the kind that cleans us up and puts our feet where they should be.

We observed Communion and feet washing on April 18th, following a good sermon by Brother Conner of near Bixby, Okla., and followed up by Bro. Bingham. It was a glorious service, with 59 taking part in the feet washing.

We are still looking forward to Sister Welch's coming revival, as she was delayed several weeks by sickness, but now we hope to have her with us to begin a meeting on May 2nd. So, when each of you reads this, pray that God will really get hold of hearts and arouse some that are seemingly falling asleep. Oh, how we do need to be on the job and doing our mite for the Lord, however small or great the task might be, as Satan works and never rests!

We are very much interested in our Young People's League, that has been recently organized and meets each Sunday at 6:30 p. m. There's some wonderful talent in this group, and we are trusting that God will develop and use them to His honor and glory. Their meetings are opened with song and prayer, and ten minute talks on a given subject by some of our young preachers.

A young man was inspired while sitting in the class and composed the following article on "Faith."

### FAITH

F—Is for follow; follow Him all the way.

A—Is for ask, and it shall be given.

I—Is for interest the Lord pays for our service.

T—Is for Truth that must be told.

H—Is for Heaven with beauty untold;

I have been a Christian for four years. I love to work for the Lord.

Faith is the subject of our lesson for next Sunday evening.

I only want to do the little things the Lord will have me do.

—John Raymond Gibson.

### HURRICANE, W. VA. Apr. 23.

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

Will send in a brief report of our Brotherhood Quarterly Conference, which convened with our Kenova church at Kenova, W. Va. April 2, 3, and 4.

Ministers' conference was called to order by Eld. T. H. Scaggs. Lesson, Isaiah 53. Prayer by Eld. John M. Henson. Then song and handshake.

Eld. T. H. Scaggs was elected moderator. About 13 ministers and five deacons reporting.

Preaching by Eld. Jeff Thomas of Charleston, W. Va. A wonderful message, by an old minister who has been on the field for about 48 years, which was surely enjoyed by all.

Dismissed at 4:30 p. m. Met back at 7:30 p. m., called together by song and prayer and Scripture reading.

Four more preachers reported.

Offering was taken for ministers' conference, received \$2.62.

Adjourned until next regular session to begin on Friday at 2:30 p. m. before the first Sunday in July. Introductory sermon by Eld. J. C. Wilcox of Huntington, concluded by Eld. A. C. Berry of Milton, W. Va. A real soul-stirring service.

Met back Saturday morning at 9:30. Opened by singing, Scripture reading and prayer by clerk.

Eld. T. S. Young of Charleston, W. Va. was elected moderator. Moderator called Eld. Jeff Thomas to assist him, then turned the chair over to Bro. Thomas.

Committees on next session and on business were appointed.

Reports received from six of the nine churches, bring in about \$7.00. Offering from ministers' conference was \$4.00, making a total of \$11.00.

On request of Kenova church and on recommendation of the business committee, Bro. Andrew Workman was granted a council. Council appointed to examine and ordain Bro. Workman: Elders T. H. Scaggs, Jay Duvall, John M. Henson.

Preaching at eleven o'clock by Elders Hobert Henson of Chesapeake, Ohio and John Butcher of Hamlin, W. Va.

Conference reconvened after preaching service and accepted the report of examining council who reported that they found Bro. Workman sound in faith and doctrine. We then proceeded to ordain him by prayer and laying on of hands. Prayer by Eld. Jay Duvall, charge by Elder T. H. Scaggs, hand of fellowship by Eld. John M. Henson. Adjourned.

Met back at two p. m. Opened with song, prayer and Scripture lesson.

Next session committee reported the next session to be held with Pine Grove church, eight miles east of Hurricane, W. Va., beginning on Friday at 2:30 p. m. before the first Sunday in July, '37.

Report of business committee received and committee released.

Conference donated \$15.00 to Good Hope Free Will Baptist church at Guyandotte, W. Va. to paint their house after the damage done by the flood.

Reports of corresponding messengers from Logan Q. M.: Elders G. W. Fortner and John Butcher. Report accepted and messengers given hand of fellowship.

Kanawha Q. M.: Eld. C. W. Cadle. Report accepted and the hand of fellowship given.

Boone Q. M.: Eld. Jeff Thomas. Report accepted and hand of fellowship given.

Adjourned for preaching by Eld. G. W. Fortner. A splendid sermon for a young preacher.

Met back at 7:30 p. m. Opened by singing and prayer.

Offering taken for State and County evangelist. Amt. \$12.32.

The Gospel quartette of Good Hope church favored us with sev-

eral special numbers, which stirred people, and there were shouts and praises raised by their singing. They are wonderful singers and real live Christians.

Preaching by Eld. T. S. Young, followed by feet washing in which a number took part. It was a wonderful service, a real service all the way through.

Met back at 10:30 Sunday a. m. Opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading.

Motion carried that \$2.25 be drawn from the treasury for the Western Association minute fund.

Eld. John M. Henson of Hurricane, W. Va. was elected as conference reporter.

Adjourned till our next regular session to be held with Pine Grove church, back of Hurricane, W. Va., beginning at 2:30 p. m. on Friday before the first Sunday in July.

This was one of our best conferences since I have been in the work, and I want to thank the good people of Kenova church for their good kindness shown us during all these good services.

Eld. John M. Henson, Reporter.

### GOSPEL TALK FOR CHILDREN

By Eld. F. C. Zinn, Blue Eye, Mo.

*"All we like sheep have gone astray"*  
(Isaiah 53:6)

We have a lot of people that have their names on the Free Will Baptist church roll, that are more like children than anything I know. Anything can come along and jump up and down a time or two, and say they have religion that is different from any body else's, and there are a lot of our people who will take in after them.

Let us look into the word sheep for a little while—S H E E P.

S.—Strayed. Sheep are not like other animals, they cannot fight and protect themselves, and they are noted for getting lost. Horses and dogs easily find their way back home: but a number of our people are like sheep, they have gone astray, and can't find their way back. David said, "I have gone astray like a lost sheep" (Psalm 119:176).

H.—Helpless. The lost sheep is helpless and must be rescued. Will we be like them? Will we listen to the Shepherd's call and return? "Co sheep, co sheep, co sheep," I hear the shepherd

calling, "Co sheep." I see him standing out there on a cliff calling for them to come. I see him telling his dogs to bring them back. I see one of the old sheep leap off down the hill, and there are a lot of lambs that take after him or her, as the case may be. I see the poor shepherd doing his best, but they keep going until at the edge of a great cliff, but they are too far gone to stop; and they go plunging down to their death. And then I see the poor shepherd at the corral, weeping because he could not rescue them. Many times we pastors are made to weep when our people take off after something we know will ruin them. We do our best to rescue them, but they will not listen, and just go on and plunge down to their destruction.

E.—Empty. When a sheep is lost, it won't eat, so it becomes empty, and death is the result. So it is with us, when we leave the way God intended for us to travel. We begin to get hungry, and spiritual death is the result. "Man dreameth and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty" (Isaiah 29:8).

E.—Err. Even the poor sheep does wrong, it errs. It cannot bite or kick, but can go wrong by not following the Shepherd.

P.—Perishing. Away on the mountain wild and bare, away from the Shepherd's tender care. Are you a lost sheep? Listen to the call: "Co sheep."

One of God's servants,

### WEATHERBY, MO., April 15th.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

It has been so long since I have written to the Gem, that I thought it was about time for me to speak up again, and tell you that I am still in the land of the living, and still in the work of the Lord.

I am preaching one Sunday in each month at our Center Point church, where I hold my membership. I also preach one Sunday, and sometimes two Sundays in the month in the church here where I live, at Alta Vista. I have been preaching here at my home church nearly constantly ever since I have lived here. The interest in the preaching service and in the Sunday school is better now than it has been since I have lived

here. Nearly 100 people were at Sunday school last Sunday, which is a pretty good attendance for a country church. I have an appointment to preach at our Carlow church the second Sunday in May.

Last February I held a revival meeting with our Third Free Will Baptist church in St. Louis, Mo. God gave us a good meeting, and a lot of people professed faith in Christ and joined the church. I did not keep track of the number. Eld. W. C. Hill is the faithful pastor of this church, and is doing a wonderful work in St. Louis, for the salvation of souls and the upbuilding of God's kingdom. He seems to be the right man in the place. He is a fine man to work with, and he has a fine loyal church who sure know how to treat a preacher right, and make him to feel at home with them. I enjoyed the meeting very much, and it was a great spiritual uplift to me.

Eld. T. C. Ferguson.

### GRANBY, MO., April 3, 1937.

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a line to report our meeting which we have just closed at Erie, Mo., a small place in McDonald county, where there had not been a meeting held for some time. The people there were anxious to take part in the services and help, that we might have a real meeting, which resulted in nine (9) conversions.

There is no church organization at this place, just a union community where they have been having Sunday school for some time. Now they have announced prayer meeting for each week, with a Bible study for the children. And Bro. Frank Linton, one of our young preachers, who has just been ordained to the ministry, and Bro. Ted Balls, who has just been licensed, now preach there once a month.

We were with Bro. Balls and Bro. Linton about two weeks in the meeting. We just love to help and encourage our young ministers in the work. How we ought to thank the dear Lord that He smiles upon our work and calls young preachers into our ranks. It seems to me that I can see our work as a denomination really going forward in the name of the Lord. Our Foreign Mission program is something to be thank-



ful for. Let us help plan the tour of Bro. Willey, that he might get to visit as many of our churches as possible while he is in our part of the country, and help make it possible to carry on the work as he goes back to the field.

While we are writing, we wish to say "Thank you," to all that have been helping on the building fund of our Oak Grove church, near Neosho, Mo. Your help has made it possible to get the building started. Anything that is handed in will be appreciated.

May the Lord bless you all.  
—Kenneth Turner.

**HANSLIN, IDAHO**, April 26th.

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown and Readers of the Gem: Just a few lines today to let you know I am still thinking of my good brothers and sisters in Christ.

I am still feeling fine and improving all the time, and I feel that God is going to heal me.

My mother writes to me about the good prayers that go up for me back home in Missouri; and I am sure these prayers help a lot; and I sure appreciate it and just ask that all members of the Gem family pray for me, that I may soon be well and able to go back to my little family.

I enjoy reading the good letters in the Gem so much, and also the good poems in it; I just look forward each month for its appearance.

I was so glad to hear of the good revival at my home church, Macedonia, as that will be a great help to the church. My brother is now in a meeting at Cartersville, Mo., and here's hoping and praying that many souls will be saved there. I just hope the good work continues, and am praying that our denomination will continue to grow.

Following is a little clipping from a paper, which I think sounds very interesting:

### AN ALCOHOLIC REVERIE

A whisky flask lay by the walk,  
And this is how I hard it talk:  
"What fun I've had this live long day,  
O'er mischief that has come my way.  
This morning in a gay saloon,  
Hoping that someone would buy me soon,

Amber and sparkling to the cork  
Was I, and anxious to get to work;  
With meager wages earned that day,  
My patron bought me and went his way.

'Twas not long till he pulled me out,  
Unscrewed my cork, and looked about;  
Seeing no one near, he took a drink,  
Then I got busy as quick as a wink,  
I hindered the use of his hands and feet,

I made him stagger down the street,  
I addled his brain, confused his thot;  
I bleared his eyes as my booze he fought.

His clothes got soiled, his hat was bent,

But he kept on drinking as he went.  
At last down in a crumpled heap,  
He fell in a gutter and dropped to sleep."

Then the empty bottle continued its talk,

As it lay by the man beside the walk,  
And it said, "If you drink what I contain,

I'll ruin both your heart and brain,  
I'll rob you of all you hold dear in life,  
Destroy your home, and stir up strife;  
My mission here is to hurt and confuse,  
I am the demon that men call Booze."

Mrs. Opal Frazier.

**PAINTSVILLE, KY.**, Apr. 27th.

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

I will try and give a brief report of our big Johnson Co. Quarterly Meeting, which met with the Free Will Baptist church at Rock House about three miles west of Paintsville, Ky. This little church is noted for its steadfastness in the doctrine of the old Book. We believe, if people are converted according to its teachings, they will show what side they are on, we are to know them by their fruits.

The conference met Friday at 10:30 a. m., was called to order by the Clerk, F. S. Vanhooose, reading of Psalm 1, prayer by Bro. Bascom Vanhooose.

On motion, Eld. Millard Vanhooose was elected Moderator. He took charge and called for the hand of fellowship. A great demonstration of brotherly love was manifested.

Moderator called Eld. Daniel Hugh to the stand, he having been selected to preach the introductory sermon. Bro. Hugh used for his text, "What think ye of Christ, whose Son is he?" Had a good old time meeting. May God bless

you, Bro. Hugh.

Met back at 2:00 p. m. for Ministers' Conference. Had some good discussions on support of the ministry. All agreed fine.

Moderator appoint as committee to supply pulpit: Ervin Rice, Ray Conley and Foster Burton.

Committee on supply called Eld. Winchel of Van Lear, Ky. and Eld. Scott Castle from Alka church to fill the stand. Had some fine preaching and a glorious outpouring of the Spirit.

Met back at 10:30 a. m. Saturday. Called to order by Moderator, reading Romans 5th chapter, prayer by Bro. Willie Moore of Louisa, Ky.

Committee on supply called Bro. Hubbard from Burdine, Ky. to preach. Text, Daniel 2:34. Had a good spiritual meeting, a good old time message.

Called to order at 2:00 p. m. by Moderator.

Hand of fellowship given the corresponding messengers and the visiting brethren.

Moderator called for letters from the different churches, 22 letters were handed in, \$84.00 received with the letters. An offering taken for conference, received \$17.00, making a total of \$101.00. Business in letters: Two to license and two to ordain. The Alka church sent \$15.00 with letter, the largest of any, and they have more Spirit in their church than any other of the churches. The Lord loves a cheerful giver. I am proud to be pastor of a church like that, keep up this good work and the Lord will surely bless you in everything. The old stand pater gave the next largest donation, \$11.06, the Toms Creek church, Eld. H. B. Conley, pastor, Eld. Millard Vanhooose, assistant.

Vote was taken as to where the next conference should be held, and Toms Creek church received the largest number of votes. It will be held the 4th Saturday and Sunday in July, 1937. Come on boys, this is my home church where my good daddy used to worship and wash feet, thank the good Lord for you, daddy, I will see you again some time by and by, you saved something in my life the Devil can't destroy, thank God, when you called me to your bed and took me by the hand and pointed up with the other was the



biggest sermon I ever heard, I guess you fired the largest gun that I ever heard; I am sorry I ever grieved you like I did.

Corresponding messengers called for: Ohio, West Virginia, Old Virginia. Come again, brethren.

The good choir from Paintsville did the singing. Bro. H. L. Harrington leading. Thanks, brothers and sisters, come again.

Met again at 7:30 p. m. The ordaining council reported two for license and two for ordination. Bro. Johnson and Bro. Woods were ordained and given the right hand of fellowship.

Preaching by Bro. Kelly from Estel, Ky. Had a good meeting.

Preaching Sunday morning by Brothers H. B. Conley and E. L. Coliver of Ashland, Ky. Had a wonderful meeting. Closed to meet July 24, 1937.

—Eld. Millard F. Vanhoose, Moderator.

## FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING REPORT

### PROGRAM

The Fifth Sunday meeting of New Hope Association of Free Will Baptist will meet with Mt. Bethel church, five miles east of Rose Bud, Ark., on Friday, May 28th, at 2:30 p. m., and continue thru Saturday and Sunday, 29th, 30th.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

2:30—Opened by Moderator.

3:00—Talk, "Spiritual Food" ..... Rev. J. H. Hartsell

3:15—Talk, "Value of Sunday School" .... Rev. J. E. Pratt

#### SATURDAY MORNING

9:00—Opening ..... Moderator

9:30—Talk, "The Four Essentials of the Christian Life"

*Rev. George Brown*

9:45—Talk, "How Do We Know We are Christians?"

*Bro. Bassel Tucker*

10:00—Devotional Service ..... Rev. C. E. Wilson

Fifteen Minute Intermission

11:00 to 12:00—Sermon

12:00 to 1:00—Lunch.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1:00—Opening ..... Moderator

1:30—Talk, "The Beauties of Heaven," Bro. Bob Goodman

1:45—Talk, ..... "What is Heaven, and Where is it?"

*Rev. C. E. Wilson*

2:00—Talk, "What and Where is Hell?"—Rev. J. M. Tucker

2:15—Talk, "What Do Free Will Baptist Require of a Member to Hold Good Standing in the Church?"

*Rev. R. E. Pruitt*

2:30—Talk, "Bearing the Marks of the Master" (Acts 4:13)

*Rev. W. B. Maddox*

7:00 p. m.—Sermon.

#### SUNDAY MORNING

10:00—Sunday School.

11:00 to 12:00—Sermon.

Every one is invited to attend this meeting and pray that this might be as good a meeting as was ever held at this place. COME

Rev. W. B. Maddox, Moderator, Searcy, Ark., R3.

H. C. Holleman, Clerk, 2320 Saturn Avenue,  
Hunting Park, Calif.

**BLUE EYE, MISSOURI, April 22, 1937**

Dear Readers of the Gem:

Having been very busy for the past few months,

I have failed to write to our paper.

I am writing a report of our revival we had here at Blue Eye Free Will Baptist church. Sure has been a wonderful revival, one in which God's power was felt from the beginning.

Souls found themselves out of line and cold; and members of the church from the very first began confessing their faults. There were 14 or 15 souls saved and reclaimed, two were fellowshiped in the church, and one was baptized.

Bro. Marcum has done some wonderful preaching and most of all his personal work has had a great effect. Through his efforts we secured funds to have two Sundays per month instead of one. It sure will be a great help to our church, especially among the young folks. I will say this, If Blue Eye Free Will Baptist church can have two Sundays per month, any common sized congregation can have as much. It takes a little sacrifice, but God's promises are only to those who will sacrifice. Too many of our people are like the rich farmer. But there is coming a day when we will have to give an account of what money we have taken into our possession. If we are children of God, we will be willing to sacrifice a little of our worldly goods to help the church along.

We are looking forward to a wonderful summer in the Lord's work here at Blue Eye. At least we want to keep the Devil out as much as we can. If there ever was a time when we Free Will Baptist needed to bear down a little, that time is now.

We ask your prayers, that God may bless our feeble efforts here at Blue Eye.

May God bless all our people everywhere.

—Eld. F. C. Zinn.

## REPORT OF OUR REVIVAL AT MACEDONIA

I have just closed a splendid revival with my home church at Macedonia. The Lord gave us a wonderful victory, and 19 souls were saved, 13 united with the church, and 12 were baptized.

The meeting continued five weeks. We had two all day Sunday services with dinner together in the basement during the meeting. The weather was splendid most of the time and the crowds were large. Apparently it was the best revival I have ever held at Macedonia. It left the church in splendid working order, and some very substantial members were received. I certainly enjoyed working in another revival with our people of the home community and surrounding communities. My home church has meant a lot to me since I started in the ministry eleven (11) years ago.

I have just started a revival with our church in Carterville, Mo. where Rev. Cecil Campbell is full time pastor. The prospect for the meeting at this time, April 22, is as good as I have ever seen. We have only been going 3 nights.. I have been in service somewhere every night since the State meeting last Oct., excepting about 15 or 18 nights. I am thanking the Lord for splendid health and strength throughout the entire winter. I see no stopping place until our Lord shall come and call for us.

May God bless our entire Gem family

I feel the need of your prayers. —Winford Davis.

## FREE WILL BAPTIST BOARD OF EDUCATION

### SCHOOL NEWS

I feel that no explanation should be made regarding the reasons why the Board of Education thought best not to begin school as we announced last September in Nashville, Tenn. But I will state that many of our people came out open minded and said they would not support such an institution located at the prescribed place. Then, we thought best to change location, and had an investigation made regarding the old Weaver College property at Weaverville, N. C. This we did, but as we stated in a recent issue of the Free Will Baptist, the property was sold for cash to other parties. This left the board without a location site until they can have another meeting. Now, since the board is scattered throughout the entire denominational area, we will not meet until it is convenient for us to do so.

Will say that another location can be located where buildings are already standing, but we are without funds to purchase upon a cash basis, and we think it fruitless to begin another investigation until we can have ready cash, or sufficient to make a stable and reasonable cash payment.

So far I have received \$4.50 on the \$150,000.00 goal we set last summer while in session at Glennville, Ga., at the Eastern General Association. This with what was raised for initiating a beginning has been more than half spent for the efforts put forth last summer and fall. Thus, apparently, no efforts are being put forth by the bodies composing the members of the National F. W. Baptist Association for the raising of the funds. If the money is being raised and placed in their respective local treasury it is not being communicated to me. Therefore, I take it for granted that no effort is being made.

A stipulated sum was asked for from each state, and each state was requested to set up its own organization for raising the money. Now, I am asking for volunteer organizations to be set up throughout our denomination for the raising of the money. Such organizations to be known as COLLEGE CLUB or EDUCATION SOCIETY with rules according as are outlined by the director of the Board of Education, or as the club or society may adopt.

I am asking for volunteer workers who are interested in a college that will serve humanity based upon sound Bible teachings, and who love the cause of our beloved denomination and the Kingdom of Christ. Brother minister, will you enlist as a volunteer worker and have a club organized in your churches? Please read the outline of program and fee charge for membership. The money is to be kept in the local treasury until it is voted to be paid into the treasury of the National Board of Education.

May I urge that you talk this at your next quarterly, or union meeting? By all means let's get busy and be able to report more by next session of the Eastern General Association. Will not all our people take part? When you organize communicate with me. Please keep me posted as to membership and money raised that I may make a report that will be well pleasing and far reaching toward our goal.

May God through the Holy Spirit lead us in the work.

Yours in Christian love,

T. B. MELLETTE, Sec'y-Treas.

### CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

**PREAMBLE.** For the purpose of making suitable preparation for the organizing and building a college that will serve the youth of our land and give glory to God these *By-Laws* are outlined for the organizing of clubs and societies who volunteer as a unit working under auspices of the Board of Education of the National Association of Free Will Baptist, and the Board's director for raising funds to be used as herein directed, and as the local unit will be governed.

**SECTION I. Agreement.** Article 1. We, the undersigned members, agree to subscribe as volunteer workers to work together as a unit for the purpose of raising money to be used for the building and maintaining of a college in accordance with the plans of the National Board of

Education of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Article 2. We also agree to be governed by these rules or to formulate rules that will be approved by the director of the Board of Education.

Article 3. We agree further to work and endeavor to follow a plan whereby we may be able to raise funds as herein prescribed, and to pay dues accordingly into the treasury of the unit, and ten per cent of all dues to the treasurer of the Board of Education to be used for all necessary expense that may be incurred by the secretary-treasurer in pursuance of these plans in effecting the work.

Article 4. We also agree not to withdraw from the unit without first giving due notice by writing, or by word of mouth to the regular officers of the unit.

**SECTION II. Name.** Article 1. This unit will be known as.....College Club, or Education Society of ..... Church located in .....County and state of.....

**SECTION III. Officers.** Article 1. Each club or society will have a president, vice president, and secretary and treasurer.

Article 2. Each unit will consist of ten members, more or less. If ten members can be found who will volunteer together to constitute the unit, then as many as can be found who will join. If as many as 20 members join, then two units will be constituted.

Article 3. If thought best a unit and a second unit may be constituted where as many as fifteen may wish to join, and if more than 25 members join, then three units may be constituted in the same local church, etc.

Article 4. *Dues.* Each member will pay into the treasury of local unit as per the agreement agreed upon by the local unit monthly, or quarterly dues. Said dues will be no less than 10c per month, and they may pay as much above that as they may agree upon. Said money shall be kept in the hands of the local treasurer except as stated in article 2 of Section 1. Dues may be 10c, 25c, or 50c for each member per month.

Article 5. When a Club or Society shall be constituted the Club or Society shall communicate to the secretary-treasurer of the Board of Education a \$1.00 fee to be used in the furtherance of the cause of Christian Education. This is additional to the 10 per cent dues collected monthly or quarterly as stated in article 2 of section I.

**SECTION IV. Duties of Officers.** Article 1. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at each meeting, and to see that disciplinary order will be maintained. He shall assist the unit in any and all undertakings as the unit may wish by majority to perform, or he shall endeavor to have performed the directions of the director of the Board of Education. It being understood that his request shall be reasonable.

Article 2. It shall be the duty of the vice president to act in the absence of the president, and to assist the president in all duties and obligations; and to serve as may be assigned him on any duties.

Article 3. It shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer to keep a correct record of all transactions of the unit, and a record of all dues collected and paid out; also all money that may be raised by any special plan in helping the goal of the Board of Education. He shall, also, keep subject to the rules herein prescribed all money and pay out same as voted by the unit, or as is stated in article 2 of section 1, and article 5 of section 3. Too, the secretary-treasurer shall communicate with the director and secretary-treasurer of the Board of Education of the local unit's transactions, and initiatives to help in the educational program of the Free Will Baptist Church.

**SECTION V. State and National Volunteer Organizations.** Article 1. When ten or more clubs have been instituted in each state, a state organization may be set up having its own officers, and regulation according to the direction of the Board of Education.

Article 2. When it shall seem good to the director of the Board of Education of the Free Will Baptist Church a National Educational Association may be set up.

**SECTION VI. Discipline of Members.** Art. 1. Any member or officer of any local unit may be disciplined and expelled from the local unit by a majority vote of the members present for non-support of the Club or Society, or for any non-Christian conduct.

trouble in this case, I only came to the conclusion that the subject used, indicates, "Too Many Idlers in the Market Place."

Let us compare the church to a city that has a market place, and highways leading into it. In reading about the cities mentioned in the Bible, we find that they had walls built around them, which made it necessary for them to have gates to enter into the city. So we find that the market of the city is held in an open square at the gate, which was the appointed place for buying and selling.

Now we know that the strength or very life of the city or town depends on its markets. That is, a city's market is its support or maintenance of power. Our dictionary says that the gates of a place, figuratively speaking, mean the power or dominion of that place; such as, the gates of hell, are the power and dominion of the Devil, and his instruments (Matt. 16:18).

Therefore the gates or the market place represents the power or strength of the city. So, when we see the merchants in the market place standing idle, if we see the market place full of idle merchantmen, then we say the strength or the power of that city is decreasing, and the city is not growing. And the merchants say they are not doing good business or they are not progressing. It is then that they become "idlers in the market place;" and we, in our modern slang, would call them "loafers."

We know that the road or highway that leads into the gate of the city is a great public road for people to travel from other cities and to enter into the city. Surely this is what we call the Highways. So, again the dictionary says, a highway is a great public road open to all classes of people.

Now, today, as then, our busiest merchants use our great highways to **gain business**. And, also, our highways are used by "all classes" of people, the busy the idle, the good, the bad, the rich and the poor.

Now, in the parable of the laborers in the twentieth chapter of Matthew, there is a question put directly to the idlers in the market place a question we should apply to ourselves. "Why stand

ye here all the day idle?" Can you give a legal reason why you are standing idle in the church? Are you answering the call, "Go ye, also, into the vineyard?"

Matt. 20:4, says, "And they went their way." This, to my weak way of thinking, meant that they went on, not heeding the call.

I fear, when this call comes to us (as it surely does), that if we should just go our own way, we would eventually be led out the gates onto the great highway, as we have already said, **opened to all classes of people**. Then, if you have become a "loafer" in the church, or an idle trader in the traffic of the kingdom, please stop before you enter into that **company of all classes of people on the great broad road**; and remember that loving exhortation in Christ's sermon on the mount (Matt. 7:13, 14): "Enter ye in at the strait gate, for **wide** is the gate and **broad** is the way that leadeth to destruction, and **many there be** which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

But I feel that, if you are of the **good, busy and rich** in Spirit class, it is permissible for you to use the great broadway **only to gain business** for your Master.

The Lord says (Luke 14:23), "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

And Paul says (2 Cor. 5:2), "For we are ambassadors for Christ."

But remember, if the land along the highway looks good, don't make the mistake Lot made. He made a good choice so far as the land itself was concerned, but the men of Sodom were wicked.

And Peter speaking of Lot says (2 Pet. 2:8), "For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds."

We find this same condition prevalent today among men. Some do not care how poor the church is, if the land is good. When they go to look for a farm to buy for a home to raise their children in, they look at the good land first, and some never think of the spiritual environment of the community in which the farm is located. Then, when the children grow up and are led off into the company of all classes of people on the broad road which leads to destruction, they can realize their mistake.

So let's all try to keep busy in our church as co-workers with God. As in the parable of the ten talents, the nobleman said to his servants, "Occupy till I come."

Let us make a choice like Abraham, and do as he did, intercede for those on the **highway of destruction**.

James 5:16—"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

"Tis not for man to trifle,

Life is brief, and sin is here.

Our age is but the falling of a leaf,

A dropping of a tear.

We have no time to sport away the hours;

All must be earnest in a world like ours.

Not many lives, but only one have we, One, only one;

How sacred should that life ever be, that narrow span.

Day after day filled up with blessed toil,

Hour after hour still bringing in new spoil.

## Light As Darkness

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

"Take heed therefore, that the light which is in thee be not darkness" (Luke 11:35).

St. John records the following words of our Savior:

"I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness."

We will all agree that sin in the

hearts of men and women will cause them to walk in darkness, to disregard the laws of man and of God, and at last will lead to misery and woe.

We have the records of some great men that at one time were powers in the work for the Lord, and through pride and carelessness drifted away from God and

thereby entered darkness.

Solomon was a godly man that prayed for wisdom and an understanding heart; his wish was granted full measure, heaped up, and running over. He was made the wisest man that ever had been, and also the wisest man that ever would be. God conferred upon him an honor that would never be surpassed in the lives of men.

Solomon ruled the nation in a godly manner, the first years of his reign: he built the temple for the Lord, and when it was finished it was the most magnificent building in the nation, it was the fulfillment of the dream of the Israelites for ages past.

The fame of this wise man reached beyond the borders of his nation, kings and queens of other lands paid him homage. No doubt but Solomon rose to heights of earthly glory and fame, but alas, there is a dark side to the picture; this wisest man let the light that was within him become darkness. He was led away by the love of strange women, to the extent that he kept a harem of three hundred

concubines, besides his seven hundred wives. Some of his wives were worshippers of idols, and here he added insult to injury by building costly and beautiful temples to other gods, thereby embracing idolatry as well as adultery and polygamy. Therefore God was not pleased with Solomon; and this man looked back over his past life and saw the hideous mockery he had made of the great gifts God had given him. No wonder he said, "All is vanity and vexation of the spirit."

In order to complete his great building program, it was necessary to place heavy taxes on the people, that were burdensome and grievous to be borne. But the saddest part is yet to come: In order to save, Solomon forced about thirty thousand men, women and children from the shelter of their homes to slave in the rock quarries, and to hew cedars of Lebanon, to provide the material for the buildings to please his idolatrous wives.

Also we find the Psalmist David the sweet singer of Israel sinned,

and was groping in darkness; and he prayed that the joys of his salvation be restored to him.

And, dear reader, as we see the conditions in our own country, we are forced to the conclusion that darkness has invaded our homes, our churches, and our communities with malice and strife between neighbors and church members, with beer joints, road houses, clubs, and houses of prostitution, scattered the length and breadth of our land.

What a miserable future awaits our boys and girls, unless we the professed Christian people awake to our duty, and demonstrate to the world that the light within us has not been dimmed, and that we are willing to join hearts and hands in a mighty move to erase some of the ungodly things from our country; and this can be done with the ministers fearlessly denouncing sin, and the membership giving their support; then will the light begin to appear, and the angels in heaven will be made to rejoice because of men and women being born into the kingdom of God.

## ASSISTANCE

*By Mrs. Lina Claxton, Hartville, Missouri*

Dear Editor, Wife, and Gem Readers: This morning, March 18, 1937, still finds me contending for the old time religion, and I find too, that the old time ways are still the best, even the churning of milk to make butter can't be beaten; and too, we have such good buttermilk to drink, which the doctors recommend for the sick to drink. I churn with a dasher like my mother did, and I am often called upon for buttermilk to drink. I hear a great deal said, and read it in the paper, about the clubs of different names having soft drinks, one they call cocktail. I have no idea about such drinks, my husband drinks coffee, and I know how to make it. And sassafras tea, people drank it in the spring of the year for their health. This was in my young days before folks used very much sugar. This tea I speak of was sweetened with molasses; it was when the folks had old time religion.

Well, there has always been a few tetotalers. I remember songs, I learned when a child, the Temperance folks sang. I believe it has been 35 years since we organized a Temperance union and I signed the pledge, not to keep from drinking intoxicating liquors myself, or to keep from it, for I knew that I never would stoop that low, but that I might in my weakness help some body to a higher plane of life. This Bible, the very Word of God, tells us no drunkard can enter the kingdom of heaven. I was willing to do what little I could to rescue lost souls, then in

the time of the World War Jim and I joined the Red Cross and I knit socks to help what little I could. Brother Omar Edington was our leader in this work, and was a good leader. He lives now at Grove Spring, Mo.

Well, when we were listening to the announcer over the radio, time of the flood waters, telling of a family that had not had a bite to eat for three days, I said, "Jim, if I were you, I would see if I could sell our cow, and send what you can get for her." We have only one cow and neither of us able to work, but I thought of the poor widow that threw in two mites; and I really wanted to do as she did.

I have been thinking, What a great thing assistance is, and what it means to us—ASSISTANCE, Divine assistance, necessary in all our undertakings.

There is consolation in the mutual love expressed between Christ and His members, when He said, "I am the vine, ye are the branches, . . . without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5).

Paul said (1 Cor. 15:10), "But by the grace of God I am what I am."

"Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God" (2 Cor. 3:5).

"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure" (Phil. 2:13).

"And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry" (1 Tim. 1:12).

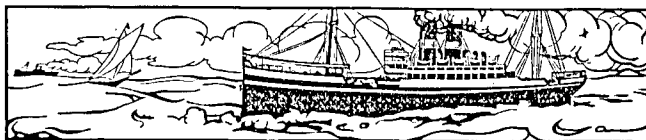
ASSISTANCE is promised upon proper application—"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall

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## MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT



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



## The Regions Beyond



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

## In Answer to Prayer

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

We had a remarkable incident to happen on the trip up the Sambu River in the interior of Panama. The second day up we found quite a number of Indians down with fever and, unfortunately, we had nothing except aspirins. The American soldier who accompanied me was to have secured the most important medicines, but did not do so; so when we had need of quinine there was none. I had carried a large supply of aspirins with me from the states which if given at the proper time, will assist in breaking a fever. I counted out a supply then was in a dilemma as to how I might instruct them to take their medicine. If you leave a supply of pills and tell them to take them at stated times, they are apt to conclude that, if taking one at a time would help, why not take them all at once and find a cure? Here was a people without a time piece or hour glass, but happily I thought of the sun, and measuring the time by it; so with the canoe boy interpreting, I pointed to the sun, saying, "When the sun comes above the jungle, take one; then when halfway between the jungle and the top of the head, take another; then when the sun is on top of the head, another, and so on, giving the angles of the sun's course through the day.

One of those sick was a lad about ten years of age. They had painted him black from head to foot and cut his hair close to his head. The little fellow was too sick to move, having a burning fever. Four days later, as we returned, coming down river, my

mind was full of thoughts of the little lad; so, when we arrived at the bank of the river, I hurried to the hut. I must confess that my heart sank as I climbed up to where a large group of the Indians were gathered. Praying I moved among them, that the child might not be dead, it looked like he was. They had constructed a clever little house of palm leaves, it was an elevation about four feet high, four feet wide, and about five feet long, and over the elevation was a canopy of palm leaves of oval shape. I hurried to the little house with the eyes of all upon me. Then I discovered he was not dead, but still with a raging fever, and helpless. I called our canoe boy and through him told the mother and those around that I was going to talk to the great God of heaven and earth about her boy; I would ask that God would heal him. With the greatest of reverence they bowed their heads as the strange white man laid his hands upon the child and prayed earnestly in a language strange to them. As we prayed the fever abated, so that when we were through the mother came to her child with eyes full of gratitude. She assisted him down from his

queer little house, prepared probably for him to die in. When we left, the lad was sitting on the floor looking about.

Little do we realize what fruit this simple incident might bear in the future, but we do know that God desires to prove His power, and never so much as when we are in a situation like the missionary meets daily. The missionaries of the early church had many experiences of supernatural deliverances through prayer. Acts 28 records one in which Paul laid his hands upon the father of a ruler, Publius, and he was healed of a fever.

Probably this child will never forget the strange experience of the hands of a big white man being laid upon him, and with his face turned to the heavens, talked to an unseen Presence, and his recovery as a result. Time and again God has marvelously healed in answer to the prayer of faith in these darkened lands. Nothing has a greater effect on primitive people than to observe the healing hand of the Lord laid on the sick. The medicine man prays for the sick in these tribes and they die; but thank God, as we go among them, there is a stronger medicine than that of the witch doctor. "The prayer of faith shall heal the sick, and the Lord shall raise them up,"

## Report of the Publishing House Fund

Following is my report of money received on the Publishing House Fund since my report made in the last issue of the Gem:

G. E. Williams, Purdy, Mo., \$1.00  
Eld. O. L. Allen, Mt'n Grove, 10.00

W. H. Nickle, Hartville, Mo., 10.00  
Eileen Jones, Mansfield, Mo., 5.00  
Chauncy Mead, Chetopa, Ks., 10.00  
Glen McCarty, Chetopa, Ks., 10.00  
Mt. Zion Church No. 1..... 10.00

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## CLOSE OF GENTILE THE AGE

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hand of the cruel Turk. This was indeed a bright day for Israel. But during the World War, and since that time, the Gentile nations have disinherited themselves with God by their disregard for Him and His Christ of love, and it is plain to be seen, the stubborn fact lies before us, that the anger of Almighty God is waxed hot against the Gentile nations, and He is once more with kind favor turning to the Jew.

The reason we say the victory of General Allanby at Jerusalem in 1917 was such a bright day for the Jew, we want to explain as follows: The British Government had exhausted their supply of a very necessary chemical needed in making high explosives. In the mean time a Jew discovered that the chemical could be made from snow and hail, which, let us state just here, was a fulfillment of Job 38:22, 23, "Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?" The British government, of course, wanted to deal for his new findings. The Jew proposed to present it to them upon condition that the government of Great Britain would secure the land of Palestine for the Jews, and give it back to them; and as the British government has always been a friend to the Jew, consequently this was done.

If you will notice, not so long after this the terrible war began to come to a close. It seems the great eternal purpose had largely been secured. Since the beginning of the return of the Jews, which is known as the great Zionist movement, there has been a great shaking in the valley of dry bones. As recorded in Ezekiel 37, Bone has been coming to his bone, and flesh is coming upon them. God is breathing new national life into Israel. Soon we will hear Him say, as He did to Ezekiel of old, "This is the whole house of Israel."

Authorities tell us there is no depression in Palestine. A great modern building and improvement program is going on there and has been all during the terrible economic distress of the Gentile

nations. The Jews are returning, taking their wealth with them. While at the same time, before our very eyes, we see the Gentile nations going bankrupt, cracking, crumbling, and falling to pieces. Such moral and spiritual breakdown we have never seen as we are witnessing throughout the Gentile world of today, and our own nation is certainly no exception.

Yes, I say the Gentile age began to close in 1914. I cannot accept a lot of the wild scriptural speculation that was made during and since the days of the Great War, such as, "It was the battle of Armageddon;" "Christ came and is now here invisibly, judging the nations," etc. But I do believe it marked the beginning of the close of the Gentile age. Ask any genuine Gospel minister who was preaching a pure Gospel during the World War, and has continued to do so; and he will tell you it was tremendously hard to have a revival during the war, and has been getting harder ever since. Why is that true? Simply because the Holy Spirit is being lifted from the Gentile people. Could we reasonably expect the clean, pure Holy Spirit of God to remain so brightly among the Gentile nations, and they conducting themselves as they are, and as they have been ever since the outbreak of the Great War? I say we cannot expect it, for sin is what drives the Spirit away.

Now back for another brief mention of our 2520 year measuring rod. Remember 585-586 B. C. marked the definite beginning of the Gentile age; so measuring from that date we arrive at the year 1935-1936. As 1914 marked the commencement of the close of the Gentile age, and 1917 brought us another great outstanding event in that direction; how do we know 1937 will not bring us something else of striking importance? How do we know but what it will

mean practically the complete closing of our Gentile age? The measuring rod undeniably worked out exactly on the other two dates; therefore, could we reasonably think it would work just the same on this third one? This year may mark the date of the making of the seven year covenant between the Jews in Palestine and their prophetic protectorate as recorded in Dan. 9:27. It may bring the complete rising up on their part of "the whole house of Israel" (Ezek. 37). Or it could mean the catching away of the bride of Christ, delivering them from the Great Tribulation which is to come, which privilege we are promised if we keep oil in our vessels. And who can question the fact that we are in the foothills of the mountain peaks of the tribulation period now?

But, regardless of what may or may not come, my advice to every Gentile is, If you expect to find Christ as your Savior, you had better be in a hurry. The Gentile age is closing. This, the church age, known as the new thing in the earth, is coming to its climax. We are in the extreme close days of the sixth dispensation, or the Dispensation of Grace. We are experiencing a dispensational change, which is something new to the people of this age. The ministers of today are preaching under conditions much like it was in the days of John the Baptist and the ministry of Jesus. They preached during the days of a dispensational change. Such a time always brings the extremes, both pro and con. Such a time is always characterized by strange happenings in both religious and civil affairs. And let me say the closing of this, the sixth dispensation and the ushering in of the next, the seventh and last dispensation, will be characterized by the glorious return of the Christ. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

## Too Many Idlers in the Market Place

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

We have noticed so many of our churches growing weak in spirituality, that it makes us want to try more and more to find out the trouble and do something to remedy that trouble. They just

seem to be struggling along like something drowning, just barely keeping afloat, not getting anywhere, so far as progress is concerned.

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**REPORT OF PUBLISHING HOUSE FUND***Continued from page thirteen*

Mrs. M. D. Newton, Marshfield, Mo.....	\$3.00
Cedar Valley Missionary Baptist Ch., Huggins,	2.00
Vernie and Faye Casebeer, Bendavis, Mo.....	1.00
True Blue Class, Neola S. S., Neola, Mo.....	5.00
W. M. Pirtle, Farmington, Mo.....	10.00
Allen Shaffer, Flat River, Mo.....	10.00
Free Will Baptist Church, Desloge, Mo. ....	10.00
Arthur Forshee, Desloge, Mo. ....	2.50
Jessie Forrest, Desloge, Mo. ....	1.00
Blaine Matthews, Desloge, Mo. ....	5.00
Flat River S. S. Class No. 13, Flat River, Mo.,	5.00

At the time of this writing our field solicitor, Bro. J. B. Rollins, is working in the southeast part of the state. He is meeting with success as is shown by this report. Yes, we are on our way, the Lord leading, to a new and better equipped publishing house. Let us hurry and get the \$2,500.00 raised, so we can really start doing something. I feel sure the first \$2,500.00 raised and in action will make it easier to raise the last \$2,500.00.

—Winford Davis.

**MYRTLE MISSION REPORT**

Our Mission at Myrtle is still holding regular services every two weeks, Sunday afternoons, with Sister Alma Cross our ever present president, and with Sister Margie Underwood our devotional leader. She too, is very sincere in the Lord's work.

We have fifteen members now. We use the lesson put out by our Mission quarterly for one meeting, then our devotional leader selects the lesson from the Bible for the next meeting.

Offering for missions \$3.90, of which we are sending 50c for State Mission.

Mrs. Harry Beatty, Secretary, Thayer, Mo.

**REPORT OF MISSION SECRETARY**

Eld. Winford Davis, Secretary

Following is an itemized report of Missionary funds received since my report given in the last issue of the Gem:

New Harmony Mission, by Cassie Kelsey.....	\$3.25
Merl's Chapel S. S., by Eld. W. K. Weston.....	1.15
Eld. S. H. Marcum, Cameron, Mo. ....	2.50
Eld. Noel Turner, by Cassie Kelsey .....	2.50
Maggie Turner, Granby, Mo. ....	1.00
Neola Church, by Bro. Willey .....	5.90
Independence Church, by Bro. Willey .....	5.77
Verdella Church, by Bro. Willey .....	3.11
Fairview Church, by Bro. Willey .....	13.20
Myrtle Mission Circle, by Marjorie Underwood,	1.00
Myrtle Mission Circle, by Alma Cross .....	.25
Hannon Church, by Bro. Willey .....	10.34
Hickory Grove Church, by Bro. Willey .....	2.34
C. W. Ricketts, Hannon, Mo. ....	5.00

**REV. WILLEY TOURING THE STATE OF MO.**

At the time you receive this issue of the Gem, Bro. Willey will be very busy speaking among our churches of this state. He begins the 4th Sunday in April in the Central Western Missouri Association. He

has many interesting things to tell us concerning his findings on his past winter's exploration tour in Colombia, S. A. and the jungles of Panama. If at all possible for you to do so, don't fail to hear him some time somewhere as he tours our state. It is impossible for him to visit all our churches on account of lack of time; but his messages and pictures are worth driving miles to see and hear. It is a God given privilege to you; don't fail to hear him. The pictures are motion pictures taken on his tour the past winter. They will take you to the Indians of South America who are waiting for us to send to them the Gospel.

Am not prepared to give you the exact itinerary at this writing, but he will be in this state until some time in June.

**BRO. WILLEY'S ITINERARY****Central Western Missouri Association**

April 25, Sunday morning and afternoon, ....	Neola
April 25, Sunday night .....	Independence
April 26 .....	Verdella
April 27 .....	Fairview
April 28 and 29 .....	Hannon
April 30 .....	Hickory Grove

**Northwest Missouri Association**

May 1 and 2, Sunday afternoon .....	Mt. Zion
May 2, P. M. and night .....	Union Third Fork
May 3 .....	Center Point
May 4 .....	Philadelphia
May 5 .....	Santa Rosa

**Northeast Missouri Association**

May 6, Thursday .....	New Harmony
May 7, Friday .....	Hazel Creek
May 8, Saturday .....	Stahl
May 9, Sunday .....	Green Grove
May 10, Monday .....	Low Ground
May 11, Tuesday .....	Martinstown
May 12, Wed., Novinger High School (Pictures)	
May 13, Thursday .....	Shibbly's Point
May 14, Friday .....	Greentop School (Pictures)
May 15, Saturday .....	Connelsville
May 16, Sunday morning .....	Bethel
May 16, Sunday night .....	Sublette

**Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting**

May 18, Tuesday .....	Leadington
May 19, Wednesday .....	Alsbury Chapel
May 20, Thursday .....	Wortham
May 21 and 22, Friday and Saturday,.....	Desloge
May 23, Sunday morning and night, .....	Flat River
May 24, Monday .....	Fredericktown
May 25, Tuesday .....	St. Louis

**Niangua and Laclede County Associations**

May 27, Thursday .....	Elm Springs
May 28, Friday .....	Harpers Chapel
May 29, Saturday .....	Green Ridge
May 30, Sunday morning and p. m. ....	New Home
May 31, Monday .....	Lebanon
June 1, Tuesday, Springfield Gospel Tabernacle,	
Corner Booneville and Lynn.	

After this date Bro. Willey goes to the Eastern Conference in South Carolina, then returns to Mo. to finish the tour, the balance of which will be given in the June issue of the Gem. —Winford Davis.



**ASSISTANCE***Continued from page twelve*

give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass' (Psalm 37:4, 5).

"Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer: thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here am I" (Isaiah 58:9).

"Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the Lord" (Jer. 29:12-14).

Dear Christian friends, this assistance that the dear Lord has promised His children is wonderful. Read Matt. 7:11; 21:2; Luke 11:5-13; 18:1-14; John 15:7; James 1:5; 1 John 3:22; 5:14-15; Job 42:10. God restored Job to favor.

"I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place" Psalm 118:5). Now we can see that the dear Lord's assistance to us means it all. Have we put in our application for this assistance with our whole heart, soul and mind? If so, here is the assurance from One who cannot lie; heaven and earth shall pass away, but His Word endureth forever.

Assurance of sonship (Heb. 3:14)—"For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end."

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Rom. 8:16).

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2).

Assurance of Eternal Life (1 John 3:14)—"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death."

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand" (John 10:28).

Abiding Union with Christ (John 17:24)—"Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory which thou hast given me: for thou lovedest me before the foundation of the world."

"Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:38).

Now, the assistance of God is sure and steadfast: but again, we think of the assistance of a poor puny man, what a blessing he can be to his neighbor!

My mind wanders back to years ago, when we lived at our little home on Elk Creek. We had a neighbor by the name of Isaac O'dell, he lived one-half miles from us, up the creek. I stepped out on the porch one day to throw out some water, and I looked that way and noticed that his house was on fire, just smoking. Jim was in the house, so I raised the alarm: "Oh Jim, come quick! Look yonder, Isaac O'dell's house is on fire!" He said, "It sure is." I don't think he took time to get his hat, but ran with all his might. What for? To assist in putting out the fire, to do all he could.

They, by assistance, saved the house. Some of you who read this know the very place.

We hear man plead with man to take out a life insurance policy against accidents. We hear this quite often; they tell you just what it will cost you each day. This is temporal assistance, but divine assistance, necessary in all our undertakings, it cost God's Son to bleed and die on the Cross. He is saying unto you today, "If you hear my voice, put in your application for assistance, divine assistance." Get your Bible, and, instead of the pencil, get on your knees and ask for assistance: "God be merciful unto me a sinner." Oh, I plead with the unsaved today, to put in your application for assistance, for tomorrow may be too late. Death is sure, life is uncertain; and death is the worst thing to meet without assurance of sonship. Call on Jesus for assistance, until you get the assurance.

Yes, insurance that man gives to man is great. Jim had insurance on our belongings, and lightning killed a cow for him, also a big window was broken out, destroyed. Yes, the company made it good, all because he had kept paid up, he had done what the company required. Not only were we made whole, but all these years he has been paying on this insurance—it has been helping some unfortunate man. But Divine assistance is of God; assurance of a home in Heaven is of God; He so loved the world.

"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" (Rev. 22:14).

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).

I feel like singing:

"Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine,

Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

This is my story, this is my song.

Old time religion all the day long,

This is my story, and it is true:

Old time religion will carry you through."

I don't know, I guess you would rather I would not keep the floor so long, but I do love to talk about my Father in Heaven. Forgive me.

Your unworthy sister in Christ,

Aunt Lina Claxton.

**BRISTOW, OKLAHOMA, R3, B184, May 1, 1937.**

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown and Gem Readers:

Thought we would write a few lines, as it has been some time since we have written.

We live on the farm, just preaching now and then. We have three children, of which we are very proud, all in school.

We like to be in services all the time, and feel that we could put in full time pastoring a church. If any one feels that they want us for pastor, we will go anywhere the Lord leads. We are both ordained ministers, not what the world calls big preachers, but just humble preachers called of God and willing to be led by the Spirit. If any church is interested in us, please write us. We can give good reference.

May the Lord bless you all is our prayer.

—Linnie and Lee Oliver.

**THAYER, MISSOURI, April 21, 1937.**

Dear Editor and Readers of the Gem: I will try to write a few lines tonight. I am all alone and have been reading the letters our dear brothers and sisters have written; I sure enjoy them, and wish more would write. As I hear the patter of rain tonight, it reminds me that God in His great mercy which endureth forever has not forgotten us; may it teach us how dependent we should be on Him, for all we are and have, and what great things could be done if all Christians would consecrate their lives and their all to God's service, and stop going pleasure crazy, forgetting their obligations to God and a world steeped in sin. We should remember that the thing that counts and pays is the humble Christian life in God's service, which needs no pen to write it down, for it lives on and on in the lives of others.

Before me is a picture of a business man at his desk perusing a paper entitled "How to Make Money." But a visitor has entered, and with his cigar yet between his lips, he looks up. The visitor is Jesus, who with outstretched hand, and fervent appeal, offers him eternal life; but with a scornful gesture Jesus is dismissed with, "Please Sir, I am too busy, I cannot be bothered."

Below is another picture—another visitor has entered, clad in the sable garments of death. With his boney fingers he grasps the busy man by the arm. With a look of terror the man throws up his hands in dismay, and exclaims, "O wait, I am not ready! wait! wait!" But from death's hollow chest sounds forth the fatal words, "I cannot wait, I am too busy! Come!" This is but a picture. Yes, only a picture, but how often could it be photographed from real life? We are too busy in this world's mad rush, too busy trying to make money, too busy seeking fame or worldly applause, too busy running after its phantom pleasures, too busy to give heed to Jesus' gentle knock and His pleading invitation to accept the redemption He has purchased for us at infinite cost.

You may turn away declaring you are too busy to take thought now for your soul, but all too soon another visitor will knock insistently at your door. You would turn Him aside, but you cannot. The salvation which Jesus offers is a free gift, which you may accept and be eternally saved, or reject and be eternally damned: it is left to your choice, but not so with death—"It is appointed unto man once to die, and after this the judgment." This appointment unto death you cannot shun, you cannot miss the death angel because you are too busy. Nay, he pays no heed to your entreaties, just as you paid no heed to Jesus. When summoned by death you must release your grasp on earthly things, and go out to meet God. After death the Judgment. What is that Judgment? Rev. 20:11, 15 answers. Let us quote in part—"And I saw the dead small and great stand before God." Yes, you may refuse to listen to His warnings, but some day every knee shall bow to Him, some day you shall stand before God. Paul says, in 2 Cor. 5:10, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body

according as he has done, whether it be good or bad." It looks as if we should start the coming year with renewed courage and renewed faith, we should pray God for a greater supply of grace to face the battle; we are living in a time of testing and sifting of God's people.

Our next Association will meet at Myrtle church. As this is my home church I am praying for a great meeting. We think we have a fine church, with Bro. Harry Beatty as pastor. We all love him.

May the Lord bless you in your work, Bro. Brown. I certainly enjoy reading the Gem and think all Free Will Baptist should take it. We are proud to see so many boys starting out in the ministerial work, I say boys because I have known some of them from babes up to men. We are thankful to have such workers in our church, not only in ours, but in other churches, for there is plenty of work for all to do. Hear the reapers as they labor in God's field: Go ye forth, ye Gospel workers, souls are out in sin. We may have to go through trials and temptations in this old world, but our home in heaven will repay us for all troubles on earth; people back before Christ had trials to withstand as we have today. Have you not read where Jeremiah told Zedekiah that he was doing wickedly in breaking his promise and turning from God to idols? and he was taken by the princes and thrown into a dungeon. We also remember that God came to the rescue of Daniel when he was cast into the den of lions, because he worshipped God and prayed three times a day. I thank God there is another side to it all.

When we hear the voice of God telling us to enter into the joys of heaven, we will rejoice and be glad we overcame Satan's snares and temptations, then we'll see Jesus and all the richness of heaven. We also will hear some, perhaps many of our friends and loved ones saying, "I am here because I followed the footsteps of Jesus, and it is sweet to be with those who overcame."

May God help us to live every moment as though we knew Jesus was coming the next day.

Pray for me.

—Mrs. M. B. Cockman.

**BLUE EYE, MISSOURI, April 19, 1937.**

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown and Gem Family:

I have been reading your letters in the Gem for quite a while, and enjoy them, but this is my first attempt to write.

We have enjoyed attending the revival at our home church at Blue Eye, Mo. The Lord was with us and wonderfully blessed and saved souls. Bro. Marcum sure preached the word in its purity and explained it so we could all understand it. We pray God's blessings on him and his dear wife, our pastor and his wife, and all the Gem readers.

—Martha Avery.

# Obituary

**CHETOPA, KANSAS, April 18, 1937.**

Dear Readers of the Gem:

With one more year almost gone by, I will try to write a few lines in memory of our Mother. I never shall forget that a few days before Mother was taken there was a little poem in memory of our uncle in the Gem. Mother could not see to read, but some one read it to her. When I went in to see her, she got the paper and told me how rejoiced she was that the good work he had done was still remembered. Each year since Mother left us, with the help of the Lord, I have been permitted to write a few lines in memory of the life she lived, and I hope and pray that I may always be blessed with this privilege.

—Mrs. Lulu Sexton.

## IN MEMORY

of Malinda Olive Mayfield who passed away May 7, 1933.

The month of May again is here,  
And the beauty of God unfolding,  
And I'm thinking of our Mother dear,  
Who was called to rest in May.

She loved the springtime flowers,  
She loved the birds and bees,  
The pretty grass so green,  
The friendly sheltering trees.

And then I think of our Savior,  
How He suffered, bled and died,  
That we might have eternal life,  
What more could He give beside?

Let's put our trust in our Savior,  
He'll guide us safe, and there,  
We'll meet our own dear Mother,  
In that home so bright and fair.

**Williams**—Grace Avery was born July 30, 1898, and departed this life February 19, 1937, at the age of 38 years, six months and nineteen days.

She was married to Charles Williams October 19, 1919. To this union was born five children: Tony 16, Clifford 14, Imogene 11, Bert 9 and Ruby.

She is survived by her five children, her husband, all of Selma, Calif., one sister, one brother of Los Angeles, Calif., and her father and mother of Blue Eye, Mo., to mourn her departure.

She was converted in a revival at the Free Will Baptist church at Blue Eye in 1932, and has been a faithful member since that time.

She was in a hospital at Fresno, Calif. when she passed away, and her body was laid to rest in the Reedley cemetery with the funeral directors in charge.

## A GOOD MAN GONE TO REWARD

Wilson A. Davis, father of Mrs. Jas. F. Miller of Flat River, Missouri, after much suffering, passed away April 10, 1937.

Bro. Davis had been in poor health for 22 years, practically an invalid for ten years, and suffered intensely during his last three weeks of this life. During all his suffering he was patient and left a very sweet testimony for the family and friends. Pain and suffering is not pleasant to bear, but when it works for us exceeding riches in glory, we thank God even for the pain and suffering.

## OBITUARY

Wilson A. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Davis, was born in Bollinger County, Missouri January 8, 1875, and departed this life at his home April 10, 1937, being at the time of his death, 62 years, three months and two days old, having spent his entire life in Bollinger County, Missouri.

He was united in marriage to Nellie Lee Lisenbee March 8, 1895. To this union was born twelve children, two of whom preceded him in death.

He is survived by his aged father, his wife and ten children, two brothers and three sisters, many other relatives and a host of friends who mourn his going.

He professed a hope in Christ in early life and united with the Missionary Baptist church, where he was a member when he passed away.

**Scott**—Samuel Preston Scott was born in Bollinger County, Missouri November 16, 1872, where he grew to manhood. He departed this life April 12, 1937, at the age of 64 years, 4 months, 26 days.

He was converted in early life and joined the Missionary Baptist church. He united with the Free Will Baptist in the organization of the Bluff Spring church, and was chosen and ordained a deacon of that church, and held his deaconship there until the organization of Dials Creek church, where he entered as an ordained deacon, and held his deaconship there until death.

He moved to Randolph County, Ark. with some friends about 31 years ago, residing there till death.

He was married to Miss Nora Nance March 28, 1899. To this union was born eleven children, four preceding him in death. The living are: Leonard Scott, Mrs. Dessie Pierce, Mrs. Valey Copus, Sammie Scott, Mrs. Minnie Payne, Miss Ina Scott and Willard Scott. He leaves his wife, three sons and three daughters of Mrytle, Mo., RI, and one daughter, Mrs. Dessie Pierce of Couch, Mo., two sisters and sixteen grandchildren to mourn his death, besides other relatives and a host of friends. To know Bro. Scott was to love him, and we feel that our loss is his and Heaven's gain. Bro. Scott was an energetic Christian and a faithful deacon, serving his church well. We have lost one of our highly esteemed brothers in Christ.

His funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Eld. C. R. Bryan, assisted by Bro. Harbison. His body was laid to rest in Bellar cemetery Apr. 13, 1937

Written to the Gem by a brother in Christ.

## Enters Today

Another body in cemetery sod,  
Another soul into the life with God.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

The announcement of your Association, Yearly Meeting, Quarterly Meeting, 5th Sunday Meeting, or any other important meeting should be announced here. If your announcement is not here, send it in so we can print it in the next issue of the Gem.

## ASSOCIATIONS

**ZION HOPE** Association No. 2 will be held with Pleasant Grove Church, five miles north of Uniontown, Ark., beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in August, 1937.

Eld. Joe Lovette to preach the Introductory sermon, Eld. Glenn Dipboye alternate.  
Steve Smith, Ass't Clerk, Rudy, Ark.

**NIANGUA** Association will convene with Union Chapel Church, at 3:00 o'clock p. m., on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1937.

Eld. Warren Franklin to preach the Introductory sermon.  
Eld. Arthur Bailey, Clerk, Plad, Mo.

**OLD MT. ZION** Association will convene with Antioch Church, at ten o'clock a. m., on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1937.

Eld. Sammie Lane to preach the Introductory sermon, Eld. J. W. Watson alternate.  
Isaac Lynch, Clerk, Clifty, Ark.

**LACLEDE COUNTY** Association will be held with Happy Hill Church, in Laclede County, beginning at 3:00 o'clock p. m., on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1937.

Eld. C. A. McAllister to preach the Introductory sermon.  
Mrs. Essie Hamilton, Cl'k, Falcon, Mo.

**FIRST MISSION** Association will be held at Camp Grounds, near Sub Station on Drumright-Sapulpa road, beginning on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1937.  
Mae Graham, Clerk, Drumright, Okla.

**CENTRAL WESTERN MO.** and **S. E. KANSAS** Association will be held with Independence Free Will Baptist Church, near Stockton, Mo., beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1937.

Sister Roena Thomas to preach the Introductory sermon, Sister Ruthe Garner alternate.

**INDIAN CREEK** Association will be held with Jones' Chapel Church, near Stella, Mo., beginning on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1937.

Eld. F. C. Zinn to preach the Introductory sermon, Eld. John B. Rollins alternate.

Eld. J. B. Rollins, Clerk, Purdy, Mo.

**UNION** Association will be held with Pleasant Hill Church, beginning on Wednesday at 4:00 o'clock p. m. before the first Sunday in Sept., 1937.

Eld. Walter E. George to preach the Introductory sermon, Eld. Clarence Ussery alternate.

E. L. Jtnes, Clerk, Hartville, Mo., R3.

**ROBERT McGEE** Association will convene with Pleasant Valley Church, one mile west of Poteau, Oklahoma, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1937.  
Mrs. M. P. Carruthers, Clerk, Poteau

**DIBBLE** Association will convene with Dibble Church, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1937.  
Shay Richey, Clerk, Blanchard, Okla.

**HOPEWELL** Association will be held with Oak Grove Church, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1937.

Introductory sermon to be preached by Eld. Louis Lawson, Eld. Everett Wilson alternate.

M. L. Bonds, Clerk, Folsom, Okla.

**MISSOURI STATE** Association will be held with Hannon Free Will Baptist Church, at Hannon, Barton Co., Missouri, beginning on Monday night before the third Sunday in Oct., 1937.

Sister Mary Wellbaum of Greentop, Mo. to preach the Mission sermon on Monday night, Sister Ruth La Brot of Flat River, Mo. alternate.

Eld. W. K. Weston of Monett, Mo. to preach the League sermon at eleven o'clock Tuesday, Eld. Cecil Campbell of Carterville, Mo. alternate.

Eld. S. H. Marcum of Cameron, Mo. to preach the Introductory sermon for the Association Tuesday night, Eld. G. W. Scott, Jr. of Mountain Grove, Missouri alternate.

Eld. Winford Davis, Clerk, Monett, Mo.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LOYALTY FUND

It is planned and provided that the Free Will Baptist of the National Association shall have a school. The desire for a school seems to be present among our people, but there is a serious lack of money, and I can't say as to the willingness of our people to give, but I still have faith in them, and believe they will give if the cause seems worthy.

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Order charts and stamps from the Gem office, Purdy, Mo.—Ed.

## HUGGINS, MISSOURI

Dear Gem Readers:

I have recently subscribed for the little Gem paper, and am very glad I did, because I enjoy reading letters from God's children whom we are not privileged to meet here.

I like to know that a few of God's people are really working on the job and are about their Father's business.

So many are sitting down doing nothing for Christ, but the Bible teaches us to work while it is day. We may have faith in Christ but if we don't work for Him, we will fall short in our Christian life.

"For as the body without the spirit is dead: so faith without works is also dead" (Jas. 2:26).

I ask myself the question, "Am I working like I should?"

We need not expect sinners to come to Christ if we Christians sit down and don't do anything for His cause.

The Bible says, "Ye are the light of the world;" so let's let our light shine.

Christ came into the world and suffered and died for our sins, He died for us; let's live for Him and, if necessary, die for Him.

—Miss Ora Black.

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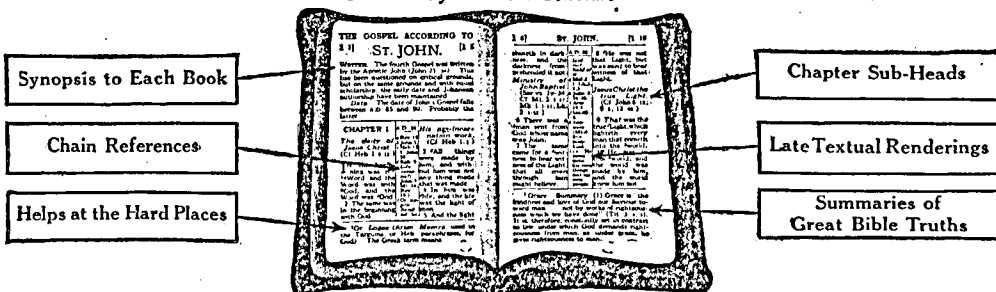
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