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Two Golden Days

"There are two days in the week upon which and about which I never worry. Two care-free days kept sacredly free from fear and apprehension.

"One of these days is Yesterday. Yesterday with all its cares and frets, with all its pains and aches, all its faults, its mistakes and blunders, has passed forever beyond the reach of my recall. I cannot undo an act I have wrought, I cannot unsay a word I said on Yesterday. All that it holds of my life, of wrong, regret and sorrow, is in the hands of the mighty love that can bring honey out of the rock, and sweet waters out of the bitterest desert—the love that can make the wrong things right, that can turn weeping into laughter, that can give of heaviness, joy of the morning for the woe of the night.

"Save from the beautiful memories, sweet and tender, which linger like the perfume of the roses in the heart of the day that is gone, I have nothing to do with yesterday. It was mine: it is God's.

"And the other day I do not worry about is tomorrow. Tomorrow with all its possible adversities, its burdens, its perils, its large promises and poor performance, its failures and mistakes, is as far beyond the reason of my mastery as its dead sister, Yesterday. It is a day of God's. Its sun will rise in roscate splendor, or behind a mask of weeping clouds—but it will rise. Until then the same love and patience that holds Yesterday, holds tomorrow. Save for the star of hope which gleams forever on

the brow of tomorrow, shining with tender promise into the heart of today, I have no possession in that unborn day of grace. All else is in the safe keeping of the infinite love that holds for me the treasures of yesterday—the love that is higher than the stars, wider than the skies, deeper than the seas, **Tomorrow—it is God's day: it will be mine.**

"There is left for myself then, but one day of the week—Today. Any man can fight the battles of today. Any woman can carry the burdens of just one day. Any man can resist the temptations of today. O friends, it is only when, to the burdens and cares of today, carefully measured out to us by the infinite wisdom and might which gives with them the promise, "As thy day, so shall thy strength be," we willfully add the burdens of those two awful eternities—Yesterday and tomorrow—**such burdens as only the mighty God can sustain—that we break down.** It isn't the experience of today that drives men mad. It is the remorse for something that happened Yesterday, the dread of what Tomorrow may disclose.

"These are God's days. Leave them with Him.

"Therefore I think, and I do, and I journey but one day at a time. That is the easy day. That is the man's day. Nay, rather that is our day—God's and mine. And while faithfully and dutifully I run my course, and work my appointed task on that day of ours, God the Almighty and the all-loving takes care of yesterday and tomorrow."

—Robert J. Burdette.

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Flying Within the Beam

By Mrs. Lowell Martin, Greenfield, Mo.

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" Romans 8:14.

Some time ago, a young Christian asked me how to know you were being led by the Spirit. As well as I can recall, I gave that young lady a very lame reply, for, like so many spiritual experiences, it is hard to put into words something that is real and vital in the life of the child of God. Since that time, I have tried to think of how I might have made a better explanation, and the other day, a way flashed into my mind that might be applicable.

In this modern age, when so many marvelous inventions are being brought forth each year, one outstanding brilliancy has come to light. It is the radio beam, that signal that assists the aviator in flying safely and landing securely at his port. As I understand it, this beam is about ten miles in width, and the signal is strongest in the center, fading out at the outer edges, so that the pilots can tell from the intensity of the signal when they are in the center of the beam or nearing the edge. Yes, it is a very wonderful invention, but not a new one by any means, for God has been using the same idea for many hundreds of years to guide His children safely into the home port.

When anyone has repented of sin and had a "born again" experience, just that soon this beam between them and the Father goes into action. But you must be born of the Spirit if you are to be connected and if you are to understand the signal coming in.

Now this beam sent forth from Father's Station is fairly wide, for He is a merciful and lenient God, and then, too, I wonder if that latitude isn't to make plenty of allowance for His beginners, His fledglings, because He realizes they may wobble around a little until they grow in grace and strength and learn to fly in the center with surety. Of course, it isn't always just the beginners that get out of the center of the beam; we have all seen older Christians get slack, go to sleep and just gradually get nearer the edge, and finally fly off into darkness. What puzzles me is how anyone who has known the joy, and security of flying in the Father's beam can be content to fly blindly in the dark.

How do we know when we are flying in the center of our Father's beam, or in other words, being led by His Spirit? By the strength of the signal coming in. And by the way, friend, how is the signal coming in? Has there been a time when you enjoyed a closer walk with the Lord, and you could feel His Spirit working in and through you more fully? Maybe you have just become a little neglectful; but take warning, you may be getting near the edge; rouse yourself and fly back to the center of the beam on the wings of prayer.

How thankful we should be to have this link with the Father; that from the time we start until we land safely in His home, we can rely securely on His beam to guide us in. Often we must fly through great, black, storm clouds: clouds of doubt, of ridicule, sorrow and even persecution, but it sometimes seems that the beam is giving

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

Temperance

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

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

Awful Condions Under Repeal

By the Editor

Many of you who read this will no doubt remember the old saloon, then you'll remember how it was under Prohibition, and you know something about conditions under Repeal. Prohibition put about 177,000 old saloons out of business; but under Repeal we have at least 600,000 new deal saloons.

Yes, we had bootleggers during the Prohibition period; but not so many as there were during the time of the old saloon; and now there are more bootleggers than ever before.

Advocates of repeal said: "There will be less drinking if we repeal the Eighteenth Amendment, and legalize alcoholic beverages, than there was under Prohibition — BUT

According to records of the United States Internal Revenue Department, for the year 1937, drinking in our country reached an all-time high:

Fer. Malt Liquors ..	1,733,652,184 gal
Distilled Liquors, ..	136,859,616 gal.
Still Wines	62,035,287 gal.

Total for 1937..... 1,932,547,087 gal.

On the above consumption the Federal Government collected \$565,245,086. If I have been correctly informed, the government gets about $\frac{1}{4}$ or 12½% on all alcoholic beverages sold; then those who drink must have paid out eight times the above amount during 1937, or about \$4,521,960,688.00, which is more than \$36.00 for every man, woman and child in the United States, spent for booze in one year, and this is not all, for the report does not include all kinds of drink, and the government made and sold great quantities on its own account.

And advocates of repeal told us that the revenue from legal liquor would reduce the national debt, balance the budget, lower taxes, and do a lot of other things — BUT

The national debt has doubled since repeal, and is now nearly forty billion dollars, and increasing at the rate of more than four billion dollars every year. The budget has been out of balance about four billion dollars each

year since repeal. Taxes are now at least thirty-five per cent higher than they were under National Prohibition, and getting higher all the time.

Though it was expected that great quantities of liquor would be sold and great sums of money collected as revenue, yet advocates of repeal said "The old saloon shall not come back." And President Roosevelt said, "By no possibility, at any time or under any conditions at any place or under any circumstances shall that institution, the saloon, or its equivalent be allowed to return to American life."

We had less than 200,000 old saloons before Prohibition; but now we have at least 600,000 new deal saloons, and they are worse than the old saloons of pre-Prohibition days.

The old saloon sold nothing but booze, and only a certain class of people patronized it. But the repeal establishments of today, by selling liquor along with food in cafes, gasoline at filling stations, drugs and other commodities at drug stores, and operating in grocery stores, dry goods stores and other places where the necessities of life are sold, are tempting multiplied thousands of people who never did go about the old saloon. People did not have to support and patronize the old saloon unless they wanted to; but whosoever buys commodities and the necessities of life from a dealer who sells booze is helping to support and perpetuate the liquor traffic. Why not buy dry, and say why?

Liquor was sold in the old saloon under the pretext of personal liberty, but it is sold in the new deal saloons under the pretext of cheating the bootlegger, and to provide revenue for the government, and to pay old age pensions and educate the children, etc.

In the old saloon, screened off from the public view, generally there stood behind the bar a big fat man with a big red nose; but in the new deal establishments of today the liquor is served by a million, three hundred fifty thousand young women, attractively

dressed. These young women are used in the booze joints for the same reason that we put cheese on mouse traps—to lure men and boys to destruction!

LIQUOR TRAFFIC SLAUGHTER WORSE THAN WAR

Since our nation's birth in 1776, it has engaged in six major wars, which extended over a period of fifteen years. During these fifteen years of war, 244,357 American soldiers have been killed in action or died from wounds.

But during our fifteen years of peacetime, 1923 to 1937, a total of 441,912 were killed on our highways, and in most of these deaths booze was to blame. Our soldiers fought and died for a purpose; but what purpose can there be in killing nearly twice as many on the highways in peacetime as were killed in wars in the same length of time?

Truly, this traffic is worse than war!

THINGS WE KNOW

We know that men get drunk.

We know that alcoholic drinks make them so.

We know that alcohol is a poison, that it is a habit-forming, will-destroying drug, that it destroys life, reason, self-control, endurance, skill, morality and all that is good in man.

We know that alcohol is a source of crime and waste and human degradation, that it produces disease, mental break-down, and insanity.

We know that alcohol wrecks the home, defiles motherhood and virtue, and blights the progress of mankind.

We know the above things, and we know they are true. The question is:

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT? IT IS TIME TO ACT!

Did Prohibition make the difference in the following quotation?

"Of the 80,000 men and women jailed in Los Angeles during 1937, 49,000 were sent there because of drunkenness. This is an average of nearly 1,000 drunk arrests a week, despite the fact that police officers have orders to arrest only the most aggravated cases of intoxication. There were 7,800 drunks arrested in 1919, the year before the prohibition era. In 1920, arrests for this offense dropped to 2,714." —*The Watchman-Examiner*

The Blotting Out

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

"He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I **WILL NOT BLOT OUT HIS NAME** out of the **BOOK OF LIFE**, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels" Rev. 3:5.

BUT What will happen if he fails to overcome? Examine the promises of the Bible, which mount up into the thousands, thank God; every promise is on condition, and that condition, in its last analysis, is *if he overcome*. There is only one conclusion, if he fails to overcome, he will fail to receive the promise. In this day of wide-spread apostasy, so many are failing to overcome, and that causes me to shudder.

Jesus said of His disciples, "The world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, *even as I am not of the world*" John 17:14.

Again He said, "Be of good cheer; I have *overcome* the world" John 16:33.

Then comes the promise, "To him that overcometh I will grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne" Rev. 3:21.

To be a Christian means to be Christ-like, and to be Christ-like is to be an overcomer, and "he that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I **WILL NOT BLOT OUT HIS NAME** out of the **BOOK OF LIFE**" There is only one conclusion—If we fail to live a Christ-like, overcoming life, our names *shall be BLOTTED OUT* of God's Book, and the consequences shall follow.

This is not a stratagem. I have not added a tricky untruth to a true statement. The Book of Life, which contains our names, is God's Book—I have not misrepresented. When Moses returned from the Mount with the law and found the people sinning a terrible sin, he threw the tables of stone and brake them for they pronounced a curse of destruction on the sinners. Moses fell before the Lord and prayed in intercession for the people. Forty days and nights he neither ate nor drank—Deut. 9:17-21—which was the second 40-day period of fasting, making eighty days and nights in succession—Deut. 9:9-12. Moses prayed, "Yet now, if Thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, **BLOT ME**, I pray

Thee, out of **THY BOOK** which *Thou hast written*" Exodus 32:32.

"And the Lord said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I **BLOT OUT** of my book" Exodus 32:33.

Moses continued to pray, and the Lord said, "Let me alone, that I may destroy them, and **BLOT OUT** their name from under heaven" Deut. 9:14.

Yet Moses prayed, "O Lord God, destroy not *Thy people* and Thine inheritance, which Thou hast **REDEEMED** through thy greatness, which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand" Deut. 9:26.

They were redeemed people, and in danger of being blotted out. They were redeemed by the blood of Christ as much so as you and I. Christ is the Christ of the Bible. He is the Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world. The Old Testament saints expressed their faith in the merits of Christ's atoning death on Calvary's Cross when they observed the Passover—every detail in the pass-over pointed definitely to the Cross. They looked to the Cross by faith and were saved—that's how you and I were saved. They were on the other side of the cross, yes—but it is Christ who saves, and not the dispensation in which one lives.



Moses lost his argument with the Lord, for the conclusion was, "The Lord will not spare him, but then the anger of the Lord and his jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the Lord shall **BLOT OUT** his name from under heaven" Deut. 29:20.

The New Testament teaches us that the masses of people whom God redeemed and led out of Egypt never got to enter into the Canaan-rest, because of the sin of unbelief—Heb. 3:7-19. Please study this reference and notice that they "departed from the living God," which made verse 10 true. Then notice, "For we are made partakers with Christ, *IF* we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast *unto the end*."

God's Book—The Book which God has written—The Book of Life is of great concern to us. What is it? Is it the register-book of the living, containing all the names of those who live on the face of the earth, both good and bad? Does the **BLOTTING OUT** of this Book, or the blotting out from under heaven mean that one ceases to live and departs from this land of the living through the avenues of death—either natural or tragical? If it does mean this, the language of our text is an incomprehensible jargon of words carelessly thrown together which makes it utterly impossible to obtain any promise whatever: for that would mean that all the saints of all the ages past have become the victims of having been blotted out, for all have ceased to live on the earth. If this were true, not a single one of them will be clothed in white raiment or have his name confessed before the Father and His angels. Such a position is positively ridiculous.

The Book of Life, surely, is the Lamb's Book of Life which shall be opened at the Great White Throne Judgement. Those whose names are not written therein are doomed for eternity! Only the names of saints, redeemed people, truly Christians are written in this book.

The disciples returned from their first preaching tour highly elated and rather hilarious because the devils were subject unto them. Jesus sternly replied, "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:20. It is a joyous time when one repents of his sins and his name is written in heaven, it's another thing to "endure unto the end." We see by both the Old and New Testaments that God **BLOTS OUT** the names of those who sin against Him, or fail to live an overcoming life. Let us not turn back, for there is danger!

Read this and stay in the boat!

The Death of the Soul

By Eld. F. C. Zinn, Purdy, Mo.

"The soul that sinneth, it shall die"
(Ezekiel 18:4)

It becomes the duty of the faithful ambassador of Christ to speak, not only of the glories of Heaven, but of the horrors of hell; not only of the felicities of the redeemed, but of the torments of the damned. I am speaking to you on the different symptoms of soul death, or how a soul dies. It may be proper to notice the analogy between physical and spiritual death. The fact is, we don't die physically as a rule, until we have first paved the way, through exposure, overwork or intemperance, and disease is given a foothold and a place to begin its deadly work.

There is death all around us, we take in millions of disease germs every day, but if our bodies are perfectly healthy we are immuned by being able to kill or throw off these bacteria, so that they find no place to begin operation. The poet, Heber, says,

Death rides on every passing breeze,
And lurks in every flower.
Each season has its own disease,
Its peril every hour.

Scientists tell us that a coin has a million poisonous germs. They tell us that one fly is capable of carrying seven million of these deadly creatures. Why is it then that we do not die like rats, with the bubonic plague? Simply because we manage to keep up enough vitality to resist and overcome these infinitesimal foes. But finally we weaken, succumb and die.

Here is a strong, healthy man who has never had a sick day in his life. He cannot sympathize with those who are ill. But because of exposure or disregard to the laws of health, he begins to fail. The first symptoms may be indigestion, then dizziness, then night sweats, then he is unable to stay at his place of business all day, then he is in bed part of the day, then he cannot be up at all. At last, his loved ones gather around the bed to tell him good-by. Now it may have taken weeks, or perhaps months for this all to have taken place, but finally the once healthy man expires.

In like manner, we now desire to notice the process of the soul's death. I will mention five stages.

Death to High and Holy Purpose

In order to follow the analogy, let us begin with a healthy soul. This will take in those in the "amen" corner, including preachers and Christian workers. When these who have been in the front of the battle for years and sacrificed much—when these begin to let down and slacken their pace, soul paralysis sets in.



With additional cares, or perhaps feebleness of age, one may not be able to be so active in the work of the Lord as in other days, but he need never lose the intense zeal and burden for souls. It is so easy for one to feel that because he has been more or less successful, he can be placed on the honorary list and still draw full pay. It is so easy for one to conclude that since he has been so intensely zealous and self-sacrificing, he can afford to let up a little, and still be in advance of the generality of professed Christians. O brother, that was a sad moment when you came to this decision, when you obtained the consent of your mind to become an ordinary, second grade saint. That was a sad turning point in your experience, when you were content to compare yourself with those around you, when you became satisfied with present attainments. This was your first step downward, and unless you catch your equilibrium you will end in despair. The history of many a man, who has fallen from a high pinnacle, can be written in two words, *ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT*. He ceases to get new revelations from the skies, he ceases to have long seasons of communion with God.

This was his first step toward hell. The Arch Deceiver watched for years to see the aggressive saint come to a

stand-still. From this moment, he becomes less fiery, less self-sacrificing, and more self-indulgent. Now he is prepared to come down from that high plane upon which he formerly walked. These holy ambitions and aspirations to be an extraordinary saint, as he once prayed to be, no longer thrill his entire being.

Death to the Checks of the Spirit

This is the second symptom of a dying soul. Up to this time, the soul has been quick to heed the slightest check of the Holy Spirit. But now as he begins to question the importance of non-essentials, he fails to discern the gentle whispers and warnings of the Spirit. As the sensibilities become blunted and benumbed, the soul fails to distinguish the voice of the Spirit from other voices. The clamorings of the flesh now become more tyrannical and demands attention. Little by little, the sick soul weakens and loses its power of resistance. Oh, that such a one could once more arise, shake off the chloroform of hell and be master of himself and his surroundings. Thank God, occasionally such is the case.

There are but few people who do not grieve the Holy Spirit, more or less. Have you ever noticed while in conversation, or when about to make a hurried decision, how true the Spirit was to check you? There was a time when you were quick to listen. There was a time when the Spirit got ahead of every one else and was first to call your attention to some unwise or inconsiderate thing, but now you can reason away former convictions and practice things which at one time would have shocked you. Friend, put on the brakes, for you are nearing the third mile post toward hell.

Death to the Voice of Conscience

After the soul is so far paralyzed as to be insensible to the gentle checks of the Spirit, yet the thunderings of conscience may still be heard. Though the conscience may be smothered and stabbed until it is heard no more, yet there are times when it will revive, stand erect and speak again, compelling one to throw up both hands and tell the whole truth. Here is an instance of a stultified conscience:

A few years ago, in Louisville, Ky., there lived an old, hardened sinner. His will had never been broken when a child, and of course he became more incorrigible as he grew older. He fired boilers in a large factory and was so mean that no one would work with

him. One cold day in November, a man who was on his way to Florida, stopped and asked for work. He was given a job of helping fire boilers. He and the old stoker had a quarrel, and the old stoker knocked him down with a poker, and to his surprise, the man did not get up. He found he had killed him. He threw him in the furnace. But conscience revived, and every time he would open the furnace door, he could see two eyes. Finally, he could stand it no longer, and asked for a furlough of a week, to go to Washington D. C., but the dark thing followed him. He was absent for four years, until he thought he had forgotten it. Then he decided to go back and take up his old job again, which he did. He was determined when he went back to the boilers that this thing would not bother him. But when he came to the boiler and opened the door, the very same thing faced him. One day while lying on his bunk, he was heard to say, "I killed him with a poker, and threw him into the furnace." The law was called and he was taken to jail. Yes, sinner, it is hard to get away from conscience.

Death to Good Influence

God has done, and is still doing all in His power to head us off, and turn our feet from the path of hell. One of the saddest things that can be said of a man is that he has the ability to so harden himself that he becomes dead to all that is good. Nothing appeals to him except that which is sensual and devilish. All that a good God can ordain and set in motion for his salvation is to no avail. He is wide awake to money-making or pleasure-seeking, but there is absolutely no response to the holy sabbath, the prayer meeting, or the Bible. Yea, he can go farther and oppose family prayers, mock the people of God, and slander the servants of the Most High. It is an awful fact that there are men walking all around us, loved ones near us, perhaps sitting at our tables, who are as dead to God and as hopelessly lost as a demon who has been in hell a thousand years. Not because God wills it, but because they will be damned and God cannot help it. God and every human agency have to stand back and let the doomed soul rush madly on, closing his eyes to the light, his ears to the truth, and splashing his way through the blood of Calvary's victim in order to make sure of hell.

Death of the Soul

Oh, what a difficult task a soul has

to be damned. The pleading of mother, the prayers of the Church, and the pangs of a dying Redeemer all have to be met, spurned, and brushed aside, in order to make a bed in hell. Surely,

Men dig deep,
And run themselves out of breath
To overtake Death.

Some have worked hard, early and late for many years, to successfully choke the voice of conscience, smother their convictions and resist the influence of the Holy Spirit. They have worked hard, and would not God be their debtor if He did not give them their hard earned wages? "The wages of sin is death," they can be earned: "But the gift of God is eternal life;" it is a free gift, without money and without price. Will you have it? It is yours for the asking. Decide now! Oh, the eternal joys or sorrows, the everlasting bliss or banishment, that hinges upon a single choice! Which

will it be? Be careful! Choose now for Christ, and you will never be sorry. Heaven help you to act the way you will wish you had when the things of earth are fading out of sight and eternity is becoming awfully real.

While God invites, how blest the day!
How sweet the Gospel's charming sound
Come, sinner, haste, O haste away,
While yet a pardoning God is found.

Soon borne on Time's most rapid wing
Shall death command you to the grave,
Before His bar your spirit bring,
And none be found to hear or save.

In that lone land of deep despair,
No Sabbath's heavenly light shall rise,
No God regard your bitter prayer,
No Saviour call you to the skies.

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While yet a pardoning God is found.

The National Home Mission Board

Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Secretary, 1304 Fatherland St., Nashville, Tenn.

The National Association of Free Will Baptist, while in session in Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 1938, elected a Home Mission Board consisting of five members, and, if I construed the discussions correctly, for the purpose of reinforcing the work of our church from coast to coast through some of the following types of work: erection of church edifices; support of public worship in neglected areas; orphanages; hospitals; Christian centers in rural communities, and among Indians, Negroes, Foreign-speaking peoples and migrants. These are evangelizing agencies to achieve the great ideal, "America for Christ." The need of the transforming power of His love is central in the teaching of pulpit, clinic, and classroom.

There is without question a "new home mission," whose chief characteristic is CO-OPERATION. This is what your Home Mission Board is praying for now, because the support of the Home Mission Program means ALL Free Will Baptist must share the responsibility. By co-operation through the program as outlined by your Board, Free Will Baptists can give to their Lord and not to mere causes; can let the Lord direct the use of funds by His Holy Word. Every co-operative

gift donation helps to carry on our benevolence and missionary work at home.

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Field Worker, Rev. Geo. D. Dunbar
Chuckey, Tennessee.

Have you ever noticed how often in the Old Testament the phrase "toward the sunrising" is used in connection with God's people going forth to possess a new land? As this year 1939 begins, we your newly elected Home Mission Board, are gathering our strength to go forth "toward the sunrising" of a mighty crusade for Christ—a crusade to possess our own country. Our faith is strong, our purpose firm, but we carry one heavy burden that must be lightened—the burden of money. It is holding our denomination back, hampering our

many agencies in their work of winning the lost, training Christians for service, and carrying out that service. Yet if we Free Will Baptist all work together, using a method prepared for this one purpose, we can not only lighten the load but completely rid ourselves of it.

We believe that the interest of our people is sufficiently aroused in Home Missions to a realization of the importance and necessity of this work. "If ye love me, ye *WILL* keep my commandments"—John 14:15. If we love Christ, we will have joy in telling others about Him. This is the secret of evangelism and all missionary work. If we love Christ, we will always seek to do that which pleases Him. We seek to live like Jesus because we love not only Him but His will and way and *WORK*.

Turn to the seventh chapter of Matthew and read verses 24-29. Note the words: "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them,"—yes *DOETH* them! *HEARING* is not enough. *KNOWING* is not enough. *BELIEVING* is not enough. There must be *DOING* also. "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46). Why indeed? "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven."

Now read some of the plans of your Home Mission Board, and you will find an opportunity to *DO* some of the will of our "Father which is in heaven."

1. Appoint some one in your church to sponsor the Home Mission Program. If you have a full time pastor, he will naturally be interested to this extent, but if your pastor is just with you once a month, that is not often enough to keep this Home Mission fire burning as brightly as it should. Some one in each church, looking after this work daily is our aim.

2. April has been chosen by your Board as Home Mission Month. We are asking every church to put special stress on Home Missions every Sunday during this month. Talk Home Missions, study our Home Mission needs, pray Home Missions, preach with force Home Missions, and then let this Home Mission enthusiasm terminate in a Home Mission offering.

3. Distribute good literature; that is, tracts, Gospels, church papers, etc., to homes for aged, detention homes, jails, hospitals, or any place or to any one who needs their message.

You can get hundreds of tracts for the asking.

4. A sacrificial fast—Every Free Will Baptist in your church to go without at least *one meal* a week from the time you read this until Easter, and on Easter Sunday, April 9, 1939, turn this amount (the value of the meals denied yourself had you purchased them) in to your Home Mission Chairman, who in turn will send this offering immediately to our national Home Mission treasurer who will see that every cent is used for approaching with spiritual help those who need to know the saving power of Jesus Christ. The treasurer's address is given above. It will be wise to file this issue of your church paper that you may have these plans and addresses available when needed.

5. Home Mission Program—Have a special program on Home Missions in your church the first Sunday night in April, at which time, in some interesting way boost this Home Mission program. We believe it will work if given an honest chance.

6. Special prayers—We beg, beseech and insist that special prayers be offered for our Home Mission work. Set a special time *every day* for a special petition for this plan for Free Will Baptist Home Mission work. "Ask of me and I shall give thee *the heathen* for thine inheritance and *the uttermost parts of the earth* for thy possessions." (Psa. 2:8)

Now you have some of our plans. may we solicit support and encouragement of any kind from you? Any

articles of encouragement through our papers, or private suggestions to your National Board is heartily solicited.

1938 is gone—forever! You may have fallen into a rut during the old year. Now is the time to strike a new trail. You may have been plowing over and over the same thin rocky soil. Now is the time to break new ground. You have got to a new bend in the road and you realize that new vistas are before you. Trust God—He is the answer to your every need! He knows your resources and limitations, and He is very practical. He is giving you this new year 1939 because it needs you *AS YOU ARE*—and you need it. There's still something worth while for you to do. In God's New Year Scheme, you may be assured that you are an important character, fit exactly for what the Father has planned for you.

AHEAD! Great responsibility is mirrored in these days for our church. It is up to you to help these Home Mission plans to blossom forth and produce fruit. It is up to you to use these plans for the best, so that we Free Will Baptist may be ready for tomorrow when it dawns.

As we attempt to carry out these plans in our churches, may we keep in mind that it is the ultimate *ACCOMPLISHMENT* that counts. The question is not "Are we winning fame for our church?" but "Are we approaching God?"

You have our plans. Go; and God goes with you!

The National Superannuation Board

Mrs. J. E. Simpson, Chairman, 1310 Fatherland St., Nashville, Tenn.

Knowing what to do, and doing what you know always brings desired results.

"Give me understanding and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein do I delight" (Psa. 119:34, 35).

Mark Twain once said: "Most people are bothered by the passages of Scripture that they cannot understand; but as for me, I have always noticed that the passages of Scripture which trouble me most are those which I do understand." I wonder if that isn't true with a lot of us.

If we were bothered about such

Scriptures as: "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's," and "He that loveth not his brother abideth in death," and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints, I feel sure that the whole program of our church would be carried out in a way that would be pleasing to our Lord.

"O well," you say, "I want to see the church progress, but there are so many phases of the work that make demands upon our pocket book. There is the Educational Board, the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board, and even now we have another child born into the board family of the National

body of Free Will Baptist, that is the "Superannuation Board."

What shall we do with this child? Just place it on the shelf and leave it there until all the other children of the board family are well on their way to success, and then go back to the shelf, take the youngest child of the family down and nourish it until it becomes a recognized member? No. Frankly we are responsible for the four members, and I think they are all important. I want to see them all go forward.

We would not take a trip in our automobile with one or more wheels failing to turn, neither should we attempt to carry on our National program with one or more boards failing to function.

Then let's put our shoulder to the wheel and move on, giving support to

the work laid out for us to do.

Let's work while it is yet day.

It is with great sorrow that I have to announce the death of Mr. Harris, the member chosen to act as treasurer of the Superannuation Board. Mr. Harris will be greatly missed by his family, the community, the church and our denomination.

Until further announcement concerning the treasury, if there should be those who wish to make a contribution to this work, just send it to me and as soon as possible we will name another to fill Mr. Harris' place, and if there happens to be any funds on hand, I will turn them over to the newly elected treasurer.

Please think and pray about this responsibility that is ours and let's not just read about it, and have good intentions that we don't carry out.

Our National Educational Work

By Rev. J. R. Davidson, Chairman, 808 W. 27th Street Bryan, Texas.

As Chairman of the National Board of Education, and as treasurer of the Eastern fund, I have felt that you would appreciate a report from me. We are hoping to launch a special campaign for funds in the Spring, and we are urging our people everywhere to be ready for some real work.

We have discontinued our arguments as to whether we should have such an institution as a National Bible School, but now are asking what plans may be used to make one possible. I trust that we have started in the right way.

In a brief meeting of the Board at the close of the National Association in November, 1938, it was agreed that we would ask all of our churches to raise at least ten cents per member before the next session of the National Association, which will convene in Bryan, Texas, in the middle of July, 1939. The churches which have been connected with the Western General Association should send their funds to Rev. Selph Jones of Mansfield, Mo. Suppose you get busy and raise all that you can before a special campaign is announced. This is a work which is dear to our hearts, and one of our greatest needs. Without an educational institution, we cannot go forward, presenting a solid front. Many of the young men and young women are calling upon us to provide a medium for their Christian training.

I believe the time is here to act, will you accept the challenge and fall in line?

I have at this time of writing, Jan. 16, 1939, \$240.00 which has been contributed for this great work. I am hoping to be able to report much more before the middle of July.

Let us make this project an object of special prayer. We can put it over if we will pray as if all depends upon God, and work as if it all depends upon us.



Rev. J. R. Davidson

Reasonable Service

By Eld. Frank Linton, Branch, Mo.

Dear Gem Readers, Everywhere:

As I sit down this beautiful winter evening to write a few words that I trust will help someone to a closer walk with the Lord, I have my Bible opened to Romans 12:1-2, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world:" Now folks, this is a request made to the Church, that we the people of God and members of His Church might live lives that the world can see the clean, pure Church and recognize it as a church. Listen folks, our Lord is coming after His Church, and it is to be without spot or wrinkle, and if you are conformed to this world and all spotted with sin you will be left behind at the time Jesus comes to rapture away the Church. I listened to a wonderful sermon preached by Bro. Winford Davis in Paintsville, Ky. last July. His subject was The Great Speckled Bird, found in Jer. 12:9. This beautiful speckled bird is the Church, but it is true that some of its members are running to the things of the world and are walking with the world until they act just like the people of the world. And the speckled bird in some places of the country is losing her spots until she is like the other birds around her. Some of our churches have compromised with the Devil and taken in so many worldly things that they have lost their power and beauty. Hear me, my friends, Heaven is real tonight, and if you miss it you have missed everything that is worth while. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him." Now with all love to you; if you love the picture shows, beer gardens, road houses and a dozen other things that we might mention, that you love to go to, that you know are not like God, you had better go to an altar of prayer and ask God to forgive you, or get out of the church now: for you will be left out when the raptured Church goes up. Should you love the world tonight, don't go on loving the ways of sin, but turn and let us live for God. I am glad that Christian service is a reasonable service. Live a clean life and face the world with a smile and don't be afraid that some one will say,

"I saw that man or woman in a beer garden." Praise the Lord for deliverance from the things of the world. The good Lord has left the Church with us and said to occupy until He comes. Let us guard the Church as Abraham did the sacrifice in Gen. 15:11 and when the fowls (the Devil) came down upon the sacrifice, he drove them

away. Let us stand by the Church and for what is right; if we don't we will fall short at the Judgement. Support your pastor, for he is your servant looking to you.

Since my last writing, I have changed my address from Stella to Branch, Mo.

To Loyal Free Will Baptist Everywhere

By Eld. Melvin Bingham, 833 N. Utica Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

My heart goes out to our rising generation. Why? Because we do not have schools of training for them. My girls didn't want to finish school, because of the ungodly acts and environments they were surrounded with: Dancing, undressing, running up and down the streets half clothed, smoking, swearing, being sneered at because they were preacher's daughters, and a thousand other things I could name.

I am asking every loyal Free Will Baptist of this great nation if that isn't just the thing that is confronting them? "Well," you will say, "what can be done about it?" Just sit down and draw your chair up a little closer to the table, and I will have a little chat with you. I am going to tell you just how we can do away with such training, and have godly and respectable, educated children, that we will be proud to see graduated and see them wear caps and gowns.

Let every loyal Free Will Baptist send ten (10) cents to their nearest board member right now, don't wait, do it now. Say pastors, why don't you take up this most important work with your church? All the National Board is asking for at this time is ten cents per member. "O," you might say, "nothing can be done with such a small amount." Little drops of water, and little grains of sand, do what? Just think what it would amount to, if every one would send ten cents! Say folks, it would be up in the thousands of dollars, and in this way we could have a school of our own, and if we fail some one will give an account at the Judgement. I wish every pastor would co-operate, like the good pastor of our Cushing Church. I received, recently, \$3.10 from Cushing Church. Thanks for the co-operation. I have on hand at this writing, \$15.55.

I hope the good Lord will kindle a fire in your bosom, that you can see the need of a school for our youth of today. I have a boy, 14 years old, with

a burning zeal to finish school. He will come to me and say, "Daddy, I want to go to college, I want to have an education, I am not going to quit." He came home the other evening with a shoulder split open over rough play and rough training. I hope I am not too hard. If I am, some of you fathers and mothers write me and set me right.

Now, I would like to see an accredited school, a school that would have some respect for our religious belief! Programs that would be respectable! Recently my wife was invited to one

of the school programs that our son was in, and she went. She said the program was just fine, until on the last, the teacher was making announcements, and inviting all the parents to come. Here is one of the announcements, "On a certain night of next week, we will have a tap dancer here, and, O boy, is she hot." How would you like for your son to hear such an announcement? Well, it is just about that way everywhere now. I ask you again, Do we need a school?

I would like for us to have a school, that if one of our teachers should make such an announcement as the above one, that he be fired, and if that wasn't enough, kick him out. I appeal to every God fearing brother and sister, who loves decency, to help the National Board of Education. I firmly believe and trust with utmost confidence, that you will.

I am anxious to see how many letters or replies I can get as to your interest in a school. You may have problems like mine, and your replies to this letter may be an inducement for me to write again.

Building Contract Signed

By the Editor

The contract for our new Gem office building was duly drawn up and was officially signed on January 23, 1939.

The contract was drawn up in the city of Monett, Mo., by and between the Building Committee of Missouri State Association and Mr. Dick Harris, contractor, of Purdy, Mo., a widely known workman.

The articles of the contract specify a one-story brick building 36x50 feet, constructed with concrete floor and brick walls built of new No. 1 building brick, with No. 1 faced brick for the front of the building.

The front of the building will be constructed of plate glass, with two glass doors. This, with faced brick pillars, will make a very beautiful front. The building faces north, and this will give an abundance of light—the north light being the softest and best light there is.

And, to insure plenty of light, there will be two large double windows on the west side and two like them on the south, with two single windows on the east side next to the church building.

There will be a double door in the south side, with glass panels.

The building is especially planned to provide just what will be needed in a publishing house; and we hope we will find that it has been planned right.

The interior is to be finished with plastered walls, and the ceiling will be of standard metal. The wiring for power and light and the plumbing must meet Monett city requirements.

The contractor is an honest, reliable workman of good character. He is giving bond in sufficient amount to guarantee completion of the building according to specification, which he has contracted to complete for \$1,843.85.

This will leave enough money in the treasury to move the equipment and provide what will be needed in the new office to make it ready for use.

We hope to move by some time in May, 1939.

"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock.

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock."

—Matthew 7:24-25

The Sower

By Eld. Cecil Garrison, La Rue, Ark.

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

I will endeavor to write a few lines that might help some one along the pathway of life.

Text, "Hearken, Behold, there went out a sower to sow" (Mark 4:3).

Here we have an occasion where the people had gathered together to hear Jesus; and today there is nothing that will draw people like the true Word of God. Then, as Jesus used the opportunities to sow the good seed which was the Word of God, we who have heard the Word and have been made to realize that we were not bringing forth fruit for our Lord, and have hearkened to the voice of Jesus; should use every opportunity that is offered us to sow seeds of righteousness.

There are two kinds of seed that we can sow, and we are either sowing for Jesus or for Satan. Then will we not hearken? and if we are not sowing for Jesus, begin at once?

Listen folks, we have the promise that if we will sow good seed for Jesus, that they will find lodgment in some one's heart, and that some day there will come a reaping time.

In this parable there are four classes of hearers, and three classes of reapers. And, dear people, how are we hearing today? I have had the opportunity of going over our associational district preaching His Word, trying to sow good seed, and many souls have opened up their ears and heard, and are in the fourth class, which is the only one that we can be in and ever make our home in Heaven. But, dear people, I have seen so many that are in the other classes. They will come and hear, and be made to feel their need of a Savior; but as the man will sow his first round in his field, some of the seed will fall by the wayside, and the birds will come and devour them. Satan comes along and scatters that which they have heard.

Then there are others who will hear and will feel a little better than the first: but because it has no depth, it is soon gone.

Then there are others that have good talents, but they are so entangled in worldly affairs, that they won't give them up.

Not long ago a dear one was up seeking to become a sower for Jesus

—so near into the kingdom—but Satan used one of his servants to come to church and talk them into the notion of going somewhere else to something to do that the Devil had prepared for them. But thank God for those who will hear and be willing to give up all worldly pleasures and "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul, mind and strength, and thy neighbor as thyself." So let us keep on sowing for Jesus, dear Christians, and some day we will reap a righteous reward, "and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

I realize that I am a weak servant

for Jesus; and I need your prayers, dear readers, to help me keep on sowing for Jesus.

We are glad to report again that we are having a good revival at one of our little churches, called Rose Hill. I began the meeting Dec. 31st, and have had three professions, four additions to the church, baptized two, and we are still going on. We are proud of this little church and their good pastor, Bro. Sammy Lane. They have one licensed minister, Bro. Jack Hobbs, who was converted last year in a revival that I conducted. He is exercising his talent, and is going to make a real Spirit filled man of God, if old Satan doesn't trip him. So let's pray one for another and do our best to help every lost soul to become a sower for Jesus.

May God bless you all.

Great Hindrance To Prayer

By Gweneth Talley, Aurora, Mo.

Satan sentinels the gateway to prayer. We never enter into a season of prayer without a fierce battle at the threshold.

Satan dreads nothing like prayer. He knows he cannot frighten saints with hideous features or overcome them by coarse enticement. He stands at the portals of the Holy of Holies as an "angel of light." He does not openly attack, he diverts.

The church that lost its Christ was

full of good works (Rev. 2:4). Activities are multiplied that meditation may be ousted, and organizations are increased that prayer may have no chance. Souls may be lost in good works, as surely as in evil ways.

The one concern of Satan is to keep the saints from prayer. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray.

Running With Patience

By Vernie Wellbaum, Greentop, Mo.

Well, this is my first attempt to write to the Gem paper; so I will say, "Good morning" to the Gem family, and you too, Brother John.

Text, Heb. 12:1,2—"Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses; let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith."

"Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." The Christian, however, in his struggle for success and victory, is surrounded by witnesses that cannot be numbered, by that innumerable host

of all ages that have fought the good fight, finished their course and kept the faith. This soul victory will be won by us, if we will only do as they did, if we will only "lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us, and run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." This is advice that needs to be emphasized, particularly to Christians of today. A great many are entering the race that God has set before them hampered and handicapped.

A great many of us are today carrying too much impedimenta upon our Christian race—we are carrying many weights which the Lord never intended we should carry. We are compassed

about with so great a cloud of witnesses; "let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us." Why? In order that, as the text says, we may run with patience the race that is set before us. Lay aside every weight, cast off the sin which has been besetting you, be patient, be strong, be very courageous, and you will come out in the light again.

There never was a shadow that was not really cast by the sun. If there ever is a shadow it is because there is a sun shining somewhere, and we have only got to get on the other side of the object, in front of the sun, or remove the object between us and the sun, and all will be well. The only way in which we can run with patience the race that is set before us, is by looking to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.

In the midst of that cloud of witnesses is Jesus Christ our Lord. He is our Sun of Righteousness, our grand Example, our only hope and stay: for

the joy that was set before Him, He endured the Cross, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

If it pleased God to make the captain of our salvation perfect through suffering; we ought not to complain if He leads us along the same way. We can't expect great things unless we do great things for God.

What is the joy set before us, dear Christians, if we take as much interest in our Christian work as we do in the world for the worldly things?

If we are willing to endure as much as they did, if we have as much desire for the joy that is set before us, as they had, then we shall win greater victories and have far greater honors. Run with patience the race that is set before you and when you feel you need fresh grace and strength, look unto Jesus the author and finisher of your faith. Remember how He endured the Cross, despised the shame, and at last won the victor's crown and a monarch's throne.

thousand years of peace, then at the end of the thousand years the Devil will use all the most cunning ways he can think of to try to down the Lord: but we find in the 20th chapter that the Devil is cast into the lake where the beast and the false prophet are; so we see that the beast and the false prophet have already been there for one thousand years when the Devil and his followers are cast into the lake of fire. If they did not burn up in a thousand years, there will be no end to their suffering in hell. But many people like to think of the everlasting peace and happiness in Heaven: but when it is turned around they don't like to think of an eternal hell. But my Book says they shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

I am made to believe that those that don't believe in eternal punishment know that they are not right in the sight of God and they don't like to think of being punished for ever.

I had one to tell me that there was too much hell preached in the church today: but my Savior said, "Preach the Word," and if that is not the word of God, I can't read.

Well, I don't want to take up too much space, so will close my few remarks with love to all my brothers and sisters in Christ, hoping that some unbeliever may by chance read this and be converted.

Happiness

By Mrs. Odelia Rice, Bonne Terre, Mo.

Half the happiness of living comes from willing hearted giving—comes from sharing all our pleasures—from dividing all our treasures, and the other half in giving first to the Lord,

then to all things living. So each mortal should be saving love seeds, while his life is growing: for all happiness in living comes from loving and from giving.

Hell--Eternal Punishment

By Virgil Starnes, Purdy, Mo.

I feel led to write for our paper a sermon on the subject of hell. I will use for my text, Rev. 19:20, "And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone." We have thousands of people that don't believe in eternal punishment. There are a lot of people—even church going people—all around us who do not believe in hell as being eternal. They, like many others, believe that when one goes to hell, he will be consumed and be non-existent.

God have mercy on people that twist the Scriptures around to fit their own belief. May God help me, that I will

study to show myself "approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

If we would study the last part of the 19th chapter of Revelation and the 20th chapter, we would find enough proof that hell is everlasting: for if you will study chapter 19, where the beast and the false prophet were taken and cast alive into the lake that is burning with brimstone, and then read the 20th chapter where Satan is bound for a thousand years or during the millennial reign, then he will be loosed for a little season and will go out to deceive the nations, to gather them together to battle. The Lord has already taken the beast and false prophet and cast them into the lake of fire and brimstone at the beginning of the

THAYER, MO., Jan. 4, 1939

Dear Gem Readers:

The Free Will Baptist League of, Cane Hill met Jan. 1, 1939. Eleven members were present and Ruth Hertler joined our League, which makes 15 members. Floyd Ary was a visitor.

The meeting was called to order by the president, with a prayer. The minutes of last meeting were read by the Secretary, and approved. Then the leader, Pearl Wales, took charge of the lesson, which was very interesting.

Davy Pingleton was appointed leader for next Sunday night. Then the meeting was turned over to the president.

Officers Elected for 1939, as follows:

President Mrs. A. M. Wales
Vice Pres. Mary Ellen Wales
Sec'y-Treas. Martha Pingleton
Reporter Mary Lee Pingleton

Adjourned with singing.

Mary Lee Pingleton, Reporter,
Thayer, Mo., R1, B108.



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The Regions Beyond

With God There is No Respect of Persons

By Eld. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.

"Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all" Col. 3:11.

No Racial Difference

The race question is truly a much discussed one this day and age. The problem of race hatred and race minorities is resulting in the remapping of the world, and no telling where it will end. The people of one nation pride themselves above another, and so it goes. The American thinks himself above all else, the German thinks himself very much the superior. Along comes the Jew with his race bigotry, then the English and French with their pride, and we call it racial difference. There is neither Greek nor Jew. Now we want to be clearly understood. We are not casting reflection on the Bible teachings of the regathering of Israel; nor on the "choosing" nor on the "promise." No, not on their distinction as a race in any way; though one well known secular writer did say in the Liberty Magazine some time ago, in his article on the Jew, that there is no "promise," they were not "chosen." He was answered by the First Lady, you recall, and how pitifully it was evidenced that they both need to read *THE BOOK!* But what Paul is telling us in the above quoted Scripture is, to my mind, just this: That as to this getting into Christ and getting Christ into us, there is no difference, regardless of nationality. All racial bars are let down at the mercy seat. All racial roads come together there. The black, the white, the yellow, the brown. One soul is as good as another in the sight of the Lord. Many people think the Scrip-

ture (Eph. 2:14) where it treats on the breaking down of the middle wall of partition between Jew and Gentile, teaches that the Jew will never be regathered. But that Scripture does not teach that. It teaches just what I am trying to say, that in this Dispensation of Grace, all people are saved by the same atoning merits.

No Religious Difference

"Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision." That was the religious test of that day. Today it is Communion, close or open? Baptism, immersed or sprinkled? Have you received the Holy Ghost? Evidenced by speaking in tongues? I wonder what the Lord thinks about our many religions any way. "By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body." There will be no distinction in Heaven. I am not so concerned about what name I will hold when I get there, it is getting there that interests me. If I get there at all, I will think myself very much privileged. After all, the great uppermost object to the entire church should be getting Christ to the lost world. If we would take the time out we spend on church differentials, and devote it to missionary activity, we and the world also would be a lot better off. If your church is not a missionary minded church, it is absolutely failing to please the Christ. Neither is it the religion that makes people concerned about their lost neighbors, at home or abroad. There is lots of difference in religion and salvation. There has always been plenty of religion, even before Christ came. For even the heathen have always had a form of religion: but what Christ brought was salvation—deliverance from sin. Salvation doesn't divide

folk; it brings them closer together. The heavier the marks of salvation, the fainter the lines of racial distinction, for in Christ there is no difference.

No Social Difference

"Barbarian, Scythian." Here we are very much divided socially. Even in church circles, the social difference is so very evident. James 2:1-4, "My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons. For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment; and ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place: and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my my footstool: are ye not then partial in yourselves, and become judges of evil thoughts?" It matters not how barbarian he may be in appearance, habits, lack of culture etc., Christ died for that soul. He takes glory in saving and the civilizing of the barbarian. We know he does, for Christianity and a civilized state always rise together. How terrible that our people will enjoy the luxuries of modern civilization as they do, and then express no more desire than many of us do, that our heathen neighbors might enjoy the same blessings.

No Civic Difference

"Bond nor free." Yes, we differ in government in this world just like we differ in every other way. I am glad there is a time coming when we will all be under the same ruler, the Son of David. It will be a righteous reign with no uncivil aggression by heartless dictators, no depressed minorities; no tyrannical rule of the few, but a rule of one, a righteous One, the rightful heir. There is so much talk today, and so much apparent interest in the depressed minorities of the world. How we need to think of the depressed

minorities (almost majorities) in the heathen countries who are depressed, perhaps not so much from governmental mistreatment, but for the want of Christian knowledge and possession. They are entitled to the same civic blessings through Christ that we enjoy, and the Lord is not at all pleased that they are deprived of them. Then let's do something about it. Let's reach out the hand of mercy to our

colored friends across the deep. Let's forget the difference, for in Christ there is no difference. No racial, religious, social, nor civic difference. We all become one at a common mercy seat. Isn't that wonderful? I have often said there are three places in life that we all come to on one common level. One is at birth, one at the spiritual birth, and the other at death. The black skin, if he receives the Christ,

will have just as abundant entrance into the glory world as the fairest skinned of any cultured nation, community, or home. Likewise will the white go just as deep into the abyss of torment as the blackest, most vicious unrefined one of the darkest continent. In Christ there is no difference.

Our foreign missionary treasury is getting low, please hurry your donations in at once.



An Indian Family Under Bro. T. H. Willey's Ministry

This group of Indians are from up the Sambu River, nearly to the source. There are about ten in the family, and if you observe the faces of this group, you are bound to admit that these faces show character, sweetness, and strange as it may seem due to their lack of clothing, modesty. Modesty does not always depend on how much clothing one might wear, but rather the manner in which the clothing is worn. One might be over-dressed and yet take positions or attitudes that are very immodest. It may seem strange for me to say, that on an average, our own worldly people in the United States show much less modesty than these Indian women without so much clothing. These women are more discreet about a piece of cloth four yards long and a yard

wide than some white women I have observed dressed in shorts made out of one yard of material. When living and working with these people, their nudeness becomes as a matter of fact; we give absolutely no thought to it. Furthermore, the Indian man is more modest than the white man. He would never think of going absolutely naked, he would be amazed at the suggestion of a nudist colony, yet in the States, almost every state in the Union has a nudist colony.

Notice the face of the mother, you could dress her as our dear mothers in the States, and seated in any of our congregations, there would be nothing unusual in her appearance, except that she might seem very sunburned. The same is true of the girls.

The father, with his bobbed hair, would not get by so readily. This is one of the typical families we visit on the Rio Sambu and the Rio Salabo. They are unspotted Indians, because they have very little contact with the outside world.

— Eld. T. H. Willey.

WE Have several pictures taken on the field of Bro. Willey's ministry among the Indians, characters Bro. Willey has mentioned so much in his writings — The Grand Old Man of the Sambu, David, Chief Juan, and others. We plan to print these pictures in the Gem so our readers may become acquainted with and see the great need of the Gospel in Bro. Willey's field of labor. Be looking for them! — Editor.

CASTROVILLE, CALIFORNIA

Dear Gem Readers:

As I am sending in the obituary of our friend, Arley Harrington, I will write a few lines.

I am so glad to read the Gem and hear of more souls being saved. We have many things to be thankful for, through the sorrows of life. We never know till our friends are called away why God did it, but it is always for the best.

Bro. Neal Moore was conducting a meeting in Moss Landing, Calif. the Sunday night before our Bro. Arley was laid to rest on Monday at two o'clock p. m. Five made their way to the altar and were saved, three of them mothers, one father, one of them was the wife of Bro. Harrington. Three were baptized Monday morning before the funeral, one of them Bro. Harrington's wife. Isn't that wonderful? God works in so many ways. I am so glad salvation is free for every one. You can be saved in California, too.

Don't forget to pray for us to be willing workers for Christ. Bro. Neal is a real man of God; especially pray for him, that he will preach the Word more every day, and remember me and my family.

—Josey Raney.

FLAT RIVER, MO., Jan. 16th

Dear Mission Workers:

I would like so very much to visit every mission circle in the state: but as that seems impossible, I'm doing the next best thing, writing a letter to the paper, and I trust every mission circle will take it as a personal letter from your state president. I feel so small and unworthy to even be mentioned as such, and I am sure that without the Lord's help, and your help and co-operation, I will be even more than a failure.

First, I want to tell you something about our mission circle here at Flat River. We have a very small membership, compared to our church membership, but they are fine Christian women with a willingness and a mind to work. If I remember rightly, we have eighteen on the roll call. And I am sure, in the number of years we have been here, and I have been their president all these years, that there has been times when we did not fully agree on every proposition. But when the vote was taken, we were still Free Will Baptist and were willing to let

the majority rule, and be mission workers just the same. Mr. Miller (the pastor) tells our people, if they are blue and discouraged, "Just visit the mission circle and you will be O.K." Well we had much rather scatter sunshine than sorrow, and after all that is being good mission workers.

I wonder how many Mission Circles we have in the state that meet regularly, and I wonder if we always remember to have devotional services. Surely we do. I tell my ladies if we will remember the Lord, He will remember us, and I feel that He surely has blessed us, both spiritually and financially.

If I haven't forgotten, we had better than sixteen (\$16.00) dollars last year to take to our State Association as our ten (10%) per cent, and I would like to urge every circle to send in their 10%. Send it to Miss Esther Apple, 906 Rinker Ave., Aurora, Mo., as she is our State Secretary. And, if you don't want to send it, be sure and bring it to the State meeting next fall. I feel that our local work means to the state the same as the individual member means to the local church, and if we fail to support it, it will cease to function, and I am sure every Mission worker wants to see our Home Mission work go forward, and as our Home Mission work goes forward, it will help our Foreign Mission work to spread and go forward. I feel that the Lord has wonderfully blessed the Free Will Baptist work the last few years, and that we have more to work for now, than we have had for a long time.

I would like to see some letters in our Gem paper from some of our mission ladies, telling us what they are doing. I feel that it would be encouraging and a great help to the work.

And I would like to urge our churches that do not have Mission Organizations, to organize. I feel that Home Mission work is a blessing to any church and community.

And I have a request I would like to make of every one that reads this, and that is to pray often for our Home Mission work. Please don't fail me.

Eunice Miller, State Mission Pres.

NIPPA, KENTUCKY, Jan. 19th.

Dear Gem Family of Free Will Baptist:

I will give a little report of the Lawrence County Quarterly Meeting.

We met with them Saturday and Sunday Jan. 14th and 15th, 1939.

Bro. Dave Hays was chosen Mod.

Moderator read Scripture lesson from Revelation and gave a good talk.

Letters were called for and five were handed in, and a verbal report from Carter Chapel Church. \$11.00 was received with letters.

One license to preach was granted.

Committee on supply of pulpit reported Elders Glen Wells and F. M. Gambel, both of Paintsville, Ky., to preach at 7:00 p. m. Had a real old time shouting meeting, men and women praised the good Lord. Altar invitation was given and three came forward for prayer.

Eld. Millard Vanhooose to preach at 10:30 a. m. Sunday.

Met back Sunday for preaching by Elders Scott Castle and Millard Vanhooose. Had a real Pentecost meeting. One soul was gloriously saved: thank God for ever.

The next Q. M. will be held at Cando Church, Lawrence Co., Ky.

This Q. M. has two Young People's Leagues, the Bell Chapel Free Will Baptist League, at George Creek, Ky., and the Free Will Baptist League at Ulysses Ky., with about 40 members each. They are doing a great work, helping the sick, holding prayer meetings, etc. Two fine young men act as presidents: Woodrow Hays of Bell Chapel, and Bert Webb at Ulysses, Ky.

The Free Will Baptist at Paintsville, Ky. are having a revival at this time. Preaching by Bro. L. E. Colliver of Ashland, Ky., having a good meeting, and souls are being saved. We have just closed a big revival at our home church, Toms Creek Free Will Baptist, with 26 conversions, and a great meeting with the church people.

Preaching by Elders Scott Castle, Glen Wells and Millard Vanhooose, and closed with several additions to the church.

May God bless our people everywhere
Millard Vanhooose, Paintsville, Ky.

FALCON, MISSOURI, Jan. 15th.

A few lines from New Home Church. to the Gem Family: This leaves our church in good working order.

We had a good Sunday school, but we will miss it this quarter. It will start again the first Sunday in April. It seems like a long time from one meeting time to the next; so if we could not call upon God at home, we would miss lots of blessings, but thank the Lord, He is always ready to bless, when we go to Him in the right spirit

and call on His blessed name.

God promised not to leave us, nor forsake us, if we obey His commandments and work while it is called day: because we are living in the last days. But, if He should come today, how many of us would be ready to go? We must look away from this darkened world of sin, and look to the light and liberty of the dear Son of God, the One who is able to keep us from falling away. There must be many of us that God is not pleased with: for we have failed to keep His Word and love one another.

Paul said in 1 Cor. 3:13 that "every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is." We must work for the Lord and keep our eyes on the railway to Heaven, and press on till we get to the glory land.

Psa. 47—"Clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. . . . God is gone up with a shout."

Psa. 23—"The Lord is my Shepherd. I shall not want. . . . Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the for ever."

God bless all you brothers and sisters in Christ. Let us live close to the Lord and ever be ready to do His will: for the wicked one is on every hand. Let us obey His voice and do what He commands us to do.

Psa. 46:1—"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." When we meet with many troubles and heart-aches, and no one to go to, then what must we do? Must we sit down in sorrow? or should we take it to the Lord? God says (v.10), "Be still and know that I am God." We should stop and think, and know that God is close and will help in every time of need.

May God bless all who read this.

—Mrs. H. G. Hamilton.

NIANGUA, MO., Jan., 1939.

Dear Brethren:

I want to tell you what I think of the Free Will Baptist Gem.

Some time ago I was in a meeting at Black Oak Church, east of Marshfield, Mo., where Bro. John Rollins was preaching, and I got wonderful light on spiritual things from his preaching. He showed clearly what

we must do to be godly and Christ-like. It was at this meeting that I subscribed for the Gem, and I don't want to ever be without it.

It did my soul good to read the letter of Mrs. Mary Childress.

I am glad for the meeting Brother and Sister Marcum held at Amity. I see in his letter in the Gem that he believes the old Pentecostal power is what we all need today; but which so many are going on without.

It does me good to see Bro. Rollins' picture in the Gem. My name is on the Methodist church book; but my thoughts are in Heaven; which makes you and me brethren in Christ Jesus. The old time way of the Free Will Baptist is good enough for you and me. Praise God for a few that are going on in the old feet washing way. I believe what Jesus said; and I want to have a part with Jesus, don't you?

—Francis Thomas.

FREDERICKTOWN, MO.

Dear Gem Readers and Sunday School Workers: It is with pleasure that I am writing this letter to the Gem.

I want to thank God for the splendid co-operation I am receiving in the Sunday School program, as outlined in last month's issue.

Eld. Albert Tucker of the Flat River Church has accepted the place of Sunday School Field worker in his section of St. Francois County. His work will take in all Free Will Baptist Sunday schools in St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting.

Then Desloge Sunday school agreeably surprised me by sending their nice collection of money to help carry on the work for the Lord.

So, come on, Sunday school workers, and let's get busy and hold council, and get a field worker in your Association or Quarterly Meeting, as you would not want to be left out in this great movement. Then when you have the leader selected (be sure it is one who will be on the firing line for this cause), please write me so I may get in touch with him, and help plan with him, so that there will be unity and co-operation in this wonderful movement for the Sunday school work.

We will start giving statistical reports next month of all money and reports received in the coming months.

I am writing several letters and mailing to the different associations

and quarterly meetings over the state, and should any Q. M. or Ass'n fail to receive a letter, please let me know, as I am trying to reach each one in the state and am hoping for your co-operation.

Let us all work and pray God that it may be His will for this movement to be a success, as the children of the Sunday schools today mean our churches of tomorrow, and may we, when we pass on, leave them records that they will be proud of, instead of being slow to show them.

Hoping again that you will give your best co-operation in this work, may God bless you all, is my prayer.

Eld. Wm. Reeves,
123 East Marvin Ave.,
Fredericktown, Mo.

DESLOGE, MISSOURI, Jan. 16

Dear Co-Workers, in Jesus' Name:

God has so wonderfully blessed me, I'd like to share my experience with you, if I may.

I was converted about a year ago, and three weeks after that my companion too, was saved. We have had such a happy home. There has been sickness and hardships, yes, but, underneath all our ordinary troubles was that "peace that passeth understanding." I had never had any Bible knowledge taught me, so I have had to learn so much, but I have been trying to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth." God has blessed my efforts, but I feel that I still have so much to learn.

Soon after I was saved God called me to preach. I knew so little about everything that I asked God, like Gideon, to give me a sign that I might know without a doubt that He wanted me to preach, and He surely did give me that sign. I was licensed at our quarterly meeting and have been trying to do His will since that time.

I was privileged to visit the Richwoods Church two weeks ago and the Lord surely blessed our entire day. Two precious souls were saved. They are truly doing a great work out there and God is blessing in a mighty way.

I thank God for my brothers and sisters in Christ that have so patiently helped me. My daily prayer is for grace to live each day as it comes and to do something for my Savior at every opportunity. Pray for us.

—Eld. Eunice Edwards.

WEWOKA, OKLA., Jan. 17th.

Dear Gem Readers:

I was asked at the Western Conference at Paintsville, Kentucky, why I didn't write to the paper any more. I don't recall the answer I gave at the time, but I have been working almost night and day, getting something to write about.

On the morning of October 27, 1938, the first brick was placed on the solid foundation of our new \$10,000.00 church building at Wewoka, Okla. The building is 40 by 80 feet, basement the same size. We have eight Sunday school rooms in the basement, kitchen and dining room also, and two lavatories. In the auditorium, we have the pastor's study and chair room. The chair room is built out in a magaphone shape, so it will carry out the sound to the congregation. You will have to see this building in order to appreciate it. I have had a number of people to come to me and say, "I want to congratulate you and your people for stepping out on faith and putting up a building like that; we want to make you a donation." We do not want any one to think that we will be offended at all for you to give us a donation on this beautiful building, we will appreciate it very much. The Rev. John West of Tuskegee was telling me a few days ago that his wife was getting after him the other day to give \$50.00 on this new building. I hope some more of the wives get after their husbands. We will have our building completed in a few more days, the roof will be on by the time this news reaches you.

We are going to have an opening service when completed and give an invitation to all to be present; so watch for the date. I preached my first sermon in the Wewoka Church (pastorial sermon) August 21, 1938. Text: Exo. 3:14, "I AM hath sent me unto you." Since that time, in our regular services, we have had sixteen conversions and sixteen additions to the church.

Our Sunday school from that day to this has increased in number from 52 to 135. We have our goal set for 140 Sunday. Our Communion and Feet Washing service Sunday night was wonderful.

Just a word about Foreign Missions before I close. I have raised \$13.74 so far this month for foreign missions: \$5.00 from Bro. Melvin Bingham's church, \$6.29 from Mission Circle No. 1 of First Mission Association, and \$2.35

from my church in Wewoka. I send this money each month on to our National Secretary, Bro. Blackwelder. You other churches of Oklahoma get busy on this foreign mission work.

I will send a cut of our new building right away to be printed in the paper.

Yours for Christ,

Rev. Bert F. Rogers, 401 Patton Ave.

FLAT RIVER, MISSOURI

Dear Gem Readers:

We have just closed a very successful meeting at Flat River, Mo. As we always do, we found the Flat River folk very pleasant to work with, and we enjoyed working with them very much.

Some very sad things happened while we were there in the meeting, one of which was the death of Mrs. J. F. Miller, the Pastor, James F. Miller's mother. There were some serious car accidents and many other things, but even with all these things, we had a real good meeting. There were 22 professions, one being a man 84 years old.

Our next meeting will be with Bro. Hand at Fredericktown, Mo. We ask the prayers of all praying people, to pray for us, that we may have a good meeting there, with many saved.

Eld. F. C. and Belva Zinn, Purdy, Mo.

BOWNEMONT, W. VA., Jan. 5

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

After a silence of one year, if I may have the space, I want to say a few words to the Gem folk, and make a brief report of our last revival.

We had a wonderful meeting with 35 conversions and about 14 additions to the church, and 12 were baptized.

Our good pastor, Eld. W. C. Hamrick, has done a wonderful work for our community since he came into it. I pray God that much more good may be done through his efforts, if he is called to pastor our church next year.

Eld. J. R. King was the evangelist that held the meeting. He did some extra good preaching.

Well, our quarterly meeting is just four weeks off. My husband, F. E. Nicholas will send in that report.

Sometimes we become discouraged, our burdens are so heavy; but the Bible says, "Come unto me, all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28).

Pray for us, that we may grow in number and work for the Lord.

—Mrs. Eulah Nicholas.

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF
FOREIGN MISSION FUND**

Verdella Church, Liberal, Mo....	\$1.67
Niangua Church, Niangua, Mo....	2.00
O. B. Womack, Leadington, Mo....	2.56
Emma Thomas, Hannon, Mo....	1.00
Golden Oak Church	1.00
Carterville League	4.10
Desloge Church, Desloge, Mo	25.00
J. K. Stephens, Stockton, Mo....	3.50
Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Brown.....	2.00
Mt'n Valley League	2.25
Jones Chapel Church	2.65
Flat River Church	16.50
Union Third Fork Church	1.35
Eld. Lowell Martin, Greenfield....	1.00
Independence Church	2.28

—Winford Davis, Secretary.

**MISSIONARY HONOR ROLL
Regular Monthly Contributors
to the Foreign Mission Fund.**

Mt. Olive Church	Blue Eye, Mo.
Mt. Zion Church,, near Plattsburg, Mo.	
Union Third Fork, near St. Joseph, Mo.	
Monett Church	Monett, Mo.
Merl's Chapel	Cassville, Mo.
Flat River Church	Flat River, Mo.
Jones Chapel Church	Stella, Mo.
Aurora Church	Aurora, Mo.
Desloge Sunday School, Desloge, Mo.	
Mt'n Valley League....	Norwood, Mo.

INDIVIDUALS

Eld. and Mrs. B. F. Brown, Purdy, Mo.

If you or your church, your League, or your Sunday School is a regular giver, and the name is not listed on this roll, please send it in.—Editor.

SPIRITUAL RAILWAY

By Mrs. Opal Frazier, Hansen, Idaho

The line to Heaven by Christ was made
With heavenly truths the rails were
laid,

From earth to heaven the line extends,
To life eternal where it ends.

Repentance is the station home,
Where passengers are taken in,
No fee for them is there to pay,
For Jesus is Himself the Way.

The Bible is the engineer,
It points the way to heaven so clear,
Through tunnel dark and dreary here,
It does the way to Glory steer.

God's love is the fire, His truth the
steam,
Which drive the engine and the train,
All you who would to glory ride,
Must come to Christ, in Him abide.

Come then poor sinner, now's the time,
At any station on the line,
If you repent and turn from sin,
The train will stop and take you in.

MYRTLE, MISSOURI, Jan. 10th.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Cushing, Okla., Dec. 30, 1938

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Family:

It has been some time since I have written to our Gem family. I am still praising God for salvation and His many blessings, we receive each day.

Hoping that we will work harder for our blessed Master this year, in the interest of lost souls, I am sending in a report of our mission circle, the winding up of our last year's report and the beginning of a new year.

Last year we did quite a lot of work and collected a nice sum of money into our treasury, of which we sent part to Foreign Missions, and the rest we gave to the needy. We also had \$8.00 in our treasury for Christmas. Part of this we divided out to the needy, and with the rest we bought presents for four children whose mother was in the hospital. We also quilted one quilt and gave it to Bro. Williams.

So far this year we haven't much to report, as our first meeting meets on the second Sunday at 2:00 p. m. It opens with singing and prayer, followed by Scripture reading and a devotional service. We have an enrollment of 30 members, but only about half of them attend. With the faithful few we are striving to do something for our blessed Master.

All you who know the worth of prayer, pray for us, that we may do as God wills.

Ora Clark, Reporter.

MISSION REPORT

Hope Hoyt, Reporter. Thayer, Mo., R2

The Pleasant Hill Mission Circle meets every other Tuesday for song, prayer and Bible reading, or for program study.

We sold popcorn at a pie supper and made \$2.50, and sold 55c worth of junk aluminum, etc.

We also furnished clothing, candy and fruit for a family of children for Christmas whose father was in the hospital. We sent a card shower to a girl in the hospital. We sent a handkerchief shower and bouquet of flowers to another sick girl, and sent \$3.00 to the Leper Mission.

On account of sickness, we failed to have our last meeting, but we hope to be able to meet on the next meeting day with good attendance.

We earnestly desire your prayers for our growth in grace.

Dear Editor, Wife and Gem Readers:

The prayer that's in my heart this morning is, "So teach us to number our days that we may win ourselves a heart of wisdom." The Psalmist has voiced a need which should engage our hearts these days.

The year just closing has been packed full of mercies and mysteries. The blessings of our Heavenly Father have been much more abundant than we have deserved. Many golden deeds have been recorded this year, even in adversity and bereavement. We are conscious of our Father's sustaining presence and power. We should rejoice in the promises of God as found in Rom. 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose."

Phil. 4:19, "But our God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Rom. 8:18, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

But as we face a new year, we are to gird ourselves for the task ahead, though some days are dark and dismal and the war clouds hang like a dark pall over the world, we refuse to acknowledge defeat or to bow our heads in despair; God is still on His throne. He may not move as swiftly as our impatient wills might desire, but His decisions are the ways of holiness and equity, and righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.

We are not to sit down and leave everything to God; He is depending on us to help Him with His work in these times of tempest and turmoil. We are to pray daily, "Thy will be done on earth as in heaven," then place at His disposal all our resources to help make His will effective in all areas of life.

Our greatest hope for the days to come is not primarily the policies of government, but the power of God as revealed through believers who seek first His kingdom and His righteousness. The supreme need of the world is a revival of spiritual religion, a revival which must begin within our hearts. That revival will come only when we who bear the name of Christ pay the price by unceasing intercession and holy living, with unshaken confidence in the Lord of hosts, and with

a deeper dedication of our lives to Him whose we are and whom we serve, at this Christmas season in the year of our Lord 1938. There is far too little room for Christ in our modern life; it was once declared that there was "no room in the inn." There should always be room for our blessed Savior in our hearts, homes, and everywhere we go.

The good old Book is still the only safe guide for living; and we must make it, and the Christ whose story it is, the foundation upon which life, even in these modern times, is based, and not a mere accessory to be given a brief hour on Sunday and forgotten the rest of the week.

There must always be room for Him in our lives; we must make our hearts a home for Him. Will the time ever come when there is literally no longer room for Christ in modern society? Of course not; because the world can not go along without Him. These are troublous times, and in such times men's hearts invariably turn back to God. It is just as true today as it was when the words were first spoken, that "Jesus Christ, if he be lifted up, will draw all men unto him." We people, that are called by His name, should humble ourselves, and pray and seek His face, and turn from our wicked ways, then He will hear us and heal our land.

Pray for us and our work here at Cushing. I am a member of the First Baptist Church here, where we have a membership of 1,000, and on Dec. 18th we had 756 in Sunday school. We have about 100 teachers and officers. We make on an average about 2,000 visits a month. We find nothing that will keep up our attendance like weekly visits. We have a weekly teachers' meeting, make our reports of sickness and the needs of help and clothing and food for the needy, and try to supply everything needed. We try to know each pupil and his home life in order to meet his every need, and know how to teach him the ways of our Lord and Savior.

I am a sister to Mrs. J. A. Broyles, and aunt of Mrs. C. A. Dickerson of Happy Hill Church, that write to your paper. We visited in their homes last August, and in many more homes of our loved ones, and find them serving the Lord, for which we are very thankful—it is good to be among God's people.

Pray for us and our work here in Cushing.

Mrs. W. D. Riggs.

CHIPS

From Eld. T. C. Ferguson's Sermons

The poorest paid people in the world are the people who are always trying to attend to other peoples' business.

Don't stand on self too much; for it is a slippery place to stand; for you will be sure to get a bad fall.

The people who don't believe in hell are the ones who usually raise more hell than any one else.

Perhaps the horses that have the sleeping sickness have caught the disease from sleeping Christians: for some of them have had this disease for a long time.

Any one can attract attention, by merely making a nuisance out of themselves.

Covetousness is mental robbery.

The best way to keep from being overworked is to attend to your own business.

You had better put your shoulder to the wheel and push the load, than have to stand with your back to the wall later on.

The man who is always trying to get something for nothing usually finds out that when he gets it, that it was not worth the price he paid for it.

No one ever profits by their mistakes when they blame their mistakes on some one else.

You usually speak foolishness when you are mad, and show your ignorance; so keep sweet all the time.

BIGGERS, ARK., Dec. 30, 1938.

Dear Brother and Sister Brown and Gem Readers: As I have been requested by our Sunday school to send our report for the year 1938 to the Gem, I will write a few lines in connection with our work.

As I look around me this morning, I am made to realize how much God has blessed our church and the people of this community.

About a year ago we started to build a church house, and it looked then like it was almost impossible, but nothing is impossible for God's children if they will line up with God;

and by the help of God and the people of this community we have our church house almost completed. It is a nice building and plenty large for any gathering we might wish to have. We are just a little church of about 60 members, so you can see that God's children can do much, if they have God in their lives and vim enough to carry God's work on.

Now for our Sunday school report. Our total attendance for the year was 2,522, average attendance 55, total collection for the year \$24.38, average collection 60c, amount spent for literature for the year \$20.88. Our average attendance for the year 1937 was 37, making a gain of 18 scholars per Sun. Amount of collection for the year 1937 \$19.53, making a gain of \$5.78 in col.

This is just a brief report, but we are proud of it because it shows our Sunday school is growing.

May God bless Bro. and Sister Brown and all the Gem readers during 1939.
Pearl Carter, Sec.-Treas.

THIRD F. W. B. CHURCH St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers and Friends:

Our church is getting along fine, attendance is fine and interest is fine.

Bro. Mark Lewis is preaching some mighty good sermons, and we are looking for some rich blessings from the Lord this year, and many souls saved. The Lord is with us in the services.

Bro. Hill has been in the hospital for two weeks, but is at home now and is feeling pretty well. We hope he will soon be able to come back to church.

Bro. Reeves of Fredericktown was up to St. Louis to see his brother who was pretty sick, but is getting better.

Our League is coming along fine, having a good time with the Lord and studying His Word. The teachers have been having a contest between two classes and interest is fine. They are studying.

Our Sunday school is coming along pretty well, and everything is working in harmony for good. Attendance has not been so good here of late: but we are looking for our school to increase. We had election of officers for the coming year:

F. M. McCauleySuperintendent
Charles MillerAss't Supt.
James LangleySec.-Treas.

A new Free Will Baptist Church was organized at 2326 Menard Street.

The new church is called Concord. It has 12 charter members. Bro. A. E. Gulley was chosen as pastor. Brother Babo and Bro. C. O. Ferguson, deacons, Mrs. C. O. Ferguson is Clerk and Bro. H. Babo is Treasurer. There was a good crowd there and a few visitors from out of town. We hope the Lord will bless this work and make it fruitful. May it grow and prosper.

Francis McCauley, 1622 Hickory St.

VANCE CHAPEL CHURCH Oilton, Okla., Jan. 9, 1939.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

Since you have heard from other churches up in this neighborhood, I thought it was time you heard from Vance Chapel. A lot of people up here read the Gem, and I am sure they all enjoy every bit of it.

My reason for writing is to let you know of a wonderful Watch Meeting we had at our little church on New Year's Eve. We began the evening with song prayer and a testimonial service, after which we had about an hour of preaching.

Around ten o'clock lunch was served and a goodly number of folk from other churches joined us. After the lunch was cleared away we had preaching, seven preachers taking the stand.

At the stroke of midnight we were at the altar, praying for a young girl who gave her heart and life to God, with a promise to begin the new year serving Him. We were truly encouraged by the manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

We ask an interest in your prayers, that we will grow stronger in the Lord and that we will go forth in this new year with a greater determination to do His will.

Your sister in Christ,
Elva Haley.

NORTH ZULCH, TEX., Jan. 12 OTHER CHURCHES HEAR THE NATIONAL MISSION CALL

Dear Co-Workers:

We are at this time in Texas visiting a number of our churches here in the interest of the National Mission work. We have told you before that the National Board was organized before we left the Association, and we have two field workers, Bro. Dunbar and myself. We have prayed very earnestly for God to lead us in our part of the work, and, as we told you,

We have felt led to ask our women to set apart a hen, and see how many chickens she can raise between now and the first of July, or as early as they can get them off. Most of our women live in the rural districts, and each one is asked to give a chicken and keep up with it through this year. Say the first offering would be the first of July, and then set the hen again and give the next offering about Thanksgiving.

Just think, to give the Lord one hen and all the chickens she can raise this year. No doubt God would bless the rest of your chickens, and you would raise more for yourself than you had ever raised. I believe our Free Will Baptist women will come up to the help of the Lord.

Yes, and another thing, when our good men see that our women are doing so much, they will give as much in cash. One of our preachers told me this week that he would match his wife's chickens with money; and I have said before that I would give as much in cash as the highest number of chickens brought.

We have visited only a few churches since God gave us the plan. We should raise \$50,000 this year and then not near all of our people take part. We are asking our town women to give as much in cash, if they can. Many will not be able, but they can start saving now and by July first they can have \$1.00. Get you a little box and call it a sacrifice box, and do without something. For instance, sacrifice your breakfast every Sunday morning for one month, and give 25c for a meal, and you will have it.

Just think, if every Free Will Baptist would fast one day out of each month from now until the first of July, thousands of dollars could be raised. And listen, dear ones, when we love our denomination so well, that we will be willing to sacrifice to support an institution, we will spread like fire in the forest.

At this time we are with Brother Wiggs at North Zulch. He is a splendid young man along with a wife that has the work at heart. The North Zulch church has taken up the plan, that God has led us to put before them, and we will give a list of the women that have given hens, and a list of the ones that have pledged a smaller amt.:

HENS

Mrs. R. C. Wiggs, Mrs. W. M. Stewart, Mrs. M. A. Ford, Mrs. Mitt Andrews, Mrs. Beatrice Childress, Mrs. Fannie

Duncan, Mrs. L. M. Adams, Mrs. Frank Ferrell, Mrs. Ethel Coleman, Mrs. Travis McGill, Mrs. Abe Cassey, Mrs. Capps, Kate McMillian, Mrs. Rosa Robertson, Mrs. Della Nevill, Mrs. Winnie McDuffie, Mrs. May Falks, Mrs. Ray Burney, Mrs. Netsie Wren, and Mrs. Alice Robertson.

CASH

Ross Robertson, Bettie Joe Robertson, L. M. Adams, Mitt Andrews, A. F. Ford, W. P. Taylor, Daniel Tomlinson, Henry Powell, Eld. R. C. Wiggs, Mrs. T. S. Hollis, Miss Elizabeth Steward, Miss Minnie Sue McMahan, and Master Bobby Wiggs.

We are happy for this church and for this splendid report. We have three names from Falba Church, Mrs. Della Lawless, Mrs. Ruby Parker, and Leon Parker. These gave hens.

Our address for three weeks is North Zulch, Texas.

Yours for Jesus,

H. M. and Lizzie McAdams

DRYNOB MISSOURI

Dear Gem Family:

Our little paper looked so lonely last month, there were so few church reports.

Maybe you think the Devil came, in the form of a Christmas tree, and got us over here at Cross Roads; but I must say that the afternoon of Christmas Day was well spent at Cross Roads.

The little program by our Sunday school children was beautiful. It began by the congregation singing a good old hymn. Prayer was then offered with Eld. J. R. Reid leading.

Then Uncle Bob (Eld. J. R. Reid) made a very beautiful talk on the birth of Christ.

The Junior and Card Classes sang songs and recited poems, all reverently said and were sacred pieces about the holy Child Jesus.

The congregation then sang a beautiful old hymn, and all joined in an old time Christian fellowship hand-shaking, and we were dismissed by prayer.

Presents were then taken from the tree, and as our pastor called the names they were handed out by four of the Junior Class. Candy was passed to all.

I see since Christmas that memorizing poems has helped the children to remember things in class.

Now God bless you good Christians who believe it is wrong to have a

Christmas tree in the church house: but if it be wrong, it is also wrong for any of the Church to be at a Christmas tree.

Mrs. H. G. Hamilton, I notice, asked the question, "Is the church where we go to worship God's temple, and should we not keep it holy?"

Now I'm not permitted to answer if I could, but I do agree with her that many things that are in the house of God should be overthrown.

I believe that when we go to the house of prayer, as Jesus called it, we should be very prayerful and careful what we say. I believe we should leave worldly talks on the outside. Our talk in the church house should be more of God and His goodness. I have heard conversations before service that had better never been spoken at all—and so much noise, I tremble to think, what if the Lord should appear?

When the minister was delivering his message, you could hear whispers (Where did you buy that hat? Did you make that dress? How many chickens have you? And so on).

Of course, when the minister delivers a message we don't think is quite right, we'll say, "He will give an account for every message at the day of judgement;" and so will we for how we received, and what we say.

Matt. 15:18—"But those things which proceed out of the mouth, come forth from the heart; and they defile the man."

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

1 Cor. 3:16—"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"

1 Cor. 6:19—"Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own."

2 Cor. 6:16—"For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said: I will dwell in them, and walk in them and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

Acts 27:48—"Howbeit the Most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands, as saith the prophets."

Saturday, January 8th, was our regular meeting day. It was such a nice day and there was a large crowd out to hear the beautiful message our pastor brought at eleven o'clock. He used for a text, "In every thing give

thanks." 1 Thes. 5:18. Bro. Elbert Reid and S. N. Reid filled the stand at the evening service.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. on Sunday and preaching again at eleven. We have a good Sunday school for this time of year.

Please pray that we will continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord.

Yours for Christ,

Alpha Jane Wilson.

REVIVAL MEETING Union Third Fork Church

We want to report our revival, at the Union Third Fork Church, in Northwest Missouri, held the last of November. We have been trying to pastor this church for the past four years, and have a real deep interest for it. Bro. Winford Davis was our evangelist, and I must say he did some real sound preaching. Those who attended listened with interest to the messages on "The Signs of the Times," "The Kingdom," "The Anti-Christ," "The Battle of Armageddon," and such subjects of importance, pointing out the Second Coming of our Christ, and stressing the importance and necessity of repenting of our sins and living a life of service for our God; that we might be ready to meet that day. If ever there was a time when such subjects should be brought before the minds of the people, it is now; because all happenings point that way, telling us "our redemption draweth nigh." (Luke 21:28).

An important thing now-a-days is to keep the Christians looking that way, that they might see their need of living close to the Lord every day. We admire men of God who will take the stand and point out Scriptures and facts that mean the coming of our redemption; and I say it is not complete without the coming of our Christ.

The people appreciated the faithful efforts of Bro. Davis, and desire that he might come that way again.

There were four professions, and seven united with the church. And we feel that the church and community is strengthened so much; for which we are truly thankful, as this church is to entertain the Missouri State Association next Fall. We are planning for you to be there.

Yours for the Upward Calling,

Eld. Kenneth Turner, Granby, Mo.

REPORT OF SAM H. MARCUM Missouri State Evangelist

Dear Gem Family, Greetings:

At our last report, we were at Amity Church, in Webster County, near Niangua, Mo. We had an old time revival. There were nineteen (19) professions. Several times during the three weeks' meeting, our cups were made to run over with joy..

There sure is some real salt of the earth at Amity. I am praying God will send them a real man of God to pastor their church. We baptized one, others are to be baptized later. Twelve united with the church. May God bless you dear people is our prayer.

From Amity, we went to Caudle church, three miles north of Norwood, Mo., where we found some dear people we worked with eight years ago. We were there two and one half weeks. Twelve souls professed faith in Christ, and the church was stirred and greatly helped. Three united with the church. The people from the Oak Grove church, a few miles north of here, were a great help to us. Bro. Selph Jones is the pastor here. May God bless you dear people.

We are to begin a meeting at Oak Grove church tonight, Jan. 21st. There sure is need of a revival here.

Pray for us.

Sam H. Marcum and wife.

Home Address, Cameron, Mo. R7.

THE HOUSE INSIDE

Contributed by Daisy Marcum

I have a house inside of me,

A house that people never see,

It has a door through which none pass,

And windows, but not made of glass.

"Where do you live?" Ask folks I meet,

And then I say, "On such a street,"

But still I know what's really me,

Lives in a house folks never see.

Sometimes I like to go inside,

And hide, and hide, and hide, and hide

And doctor up my wounded pride,

When I've been treated rough, outside

And sometimes, when I'm to blame,

I go inside and blush for shame,

And put my mind in better frame,

And get my tongue and temper tame.

I meet my Heavenly Father, there,

And He stoops to hear my prayer,

To soothe my brow, and cure my care,

And make me brave to do and dare.

Then after I have been made strong,
And have things right that were wrong
I come outside where I belong,
To sing a new and happy song.

Then I can hear the people say,

You're bright and cheerful today,

And it's because I feel that way,

But they don't know the price I pay.

You have a house inside of you,

Where you can fight your battles too,

And God will tell you what to do,

And make your heart both glad and true.

—Riley.

NIANGUA, MO. Jan 23, 1939

Dear Editor and all the Gem Family:

On this fine morning, I will try to write a few lines to our fine little church paper, as I am sending in my subscription for another year. It was sent to me last year by a good friend of mine, and I surely do thank her for it; I never realized what I was missing before. I remember, when I received the first copy, I was sick in bed and as I read of the many good old time revivals being held in so many places, and so many precious souls coming home to God, it made my heart rejoice.

I know the Devil would like to make us believe that the day of revivals is past, but when we pick up our little paper and read it, we are soon made to know that it is only another one of the Devil's lies.

I want every one who reads this and knows the worth of prayer, to pray for me, that I may always follow my blessed Lord and be led by Him.

Yours in the service of the Lord,

Mrs. Dorothy McClanahan

HURRICANE, WEST VIRGINIA

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Family:

I wish to give a brief report of our Brotherhood Quarterly Meeting held Dec. 30-31, 1938 and Jan. 1, 1939, at the Susanah Church at Coluden, W. Virginia. Called to order at 2:00 p. m. by the clerk, Eld. A. C. Berry. Opened with singing. Scripture lesson, Jer. 3:6-10, and prayer by Eld. Arthur Collins of Milton. We elected Eld. Earl Gillenwater, Moderator. The visiting brethren were invited to sit as advisory members. Minutes read and approved. Business Committee appointed.

Several ministers and deacons were present with good reports.

Adjourned Ministers' Conference for preaching by Elders D. W. Jarrett from Clay Q. M. and E. L. Bowen from the Kanawha Quarterly Meeting.

Dismissed for supper.

Met back at 7:00 p. m. for preaching service. The preachers being absent, Eld. Earl Gillenwater was elected to fill their place. A wonderful message was brought, followed by Eld. Frank Widen from Guyan Valley Q. M.

Saturday Morning, 9:30

Opened with singing, Scripture reading and prayer by Bro. J. C. Wilcox.

Eld. Earl Gillenwater elected Mod.

Usual committees were appointed.

Seven churches reported with about 200 active members and \$6.30 with the letters.

Corresponding messengers reported, and messengers from other bodies were accepted as reported.

Messengers elected as follows:

Clay—Eld. John M. Henson.

Kanawha—Eld. Earl Gillenwater.

Union—Elds J.M. Henson, C.T. Harper

Logan—Elders C. F. Ferguson, John Henson and Andrew Workman.

Guyan Valley—Bro. Morrison.

Boon—Bro. R. W. Henson, Eld. J. C. Wilcox.

Adjourned for preaching by Elders M. A. Workman and Jay Duvall. A wonderful message by both brethren. Subject, "The Prodigal Son."

Met back at 2:00 p. m.

Opened with singing, Scripture lesson and prayer by Eld. M. J. Fortner.

The clerk being absent, Eld. John M. Henson was elected clerk pro tem.

Meeting declared open for business.

Committee appointed to wait upon Eld. Asa King reported that Bro. King has confessed that he is not worthy of fellowship in the Quarterly Meeting.

Motion carried that hand of fellowship be withdrawn from Bro. King.

Report of Business Committee accepted and committee discharged.

Next Session Committee reported that next session of the Brotherhood Quarterly Meeting will convene with Kenova Church at Kenova, W. Va.

Met back at 7:30 p. m.

Several songs and prayers were offered, then we had a few specials from a brother and sister from Ohio, and Guyandotte, W. Va.

Preaching by Elders C. C. Lett and B. L. Cleamans.

We had a real good meeting and a packed house that night.

Sunday morning—Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. The Sunday school was

good, and interesting.

Eld. Earl Gillenwater gave a talk on Sunday School Work.

A freewill offering, amounting to \$7.10 was taken to help a family buy medicine for a sister of the Susanah Church.

Preaching by Elders John M. Henson and Arthur Collins. A good meeting.

Hope you will remember us in your prayers, for we need them in this day and time.

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

Hickory Grove Church Report

Dear Gem Readers:

I am glad to give you a brief report of the way the Lord is blessing our little church. We just closed a two weeks' revival, Sunday, Jan. 15, with a Communion service at night. We had four additions to the church and three candidates for baptism. We had splendid co-operation among the people, and all felt the Spirit of the Lord in our midst; and just hope and pray that the reviving Spirit will continue in the church throughout the year.

The Lord did wonderfully bless, for which we thank and praise Him.

The first Sunday in February, we will have an ordination service for a deacon, as we look to the Lord for leadership.

Dear Christians, in closing, I want to say I love the Lord, as I know He is the same today as He was in the days of Moses, David, Daniel, and the apostles, a living God. One who hath all power both in Heaven and on earth. Dear Brothers and sisters, why should not we love and trust Him? We should, and see great things come to pass. Praise His name.

—Eld. Arthur Kicenski.

RIGHT OR WRONG, WHICH?

Mrs. I. B. Leonard, Worthington, Mo.

How beautiful would be our Christmas seasons, if they were only dedicated to the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! But He is left out of the picture all together and some pagan, self-styled saint gets the praise and adoration of our little children, instead of the Christ Child.

God was the giver of the most precious gift ever given to mankind, His only begotten Son, full of grace and truth.

But man in his zeal to do something great has gone in direct opposition to the Divine Word of Truth.

Jesus, speaking to the churches

(Rev. 2:5, 6), said the church at Ephesus, with all their opposition to His holy will, had one thing in common with Christ (v. 6), they hated the things done and taught by the Nicolaitans (followers of Nicolas), which things Christ hated (v. 15).

In Jeremiah 10:1-7, God tells us not to learn the ways of the heathen, nor keep their customs. He strictly charges the church, "Hear ye the word which the Lord speaketh unto you." He points out very plainly, that it is not His will for the churches to keep the heathen customs. The Prophet Nahum tells us when this time will be (Nah. 2:3), "The chariots shall be with flaming torches (automobiles) in the day of His preparation, and the fir tree shall be terribly shaken," or destroyed. They go right into the fields and lots and steal and destroy the beautiful trees with not so much as "May I?" And some they cut out the tops and spoil their beauty, and others they cut and, if not suitable, they leave them on the ground.

There are many heathen customs creeping into our Christian churches. One of our greatest commentators tell us that in time the Christian church will drift back into the old pagan ways and customs, till you can't tell which is pagan, and which is Christian.

It is time we began to study and to know God's will in these things, and not be doing the things which He hates.

In Russia, when their children pray to Christ, they give them no bread, but when they pray to Lennin, then arise there is their bread. Shall our little children, in their simplicity, have to pray to some pagan saint for the few little toys and gifts they receive, or shall they be taught to come to the giver of all good gifts, and give Him the praise, and not to Santa Claus (or St. Nicholas), the thing that our Lord hates? (Rev. 2:6, 15).

FLYING WITHIN THE BEAM

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the strongest signal then, and it surely has the power to cut through any barriers, if you just do your part, which is to trust the Father implicitly, keep your receiving set tuned in and stay where the signal is the strongest. And isn't the goal we are flying to worth all the struggles and hardship it might take to reach it? Just think what it will mean to fly into the home port and be welcomed by our Friend — Jesus.

OBITUARY

SMITH—Joseph Francis Smith, son of J. D. and Margaret Smith, was born in Dallas County, Missouri, February 22, 1888. He left this world and went home January 2, 1939, at the age of 50 years, ten months and eleven days.

He was married to Amanda Lawson in 1908. To this union three children were born, two of which died young.

Later in life he was married to Sarah Owens. To this union one child was born.

Bro. Smith was known as Frank, and was a hard working man, and a good citizen and neighbor. About seven years ago Frank was saved and joined the Free Will Baptist Church at Buffalo, Mo. and was chosen and ordained as a deacon, and was serving in that capacity at death. He was a man that loved the church and the Bible, and was always ready to support the church. His illness was of a very trying nature, causing him much suffering, but he bore it with Christian faith.

He leaves to mourn his passing his loving wife, one daughter, Ducilla of Buffalo and his son Lee of New Mex., five sisters and two brothers, one half brother and one step daughter, Anna Gower, all of Dallas County. The Smith family are believers in God.

Funeral services were conducted by Eld. George Studevant, assisted by Eld. Frank Linton, at the Free Will Baptist Church in Buffalo, Mo. Burial was made in Oak Lawn cemetery under the direction of L. B. Jones.

HARRINGTON—William Arley Harrington was born August 18, 1908, in Wright County, Mo. He lived a good life till he passed away January 12, 1939, at Moss Landing, California at the age of 30 years, 4 months, 12 days.

He leaves to mourn his passing a wife, Jewell Harrington, one daughter, Barbara Jean Harrington of Tulare, Calif., father and mother of Moss Landing, Calif., one brother Algit Harrington of Watsonville, Calif., one sister, Ethel Moore of Castroville, Calif., and a host of relatives and friends.

Pallbearers: Clyde Shaw, Fred Fulber, Lue Whitney, Pat Adams, J. Y. Clark and J. L. Davis.

Funeral services were held by Rev. Neal Moore, with about 300 people present. He was laid to rest in Moss Landing cemetery.

Thanking the many friends for flowers and kindness.

Arley has gone from our home,

The cheery one of our band,
Gone from a world of sadness,

Gone from all pain,

Into eternal gladness,

Never to suffer again.

We weep, our hearts are breaking,

We smile as we think of the path
he trod,

We know his spirit is waiting
in the Paradise of God.

IN MEMORY

In loving memory of the Rev.
Faye George, who passed away
suddenly on Dec. 26, 1936

You bade no one a last farewell,

You said goodbye to none,

Your loving heart had ceased to beat,

And before we knew it you were gone.

Your pleasant smile and cheerful ways

We pleasantly recall;

You had kind words for every one,

And died, loved by all.

Loving and kind in all your ways,

Upright and just to the end of your
days.

Sincere and kind in heart and mind,

What a beautiful memory to leave
behind.

No one can know the silent heartache,

Only those who have lost can tell,

Of the grief we bear in silence

For you our darling we loved so well.

Each day recalls sad memories

Of you since you've gone to rest.



We think of you the whole day through,
For we are those who loved you best.
What would we give to clasp your
hand,

Your dear kind face to see,

To hear your voice, to see your smile,

As in the days that used to be.

Some sweet day we'll be with you,

Free from all this toil and strife,

To take you in our arms once more,

In that heavenly happy life.

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As shorter grows the earthly chain,

The circle widens in the sky.

These are our treasures that remain,

But those are stars that beam on high.

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Sadly missed by wife and daughter,
Mrs. Ora George and Donna Faye, also
by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert
George.

Report of Sunday School Conference, Held At Betsy Lane, Kentucky, New Year's Day.

Reported by Alma Reed

Opened by singing by all.

Scripture lesson, read by Bro. Horn,
pastor of Prestonburg Church.

Opening address for business by
Bro. James H. Owens.

Due to the absence of the regular
secretary of the conference, Bro. H. H.
Layne was appointed to act as secretary
for the day.

Motion carried that the whole of
each offering of all Sunday schools on
the fourth Sunday be donated to the
conference to help keep it going.

Martin Branch Sunday school was
recommended to the conference for
membership, and was received, also
Mud Creek Sunday school.

Song, "The Old Cross Road," by the
girls' quartet.

A short talk on the good the Sunday
schools have done in Eureka by Bro.
Woods.

Brother Stratton told of his experience
and conversion in the Sunday
school.

Bro. Arthur Jackson told how and
where the first time the Lord touched
his heart in Sunday school.

Sister Prater made a report of the
Sunday school at Lackey, while she
was superintendent.

Bro. Charlie Nelson made a very
interesting report of Lackey Sunday
school.

Mrs. Pratt reported the Prater Fork
Sunday school, which shows great pro-

gress. She also made a nice talk on getting the conference down to the point in business and not so long in just talking.

It is understood that the superintendent of each Sunday school represented at each conference must make a report.

Motion carried that Bro. Luther Sanders give James H. Owens five dollars (\$5.00) of conference money to pay indebtedness for signs painted to advertise the conference, and for literature to organize a new Sunday school at Toms Creek school house.

Closing song, "When Jesus Reached Down for Me."

LACKEY, KY. Jan. 1, 1939.

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

Just a few words from the Lackey Free Will Baptist church and Sunday school. Both are letting their lights shine so that the world may see their good works.

Brother Charles Nelson and Bro. Luther Sanders and Bro. Green Woods, and several of the good sisters go up to the Stumbo Memorial Hospital every Sunday at three o'clock to pray and sing, and visit all the sick people who are there. We all enjoy doing that and the sick sure do appreciate our visits and our singing and praying. And the Lord never fails to give us a blessing when we are there.

The Lackey Free Will Baptist church sure is doing great work. The church members all meet three Saturdays and Sundays of each month, and it is just like one big family. Every body comes in with a big smile on their faces. We have 120 members, and our pastor is always on hand, and our assistant pastor is always there. I hope this letter will find room in the good old Gem. God bless you all.

— J. M. Patton.

A Woman's Place

"They talk about a woman's sphere,

As though it had a limit;

There's not a place in earth or heaven,

There's not a task to mankind given,

There's not a blessing or a woe,

There's not a whisper yes or no,

There's not a life, death, or birth,

That has a feather's weight of worth,

Without a woman in it."

Good Things To Come

By William Coleman, Dayton, Ohio — From the Defender Magazine.

"For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things."

Certainly, it is through Divine indulgence that we are permitted intermittent glimpses of the surpassing glories of the coming age—an age, in expectation of which, not only ourselves, but also "the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now," waiting, and earnestly longing, for deliverance "from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God."

Nor is our Father's indulgence without intent. Just as Moses sent spies into Canaan that they might bring back the encouraging report that it was an "exceedingly good land," a land that "floweth with milk and honey," and secure, at the same time, luscious examples of its abundance, so our Lord, in His Holy Word, has given us entrancing views and delightful foretastes of the heavenly country, of which Canaan was a type.

"O taste and see that the Lord is good!"

Here we are permitted to *taste* of God, and tasting, we become so enchanted, so entranced, that we cease from anger, forsake wrath, and follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. We lay aside all "filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness," and the "sin which doth so easily beset us," and resolve to "run with patience the race that is set before us."

Here a taste of God causes us to "forgive until seventy times seven," if any man "have a quarrel against any." It teaches us to "love one another." It causes us to "love our enemies," to "pray for them that despitefully use us," and to go two miles with those who insist that we go one. It prompts us to labor for lost souls who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, and to weep and lament for the sins of those who forget God.

And if no more than a taste of God produces this miraculous effect, what will be the wondrous result when a whole feast of "good things to come" is spread before us?

The taste we here experience is simply a prelude to the "good things to come," which we are convinced await us in the next age.

Here we move in a world of shadows. So far had we strayed from our God, so great had become the infirmities of our natures, that He must veil the brightness of things eternal by types and shadows. He could not speak to us "as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal," so He uses carnal things to foreshadow and suggest to the mind, and, in a measure, prepares us for an entrance upon, and full enjoyment of, the realities themselves.

A sudden glimpse of unveiled Deity was enough to prostrate Paul, and send him sightless on his way, convincing him of the need of One who would temper "the brightness of His (God's) glory," and at the same time still be "the image of the invisible God."

The more lively apprehensions we have of the world to come, the stronger will we be, and the better able to resist the motions of sin which constantly work in our members, and which is the bane of every true child of God.

It is difficult to conceive how one can give vent to violent outbursts of temper, complain and murmur habitually, fret at inconveniences, and at the same time cherish the glorious truth that soon he is to be a companion of heavenly men and other celestial beings, to walk and talk with his God, and make his happy way through that Holy City, designed especially for a holy people.

It is difficult to imagine how one can indulge in duplicity and deceit, and expect to be an inhabitant of that City where nothing can be concealed, where we shall be known even as we are known, where even the street is "pure gold," as it were "transparent" glass. There, no evasion is known, no false equation.

In this transitory life we are never without the sense of incompleteness and insufficiency, and never without the longing for the power of an endless, God-generated life. This is the only force or principle which will forever end death and decay, and the inevitable sorrow which attends them.

There can be no death by hunger, or disease, in the New Jerusalem, for one can "eat of the tree of life which is in the midst of the Paradise of God," the very leaves of which are for "the healing of the nations."

There will be no sorrow, for "in His presence is fulness of joy, and at His right hand there are pleasures forever more." Crying will be ended, for "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes," and the pain which brought the tears will be forgotten, because the "former things are passed away."

Surely, to strangers and pilgrims on the earth, this is "good news from a far country."

We should allot a certain amount of time each day to the devout contemplation of the ineffable happiness that will accrue to us, when God "shall come to be glorified in His saints." It will ennoble us, and greatly accelerate the extirpation of our imperfections, by prompting us to set about manfully pulling up the roots of bitterness, which threaten to spring up and defile us.

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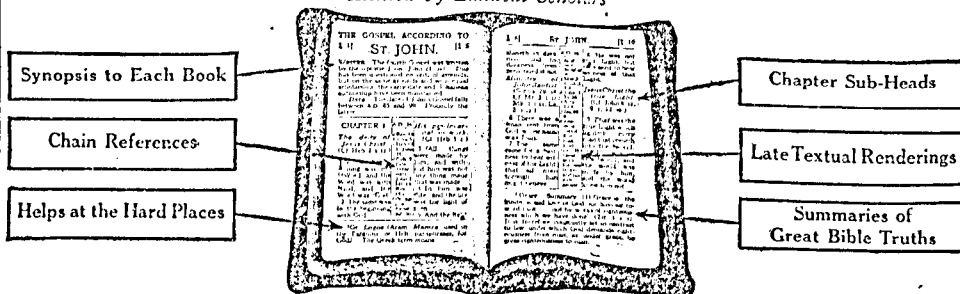
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