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Missions



Surely our Lord included us too, when he said unto his apostles, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations:.. and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:19, 20). We see by this that the field is large indeed; and the work is not only great, but is very important. This is true because our Lord commanded it and because the most valuable things in the world are to be reached for the Lord. We are not to do this work in our own strength, nor do we go alone; for Jesus will go with us. It has been nearly 2,000 years since this commission was given. The time must be nearly up for our Lord's return; so what we do we must do quickly.

We can't all go to carry the message to the heathen, but we can all help: Some are called to go, those who cannot go should pray, and all of us should pray. God doesn't call all of us to go, but He does call all of us to cooperate with and help those He does call to go.

Brother T. H. Willey, whose picture appears at the top of this column is our Missionary to South America. He and his family are now at Cristobol, Panama, in care of American Bible Society. Read their messages on pages sixteen and seventeen. We shall never forget Bro. and Sister Willey and our wonderful fellowship with them before they went to Panama.

They are there for at least three years; and are our obligation. Let us not forget to pray, and to pay as we are able. What they accomplish with those people who sit in darkness, and have never heard of Jesus, will depend, at least in part, on how we meet our obligation: for we have promised to support them.

—The Editor.

Publication

I know that many of our people appreciate our publication, "the Gem," but I also know that there are Free Will Baptist who do not so much as know that we have a publication, and some know of the Gem, but do not care much for it.

The Gem is published in the interest of Free Will Baptist everywhere, and we are doing our best to make it to serve our people in the largest sense possible. It is bigger and better than it used to be, and is ALL that we can make it with present equipment and resources.



But we do not feel that we are at the end of the rope—there is hope and promise of something better for the near future. As many of you know, we are raising money to enable the Gem to fill a larger place in the worthy and worthwhile work our denomination has set out to accomplish. This plan surely must meet with the approval of our God: for it is really succeeding. And when the money is raised and applied, the publishing house with all the equipment will belong to the Free Will Baptist of Mo.

Brother John B. Rollins is our field superintendent, and has done well in raising money for this cause. He has one year left in which to finish raising \$2,500.00, which he can easily do, if we all co-operate with him and do our part. See Bro. Rollins' article on page 18 of this issue of the Gem.

—The Editor.

Evangelism

The work of our denomination is not all in one channel or direction, but it is all important, and all works together to the accomplishing of one end; to reach lost sinners with the Gospel; and lead them to "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

Since Jesus said (Mark 16:15), "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature;" it should be our principal business in life to preach the Gospel. We believe that men called and qualified of God should be encouraged and enabled to go out and set forth the doctrine and preaching of evangelical principles; and at our State Association we elected Brother Sam Marcum of Cameron, Mo. to be our State Evangelist. Bro. Marcum goes without pay from the body.

Bro. Marcum is God's man, and at the service of any church where it may please God to send him. If you want him for a meeting at your church, ask God about it, and if the answer is favorable, I am quite sure you can arrange with Bro. Marcum. We recommend him to be a man of God, a good preacher, and a good evangelist. His wife goes with him and is first class help in a meeting.

While it is our evangelist's work to conduct meetings and get people saved, there is much for others to do for a successful meeting, the evangelist cannot do it all; there is work every Christian should do.

—The Editor.



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GRATITUDE

By Miss Cassie Kelsey, Greentop, Missouri

As we are nearing the time of year that has been set aside as a day of giving thanks to our Creator for supplying our needs, are we, as our Pilgrim fathers, reverent about our "Thank you?" Do we have a faith that is strong enough to look beyond the gloomy horizon, a larger not amply supplied, and homes in the making, to a God who can supply all our needs both temporal and spiritual. Are we strong enough to let our friends and loved ones know of this implicit faith?

When we celebrate the birthdays of Washington, and Lincoln, or the Fourth of July, there is a deep motive back of the celebration—that we may accept the principles which inspired these great men and that these principles may become our patriotic motives. So, as we commemorate Thanksgiving, may we do it in a prayerful way, may our hearts beat more fervently throughout the year in gratitude to God for His many blessings. Shouldn't gratitude go with us throughout the year? Every day should be a season of thanksgiving because of what the Gospel means to us and to those round about us.

Thanksgiving within our hearts will so tender them that we will have no desire to say, as the disciples of old said, "Send the multitudes away"—but it will make us so concerned about our brethren that we will be willing to go more than "the mile," if need be. Too, we will be anxious to acquaint them with the Christ who looked not only after the spiritual needs of humanity, as He dealt out the bread of eternal life, and asked them to drink deeply from the eternal springs, but He thought of their physical needs as well. The weary, brokenhearted, the one who had fallen, the lame and the blind, He loved them all. Do we? Are we showing it?

The story is told of a man who realized he must make it possible for a certain young lady, who was financially pressed, to finish her study. She was very talented and unless she had three hundred dollars she would have to cease her study. He gave her this amount, not as a loan, but as a gift—the only obligation attached was this: She was to pass this gift on to some other friend in need. She finished her study and became a famous sculptress. Later she saw a friend in need, and passed the good work on. The three hundred dollars passed on and on, and the first giver never realized the good his gift had accomplished.

Not many of us have three hundred dollars in cash to offer as a gift, but each of us can have the love of God radiating within us so pronouncedly that we can give out the cheerful message of His love to suffering and downhearted humanity, that many hearts may be filled with Gratitude and Thanksgiving, because they have found God; because we have passed their way. Let us make this Thanksgiving a real day of blessing and spiritual uplift to those about us.

"Faith came singing into my room,
And other guests took flight;
Fear and anxiety, grief and gloom,
Sped out into the night.
I wondered that such peace could be,
But Faith said gently, 'Don't you see
They really cannot live with me,'"

Our Wonderful Bible

By the Editor

Continued from Last Month

Having taken Jerusalem from the Jebusites, he (David) built his home there, and made Jerusalem the civil and religious center of all Israel, and before giving up the reins of government to his son Solomon, he purchased the ground (2 Sam. 24:18-25) where the temple (Solomon's) was built after Solomon became king.

I have just briefly mentioned a few of the important things of this Second Book of Samuel; but, if these things interest you, why not carefully read the entire book?

The sixth of the Books of Practice is the First Book of the Kings, also called the Third Book of the Kings. First Kings takes up the history of the kingdom of Israel where Second Samuel left it; and, first of all, tells of David's declining strength, the plot of Adonijah to seize the kingdom, the anointing of Solomon king over Israel, and the death of David. This book records the history of the kingdom of Israel for about 118 years. After the death of David, it takes up the history of the kingdom under Solomon, and records many interesting things about King Solomon: How he disposed of his father David's enemies; how, in answer to his prayer for wisdom, he was given wisdom, riches and honor; how he chose his cabinet of advisors and helpers and prospered in his kingdom; then in chapters 5, 6, 7, and 8, it tells how he made preparations and built the temple, brought in the Ark of the Covenant, preached the dedication sermon, and offered the dedication prayer. God was pleased with Solomon, and appeared to him the second time and confirmed the Davidic Covenant; and Solomon, by his obedience, became famous. The Queen of Sheba heard of Solomon's greatness, and came to visit him, bringing many costly presents (chapters 9 and 10). "But king Solomon loved many strange women," from many heathen nations. "And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart." This was very bad for Solomon and his people: for the Lord was angry with Solomon for going after other gods, which thing God had commanded him not to do; so the Lord stirred up adversaries unto Solomon, and the Lord rent the kingdom from Solomon and

gave ten tribes to Jeroboam. Solomon died after reigning forty years in Jerusalem, and was buried at Jerusalem (chapter 11).

In the call of Abraham (Gen. 12), God purposed, among other things, to establish a kingdom in which men, called and anointed of God, should rule and reign for God. Under the Abrahamic Covenant the people became heirs of promise. Grace prepared a deliverer (Moses), provided a sacrifice for the guilty, and by divine power brought them out of bondage; but at Sinai they willingly, but rashly exchanged grace for law. But the theocracy continued until the people rejected God's rule over them and demanded a king to be like other nations. Saul failed to rule for God, but David was a man after God's own heart and for most part ruled by divine wisdom, and Solomon, because of his unselfish desire to rule for God, was wonderfully blessed and prospered until his heart was turned away by many heathen wives. Solomon's folly caused the division of the kingdom.

The division of the kingdom was not until the death of Solomon, and then for David's sake, the tribe of Judah, together with the tribe of Benjamin, was given to Solomon's son Rehoboam. But Rehoboam had so completely cast God out of his life that he followed the counsel of the godless young men, and rule in self-will to his own hurt and to the hurt of his people, causing them to become great sinners. Rehoboam was the son of Naamah an Ammonitess; and he "did according to all the abomination of the nations which God had cast out." Rehoboam not only rejected the counsel of the old men, but he rejected God. As a result of his wicked doings, God only permitted him reign seventeen years.

Now, the place to worship was still at Jerusalem, neither had God provided any other place of worship. Jeroboam knew this, and feared lest the people of his ten tribes should return to worship God at Jerusalem, and would return to Rehoboam; "Wherefore the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan"

(1 Kings 12:28, 29). Thus did Jeroboam make the children of Israel to sin.

Both of these kings led their people in worship: but it was prompted by the law of their own depraved hearts, and was against God. There are many even today who are teaching a man-made religion, and multitudes are following them—to destruction. They deny all the fundamentals of salvation by faith; we wonder why they preach such stuff, and why people will believe it: for it manifests no power of God and holds out no hope for the soul. The Bible sets forth two persons, and calls each of them "Father." One of these is God, and the other is the Devil, and one or the other is Father to each of us; we must choose which shall be our father. The folks we mention here are certainly not God's children; therefore they must be the Devil's children, and are working for him as he directs. He is the same old Devil that played havoc with Israel in the days of Solomon and others.

The record shows that the people of Judah and Israel sinned against God; which brought moral darkness, idolatry, strife, ruin. It was worse in Israel than in Judah—in Samaria (Israel) they had eight kings in 104 years; and in Judah they had five kings in 94 years, two of them counted as good kings who tried to honor God. Conditions grew worse and worse, and the people worshipped idols more and more, until they were sent into captivity to cure them of their idol worship. Yes, the people were given opportunity to know and serve God, but they chose their own way—in disobedience.

At the opening of chapter 17 Elijah the prophet comes on the scene, and for the next 40 years Elijah is the dominant figure in the history of Israel (Samaria). The people had their representatives (the priest) with God, but it availed them but little good, because both the priests and the people were careless and disobedient toward God. Elijah was God's representative with the people; and, because of his trust in God and his obedience to God, he accomplished wonderful things.

Read (1 Kings chapters 17 to 22) about how Ahab's covetousness brought his doom, and how this doom was accomplished through his pride in going to Ramoth-gilead. And the life of Ahab illustrates what woe and destruction will come to persons who live and do as he did.

to be continued

Brotherhood Quarterly Meeting

Dear Editor and Gem family:

I wish to give a report of our Quarterly Meeting.

Friday, Oct. 1st, the Ministers' and Deacons' Conference was called to order by song and prayer and scripture lesson, Psalms 119. Nine ministers and six deacons reported, and adopted our by-laws and dismissed our committee.

Friday night was a real old time meeting. Sermon by Eld. Carl Gillenwater, followed by Eld. J. C. Wilcox, a young man and a young preacher, but he sure is a real live wire for God. May you all pray that God may use him in a great way.

Saturday morning, Oct. 2—Song, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arm." prayer by Eld. Arthur Collins, Milton, W. Va. Scripture lesson Gal. 4th

Business Committee elected: Eld. J. C. Wilcox, Chairman, Eld. J. M. Henson, Eld. O. T. Ellis.

Next Session Committee elected: Bro. Herbert Chaptman, Chairman, Bro. Pete Davis, Sister Pansy Meadows.

Then the reading of letters. Seven churches reporting out of nine, bringing into the treasury \$7.00. We then adjourned for preaching at eleven o'clock. Sermon by Eld. O. T. Ellis of Chesapeake, Ohio, followed by Elder Fortner of the Logan Quarterly Meeting. Subject: "Let us arise and build." Neh. 2:18.

Saturday 2 P. M. Called together by song, "When the Sun of your Life goes down." Scripture lesson second chapter of 1st John. Prayer by Eld. J. C. Wilcox. Corresponding messengers to other bodies heard from. Eld. John M. Henson and Eld. J. C. Wilcox gave a good report of a really good old time meeting and the nice trip they had with the Kanawha Quarterly Meeting. Corresponding messengers from other bodies were heard from. Bro. Sarah Jorden of St. Alfans gave as good a report as he could of the Union Quarterly Meeting. They need the prayers of all God's people for they are weak. They have lost two of their best ministers in the past few months by reason of death, but their loss is heaven's gain.

Eld. A. A. Collins gave a brief report of the Missionary Baptist, Eld. Floyd Lily from the Church of God. Eld. L. W. Ellis from Logan, also Elder Fortner gave a good report of their Quarterly Meeting. A sermon was

was delivered by Elders Floyd Lily and A. A. Collins, continueing on the morning subject, "Let us arise and Build," a subject that was so fully presented that each one could almost see themselves build. It means all when we can say, "Let us build." A Christian fellowship and hand shake was enjoyed and then we were dismissed.

Met back at seven P. M. Scripture lesson Psalm 1. Prayer by Sister Hattie Ellis. The report of the Committee on absent preachers was accepted and the committee released. Two dollars was paid to Eld. John M. Henson for the exence of trips.

The Business Committee reported no business. The Committee on Location reports that they decide to send the next Quarterly Meeting to the Pleasant Valley Church, four miles south of Ona, W. Va.

Motion carried that Eld. A. C. Berry of Milton, West Va. preach the next introductory sermon, Eld. L. W. Ellis alternate. Corresponding messengers to other Quarterly Meetings were elected as follows: To Union, Elders O. T. Ellis and A. C. Berry; To Logan, Elders Carl Gillenwater and A. C. Berry; To Clay, Elders John M. Henson and A. C. Berry; To Boone, Eld. O. T. Ellis and Bro. Perry Clagg; To Kanawha, Elders John M. Henson and Carl Gillenwater; To Lawrence, Eld. O. T. Ellis and Bro. R. W. Henson. The offering for the evangelist was \$2.61.

At eight P. M., the sermon was delivered by Eld. L. W. Ellis from Logan Quarterly Meeting. Text Rev. 7:1, after which the Lord's Supper and feet washing was observed, a wonderfully good old time meeting.

On Sunday morning, we had a good Sunday school, after which the Conference adjourned. We had some old time preaching by Eld. Jeff Thomas of Charleston, W. Va. He has been preaching for almost 50 years and can still preach. Subject: "Healing of Naaman." A hand shake was engaged in before dismission.

—Eld. John M. Henson, reporter
Hurricane, W. Va.

East Side Mission Circle of First Mission Assoc'n of Okla.

We wish to let the world and our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ know the Lord's approval is still on mission work.

We thank the Lord for giving us Brother Hillard as Mission president. He has his heart in the work, God is blessing in a wonderful way. We have had two meetings, the first in Sept., meeting with Lawnwood Church. The Spirit of the Lord was felt throughout the morning, in business session and mission talks from several of our mission workers. Attendance was good, nine Elders were present.

There were showers of blessings in the afternoon with gospel singing, shouting and praying. At three o'clock, Sister Esther Miller brought an inspiring message followed by Bro. Warner.

The house was filled to capacity at 7:30, and two souls were in the altar seeking salvation. Oct. 8th we meet with Zion Hill Church, again to enjoy God's blessings

We find from the letters of the various churches that there are still people in the battle for the Lord. Thank the Lord for the wide awake missions. We are hoping other churches who haven't yet represented this year will do so in the next monthly meeting. Your presence and your report will surely be an encouragement to some one else, and you miss a blessing if you stay away.

We were glad to have a special visitor at our last meeting in the person of Eld. Curtis Wilson from Mo. who filled the stand at three o'clock bringing a soul stirring message. Text: "Follow me." On the program with him was Bro. W. M. Bingham. Names of other ministers present are as follows: Bro. Brown, Bro. Stinett, Bro. Crouch, Sister Esther Miller, Bro. Hillard, and myself, Lura Gibhart.

Your Sister in Christ still working to forward the gospel of our Lord.

—Lura Gibhart, Sec. and Tres.

Houston, Texas, 7940 Sherman Ave

Dear Bro Brown and the Big F. W. B. Family:

May I have space this beautiful autumn morning to bring to your attention the one greatest theme in all the Word of God? We will call it "Salvation through Christ," and we will find our starting point in 1 Cor. 15:3-4, "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose the third day according to the Scriptures."

Nothing is plainer and more comprehensive and complete than the Bible plan of salvation. When the converted Philipian jailor fell trembling before the Apostle Paul and asked what he must do to be saved, the Apostle's immediate answer was, "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved;" And these words were never more true than they are today. If the Bible teaches anything, it is that salvation is by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8). God knows how weak and helpless we are and the things we most need and in his goodness he has provided a simple plan whereby any man or woman on the face of the earth can be saved, and no one is barred on account of the enormity of his sins. When man proved himself a failure in every way. God pitied his estate and made possible his salvation through His Son (John 3:16), and not only so, but He made this provision general, for Jesus says, "He that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out;" then if we come believing on Him, and trusting in Him, we may be assured the pardon is ours, but here we find another phase of our subject, we may do well to consider: while the Apostle applies first importance to the fact that Christ died for our sins in this fourth verse, he brings vividly to our notice also the fact that he rose again the third day. I am persuaded that if we will preach a full and complete system of salvation, we must not only preach a crucified Christ, but we must preach a risen living Christ. So Paul leads us on to further notice His resurrection. See verses 14 and 15, and in verse 20 he reaches his goal, seemingly with joy, but he says, "Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept." Yea, truly He is risen! and we His children have become partakers of His divine life; for he tells us in Gal. 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life that I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God." And again in Phil. 3: 10, Paul yearns to know the Christ, not so much as to His life in the Galilean hills, nor yet in Gethsemane, or on the cross, but in that crowning event the power of His resurrection; and oh, that the Church of God might become so dead to the world and its allurements and environments, that the risen Christ might live again His life in us, and that in our lives He might have the preeminence! And my earn-

est prayer for the church is found in Eph. 3: 14 to 19. It is Paul's prayer, and mine by adoption. He says, "For this cause I bow my knee to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ in whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named: that he would grant you according to the riches of his glory to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, that ye being rooted and grounded in love may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length and depth and height, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God" Which fullness is Christ: "for it pleased the Father that in him should all the fullness dwell" (Col. 1:19).

"For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the God-head bodily. And ye are complete in him." (Col. 2:9, 10).

And having been filled with this divine fullness and having attained to this degree of completeness, may we go and preach a living, saving, keeping Christ to a lost world.

—Eld. J. W. Handy.

BOWNEMONT, W. VA., Oct. 12.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

Our pastor, H. W. Scott, delivered a short but very deep sermon last Sunday night. His subject was "Remembrance." I have been thinking quite a lot about it since then, and thought I would take those words found in Gen. 44:9, "This day I remember my fault." We find by reading, that it had been two years since Joseph had interpreted the dreams of the butler and the baker, when Pharaoh the king had two dreams. When the butler was taken out of prison Joseph asked him to remember him to Pharaoh, but it seems that when he got out and got his good job back, he never gave poor Joseph a thought. That is just like the most of us, if we get down sick or in prison, we may promise God that we will serve Him, and will forget all about Him. Some will remember in two years, and some will not remember till it is too late: but it is a sure thing that every one will remember, if not till we are in hell: for you see in Luke 16:25 that Abraham said, "Son, remember that thou in thy life time receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and

thou art tormented."

In my vision I can see that rich man there in hell, with his memory active, with his natural feeling, with his eyes beholding all the beauties that he had missed, and with his ears he heard the voice of Abraham. Yes, he remembered his five brothers: for he did not want them to come to that awful place of torment. Of course we believe that there is a literal hell, for Jesus said plainly that there was a certain rich man and a certain beggar, and we also believe that you don't have to be a beggar to get to Heaven, nor do we believe that you have to be rich to go to hell. Now it is not necessary for me to try to tell of the awfulness of hell nor of the beauties of heaven: for one Scripture says, "Eye hath nor seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him"

Now we will notice the prodigal son for a moment. After he had wasted all he had and had come to the hog pen, just as many of our people do, then he remembered that in his father's house there was bread and to spare, and there he was suffering with hunger. How many of our own people are starving to death spiritually, when God's store house is full of blessings. Why can we not stop and remember that all we have to do is to get where God can use us, and go to work? Why then do we want to hang around the old hog pen when we can eat at Father's table?

I would like to go back 39 years, when I was just a boy at an altar in a school house, and remembered that I should give my life to God for service. The Scripture says, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." So I did, and for the past 39 years I have kept that in remembrance.

Now, I will close by asking all who read this to remember the text and right now remember our faults, and go to Christ who intercedes for us, and do better from now on.

We mean to start a revival at the Chanlers Branch church on the first Sunday in October, with our pastor, H. W. Scott in charge. Pray for us, that the church may get together, and that souls may be saved.

—F. E. Nicholas.

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Sublette Church, Greentop, Mo.	2.50
Indian Creek Association	10.00
Northeast Missouri Association	20.00
Rev. Frank Linton, Stella, Mo.	5.00
Rev. Archie Cooper, Stahl, Mo.	1.00
Mrs. Mary Devers, Bronaugh, Mo.	1.00
A. W. Hartley, Arcola, Mo.	1.00
Rev. C. M. Dauber, Stahl, Mo.	1.00
The Flat Fiver Four, Flat River, Mo.	1.00
Gertie Butler, Blue Eye, Mo.	1.00
Anna Reed, Desloge, Mo.	1.00

Southeast Missouri Association	10.00
Hannon Church, Hannon, Mo.	20.00
Niangua Association	11.00
Northwest Missouri Association	10.50
Rev. Noel Turner, Greentop, Mo.	5.00
Rev. J. B. Rollins, Purdy, Mo.	4.50
Esther Apple, Aurora, Mo.	1.00
Ralph Hartfield, Greenfield, Mo.	1.00
Milford House, Gower, Mo.	5.00
Lenna Butler, Blue Eye, Mo.	1.00
Ella Gregory, Greentop, Mo.	1.00
Rev. Cecil Campbell, Carterville, Mo.	1.00
P. H. Cansler, Long Lane, Mo.	1.00
L. A. Butcher, Norwood, Mo.	1.00
Rev. B. F. Brown, Purdy, Mo.	25.00
Mrs. Goldia Elsea, Novinger, Mo.	1.00
Total amount this report	\$284.20

MONETT, MISSOURI, October 20, 1937

We will give a brief report of the Missouri State League Association, which convened at Hannon, Mo., Oct. 12th.

Letters were received and delegates were present from Southeast Missouri and Indian Creek Associations, and a delegate was seated from the Independence League.

Officers were elected as follows:

President,	Eld. Cecil Campbell,	Carterville, Mo.
Vice President	Eld. Damon Dodd,	Elvins, Mo.
Sec'y-Treas.	Eld. O. T. Allred,	Monett, Mo.
Ass't Sec'y,	Miss Esther Apple,	Aurora, Mo.
Ex. Board Member for three years,	Eld. Damon Dodd	
Ex. Board Member for two years,	Bro. Anthony Burcham	
Field Worker for the state,	Bro. C. B. Dees	

A \$10.00 Certificate in the Publishing House Fund was bought by the League, then a \$10.00 Certificate was bought by the body at large and given to the State League, which makes them owners of two Certificates, for which we are proud. We feel that it would be a good thing for local leagues to buy a \$5.00 or \$10.00 Certificate.

We are looking forward to a great year's work for the leagues, and may we not forget to report our work through the Gem. We regret very much that a report from Carterville League was misplaced by us some time ago. It came in while we were away in a revival, and some way was overlooked when I came home. We are sending this report at this time.

Yours for a successful year in the Master's vineyard,
Eld. O. T. Allred, Sec.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF., 2806 Lafranco Street

Dear Brother Brown and Gem Family:

'Tis seldom that I interrupt the blissful and harmonious correspondence of the Gem family, so please bear with me again for a few lines. Not that I desire to be heard or that I think I can make any improvement to our little paper, not so at all. Yet, in so large a family I undoubtedly have a place in the hearts of a few, who wonder if I am still faithful, if I'm still on the Lord's side.

I wish I could make a commendable testimony, yet in realizing I can't, I also realize that "Not he that commends himself is commended, but whom the Lord commends."

Like Paul "I will glory in the things that concern my infirmities." Not of course that I think a person should be slothful and strive to hide in a cloud of pretended infirmities; rather I desire the prayers of the faithful, that I may "Be strong in the power of His might!" Yes, pray for me that I may do more than just the little things, which are my bounden duty.

What I'm trying to get around to saying is there are so many good items in the Gem each month. I get so much genuine good from the Gem, it helps so much to overcome the distraction and grief which are mine, which are my portion away out here where the "West is west." There are lots of good people here and we find some of the old time religion, yet not what you would hope for I sometimes think that here is one of the strong-holds of Atheism, yet I know it's rampant in the world. I must give place, and may I urge all to help Brother Brown keep this little medium "The Gem" up to its present high standard. Pray for me when it goes well with you.

"And may the Lord God of all peace keep your minds and hearts through Christ Jesus our Lord."

—Lloyd N. Weese.

REPORT OF MT. OLIVE REVIVAL

We feel that our many friends of the Gem family will rejoice with us in the glorious success of our revival that closed recently at Mt. Olive church, after a four weeks' duration. The visible results of the meeting might be listed as seventeen souls saved, nineteen baptisms, and twenty-nine additions to the church, however that does not include the many wonderful blessings derived by all.

As we look back on the revival, there are times that stand out in our memories as "red letter days," such as the night when so many gathered at the altar for consecration. The Spirit of the Lord was certainly with us that night, as was manifested in the shouts of praise and thanksgiving that came from those assembled at the altar. There were other occasions equally as happy, when we saw sinners gloriously saved at the same altar.

During the course of the meeting, we enjoyed the presence of those from the Hannon, Aurora and Independence churches, and also the visits of Eld. and Mrs. F. C. Zinn. We especially want to mention the hearty co-operation of other denominations of our community.

We cannot close without paying tribute to our evangelistic pastor, Eld. Winford Davis, who has labored so tirelessly that souls might be saved, not only during this four weeks of revival, but all during the past year.

We feel greatly revived as a church, but we realize that we cannot sit down with folded hands and wait for the next revival, but must be "up and about our Master's business," in order to keep the good spiritual feeling in our midst and to keep the Devil as far away as possible. We are determined to go forward now in order to be worthy of the efforts of Bro. Davis and of God's unlimited goodness to us.

Thelma Mayberry, Church Reporter.

PAINTSVILLE, KENTUCKY

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I will give a report of our Tri-State Association held with Sandy City Free Will Baptist church, in Boyd Co., Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1937.

Met on Friday morning and were called to order by the

Clerk, F. S. Vanhooose of Paintsville, Kentucky.

Motion sustained to elect Bro. Millard Vanhooose Mod. Moderator took charge and appointed the committees.

Adjourned business for preaching by Bro. Bill Shepard of Satia, Ohio. Had a real old time meeting.

Met back at 2:00 p. m. and were called to order by Mod. Moderator called for report of Executive Board. Board not present, Moderator appointed a new one.

Pulpit committee reported Bro. Adkins of West Virginia to preach at 7:30 p. m., and Eld. Lewis Ellis to preach Saturday at 10:30 a. m., and Bro. Millard Vanhooose to preach Saturday night.

Moderator called for letters, and letters from Sciota Yearly Meeting, Big Sandy Yearly Meeting, and Logan Co. W. Va. Yearly Meeting were read and received. Ten dollars (\$10.00) was received with each letter.

Corresponding letter with delegates was received from Bethlehem Association of United Baptist, and Mount Carmel Association of United Baptist were received.

Motion carried to send corresponding messengers to visit Bethlehem and Mt. Carmel Associations.

Motion carried that a delegate be sent to the Western Association, and Eld. Millard Vanhooose was appointed.

Motion carried that clerk prepare a letter, and that \$10.00 be sent with the letter, and that the Tri-State Association pay delegate's expenses.

Time would fail me to tell all, so I will close.

Motion prevailed to meet with Sandy City church on the third Saturday and Sunday in October, 1938.

Millard Vanhooose, Moderator,

F. S. Vanhooose, Clerk.

TUSKEGEE, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brother Brown and Gem Family:

Just a word from our little church here. Maybe, because you haven't heard from us for some time, you think we are dead, but that is not the case, for we are still fighting sin and Satan.

Before I say anything more I want to tell you how I enjoy the Gem. I don't see how any of our people can get along without it. Sometimes when the way gets rough and it looks like every one has sold out to the Devil, the Gem will come, and tell of wonderful revivals, and souls being saved. That gives us a greater determination to go forward. Brethren, let's never get discouraged, but keep our heads up and the banner waving. Brother Brown, we appreciate the paper and your work.

Brethren, if there ever was a time when we Free Will Baptist should hold together, it is now. When we stop for a minute and look, we see sin on every hand. When we think of that small word, only three letters, but how much damage it has done! All the sorrow and anguish of our lives are caused by it. Friends, I believe we are living in the evening of time.

If you have a friend, husband, wife or neighbor in sin, won't you tell them about Jesus today? God has been so good to us this year, that we ought to try do something for Him. I am trying to live closer to God each day of my life. The opposition has been great, but thank God, He is able to carry us through.

We had a wonderful Mission rally at our church the first Friday in October. The power of God was certainly there and five souls gave their lives to the Lord.

Pray for this boy preacher, when you pray.

—Eld. John H. West.

TULSA CHURCH NOTES

Evelyn Miller, Reporter

Dear Gem Readers:

On this beautiful Sunday afternoon, we want to tell the Gem folks of the Lord's goodness to us and of how He continues to bless us and lets the little white church over at the corner of North Utica and Jasper Streets grow and blossom out for the Master.

When we say "grow," we mean our Sunday school attendance is climbing up over the figures of a year ago, and our previous partially empty pews for preaching services are being filled by some new faces that God saw fit to send our way, and by some of our old members who got tired and ashamed of laying out on the Lord, and have come back to drink at the fountain, and we would to God that others that we know would hear the call and come to help carry the banner.

On the first Sunday in October Bro. Bingham's cousin, Curtis Wilson of near Lebanon, Mo. occupied the pulpit with a wonderful message. He is just a young man of 23, but he certainly has a firm grip on Salvation and really knows how to preach, and is going forward for our Master.

Quite a number of Tulsa church folks attended the Mission rally at the Davis church on the second Friday in October. Bro. Chas. Wilson, one of Tulsa church's boy preachers, is pastor there. We heard some good reports of Mission work being done in other churches, as well as a good eleven o'clock message by Sister Gebhart of Tulsa church, and an afternoon message by Bro. Curtis Wilson, with God blessing in a great way.

This year our work program has been changed and our Mission Mothers are devoting more time to visiting in sick homes and the hospitals and administering to the needy and holding prayer services where needed, just last week a sick man in one of our hospitals became alarmed at his soul's condition and called for a minister to pray for him, Bro. Melvin responded and saw not only this man, but another patient as well pray through to God. We are also much interested in another young man that is slowly dying with cancer and is without God, but after visiting with him several times and having prayer in his home, we heard him say that he felt all right with the Lord.

Bro. Bingham was in the revival at Davis Church only one week, begin-

ning on Oct. 11, as he left the next week for the four days' State Meeting at Healdton, Okla. Bro. Bert Rogers, pastor of Berry Hill Church, Bro. Underwood and Bro. Prock of Tulsa Church accompanied Bro. Bingham to this meeting and they report a glorious meeting through-out. We feel honored that our pastor was elected Chairman of the Executive Board.

Today, Oct. 24th, is the beginning of Bro. Bingham's twenty-first year in the ministry. We have often heard him tell of his conversion in an old corn field back in Missouri sometime prior to the year of 1917. And at the age of 16 years, he and his good wife walked six miles to a little place of worship at Mt. Carnie near Competition, Mo. to preach his first sermon, taking for his text, "He that taketh not his cross and followeth after me is not worthy of me." So on last Sunday morning, Oct. 17, twenty years later sees him established in a Free Will Baptist parsonage next door to his church, he stepped over and delivered the same message that he did twenty years ago —And God is continuing to bless him in his great battle against sin. We could not obtain a correct record of the number of conversions, baptisms, and funerals preached during this period, but those who know Bro. Melvin know he is seldom idle.

This morning Tulsa Church decorated his pulpit with flowers and presented to him and his faithful wife a beautiful green and gold cake, with twenty candles on it, and the Bingham Quartette sang, "That Daddie of Mine" in special recognition of the beginning of his twenty-first year of service. He used for his text this morning "Is it not because there is a God in Israel?"

Sunday night Bro. Bingham organized a Junior and Intermediate League with about thirty youngsters taking part in songs, musical numbers and readings, followed by Bro. Ralph Brown bringing the message, using as his text, "Weighed in the balances and found wanting."

As we close this report, we are looking forward to the Quarterly Conference which is to meet with us in November.

We covet an interest in your prayers.

BROKEN ARROW, OKLAHOMA

The Lord's work is still really alive, and we are still on the firing line,

at our Community Church, here in Alsuma, Okla. We have a good Sunday School, Prayer meeting, Bible class study, and Young Peoples' meeting every Wednesday night, preaching every Sunday night, and nearly every Sunday. Many have been saved in our services this year, some of them young people. We have a fine group of young people, and they are taking an interest in the work, and we are proud of them. We are Methodist, Baptist, and Pentecost or Holiness, but all work and worship together. We also observe the Lord's Supper and feet washing. Forty years ago the 29th of Aug. this year, I preached my first sermon. Pray for our Community Church, which is now incorporated, chartered according to the laws of this state

Sincerely,

Rev. W. F. Vickrey.

ABOUT OUR 24TH ANNUAL SESSION of the MO. STATE ASSO'N.

Well, another session of our State Association is a matter of history. A number of us can truly say, "The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad." It is literally true that from year to year our State Association grows better. This year the delegation was larger than any time previous, the financial receipts totaled more than twice the amount of any year before, and the Spirit was manifested just as great, if not greater than ever before, and that to the extent that two souls were saved the last night of the session, and the Spirit was wonderfully poured out on His people; which likewise took place many times during the sessions.

The enrollment was as follows: ordained ministers 42, deacons 23, delegates 57, ministers' wives 19, league delegates 17, mission delegates 34, visitors 20, total 212. At night the large gospel tent, which conveniently seats 600, was crowded to its capacity, and many outside who could not get in. At some of the night services the crowd was estimated at 800. Large attendance also characterized the daily business sessions.

About \$100.00 was received on Foreign Missions during the sessions, and about \$275.00 was taken up on the Publishing House Program. Bro. S. H. Marcum, the man who takes the offerings, certainly has a way of getting folk to come across with the money. Our receipts from this state

the past year on the Foreign Mission program amounted to \$825.08. The total receipts on our State Publishing House program the past year amounted to \$965.54. Our total receipts on all funds the past year was \$2,115.88.

The Hannon church and community certainly did a splendid job of entertaining. No one lacked for a good place to sleep and plenty to eat all through the week. Somewhere between 3500 and 4000 meals were served. It was quite an interesting sight to see the great throng lined up for their meals at the noon hour especially, because the largest crowd was always present at the noon hour, of course, more than at any other meal of the day.

Much enthusiasm was manifested relative to our work in general. A fine enterprising spirit seems to be possessing our people more and more.

All departed late Friday evening and Saturday morning with good wishes and promises of prayer for one another during the coming year, until we meet again; which meeting will be with the Green Grove church in N. E. Mo. Association, in the extreme north part of the state, and it having been voted at this last meeting to meet earlier in the fall, from this on, the next association will convene on Monday night after the 4th Sunday in Sept. 1938.

—Winford Davis. Sec.

South Greenfield, Mo. R. 1. Oct. 27,

Dear Editor and Gem family:

I enjoy reading the paper very much, and one thing I like about the Gem, it stops when the time is out, that is the way to do business.

I was sorry to miss the articles written by Mrs. Lina Claxton of Hartville, Mo.; her talks made me think so much of my mother. I wonder if Sister Claxton knew that old song, "Fair you well Brethren, I am going to leave you." Glory to God we will praise Him again when we pass over Jordan. If anyone knows that song, I wish they would send it to this paper, the Gem, as my mother sang that song on her death bed, and I never heard it before nor since.

—Mrs. Mollie Bowles.

Myrtle, Mo. Oct. 29, 1937.

Dear Editor, wife and Gem readers:

I am so thankful this morning to

have this privilege again this side of eternity to tell you that I am still contending for the old time religion. We have been having some good meetings down in this part of the country, which we are very proud of. I feel this morning like being more patient in the Lord. We get too anxious for our prayers to be answered; and He never fails when He sees fit. Some folks have it in their minds that our Savior died upon the cross for everyone, and that means them, and that they can go on and can do as they please, but will be saved. But I pray that they will find that there is something else to do before it's too late with them: for there is a work for everyone. Some Christians can tell the exact time and point out the very spot at which Christ was consciously received as a Savior. Without a shadow of a doubt this is the greatest moment in life, it would be thrilling to recall it. I can't tell the date, but I know I was born because I am alive today; so I am sure I was born from above, because today as I sit here writing I love my Savior and trust in His precious shed blood for my cleansing from sin. Did you ever seek to discover the kind of instrument God is pleased to use? Take your Bible and turn to 1 Cor. 1:27. Here we read that God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty, then your infirmity is an asset rather than a liability. I think so many times that we spend our time in so many ways when we need to be putting all the leisure time in working for our Lord, if there is only a limited amount of strength. But even in our reading we can make the time count for eternity: why waste the precious hours on light fiction, when we may read about real men and women who fought against the same temptation and met the same trials that we do, and have been victorious through Jesus Christ our Lord. Many mistakes would be avoided if we would begin each day by raising our hearts to our heavenly Father in prayer. This little verse was recently suggested to me as a morning prayer:

Direct, control, suggest this day,
All I design or do or say,

That all my powers with all their
might,

In thy sole glory may unite.

Many people today seem to be so undecided about the welfare of their souls that they put off being saved until a revival comes on, and then if a different preacher had held the meeting, they might have been saved. But excuses won't save folks. Have you ever stopped to think how many unsaved there are who are watching you, that may through your careless life go down to eternal punishment? There is great danger in not seeking the Lord while He may be found. I witnessed a case once in my life, a lady who was present appeared to be trifling. The pastor in charge of the meeting made the remark, that as a watchman upon the walls of Zoin, he felt that there was danger for someone there. He could not understand why he was impressed with this thought and repeated that he felt drawn out to say that there was danger and someone there ought to be saved then and there. This irreligious lady appeared not to notice his remarks and laughed when the minister shook hands with her at the close of the meeting. Just as she was preparing to leave the church, she was taken very ill, so ill that she could not go home. Everything that could be done for her relief was done, but in less than one short hour she passed into eternity. Before she died she tore her hair, cast aside the trashy gew-gaws that adorned her person, and of which heretofore she had been very fond, and throwing up her hands, she cried aloud for mercy, exclaiming, "Oh Lord, have mercy on me! Oh Lord help me in this distress of body and soul." She passed into the great eternity without leaving any hope to those that stood around her dying bed. This sad experience shows the danger of putting off the day and hour of salvation: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. We should all keep ready to meet Jesus. I am so glad I ever learned to trust my blessed Savior, and that He did not cut me off in my sins. I thank God for that hope that life will be sweeter some day—no pain, no heartache, and where God will wipe all tears from our eyes.

We close by asking all who read these lines to pray for me, that I may ever keep humble at the foot of the Cross. My sincere prayer is for lost souls, that they may be saved.

—Mrs. M. B. Cockman.

F. W. B. LEAGUE REPORTS

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Anthony Burcham, Flat River, 1939
Eld. Damon Dodd, Elvins, Mo., 1940
Field Worker at Large
Bro. C. B. Dees, Flat River, Mo.

CARTERSVILLE LEAGUE REPORT

By Opal Boyd, Secretary

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

It has been some time since we sent in a report to the Gem. But I am glad to report that our league is still working for our Master. Although some of our old members have had to leave, the Lord has blessed us and given us other members. We have a membership of 33 Seniors and 10 Jrs.

I would like also to say something about the work our Home Mission band is doing. We go into homes where there are sick ones each Wednesday night and sing and pray; and our hearts have been made to rejoice to see tears roll down the cheeks of sinners, and to see a sick man converted, and hear him praise God. It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done!

We want to thank the Lord for our good pastor and his companion, Bro. and Sister Campbell; they have been so much help to our league and to our church in general.

Pray for us, that our league will grow in number and in grace and the knowledge of our Lord.

JONES CHAPEL LEAGUE REPORT

Willdean Lewis, Reporter

We are proud to say that we are keeping up our league service with sixteen active members. We lately re-organized under the following officers:

President Donald Campbell
Vice Pres. Edna Gentry
Sec.-Treas. Wilma Eaton
Quiz Leader Keith Lewis
Reporter Willdean Lewis

We are divided into two groups: Group number one with Mrs. Campbell as captain and group number two with Mrs. Eaton as captain.

We also have a Junior league with Mrs. Lewis as sponsor.

We ask prayers, that our league may go, grow, and glow.

BLUE EYE LEAGUE REPORT

Veta Garrett, Reporter

We have elected our new officers for the coming six months as follows:

Cue Butler President
Clell Butler Vice President
Lucille Pascoe Sec.-Treas.
Veta Garrett Quiz Leader
Ruby Butler Group Captain
Violet Butler Group Captain
Verble Martin Group Captain
Algic Carr Group Captain

We are glad for what League work has meant to us. We believe that the League work is a great work, worthy of being upheld.

We ask an interest in your prayers.

FLAT RIVER LEAGUE REPORT

By C. B. Dees, Field Worker

Dear Leaguers:

I will attempt to write to you all, my brothers and sisters in Christ.

I am hoping that all of you that were at the great State Association are back home safely, and have your minds set on doing a greater work for the Lord during the coming year.

I am also hoping and praying that all of you that were not privileged to attend our State meeting will catch the revival spirit from some one that did attend.

I can see great possibilities in the near future for our Free Will Baptist Leagues, if we will but get busy and do our part. If you are a member of a F. W. B. church, and you do not have a league, I am begging you to get busy and organize one in the near future. Give the young people in your community a place to worship, and something to do. I think we, as leaguers, should take as motto, St. Luke 5:4, where Jesus told Simon to launch out into the deep, that is what we need to do, launch out into the deep we are fishing too close to the bank.

If at any time during the coming year you feel that I can give you any information, I want you to feel free to correspond with me.

I want also to urge each league to send in a report each month to the Gem.

I am praying that there will be a large number of new Leagues organized this year, even new associations organized, and that we may in our weak way do a great work for the Lord.

WHY I LIKE THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

By J. M. Doughty, Strafford, Mo.

The Gem is printed on good quality paper with good sized plain type, and is easy to read.

The contributions are sent in by Christian people from several states and they give me a feeling that there is a universal brotherhood. Many of the reports come from churches where spiritual fires are burning and one's heart is warmed by reading them.

The editor gives much of the space in the Gem to temperance articles. No doubt most of the readers approve of this and agree with me in thinking that the liquor traffic is the greatest

enemy of the home and the church.

It was my good fortune to spend several months in the community in which the Gem is published, and get acquainted with the editor and associate editors, and Bro. Winford Davis. I assure you that I have a very high regard for each of them. I feel that they are doing their best to live Christ-like lives and that all that they write comes from sincere Christian hearts. I am sure that their greatest desire is to help the Carpenter of Nazareth in the building of His Kingdom of the Golden Rule.

Brother Brown has worked hard—sometimes under great disadvantages—to bring the Gem to its present high standard. Some of the readers can show their appreciation by sending in new subscriptions to the Gem. What would make a better Christmas present for a Free Will Baptist friend or relative than a subscription to the Gem? Sending the Gem is sending a present each month for a year. One copy of the Gem has more reading in it than some of the Christmas books. No doubt one would get more joy and inspiration out of a year's subscription than out of a Christmas book unless the book is the Bible.

A CALL FOR MEN

By Eld. J. E. Phillips, Nuyaka, Okla.

One of the greatest needs of this age is men, men who are not for sale, men who are honest, truthful and sober, sound from center to circumference; true to the hearts' core. Men who will condemn wrong in friend or foe, in themselves as well as in others.

Men whose consciences are steady as the needle to the magnetic pole. Men who will stand for the right if the heavens totter and the earth reels. Men who are loyal and true to their families and enjoy the same faithfulness in others.

Men that never brag or run, swagger or flinch, but who can have courage without whistling for it and joy without shouting to bring it.

Men in whom the current of everlasting life runs deep, still and strong, who know their duty and do it, who know their places and fill them.

Men who are trustworthy, who are not too lazy to work nor too proud to be poor. Men who are willing to eat what they have earned and wear what they have paid for.

Men careful of God's honor and careless of man's applause: men who are strong with divine strength, wise with the wisdom that cometh from above, loving with the love of Christ with undaunted courage.

Men of God!



"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Eccles. 12:1).

OBITUARY

In Loving Memory of our Darling, Wanda June Adams, who passed on October 21, 1934:—

"We have put away your playthings,
Wet with Mother's pearly tears.
How we have missed you Darling!
All throughout three lonesome years.

We have put away your dresses,
That our Darling used to wear,
For on earth you will not need them,
You have climbed the Golden Stair;

You are happy with the angels.
How we long for your sweet kiss!
But we know that you are waiting
In the realms of perfect bliss.

Angels whisper that you Darling,
In the land of love so fair,
That your little feet are waiting
Up above the Golden Stair.

Soon we'll meet you Little Darling,
In God's home so bright and fair,
Where we'll live with Him for ever,
Up above the Golden Stair."

Sadly missed by those who loved her.

In Memory of Jimmie Mizer, whom God took from his wife and little children and other loved ones on September 9, 1937.

It was a sad, sad day,

When Jimmie passed away;
His going was an awful shock,
Even to those who knew him not,
But of his death we can't complain,
For that fair land above he gained,
But the saddest of it all—

His family will miss his call,
And his wife, who is so dear,
Will be lonely without him here.

But if faithful here they keep,
They in Heaven soon will meet,
And as they clasp hands once more,
On that bright and happy shore,

It is then they'll understand,
Why God placed on him His hand.
A good husband, father, kind and true,

No friend on earth like him they knew.

God called him home—it was his will,
But in their hearts he lingers still.

By an aunt,
Mrs. Opal Frazier, Hansen, Idaho.

In Memory of Sister Amanda Templeton who departed this life one year ago. She was a great spiritual help to our Carterville Church, and we certainly miss her prayers and her presents.

This poem is true to her life:

She asked to be made like her Savior,
He took her right then at her word;
And sent her a heart crushing burden,
Till the depths of her soul was stirred.

She asked for a faith strong and simple,
He permitted the dark clouds to come;
And she staggered by through the darkness:
For the storm had quite obscured the sun.

She prayed to be filled with a passion of love
For lost souls, and for God;
And again in response to her longings
She sank 'neath the chastening rod.

She wanted a place in His vineyard,
He took her away from her home;
And placed her among hardened sinners,
(Where she human-ly stood all alone.

She saw she must give up her ambitions,
Which had been her air castles for years;
But as she knelt in consecration,
She whispered "Amen" through her tears.

She wanted a meek lowly spirit,
The work He gave answered that cry;
Till some who had once been companions,
With a pitying smile passed her by.

She asked to lean hard on her Savior,
He took human props quite away;
Till no earthly friend could give comfort,

And she could do nothing but pray.

I saw her go out in the vineyard
To harvest a ripening grain;
Her eyes were still moistened with weeping,

Her heart was yet throbbing with pain.

But many a heart that was broken,
And many a wrecked and blighted life;

Was made to thank God for her coming
And rejoiced in the midst of the strife.

She had prayed to be made like her Savior,
And the burdens He gave her to bear;
Had been but the great Sculptor's teaching.

To help answer her earnest prayer.

its ministry. It seems to me that instead of gracefully "taking it under the chin and calling it good," some good red blooded Christian churchmen and church goers need to stand up and say, "Why I Do Go to Church." Was it not Colonel Theodore Roosevelt who is quoted as saying to his Pastor at the age of sixteen,

"Doctor, I am convinced that the doctrines as taught in my home and in your church are true. One thing I am especially sure of, namely, that a man who has Faith ought to say so. May I come to communion and say so?"

He did come to communion and he did say so on every occasion which presented itself, and in a fashion which his fellow countrymen will not soon forget.

It was this same man of dynamic faith who, when he became a man, gave us his nine reasons for going to church. I presume most people have forgotten them. I resurrect and would put them on record as Theodore Roosevelt's reply to the recent article, "Why I Don't Go to Church." Here are Col. Roosevelt's reasons:

1. In this actual world, a churchless community, a community where men have abandoned and scoffed at or ignored their religious needs, is a community on the rapid down grade.

2. Church work and church attendance mean the cultivation of the habit of feeling some responsibility for others.

3. There are enough holidays for most of us. Sundays differ from other holidays in the fact that there are fifty-two of them every year. Therefore on Sundays go to church.

4. Yes I know the excuses. I know that one can worship God in a grove of trees, or by a running brook, or in a man's own house just as well as in church. But I know also as a matter of fact the average man does not thus worship.

5. He may not hear a good sermon. He will hear a sermon by a good man who, with his good wife, is engaged all week in making hard lives a little easier.

6. He will listen to and take part in reading some beautiful passages from the Bible. And as he is not familiar with the Bible, he has suffered a loss.

7. He will take part in singing some good hymns.

8. He will meet and nod or speak to good quiet neighbors. He will come away feeling a little more charitable toward all the world, even toward those exclusively foolish young men who regard church going as a soft performance.

9. I advocate a man's joining in church work for the sake of showing his faith by his works.

Why Theodore Roosevelt Went to Church

From the Christian Herald

Contributed by J. M. Doughty

GENTLEMEN: A short time ago the American Magazine published a much read article entitled "Why I Don't Go to Church." About the same time there appeared in the Hibbert Journal an article under a similar, if

not the same title. Now there is something about a title thus worded which attracts those who are not church minded and it sells magazines. Like such books as Elmer Gentry, they tend to discredit the church and

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

Temperance

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

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

"IF THEY WANT IT, LET THEM HAVE IT?"

We all know that since the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, drunkenness, crime, wrecks on the highways, and many other evil things are on the increase; but does the average professed Christian care as much about these things as a Christian should care? Perhaps we would be more concerned if we knew definitely about some of the awful things that are coming to increasing numbers of people who are just as human as we are. We will let Miss Ethel Hubler, Editor and Publisher of the "National Voice," tell of some of these cases in her editorial of Sept. 23, 1937. —Editor.

¶ One of my subscribers in the office yesterday had been talking this liquor problem over the back fence with one of his neighbors, and the woman, although personally dry, took the attitude, "If they want it, let's let them have it." Suffice it is to say that she was most fortunate in that none of her family were imbibers. The man looked into my face and said, "How are you going to answer that kind of an argument?"

"If they want it, let's let them have it?"

¶ Carl Jackson, twenty-six years of age is sitting in a San Francisco jail cell, as I write these lines, facing trial for murder of his father. "It was the first time in my life that I ever raised my hand to my father," said Carl, "and I am sorry, but I am also free now and so is my mother. The world can't know what we went through ever since I was a little boy. He would beat me and beat mother too, and continually drink and carouse and we all lived in mortal fear of him. Now, that it is all over, I can breathe easier and my conscience comforts me, and I do not think myself a murderer."

"If they want it, let's let them have it?"

¶ A picture of a young lady appeared in the Kansas City Star yesterday. Her left eye was almost covered with a bandage. She told the police she had been beaten in a saloon to which she had been driven by a cab driver. She says she had *two beers* between 9 and 10 o'clock and got into the taxicab to be taken home, but instead, "He went north to this saloon and told me to go in there. I did not care to, but finally I thought I would go in and telephone someone to come and get me. The bartender, another man, and four women were there. The man tried to get me into a back room. One of the women seized my purse. I fought back and the bartender struck me on the head and the driver of the cab hit me and the women kicked me when I was down, but I managed to get out, and the police came." Only two beers!

"If they want it, let's let them have it?"

¶ Over in Michigan tonight, at Grand Rapids, a 44 year old father occupies a jail cell under a thirty day sentence. He admitted that he gave his 17-year-old son some beer and then permitted him to drive an automobile. Patrol-

man Carl Knowlak arrested Albert Slagter and his son John on charges of drunkenness after their automobile careened over a down-town curb at three o'clock in the morning. The son was also charged with driving while intoxicated. In police court the man, a cement finisher, told Judge Edward Burleson he and his son had six bottles of beer between them. The man testified that he took his 17 year old son out "to show him a good time." The judge's opinion of this manner of "showing a boy a good time," resulted in the father being sentenced to jail for 30 days and assessed a fine of \$100.00. The judge, in addition to the punishment meted out to the father, gave him some advice. He said, "Any father who takes a boy out for a good time, gives him beer for the first time in the boy's life, and then lets him drive while intoxicated should pay the penalty usually meted out to drunken drivers."

"If they want it, let's let them have it?"

¶ A mother of 12 children, at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, has confessed to the killing of her husband. "I intended to plead guilty because I thought it the best way out for all concerned," declared the 37 year old woman, Mrs. Elizabeth Heisz. When interrogated further, she said, "Yes. I shot my man. I only wish I had done it years ago. I did it because he threatened to kill me and the children. He just didn't care for his children. He fed his 12 hound dogs regularly, but would let me and the babies starve. It didn't make any difference to him even when they were so hungry that they were crying. He came home early yesterday morning after attending a dance and he was drunker than I had ever seen him. I should have killed him before this."

"If they want it, let's let them have it?"

¶ Labor Day, a subscriber to this newspaper was driving on a narrow winding dirt road, with many steep grades. As he was about to overtake a coupe, it suddenly stalled in the middle of the road on a steep hill, a short turn, with no room for passing either way, and started backward at an increasing speed, but fortunately it was stopped a few inches before it collided with his car. Otherwise both cars would have been lost over the side of the mountain.

The back lid of this coupe was up, and underneath were a couple of young girls, each with a can of beer, which they would throw in front of oncoming cars. In the seat were four more young girls and boys. All under the influence of liquor, cutting up and shouting the usual John Barleycorn language. "That was flirting with sudden death," said my friend, "a little closer than I ever want to do again."

"If they want it, let's let them have it?"

¶ Now those children had nothing to do with the making, advertising, or selling of that liquor....It was made and put in their way by adults, for the only and sole purpose of making money, with no concern of how many young lives it would take, or as to the sorrow and suffering it would cause. And they alone will have to answer to the God above. And they are the ones entirely responsible. Parents: Do YOU say: "If they want it, let them have it?"

OBITUARY

COCKMAN — J. A. Cockman was born November 10, 1860, at Little Rock, Arkansas and died at his home here in Thayer, Mo., Tuesday, October 19, 1937, age 76 years, 11 months and 9 days.

When quite young Mr. Cockman moved with his parents to Garfield in Oregon County. He received his education at Alton and Salem, Mo. After finishing school he taught seven terms of school in this county.

In 1890 he moved to Thayer where he was employed by T. J. Boyd. In 1898 he was elected to the office of Circuit Clerk in which capacity he served four years. During his years in office he moved to Alton. He then moved to Couch, Mo., where he operated a farm and mercantile business, retiring from active business in 1920.

When a young man Mr. Cockman was converted and joined the Free Will Baptist church at Garfield.

He has been a member of the Mosonic Order in Thayer since 1910 having transferred his membership from Alton.

On January 1, 1895 he was united in marriage to Miss Bernice Lewis, at Clifton. The vows were read in the white church which still stands. To this union were born three sons and two daughters, one son, Paul, preceding his father in death.

The deceased is survived by his widow, two sons, Ray of Indianapolis, Ind., and Charles of Thayer; two daughters, Mrs. Leta Humphry and Mrs. Tom King, both of Thayer.

In his passing Thayer has lost one of its oldest and most highly respected citizens, he had lived a long and most useful life. The entire community will miss Mr. Cockman and extends sympathy to the bereaved family in their dark hour.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at the Carr Funeral Home by Rev. Harold Nance, pastor of the Methodist church, and the remains were laid to rest in Thayer Cemetery, under the direction of the Carr Funeral service.

STELLA, MISSOURI, Nov. 1st.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, and Readers of the Gem, Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

At this writing, we are in a meeting at Jones Chapel Church, near Purdy, Missouri, where our beloved Gem

paper is printed. We began the meeting here on Wednesday night, October 20th. We found some of the faithful few here as we find in most every church and community where we go.

There sure is a group of young people here. They take the lead in the singing, and most all of them will lead in prayer and testify to the saving grace of Christ, and they are ready to support the church in every way they can. Well, I will say, Thank the Lord for young lives that are devoted to the church as these are.

Already seven souls have prayed through to victory, for which we thank the Lord. Eld. W. K. Weston of Monett, Mo. is the fine consecrated pastor. He drives from Monett each night to be with us, which is thirty miles each way. Thank the Lord for pastors like Bro. Weston.

Having been elected State Evangelist at our State Association which recently met with Hannon Church, at Hannon, Mo., we will try under the leadership of the Spirit of God to answer the calls for meetings as the Master leads. We now have calls for four meetings, but we cannot hold all of them at once; so please be patient and prayerful, brethren and sisters, and we will be at your church as the Lord leads.

If the Lord wills, our next meeting will be with Merl's Chapel Church, where Bro. Weston is also pastor.

Pray for us.

Eld. Sam Marcum and Wife,
Home address: Cameron, Mo., R7.

NEOSHO, MISSOURI

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Family:

Will you please permit me a little space in our dear paper? I am so thankful for the "Gem," and the inspiration it is to me. I love so much to read the letters from God's children who are earnestly trying to magnify Jesus. I look forward each month to the coming of our "Gem."

When I look out-doors and behold the beauty of God's handiwork, I stop at least long enough to repeat a verse of Scripture found in 1 Cor. 2:9, which reads, "But as it is written; Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

I know it must be simply wonderful, it has to be if it is more marvelous than the joy, peace and satis-

faction we have on earth, when we really try our best to serve Him. By that I mean sincerity and loyalty to Christ, and not merely a form.

I am happy because I love the Lord and feel like David of old as expressed in Psalms 27:4 "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temples."

May I have the prayers of God's children, that I may serve Him more humbly and more faithfully.

—Doris Turner.

HOME COMING TIME

By Ralph D. Foster, Aurora, Mo.

When the reaping time comes to this valley,

And the call comes to you to go home,
'Will your soul be prepared for its journey

O're the seas' ebbing billows and foam?

Chorus:—

When it's home going time from this valley,

And souls take their flight from its sod
Will you dwell in the house of our Savior,

In that home coming City of God?

When the Angel of Death mows this valley,

And the end of all carnal you see,
Will your soul be prepared to face judgment,

Of the Light in the window for thee?

When we meet with old friends up in heaven,

What a home coming time that will be,
Will your soul be prepared for its welcome,

When the smile of our Savior you see?

THE TEACHER

Thou must be true thyself

If thou the truth wouldst teach;
Thy soul must overflow, if thou
Another's soul wouldst reach!
It needs the overflow of heart
To give the lips full speech.

Think truly, and thy thoughts

Shall the world's famine feed;
Speak truly, and each word of thine
Shall be a fruitful seed;
Live truly, and thy life shall be
A great and noble creed.

The Devil! Is He Real?

By Eld. Wm. Buster, Thebes, Ill.

It seems that in the present day of modernism there is very little said about the Devil. It is in many church circles considered old fashion to teach the existence of a literal, real, living Devil. But ignoring or denying a thing does not make it less true.

Let us look at some of the names which the Scriptures use in referring to the Devil, that we may better understand his nature and how he came into existence.

The first name that he had was Lucifer which means the Bringer of Light. Lucifer was created by God as a very beautiful angel and given power over the nations. (Isa. 14:12-16) He, however, became exalted and tried to usurp the power of God, "To set his star above God's star," and was cast out of heaven—lost his estate.

He and those angels which had likewise disobeyed became the enemies of God.

In John 8:44, Jesus calls him a liar. He lied in the Garden of Eden, or what is worse, told a half-truth. He has been lying ever since. Yet when he says, through certain teachers and books put out by his own modernistic tribe, "There is no hell, hell is the grave, you have a thousand years to repent after death, that the end of time means merely a new era, that Jesus came in 1914, that God never created matter, and that sin does not exist;" and others deny the power of the blood and old time heart-felt, sin killing, Holy Ghost Salvation. People just swallow it whole; without salt! The Devil is a liar!

He's a Serpent. In Gen. 3:1 we find that the Serpent has the power to cast a spell over its prey and that the victim is unable to move when under the spell of the serpent. Let us vision a beautiful bird as the serpent draws nearer and nearer and the bird's resistance grows weaker, until at last with a quick movement the serpent has its prey. How like the world today! The Serpent has cast his "spell" over the poor lost sinner until he seems unable to break the charm. All too often mothers and fathers are living in drunkenness and moral debauchery, while their children, following their hellish example are on the toboggan slide to damnation. The Serpent still lies in wait; but

thank God, Jesus is still able to bruise his head and break his power.

He, also, is called Satan which means "against." He is against every thing good. He is in the church and scatters the flock. He has his keepers there to oppose everything that is undertaken to better the condition of the church and the advancement of the Gospel. He gets the membership divided and makes the preacher "mad." I've known professed Christians and good people, to be so misguided by the Devil, as to oppose Sunday School and Young People's League! He is indeed the adversary of your soul!

He is "The Prince of This World" (John 12:31 and 14:30 and 16:11). This title shows that he is still the ruling force in the world today. He is the unseen, but real leader, in everything sinful in the world. Look at war torn China and Spain and all Europe engaged in a headlong race for military supremacy; the graft, swindling, wire pulling in politics; the robbery, murder, gangland stories found recorded in our daily papers. An if that is not sufficient, take a look down Main Street of any good sized town or city and read the "booze signs" and count the women and minors who march in the swinging doors and you'll find that the Prince of This World is still on his earthly, sensual, blood spotted, booze-soaked throne!

He is, also, termed The Tempter. He doesn't tempt the lost; that is needless. He may devise more devilish things for them to do as time goes on; that seems to be the case.

But he tempts the children of God to try to bring about their downfall or to keep them from being useful servants of God. Jesus says, "Watch and pray lest ye enter into temptation" No one is free from the Tempter. And God allows this temptation to go on, that we may be tried; but He will not allow us to be tempted above what we are able, through grace to bear (1 Cor. 10:13). Thank God.

How much power has he? He can imitate the power of God, but he can not equal it. When Aaron cast his staff down before Pharaoh and it became a serpent, the magicians did the same thing; but Aaron's serpent swallowed the serpents of the magi-

cians. The power of God is still able to overcome the power of the Devil!

Why, the Devils had to ask permission from the Son of God to enter the swine! The Devil can't destroy a single child of God, since the Spirit of God is greater than the Devil. He (God) is able to keep you from falling and preserve you blameless till that day. The Devil is real. The Devil is mighty, but God is Almighty.

How Can I Be Instrumental In Leading Souls to Christ?

By Lena Hamby, Rochelle, Illinois.

What is the value of a soul; People of today must see big profits in their work. It is asked of almost everything now, "How much is it worth, or is it worth while?" Of course that is wise. Now what is the value of a soul, that we wish to help to find the Lord? Is it worth while to bring souls to God? Are souls worth while? "For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matt. 16:26). Souls are priceless, they are worth more than anything else in this world that we might wish to gain or attain. One soul is worth more than the whole world. Surely it is worth the effort to bring souls to Christ. In Proverbs it says, "He that winneth souls is wise."

How can I be instrumental in leading a soul to Christ?

First my own sins must have been forgiven, I should already have asked the Lord to "Create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me." We cannot expect souls to see their need of something we do not care to possess. If it is worth while, I first will have this salvation before asking others to accept it. If I have not that possession, that in itself would be a poor recommendation.

My life should be sanctified and yielded to God for His service. God can use a consecrated life, one that will go when He says go, and speak when He says speak. We must be willing to obey at God's time and place. He will plan things for us better than we can if we will accept His plans.

My life should be a life of prayer as well as of reading God's Word. I cannot live on God's word without prayer, neither can I live on prayer without God's Word. I should be able to talk to God in prayer at all times. If someone should send for us, they being very ill, and they wanted us to pray for them, we should not be too busy to go. That is God's time, then is when the Holy Spirit is working. No one should be too lowly or degraded that we would not pray with them. It is good to have a prayer

list and pray for individuals by name, as well as collectively.

I should have a forgiving spirit at all times, returning good for evil. Often, if someone uses you wrongfully, and you return good for evil, you are heaping coals of fire on their heads; it will have more effect than anything else you might do.

John says, "Let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth." My life must be a life of love put into practice. It is all right to tell someone we love them, but it is better to demonstrate our love. It takes an unselfish love, love that will love under all circumstances, in the Christ's Spirit. We must be willing to sacrifice ourselves and do what Jesus would do. Let us ask ourselves the question, "What would Jesus do?"

I must have faith, faith in God and faith that God will answer my prayer to Him for the souls I am praying for.

My life must be such that people will have confidence in me. In Matt. five it says that we should let our light shine. In dealings with our

fellowmen, we must deal honestly. If we try to take advantage of some one, it isn't long until a question mark is placed after our religion, and people have a right to do so. If people cannot read the teachings of Christ in our lives, there is something wrong. My life should be separated from the world. If my appearance and conduct isn't different than before I was saved sinners have a right to say, "She isn't any better than I am. If that is salvation, I don't care for it." It has been said, "There can be no counterfeit without the genuine." We know there are plenty of counterfeit Christians, but people will admit, "Yes, I know there are some that are all right. If they would all live like that then it would be different." My life should be such that those I come in contact with will really get hungry for the Christian life that I enjoy.

I hope that I haven't taken too much space, but there is so much in this article that I want to write it all. This was taken from the "Youth's Visitor" and it was so good that I wanted to send it to the Gem. I am still on the Lord's side and trying to serve Him in my weak way.

ed into the Heavens."

Paul before Felix (Acts 24:15), said, "There shall be a resurrection of the dead *both* of the just and unjust."

About thirty years after our Lord arose, Paul said of those who were preaching that the resurrection was already past (1 Tim. 1:20), "I have delivered them unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme." So it is "blasphemy"—using wicked words about God.

Some have gone wild about the millennial reign of Christ: "It's all over," they say. If so, no martyrs were in it. But John saw the martyrs, (Rev. 20:4)—he saw them "that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the Word of God." People who lived after Christ arose, people who never took the mark of the beast, and Paul says he had not been revealed in A. D. 54; so no one has that mark yet in our country. Why will our people swallow such stuff?

We need not cavil over something we have no article of faith concerning, but all our articles of faith I ever saw read about the resurrection of the dead as a future event.

I long for the time our people will rightly divide the Word, and return to "the Law and the testimony," and have light in them.

THE MUSINGS OF A COUNTRY CHURCH HOUSE

By D. Bruce Stugill, Piney Creek, N.C.

I am only a little Country Church House, dedicated to the service of the meek and lowly Master. I claim no distinction, I have no pride except in the service for which I was erected.

I am a place where a simple and humble people meet to worship the lowly One of Galilee. I share the joys and sorrows, the hopes and aspirations of my people. Within my walls is proclaimed a simple and loving Gospel by humble and God-fearing ministers.

My altar is washed by the tears of the sorrowful and penitent ones.

My walls echo the glad cry of new born souls and victory won. From my pulpit rings out the eternal invitation, "Come, All ye ends of the earth, and be ye saved."

From the chilly winds of winter, or scorching heat of summer, there is relief within. I bid you, brother, sister, son, daughter, and friend, welcome. Thrice welcome are you O stranger, and wayfaring one: within my portals.

Enter, rest, and pray.

Dividing the Word of Truth

By Mrs. Essie Hearron, New Hope, Ark

"To the law and the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." (Isa. 8:20).

Isaiah cried aloud in these words to the people of God who were going astray. They had sinned until the Lord had hidden His face from them, and then they said, "Seek unto them that have familiar spirits and unto wizards that peep and mutter."

But Isaiah said, "Should not a people seek unto their God?"

We have a similar condition today—We see people seeking after such things as the house of Israel did; so we should use these words to turn them back to the "Law and the testimony." So many are seeking after a "familiar spirit" (one who has communion with the spirits or fallen Angels.) Anyone who shows "signs" and "wonders," "heals," etc.

Jesus said, "A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign: But no sign shall be given them but the sign of the Prophet Jonas;" And the sign of the Prophet Jonas, is the Gospel in a nut-shell: As Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, even so Jesus was in the heart of the earth three days and three nights. The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus is this sign of Jonah.

So many are going astray among our preachers, so many riding a hobby, just got their minds on one subject, and whole flocks of the sheep are following. Our people are reaching the place Amos prophesied about in the 8th chapter, verse 11, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord."

We hear His word distorted and wrested until we long for our preachers to get off their hobby horses and "rightly divide the word of truth."

I heard a sermon not long ago, that needed dividing. It was illustrated by a chart which was put on cloth, better used for a bed sheet—and while it was being preached a large number of preachers yelled "amen."

This man proved by his sheet, that the first resurrection is already past, it took place when Christ arose, so he said. But Paul, in the year A. D. 66 said, (speaking of Hymeneus and Philetus) "Who concerning the truth have erred, (gone out of the right way) saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some." 2 Tim. 2:18. What serious words! "Overthrow"—to ruin, to destroy. My God, Help us.

Peter said on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:34), "For David is not ascend-

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT



ELD. T. H. WILLEY,
OUR MISSIONARY TO
SOUTH AMERICA,
CRISTOBAL, PANAMA CANAL ZONE



The Regions Beyond



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

Our missionaries Are Now in Panama

Written aboard ship on the way
to Panama.

Dear friends:

We were fortunate in having a friend and former school-mate of Mrs. Willey's in the city of Havana Cuba, Brother Arthur Pain, who has a most marvelous ministry on the air over station C Q M, 880 K.C., reaching the Island world, United States, Central and South America. Letters came to him while we were there from these countries named and also from Australia. We arrived in the harbor of Havana early Monday morning, then at a reasonable hour called Brother Pain on the phone, and in no time he was at the port to meet us. After lunch aboard ship he took us about the city, then to his home. Later he took us into the country to see the small villages and explained something of his opportunities on the Island. That evening while in the villages we observed an interesting custom observed in Latin America, called the "Parado." A large part of the youth of the village meet in the plaza, the central park in each town, and hundreds of young women and girls promenade around the circle while the men and chaperons sit and observe them. Brother Pain improves his opportunities by preaching to these large crowds.

Tuesday morning we had the honor and privilege of preaching to his great radio audience, then that night we preached in the tabernacle. The boat was delayed another day, so we preached over the air the second morning. Brother Pain is the son of an Irish missionary who has during the years done a marked service on the Island as a Gospel preacher. All of

his family except Arthur were born on the Island, and as a result, speak Spanish fluently. Mrs. Willey was in school with both he and his wife, so it was a happy reunion and fellowship. Brother Pain is supported by Dr. Bill Watson of the Fundamental Bible College, Temple Terrace, Tampa Florida, and Dr. Gerald B. Winrod of Wichita, Kansas, Editor of the Defender. The radio program is conducted by free will offerings. Our people can easily get this program over the short wave coming in each morning from Havana at eight o'clock. I have requested Brother Pain to send an article to our papers. Our Bro. was delighted as we outlined the program of our church for missions in Panama. I believe that I am safe in saying that Arthur Pain is one of the leading missionaries in Latin America, certainly he has one of the greatest ministeries of any man that I know; we count ourselves happy in knowing him as a friend. The beauty of his ministry is that he addresses his immense audiences in both English and Spanish. While I was in Barrinquilla, Colombia, my Spanish friend, the Bible Colporteur with whom I stayed, would tune in on his program each morning.

We spent as much time with our friends as possible, and they with us till the boat pulled out, then they followed us along the beautiful Malecon drive across from the old Moro Castle. Then Thursday morning at eight o'clock the radio program was dedicated to the Willey family aboard the S. S. Margaret Lykes on the way to Panama.

So far the routine of life aboard ship at sea goes on; for we had unusual calm all the way down, and are thankful that we have not had to suffer the pangs of sea-sickness. In the goodness of God we hope to arrive in

Panama sometime Sunday morning.

Written from Panama:

We arrived at the time expected and since have been very busy with customs and the red-tape of getting into a foreign land, something that all missionaries must experience. We soon discovered the wisdom of our survey last winter; those friends we made then are standing by with us now, many of them are officials. We stayed at the Bible House two nights and were very fortunate in renting an apartment the third day in Colon which will serve us till we can get things started up river.

We have already found an active ministry. As soon as I arrived the YMCA Secretary booked me to preach to our soldier and sailor boys, and Mrs. Willey and I are to bring a message to a group of people at Gatun, Friday. [We are praising God for these open doors where we can minister the Word.

Again we wish to praise the Lord for securing a native girl, whose people were from the Island of Barbados. Her family always keeps a room for missionaries, though they are very poor and the father is seventy-six and must support the family on a very meager wage. This girl is teaching Mrs. Willey Spanish and helping care for the children. We are profoundly grateful that she is a devout Christian and one we can trust with the children.

The following was published in the Houston Chronicle:

"Family of four sails for voluntary exile of three years with primitive people."

"Out on the high seas today, bound for a primitive land where they will remain in voluntary exile for the next three years, is a little family of four. Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey of Bryan and their two youngsters, a girl of three and a boy of five. The

Willeys sailed late Wednesday from Galveston aboard the Margaret Lykes from Cristobal, C. Z. where Mrs. Willey and the children will stay for a month or two, while the husband and father makes his way by slow and tedious method up swift flowing tropical rivers and through matted jungle to the Darien country, home of the Chaco Indians, in lower Panama and upper Colombia, and prepares a place for them there.

"The Rev. Mr. Willey is a missionary for the Free Will Baptist Church and is being sent to the Chacos by his church to live among them, bring them the "Word," and minister to them in whatsoever manner he may for the next three years. Mrs. Willey is planning to help in his work. To the children, and in a somewhat lesser extent to Mrs. Willey, the prospects of the ocean voyage and the tropical rivers and jungles and mountains, and the strange people they will find at the end of their journey, are exciting.

"To Mr. Willey, the prospect of getting back to a work he loves is attractive,

but he has no illusions about the scenery and the people. He has been there before. He spent several months in Panama and among the Darien peoples whom he describes as an utterly primitive people, but not savages, and returned with the conviction that there lies the work for him to do.

"To help finance his return to what he feels is his mission, Mr. Willey embarked on an extended lecture tour describing the conditions he found among the Chacos and backing up his descriptions by moving pictures he took himself while on his previous visit there. The lecture was completed this summer and for the last several weeks the Willeys have been busy in Bryan completing preparations for their departure and visiting relatives and friends they do not expect to see again for at least three years.

"Wednesday morning they said their goodbys and journeyed to Galveston to board the Margaret Lykes, and Wednesday afternoon from her deck they watched their native land sink below the horizon, then turned their faces resolutely and cheerfully southward in anticipation of a new life."

CRISTOBAL, PANAMA, Sept. 30, 1937

Dear Friends:

We haven't been in Panama a week yet, but already we feel much at home. The strange part of it is that, though a sea separates, we feel near to each of you.

You are so much upon our hearts and minds that I'm laying aside this task of getting a new home adjusted and have a little pen-chat together. I want you to know how marvellously our Shepherd has gone before and paved every step of the way. I know you have been praying for us—our lives for the past few weeks could not have known this perfect peace and joy had not someone, somewhere, interceded in our behalf.

You are anxious to know where we have been and what we have observed along the way, so I am going to describe the journey to you, also our present location as best I can.

We were twelve days on our journey and not one of the family was seasick. My husband says this is the first journey at sea without sea sickness. The sea was unusually calm for this season of the year. Warnings had been flashed over the Gulf. In the distance we could see storms brewing, and a few times in our very path there were angry clouds. We

would think, "Bad sailing ahead," but always the clouds would disappear or we would ride through and call it a squall. The captain and crew were both amazed that we escaped storms in the Caribbean Sea, the passengers called it lucky, but I called it—God.

We were two days in Tampa, Florida and three days in Havana, Cuba. We have friends in both places so the stop-overs were delightful. Havana is one of the most beautiful and most wicked cities I have ever seen. I am not surprised that it is called the "Paris of the Western Hemisphere." As we rode into its beautiful harbor early that Monday morning we were bewitched with its beauty and grandeur. Moro Castle loomed loftily at its entrance to remind us of battles fought and victories won in past history. It was quite fascinating to the children as we would approach harbors. They would run from deck to deck looking for the pilot to come aboard and guide us to shore. Then there was the general routine of doctors, ship company officials, and others coming on ship. We were not allowed to go ashore until this routine was over.

Our first morning in Havana, we went into the city to mail letters and

do some sight seeing. Everything looked so strange in this city of over seven hundred thousand people, and with the clatter of a strange language we certainly felt like "foreigners." The side walks are so very narrow and already the street children are by our sides begging (in Spanish) for pennies or trying to sell us gloves and toilet articles. They are very persistent and one has to almost shake them off. The children are indeed the center of attraction. Their little fair faces and hair draw much attention. Barbara slipped and fell off the curb—and at least six of them were helping her up before we could reach her. The next day while going through a most interesting cemetery my friend, Mrs. Pain, sternly reproved little urchins for trying to touch the children. She explained to my amazement that they were very dirty and full of disease. As we rode through the residential section—poor and rich, we found every home with straight or decorated bars at their windows. Immediately I wanted to know "why." But I was reminded that we were now in Latin American country and thievery is common. Time and space prevents me telling you about the shooting scene we saw at the Capital and all the excitement surrounding it, also the experience of my being hit with a rock thrown by a half grown boy. These things are common occurrences in Havana, just within our short visit there we had a taste of their every day life. You who enjoy the quiet and comfort of a home in the States should thank God. Won't you pray for the little Island of Cuba, it's so close to us, and yet so neglected as far as the Gospel is concerned?

We landed here in Cristobal on Sunday morning, Sept. 26th about 7:30. Within two hours we were through customs and at the Bible House. We passed through customs with little trouble. We have heard of many who have had extreme difficulty getting into the country, even to the extent of having to pay sums of money. Again we were made to feel that "Someone" had come ahead. The next morning we were out house hunting, and by ten o'clock in the morning we had our little home rented. We were told that we could expect extreme difficulty in locating a place to live and that rents were exorbitant. All the way down I have felt that the Lord had a place waiting for us, hence the reason for our

quickly locating it. As I describe it to you perhaps you will be made to wonder if four people could live the least bit comfortable in such quarters but we are comfortable and very happy. We have two rooms, 10 by 12 ft. in size, a tiny kitchenette and a bath with shower. There are about 25 apartments in the building. We are on the ground floor. I have most of the luggage under the bed and two cots, it is the only place to put them. There are two trunks in the living room with a cover to make a desk. A few pictures are hung and Tommy has come in with some flowers, so we feel at home. This will be our temporary home until we move to Indian country. By the time you read this Mr. Willey will be making preparation for a trip to the Indians. We are so anxious to reach them for Christ. But you realize with us that we must move step by step, what we hope to accomplish with God's help

cannot be done in a month, or a year, —it may take years and years. But if this tribe shall receive the Gospel and even a few be saved within a lifetime it shall be abundantly worth the effort. Oh, that you might be with us this morning and see the tremendous need of Gospel light as we face it here; your hearts would be stirred.

Later we shall write you about the Isthmus and life here. We should be happy for you to write us. I shall not promise to answer them personally but it will be such a help and blessing to us.

I know you are holding the ropes for us —we feel it. May the God of peace, that keeps each of us, garrison your hearts and give you the joy of being a co-laborer in fulfilling His great commission.

Yours in the love of Christ.

—Mabel Willey.

A New Gem Office!

By Elder John B. Rollins, Purdy, Mo.

Supt. of the Publishing House Program of the Missouri State Association.

The vision of the Missouri State Association one year ago was a new, bigger, better and more completely equipped Publishing House. With nothing in the treasury, we inaugurated a plan and set to work with a vision of results, with confidence in our people, and with faith in God. The plan we adopted is God's plan and we think it is infallible, for we see that it has worked successfully throughout the centuries of history. God ordained the plan of giving gifts, offerings, donations, and the paying of tithes for the support of His cause in the world, and surely the spreading of the Gospel in the printed page is helping to advance His Cause!

It is very evident that God is smiling His approval on the good work the Gem paper is doing. Many of us see it, feel it, know it every day from a view-point of many angles:

First of all, we view the sacred work the Gem is dedicated to do.

Second is the fact that we have a very sincere and consecrated Editor and his good wife.

Third, the Gem is growing to be more efficient in its service, its contents grow better each month; and surely not least, the subscription list is increasing steadily. During two of

the summer months, the subscriptions came in at the rate of 100 a month.

I do not need to postulate or guess, for being associated with the Gem office, I speak that which I do know. And we praise the Lord from the depths of our souls.

In order to keep the divine approval of God upon our Gem, we are striving to follow God's plan. We offer the sacred privilege for all who love God and His Christ to give of their means to the support of His cause. Our people are giving, and many who love God but do not belong to our particular denomination are giving also, and are happy in so doing, for they see the sacred work the Gem is doing. Within nine months, our people put \$1,000.00 into the treasury.

We need \$5,000.00. We have hopes and are praying that we will succeed in raising that much. The first division of our plan calls for \$2,500.00. When we have raised \$2,500.00, we will be just that much ahead for we will not be obligated to raise the second \$2,500.00 in order to save the first. Our goal is to raise \$5,000.00, but we can start business negotiations when we have half of that amount, however, we cannot go in debt at any time and we must leave

our people free by preventing any negotiation that will make it necessary to raise more money in order to save our investment. These requirements that the head of our denomination have solemnly bound upon themselves in official writings to adhere to makes the Publishing House Program absolutely safe. We must not and we will not throw \$2,500.00 of the people's money away in bad transactions of business.

We praise the dear Lord for putting it into the hearts of the people to respond to the sacred cause our Gem represents. I am sure that those who have given God's way are happy (not grudgingly nor of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver—2 Cor. 9:7). *Many others need to wake up!* Our signed contract states that if we do not have \$2,500.00 by Nov. 1, 1938, the donors may receive their money back. We have only twelve months to go! During the past nine months we have raised \$1,000.00. That is fine, but that means that in the next twelve months we must raise \$1,500.00. My good people, let us rise up and build; let us arise to the occasion! It will require a new and better equipped Publishing House to meet the needs of the hour.

We have the Publishing House Loyalty Charts prepared for distribution now. This plan will accept any donation as low as a dime for those who cannot donate dollars.

My next lecture tour is being planned for the late fall and early winter in Laclede County and Niangua Associations. Let us pray and pay and live to be happy in that we have had a part in spreading the Gospel in Print as well as by word of mouth.

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Spiritual Giants

By Eld. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might" (Ephesian 6:10).

If ever the Christian cause needed stalwart, full-grown, fully equipped soldiers, it is today. To take an extended look at the rising clouds on the religious and political horizon, to diagnose the case of this sin-sick world, to examine the moral and religious pulse of even this nation of ours, is to arrive at an ultimate, an immediate conclusion that something and somebody is needed, and that at once. There is but one remedy. That is the wielding of the influence of Christ. The preaching of the unadulterated Gospel; and that with manifested power; the coming boldly to the throne of grace on the part of the church in general, in earnest ardent intercessary prayer. We need a renewed looking up, lifting up, standing up, and a more firm belief in God and His infallible Word. We need people to pray like John Knox, to appeal like Moody, to fight sin like Billy Sunday, to be fearless like Livingston, to stand up like Peter, to undertake like Samson, to start something like Carry Nation, to launch and to suffer like Paul, and to live and love like Jesus. John Knox prayed and wept, leaving a pool of tears in the chair over which he bowed and the prints of his knees in the floor on which he kneeled; the burden of his prayer was, "Oh Lord, give me Scotland ere I die." Bringing the words from the lips of Queen Mary of the Scots, as follows: "I fear the prayers of John Knox more than all the armies of France and England." History attributes to this man the honor of praying down a revival in Scotland such as never was known before. How people need to pray today till the throne of God is pierced, Heaven is moved, and the earth is watered with abundant showers of blessings!

To be a spiritual giant one must have the fullness of the Spirit. The Apostle Paul says in Eph. 5:13, "Be not drunk with wine wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." Even the weakest of men, when filled with the Holy Spirit, become bold, strong, and absolutely invincible. We see such manifested so marvelously

in the life and activities of the early apostles. So many church members of today need this last quoted scripture; the first clause of it just the same as the last one. Because there is so much drunkenness and revelry on the part of professed people of God, and therefore, of course, no filling of the Spirit. Hence a drouth stricken land as far as spirituality is concerned. The filling of the Spirit makes one not afraid to be heard; in sermon prayer, song, testimony, or what ever the case may be. It takes away timidity. It makes us willing to suffer. It gives us zeal. It causes us to be concerned in the missionary programs, in the various enterprises of the church, in the salvation of souls, etc. It is marvelous in its success as a vaccine against dead lethargy, spiritual sleeping sickness, Sunday pleasure mania, shortness of (spiritual) vision, deafness to the truth, etc. When the genuine Holy Spirit is infused into a man's soul, a marvelous reaction is noticed immediately. One takes on renewed vigor and vitality at once. He suddenly begins to take interest in things to which he was previously dead, and for which he positively had no time, and hesitated not to tell folks so. He suddenly wakes up and begins to see different, looks different, appreciates what before was annoying to him, and just takes on renewed life. He feels like he could pull down mountains, raise valleys, and fairly turn the world upside down. He really becomes an asset to the cause instead of a liability, a lively stone in God's building, a real advancer and forwarder of the cause of Jesus Christ.

A giant, so made by the grace of God, is not easily defeated. He does not give up because he comes out seemingly a loser, for once or even twice, but he rises up and goes again. He has a goal set and with an astonishing determination he is working to that end. However he is a peculiar kind of a strong man in that his power lies in his wonderful heart of love and compassion. The weapons of his warfare are not carnal. He bears many striking likenesses to the One unique character who walked and lived among men, whose name we call Jesus.

THE CHURCH AT ALLEN

By Mrs. O. V. Tadlock, Batesville, Ark.

On the top of Ramsey mountain,
Where no church had ever been,
And where people seldom went to hear
Of Christ who died to save from sin.

There lived a number of fine families,
Most of them with boys and girls,
Growing up without church training,
To take their place in the world.

So God looked down in pity,
On each Gospel hungry heart,
And suggested to some of them,
That a Sunday school they start.

So our men folks built an arbor,
And our Sunday school began,
That our children might learn more
About the great salvation plan.

Then we had an old time meeting,
Where the people came to hear
The story of salvation,
That gives us hope and cheer.

At the very first service of the meeting
Sinners came and prayed through,
And you could hear their shouts of
victory,
As their souls were born anew.

And those already serving
In the army of the Lord,
Were made glad, and their souls were
strengthened
By the things they saw and heard.

At the closing of the meeting
We organized a church,
That we might, with more strength
and courage,
Carry on our Master's work.

Our members numbered thirty-five,
And we do hope and pray,
That those who still are out in sin,
Will soon turn and walk the Gospel
way.

We have only missed one Sunday,
Having church and Sunday school.
We have prayer meeting every Wednesday night,
And never break the rule.

Our men have sawed the timber
And hauled it to the mill
And had it sawed into lumber,
To build a church on Ramsey hill.

For we did need a building,
To hold our meetings in,
And we hoped to have it finished
Ere the winter snows begin.

So we worked and prayed in earnest,
That a church house we might build,
That we need not miss a service
Of our church on Ramsey hill.

Now we have our house completed,
And we do hope and pray,
That it may prove a blessing
To this place for many a day.

And we ask the prayers of Christians
For each member of our band,
That we may do our Master's will,
And work at His command.

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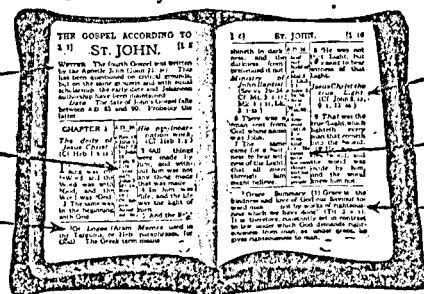
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