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Fire, A Symbol of the Presence of God

By Eld. John H. West, Bristow, Oklahoma

This subject is one under controversy among some of our people. Some say that fire is only for the wicked, and we want to show by these articles that it symbolizes different things; but when they are all summed up, we fall back to the one thing, The presence of God.

In this article we will deal with the one thing only. Let's go to the garden of Eden. After man had been expelled from this beautiful place, there was placed at its entrance a flaming sword, to keep the way of the tree of life. I am sure that no one could look at that flaming sword without realizing the presence of God. As Moses tended his father-in-law's herd in the desert, he came to a strange sight, a bush afire; but not consumed. Moses was astonished at such a sight. What did this fire mean? The presence of God. Our Lord had something for Moses to do, and He used this means of getting a message to him. Brother preachers, we always have a real message when God gives it.

The fire had a great part to play in the deliverance of the Israelites. And, as they traveled by day there was of course the pillar of a cloud. And my friends, by experience we know that when the night comes, and all is dark, when temptations assail us on every hand, and we are about to stumble, we can look up as did the children of Israel, and be led by the pillar of fire, which is the symbol of the presence of God. When God talked to His people on Mount Sinai, He descended upon it in fire.

Come with me to Mount Carmel. We see there a man of God. I think that Elijah represents very well the true Church; and the prophets of Baal represented the world in general. We have more people in the churches today than ever before; but we have less fire.

The world, I fear, is like the people of Athens, too religious. We all know that religion is not salvation; and because we are sincere does not mean that we are saved. These people on Mount Carmel were sincere enough; but they didn't get results.

Elijah repaired the altar of the Lord, and prayed, "Let the people know that I have done these things at thy word, and that Thou art God." In my imagination, I can see the old man of God as he kneeled at the altar. He certainly was in the minority; but he had God on his side. And God answered by fire.

Some say that the Free Will Baptist is a small denomination; but we have God on our side as long as we keep the old altar repaired. I believe that is what the world needs today more than anything. —"Back to the old fashioned way."

When Solomon's temple was dedicated, God's presence was manifested by fire. We can readily see that all fire is not for the wicked. There are many places in the Scriptures to prove this; but space will not permit them.

My next article, if God permits, will be "Fire a Symbol of Spiritual Power."

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FAITHFUL WITNESS

By Alpha Jane Wilson, Drynob, Missouri

Dear friends, do we realize what it means to be a faithful witness for Christ? Just think one moment. Yes, I know, we hear many witness for Christ, many testify, saying, "I'm glad I can stand up as a witness for my Savior."

But do we really stand up for Him in all things? Our daily walks and talks, do they harmonize with the big testimony we gave over at church the other day?

In 1 Tim. 4:12, Paul said, "Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." This would be a faithful witness.

Phil. 1:27—"Only let your conversation be as it becometh the Gospel of Christ."

1 Peter 1:15—"Be ye holy in all manner of conversation."

It means a lot to be a faithful witness, yet we can: for He said He would be with us always, and with every temptation He would make a way of escape.

James 3:10 says, "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be." Be an example in conversation.

Then too, we must be an example or true witness in charity (or love). This we can do. He that loves not, knows not God: for God is love, and we must witness by showing our love to one another, to our brethren. Yes, and more than that: for Jesus said (Matt. 5:44), "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." Do we do this?

Yes, we see brothers and sisters in Christ who do not speak, and you say, "They did me wrong. I do love So and So"—some one that treats you well. But listen to Matt. 5:46—"For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?" Sometimes, in place of being an example, we are a disgrace to the name of Christ.

I once heard an unsaved man say he believed the members of a certain church hung their religion on a nail by

the church door as they went out, and put it on when they got back.

Now let us wake up and make our lives a living testimony of a faithful witness, that will live after we have quit the walks of men. Let's be as Stephen of old, when his enemies were stoning him to death, such agony of pain he must have suffered! Yet he looked toward heaven and asked God to forgive them. Can we, if we have not the strength, the faith and love as Stephen of old? It is our own fault: it is for us. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He told Paul that His grace would be sufficient; and the same to you and me.

So let us be a faithful example and take a stand that will reveal ourselves to the world, that we are honest and sincere, and that we are not making an empty profession with our lips that our lives won't measure up to.

There are so many ways to witness. I felt ashamed the other day, when I gave a nine year old boy (living near) a picture of our Saviour, and asked

him if he knew of the Saviour, how He died on the cross for us; how eagerly his little soul drank in every word I said. He said he did not know about it, and there are Christians all around him, but all too busy to talk of the Saviour.

I asked a girl about the same age if she had a Testament or Bible, and she said, "I guess not, but I don't know what one is," and she was raised by Christian parents.

Let's stand up for Jesus,

The strife will not be long.
Today, the noise of battle,
The next, the victor's song.

From victory unto victory,
His army will He lead,
Till every foe is conquered
And Christ is Lord indeed.

So we'll march steadily on toward
the high calling of God in Christ Jesus
our Lord. Some may ask the prayers
of all just as a form, but I do earnestly
all who read this, to pray for me.

who endured the Cross, despising the shame; still be preaching the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth, which teaches us all things; still be baptizing in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; still be carrying on the work which Christ entrusted to it; for it is still standing on that same solid Rock—"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Now, I don't mean the Free Will Baptist Church, nor the United Baptist, or the Methodist, nor any other church, you may name: for they are all just branches or denominations of the same church, if they are founded on Christ. We are all Americans, though we live in Maine or Oregon, Michigan or Texas, or any where between, and are citizens of these states; we are still citizens of the United States. Then also, no matter what our denominational name, those denominations are all founded on the Christ the Son of the living God, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against the church which is founded on that Rock.

Paul said in 1 Cor. 3:11, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble, 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." This will compare to denominations as well as to men. There are those who build only with that material which is near at hand, what they happen to stumble onto in a hasty reading of the Bible, or in the Sunday school lesson, just the stubble which is all around the building place. Others do a little more studying and go a little further and build with hay. Others go even to the edge of the clearing, but not beyond the regular beaten paths of thought, and bring back wood, while others go beyond all these in their search for truths to build with, go out among the rocks and mountains where the way is uncharted and rough and no man is there to help; they search and dig and sift and bring back the gold and silver and precious stones. They search the Scriptures through and through and study everything they can find on the subject, praying to God always for guidance, searching for the truths and seeking to understand the mysteries of God, bringing those sparkling and precious truths to put in their building to make it a fit memorial to their God. And along

The Church

By A. H. Camp, Ozark, Arkansas

"And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16).

Verse 17—"And Jesus answered and said, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."

Verse 18—"And I say also unto thee, Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church: and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Christ was here foretelling a change in dispensation. He was about to build His church here on earth to take the place of the Jewish church, which was founded upon the law as given by God to Moses, and Christ was not a part of that church, only that through faith they looked for the Christ to come. Was this church, then, to be founded upon Peter, upon flesh and blood? Impossible; for the gates of hell can and do prevail against all organizations built upon men. The governments of the world are built upon men and the works of men, and they crumble and fall away and are replaced by other governments built upon men and men's works, but the Church of Christ has never fallen, nor can it ever be shaken by all the pow-

ers of evil. Upon what solid rock, upon what solid, unchanging fact was He to build His church? Upon the fact that had been revealed by God to Peter.

"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." All Christian churches, regardless of denominational name, are founded upon this Rock, upon the fact that Jesus *was* the Christ and that we are not looking forward to the coming of Christ, but following the Christ who has already come, and fulfilling the law and the prophets, has made the final sacrifice for sin.

God, Himself, had said, "This is my beloved Son," and now Peter says, "Thou art the Son of the living God." All Christian churches are founded upon Christ, upon the Son of the living God, and this Rock is so solid that all the works of men and of hell have beat upon it from the day it was built to the present day, and it has never fallen. The Church of Christ will still be standing here on earth when Christ comes back; will still be preaching His Gospel to all nations, tongues and kindreds of the earth; still be preaching the love of God, who gave His only begotten Son, that we might have eternal life; still be preaching the Son

their way they find countless opportunities for service, both physically and spiritually, and these services are added to their building, the gold and silver, with sometimes a soul called to salvation, a precious sparkling stone to crown their work. Brother, what of your work, is it all stubble and hay, or are there gold and silver and perhaps a few sparkling stones gleaming out of the walls of this building you are erecting on that solid Rock, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of God"?

Then Paul goes on to say, "If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's works shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved: yet so as by fire." Then I take it that if we build upon this Rock and do the best we can, using the talents God has given us, our soul will be saved, but if we build with stubble, our blessings on earth and our joy in the service will be but little, while those who build with better materials have greater blessings and joys, and oh, the joy of one who brings in a precious sparkling stone, a soul who has found salvation! But not all are able to go beyond the beaten paths of thought to search for gold and silver and precious stones, but Brother, *go as far as you can!*

The Home in Danger

By J. M. Doughty, Strafford, Missouri

In the days before Prohibition the liquor manufacturers and dealers were content to sell liquor through the saloon. But since the repeal of Prohibition the brewers have been resorting to many plans for getting beer into homes.

Most respectable women would not go into the old saloon, and there were laws against selling to minors. But under repeal, beer can be ordered over the 'phone along with groceries. It is delivered in fancy bottles by the case or a few bottles in a paper bag. If the women and children drink beer at home, and get top heavy, it will not disgust people like the drunk that staggered out of the old saloon.

Some people have inherited the belief that alcohol is a medicine and the liquor dealers are advertising it as both a food and a medicine. But is there any truth in their statements? Alcohol is alcohol regardless of the beverage in which it is found.

Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, president

of the famous Battle Creek Sanitarium and one of the leading authorities on disease, foods and health, makes the following statement in his book *Rules for Right Living*:

"ALCOHOL IN EVERY FORM. It is not a stimulant, but a narcotic. It is not a food. It is not a remedy for any disease. It hinders digestion, weakens the heart, lessens strength and endurance, dulls the brain, perverts the judgment and blunts all fine sensibilities."

Judging from the above quotation, it looks as though Solomon, the wise man, was right when he wrote in the Proverbs that whosoever is deceived by strong drink is not wise.

It is said that during the Franco-Prussian war that a French officer went to a French gunner and showed him a house in the distance, and asked him if he could hit it. The gunner replied, "I will try." The officer watched when the huge gun fired, and shouted, "Good shot." When the officer lowered his field glass he noticed that the gunner was crying, and he said, "What is wrong?" The gunner replied, "That was my home."

The dealers in intoxicating liquors, by their cunning advertisements, are trying to induce you to buy liquor with which to destroy your own home.

Alcoholic liquors are habit forming and they are associated with most kinds of evil. The Apostle Paul admonished us to abstain from the very appearance of evil.

Charles M. Sheldon, author of *In His Steps*, recently wrote a wonderful article in which he stated that the only thing that liquor dealers really fear is TOTAL ABSTINENCE.

With His Stripes We Are Healed

By Gweneth Talley, Aurora, Missouri

In spite of the broken homes and heart-broken parents, in spite of the terrible crime wave of today, there need be no sin problem. Jesus faced the sin problem when from the cruel cross He cried with a loud voice, "It is finished," the cure was found.

When we speak of a disease as being incurable, we mean that sooner or later it will cause the death of the person. Sin was a disease, and death as real as a physical death, because it separated the victim from his God. The word death, and also the word life, belong to the A B C of the Gospel

(John 5:24; Romans 6:23); and the death of Christ on the Cross is the remedy.

Now, that death was for sinners. "The chastisement of our peace was upon Him," and every line of the verse spells sacrifice—the vicarious death of the Lord Jesus. Jesus came into the world to save sinners, "to give His life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28).

We have been told by the apostles and the evangelists all down the ages, that His blood was shed for the remission of our sins (1 Cor. 15:3; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 2:20), and 1 Peter 2:24—"Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."

Sin has always separated us from God, but the death of Christ made it possible for sinful people to have fellowship with God. And that makes all the difference. So long as there is a state of death, so far as the sinner and God are concerned, sin will most certainly come out: but as soon as there is the state of life, the life of righteousness will abound.

Then we have the healing. When an ex-infidel stands up and testifies that he now loves to speak for God and loathes the atheistic literature he once distributed, truly one may know that soul has come back from death to life. When a Jewish Rabbi goes back to his own country and puts Acts 2:36 across the front of his house, it is good evidence that he has been healed of sin.

We, who were neither of these, but just sinners, to us the change or healing is just as wonderful. A changed heart will reveal a changed life. A life of love, peace and happiness in His service.

Yet Satan knows his business and still there are spiritual disasters.

The least our pastors can do is to teach well the benefits of the Cross.

It is the story of healing; so sang the good elder who, in spite of the loss of his children, could write:

"My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought—

My sin—not in part, but the whole—
Is nailed to His Cross, and I bear it
no more;

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O
my soul."

And I am glad that I too am privileged to join in that chorus: "It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul."

The Beginning of the End of the World's Greatest Empire

By Eld. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.

Some long time back we said the rebels (Fascists) would win the war in Spain. They have virtually done that now. We also said in an article in the Gem that Germany would take Czechoslovakia. They did so, at least virtually so. We also said that Hitler would endeavor to extend his war of aggression into the Russian Ukraine. That he is now striving to do. We further said that Mussolini would continue to reach out after more territory around the Mediterranean in his efforts to revive the old Roman Empire. That he is going, in his demands upon France for Corsica and Tunisia.

Now we are going to advance the statement that the British Empire will come to naught. That great empire upon whose possessions the sun never sets. That great peaceful empire which has for so long been the world's benefactor; it is sad to say, but it is true, that she is beginning to crumble. Quoting from a secular writer, T. A. McNeal, "That the government of Great Britain will be profoundly affected by an insurgent (rebel) victory in Spain seems likely. It will mean the loss of control of the Mediterranean Sea and possibly of the Suez Canal. Beyond that it may mean the end of British control in India. If that should occur it would mean the beginning of the end of the British Empire." (End of quote). I seriously doubt if Mr. McNeal realized that he was edging onto the teaching of the Scriptures when he wrote those words. In the days of the greatness of the Roman Empire the Mediterranean Sea was called a Roman lake; because Roman territory completely surrounded it, and reached far enough north to take in the land of the Gauls (France), and Britannia (England). The ambition of the Italian dictator today is to revive this Roman Empire. He, like Hitler, is not nearly so concerned about the welfare of the depressed minorities in the countries they propose to take over as they would have us think; but it is the land in which these depressed people happen to live that they are thirsting for. Aiding the depressed minorities is only an alibi.

Mussolini will continue to take control of the Mediterranean territory

and thereby will gain complete control of the Gibraltar passage and the Suez canal (the western and eastern entrances to the Mediterranean), which for so long have been England's short route to India, and then he will proceed to tell the British what they can and cannot do as to their near route to the East.

Therefore, in order for England to reach India she would have to go way round the southern tip of Africa, which would be the next thing to impossible,



because of time and means, and inaccessible waters, and so there will be the same old dictator game again, that is, bringing economic pressure to bear, the strangling of their neighbors, wittingly forcing their way through. No longer than ten years back, for someone to have hinted at the very thought of the British Empire crumbling, it would have been considered absurd. But it is not so now. Every one knows that England has all but prostrated herself already before these European dictators. In fact, all democracy is doomed in a course of time. I think our geographical situation and our place in prophecy will permit us to stand perhaps longer than some others, but our day will eventually come, and it would be mighty well for us to bear in mind this thought too, that it is not the foreign foe that we need to fear so much; but it is that which is boring within. In the language of one of the old prophets, "There is an enemy within our gates."

Of course, England is not a democracy just like our own, but she is in that class. They, like Uncle Sam, have their three branches of government. We have our executive, judicial, and legislative departments, while they have the king, the house of lords, and house of commons. It is a sad thing,

really, to have to think of this wonderful empire, controlled by such a wonderful people, even bearing the appearance of any failure. The English have always been a peaceful people, and a wonderful blessing to the world at large.

England, like ourselves, is horrified at this heartless, beastly, dictator-craze that seems to be possessing the world. But being horrified will never stop it. In fact, nothing will stop it; for what God hath written, He hath written. If it were left to England to start a war, it would be a long time starting; and therefore we love them as peaceful neighbors.

Take our neighbor on the north, Canada, for example. We never entertain the least idea of having any trouble with Canada. Canada, of course, is under the British Crown. I was privileged a few years ago to cross over into Canada, and it well might be considered a privilege to be among those peaceful, friendly people. One feels just as safe and as much at home as we do on our own territory. The "red tape" of getting across the border was but very little. Only a few necessary preliminaries. All the patrolling we have along the Canadian border is that two men, once a year, make a run of the border. It is a pleasure to live by neighbors like that. Our people would hoot at the very idea, and rightly so, of a standing army along our northern border. The English are a peace loving, considerate, and broad minded people. But right there is where the difficulty lies, because for people and principles like that there is swiftly becoming no place in the world for them.

It is not at all with any pleasure that we speak of the future downfall of the British Empire; but it is a prophetic truth and neither we nor they can dodge it. Another very interesting event to notice in connection with this is the fact Ireland has become an Irish Free State. Some time back the split came between Ireland and England. This was prophetically necessary, for Ireland never was a part of Old Rome, while England was; so there we see the lines being carved the same as we also can see it in many other places.

Many are very much taken up with Hitler and his activities now-a-days; but Hitler can never be the Anti-Christ, simply because he is in the wrong territory, and his ambitions lie in the wrong direction. The Anti-Christ

must and will come from revived Rome according to Daniel 9:26-27, and Hitler's ambition lies to the north. However, Hitler is being wonderfully used in the fulfillment of prophecy in that he is paving the way for the formation of the northern confederacy, as spoken by Ezekiel in chapters 38 and 39. This confederacy will consist of Gomer (Germany), Gog (Russia), in which are located the cities of Meshech (Moscow) and Tubal (Tobolsk), and perhaps Poland, which will have by that time become a part of greater Germany. Yes, Hitler in connection with prophecy, will certainly bear watching, for he is doing his part; but to see the rise of Antichrist, we must watch Rome.

England's greatest dread might well lie in Mussolini as he continues to reach out after more and more of the ancient Roman territory. He will peculiarly and perhaps providentially bring her under his thumb. He made the remark, as the paper records today, "Not only has Negrin (republican premier) been defeated; but many others of our enemies are now biting the dust. The taking of Barcelona is a splendid victory. It is another chapter in the history of the new Europe we are creating." One of the "enemies biting the dust" he was re-

ferring to is no doubt the British Government.

One of the most interesting studies these times is to watch the hand of God maneuvering among the nations. practically every move of international importance is pointing, either directly or indirectly, toward the time of the end. A number of things which are designed to come to pass in the end of the age are in the making now. The return of Israel, the breaking up of great empires, the failure of democracy, the revival of Rome, the formation of the northern confederation, the persecution of the Jew, one man rule or centralization of power, suppression of the popular will, swallowing up of nations, revival of religious hatred, all these are direct signs of the times. I think none of them are any more significant than this almost unbelievable fact that the prestige and influence of this generous people is so swiftly weakening which heretofore have been so beneficial in world affairs, namely the British Empire.

Already there is some talk, we understand, of moving the capitol of the empire from London, England to Canada. It is thought that King George's intended trip to the Western Continent is to look around with that uppermost in mind.

down, oppressed, robbed, beaten, and driven from pillar to post, he is a hiss and a by-word, and all the Jew hating fury of hell has tried to exterminate him—but, whether you like it or not, he is still a Jew, maintaining his identity through centuries of turmoil and storm.

The Hebrew race contributed the greatest factor to civilization—religion. "Salvation is of the Jews." St. John 4:22.

The population of the world sprang from Noah after the flood. Noah had 3 sons: Ham, Shem, and Japheth. Noah prophetically pronounced the career of these boys through the ages. To Shem, he pronounced, "Blessed be the Lord God of Shem" Gen. 9:26. Shem was to have a peculiar relation to God. All divine revelation is through Semitic men, and Christ, after the flesh, descended from Shem. The Hebrew is not the only representative of Semitic blood, for the Hebrew race had some brothers—Phœnicians, the first inventors of a perfect alphabet; Assyrians, who peopled the region of the Tigris and Uprates; and Arabs who are Mohammedans and are also descendants of Abraham by Ismael, the son of the bondwoman. Gen. 16:11 It may be noted that Semitic men from ancient times, have taught that there is one, personal, living God who is Creator and Governor of the world. But the Hebrew race soon stood far ahead of its brothers because of a peculiar temperament which readily lent itself to the Divine and so became the chosen of God. God had some wonderful plans for the Jews which He has neither carried out nor abandoned. But another day will come.

The Gentiles

The Bible word is *GOYIM* and was spoken of other nations other than Jewish—foreign nations, often with the notion of hostile and barbarous; heathen people, profane, aliens from the true God, and worshippers of pagan gods.

Now let us look at Noah's sons. "Cursed be Canaan (Ham's son); a servant of servants shall he be." Gen. 9:25. This is a prophetic statement that from Ham should be an inferior and servile posterity. Ham is probably the progenitor of the black skinned races. The Egyptians and perhaps the Chaldeans are also descendants of Ham, but Ham had other sons who were not cursed. Gen. 10:6. Of the Hamites, Egypt reached the highest in culture, yet it is a fact that Egypt

The Trinity of Humanity

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

"Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the Church of God" 1 Cor. 10:32.

THE Thought almost knocked me down! God is a trinity composed of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

There is a Satanic trinity made up of Satan, Beast, and False Prophet.

Man is a trinity inasmuch as he is body, soul, and spirit.

Now we see that humanity is a trinity; for the population of the world is a trinity—Jews, Gentiles, and the Church of God.

For some time, I have secretly cherished the idea of there being three classes of men in the world, but I could not prove it. Now, I do not need to prove it—it is already proved!

The Jew First

There is only one place to begin—at the beginning. The Jew is a Jew—always a Jew. For thousands of years, he has been a Jew. It may be said

of others, "Through their veins flows the blood of many races," but not so with the Jew. Jewish blood today is the same blood that flowed in the veins of Abraham more than 4000 years ago. The Jew is a miracle! For the past 25 centuries, almost, he has been, indeed and in truth, "a man without a country." He has been led captive into every nation, he has been trodden



contributed little or nothing to the progress of civilization.

Now look at Noah's third son. "God shall enlarge Japheth." A statement bespeaking that Japhetic men should be the main contributors to the great current of civilization. The enlarged nations, gifted in art, science, law, and culture, are also known to historians as the Aryan Branch of races, often referred to as Indo-European.

We are now ready to view the following chart outline.

Noah	Ham	Egyptians
		Chaldeans
		Black Races
	Shem	Hebrews (Jews)
		Phœnicians
		Assyrians
		Arabs (Mohammedan)
		Hindoo (India)
		Persians
		Greeks
	Japheth	Latins
		Teutons (Germanic)
		Celts (Irish, Welsh)
		Slavs (Russia, Czech)

This classification is a *linguistic* one—that is to say, it is a division based on the nature of the languages spoken by these groups of nations.

At the Tower of Babel, God confused the tongues of the people, who had all been speaking one language. When they could no longer understand one another, they left their work of defying God and scattered out into little tribes or clans like a swarm of bees will scatter without a queen. They went out, each clan with a language of its own. They scattered over the earth like a million ants over an ant-hill. At the beginning of the historic age, these tribes are seen pouring across the hills of Europe from nobody knows where. Greeks, Celts, Teutons, and all alike, History knows not from whence they came, but first sees them in their act of spreading over the earth just like they left the Tower of Babel—each with a strange language. So are the beginnings of many nations out of one family.

There are two great races of men not shown in the chart above—the yellow race of the far East (Chinese and Japanese) and the red race of the two American continents. These races bear strong evidence of having descended from Noah, for both have a traditional legend of the Flood and of a hero being saved out of it. This shows that as their forefather left the Tower of Babel, he carried the story of the recent flood in his own strange tongue and handed it down to his

children through the ages. The story became warped a little, yes, nevertheless it's the same story. Although History knows not by what journey they came, yet it is quite evident that they came from the Tower of Babel.

"These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread" (Gen. 9:19).

The Church of God

The Church is the New Thing. All who join it through the new birth become new creatures. The Church is the mystery hidden to the prophets, therefore, they foretold little or nothing about it (Eph. 3:1-6). They could clearly see events transpiring after the establishment of the church, which things they freely disclosed. Acts 15:16.

In the Church there is neither Jew nor Gentile, bond nor free, but all are one in Christ. The wall of partition is broken down. Before a Gentile becomes a Christian, his art, science, law, and culture must be counted as dross, and he must humble himself, repent of his sins, and accept Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. It is true that most of the Church is made up of those called out from among the

Gentiles (Acts 15:14), however, the door of mercy is not closed to individual Jews who will lay aside their race distinction and humble themselves, repent, and accept Christ.

The Church shall be translated out of the world at Christ's return (2 Thess. 4:16, 17), which shall be a bit less than seven years before the "Times of the Gentiles" be fulfilled

After the Church is completed (Acts 15:13-17), after the times of the Gentiles (Luke 21:24 and Rom. 11:25), then shall come to pass many, many wonderful and glorious things concerning the Jews, which was liberally foretold in detail by the prophets. Many traits of the Jew are not to be admired. The same craft and cunning found in Jacob and Laban find expression in the Jews of today. They are money changers everywhere. But they have a nature that is very influential—from Daniel, the counselor of the King of Babylon, to D'Israeli, the late prime minister of England (1900-08). When they as a nation are converted to Christ, their nature will be most lovable and refined for one millennium—the seventh dispensation.

The Hidden Mystery Revealed

By Eld. Kenneth Turner, Granby, Mo.

"Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints" (Col. 2:26).

In the words of this text, the Apostle Paul is saying that a mystery which was hid from people of long ago, is revealed to God's people of this day and age. Again Paul gives us these words, "Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself" (Eph. 1:9).

Again we hear Paul saying, "Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preach-

ing of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began: but now is made manifest" (Rom. 16:25-26)

These words should be a great blessing to every saint of God. Just to know that we are permitted to live in a time when this mystery is made known, is pleasant to think on. Christ said so himself one day when He was talking to His disciples, "And he turned him unto his disciples, and said, privately, 'Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see: for I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them'" (Luke 10:23, 24). So we will have to say, The mystery which was hid, but now is revealed, is Christ and the church.

It is true that only a few prophets of old (if any), could see the church age, which covers almost 2,000 years, just past (1906 years to be exact), if we count from the day of Pentecost. Nowhere in the Bible can I find where the prophets speak directly and clearly



of the time known as the church age. They see and prophesy up to His crucifixion, and of His second coming; little, and some say nothing of it. They give the prophecy of Christ's birth, it is true. Isaiah 7:14—"Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Isaiah could also see His crucifixion, "He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken" (Isa. 53:8).

Abraham saw Christ's day,—"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: he saw it and was glad" (John 8:56), but he didn't see the church age following. He saw only the Son of God, and the Father doing unto Him, just as he was about to do onto his own son, Isaac.

Daniel, in his vision of 70 weeks (weeks of 7 years each, making a total of 490 years), saw the Messiah cut off—"Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks, And after threescore and two weeks shall the Messiah be cut off," Dan. 9:25-26. Then he omits the church age and speaks of the Messiah's second coming, at the time of the last week of the 70 weeks. We must remember that the Israelitish nation is the clock of God. When this people was a nation, and was honoring God with the hope of the future birth of their king, the clock was ticking and time was being counted concerning the nation; but when they rejected the Christ, their king, and crucified Him, they were

scattered abroad, and the pendulum stopped swinging and has been silent ever since, and will be until enough Jews return from the scattered nations to their home land, Palestine, and the motion of the clock starts again and keeps time for God. This silence is between the 69th week and the 70th week of Daniel. He did not see the mystery gap. He was only seeing the things pertaining to his people, and he did not speak of the stopping of the clock for a time (perhaps nearly 2000 years).

Hosea could see Christ rejected of the Israelites, and their being scattered abroad: for he pictures to us Israel the intended wife of the Lord, who would not love and serve Him properly, but would reject Him. The Lord had to look to another for a bride, (the Gentile people) "Then the Lord said unto me, go yet love another woman, For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king....: Afterwards shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king" (Hosea 3:1-5).

Hosea does see the time when the nation is scattered and the Lord turning to another people, but that is all; speaking nothing in detail of the church age.

Most all the prophets speak of happenings at dispensational changes. They see and prophesy of the dispensation of Law through the change to the dispensation of grace; but it being of another nation and people, they say very little, as they saw so little. It was hidden from so many of the prophets. But thank the Lord, it is revealed to His saints today.

kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

There is only one thing that will lead us to do the will of the Father, and that is the Spirit of Christ. That is why we should "believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whether they are of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world." (1 John 4:1).

In this day of modernism, Communism, Nazism, Catholicism, and all the other damnable "isms," I think we should teach, preach and practice salvation by grace, "through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." (Eph. 2: 8-9).

Many people cannot understand, and will begin to "crawfish," when you tell them of the Spirit of Christ, but our text makes it very emphatic and plain, that if you have not the Spirit of Christ you are none of His. Not that he will get along after a fashion, and have quite a respectable entrance into the City of the great King, or that he will do tolerably well, but not quite as well as he might do. No, not that at all, but if *any man* have not the Spirit of Christ, there is not the remotest shadow of a chance for him; he is none of His. On the force of this Scripture, we are borne up to a platform where we stand with our hearts uncovered and naked before the eyes of God. There is no whitewashing this passage; if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.

If you are trying to please God, and cannot feel His Spirit dwelling within you and leading you into all truth, you are not of the Spirit, but of the flesh, and "if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die, but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live." Romans 8:13.

That is why God saw it was necessary for man to be born again before he could please Him, or even see the kingdom of heaven, as He told Nicodemus in John 3:3. So before we can please Him and become an heir of the kingdom of heaven, we must change our natures, and that is done only when we are born of the Spirit of God, and then, "If any man be in Christ Jesus, he is a new creature: old things are passed away, behold all things are become new." Not just an old man made over, for God doesn't make things over: He creates new. The nature has to be changed.

So brother, if you are one of those

The Spirit of Christ

By Eld. Raymond Riggs, Pastor of F. W. B. Church, Highland Park, Mich.

Text: "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." (Romans 8:9).

Why anyone can deny the knowledge and reality of salvation, I cannot understand, when the Word of God is indeed so strong that it pierces even the strongest hearts. I often think of that Scripture that says, "The Word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than a two edged sword," especially when you see women and men fidget about and squirm in their seats when you preach to them the

old time, old fashioned, sin convicting Gospel. Yes, they have itching ears, and are seeking after a more modern way of being saved, and will ridicule the true gospel, and are relying upon self righteousness for their security. But I hear Jesus say in Matthew 5:20, "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." Again, He tells us in Matt. 7:21, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the

goody, goody kind that believes in shaking hands with the preacher and being baptized, and go to church on Sunday, but still have the same old nature, and still love the things of the world, "the lust of the flesh and the pride of life," well, you're just not in Christ.

We had a glorious conversion in our church just recently. Before the song service began, I was called to the back of the church to talk to a man, and upon approaching him, I smelled liquor on his breath, and saw that he was partially under the influence of it. He began to tell me how he got in with the "gang," and didn't seem to be able to overcome; and I told him he could

not within himself, but if he would yield to the Lord, he would take the desire away from him. He came to the altar right then, even before a message was delivered, was deeply convicted, and prayed through and gave his testimony. Seemingly, there was an atmosphere of doubt, as to his salvation, seeing his condition, but the next night he was back, sober, and a new creation in Jesus Christ. He certainly has a wonderful testimony for the Lord. He and his wife were baptized last Saturday night.

Brother, the Spirit of Christ can convict, and His blood can cleanse the vilest sinner—"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be like wool."

cern. An officer in the department store tells of stealing on the part of employees. One day he had opportunity to employ a woman who possessed a doctor's degree in philosophy. Surely, he thought, a woman of her training and culture can be trusted, so he placed her in a sales position where there were small articles of high value. The stealing continued. And one day a detective brought this university woman to the executive's office. In her possessions were goods she had stolen. The executive tried to talk to her about right and wrong, and with a sneer the young woman replied: "There is no such thing as right and wrong. Things are intelligent or stupid. I was stupid, for I got caught."

Cheating husbands and giddy wives bring into the world children without moral stamina of conviction, and make the whole life of civilization one of shuffling and sneaking and conniving. Oh, for the old fashioned honesty and decency and sobriety! Oh, for the old time American home, with its church going parents and its Sunday school children! You may ridicule that age, but you cannot deny its sanity. In this connection, it might be well to remind ourselves of a comment made by Judge Fawcett, of Brooklyn, N. Y.: "A few years ago," he said, "more than four thousand out of eight thousand prisoners sentenced by me in thirty years on the bench were under twenty-one years of age, but only three of these were members of Sunday schools at the time they committed the crime." What a fine testimony this is to the influence of the Bible. Sunday schools originated for the study and teaching of the Bible. Some of them are backslidden, but the good which has been achieved is the outcome of the propagation of God's Word.

An Age of Transition?

We like to tell ourselves that present evils are only temporary. How often we hear it, "This is an age of transition." Adam and Eve were probably the first to say that, as they left Eden's garden. And every age has tried to find comfort in the same phrase. Man looks at the indications of his own defeat, but satisfies his conscience with the consolation that this defeat is not permanent. If there is a period of moral collapse it is due to the aftermath of the war." If crime is abounding, it is "a crime wave." Well, our crime wave must be a permanent wave. There is no use in trying to fool ourselves. Our evils are deep rooted.

Let's Go Back to the Bible!

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IT WOULD be commonplace to say that this is a sick world. Nearly everyone admits that, and immediately begins to prescribe, but some of the remedies only increase the patient's pallor and deepen his disease. Communism and Fascism, while perhaps intended as remedies, have themselves become afflictions from which the world needs deliverance. So with others of the quack cures, until the world is much in the condition of the woman in the Gospel story, who had suffered many things of many physicians.

Certainly the patient has not lacked the consultation of specialists. Dr. Statesman and Dr. Economist have conferred, consulted, prescribed, operated, and blasted, but for some strange reason the patient is no better! What have the theorist, idealists, and politicians left to try? Nothing, apparently. Their ideas, if not their vocabularies, are exhausted.

And the result of it all is a war-threatened world, aroused to class and race hatreds. The same hatreds are being stirred in our own country—a land in which prisons are crowded and asylums overflowing. And in which conscience has collapsed; the home is in dissolution; marriage is scrambled; courts are corrupted; and government is by whim and whip.

The Enormous Cost of Crime

We have reached the day of danger in American life. Subtle and subversive philosophies, under the guise of a new liberalism, threaten to destroy

both Church and State. We can easily tear down in ten years that which our fathers have spent three centuries to build. Signs of the decay of character are everywhere evident. America leads the world in invention, but she also leads it in sin. Her public school system is the best in the world, but 700,000 children are leading criminal lives. We spend millions in social uplift, but crimes take \$13,000,000,000 (13 billion) a year. Our physicians have well nigh conquered infant mortality, but we have 25,000 suicides every twelve months. We lead the world in humanitarian enterprise, and we also lead it in murder, 12,000 victims each year finding an unwanted grave. We boast of our religious organizations, but there are 36,000,000 from childhood through youth who are out from under the influence of church, synagogue, or Sunday school.

The costumes of the Victorian period may be amusing, but at least the moral standards were above sneer. "His word is as good as his bond" was a descriptive phrase of significance, and meant that both word and bond were good in that day. But times have changed! A lawyer tells us of a concern he recently reorganized. The heads of the company were robbing the government. With this encouragement the junior heads were robbing the company, knowing their seniors would be afraid they might tell the story to the government. Then the lesser employees took their toll, and so it ran all through the theiving

"They come from the subsoil of our own sinful natures, when these natures have not had the restraining and refining influence of the Bible.

The Bible has to do with life's unchanging residue—that which remains when all else has been distributed. Civilization occupies itself with man's outer life, his comforts, conveniences, and adornments. Invention has given us vastly improved illumination, transportation, and communication. Now the Bible is not concerned with the vehicle in which man travels, but with the man inside the vehicle. The Bible is neither for nor against the increased facility of communication from the pony express to the wireless, but it is greatly interested in the man on each end of the communication. Our trouble is we have improved the setting in which man lives, without bettering the man, and the principal outcome is that we have well equipped houses, but more broken homes—big buildings tenanted by little men. The world is interested in improving man's environment; the Bible is interested in improving the man. Our failures are character failures, and they are the result of a closed Bible and an anemic faith.

Can America deny its God-honored history? Can it fail to see that its founders and builders trusted in God who is revealed in His Book we call the Bible? Can we question that with all the failures of other generations in this good land, there was also strength and virility, honesty, and sobriety, because they possessed an open Bible?

Don't make any mistake about it—nations get the kind of government to which they are entitled. All they need do is forget the lessons of other days. Forget what tyrannies and dictators have done. Forget the lessons which were profitable for our progenitors. Forget the foundational principles other generations have built into the nation.

Men are going to believe something, and if you do not give them the truth, they will accept a lie. Then this belief crystallizes into a philosophy, and the philosophy galvanizes into action, and you have revolution and hatred and dissolution. But it all begins when the nation turns from God as a result of turning from the Bible.

"Let's Go Back to the Bible" because in it is that which will give meaning to life. The Bible has significance for the nation, but its message is after all

personal. It makes the nation right by making men right. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart," says the Psalmist, "that I might not sin against thee." If that were true when the Psalmist had but fragments of revelation for his help and holiness, how true it can be for us upon whom the ends of the ages have come, and who have a complete revelation in Christ!

Again, the Psalmist said, by way of question and answer, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy Word." We had a modern illustration of this in a letter recently received from a prisoner who is the beneficiary of one of our Bible correspondence courses. Here is his story in his own words:

"Up to the time I was twenty, I did not know what it was to doubt the authority of the Bible. Having been reared in a Christian home where religion was considered part of our lives, I was given little opportunity to doubt. Then suddenly everything changed. I went to college where I obtained a degree. Later to divinity school. All the world looked beautiful to me, but I had not been there long until I became interested in the works of skeptics.

"Later, going to Germany, I became interested in the works of Karl Marx. The result was inevitable. Eight years ago, I was arrested for forgery, and was sentenced to a state prison. Since then I came here where I am now incarcerated. Ever since my first offense I have felt the urge to face life squarely, but was too egotistical to admit I was wrong. Many tried to show me the way of salvation, but everything sounded too hypothetical for my materialistic mind. I have finally arrived at that blessed point in my life when a man is truly born again. Everything is now very clear and different to me, whereas before my life was in utter chaos.

"Truly the study of God's Word shows us the way. It has brought me to a complete rightabout-face. I can say with Paul from my heart, 'This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief' (1 Tim. 1:15)."

The Bible is the written Word of God. Jesus Christ is the Word incarnate, and lives today to make himself real and regnant in the lives of all who will put their faith in Him.

"Let's Go Back to the Bible!"

The Bible

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

The Bible is called the Word of God by all civilized nations of the earth. It is divided into two parts, the Old and New Testaments. It is conceded by all nations to be given by divine revelation. It has been carefully translated into almost every known tongue and language.

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God's will is so revealed in His Word that none need fail to understand its purpose, and so direct their lives in accordance with its divine teachings.

No book is so complete as the Bible: it gives a full outline of events from the beginning of time to the end.

Our dispensation is swiftly coming

to a close, and a new age will be ushered in, wherein dwelleth righteousness, a new heaven and a new earth, old things will pass away and behold all things will become new.

In the first chapter of the Bible (Genesis 1), God gives an account of how He created earth, and the things He had so created to live upon the earth, also how He had placed man over the things He had created.

In the last book of the Bible, The Revelation, God gave a vision of Jesus Christ and of things that must shortly come to pass. He gave it by His angel to John on the isle called Patmos where he had been banished for his faith in God's Word, and for his testimony concerning Jesus.

He makes it very plain what shall be in this day of the Lord, that comes as a thief in the night. In Rev. 1:19, He tells John to write the things which he had seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter.

We are now on the verge of the great conflict between the Lamb (Christ) and the Dragon (See Rev. 19: 11 to the end of chapter). Daniel also tells us how this conflict will end (Daniel 7:21,22,27).

God tells us in Isaiah 66:23-24, "For as the new heaven and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain be-

fore me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord." Both God and Christ are warning mankind through the ministers of the Gospel, that the day of the Lord is at hand, so prepare to meet thy God.

are lulled with their cantanas and worldly music until they have gone to sleep by heaving aside the doctrine of sustaining power and their strength by saying, "I am rich, and increased with goods and have need of nothing;" knowing not that the Lord has departed because they have not power of righteousness, sufficiently, within themselves to shake free, but grind bread in the prison house like Samson did, to sustain the deceitful power of their enemies round by round in the same routine of church duties with no manifestation of the Spirit as is delivered unto the saints of God. But when Samson finally came to himself and prayed his way out of bondage and was delivered from his prison house, not by the power and deceit of his own weakness, but by the power of the living God of his salvation, who created the heaven and the earth and all things that therein are.

"Each one is a worker,
Where may we find you,
On the Lord's construction gang,
Or on the Devil's wrecking crew?"

Have We Got Our Reservation?

By Miss Esther Peterson, Greentop, Mo.

Have we got our reservation,
For our mansion in the sky?
Has our name up there been written,
For our passage, by and by?

Are we sure about the title,
Will it pass the final test?
Are we fully consecrated,
Have we every sin confessed?

And received regeneration,
With the witness in our breast,
Where there is no condemnation;
Have we found that perfect rest?

So we know we have a building,
'Tis a house not made with hands,
That's eternal in the heavens,
Where our home forever stands.

If we want to keep our title,
We must watch and fight and pray,
For a flaw upon our record
Would then fill us with dismay.

There no man can reach the records,
Or our title take away,
But we'll lose our reservation,
If we take another way.

The Power of Deceit

By Ralph D. Foster, Aurora, Mo.

"Then went Samson down to Timnath"—Judges 14:15.

On his way down, behold a young lion roared against him, and he slew it when the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, just as David slew the bear and Goliath when he went in the name of the Lord—not in the strength of his own weakness, but in power and strength which he had in the God of Israel.

Just so, we who are regenerated by the Spirit of God can be overcomers of evil when we let Christ abide in our hearts, thereby conquering the world, its roarings of deceitfulness, its pride and vanity, its covetousness and selfish motives of destruction and iniquities. These young lion entanglements and difficulties of life—if overcome by young Christians, prepare them for battles with older lions.

Spiritual lions are fierce brutes of deceitfulness, and the power of their might and strength is terrible, when understood—modernism and nominalism, deceitful dreams of delusive hope, the unreality of evolution, paganistic superstition and fantastic tongueisms of deceitfulness and heathen fables of mythology, when taught as things divine. These chimney corner stories do not emanate from the living God of salvation and redemption who created all things, animate and inanimate, who sitteth upon the circle of the earth and prepares a home for the soul of man, to whosoever *wills* to obey the principles of the doctrine of Christ and be partakers of His glory as manifested by God the Father. Neither do they work for the upbuilding of the body of Christ, nor the Kingdom of God, but do help make possible that time of falling away and the revealing of the man of sin.

Yes, Samson went down all right! Down to the land of Philistia whose people ruled over Israel at that time,

to choose Delilah for his wife—down from the heights of power and strength in Israel's God who gave him power to slay the young lion, a thousand of his enemies, and many other wonderful manifestations of strength at different times; but when the testing time came to prove his worth of activity and usefulness and trust in Israel's God of Salvation, we find him in a backslidden condition peacefully sleeping upon the lap of Delilah, overcome by the power of deception's flattery and worldly enchantments and trusting his own power to save himself from wreck and ruin by considering the matter an individual personal affair instead of asking God to battle for his own deliverance and that of his people from the rule of the enemy of their souls.

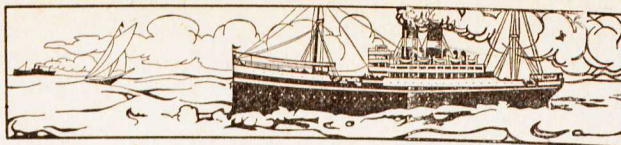
His own brethren came down and asked him to let them bind him and deliver him into the hand of their destroyers, just like the Jewish Sanhedrin, by their decree, delivered Jesus unto Pilate to be crucified; and the lords of the Philistines came to Delilah and brought money in their hand, so did the enemies of Christ bring money to Judas Iscariot. Judas kissed the Redeemer like Delilah kissed Samson as though to show affection for him. But the wounds of a friend are faithful and the kisses of an enemy are deceitful: a lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it, and a flattering mouth worketh ruin, and be not a witness against your neighbor without a cause; deceive not with your lips, for it is better to dwell in the corner of a house top than with a brawling woman, and in a wide house and "he that trusteth in his own heart is a fool." Thus Samson served his enemies and wist (knew) not that the Lord had departed.

This is a sad fact concerning some individuals and churches of today who

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The Regions Beyond

Christmas in El Valle

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Christmas in El Valle was a time of busy activity as we planned to provide a fiesta for two hundred and fifty kiddies. So a week before, Mrs. Willey and I went to Panama City and figured how we might bring happiness to the people of the Valley on the small amount set aside for that purpose. As always God raises up friends to help in time of need. Just the mere mentioning of our plans resulted in the gift of about forty pounds of candy from the Balboa Hights Baptist Church and over two hundred toys from the Ancon Balboa Civic Association. Some of the toys were minus parts, babies needed heads, and heads needed bodies. Arms and legs were missing. Others were patched, toy dogs had lost their eyes, but we soon found that it makes no difference to a child who has never possessed a toy.

We were enabled to get a nice Christmas tree carried into the valley. Many here had never seen a pine or cedar tree. After it was dressed with the usual Christmas trimmings, we wondered how we might light it at night, but finally we hit on the happy idea of candles fastened on with clothes pins, so we were all lighted up for the occasion. We even had a camouflaged fire place so one could easily catch the spirit of Christmas in the Willey's house. The natives from back in the hills would shyly come in and look at the tree.

Early in the afternoon, the kiddies began to arrive and at the appointed time we began to sing softly the Christmas carols, some in Spanish, others in English, then we began to give out the gifts and candy. Mothers were there with their large families, so Mrs.

Willey and three native girls were kept busy handing out gifts. The village policeman, who is a good friend, was there directing the traffic through the house from the front to the kitchen.

After the house was cleared of our visitors, we showed stereopticon pictures of the great masterpieces of art surrounding the birth of Jesus, bringing a brief description of each. The fiesta over, we were all tired, but happy, happy that we had been enabled to bring joy to others.

Gifts meant much to us, I suppose because they had traveled so far, and cards were read with pleasure from our people all over the States. David, our Indian boy, was remembered by some dear friends away up in Vermont and other parts of the country. We are happy to report that we are finding our radio a source of great comfort and blessing. It came as a gift from our home church and the third Union Meeting in North Carolina. We are getting news from all over the world on the short wave. We are trying to get our friends, the Paines, on the air over C. M. Q., 600 Kc. C.O.C.Q., 9.750 Kc. daily 8 a. m., E. S. T. Also from our friends broadcasting from Quito, Ecuador. We wish to thank you again, our friends in N. Carolina.

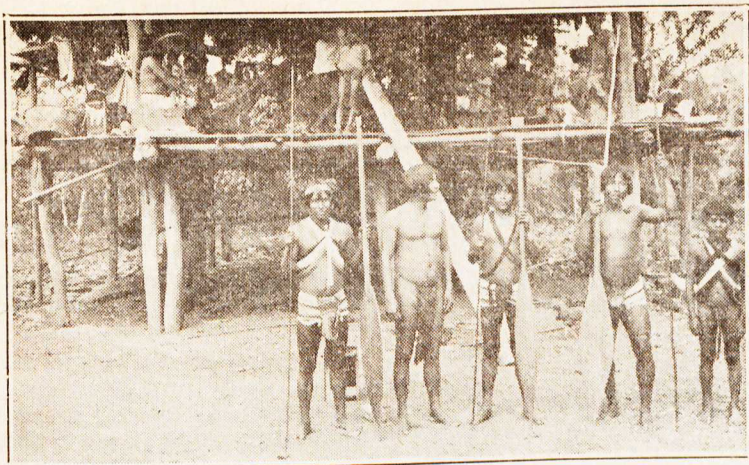
This is my third Christmas in Panama and the second for my family. Being away from the homeland does not in the least diminish our happiness, we are filled the more with joy in the knowledge that we are representatives of the King of Glory in an unfriendly land. Our job is to tackle ignorance, superstition, sorrow and need, and we are seeking to do this in the face of odds. Our children are

just as happy here, playing with their little brown playmates, jabbering away in their adopted language.

In the midst of the joy of Christmas we have been visited by persecution from the Catholic Church. As we begin to do something for the people, they fear the possibility of our making converts. At this time we are in need of earnest prayer as the Catholics in these Latin republics will not stop at any measure to block and hinder us; so pray, and again, I say, PRAY!



As you study the face of this Indian, the thing that should impress one is the almost feminine quality of the features. As a usual thing, the men are much better looking than the women. It is the man that paints and decorates himself when courting, rather than the woman. The young man is rather vain. This picture is of the first Darian Indian I ever saw. He was very impressive as he stood in his small dugout canoe paddling toward our boat off from La Palma.—T. H. W.



Our Responsibility

By the Editor

As we look at the pictures on this page, and the picture on the opposite page, and having read so many of Brother Willey's messages in which he has told us much about these people, many thoughts come to our mind; in fact, we are beginning to understand some things about our mission field and the work of our dear missionaries.

This group of San Blas Indians, in their native surroundings, bedecked for some special occasion, though they display what pride their unenlightened minds can produce, are not savage head-hunters. Notice the fine looking fellow on the left in the group, the one that is also pictured alone on this page. Following is Brother Willey's personal comment:

"This Indian is dressed for special occasion. The loincloth, the head band, and shoulder straps are made of fine beads, strung and woven. This fellow always makes an attractive subject for photographers."

We can be certain that the special occasion for which these Indians are arrayed was not Christmas; for they had never

heard of Christ. Notice what Bro. Willey says about Christmas with the Indians on the page facing this. They know not the Christ, but Bro. Willey has repeatedly told us that they are teachable and quick to learn the Christian way of living.

It is a blessed privilege and a blessing to us of the home land to have a part in sending the Gospel to these and thousands of others like them, and it causes us to rejoice when we realize the work of love our missionaries are doing among these people who sit in darkness.

Many people in the home land have ears to hear, and hear not. These natives in a land of darkness will hear, and their faith will be a simple, child-like faith. They are savages, yet God has planted a capacity within them which will respond to the message of the Christ when it is brought to them. They are not like a lot of our Gospel hardened skeptics of the home land.

It is reported that the Catholic people are trying to drive our missionary out of their work among the Indians. It gives us deep concern; but law will not

prevent it, force will not prevent it, just feeling sorry about it won't do any good; but prayer and liberal giving will keep our missionaries on the field.

Friends of our mission work, we must pray!

HERE IS To remind the Gem readers of our statement in the last issue of the Gem: That we have some more pictures of Brother Willey's activities on the mission field which we will print as space affords so that our readers and friends may become better acquainted with and feel that they are a part of this missionary program.

We feel that you will actually "fall in love" with little David, and your heart will go out to Chief Juan in an earnest prayer for him to become a Christian. You will rejoice at the interest in the Gospel by the Grand Old Man of the Sambu in behalf of his own people.

— The Editors.



FREDERICKTOWN, MO.

Dear Gem Readers:

Having closed a very successful revival meeting, I will try to write a report of it. Our last meeting was with Bro. Miller at Flat River, Mo.

We then went home and rested a little while, then came to Fredericktown for a meeting with Bro. Vester Hand. We came on Monday night, January 9th, and found the people all ready for a revival, and souls were saved the first night. I have been in revival work most of the time I have been preaching, and this has been one of the best meetings I have ever held. Our crowds were so large that it was difficult to take care of them, as the church house is small; but the building, though great or small, need not hinder the Lord's work. There were 68 conversions and 30 additions to the church. I think that, in the midst of this day in which we are living, has been a wonderful meeting. The ages of the converts ranged from 10 to 74. Bro. Hand the pastor had three baptizings while we were here. This church has had a very hard struggle, and has been in very poor condition, but we feel that the church has the best opportunity that they have ever had to grow. Bro. Hand, their pastor, is a man loved by all, and is a great pastor. We were assisted by the Fredericktown quartet, which has been recently organized by Bro. Hand. The quartet is composed of Eld. Vester Hand, Esther Young, Lindell Pruett and Hallie Barker. And believe me, they are able to sing. Two of them were saved in the meeting.

We are called back to this place for another meeting some time this summer, probably about the last of July, as we are planning on going to Texas for the National Association the first of July. Following the next meeting, the church is planning on building a new church building. We ask the prayers of every one who prays to pray for this church. Our plans for the next meeting is to be a tabernacle meeting or an outside meeting.

We are leaving to go to Union Light about 15 miles from here. We are going to help Bro. William Reeves in a meeting there. We ask you all to pray for us as this place needs a revival. While we were in the meeting here, one of our friends, or rather two, Bro. and Sister Tucker from Flat River, took it upon themselves and got out among the Flat River folks

and got the money and bought me a new Oxford gray suit of clothes. Was I glad! I needed the suit so much. Then they collected funds between the Fredericktown folk and the Flat River folk and got my wife a new coat. We are taking this opportunity to thank all of you who helped to get these.

We ask you all to pray for us as we need your prayers.

—Eld. F. C. Zinn and wife.

FREDERICKTOWN, MO.

Dear Editor and Sunday School Workers: It is with pleasure that I again undertake to write to you: for it is indeed a privilege to work for God, and talk to you through our blessed paper, about things that pertain to our Lord and His work: for He has been blessing my soul so much the past few weeks.

I have seen scores of souls saved in Bro. Zinn's meeting here, and expect to start a meeting at one of my churches tonight, at Union Light Church in Bullinger County. Pray for us.

We appreciate the interest and co-operation of our people in our Sunday School program. We have heard from a number of associations already, and appreciate that. We cannot hope to accomplish this work at once, for we realize that this takes time and patience.

We wish to begin our honor roll of our Sunday schools as they begin their co-operation with us, so we are urging every one to strive for the interest of our Sunday schools.

Those that have already sent in their contribution to support the program are:

Desloge	\$1.61
Flat River	\$3.00

—Eld. Wm. Reeves, Field Worker.

OAKLAND, MO., Feb. 18, 1939.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

As I try to write a few lines in this new month of 1939, I begin to wonder if my life in the past year wasn't a complete failure in the sight God.

I tried to live for Him, but I really feel in my heart this morning, that I did so little for Him and He did so much for me and others. I thank Him for so many blessings, and the great privilege of seeing so many dear souls saved, and the most of them were men of families, and another great thing, I hear of these new converts working

for Jesus. They were loved ones and neighbors that we were so anxious about for years. I am so thankful that the plan of salvation is just like it is. I feel that it is really complete. I wouldn't change it if I could.

When we weak Christians feel blue, read the 14th chapter of St. John, and prayer will plant our feet on higher ground.

When I received my little Gem paper I noticed the pencil mark, that sounds like my subscription has expired. I don't feel that I can do without the paper, so I will send in my subscription, and it makes me feel sad to send the subscription blank back with so few names on it. I have asked so many to take the dear little Gem, and they say money is so scarce, and we have so many magazines to read. I don't believe that a Christian ever received a blessing from the Lord from reading those old love stories in the magazines. I feel that we should be more consecrated to God. I find that the closer we walk with God, it makes our burdens the lighter to bear.

We sure did appreciate Bro. Melvin Bingham's good article in the Gem. I sure wish Bro. Melvin would have a real old fashioned Gospel sermon in the Gem next month. We folks here at Happy Hill have been looking to hear from him each month. So come on with your good message for God. I am going to ask you to pray for me.

—Mrs. C. A. Dickerson.

THOMPSONVILLE, ILLINOIS

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

I am writing for my first time to the Gem. I enjoy reading your articles from different states, and often think of some of you good people that I met while attending conference in Oklahoma.

We feel that we are making some progress in southern Illinois. Our last Q. M. convened February 3rd. The weather was very bad, but had a good attendance and a wonderful time in the Lord. My home church of which I am pastor is moving along nicely. We have had 16 additions to the church since the beginning of the year. I have full time work, and my other churches are also moving along nicely. The Lord is blessing me in a wonderful way, both spiritually and physically.

May the Lord bless our good Editor, with the entire Gem family.

—Eld. W. M. Jones, R4.

OBITUARY

PURYEAR—Melton Puryear was born February 1, 1870, in Trausdale County, Tennessee, and departed this life January 26, 1939 at his home near Springvalley, Arkansas, being 68 years 11 months and 26 days old. He had lived in this community since he was 13 years old.

He was converted, September, 1894, and was at the time of his death a faithful member of Mt. Zion Church.

He was married December 13, 1891 to Miss Rachel Blackburn. To this union 4 children were born, all of whom survive him.

The children are: Mrs. Sam Morriss, Mrs. Loy Archer, Berry Puryear, and Robert Puryear, all living in the community where they have been reared. The children and grandchildren are Christians. Bro. Puryear is also survived by his wife and two brothers, Dave and Sam Puryear. He will be greatly missed in the home, church, and community, but his influence will live on, and we know where we can meet him again.

Funeral services were conducted by Eld. O. T. Allred, assisted by Eld. J. W. Allred, Eld. Watson and Clyde Clark.

IN LOVING MEMORY

In loving memory of my dear companion, Jonathan Hake, who passed away two years ago today, February 3rd.

He will never be forgotten,
Though on earth he lives no more,
But in memory he is with us,
As he always was before.

He bade no one a last farewell—
He said good-bye to none;
His loving heart had ceased to beat
Ere we knew that he was gone.

His cheerful smile and loving ways
We pleasantly recall,—
He had kind words for everyone,
And died, loved by all.

Precious husband, how we loved you,
All the days you had to stay,
And how sadly now we miss you,
Since you have gone away.

We did all we could to soothe you,
All the days you did remain,
But the touch of the dear Saviour
Has removed you from all pain.

Peacefully sleeping, and resting at last,
The world's weary troubles and toils
are all past;

In silence he suffered, in patience he bore,

Till God called him home to suffer
no more.

His wife—Mrs. Jennie E. Hake
Stahl, Mo.

IN MEMORY

In Memory of my dear Mother,
Mrs. Mary F. Taylor, who passed
away one year ago, March 9,
1938.

How sweet are the memories of mother,
My very best friend, true and tried.
No problem was too hard for my
mither.

For Jesus was always her Guide.

My mother longed to be living
When Jesus came for His bride,
She waited and longed for His coming,
But Jesus came to her side,
And whispered sweetly, "Come on
home."

And she calmly obeyed, she was ready.

"Mother, it seems but yesterday,
As I stood by your sleeping form,
And said, "Sleep on, sweet Mother,
I'll meet you again that glad morn;
Some day again, I'll see your sweet
face,

When I've done my best, and I've run
my race."

I will never find a treasure like you,
Mother,

For mother's love is rarer than gold,
And its value will not lessen,
Till the sun and stars grow cold.

IN MEMORY

George Franklin Rice, age 55,
son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas
Rice, who died a very sad death
when struck by an automobile
at his place of business in Detroit
one year ago.

The face I loved is now laid low,
The voice I loved is still,
I often sit and think of him,
As he lies in death's cold chill.

For memory is the only thing,
That grief can call its own,
So we mourn for him in silence,
When we are all alone.

Our silent tears are often shed,
While others are asleep,
We think of him and miss him,
When no eye can see us weep.

Oh, what would I give to clasp his
hand!

And his dear face to see,
To hear his voice, to see his smile,
That means so much to me.

His spirit's fled, his sufferings are o'er,
He who suffered is at rest,
At our fireside he will join us no more,
For he's now in heaven with the
blest.

Our family circle is broken,
A link is gone from our chain,
But, though we're parted for a while,
We soon shall meet again.

There's never a day so dreary,
But God can make it bright,
There's never a heart so weary,
But the loving Lord can heal.

The pearly gates were opened,
A gentle voice said, "Come,"
And with farewells unspoken,
He gently entered home.

Sadly missed by Mother and family.
—Mrs. Odella Rice.

HANSEN, IDAHO

The following is a clipping which
we took from a Sunday school paper
called The Classmate:

The owners of a great billiard hall
and saloon thought they had a fine
joke on evangelist D. L. Moody when
he accepted their invitation to attend
the opening of their business. They
did not realize the man's earnestness
until he said that not only would he
come, but that he would like to bring
a friend. Moody added, as if in ex-
planation, "I never go anywhere with-
out Him."

At this, the business men began to
be suspicious, and one said, "Come now,
we don't want any praying there that
night!" But Moody insisted, "You've
given me an invitation and I agreed
to accept. However, we will compro-
mise the matter, and if you don't want
me to come and pray for you when
you open, let me pray for you both
now."

As they knelt, the evangelist prayed
that God would save these men, and
that their business might go to pieces.

FLOWERS BLOOM

Flowers bloom and give a smell,
Which we love so very well;
But if we for Jesus live
Sweeter fragrance we can give.

Love and kindness bloom inside,
Yet their sweetness cannot hide.
Let us then for Jesus grow,
So His sweetness we can show.

A Sister in Jesus' name,
—Mrs. Opal Frazier.

The Free Will Baptist League

By C. E. Mann, Mo. State Reporter

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A MESSAGE BY OUR STATE LEAGUE REPORTER

Dear League Workers:

Somewhere between your sponsor's pen and the editor's sanctum our article for last month, giving a synopsis of the lessons as outlined in the League Quarterly, got sidetracked, and we are sure it was not on the part of the editors. Misfortunes befall all of us, and this was just my time.

Bro. Clarence Bowen sets forth some very beautiful and instructive lessons in the quarterly, and we do well to thoroughly investigate the same, and profit by the lessons outlined.

The inclement weather, together with Old Man Grip, etc. has decreed a day's housing, but that I may still view life from the sunny side—I am writing you leaguers, and recording a few statements for your consideration.

First, I am just wondering how your league is moving along, and just some of the things you are doing for the Master. Did I hear some one ask, "Are there things we can do?" Yes, oh yes! There are so many I can't enumerate them. There is the reporting of the various activities of your league, the progress it has made, the things you are doing, the goal toward which you are driving and the strength you have gained through membership increase. Then too, there is the knowledge of the fact that you are a part of that great working body—*The Missouri State Conference*. Is your league a part of those who help to boost, or are they a part that makes the work a burden by pulling back? How much we need each other that we may make the grade, surmount the mountain tops and behold Christ transfigured in all His glory!

How my life has been made to leap for joy over Bro. Willey's reports of the victories gained in the foreign mission field, and Bro. Davis' reports of the increase in missions. Herein lies a great work—are we claiming our

part if it? May we arise and shine, shine until the result of our labors may gladden many a heart!

How I would enjoy a report from our leagues similar to the one in the last Gem. "Our league is coming along fine, having a good time with the Lord, and studying His Word. The leaders have been having a contest between two classes and the interest is fine. They are studying."—St. Louis.

Who wouldn't appreciate a bit of news like that, telling so much in such a small space, yet in a way it came second handed for the League Page.

I am wondering how many of our churches have leagues, or just how many are without leagues.

I was pleased by reports last fall from the Northeast Missouri Association by Bro. Ralph Gregory of the organization of a band of Christian workers among the young people who sought to promote Christian influence.

Wouldn't a band of organized league workers working among our unorganized churches accomplish much toward organizing leagues and promoting the work?

How much I feel the need of a meeting of our officials and leaders of the League department of the church work.

In the study of the league lessons for March, Bro. Bowen brings to us very beautifully some worth while subjects. How true the first lesson dealing with our wandering in sin. Knowing personally the effect of sin, how careful we should be to shield those young LAMBS of the Master. While studying this lesson, take your note book and jot down as many sinful amusements as you can think of that would lead young people away from the Christ.

The second lesson reminds us that our enemy (the devil) is always on the look out for ways and means whereby he may lead a soul away from the Lord. It also brings to us a realization of the fact, The only way to play safe is to stay off the devil's play ground.

In the third lesson we have pictured unto us, some of the joys of Christian living—can you think of others?

Then last, Bro. Bowen gives us a birds eye view of the field it opens unto us for service.

In concluding this article, may I offer a thought along just one line of service we may render towards spreading the Gospel news?

Last year our editors labored so earnestly to double the subscription list of the Gem. Just how near they succeeded I am unable to say; but this is what I have in mind—Why not each of our leagues elect one or more as a committee to campaign for subscrip-

tions for the Gem and see just what a beautiful present we may be able to present to the editors when they are ready to move to their NEW HOME?

You may reply—"We haven't many Free Will Baptist here." There has been several agents knocking at my door and trying to sell me "Story Papers" that cost as much as the Gem. They use as means of advertisement that the paper contains some stories, gardening, etc. They do not ask if I am a Baptist, Methodist, Republican or Democrat—they just want to sell their paper.

In the Gem we have the greatest LOVE STORY paper I know of—one that is true. How beautifully it pictures the love of God for a lost and dying soul.

May we do something to make the future of the Gem and the Church more bright.

—C. E. Mann.

The Indian Creek Mission And League Rally

Eld. John B. Rollins, Reporter

The Home Mission Circles and the Leagues in the churches of the Indian Creek Association of Free Will Baptist (in Southwest Mo.) meets every fifth Sunday for an all day Rally.

The eleven o'clock service is a Mission sermon, in keeping with the occasion, preached by one of our ministers previously elected for that day.

The afternoon is given over to the Leagues, and they give a program consisting of special songs, readings, religious playlets, pantomimes, and things of interest. The day is well spent.

There are seven Mission Circles and seven Leagues in our Association.

The last rally was held with the Free Will Baptist church at Carterville, Mo., on Jan. 29, 1939. It was a bad stormy day and all of our Mission Circles and Leagues were not present, however we had a good time.

The Mission President, Eld. Cecil Campbell, was in charge. The Mission sermon was preached by Eld. John C. Swaffar of Purdy, Mo. Bro. Swaffar brought a very wonderful message from Luke 10, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest."

The dinner and League program were good. There was good singing, readings and talks given by the young people. The Carterville League gave an impressive playlet, "Mr. Tightwad Wakes Up," which was a keen object lesson on tithing.

The next rally will be at Macedonia, near Purdy, on the fifth Sunday in April. John Rollins to preach at the eleven o'clock service. Come over to Macedonia and help us enjoy the day!

March, 1939.

ANDERSON, MISSOURI, R1.

The Pleasant Grove Mission Circle meets every other Wednesday afternoon for a business meeting, and oftener when we have work to do.

Since last reporting, we have made five comforts, and quilted four quilts, made a quilt for our pastor, Bro. B. F. Henderson, served dinner at one sale, also treated the children in Sunday school for Christmas.

We are looking forward to and making plans for the Indian Creek Association this summer, as our church will entertain it. Make plans to attend, you are invited.

Pray for our growth in grace.

Reporter

— Mrs. H. E. Wallis.

LEADINGTON, MO. Feb. 8th

Dear Gem Readers:

The program of the Southeast Mo. Sunday School Convention, held at Wortham Free Will Baptist church, Sunday, January 29, 1939, was the most interesting one we have had for some time, therefore I would like to take the opportunity to write briefly about it.

The weather was unfavorable that day, but nevertheless the church building was filled to seating capacity. A big asset to the convention was the presence of twenty-five or thirty people who came about thirty-five miles in a tarpaulin covered truck from the newly organized church at Richwoods, Mo. Those of you who were at the Missouri State Association last Sept., may recall that Bro. J. F. Miller, our Moderator spoke of organizing this church.

There are seven Sunday schools holding membership in our convention, although only five or six are usually present at our meetings.

The Conventions are held every fifth Sunday, each Sunday school taking its turn. Below I will give the program of our last Convention, which is the usual form of our programs:

Program of the Southeast Missouri Sunday School Convention of the Free Baptist, to be held at the Wortham Free Will Baptist Church, Sunday, January 29, 1939, beginning at 1:30 p. m.

PROGRAM

Opening Remarks President
Hymn No. 141 Congregation
Devotional Eld. Eunice Edwards

Hymn No. 10 Congregation
Welcome Address.... Eugenia Young
Response Helen La Brot
Number Leadington S. S.
Business Session

Number Flat River S. S.
Number Beatrice Lawson
Number, Flossie and Vertreese Lawson

Topic: "The Sunday School's Part in the Missionary Program." Discussion by Sister Mildred Hilderbrand, Eld. John Ackerson, and others.

After the topic discussion, Brother Miller disclosed part of the contents of a letter received from Bro. T. H. Willey, at which time the Convention offered special prayer for the divine protection of Bro. Willey.

Number Richwoods S. S.
Number Desloge S. S.
Special Numbers Volunteers
Benediction ... Bro. J. W. Messengale

— Eld. Alvin Halbrook, Pres.

GREENFIELD, MO. Feb. 17th

Mission Workers and Gem Readers:

As it has been some time since there was a report from our Mission Circle at Neola church, we want to say that we are still working for our Master.

We meet each Tuesday in an all-day session, and do quilting. That is a very slow way to make money, but we are all willing to help all we can.

Each time we meet, we have prayer service. On every other Tuesday, we have Scripture reading, prayer, songs, and an open discussion of the lesson.

There are some afflicted ones in our community with whom we have met several times for devotional services.

The Mission has bought their own quilting frames, some chairs, and the lumber for a table and other improvements on the church grounds. We also helped to paper and paint the inside of the church building. We pay our part of the insurance, and pay each month for the lights to be taken care of. Until recently, we have helped with our pastor's salary.

Other things our Mission has done was to help Sister Lowell Martin, who is beginning her Gospel work, and to help with the amount raised for Evangelistic services. We also sent an offering to Bro. Willey. Then we helped to pay the pledge made by the church to the State Association. We

are going to donate some to the church which Bro. Henderson is helping to build.

There are many Home Missions as well as foreign in which our circle is interested.

Yours for better missions,
— Velma Smith, Sec'y-Treas.

NOVINGER, MO. Feb. 17, 1939

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Family:

It has been some time since I have written to the Gem, but we look forward to the many good letters from our brethren each month.

The Gem fills a very important part in our denominational program, by keeping us in touch with the activities in other parts of our land.

Through the Gem, we have received reports from different churches, about the wonderful revivals the Lord is giving. Though we are living in the days of apostasy, with sin abounding on every hand, yet God is pouring out His Spirit wherever and whenever His people meet the conditions.

I, too, wish to report that the Hazel Creek Union church has just closed one of the best revivals in its history. This is one of the oldest Free Will Baptist churches in the Northeast Mo. Association.

Brother Winford Davis was the evangelist, and truly, it was an evangelical meeting. The Word of God says, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" Matt. 12:34, and we can say for Bro. Davis, that he has a heart full of love, and knowledge of the truth, therefore, he preached the Word of God out of the abundance of his heart, with great convicting power.

God honored his preaching, singing, and praying, together with the prayers and testimonies of the Church by saving many precious souls.

There were about twenty-six professions during the meeting, with sixteen additions to the church.

Because of sickness, the baptismal services were postponed until Sunday, March 5th, at which time we also expect several more additions to the church.

We cannot close without expressing our appreciation to the other churches and ministers who helped to make this revival a success.

Yours for God's glory

— C. M. Dauber, Pastor.

Revival at Hazel Creek Union

I am glad to report a splendid revival the Lord has just given us at our Hazel Creek Union church, in the Northeast Mo. Association. How wonderfully the Lord did bless in the nearly three weeks that we were there. The weather conditions were ideal nearly all the time. While there were had snow storms all around us, the Lord favored us with very open weather. I found some wonderful people to work with in that part of the Lord's vineyard. Besides the fine turnout from the Hazel Creek Union neighborhood, we also enjoyed the co-operation and help of many from Sublette, Green Grove, New Harmony, Shibley's Point, some as far as Stahl, and others from places I have forgotten where. The crowds were splendid all the while.

This was my first time to be with Bro. Dauber in a revival. I can truthfully say it is a real pleasure to work with him, and Sister Dauber, as well as all the rest. I also enjoyed very much the ministerial fellowship and co-operation of Bro. Turner, Bro. Horner, Bro. Cooper; also Bro. Rash, Bro. Cowles, and Bro. Dobbs from outside of our denomination. They were all so good to help.

There were 26 souls saved while there, and 16 had joined the church with others to follow soon, I feel sure. I left the baptizing with the pastor, Bro. Dauber. I think their plan is to baptize the first Sunday in March.

I also enjoyed a service with our good people at Green Grove on Sunday afternoon, the last Sunday of the revival. I shall never forget the good people in those parts, and the good visits I had in your homes. May the Lord ever bless you is my prayer, and may we be privileged to labor together again.

Please pray for me.

—Winford Davis.

Report of Cedar Ridge Revival

Dear Friends:

I wish to report our work at Cedar Ridge Church, about 15 miles north-east of Buffalo, Mo. We started our revival on Monday night, Jan. 23rd. The ground was covered with snow, but the people were anxious for a meeting. Bro. Kenneth Turner was our evangelist. We met him in Buffalo at the bus depot, and started for the church as the snow plow cleared the way. If you know Bro. Turner, he is

a man that won't let a snow storm stop him when he starts for a revival meeting, so when we caught up with the snow plow, we pulled around it and plowed the snow ourselves. When we got to the church, we found the faithful people waiting.

The meeting lasted two and one-half weeks. We had a good meeting in spite of the two big snow storms that we went through. Bro. Turner did some wonderful preaching under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Four precious souls made their way to an altar of prayer and found peace to their souls. And many were made to shout the praises of God. I am glad for old time religion that will make people shout for joy.

At the close of the meeting we extended church privileges and four united with the church.

Bro. Turner is a real man of God and will go his limit for the lost. We can recommend him to any church that wants a real preacher, one that will hew to the line.

May God bless all you dear children of the most high God.

Eld. Frank Linton, Branch, Mo.

Central Texas Association Hears The National Mission Call

Dear Co-Workers:

We are happy to send you another report of the great mission work. We have organized one new auxiliary this month and have visited a number of churches in the interest of the national work. We have finished this association and are now ready to move on in a few days.

Churches visited since last report:

Bright Light Church

Grace Goen	1 hen
Clara Cole	1 hen
Julia Moore	1 hen
Icey Goen	\$5.00
N. C. Cole	\$6.00
Oliver Goen	\$3.00
C. F. Goen	\$2.00
Mrs. W. S. Jones	\$1.00

Bryan Church

J. L. Edge	\$5.00
Mrs. J. R. Davidson	\$1.00
Mrs. Harry Edge	\$1.00
T. C. Cloud	\$1.00
Jack Boone	\$3.00
Mrs. Moleman	\$1.00
Mrs. Kenney	\$1.00
Lillie Johnson	1 hen

Plain View Church

Mrs. Anna Windsor	1 hen
Mrs. Ellen Lawson	1 hen
Mrs. Lena M. Guinn	\$1.00
Aston Pegnes	\$1.00
Dalton Windsor	\$1.00
L. B. Lawson	\$1.00
Louis Lawson	\$1.00
Desse Cameron	\$.25
Bobbie Wiggs	\$.25
Elizabeth Stewart	

North Zulch Church

R. C. Wiggs	\$1.00
Mrs. Effie Hibbitts	\$1.00

Willow Hole Church

Mrs. John Payne	1 hen
Welton Guien	1 hen
J. E. Taylor	1 hen

Pine Prairie Church

Ezra Woods	1 hen
Fleeta Woods	1 hen
Mrs. Carlton	1 hen
Reba Woods	\$5.00
E. H. Husbpath	\$1.00
T. H. Carlton	50c
T. H. Davis	50c

Some of our men will match their wives' chickens in money. Bro. N. C. Cole of the Bright Light church gave \$6.00, and said he would also match his wife's chickens in money. Bro. Willie Johnson said when we visited the Bryan Church, he would get him a barrel, like we were using for the national work, and would have a barrel of money by July. It would be fine for our men to fill a barrel with money by July. We make mention of these small things to get others to working.

We have had 18 conversions during our missionary tour here in the Central Texas Association.

Another thing we want to mention is how the good pastors and churches have co-operated with us in this great missionary move.

Pray for us, that God will help us get members interested. We will be glad to receive more names and addresses to enter the missionary move. Come on, dear sisters, and say you can count on me for a hen and all the chickens she can raise.

We received a splendid letter from Bro. W. M. Jones of Illinois, saying that he would take up the chicken plan with his churches. Come on pastors, and put the move before your churches.

H. M. and Lizzie McAdams.

Bownemont, W. Va., Jan. 8th.

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

It is time to report the Kanawha Quarterly Meeting, which convened with Kanawha Fork Church on Davis Creek, beginning on Friday at 2:00 p. m. with the Ministers' Conference.

I was not there, but there were just a few ministers present. Eld. E. L. Boman preached the introductory sermon Friday night.

The conference was to start at nine o'clock, but it was so cold that it was late getting started.

The conference was called to order by the moderator, Eld. W. C. Cadell. Ministers and deacons who were not present Friday night turned in their reports, then the Ministers' Conference adjourned till next session.

The clerk, Eld. James Herald, read a scripture lesson, and called Deacon D. V. Shafer for the opening prayer.

Eld. Earl Gillenwater from Brotherhood conference was elected moderator. He read a scripture lesson, and prayer was offered by Eld. J. L. Patterson.

The clerk, James Herald, read the minutes of last session. I have been in lots of quarterly meetings and yearly meetings, and I never saw nor heard anything kept and read as correctly as the minutes of our last session. It showed that our clerk had spent much time with his record. After the minutes were read and approved, the committees were appointed.

Letters were read from the following churches:

Dry Branch—Ministers in church 2, conference money \$2.50.

Ruth Church—Ministers 2, conference money \$4.00.

Putney Church—Ministers 1, conference money \$6.50.

Chanler's Branch—Ministers 3, conference money \$2.50.

Copper's Chapel—Ministers 1, conference money \$2.00.

Kanawha Fork—Ministers 4, conference money \$2.25.

Chesapeake—Ministers 3, conference money \$5.25.

Magazine—Ministers 5, conference money \$2.50.

Alcot Church—Ministers 3, no conference money.

Churches not reporting: Memorial, Rich Hollow, Lick Branch, Moore's Fork, Slater's Creek.

Ministers reporting, 22. Total money with letters, \$27.55.

Adjourned at eleven o'clock, for preaching by Eld. Geo. H. Cooper, but I didn't hear the sermon: for I was

on the business committee, and we all went to Eld. Willis Comer's where we had a nice warm room and could attend to the business before us.

The Business Committee recommended that a council be appointed to examine and ordain Bro. Willie Rabell and Bro. Elmer Hill as deacons for Ruth Church, and to examine Bro. Willard Price for license to preach, from Dry Branch Church.

The Magazine Church asked for a letter from the Kanawha conference to go to the Clay conference, which is to be later called the Elk River Conference. After about an hour of discussion on the subject, a letter was recommended. Letters were also granted to Eld. Floyd Jeffrey, Eld. E. L. Boman, Eld. W. C. Hamrick, and one licensed preacher, Winfield Shirky, who went with the church.

We recommend that we give our clerk \$10.00 for his services, and to give Eld. Jeff Thomas, our state evangelist, \$5.00, and Eld. W. C. Comer \$5.00. The report was approved.

The next session committee reported that the quarterly meeting would meet with Ruth church on Davis Creek, beginning on Friday before the fifth Sunday in April, 1939, with Ministers' conference at 2:30 p. m. The introductory sermon to be preached by Eld. W. C. Cadell, Bro. Winfield Shirky alternate.

The two deacons were ordained and the young man was given license to preach. After the corresponding messengers reported, we adjourned to meet at 7:00 p. m. for preaching. On account of so much sickness in the neighborhood, they omitted the ordinance service, but Eld. J. L. Patterson preached a wonderful sermon, followed by Eld. Earl Gillenwater.

I can say that in spite of the cold weather and sickness, we had a wonderful quarterly meeting, and the folks were all well cared for.

We ask an interest in your prayers.

—F. E. Nicholas.

PAINTSVILLE, KY. Feb. 1st.

The Free Will Baptist Gem:

I will try again to report our Big Johnson County Quarterly Meeting which convened with The Alka Free Will Baptist church at The Alka, Ky., beginning on Friday, January 27, 1939.

Called to order by the Clerk, Eld. F. S. Van Hoose.

Eld. Scott Castle was elected Moderator and Eld. Millard Van Hoose assistant Moderator.

Moderator appointed Committees, then we adjourned for preaching by Bro. Glen Wells who was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. A good meeting was reported. I was absent at the time, as I had two funerals that day.

Met back at 2:00 p. m. and were called to order by the Moderator.

Questions that had been prepared for the Ministers' Conference were called for. Had some good discussions.

Dismissed in love to meet back at 7:00 p. m. for preaching by Bro. Adron Davis. Had a wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit—men and women praising the good Lord—thank the Lord forever!

Met back Saturday at 10:30 a. m. Bro. Disney from Logan County Conference in West Virginia preached, and the good Lord came on the scene and there was shouting and praising the Lord.

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

Delegates and corresponding messengers were seated and given the hand of welcome.

Letters were called for and 27 were handed in with delegates present. The letters reported a number of additions to the churches. We have had some good revivals through December and January. Money received with letters, \$85.00. An offering was taken which was \$22.50, making a total of \$107.50.

Motion carried to send \$15.00 to the National Association for minutes.

Motion carried to send \$5.00 to Eld. Henderson and Bro. Winford Davis of Monett, Mo. for a new church.

Motion carried to give Seco church \$35.00.

Agreement was made to meet on the first Saturday and Sunday in May, 1939 for the purpose of organizing a State Association of Kentucky, and to appoint delegates to the National Association which meets in July, 1939.

There were five preachers for license and one for ordination to preach.

At 7:00 p. m., called to order by the Moderator who called for reports of the Committees. Pulpit Committee announced Bro. D. A. Hays from Lawrence County Q. M. and Bro. Willey Horn to preach Saturday night and Millard Van Hoose to preach Sunday morning.

Report of Business Committee was accepted.

Song and prayer, and then preaching began and there was more shouting and praising the good Lord. I never

saw any greater spiritual meeting. They got through shouting about 10:30 so we could sing the Doxology and be dismissed in time to get back Sunday. Met back Sunday morning at 10:30 and had a glorious time in the Lord.

Closed to meet, with Lackey Free Will Baptist Church, at Lackey, Ky., beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday in April, 1939.

Scott Castle, Moderator,
Millard Vanhooose, Ass't Mod.,
F. S. Vanhooose, Clerk.

REVIVAL MEETING REPORT

I will give a report of our big revival meeting with the good Free Will Baptist people of The Alka, Ky. Church.

The revival has been going for three weeks, conducted by the pastor, Eld. Millard Vanhooose, assisted by Brothers Walter Disney of W. Va., Scott Castle, and Fillmore Gamble. We sure thank the good brethren for their good work. We are trying to let the good Lord lead instead of men, and thank Him for ever.

God has given us a good meeting, and 38 souls have been saved up to the present time, and a goodly number at the altar crying for mercy. May God hear their cries and save them. We have had a big baptizing the past two Sundays, men and women weeping and praising the good Lord. We believe in the commission given by Jesus in Mark 16:16.

We thank the Lord for our Free Will Baptist Church at The Alka, Ky. It is the most spiritual in our conference; we have a good spiritual choir, a Spirit-filled, praying people, men and women who have been born of the Spirit, changed from nature to grace, from the power of Satan unto God.

Pray for us when it goes well with you, and may God bless you all.

Eld. Millard Vanhooose.

HAZEL PARK, MICH. 84 Kalama Street

Dear Gem Readers:

I trust that every one enjoys our paper as much as I do. And I am hoping to hear from more of our people everywhere.

Our church in Highland Park, Michigan is less than a year old, but we are still growing and God is still giving us souls.

We are only renting a store building for our church, but we are planning on buying property for the church as

soon as possible. We have chosen this next month to raise the money for a down payment, and we are praying for the Lord to lay it upon the hearts of people to give \$1,000.00 in the next month. We have about one-half of it pledged, right now. So, if the Free Will Baptist everywhere, think our church is worth supporting, and you would like to see us grow here in the North, why not help us in our building fund? There certainly is a great opportunity for the Gospel—and I hope every one who reads this will send at least \$1.00 towards our building fund—and we will in return send you a receipt, and the particulars, and will keep you informed as to the progress of our work.

Pray for us.

Eld. Raymond Riggs.

REPORT OF NIANGUA Q. M.

The Niangua Quarterly Meeting met with the Hopewell Church, January 26th, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

Introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. Kenneth Turner of Granby, Mo. Thursday afternoon. Text, Jer. 1:13, "What seest thou?"

Organization as follows:

Moderator Deacon E. C. Lawson
Ass't Mod. Eld. W. F. Millard
Clerk Bro. Gilbert Percival

W. F. Millard filled the stand Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock, using for a subject, "The Light of Man."

Friday morning was devoted to Bible discussion.

At 11:00 o'clock, Elders Warren Franklin and Frank Linton brought the message, using for subjects, "The Open door," and "Roll ye away the stone."

The afternoon was spent in discussion of the Scriptures.

Friday night, Eld. W. N. Sutton brought the message from the 13th chapter of St. John. Several took part in the Communion service.

Saturday morning we came together for more Bible discussion.

A message was brought at 11:00 o'clock by Eld. Kenneth Turner. Subject, "The Standard of God," from Nehemiah 16:3.

In the afternoon, we spent more time discussing the Scriptures.

Dismissed to meet with the Prospect Church, for the next quarterly meeting, in April.

Gilbert Percival, Clerk.

Report of State Evangelist

Dear Gem Family, Greetings in Jesus' Name!
Dear Name:

In our last report we had just closed a meeting at Caudle Church, near Norwood, Mo. We began a meeting at Oak Grove Church on Jan. 21st and were there three weeks. Six professions of faith in Christ were witnessed. We had some real good services while there.

This is the church where I was ordained ten years ago.

We made our headquarters at Henry and Zona Smith's, which is a real preacher's home. We visited in many homes in the community.

I am sincerely asking that all loyal Free Will Baptist will join us in prayer for Oak Grove Church and that community. If you don't understand, I am sure God does.

We baptized five, and closed at 11:00 o'clock February 12th.

We began a meeting here at Hartsville Sunday night, February 12th. We have been here one week, and have had six professions.

Our next meeting will be at Aurora where Bro. John B. Rollins is pastor.

Pray for us and the church there.

Sam and Daisy Marcum,
Home address Cameron, Mo., Rt. 7.

RICHWOODS, MO., Febr. 20th

Dear Co-Workers in Jesus' Name:

We want to take time to write about our Home Mission work at Richwoods. As you all know, we are just a newly organized church, but God has wonderfully blessed us.

God has called us as Home Mission workers, and we are trying to do His will. Since we have gone out in the work, the last few weeks, we have visited 21 homes, and have witnessed five conversions, and we had two services on the tiff diggings.

We have been called to pray for the sick several times, and God has blessed and healed. We are giving Him the praise for everything He has done.

Our church work is very great in this community. The people are starving for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Sin is abroad in this place, and some have never heard the Gospel.

We are very proud of our good pastor, Eld. Albert Halbrook, who has been so faithful to help us in the upbuilding of God's kingdom.

March, 1939.

We also appreciate the visits of so many Free Will Baptist folks from Flat River, Desloge and Leadington, Mo. We pray that God will bless each one and we want you all to feel welcome to come and help us in the work at any time you can come.

We do not have our church building up yet, but we pray that it will be completed soon. The building is very much needed, and we will be very thankful for any donations sent in on the building. Donations may be sent to the church clerk, Mrs. Sophia Ackerson, Richwoods, Mo.

We have our new song books, and are very proud of them. We want to thank every one who helped buy these books, and we know that God will bless each one that gave.

Our prayer is that we may do God's will at all times and always be obedient to the heavenly vision.

Pray for us.

Sister Sophia Ackerson,

Sister Flossie Lawson,

Richwoods Home Missionaries.

NEW HOPE, ARKANSAS

Dear Gem Family:

I am enjoying the little Gem paper more than ever. (We read Bro. Rollins' articles first). Oh how we long for a revival all over our country. It just seems we are losing ground, but Elijah also felt thus.

This is the first year we have a state wide organization of Free Will Baptist Young People in Arkansas, and we are so proud of it. Eld. Chas. Staten is the President. He is a brother of Ralph whom we all know and admire. Charles is a younger brother, but like David, his aim is true, and he is a gifted young man.

Bro. Roy Hughes of Glenwood is vice president, and he is as fine a young man as one can find. Sister Edith Collins of Arkadelphia is Secretary, Elsie Lawless of Glenwood is Ass't. Both are intelligent, consecrated young women.

Bro. J. E. White of Warren, Ark. is State organizer of leagues, and Ralph Staten of Pocahontas is assistant. So, we look for an increase in membership and many new leagues this year.

But these worthy young folks must not bear the burden alone, but we the laity can help and we all have a part in extending the work. We see the great need of Christ in the lives of our young people. Hundreds of them have never had a chance to do any work

in the church, only attend services. But, if we put forth an effort, we who are at a stand-still, like Israel was in the Valley of Elah (1 Sam. 17:19), the Valley of the Champion of Gath, and maybe our young people, like David the stripling, may show us how to overcome the enemy. They need the personal sense of belonging, they need to feel that they are wanted and loved, even as the lambs of the fold, they need to feel the importance of belonging to the church, and they need a part in the work of the church; they need our fellowship and approval; so let's all get under the load and send to our associations this year a report of a big gain in membership in our young people's division of the church.

When you pray, pray God to show you how you may do your part. They are our own, our hopes for the continuance of our dear church, to uphold the true principles we stand for. Let's not fail them.

Do we really want to increase our membership? Are we in earnest, or do we just "get worked up" once a year and forget it all when we get home?

Our Lord's plan for the spread of His kingdom depends on human disciples like you and me. Are we willing to present ourselves a willing sacrifice, "a living sacrifice" to help in winning the souls of our people, especially our young people to God this year? You don't need a special organizer or a special committee. The church is a ruling body, the local church can say, "We want a Young People's Work," and get it started. Is this new? No, it's as old as the nation of Israel.

God said in Deut. 4:9, "Only take heed unto thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them to thy sons and thy sons' sons."

Deut. 6:7 says, "Teach," and Deut. 30:1, 2 speaks of the blessings and curses, and says, "Obey his voice . . . thou and thy children," when God sends them into the vineyard, let them at least pluck a few grapes.

The Christian must be a workman and if they "study to shew (themselves) thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," why maybe we will have a greater harvest in the great ingathering of the sheaves. So work: for this is the

"acceptable year of the Lord."

Next month I shall try to have our program printed for our meeting at New Hope, Ark., beginning Sept. 27. We are so proud of the new building for the Gem.

Pray for us here, and let's work more this year for the upbuilding of Christ's cause in every way.

—Mrs. W. A. Hearron.

LOUISA, KY., R1, Feb. 21, 1939

Dear Readers of the Gem:

We organized our league in September. We have done a great work and will continue this work, for we think it is the greatest work we can do.

We have 35 members in our league.

We met January 1st and elected our officers as follows:

President Woodrow Hayes
Vice Pres. Minard Young
Secretary Maxine Hayes
Treasurer Minard Young

Program Committee—Helen Preston, Charlene Bevins, Maxine Hayes.

Welfare Committee—Farris Hayes, Edward Burton, E. E. Maynard.

Sponsors—Rev. Dave Al Hayes, Rev. Jay Preston, E. E. Maynard.

—Miss Maxine Hayes, Sec'y.

Fifth Sunday Meeting Report

New Edinburg, Ark., Feb. 22.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I wish to report our fifth Sunday meeting which met with Mt. Pleasant Church, January 28, 29, 1939.

The weather was very unfavorable, but we had a wonderful meeting; and I am happy to report that one of our old preachers, Bro. O. A. Ashcraft, who hasn't been able to attend for three years, was present. Bro. Ashcraft, with Bro. Hartley, Bro. W. P. White, Bro. Meeks, and a few others who have already gone on to glory, organized the Saline Association, and oh, how we do thank God for these old veterans of the Cross.

The opening song was directed by Jim Meeks.

Scripture reading by J. I. Shelton. Prayer by Murray Funderburg.

Reading of letters and seating of the delegates.

Eight churches were represented, namely: Mt. Pleasant, Macedonia, Pleasant Valley, Harmony, Pleasant Grove, Oak Grove, Yorktown, and Free Hill.

Song directed by H. C. Dyer.

Called to order by class singing.

Preaching at 11:00 by Eld. D. A. Bryan. Text, St. John 3:14, 15.

Dismissed for noon by Lewis Barker.

SATURDAY, 2:00 p. m.

Called to order by class singing directed by H. C. Dyer. Hand shake by all.

Prayer by Eld. O. A. Ashcraft.

Rules of Order read by Moderator.

Election of Officers

Moderator Eld. R. M. Moore
 Ass't Mod. Eld. J. E. White
 Clerk Bro. Lewis Barker
 Ass't Clerk Bro. L. I. Shelton
 Class Leader Bro. H. C. Dyer
 Ass't Class Leader, Leonard Doggett

Song directed by Bro. H. C. Dyer.

Appointment of committees.

Fifteen minute talk on Temptation by G. S. Jenkins.

Talk on what it takes to make a Sunday School a success, by Bro. Willie Estelle, followed by a number of others.

Talk, "What effect does the Sunday School have on the Church?" by Bro. Lewis Barker, followed by Eld. O. A. Ashcraft.

Saturday night service was called to order by class singing.

Devotional led by W. W. Clark.

Sermon at 8:00 o'clock by Eld. R. M. Moore. Scripture lesson Romans 12:1, 2; Heb. 12:1, 2.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opening song by Annie Mae Pennington.

Prayer by H. C. Dyer.

Sunday School met at 10:30, classes combined. Lesson was explained by R. W. Campbell.

11:00 o'clock sermon by Eld. G. S. Jenkins. Text, John 14:6; Heb. 7:25.

Dismissed by Eld. R. M. Moore.

There were six preachers present at the meeting: Elders D. A. Bryan, O. A. Ashcraft, R. M. Moore, J. E. White, G. S. Jenkins and yours in the service of the Lord. —Lewis Barker, Clerk.

TULSA CHURCH REPORT

By Mrs. Ethel Renegar, Reporter

Dear Readers of the Gem:

As we did not send in a report last month, we will endeavor to write a few lines to let you know that we are not sleeping on the job, in fact we feel that we are doing a good work.

First, I want to tell you what the men of our church are doing. They have organized a brotherhood meeting for once a week in order to contact sinners, and they feel that they are having some success. They elected as their President Bro. Bingham, Vice President Bro. Parker, Secretary Bro. Williamson, and Treasurer Bro. Gibson.

The Mission Mothers are doing their part too. They are working with a greater zeal lately. Have done lots of work the last two months.

Then there are our young people who are doing good in their League work. They attended the Young People's Rally of the First Mission Association at Drumright the first Sunday in this month, and brought back the banner for having had the best program.

Sister Esther Miller and Bro. Erie, two of our young ministers, conducted a revival at Vera, Okla. recently, where they saw a goodly number surrender to the Lord.

We have had one renewal and four additions to the Tulsa church lately.

At this writing, Bro. Bingham and his delegates are preparing to leave for Drumright in the next day or two to attend the Quarterly Meeting which convenes there this week.

When you pray, remember the little white church on the hill, for we earnestly desire your prayers.

NOVINGER, MISSOURI, RI

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

I thank and praise God for the revival meeting at Hazel Creek Union Church, and for the evangelist, Elder Winford Davis.

I thank and praise God for what He has done for me and my family during this meeting. I thank and praise Him and love Him, "because He has heard my voice and supplications," and has renewed unto us the joys of His salvation. I thank and praise Him for a Christian home, a complete victory over sin and the Devil, "by the blood of the Lamb, and the word of our testimony." I thank and praise Him for a salvation and experience we can know.

I thank and praise my God, that "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

But there is one thing that I am ashamed of, and deeply regret with sorrow; and that is the old backslidden life of sin and darkness, shame, and misery, that the Holy Spirit found me in the beginning of the revival. But thank and praise His dear name, He gave me courage from the start to take my stand where I belonged, where I really was, thus entering the meeting, heart open to God; and He blessed me with an experience far deeper, greater and happier, than I have ever known in all my life previous to then. Praise His dear name!

I expect to go all the way with Him. I am willing to do anything for Him, He has done so much for me.

As a warning to that one who may just now be discouraged and about to give up—Cheer up brother, sister. Cheer up—Hold onto Him—The time is short—Jesus is coming soon. Read your Bible and pray very much, and "Pray without ceasing." Rededicate your life to God on the altar of sacrifice and consecration, and keep it there. Trust Him for time and for eternity. Because a backslider's life is one of sin and darkness, unhappiness, coldness, misery and shame, fear of the

Judgment, and He only knows what all. You lose your experience and power with God, He lets you go, the Holy Spirit moves out of your heart—you are lost and undone, without God or His Son—you are so much worse off than you realize you are. In spite of the Devil and all this you remember the "joys of salvation" you once knew. You have a desire to get back to God. You'll always have that desire, I think. But remember, you have let go of God—He has let go of you—you are the Devil's property. Of course you still have your will power, he can't take that away from you, neither will God. It is up to you—your move next. You can make a start back to God (He may or may not be calling you), but you may have a real hard time getting back, and there's a possibility that you might not get back. Remember God will bless you as long as you are on the altar, although the way seems dark and dreary at times, as a test of our faith, I believe. But don't stop praying; "Life will be Sweeter Some Day."

I sincerely ask an interest in your prayers, for me and my family, that we may ever stay on the altar where He can use us to His own name's honor and glory, till Jesus comes.

Your brother in Christ,

John A. Ewing.

MISSIONARY HONOR ROLL

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 Monett Church Monett, Mo.
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 Aurora Church Aurora, Mo.
 Desloge Sunday School, Desloge, Mo.
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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.

MONETT, MO., Feb. 13, 1939.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I am a reader of our dear Free Will Baptist Gem. I am a subscriber now, and hope I can always be one. It is a great help in my Christian life. I am still praising the Lord for the good letter my cousin, Sister Elva Haley from Vance Chapel Church at Oilton, Oklahoma, wrote to the last issue of

the Gem. I'm so glad to hear of their good meeting New Years eve.

Also the good letters Sister Opal Frazier writes. I'm so glad she is improving.

My greatest desire is to do my best, by the help of the Lord, to live a life that others, especially my children may see Jesus through me.

I am sending a poem. It is to the fathers, but I think it can be applied to mothers too.

Pray for me that I may always live for Jesus.

A sister in Christ,

— Mrs. Ada Brendlinger.

TO ANY LITTLE BOY'S FATHER

There are little eyes upon you, and they're watching night and day;
There are little ears that quickly take in every word you say;
There are little hands all eager to do everything you do,
And a little boy who's dreaming of the day he'll be like you.
You're the little fellow's idol, you're the wisest of the wise;
In his little mind about you no suspicions ever rise;
He believes in you devoutly, holds that all you say and do
He will say and do in your way when he's grown up just like you.
There's a wide-eyed little fellow who believes you're always right,
And his ears are always open and he watches day and night.
You are setting an example every day in all you do
For the little boy who's waiting to grow up to be like you!

CHIPS

From Eld. T. C. Ferguson's Sermons

The reason some people have to fight the Devil single handed, is because they are patting him on the back with the other hand.

When you laugh, the world laughs with you; but when you cry, you usually have to cry alone.

If preachers would preach on doctrines less, and preach on sin more, there would be more sinners saved.

If we would smile more, and frown less, we would feel better and look better.

Sometimes we think we want a thing, then after we get it, we find out that we don't want it. Don't be covetous.

Many people would rather listen to pleasant things, than to listen to unpleasant truths.

War is organized insanity; keep out of it.

Once an infidel died, and he wanted his books buried with him so that they wouldn't lead any one else astray—leave bad books alone.

People are like bad mules, when they kick back they never get ahead—quit kicking then.

Once a deacon was asleep in church, and when the preacher asked him to pray, he partly roused up and said, "Sally, shut your mouth and get up and build the fire yourself." You had better keep awake in church.

You may be able to hide your feelings from others, but you can't run away from yourself; so don't fool yourself.

NOT KNOWING

From The Mountain Free Will Baptist of Black Mountain, N. C., Feb. 1915

I know not what will befall me!

God hangs a mist o'er my eyes;
And thus at each step of my onward path,

He makes new scenes arise,
And every joy He sends me comes
As a sweet and glad surprise.

I see not a step before me,
As I tread on, another year;
But the past is still in God's keeping,
The future in mercy shall clear,
And what looks dark in the distance
May brighten as I draw near.

For perhaps the dreaded future
Is less bitter than I think;
And the Lord may sweeten the waters
Before I stoop to drink;
Or, if Marah must be Marah,
He will stand beside its brink.

It may be He keeps waiting
For the coming of my feet,
Some gift of such rare blessedness,
Some joy so strangely sweet,
That my lips can only tremble
With the thanks I cannot speak.

Oh restful, blissful ignorance!
'Tis blessed not to know;
It stills me in those mighty arms
Which will not let me go,
And sweetly hushes my soul to rest,
On the bosom which loves me so!

So on I go, not knowing:

I would not if I might;
I would rather walk in the dark with God,
Than go alone in the light,
I would rather walk with Him by faith
Than walk alone by sight.

My heart shrinks back from trials,
Which the future may disclose,
Yet I never had a sorrow
But what the dear Lord chose;
So I sent the coming tears back,
With the whispered word "He knows."

Why Do We Have Problems?

From The Sunday School Times

Some problems are of our own making. Some are of God's making. He certainly made a grave problem for the children of Israel when, after delivering them from Pharaoh's hand, He led them by "the way of the wilderness of the Red Sea" and into a trap, knowing that Pharaoh would swiftly come after them as they encamped by the sea. But the Lord made that problem for Israel, before which they were helpless, in order to show them that He was not helpless and to give them a glorious deliverance. Other problems were of Israel's making—and still the Lord delivered them. No matter what kind of problem confronts us today, no matter how baffling or discouraging, or destroying it may seem, the God of Israel is our God, and is just as able to deliver us as when He rolled back the waters of the sea. A Christian business man wrote to a life long friend recently, as they were having to face together some problems that were quite beyond them: "I am sure that it is of the Lord's goodness that we have these problems, and that the answers to them are in His keeping for a revelation to us. I think you and I and others of our staff are somewhat in the position of Zebulun and Naphtali who fought in the high places of the field. Someone has said that leadership is that quality which enables one to bear loads without breaking. I should be nearer the breaking point many times if one could not depend upon the Lord to be the leader, who bears what we call our responsibilities without breaking. It is glorious to see Him at work; and how good it is to rest in Him in the midst of work."

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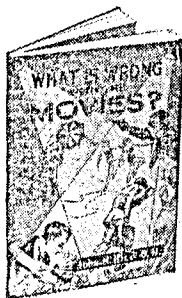
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