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This Sunday School was merely a community school; what we would now call a union Sunday School. The seeing and carrying out of this vision of Sunday School possibilities, by these sturdy pioneers of this great western country, has been like planting good seed in fertile soil. Today we see the fruits of it throughout this great territory.

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Program of St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptist, to be held with Flat River Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, Missouri, July 28th to 30th, 1937.

PROGRAM

Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

Devotional Eld. Willard Halbrook
Congregational Singing
Introductory Sermon, "We Should Be of Good Cheer, Christ has Overcome the World" (John 16:33).
Eld. Jas. F. Miller

Thursday, 9:00 a. m.

Devotional Eld. Ruth La Brot
Reading of Letters.
Seating of Delegates.
Seating of Corresponding Messengers and Visiting Brethren.
Reading Minutes of previous meeting.
Election of Officers.
Appointment of Committees.
Reports of Committees.

Song Congregation
Closing Prayer Sister Anna Reed

11:00 o'clock a. m.

Sermon, "The Leaven Hidden in the Meal or Church, Spreading Through the World" (Luke 13:20, 21).
Eld. Howard Jarvis, Eld. John Long Alternate

12:00 o'clock—Dinner.

Thursday, 1:30 p. m.

Devotional Eld. Elmer Steagall
Special Song Flat River Quartet
Missionary Program (Home and Foreign)

Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

Devotional Eld. Mark Lewis
Special Song Desloge
Sermon, "The Pearl of Great Price" (Matt. 13:45, 46).
Eld. Tommie Franklin, Eld. Wm. Reeves Alternate

Friday, 9:00 a. m.

Devotional Eld. Claude Lincoln
Reports of Committees.
Treasurer's Report.
Report of Executive Board.
Transaction of any Business which may come before the body.
Special Alvin and Damon

11:00 o'clock a. m.

Sermon, "The Drag-Net, the Church Gathering in Many Who Will at the Great Day Be Cast Out" (Mt. 13:47-50).
Eld. Damon Dodd, Eld. W. C. Hill Alternate

12:00 o'clock—Dinner.

Friday, 1:30 p. m.

Devotional Eld. Joe Deweeze
Special Song Aulsburg Chapel
Business

Friday, 7:30 p. m.

Devotional Eld. W. S. Cox
Special Song Leadington
Sermon, "Our Warfare Against the Evil Spirit, and the Necessity of Being Ready for the Lord's Coming" (Eph. 6:11, 12; Luke 17:22-37).

Eld. J. L. Yancy, Eld. L. A. Ferguson Alternate

The Greatest School in America

By the Editor

The Sunday school is the greatest school in America. Perhaps we could say it is the greatest school in the world. We do not mean greatest in the number enrolled: for in that respect the public school is greatest, and the public school costs its patrons a great sum of money; but they spend but little on the Sunday school. While our public schools are wonderful, and we pay heavy taxes for their support, they teach much that is harmful to our boys and girls—the training is not practical. Our Sunday school is wonderful too, and costs but little as compared to the public school: but the teaching is good, and is practical. For their own well-being, it is necessary that every person shall know God and serve Him. Children do not learn about God in the public school; but in the Sunday school each child may learn about God and the way unto salvation; the Sunday school is the greatest school in the world.

But we want to first consider the Sunday school in our own church, then in our own county, then in our own state, then in our own country. We must first know the work at home, and do something for it, to put it forward, then we might be worth something helping in other places, and there are many needy places.

It is estimated that more than twelve million school children in America are still without religious privileges, and that 450,000 of these boys and girls who have no religious privileges live in Missouri; are we doing what we can to help reach them for Christ?

Jesus said: "Go ye out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in." Will you go out to bring them in? and will your prayers and gifts go?

Judge Frank L. Young of N. Y. says, "The Sunday school is the greatest deterrent of crime." And many judges believe that regular attendants at Sunday school are virtually crime-proof. Few ever get into Court. And statistics show that 93% of child offenders never had a religious contact. Think of the many

young men who go to prison or to death that might have been won to Christ. And many could testify as did a young criminal on his way to the electric chair: "If half as much attention had been paid to me before I came to the penitentiary as I have received here, I SHOULDN'T HAVE TO BURN NOW."

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Following are a few quotations: "The transitional period between boyhood and manhood is the crucial time in any youthful career. It is then that a youth needs the spiritual guidance of the Church through its Sunday School. I am constantly distressed in my work by the statistics which come to my desk indicating the alarming participation of youth in crime. I can but think that had many of these young criminals received proper religious teaching, they would not have followed the sordid path of crime, but would have happily selected the road to honored and useful citizenship.

—J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Judge Humphrey, New York, recently declared that in his twenty years on the bench he could not recall but one of the thousands of criminals brought before him who had a Sunday School training. — Literay Digest, 12-27-34.

"I am fully convinced that a background of religious education and training such as is offered today only by the Sunday school and kindred movements, is the best crime preventative * * * I do not remember a single juvenile delinquency case brought before me wherein the defendant was a regular Sunday school attendant."—Judge Walter A Higbee, Lancaster, Mo.

"Religious education is one of greatest importance. It is very seldom that we have a criminal case in court where the defendant is a faithful attendant of church or Sunday school. I think that 85% to 90% of the boys and girls brought into my court are those who have had NO religious training, and have NOT been at

Sunday school or church. There is nothing greater that can be done to reduce crime."—Judge Will H. D. Green, West Plains, Mo.

"Fame is a vapor; popularity is an accident; riches take wings; they who cheer today may curse tomorrow. One thing endures . . . character."—Horace Greeley.

"As has been true during the past two years, the number of individuals arrested who were 19 years of age was greater than the number of any other single age group."—Quarterly Uniform Crime Report, U. S. Division of Investigation.

"The crime problem has become a boy and girl problem. Ten years ago the judge of the juvenile court looked across the bench into the hardened face. He was dealing with the mature criminal. Today, the same judge gazes upon a veritable parade of unshaven faces."—Judge Samuel R. Blake, Los Angeles, presiding in the largest juvenile court in the nation.

Every person, especially fathers and mothers, should feel themselves highly favored and blessed if there is a good Sunday school in their community. Yet there are many fathers and mothers who make no special effort to go to Sunday school; so go only when it is convenient, or if there is to be something special. Fathers, if you fail to provide proper religious training for your boys, if you fail to have them in Sunday school, who will you blame if they must go to court for law-breaking?

And mothers, you are facing a great responsibility with your girls; if you fail in your duty to them, if you fail to have them properly taught in religious matters, and in things relative to their appearance and conduct, if they don't go to Sunday school, and they go to the bad, whom will you blame?

Can we justly and honestly blame the young folks because they are (and many of them are), wicked, pleasure loving, disobedient, and inclined to crime, when older ones not only fail to provide proper religious training and influence, but encourage them to go the other way by supplying the means and the way for a life of idleness, pleasure, lust, drunkenness and crime? Dad generally pays the bills, and often furnishes a car, so they can go quick.

STAHL, MISSOURI, June 7th

Dear Brother Brown:

I am sending in three more subs to our fine little paper, "The Gem."

Our churches and co-laborers seem to be taking renewed interest in the work of the Lord. We are preaching to larger crowds and to more attentive listeners. Surely if there ever was a time when the people needed to fall upon their knees before God, it is now. In these days of great tumult among nations, riots among laborers, and sin abounding on every hand, we certainly can see the "hand writing on the wall."

May we fight the good fight of faith, lay hold of eternal life, and watch and pray until He comes.

Yours in His service,

Eld. C. M. Dauber.

MYRTLE, MISSOURI, June 4th.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

It is with a thankful heart this lovely afternoon that I write a few lines to our paper, realizing at this moment that it is the hand of love and mercy that has spared our lives down to this present time.

We, as a Free Will Baptist church at Myrtle, are still striving for the place called Heaven, being bound together with that strong cord of Christian love that can only be given by the Father above. We have just been reading the Gem, and only Heaven knows how much I enjoy reading our church paper. Oh, how my heart did ache when they began to talk about our folk being a back number. We have them here, thank God, that ask for the old knee route our fathers trod together to the kingdom of God.

I'll tell you, dear readers, that it takes the same old praying for you and me. There is just one way, the way of the Cross. It is God's plan and cannot be changed. We may have our ways and our plans, but God is the same yesterday, today and forever.

People drift along with the tide, having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; but listen, if we ever get a meal from the store house of God, we must go by the old humble knee route, pulling on a direct line of purity. My heart aches when I think of

how people are drifting along with the tide of time, heedless and unconcerned about where they are going.

There is an eternity to spend somewhere. This great rush will stop some day, and then all will be landed at the great Judgment bar of God, and then, oh sinner, where will you stand?

We have just had our fifth Sunday meeting. A large delegation was present, and some fine sermons were preached. We thank the Lord for that day, and we really thank God for a continuation of His blessings toward us. I think it is beautiful that our heavenly Father likens us to sheep, and those that have turned away as lost sheep. Shepherds have often related this story to us, of how a sheep will leave its leader, and will go on and on, feasting on the green grass, to the distant hills, never looking up nor around until, alas, the grass has changed its color, that which was once sweet has turned sour. It looks up, its shepherd and the flock have disappeared, and it begins to wander from place to place. At last it is found of that shepherd that is mindful of its welfare. Generally speaking, he finds it, poor, lame, thirsty, and exhausted. This is just the case of those who used to help in the choir, led in prayer, or taught a Sunday school class. First they would begin to stay out of Sunday school, then the morning worship, then the evening worship. They have done this because of the things of the world, never looking up nor around. Unless we as Christian people work to regain these lost ones back into the service, we have denied our commission. In place of hunting Scripture to lead them back to Christ the good Shepherd, we usually try to find Scripture that will condemn them, not knowing they are already condemned. We very often here may be influential in causing men and women to say, "Well, I am tired of this way of doing; I am going to do better. The drink has changed its taste, the ballroom floor has become a curse."

Listen, friends, that is the good Shepherd putting that distaste in you. Then we might ask the question, How does He find us? Just like the shepherd found that lost one, will power gone, weak-

ness has come in, and character has been blighted; then He picks us up in our moral weakness and lays us on His shoulder rejoicing (Luke 15:4). There was a time in life that I dreaded, and that was when the preacher would make the altar call. I felt it my duty to go, but wouldn't give up until I felt that I wanted to be a child of God, and live the life my mother was living. She was carrying a burden upon her heart for her children. I thank the Lord for that day when I fell on my knees at the altar and died the death to sin, and He picked me up and placed my feet on the rock, and I thank the Lord for the old time religion, that is good enough for me.

I just want to say that we have a young man in one of our Free Will Baptist churches that feels his call to the ministry, and has not started yet, but he is a good man and has the old time religion, the kind that makes folks happy. I have known him all his life, and he lives up to his duty; and I ask every one that knows the worth of prayer to pray for him, that the Lord will strengthen him and help him to take up the cross and go out into the vineyard, for the harvest is ripe, and souls are going down into eternity without God. Oh, how we need to be on the job and on our knees with a sincere heart asking God to in some way or some how to shake up the minds of the rulers of our nation and cause them to know that we are His people; and He depends on us as a people to help to save our nation.

I see my letter is getting too long. I have many more things I'd like to speak about, but think I had better close.

I sure think we had a good Q. M., with several good sermons, and among the best was Brother Rollins'. It was the first time we had ever heard him, but I hope not the last time.

We need more praying Christians and more old time salvation, for nothing less than that will land us through the pearly gates.

Pray for me, that I may ever stay in the old path, ready and willing to do what the Lord sees fit for me. May God abundantly bless our paper and its worthy editor, and the work in general.

—Mrs. M. B. Cockman.

STAHL, MISSOURI, June 3, '37.

Dear Gem Family:

I am writing to you again to let you know that I'm still in the land of the living, and am still enjoying good health for one of my age, being now 82 years old. And I am still enjoying old time salvation. I am so thankful that I am able to go and be in the service of the Lord.

As I was listening over the radio this morning, hearing the good songs of Zion, my mind went back years ago to the old songs I used to hear sung. When a small child, just a little girl, my parents would take the team and wagon and drive for miles to church. I will never forget those good old days.

I especially remember a camp meeting close to where we lived. The people were so happy, and how they would shout! There seemed to be more Spirit in the church than there is today.

I am glad the Lord says who-so-ever will may come; for that "Who-so-ever" means me, you, and everyone that will come unto Him. Let us do His will and live a life of service, so we may say with the Apostle Paul:

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith," so we may be worthy to receive that crown of righteousness.

May God bless all the Gem readers, and richly bless Brother and Sister Brown.

—Charity Hedrick.

ANTLERS, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brother and Sister Brown and Gem Family: I hope all are well and enjoying the best of health. I am still able to go, and am doing my best in the field of service, for God and the great cause. I have been pastoring three churches this year: Sulphur church twice a month, Non church once a month, and Spring Hill church once a month.

I began my revival work on Saturday night before the second Sunday in May, at Sulphur, Okla. We held a two weeks' revival meeting there with 11 conversions and 10 additions to the church.

We had an all day service at Ada on the 4th Sunday in May, with dinner on the grounds. We dedicated our new church house

there. Rev. I. W. Yandell preached the dedication sermon. We had a wonderful service. Ada has just built a new church house, out of concrete blocks. A large number of preachers and members from other churches were present.

We had an all day service at our Sulphur church on the second Sunday in May. One of the best Mothers' Day programs I ever witnessed in my life was given. Several ministers and members and visitors from other churches were present. I preached at 11 o'clock. Sure had a fine time.

On the third Sunday in April we had an Old Folk's day at Non. I preached on Saturday night, Sunday at 11 o'clock, and Sunday night. Dinner was served on the grounds Sunday. We surely did have a fine service all day. We will have these services once a year.

After leaving Ada I came by home to see my father and mother, then on to our fifth Sunday meeting at Center Point church. We had a great time there, had one conversion, a Roman Catholic married lady was converted on Saturday night. I drove back to Antlers, Okla. after services, then on to Hall church on Sunday morning. We had an all day service there, with dinner on the grounds, it was a dedication service. I preached at 11:00 o'clock. This is the church where I was ordained to preach the Gospel. I left there on the 5th Sunday eve, preached at Moyers that night, also on Monday night, then went to Miller on Tuesday and began a revival meeting on Wednesday night, and organized a Free Will Baptist church here on Sunday night, May 6th with 14 members. The meeting is still going on, praying for a great revival.

The churches where I am pastoring are getting along nicely, and still building up some. I am kept real busy in my church work, besides the revival work that has begun. The Free Will Baptist doctrine will stand when it is preached in its purity.

May the Lord bless the Gem family.

—Rev. M. M. McKee.

FOLSOM, OKLA., June 2, 1937.

The Fifth Sunday Meeting of Hopewell Association of Free Will

Baptist met with Folsom Church, Folsom, Oklahoma. on Friday, May 28, 1937. The meeting was opened by the moderator, P.H. Coffman. Rev. Mike Manners delivered a good opening message from 1 Cor. 2nd. chapter.

Saturday morning, letters were called for and received from the following churches: Oak Grove, Denison, Hopewell, Mt. Pleasant, Red Lake and Folsom. The Divine Service, Resolution, and Obituary Committees were appointed. Following a good devotional service Rev. Coonrod gave us a splendid message

Saturday afternoon committee reports were called for and received. A moment of silent prayer was held for Brother Mark Smith, a devout Christian who departed from this life in April. Following a Biblical discussion, we were dismissed in prayer by Bro. L. Fite.

The Saturday night message was preached by Rev. Fulce. The closing message was brought Sunday morning by moderator P.H. Coffman. The Spirit of the Lord was manifested and all enjoyed a blessing from God.

Good spiritual singing was furnished by the Folsom quartette and Folsom choir through out the meeting.

M.L. Bunds, Clerk.

I SIT AND ROCK ALONE

By Mrs. Lina Claxton, Hartville, Mo.

Just yesterday it seems my children
Played upon the floor,
And I wiped countless finger prints,
From window pane and door.

I kissed away a thousand tears,
And knit stockings and socks,
And tried to keep pace with the hands
That raced around the clock.

And often when at end of day,
Too tired to sleep, in bed I lay,
I'd think how nice when, children
grown,
My time again should be my own.

So now I sit and rock alone.
My hands at rest, the children gone,
No little tots upon the floor,
No fingerprints upon the door.

No knitting to do, no bruises to kiss;
Ah me! how could I know I'd fess
The very things I did love for them
to do,

When I was young, and sturdy too?

Dear God, if only there might be
Some one again who needed me!
Oh, how I wish I could go back
And live those happy days over again

NORWOOD, MO., June 26, 1937.

Dear Editor, Wife and Gem Readers:

I am writing this morning as I feel rather impressed to let all of you who know the real worth of prayer that I am still striving to enter in at that beautiful gate when the saints shall go marching in; and by the help of my dear Lord is the only way I can do this.

I do so much enjoy reading the Gem when I get it, it is just like getting a letter from home. And in sorrow or distress it is a great comfort to us to pick up the Gem and let our eyes fall on a letter or sermon from some one we can feel when we read it, that they have a clear title to a mansion in the skies, where all is love and peace and joy forever and ever.

May we all live closer to our Lord, and live so we will not be ashamed for any one to follow in our footsteps. May none of us be a stumbling block to any who may fall into our company, but may we so live that people will have confidence in us and want to be a servant of God also.

There is so much sin in the world that if there ever was a time when we as children of God should be awake and working for our Lord, it is now; for old Satan is awake and on every hand doing his uttermost to gain the victory. Let each one of us look at our own lives, are they what the Lord wants them to be? If we all would "weed our own row," as the old saying is, we would have our hands full, and then some, for I know it keeps me busy, and then lots of weeds get pretty large before I notice them, but, O how good I feel when I have noticed them and have thrown my all on the altar of prayer, and say, "Dear Lord, here I come with a burden that is more than I can bear alone;" and a sweet voice whispers, "I will help thee in time of need, call and I will help thee." The reason we have so much to bear is that we don't ask the Lord to help.

I ask an interest in the prayers of all who know the worth of prayer, that I may at any and all times be willing and ready to do what the dear Lord would have me do.

A sister in Christ,
Miss Daisy Raney.

BOWNEMONT, W. VA., June 13

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I feel just like writing this beautiful Sunday morning, after finishing reading the Gem. The talk that Eld. John B. Rollins made on Christian Giving sure was good and true, and we all know that he struck the key note to our success, if we will turn the key.

But no money, no education, has been preached in our Free Will Baptist churches to my knowing for forty years, not only preached, but practiced. Now some of our preachers are trying to get away from it, but it is hard to get anything out of a man that was put in him when he was a boy, especially when it is so easy to do.

About the first preaching I remember

anything about was when Phil Roberts and Bulu Calens came to Fall Creek and held a meeting, in a school house, and they organized a church. I was about twelve years old then. They said that if a man was called to preach, that God would furnish the message and take care of him; so all the people had to do was just to sit and listen and rejoice in the Lord. Those two preachers are now gone on to their reward and we are still reaping what they sowed; although we are seeing the great need of education and that a preacher cannot do justice to his church and work for a living. That is one of the main reasons why our denomination is not prospering like others; for we all know that we do have the real Bible doctrine.

About three years later Hiram Spiers and Will Nester, two very able ministers of that day came to Fall Creek and, for some reason unknown to me, they held a meeting in the school house on the top of the hill, and the class moved up there. I was converted there thirty-nine years ago last March. Both of those preachers are gone on, and I feel sure they are sleeping the peaceful sleep of the dead who are awaiting the return of their blessed Savior, and to hear those blessed words, "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things."

Well, when I think of those days when I was a boy, and in my mind I can see all of those good old preachers and our fathers and mothers, and even us young people, singing and praising the Lord; and how anxious we were for meeting time to come. We would find the school house full and most of the young men standing up, for the house would be crowded. Now I am about ready to start to Sunday school, and what will I find? A house almost empty.

Well, this is June 19th, so I will finish my writing. I found the church last Sunday just as I expected I would. Only a few were there, just two grown people and a few children. Dear parents, what can you expect out of your children, or what do you think is going to become of the church if you don't take more interest in the church and Sunday school than you are taking now?

Well, there was one little talk made at the quarterly meeting that did me more good than almost anything that went on, and I left it out of my report. It was Bro. Comer's testimony. I have known him for more than thirty years, he has been my pastor, and I know he lives just as he preaches; and now that his health is bad, I don't expect to see him at many more quarterly meetings.

The committee that was to meet at the Kanawha church to investigate the difference between the church and Rev. Carter Clark met at the appointed time, and the decision of the committee will be in the next quarterly meeting report.

We are expecting to start a meeting next Sunday night at Chanler's Branch and ask that you pray for our success.

—F. E. Nicholas.

NEW EDINBURG, ARKANSAS

Dear Editor, Wife, and Gem Readers:

I am again writing a report of our work for the Lord down here in S. E. Arkansas, at Old Macedonia, where there is a little band of God fearing and honoring people. With thankfulness to my Creator for having blessed me, I am happy to say that I am still receiving a few spiritual crumbs that fall from the Master's table that make me know of a surety that I am being forwarded on in divine life.

Dear brothers and sisters, since I wrote last, we have kept the good work going on. Our prayer meeting is prospering and our Sunday school is progressing, for which we are thankful.

Our good pastor, Bro. J. E. White, came for his regular appointment on Saturday night. He brought us a wonderful message, his subject being Faith. Dear readers, you can read Hebrews 11 and get the most important facts about the Heroes of Faith.

Dear folks, let us as those who claim to know God in the free pardon of our sins, pray daily that God will strengthen our faith, for it is only those that are faithful that will receive a crown of life. This brings my mind to the old song

"I'm clinging to the old rugged Cross,
When I'll lay my heavy burdens down,
I'll exchange it some day for a crown."

On Sunday morning we had Sunday school and feasted upon another good sermon on Consecration. Psal. 1 tells what a consecrated person is, and Psalm 23 says "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." I am glad that the perfect love of God casteth out fear.

Now, the best for the last, for this brings my mind to Aunt Lina's article in the last issue of the Gem, "If You Want to Go to Heaven, Kill Your Pride." Dear Aunt Lina, I am glad to tell you and the other Gem readers that forty of us here at Old Macedonia did this, and engaged in Communion and feet washing. This service means lots to me, and should appeal to every child of God. To my mind this is one of the most sacred and the humblest service that can be held. It brings us closer together in brotherly and sisterly love.

In Luke 22:14-20, Christ, desiring to eat the Passover with His disciples before He should suffer and die, v. 19, "And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me. v. 20, Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."

"He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. Then cometh he to Simon Peter; and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt

know hereafter. Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head" (John 13:4-9).

I'm happy to tell you that 23 women and 17 men practiced this example that Christ told us to follow until He comes again. The most touching feature of this service was an afflicted

brother who was unable to attend church, who desired to have his feet washed; and a deacon and four other brethren went and ministered unto him.

Our revival meeting is to begin the third Sunday in July, in which Bro. G. W. Million will assist Bro. White. We hope and pray for a good one.

Pray for us.

A sister in Christ,

Mrs. Iva Mae McClellan.

What is Your Life?

By Jas. F. Cox, Bownemont, W. Va.

I am writing this message that those who read it might stop and think just for a little while about their ways of living. This message is good for both saint and sinner; for if we Christians will look at our lives, we can get a little closer to God; and if the sinners that read this message will count the cost, they too will become Christians, and go along with us to fight against sin and the Devil.

My subject is this: "What is Your Life?" What does it mean to you, and what do you think it will be after the Judgment? Will it be a life of peace and happiness, or will it be a life of suffering and pain? We find back in the beginning that God made everything that was made; how wonderful it is to think of how God made the heavens and the earth, and the fowls of the air, and the flowers of the field, and the grass; but most of all how He took of the dust of the earth and made man, "and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul," and how He placed man in the garden to dress and keep it, and how man named all of the birds and beasts that God had created. I want you to know that God created man to get glory out of him, but he did not obey God. But man went and did just what God told them not to do. For God told them of a certain tree in the midst of the garden that they must not eat of, lest they die; but they went right on and ate of it, and Adam and Eve lost life, and brought death upon the human race.

What are you doing today? are you partaking of the forbidden fruit of the Devil, or doing the things that please God? God put life and death before Adam, and Adam chose death.

What is your life today? what does it mean to you? We find in the first chapter of the Epistle of James, that he said that man is like the grass and flowers of the field; it springs up and blooms out for a little while, and passes away.

And we find recorded in the Bible, that it is appointed unto man once to die; and after this the judgment.

So, my friends, we ought to be very careful what kind of a life we live. James says in another place that it is like a vapor of smoke, it goeth up for a little while and fadeth away. I want to say to the sinners that read this message, that God has been good to you, and has given you health and strength, and that is not all for He gave His only begotten Son to hang upon the Cross and shed His blood, that you might have a chance for eternal life. But you are still saying no to Him and going on doing everything the Devil wants you to do. Do you think that is the kind of life to live? You may think you are enjoying that kind of life; but I want to say unto you that you will have to face God and give an account for everything you do in this life. God has put good and evil before you, and He has put heaven and hell before you; which of these are you choosing today? For it is written in the Bible, in Revelation, that all nations shall be brought before Him, and the books will be opened; and whose-so-ever name is not found written in the book of life, he shall be cast into the lake of fire, which is the second death. Christ came into the world and died upon the Cross, that we should have a right to the tree of life and live; for the Bible says that what was lost in Adam was regained in Christ. He came to

seek and to save them which were lost. We find by reading the Bible that, after He was crucified, He was laid in a new tomb, and the third day He arose from the dead; and therefore He conquered death, hell and the grave; and gained back what was lost in Adam, and made open the way for us. We cannot escape dying the natural death which Adam brought upon us; but we can escape dying the second death.

But thanks be to God, that through Jesus Christ our Lord, we too can come forth from the grave and live for ever, if we live a life to please Him while we live on this earth. So, what is your life to you? For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his own soul? "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Why will men and women stand back and refuse to accept Christ as their Savior, and be ready to meet Him when He comes back to earth again? That day is coming to all; so, why not start today? For God says, "Today is the day of salvation: if you hear his voice, harden not your heart." And again, "Choose ye this day whom you will serve." Today is the time to count the cost; and what a great cost it will be to be cast into the lake of fire. Why not accept Christ today; and when He returns to earth again, be able to live in the new earth with the saints of God and all the holy angels. What a great time that will be, to live for ever, with no more death, no more sickness nor pain to bear, but all will be peace and happiness through the eternal ages! Why will you die, when Christ is willing to save you?

OBEYING THE CALL

Bro. Winford Davis is at Flint, Mich. in a meeting. Let us pray that the Lord will bless with a great victory.

Bro. John B. Rollins is in Cave Spring Association, about Thayer, Mo. in the interest of our Publishing House fund. We pray that the Lord will prosper him.

This leaves the editor alone with much work to do. —Editor.

REPORT OF INDIAN CREEK MISSION and LEAGUE RALLY

By Eld. Cecil Campbell, Carterville

On the fifth Sunday of May, we met at our Carterville church to enjoy another of our fifth Sunday meetings of the Mission and League workers.

The meeting was called to order after the Sunday school by the pastor of the Carterville church, who introduced the Mission president. After a very interesting devotional service conducted by the president, Eld. W. K. Weston of the Monett church, was called to deliver the Mission sermon. A very inspirational message in keeping with Memorial Day was delivered from a text found in Mark 14. After the message the president asked the number of missions present: Jones Chapel, Blue Eye, Monett, Macedonia, Aurora and Carterville were represented. We were glad to have with us Mission workers from Southeast Kansas and Central Western Mo. Associations. Each mission was called upon to state what they were doing for Foreign Missions.

At the noon hour the lunch baskets were taken to the dining room of the church, the tables were spread, and each one present seemed to enjoy the temporal food very much.

The League session was called at 1:30 p. m. by the associational president, Mrs. Jewell Campbell. In spite of a steady downpour of rain a splendid band of workers filled the church to its seating capacity. All the leagues were represented except one. Hannon, Mo., Fairview, Kans., and the Christian Endeavor of Carterville were also represented. A splendid program was given by members of the different leagues.

The regular routine of business was called for and disposed of, and the meeting closed at a late hour with every one feeling that the day had been a day of spiritual strength.

The next rally will be held with Macedonia church, near Purdy, P. S. A silver spoon of a set of silverware belonging to the reporter was misplaced some way that day and the owner is very sorry. If any one should know about it, please write the pastor of Carterville church. Also a luncheon cloth was misplaced.

MONETT, MISSOURI, June 21st.

Dear Gem Family:

We are up early this morning so we can be sure to get you off a letter, telling you of the splendid meeting held with Brother Allred and his people at Monett.

The meeting was a great spiritual blessing to all those who came. We had splendid crowds and the first two weeks of the meeting we did home to home work during the day, which proved a blessing. The last week, we had services at the church. The first afternoon we had a splendid service for the sick, and preached on Bible healing for the sick. Several came for prayers for their bodies.

We had 15 conversions in all, and had planned for the baptizing Sunday afternoon, but Bro. Allred received a message to come to his grandmother's funeral, and to bring a preacher with him; so it fell our part to go and conduct the funeral. It was a precious funeral service, and a large crowd. This precious old grandmother had lived a beautiful Christian life in that neighborhood. She had been a member of the Free Will Baptist church for 59 years. We also met Bro. Allred's father and mother, which was a blessing.

We then hurried back to finish the revival at Monett. So we closed out Sunday night, with a precious service and one soul saved. We thank God for such pastors as Bro. Allred and his dear wife, we will never forget them.

Another great blessing in the meeting was the Junior choir. Sister Wood takes charge of the children in these meetings and trains them to sing, and it would do your soul good to hear these splendid girls and boys sing every night.

We met lots of fine people, and praise God for them and all their kindness to us during the meeting.

We made our home with Sister Metcalf and her two splendid girls; God bless them, is our prayer.

We came to Aurora last night, and had a glorious service. We will be here all this week.

Then we go back to Texas for a tent meeting with our church at North Zuleh. Pray for us.

Yours for Jesus,
H. M. and Lizzie McAdams.

TORNADO, W. VA., June 16th.

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

I was at the Union Quarterly Meeting which convened with the Union church, near Griffithsville, W. Va., June 4, 5, 6.

We had a good meeting with all the ministers of that Q. M. present, also Rev. W. I. Marlow their Q. M. evangelist, and Rev. Widner from G V. Q. M. and Rev. Spurgeon Young, J. E. Nicholas (Deacon) and myself from Kana-wha Q. M.

Rev. Young preached at 11:00 o'clock Friday, and brought us a fine message.

They chose Rev. J. S. Stanley to preach the introductory on Friday night, with Rev. Britton Blankenship to follow. Rev. J. S. Stanley was one of Union church's charter members, also a charter member of the Union Q. M. and of the West Virginia Yearly M. His text for Friday night was, "Finally Brethren, Farewell," and he closed with these words, "Do all the good you can, and as little harm as possible to everybody." He took sick before he got home and died Thursday morning, June 10, 1937. He was 75 years, two months and two days old. He leaves to mourn his death a crippled wife and four living children: E. F. Stanley and Victor Stanley both at home; and two girls, Miss Anna Stanley at home and Mrs. Virginia Oxley of Huntington, W. Va.; and a host of friends and relatives. He has one brother and one sister living. Rev. R. L. Stanley and Miss Nancy Stanley both of Griffithsville, W. Virginia.

Funeral was conducted Saturday at two o'clock, in the presence of a large crowd of friends and relatives, by Rev. Elbert Bell and Rev. Herman Carpenter.

Funeral was preached at his home and the body laid to rest in the family cemetery on Merrit's Creek.

Dear Uncle Jake will be missed by all who knew him, for he was loved by all. But we know that our loss is Heaven's gain.

By a friend of all the family,
F. V. Nicholas.

Our Aim: Every Child in Sunday School

Have You Done With Your Child What Hannah Did With Samuel? —1 Samuel 1:28

By Mrs. Myrtle Black, Cassville, Mo.

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

What type of citizen do you want your child to be?

On Saturdays, and other days, as well, it is a familiar thing to see a lot of dirty, ragged, profane little boys, with a dirty old cigarette hanging in one corner of their youthful lips, flocking together on the square or somewhere on the street to indulge in a game of marbles (or which I tell my little boys), taking their first step in learning to gamble and shoot dice. "Ah," you'll say, "why do you censure our little boys for playing an innocent game of marbles?"

Well, because it just reminds me so much of the damnable old card games men play, when I am passing by where they are playing and hear a terrible quarrel and some swearing and all kinds of profane language going on. And sometimes a cruel fight ensues when some big bully boy in the game (playing for keeps) crooks the younger ones out of all their marbles.

Now, from the above, I want you to get a mental picture of one class of children. This is just one of the many pitiful scenes we see among so many children everywhere. Can you imagine what kind of men these boys will make? Will God get any glory out of such lives? No! Unless some one leads them to Him before it is too late. If your child is associating with a class of children like this, are you doing every thing you can to lead them in another direction? Do you set them any better example than their company proves the kind of training they are getting?

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Children are not only capable of being trained; but they will be trained in spite of us. And if we do not take them in hand, with a very definite end in view, which we must pursue with inflexible

purpose and unflagging constancy, another process will assuredly be going on, which will sooner or later fill us with dismay. We must always remember that children are always at school.

Some one has well said: "In the training of children we must remember that they have not only minds and memories to read and understand, but hearts and consciences to mark and inwardly digest what they learn by heart; not only minds and memories to make them scholars, but hearts and consciences to make them Christians, Christian disciples. They have hearts which need careful and tender nurture to train them in the love of God, and consciences which need watchful examination and strict admonition to awaken them and lead them on in His holy fear."

I have just described some of our future men citizens; probably it wouldn't be fair if I should just let the picture stand one sided. Let us look at the future women citizens of this class of people. The first picture of them that comes to my mind is the dear little girl who has not been taught how to spend her money to glorify God. She takes her spending money, which God has given her, down to the abominable theater and spends it to see something that the Devil is putting out to lead our future women down to a life of a drunken outcast. And sure enough she sees the movie stars so scantily dressed and so lavishly painted and powdered, acting their parts in such ungodly plays and stories, that it puts a desire in her heart to become an actress some time. Then the first you know she is personating the heroine in some play or picture she has seen, by putting on the same style of clothes and make up, and so on, until her reputation is ruined and she is soon a base character. Why? All because she has not been trained, that whatsoever she does, she should do all to the glory of God.

"Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and

your labor for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness' (Isa. 55:2).

The picture presented to us, of the improperly trained child, reminds us of some poor, little, weak, and physically undernourished child, who does not understand why he is so weak, and feels so bad all the time, and can't play and romp like stronger ones. All that he knows about it is that he is left out when the others are all having a good time. He doesn't realize what it is to enjoy the things others are enjoying. So the child who is not taught and brought up in Sunday school is so improperly fed on spiritual things, that he can't realize how much enjoyment there is in attending Sunday school and giving his spending money to the Lord's work.

Our dear Master said: "Feed my lambs." So I feel that when we are keeping the children in Sunday school we are feeding His lambs.

Now, there is another class of future citizens, or the lambs that are being fed. I attended Sunday school last Sunday and, as usual, was very much impressed to see so many children in the congregation. There were many more children than grown ups. It is really wonderful to see children so eager to learn of the wonderful things of God and Heaven, that they will walk a mile, and some of them come two miles, through the hot weather to attend Sunday school, and some come that distance alone. It is usually too hot and too far for the older folks to come; which goes to prove that the children are more eager to hear the "good news from a far country" than their parents are. Ah, what churches and Sunday schools we'd have if all the older ones were just as interested in all phases of the Lord's work as the children are in Sunday school!

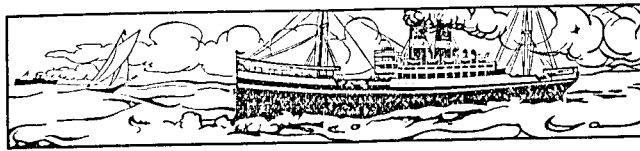
Oh, what a happy scene is afforded the Sunday school teacher

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MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT



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



The Regions Beyond



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

Good News About Missions

By Eld. I. J. Blackwelder, 1115 East Douglas, Nashville, Tennessee.

It is with great joy that I tell the readers of the Free Will Baptist Gem about the plans for the spread of the Gospel that were made during the recent session of the Eastern General Association. As many of you know already, we have been looking forward to the time when we could send Bro. and Sister Willey to the foreign field for the purpose of establishing a foreign mission station for the Free Will Baptist Church. Again, let me say that I am delighted to tell you that the time toward which we have been anxiously looking has come. Bro. and Sister Willey are to sail for Panama about the first of August, 1937. They are going to Panama instead of to South America because Bro. Willey believes that the interior of Panama offers one of the most needed and most opportune fields for pioneer mission work of any place in Central or South America. For the purpose of selecting a field in which to open up a mission post for our church was what Bro. Willey went on his expedition for last fall. Out of four needy fields Brother Willey has selected the interior of Panama. There he is to work among certain native Indian tribes, many of whom are in total darkness concerning the Gospel. Moreover, they are living in rank heathenism as they pass from time to dark, fearful, and hopeless eternity. The only thing that will meet their greatest need is the Gospel of Christ which "is the power of God unto salvation

to every one that believeth." To give them this glorious Gospel is the one objective of Bro. and Sister Willey, and also of our people who are making it possible for the Willeys to go to this needy field.

Now, to continue to support Miss Barnard and Mr. Paul in India and to put the Willeys on the desired field, and to support them after they get there, are the foreign mission responsibilities and obligations that confront us as a church at the present time. At first sight these responsibilities look rather large, but after a more careful and prayerful consideration of this work it appears to be very small. Any task undertaken under God's direction should be considered neither too large nor too small. And to those who may feel somewhat skeptical concerning the accomplishment of the task, the Angel of the Lord would say as he did to Abraham and Sarah who were doubtful concerning God's promise to give them a son in their old age. To them the angel said, "Is any thing too hard for the Lord?" Certainly there is nothing too hard for the Lord, nor for His people who are following Him. We can easily accomplish the task that lies out before us, and I am persuaded that we are going to accomplish it.

But what is necessary in order that the work we have planned may be done? First of all, it must have God's approval, and that we are convinced it already

has. Brother and Sister Willey could not afford to undertake the work they are undertaking were it not for the love of Christ that constrains them. God is calling to them and they are calling to us. Three more requisites to this and to all foreign mission work are, as the missionaries and also the Scriptures tell us, prayer, giving and going. Not all can go. Nor does God want all of us to go. He calls comparatively few of us to this great work. Not every one can give very much in cash for the support of the work. And possibly there are those who can give no money at all. However, we feel that there are very few who cannot give a dollar occasionally. But there is one thing every Christian can and should do, and that is pray. No, not all Christians pray much for foreign mission work, but they should. And prayer, first of all, is what Brother and Sister Willey, and the other missionaries too, especially ask of every one of us. But they must have our financial support too. Therefore, I am urging our people everywhere to rally to this great call of the heathen as they have never before responded. As the National Foreign Mission Treasurer these missionaries are looking to me for the necessary funds with which to carry on for Christ in the foreign fields. But I am looking to you. I can supply their needs only as our people supply the treasury. But I am not at all doubtful, for our people have not failed in the past and I am sure they will not fail now. Make your offerings as often as you can and make them as liberal as the Lord tells you to make them.

"For whosoever shall call upon

the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" (Rom. 10:13-15).

SEVEN REASONS

Why We Should Have Missionary Teaching in the Sunday School

1st. Because it is according to the Bible.

2nd. Because missions is the purpose of the church, and the Sunday school is the teaching phase of the church.

3rd. Because the church that is inactive on the issue of missions is generally a dead church.

4th. Because the youth of today are the missionaries of tomorrow.

5th. Because we should guard against the creeping into the minds of the children a disrespect for their colored neighbors.

6th. Because men generally do, and do more efficiently, that which they have been taught.

7th. Because it is about the one and only opportunity of instilling into the heart of our denomination of the future a love and zeal for Foreign Missions.

MISSION FUNDS REPORT

Following is my report of funds received for our Missionary program since I reported in last issue: Hannon church, by Mrs. Ida Claflin, Arcadia, Kans. \$2.00 Collection at service at Springfield by Rev. Willey 9.03 Allene Worsley, Bronaugh, Mo. 1.00 Jones Chapel church, by Ernestine Turner 1.00 Merl's Chapel Sunday School, by Marjorie Black 1.59 Lloyd Warren, Archie, Mo. 2.50 Third F. W. B. church of St. Louis, by Eld. W. C. Hill 3.00 Hickory Grove Church, by Bro. Willey 1.34 Mt. Zion church, by Bro. Willey 8.04 Santa Rosa Col., by Bro. Willey 3.86 Leadington ch., by Bro. Willey 4.85

Fredericktown Church, by Bro. Willey 3.88 Flat River Ch., by Bro. Willey 14.00 Desloge church, by Bro. Willey 3.56 Third Church of St. Louis, by Bro. Willey 5.15 New Home Ch., by Bro. Willey 5.75 Lebanon Col., by Bro. Willey.. 11.85 Elm Spring Ch., by Bro. Willey 1.44 New Hope Ch., by Bro. Willey.. 5.00 Harpers Chapel, by Bro. Willey 2.15 Collection, by Bro. Willey..... 14.00 True Blue Class, Neola S. S.... 5.00 Mrs. Jas. Vincent, Arcola, Mo. 1.00 Sunshine Band, Neola S. S.... 3.00 Mrs. Josephine Arbagast, Greenfield, Mo. 2.00 Thelma Maberry, Greenfield, Mo. 2.00 Preston Cross, Stockton, Mo.... 1.00 Carterville church, Carterville, Mo., by Eld. Cecil Campbell 5.00

Note: Rev. Willey will resume the Missouri tour July 12th, beginning in Union Association. He will spend one week in Union Association, then will go to Indian Creek Association, which will conclude his stay with us in Mo. In August he and his dear family plan to sail for Panama. May God help us to feel, and assume, our responsibility in much prayer and giving for the success of our Missionary Program.

—Winford Davis.

A THOUSAND TIMES O'ER

By Pauline Arnold, Tulsa, Okla.

God made this world so big and grand,
He made the river and the sand,
He made the flower and the tree,
To make it beautiful for you and me.
Should we thank Him o'er and o'er?
Oh, a thousand times, and more!

He made the sunshine and the rain,
To grow the garden and the grain,
He made the roses, so sweet and rare,
And He put the fragrance there;
There is nothing He could have done
To have made it nicer for any one.

He made Adam and gave him life,
And to make him happy, He made him
a wife,
Oh, how happy they could have been!
But Satan entered and there was sin.
If they had only obeyed God's will,
I'm sure they would be happy still.

I think the thing for us to do
Is to live a life that is upright and
true,

To pray earnestly from day to day,
For God to guide us on our way.
Should we love Him o'er and o'er?
Oh, a thousand times, and more!

IN MEMORY

Written in memory of my
loving father who passed away
eight years ago, July 1st.

—Mrs. Herman Finn.

How much we miss you, father,
No one on earth can tell.
We miss your precious footstep,
And your smiling face as well.

Not dead to those who loved you,
Not lost, but gone before;
You live with us in memory,
And will live for ever more.

Our hearts still ache with sadness,
Our eyes shed many a tear;
God only knows how we miss you,
As it dawns another year.

Never shall we cease to love you,
Never shall your memory fade;
Sweetest love forever lingers,
Around the grave where you were
laid.

Father, we hope to meet you,
When the days of life are fled;
Yes, in Heaven with joy to greet you,
Where no farewell tears are shed.

We'll march through the streets of
the city,
With our loved ones gone before;
And sit down by the banks of the river,
There we'll meet to part no more.

MY MOTHER'S BIBLE

Contributed by Mildred Wilkerson

This Book is all that's left me now!
Tears will unbidden start,
(With faltering lips and throbbing
brow,

I press it to my heart.
For many generations past,
Here is our family tree.
My Mother's hands this Bible clasped,
She, dying, gave it to me.

Oh, well do I remember those
Whose names these records bear,
Who round the hearth-stone used to
close,
After the evening prayer,
And speak of what these pages said,
In tones my heart would thrill!
Though they are with the silent dead,
Here are they living still.

My father read this Holy Book
To brothers and sister dear;
How calm was my poor mother's look
Who leaned God's Word to hear!
Her angel face—I see it yet!
What vivid memories come!
Again that little group is met,
Within the walls of home.

Thou truest friend man ever knew,
Thy constancy I've tried;
Where all were false I found thee true,
My counsellor and guide.
The mines of earth no treasure give
That could this volume buy.
In teaching me the way to live,
It taught me how to die.

—George Pope Morris.

TRAINING CHILDREN*Continued from page nine*

(whose heart is really in her work and who is really filled with the Spirit, so that she is qualified to teach spiritual things) when she appears before her class of such eager little faces, all hungry and thirsting after the good news! And, thank the Lord, we still have a few parents and young folks who are anxious to learn more about the "deep things of God." And if you are not spiritually blind, you can see expressions of eagerness on their faces also.

Don't you imagine that the look of eagerness we notice on the faces of the little ones in Sunday school, as they sit before their teacher anxiously listening to the lesson story, is the very expression the dear Christ saw on the faces of the children when He laid His hands on them and blessed them? Then when they so willingly hand in their pennies or nickles, or whatever their offerings are, I am made to think of a picture, which the artist painted, of this occasion in the life of Christ, the children coming to Christ bringing flowers in their hands. They were eager to bring Him something, probably to show their appreciation for the attention they were receiving from One so wonderful and kind.

Oh, how the children appreciate the privilege of Sunday school! How they love to get up early on Sunday morning and prepare to go to Sunday school, where they can have an individual part in the Lord's work. God says in Lev. 19:30, "Ye shall keep my sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord." In Isaiah 58:13-14—"If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath from doing thy pleasure on my holy day and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable, and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasures, nor speaking thine own words, then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord," etc.

Now, going back to the text; what is meant by training up a child in the way he should go may be said to consist of four things: (1) True teaching, or teaching of the truth which concerns it, in its relations to God

and man. We should store their minds with truth and let them know all that it is right to do, both with respect to God and man, that they be not destroyed for lack of knowledge.

(2) Example. To tell a child what is to be done is a very valuable thing, but to show him how it is done is far more valuable. Do you set your children the example of going to Sunday school regularly? Sometimes we wonder why disorder occurs in some places, at services and at Sunday school. Did you ever notice that the young folks who are in the habit of disturbing worship are, most of the time, those whose parents are not in attendance? I say that it is necessary for the parents to be in attendance if the children learn how to conduct themselves at the place of worship. Yes, even the larger boys and girls need your presence with them at church services.

(3) Discipline. In this case this word means to instruct or educate, to prepare by correct principles and habits; as, to discipline youth for a profession or for future usefulness.

(4) Prayer. Where else can we get any more help in training up our children in the way they should go than when we go to Him who is concerned for the welfare of them? They are His gifts to us and He meant them to be blessings and not curses. Then are they receiving the train-

ing that causes them to be blessings or are they neglected so that they are turning out to be a curse?

**DEAR LITTLE HEADS
IN THE PEW***By Mrs. Myrtle Black, Cassville, Mo.*

In the morn of the holy Sabbath,
I like in the church to see
The dear little children clustered,
Worshipping there with me.
I'm sure that the gentle pastor,
Whose words are like summer dew,
Is cheered as he gazes over
The dear little heads in the pew.

Faces earnest and thoughtful,
Innocent, grave, and sweet,
They look in the congregation,
Like lilies among the wheat.
And I think that the tender Master,
Whose mercies are ever new,
Has a special benediction
For the dear little heads in the pew.

When they hear, "The Lord is my
Shepherd,"
Or, "Suffer the babes to come,"
They are glad that the loving Jesus
Has given the lambs a home—
A place of their own with His people.
He cares for me and for you,
But close in His arms He gathers
The dear little heads in the pew.

So I love in the great assembly,
On the Sabbath morns, to see
The dear little children clustered,
And worshipping there with me;
For I know that my precious Savior,
Whose mercies are ever new,
Has a special benediction
For the dear little heads in the pew.

"God Resisteth the Proud"*By Mrs. Lina Claxton, Hartville, Mo.*

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scriptures is of any private interpretation, for the prophecy came not in old time by the will of men: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:20, 21).

Dear Editor, Wife and Gem Family: This beautiful morning (May 27, 1937), I am thinking of David, where he said, "Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths, lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation: on thee do I wait all the day."

In reading the Word of God,

the Holy Bible, we find that there is a heaven, a prepared place for a prepared people; then there is a hell just as sure as there is a heaven. Hell is for the unprepared people of earth.

This Book makes the way so plain the way faring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

Paul said, speaking of grace which bringeth salvation, "Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lust, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world: looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great

God and our Savior Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee" (Titus 2:12-15).

I hear that church members get drunk; oh, this is a fearful time!

"Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Thus saith the Lord, After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem. This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing. . . . I will not pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, but destroy them. Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the Lord hath spoken. Give glory to the Lord your God, before he causes darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness. But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride; and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because the Lord's flock is carried away captive. . . . Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock. What wilt thou say when he shall punish thee? . . . Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? Then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil" (Jer. 13).

How many today are willing to turn from this pride and fashion? How many are willing to say as the prodigal son when he was starving and thought of the bread his father had, and to spare? and he said (Luke 15:18), "I will arise and go to my father."

Dear ones, think of what God said: "I created you male and female in my own image." Tell God from this time on, "I will be satisfied with the way you created me;" and He will beautify you with salvation, and make your face to shine with the love of God in your heart, He will put the

best robe on you. Think of what John the Revelator said of Jezebel: "I gave her space to repent of her fornication: and she repented not."

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger." If we obey God and do His commandments, we can have a home in Heaven, the home of the soul; or we can be disobedient, and reject the Savior of the world, and go to hell where the worm dieth not and the fire is never quenched.

I think of the rich man and Lazarus, and of what a terrible place hell was for the rich man. He could cry now, and he said, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue: for I am tormented in this flame." And Abraham said, "Lazarus is comforted and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fired; so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot: neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray the therefore, Father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: for I have five brethren: that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment" (Luke 16). I was telling some folk that Jezebel (Ahab's wife) was the only woman I ever read about in the Bible that painted her face, and that she was called a cursed woman, and how the dogs ate her flesh. These folks said it was not because she painted her face. Well, anyway, when she heard that Jehu had come to (town) Jezreel, she painted her face and tired her head. And we see some mothers and grandmothers doing the same thing today. Thousands of dollars are being spent to beautify the face, but all in vain; "Why do you spend money for that which is not bread?"

I read in the Springfield paper where one of the leading school men said he would rather his pupils would wear their natural faces.

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the ungodly man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy

upon him: and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isa. 55).

When the people of Lystra tried to worship Barnabas and Paul, they ran in among the people, crying out, and saying, "Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven and earth and the sea, and all things that are therein" (Acts 14:14, 15).

Do you think of any thing that the sinner is doing, that the church member is not doing also? Jesus said, "My sheep know my voice; and a stranger will they not follow." Obey, and go to heaven; or disobey and go to hell!

I heard them sing a long time ago:

"Will you go to heaven or to hell?
One you must, and there to dwell,
Christ will come, and quickly too,
I must meet Him, so must you."

The Bible, we must remember, was written by inspired men of God; it is not what you or I may think; it is what the Word says. You may think Aunt Lina harsh, but it is meant for good. I want to show you that I am in earnest. The Word speaks of repentance, judgment, danger, hell everlasting. But now, that you listen, now that you humble yourselves, what is the Gospel? It is really good news, it is glad tidings. It was then; so it is today. Jesus said, "I am alive for evermore."

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things" (Rom. 10:15).

Oh, dear preachers, do tell the young people about the love of Jesus; the mothers, so many of them, are so busy entertaining the card party, the club, getting ready to go to the show, and so on. A lot of them don't have the money to take their church paper (The Gem), no time to read the Bible, behind on reading the latest magazine, must look about the latest fashions. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. . . . The lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the

Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

Let us sing and pray in the old time way:

"Oh for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame,
A light to shine upon the road
That leads us safely home."

God bless all who have said, "Pray for us," here at our little church, through the church paper, and though individual letters. Then those that have said face to face, "Pray for me."

Then I think of what James said, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed."

I ask your sincere prayers because I need them so much.

Our Sunday School Is Great; Let's Make It Greater

By Eld. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.

I acknowledge this to be my first time to say anything on the subject of Sunday school since being elected Secretary of Sunday School Work at Nashville Tenn. in November, 1935. It isn't that I haven't been interested; but others of our church auxiliaries have necessitated more writing than the Sunday School work has demanded, and therefore my attention has been drawn thereto. But, as we are making this issue of the Gem a special Sunday School number, I shall endeavor, at least, to have something to say.

When our National body again took on new life in the fall of '35, and our various officials were elected, among which I was selected by you as Secretary of our Sunday School work, one of the first questions that came to my mind was "What is there that I can do?" That question has many times reentered my mind. Our brethren in the East were already printing our Sunday School literature, and had been for many years; for which we are thankful. So, at our State meeting last fall, we voted to co-operate with them relative to Sunday School literature, which record, to be exact, reads as follows:

"We recommend that we co-operate with the Ayden press as regards Sunday school and league literature, helping to make it better in every way we can"—(last paragraph in report of committee on Denominational Enterprises, page 13 of Mo. State minute, '36). I would urge every Free Will Baptist Sunday school to use our own literature. If we do not patronize our own enterprises, thereby

keeping them moving, it is certain that no other people are going to do so. The greater support we give our publishing concerns, the better literature will be furnished, I am sure. If it should be that you are not all together satisfied with your literature, then tell your denominational officials about it; because such things they sincerely want to know.

We should be better organized in our Sunday school work. We should know our Sunday school strength. We are entirely too slack on statistics. I earnestly desire, and I am sure that desire is mutual, to see our denomination more perfect. I keenly feel and clearly see the need of a better understanding among us and a closer drawing together.

It is certain that the Sunday school is one of the greatest arms of the church, and its contribution to the church and the upkeep of morals is of far more value than ever we could estimate. Statistics tell us that about 90% of our church recruits come from the Sunday school. In what evangelistic experience I have had during my short ministry, I find it not nearly so hard to reach the young people who have been raised up under Sunday school influence. They will far more readily accept the Christ and be saved than will those who have been allowed to run harum scarum on Sunday; which life usually comes to some bad and sad end.

But while I am speaking, I will say this: We should guard carefully against the common practice in many places of today, that of promoting pupils from the Sun-

day school over into the church, and many of them without a saving knowledge of Christ. Such practice is doing great and telling harm to the church of Jesus Christ. No individual has any business becoming a member of any church regardless of morals, clean or unclean, until he or she has had a definite experience with God. Christian education is much needed, but that alone will never solve the sin problem, even in a child's life. I believe it was Moody who gave a bit of his experience, saying; "A small lad came to the altar of prayer, a lady kneeled by him and began to exhort him that he had been a good boy, and had no sins to be forgiven," etc. Moody said he saw something had to be done. He crowded his way in between them, telling the boy he was a sinner, undone, lost and without God; and to repent of his sins and believe in Christ as his personal Savior. Such instruction as this lady's, either in revival or Sunday school, are as dangerous as the wriggling viper among your babies on the carpeted floor.

So, in speaking of Sunday school we are dealing with a truly great and important subject. I could go on and talk to you at length; but I don't want to take too much space in the paper. I will close by saying, if you have any outstanding Sunday school difficulties, let us know what they are. We would like to help you if we can. If we can do so, we are at your service. Some one said a church with a prayer meeting under one corner, and a Sunday school under the other would never fall. Surely he was right.

Yours for a greater Sunday school program.

REPORT OF PUBLISHING HOUSE FUND

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

Neoma Lincoln, Esther, Mo. . .	\$10.00
Flat River League, paid by	
C. B. Dees, Flat River, Mo. . . .	10.00
Hannon Mission Circle, paid by	
Marie Smith, Liberal, Mo. . . .	5.00
—Winford Davis, Sec'y.	

Efficient Home and Sunday School for Christian Training

By Emory E. Smith, Monett, Mo., Judge 24th Judicial Circuit.

The demands upon moral character were never so great as now, and for that reason what an exacting and awful responsibility is laid upon parents. How I tremble when I think of it! If that responsibility is gladly assumed and faithfully discharged, success and victory of the greatest magnitude will crown the efforts of life. But if the family, home, and Sunday School training is neglected, if parents fail in the line of duty, colossal and grievous beyond expression is that failure.

There are many enemies of the home; some of which I shall mention later. Life, today is strenuous; competition is sharp and keen. Hurry and hustle are the orders of the day, until there seems very little time for the family. This is all a great mistake, and parents will bitterly regret making the rearing of the family a second rate matter.

I stated I would mention some of the enemies of the home. The chief factor in juvenile delinquency in the Court is not vicious tendencies, but wrong environment. And the first of these is the inefficient home. The public school system of our country is a wonderful institution, but it will never take the place of the home in the proper Christian character development, and if it is an inefficient home, the child will not get the proper Christian training in the Sunday School.

The second factor in wrong environment is the public arena. This includes the streets, pool rooms, road houses, and public



Judge E. E. Smith

dance halls. It seems difficult to remove the vice breeding factors in the community, because the dollar is too much the standard. Recreation and amusement for the young has been too much in the hands of those who care not how many souls they send to destruction so long as they can line their pockets with unholy gain.

A great many of the petty crimes are due to the sheer spirit of adventure. Many boys in the teen age, immediately following school, find no restraint in either tradition or character. They are constitutionally unable to enjoy anything continuously, and they follow their vagrant wills unhindered. How powerfully the actions of today influence the conduct of tomorrow! Parents seem to forget that eternal vigilance is not only the price of liberty, but of morals, of clean living, and everything worth while, with a cost of \$10,000,000 per year in criminal costs; with 3,500,000 boys' and girls' lives ruined annually, 200,000 delinquent children, and

500,000 dependent and neglected; a total of 1,500,000 major crimes annually. Every individual is paying a minimum of \$10 per month criminal costs. It's time we should awaken!

It is not the child who is at the bar for justice, but society—the home and the parents. Youth is only secure, when hedged in by church, school, and proper home influence.

It is the duty of ordered society to build for law observance. We have let the renegade entrench himself. We have let power concentrate into hands which do not deserve it. We have been surrendering to the forces of evil the things which rightfully belong to us, until the current of sin and evil is so strong that youth nor age can pull it in their own strength. It will take good homes, church training, schools, and the infinite grace of the Master to stem the tide.

Let us help the sons and daughters of this land to be stalwart men and women, clean and honest in their lives, and thinking with the melody of God in their hearts; a smile of His sunshine on their faces; glad to live and not afraid to die—then shall we conquer.

NOTE: Judge Smith has been for a number of years, and still is, of inexpressible value to the section included in Missouri's 24th Circuit. This is so because of his fair and righteous, yet firm deliberations as a judge. He is worthy of any honor or position which might be conferred upon him.—Winford Davis.

TULSA CHURCH NOTES

Evelyn Miller, Reporter.

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

Just hope this reaches you in time for the next paper, sickness in the home has caused the delay. When our last report went in we were at the close of our third week of Sister Welch's revival, with much good already accomplished and victory was almost won.

Her messages continued on for two more weeks, she speaking most of the time three times daily; praise the Lord for her wonderful strength, consecrated life and amazing ability to deliver the Word.

During her five weeks at Tulsa church, we saw 28 conversions, 17 additions to the church and nine bap-

tized. Our love offering to her was \$80.09. On leaving our church, she preached in the Davis, Turley and Owassa churches, but we do not have a report of her success there, but I am sure God is showering many blessings upon her work wherever she goes, as Tulsa members have certainly been blessed by her presence here.

On Sunday, June 20th, our church was well represented at the Sunday School rally at the Kellyville church, but only got to prepare a very short program. Liberty church having the best program, was presented with the banner. A little girl from Olive church with a reading took second honors and was given a beautiful Bible.

At this time Bro. Bingham is in

the second week of nightly services at Davis church, with four converted and several in the altar, with a mighty Spirit prevailing throughout the entire audience.

We are very thankful that the Lord has made it possible for us to purchase a much needed new Grand piano, receiving on the first night \$139.00 in cash and pledges as a part payment.

Also we are very grateful to the Tulsa Funeral Home for a gift of 150 fans.

The past Sunday was election of Sunday school teachers and officers, with most of the old staff being retained for another six month period.

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

Do We Want The Gem To Die?

By John B. Rollins, Purdy, Mo.
Superintendent of the Missouri State
Publishing House Program.

Dear Gem Readers:

I want to reason with you about our wonderful little Free Will Baptist Gem. I want to talk with you about the greatest opportunity the Free Will Baptist denomination has ever had. I am firmly convinced that without a medium of communication, we are a dead issue. We want a school in which to train young men and women for efficient service in life, but without an avenue of communication, we can never build and maintain a school. We have a Foreign Missionary Field, **thank God!** Yet, without some system of communication, we are defeated already. I am deeply concerned over the fact that we cannot go forward without a publication.

We have a publication, but shall we let it die? God forbid! God has smiled His approval upon our denomination. We have been a humble people. I say, we have been humble and it has been to our good. I contend for the humble way, but humbleness does not mean slothfulness or idleness. Inactivity will accomplish nothing. What shall we do about it? God has promised that the "willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land." Seemingly, we are obedient, but are we "willing and obedient"? If we are, our publication will not die. We shall have a greater Publishing House, a bigger Foreign Missionary Field, and a Fundamental School.

We must do something now! We do not own all the equipment used to print the Gem. Our good editor owns and pays taxes on the presses and the office building. It should belong to the denomination. Mr. Brown has offered to sell us two good press machines and all the printing furniture that goes with them.

Let us act! Let us buy this equipment to go with our linotype to make a house sufficiently equipped to print a paper. While we are doing it, let us do it right and buy an office building to properly house our printing establishment. This is the motive back of the

\$5,000 Publishing House Program of the Missouri State Association. If we sit idle and watch a few more years slip upon Mr. Brown until he is forced to retire from active service, or perchance, he is called on to his reward, then we will have our boasted property of one good linotype - and nowhere to put it! If we raise the small amount necessary to purchase the balance of the equipment in the Gem office, and stop with that, we would be worse off, having an equipped printing establishment with nowhere to put it. The office building is as necessary as the equipment,

We are obligated to carry out the purposed plans or else we are to lose our publication. To lose our avenue of communication, means a loss of interest in our denominational work and in the work of the Lord. To lose interest in the work, means a failure in our Foreign Mission and every thing else that we have or ever hope to have. We cannot afford to sit down. We will be ruined if we do. But we are sure to lose

if we sit idle until Mr. Brown is out of the picture entirely. Let us begin in time, and that time is now!

The newly purposed publishing house is to be owned entirely by the Missouri State Association and is to be governed by the association through the Publication Committee. Let us support this program. We can carry it out. We have 125 churches with a total membership of something upward of 7,000 in Missouri. The Superintendent of the Publishing House Program has been touring the state raising funds by donations and gifts and offerings. At this writing, he has visited 30 churches and the treasurer has \$380.00 cash and there is fully \$400.00 pledged. Our goal is to raise \$2500.00 by October of this year. We want the cooperation of all our people. Some have given to this cause who do not belong to the denomination — May the Lord bless them.

Most of our people are donating by organized groups, as Sunday School Classes, Mission Circles, the Church Organization, etc. The item of donation is \$10. Let us keep the good work going.

The Gem is getting better and bigger and it is our aim for it to continue to grow. May the Lord bless all.
— J.B.R.

How Shall We Escape?

By Bessie Black, El Dorado, Kansas.

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (Heb. 2:3).

This text is one that should concern every man, woman, boy and girl: and if they realized their lost condition, it would concern them. But the majority of people do not stop to think about their condition, nor their destiny in such a condition. The question of my text has been facing the human family ever since the fall of man.

The first thing I would call your attention to is the words, "so great salvation." Let us consider first of all the mighty deliverance expressed in the text. When we think of what this great salvation delivers us from, it is truly a mighty deliverance.

God has said that every man must answer for his own sins. And when we think of being delivered from the burden it is more wonderful than we can ever tell.

God said, "All we like sheep have gone astray."

Let us listen to the invitation given to us by Isaiah: "Ho, every one that thirsteth, Come ye to the waters." The call is for you, my friend, if you are out on the dark mountains of sin. Oh, that I could help you to see the great deliverance in this great salvation!

Again, let us see what Revelation says: Listen how the invitation rings out to you, my friend. "The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come." And I am so glad it included you and me.

And listen, God says the wages of sin is death. So if we go on and neglect, we are going to meet God some day and give an account of how we have used our opportunities. But I am glad to tell you that we don't have to go on in this condition; we can be delivered from this awful death, for it says in John 3:16, that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that we might have everlasting life.

Jesus said, as He wept over Jerusalem, "How often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not."

Oh, my friend, God is calling you. Let me urge you to hear now, for He says, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man." You know that we can reject God so long that He will no longer call us. We find where He says, "Ephraim is joined to his idols: let him alone." I can't think of anything that would be any sadder than for God to withdraw His Spirit from us, never to give it again.

How I wish I could get every lost soul to stop and think what a sad thing it would be to come to that place! But we can be delivered from that, if we will but come to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Oh, that you would come today and settle it all, now. For truly, the way of the transgressor is hard.

But this is not the only side of the question: we are delivered to something as well as from something; we are delivered to a life of service and blessing, which is far more enjoyable, not only to the one saved, but to the ones he comes in contact with: for we cannot be a blessing in a true sense if we have not been delivered from this load of sin that doth so easily beset us, or upset us. Not only are we delivered to something in this life, but to a life that lasts forever, where there will be no more sorrows, and where God will wipe away all tears from our eyes. Won't it be wonderful? And I get home sick to go there sometimes, don't you? And if we have been delivered, we can go there some day.

Jesus said (John 14), "I go to

prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself." Isn't it wonderful? Let us prepare ourselves by accepting this great salvation, and we will be ready when He calls for us; and without it we will not be ready.

Let us read of Daniel, how he was delivered from the lions' den. We will agree that that was a great deliverance, but to be delivered from sin is a greater deliverance than that, for Jesus said, "Fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

Then let us call your attention to the three Hebrew children that were cast into the fiery furnace, were they destroyed? No. Was it the Author of salvation that delivered them? Yes, this was a great deliverance, but we are delivered from the flames of hell which is far worse than the fiery furnace. Why? I'll tell you why. Because they last forever.

Next thing I would have you to notice is why this is so great salvation. Because of the tremendous price paid for it. God could have done no more than He did to provide this great salvation for us. He gave the most wonderful Being Heaven contained, let Him come down from His home in glory to suffer and die, and for whom? For you and me, that we might have life and have it more abundantly.

The next thing I would call your attention to is the danger expressed in the word "neglect." Many times when we talk to people about salvation they will say, "Not now, but some other time I will seek the Lord." Listen, my friends, I know of no place in the Bible where it says wait to seek God, but it does say, "Today is the day of salvation," and "now is the accepted time." So it may be when we are ready to call on God, He will not hear us. And let me call your attention to the Scripture where it says, "I have called, and ye refused." Again, "Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer." I can't think of anything that would be worse than coming to the place God would no longer hear our prayers.

Oh, that I could get every un-

saved person to see what a sad thing it would be to neglect so great salvation. My friend, if you neglect until death overtakes you, it will be too late, for in this life only do we have a chance to prepare to meet God.

Joshua said, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve."

Again I ask you, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" According to the Word of God there is no escape.

SONG— "Take Up Your Cross"

By Miss Anna Reed, Desloge, Mo.

Is your faith in God shaken, my brother,
As the cares of life and burdens oppress?

Surely you've forgot to pray
And trust Jesus on the way,
Won't you take up your cross today?

CHORUS

Take up your cross today, my brother,
Follow Jesus in the strait and narrow way,

We must read the Word and pray,
If we would win a crown,
And be ready for the Judgment day.

Have the many plans of life been defeated?

Have the crops all failed to pay?

The cattle on a thousand hills

All belong to Him—

Just read what the Word has to say.

—Chorus

Think of Daniel in the den of lions,
Of the three Hebrew children in the fire,

With the furnace extra heated;

The Devil was defeated;

He's the same loving Father today.

—Chorus

Brother Joseph was sold down into Egypt.

"Jealous brothers the cause," we say.

He became a man of power,

The man for the hour,

When God sent a famine that way.

—Chorus

Jeremiah was placed in the dungeon,
Right down in the miry clay,

But God delivered him from prison,

And took him on to heaven;

He cares for His children today.

—Chorus

John was banished to the Isle of Patmos,

"A lonely life," we would say,

But a voice spoke from Heaven,

The vision then was given,

He walked and talked with Jesus every day.

—Chorus.

Take courage, my brother, look upward,
God is on the throne today;

What He has done for others,

He will do for you;

Oh, take up your cross while you may.

—Chorus.

Boys and Girls Neglected at Home Get Into Court

By Emory C. Medlin, Cassville, Mo.

For several years it has been a favorite sport of mine to watch men in public offices. I doubt if I have not learned as many worth while things to me from that source as from any other, considering the time I have used.

I have enjoyed the study of men in the offices of Prosecuting Attorney and Sheriff more than any other office. The reason for this is that these two offices have the job of doing something or allowing it to go undone. A great many times officers are just machines and just do things that come to them in the regular course of affairs. In my opinion in the hands of these two officers are to a very large degree the making of the future of the people over whom they serve.

I feel that I have seen the growing up of criminals in my county. I have watched slot machines and gambling devices come and go as

new officers take their offices. Some officers have a high regard for their oath and their duty, while others have smiled at the law violaters.

Statistics show that of the boys and girls who attend Sunday school, a very small per cent are ever brought into Juvenile Court, while a large per cent of those who are brought before the bar of justice are boys and girls who have been neglected at home.

Note: Mr. Medlin who is Prosecuting Attorney of the home county, in which our paper is published, is doing a wonderful work in his rigid campaign against vice and crime. He is gaining the high regards of the church and the Christ loving people of Barry County, Missouri.

Mr. Medlin is a member of our Macedonia church.

—Winford Davis.

Origin of Southeast Missouri S. S. Convention

By O. B. Womack, Leadington, Mo.

To begin with, Elders H. M. and Lizzie McAdams, together with others of the Free Will Baptist in the Flat River district, were prompted by a desire to promote the Sunday School work in our denomination in this part of S. E. Missouri, hence the idea of organizing a fifth Sunday meeting which was later officially named the Sunday School Convention, which composed of the Sunday schools of St. Francois County, and a short time later on the Sunday school of St. Louis asked for membership with us and was accepted. This made a total of six schools in our organization.

The first meeting was held sometime between Jan. 1, 1929 and March 30, 1930, and it seems there was no program, but just a partial organization consisting of the election of a president. This was the only officer so far as I know, chosen at this time. Bro. Willard Lackey was chosen as the first president. Desloge church was named as the next place of meeting, March 30, 1929. At this meeting two more officers were

chosen, Bro. Rubert Arnoldi was elected as vice president and Bro. O. B. Womack Secretary-Treas., and I have been serving continually since that time, and am at the present time serving in that capacity.

Eld. S. A. Hand, Bro. Arthur Forshee, Bro. Irvin Mills and Eld. Alvin Halbrook who is now the president have all served as Pres.

The intentions of this organization were to promote co-operation among the Sunday school workers by way of discussing the problems of teaching, giving the benefit of each others experience, and also other problems of the work. And the social features of coming together each fifth Sunday are also beneficial. Then we adopted the statistical report system to keep in touch with the loss or growth of the Sunday school work which we have found beneficial.

In conclusion let me say that I recommend such an organization to others in the promotion of the Sunday school work.

The Sunday schools of Madison Co. were admitted a few years

ago and were a part of our organization of schools in that county, but they are no longer a part of our body. During their stay with us the organization was named "The Southeast Missouri Sunday School Convention of Free Baptist," and we still continue by that name. We think the Conventions of the past have been helpful, and are still, and I would hope this information which I have given will be satisfactory and may God bless our denomination; and may we as Christians and Sunday workers strive to teach the Word in all of its purity, and may it be as seed sown in good ground.

O. B. Womack, Sec.-Treas.
Leadington, Mo.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Christian Friends:

It just came to my attention through the registration office of the Chicago Conservatory that there are many music teachers throughout the Southland who are inquiring as to how they may arrange an appointment with me for an audition or trial lesson this summer. I can assure you I shall be glad to meet and talk with any music loving person or teacher including advice regarding ability, etc. Whether I shall have time to give them a lesson is more than I can say for the present. However, to those who would like an audition wish for my opinion and advice regarding their ability, I would suggest you communicate with the pastor at whatever of the churches I shall appear nearest you and arrange the time, hour and place of audition with him. Being a contracted teacher I am not allowed to instruct outside the Conservatory which would necessitate or require the regular fee for my service. For a private lesson the charge is \$5.00 and for those who desire an audition with my personal advice the charge would be \$10.00 for a group of four. There are many people who feel they have real musical ability and talent but just never knew for sure and so never really do anything about it. Now is your chance to find out just what your ability is and just how talented you really are.

Aside from teaching on the college staff of the Conservatory and serving on their Board of Examiners, I was recently appointed Director of the Chicago Teacher's Demonstration Classes for public school music teachers in the city of Chicago and the school systems of the outlying area.

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

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 Friday morning 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. Carrauthers, 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.

CAVE SPRING Association will be held with Cave Spring church, beginning on Friday morning before the fourth Sunday in August, 1937.

Adrian Jenkins, Clerk, Myrtle, Mo.

SALENE Association will be held with Macedonia church, in Cleveland County, Arkansas, beginning at 9:00 o'clock a. m. on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1937.

Eld. R. M. Moore of Star City, Ark. to preach the Introductory sermon.

This will be the 41st annual session. Lewis Barker, Ass't Clerk,

New Edinburg, Ark.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI Association will convene with Center Point church, two and one-half miles southeast of Santa Rosa, Missouri, beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1937.

Eld. T. C. Ferguson of Weatherby, Mo. to preach the Introductory sermon. Melba White, Clerk, Plattsburg, Mo.

WESTERN GENERAL Association of Free Will Baptist will convene with Oak Grove church, about eight miles north of Norwood, Mo., on Tuesday night before the second Sunday in November, 1937 (Nov. 9, 1937).

Eld. I. W. Yandell of Oklahoma City, Okla. is to preach the Introductory sermon, Eld. Melvin Bingham of Tulsa, Okla. alternate.

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

NORTHEAST MISSOURI Association will convene with Hazel Creek Church on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1937.

Eld. Noel Turner to preach the Introductory sermon.

Eld. Noel Turner, Clerk, Greentop, Mo.

LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER Association of Free Will Baptist will convene with Pleasant Grove church, near Newhope, Pike County, Ark., beginning Thursday night, Sept. 2nd, and shall continue in session over Sunday.

Eld. E. J. Oneel, Mod., Newhope, Ark. R. D. Smith, Clerk, Newhope, Ark. M. J. Smith, Cor. Clerk, Newhope, Ark.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown and Gem Readers: If I may have space in our dear paper, I wish to announce our Southeast Missouri Ministerial Conference of Free Will Baptist which will convene at Mill Creek, Missouri July 7, 8, 1937.

Our subject for discussion will be "The Relationship of the Church to the Mission Field" (at home and abroad). Brethren, this is something that we should be very much interested in. There are great things that can be accomplished by tireless efforts and I am one with many others that want to see it go over the top for God.

Come and be with us, and help us, and remember us in your prayers.

JULY IS BUDGET MONTH

Pastors, this is the time to collect the budget of ten cents per resident member in all our churches of the State of Missouri. Fifty per cent of the budget is to be used to defray the expenses of the local Association, and fifty per cent is to be sent to the State Association. It is very needful that we have a full budget at our Association this fall. Let us respond accordingly.

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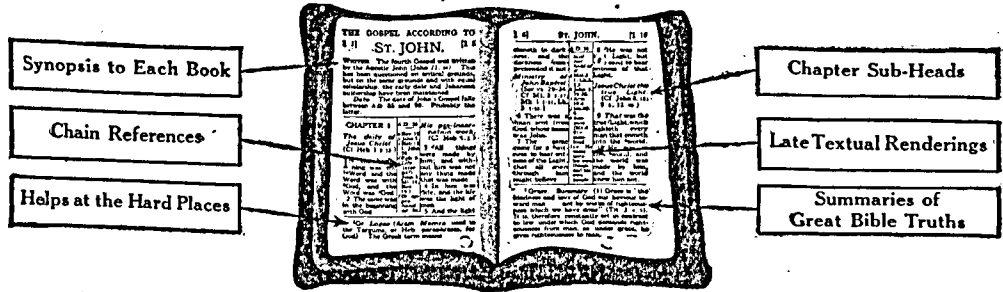
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