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## One At A Time

One step at a time, and that well placed,  
We reach the grandest heights;  
One stroke at a time, earth's hidden stores  
Will slowly come to light;  
One seed at a time, and the forest grows,  
One drop at a time, and the river flows  
Into the boundless sea.

One word at a time, and the greatest book  
Is written and is read;  
One stone at a time, and the palace rears  
Aloft its stately head;  
One blow at a time, the tree's cleft thru',  
And a city will stand where the forest grew  
A few short years before.

One foe at a time, and he subdued,  
And a conflict will be won;  
One grain at a time, and the sands of life  
Will slowly all be run;  
One minute, another, the hours fly.  
One day at a time, our lives speed by  
Into eternity.

One grain of knowledge, and that well stored,  
Another, and more on them;  
And as time rolls on, your mind will shine  
With many a garnered gem  
Of thought and wisdom. And thine will tell,  
"One thing at a time, and that well done,"  
Is wisdom's Golden Rule.

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## Our Love For Bro. and Sister Brown

By Kenneth Turner, Granby, Mo.

We are made sad when we think about our dear Brother and Sister Brown resigning as editor; they have been with the work so long. However we must consider they are older in years than they once were, and we couldn't expect them to stay when they feel that they should resign.

Bro. and Sis. Brown have certainly labored faithfully to make our paper what it is, and I am glad to express my appreciation of their untiring efforts in behalf of the denomination. Their efforts have proved they love the cause of Christ and have done much for it. Many hours have they spent in the printing office that we might have our religious paper, and the interest they have shown for the work will surely bring them great rewards and blessings. Brother Brown has been a great help to me; he is a real father to the young preacher. The

many miles he has traveled in the interest of the work has proved a blessing to the denomination. And I think of Sister Brown always with a word of encouragement to any one who might come her way; so willing to share the burdens of others, helping to do everything she can to advance the work of our dear Lord. Hardly ever could you enter the office, but what she would be found faithfully engaged in work.

I am so glad to think of them as real Christian people, who have put their whole heart into the work. I am sure they deserve words of praise and expressions of our love and appreciation now while they can know, and not wait until they have departed this life. May the dear Lord bless and spare them to be with us for years to come. May we also be a blessing and an encouragement to them as they have been to us.

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## "Therefore Brethren We Are Debtors"

By Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri

TEXT: "Therefore, brethren, we are debtors" Rom. 8:14.

AS MY Mind goes to this verse of Scripture, I am thinking of our dear editor and wife, Bro. and Sister Brown, who have just recently resigned their post of duty, and to whom this issue of the Gem is dedicated. If there is anybody among our church fathers and church pioneers to whom we are indebted, it is Bro. and Sister Brown. Certainly they have been faithful. They have borne the burden in the heat of the day. They have so very vividly shown that indefeatable, tireless, persistent, and courageous spirit which has characterized our religious fathers from time immemorial, and which any one must needs have ere they can be successful in the forwarding of the great cause. Bro. and Sister Brown have never been known to quit. Their lives have been that of constant sacrifice. They, among the few of like qualities, have counted it a joy to sacrifice for Jesus' sake. They would never allow others to take the lead in financial giving or in depriving themselves for the sake of the church. With Bro. and Sister Brown, it was never "Go on," but it was always "Come on."

It would be utterly impossible for us to repay them in dollars and cents, words of praise, or perpetual gestures of respect for what they have done, even in the past ten years as they were giving us the Free Will Baptist Gem, to say nothing of their faithful labors in the years previous. We feel sure the Lord has laid up in store for them joys and pleasures beyond the possibility of man's imagination. Of course, I know Bro. and Sister Brown haven't been working that they might gain the praise of men. For such faith and works do not come from people who are seeking self-praise. Nevertheless, I for one, and I feel I am speaking the sentiments of many, feel myself greatly indebted to those who have seemed as a father and mother to so many of us. I feel I owe them my life of respect and honor, and I am sure you do too. I pray the Free Will Baptist Gem will ever live as a monument to their untiring efforts.

While they feel that owing to their age, they having their home established in Purdy, etc. that it is best for them to retire and leave the work in younger

hands. I am sure their keenest desire of life will be that this our paper and publishing concern to which they have given so much of their personal thought, prayer, time, and effort may go on and on and on. Bro. Brown being a professed minister and teacher and Sister Brown being a professed teacher, let me say, whether you have thought of it or not, I am sure they have not been in the least neglectful of their gift and calling; for the Free Will Baptist Gem published at their hands has been doing as much preaching and teaching, as much promoting of fellowship, as much good toward church unification, and last but not least, as much good toward the salvation of souls as any minister who has been active on the field all the while.



Eld. B. F. Brown, Retiring Editor

Our beloved denomination positively would not have been where it is today had it not been for the Free Will Baptist Gem, and let me say, and at the same time, speaking with respect to all others, that we could not have had the Free Will Baptist Gem all this time had it not been for Bro. and Sister Brown. Though I know with their conservative manner and nature, they would not solicit my saying these things, but I feel in debt to say them.

Think how the Gem has taken root, grown and flourished through the entire depression! The economic crash coming the very year the Gem was born. Think also how it has gone on in the face of a discouraged people, when many were saying, "It can't be done," when many were saying, "We have seen too many failures, we will never support another." These people have been converted. They have been won over. They have been convinced. The new Free Will Baptist Gem Publishing House stands in Monett today, built and paid for, commanding the respect and admiration of all passers

by. How has it come to be? Because some folks dared to say, "We can!" Because some folks kept on keeping on. Because some folks counted it a privilege to suffer a little for the One who has suffered so much for them. My heart fairly palpitates with joy as I think on these things. I am righteously proud of our editors of the past and of our editors of the present.

How I thank the Lord that we can claim the victory. While Bro. and Sister Brown, in their wisdom, deem it best to retire at this time, thank the Lord they are retiring after having seen the desire of their hearts, the fruits of their labors. While Bro. Rollins and his wife takes charge, may we never fail to co-operate with them to the fullest extent, and at the same time may that deep appreciation ever remain in our hearts for, and that thought of fullness of, those who have so faithfully carried on thereby making it possible that we as a denomination may be where we are today. As a church, we are gaining more and more recognition in the public mind all the while, and I speak this humbly too, but if we would continue to climb the ladder of success, we must continue to deny ourselves for the sake of the cause as others have done before us.

"Would we go sailing to the skies  
On flowery beds of ease,  
While others fought to win the prize,  
And sailed through bloody seas?"

Bro. and Sister Brown have fought a good fight, and while they have been spiritually blessed all along the way yet we are sure there is laid up for them crowns of righteousness. And not for them only, but for all of us who will be faithful and likewise do our duty. We all are required, as stewards, to be found faithful. I am sure we all are confident that we will make no mistake in lending our support to our new and worthy Gem Office Staff, but what a mistake it would be if we should ever, and may we never, be neglectful or fail to show gratitude to those who have come to fullness of years with a life spent in the cause of our Christ through the annals of the Free Will Baptist church.

Bro. and Sister Brown, may God ever bless you, and I am sure He will. Our labors together have been pleasant, and I am sure they will continue to be.

"Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love,  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above."

Eternity only can and will tell the fullness of it all.



# EDITORIAL

By John B. Rollins

AS THIS Issue of the Gem goes out from our office, it is going into 30 states and to the Panama Canal Zone. It goes into 16 states west of the Mississippi river, and 14 states east of the river; forming an unbroken chain from the Pacific to the Atlantic oceans, and from the Gulf to Canada. This issue is mailed to 379 post offices, with a range from 1 to 104 papers to the post office. Our home post office, Monett, scores the highest with 104 Gems. The Gem has been growing steadily for the past few years, and we are endeavoring to help it grow still bigger and better.

Our growth in the future is on *Condition*, that is, before we can grow, there are certain conditions which must be met, of which support in the capacity of subscriptions is only a part. Another and greater condition is *CO-OPERATION* in every way that is for the advancement and up-building of the Cause. The whole truth in a nut-shell is that the Free Will Baptist Gem will be only what Free Will Baptist people *make it*—and I do not speak irrespectably of some of our Gem Family who are not Free Will Baptist, but I am saying that the Gem can only be what the writers make it.

We are depending upon voluntary contributions, except on special subjects which the editor may solicit. This is the way the Gem has been composed for more than ten years. It is very remarkable how the Gem can be measured with this three-fold yard-stick:

1. The Gem is educational and instructive in deep theological subjects produced in the spiritually inspired original writings of our ministers and laymen.
2. The Gem is inspirational and interesting in sermon, letter and report.
3. The Gem is informative in the reports of the activities and progress in the realms of the church.

Your editor's desire is to see this standard strengthened. Toward this end, therefore, I would make a few suggestions, hoping that my position will be thoroughly understood and well taken:

The sermons and articles are fine, and we want to continue printing them, so please continue to be original, masterful, and thorough in your exposition of Biblical topics and articles of an educational nature. I have no criticism, but I do want to encourage—boys, do your best!

The reports are vitally necessary, so keep them coming. That means, keep in action for you cannot report progress unless you are making progress.

That calls to my mind a story of a testimony meeting once. One man in the rear of the house arose and began to speak at great length of the things he had failed to do, until the leader called out, "Sit down, shut up, we don't want to hear what you have failed to do. Let some one talk who has been doing something."

The editor is only one, and a small one, but he prefers that the reports be complete, yet to the point, and in

These statements are made for the advancement of the Cause of Christ through the pages of the Gem. Please do not take offense, for we do not mean it that way, but let us take instruction so that we may have a better and more interesting Gem.

We desire that our contributors be prompt as you have been during the past several months. The 25th day of the month is the *dead line* for receiving manuscript for publication in the current issue which we shall strive to mail the first of each month.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank our writers for their loyal patronage, and for their articles, reports and letters.

We apologize for being unable to print the picture of our new office in this issue, for we know that you are all expecting to see it. We are sure we can print it on the front page of the next issue. Please bear with us.

We do not wish to appear egotistical and proud, for our lives are

humble and simple, but we feel you would like for us to make this statement concerning our habits of life. We are young. Each of us being 27 years of age. We were both raised in the country by poor parents. The education we received was at the price of great sacrifice, and it may sound strange, but we both love to work. We are your servants for Christ's sake, and we assure you we shall give you nothing less than our best: So may the Lord bless us all.

We have a few articles left over which will be good for next month. We appreciate good articles, reports, etc., and invite you to send them in.

Our new office is located at 211 Bond Street, by the Free Will Baptist church which is on Third and Bond. We invite you all to visit the Gem Office when you are in Monett. You will find us busy, but we want you to come.

Your new editor got started late, and has worked hard to send out this first issue from the new office on time, and we earnestly hope and pray that it will do much good in Christian fellowship and church union. We sincerely hope you like this issue of the Free Will Baptist Gem.



The New Editor and his Wife

a conversational manner of telling your friends of a meeting that they were unable to attend and you were telling them about it. Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting are very often dry and uninteresting. Your Gem Office specializes in printing minutes in booklet form, so if you have minutes to print, please let us estimate the cost of printing for you. Unless it is a meeting of rare and unusual importance, please report it in prose form. Tell it like you were interested in it, and you are telling us so as to make us interested also. Remember that there are readers in many other states who will be interested in your reports.



## Progress of the Educational Campaign

Rev. J. R. Davidson, Bryan, Texas

Only a few reports have come in since the opening of the Campaign on May 15th. I am encouraged, however, to be able to report that twelve minister's names are now recorded on the honor roll of ministerial donors, all of which pledge their full support in this great cause. But when we take into account the fact that there are hundreds more who should have already reported, it is a bit depressing. Still I shall not raise the white flag and call off. If only these twelve will fully co-operate, we will do something, and finally convince the rest of you that it can be done.

Here is the list of those noble ministers: J. R. Davidson, Texas; Melvin Bingham, Oklahoma; Clarence Bowen, North Carolina; N. P. Gates, Michigan; R. C. Wiggs, Texas; Aston Peguese, Texas; John Swanwick, Texas; William Reeves, Missouri; Robert Crawford, Alabama; H. M. McAdams, Texas; Lizzie McAdams, Texas; and J. K. Warkentin, Texas.

Note the fact that seven of these are Texas preachers, while five are from all the other states combined. Wake up, ministers, everywhere, and let us hear from you! If you are in favor, let us know, and if you are not, let us know. We have received only one negative letter so far. No, I was not shocked.

I have received reports of interest in this campaign from Georgia, Florida, Ohio, Alabama, Tennessee, Michigan, Oklahoma, Missouri, North Carolina, and Texas, also from New Mexico, where we have no church organization. I appeal to every minister again to line up to make this campaign the greatest of success.

Interesting letters of an encouraging nature have been received lately. Rev. Gates of Michigan, Rev. Reeves of Missouri, Rev. Crawford of Alabama, Rev. Bowen of N. C., Revs. H. M. and Lizzie McAdams of Texas and Rev. Warkentin of Texas send a note of thanks and appreciation, with enthusiastic pledges. They seem to think the plan should afford convenience for our people everywhere, if only they care to do anything about the matter. I should have mentioned Rev Bingham of Oklahoma who is always on the firing line. Rev. Dunbar of Tennessee writes quite often, and he now feels that his state should give some good co-operation, since they have their

orphanage going. But there is one letter of unusual interest which comes from Mrs. Verna G. Edson of La Mesa, New Mexico. She writes that she is of our faith, originally located in Oklahoma, though now in the Rio Grand Valley, where there is no Free Will Baptist church. She reports that there are nine Free Will Baptist over a distance of two hundred miles up and down this valley. They have a Sunday school going, and are looking forward to the time that our school will be sending out ministers to this and other needy territory. She was prompted by an article which she read

in the Gem, and sat down and sent all the money she had on hand for this school work, pledging to send more later. She thinks that most any Free Will Baptist could easily give one dollar each month for this great cause. What do you think? How do you respond when you do think?

Only two reports have been made of self-denial offerings for the first week of our campaign. The Bryan church realized \$10.00 and Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Wiggs turned in \$1.00, making a total of \$11.00 so far in self-denial money. Did you co-operate? If so, report as early as possible. If you did not co-operate, select another week and do your bit now.

Fellow ministers, I am still urging you to fall in line, give first, then ask your people to give.

## Some Concrete Facts as to the Value of a Musical Education

Dr. Leonard Earl Harris, 306 South Wabash Ave., Chicago, Illinois

Most parents admit that they would like to have their children play the piano, but they don't fully appreciate that it goes much farther than that, and that it is an important part in a broad program of education — and why?

THE STUDY OF MUSIC ACTUALLY TRAINS THE MIND AND STIMULATES IT SO THAT IT FUNCTIONS BETTER IN OTHER STUDIES.

That is a general statement, but fully proved in this way: "Positive proof that music is the best mind-trainer has come from Magdalen College, where all the musical instruction at Oxford University is given. Only 10% of the students take music — yet this 10% takes 85% of all prizes and scholarships, leaving only 15% for the other 90% of the students."

(Quoted from *Golden Age of Music* by Henry C. Finck).

Now listen to this, when W. F. Wenster was superintendent of the school in Minneapolis, he reported that "The instructor in harmony in our high schools took all the pupils in the music courses for two years, 700 of them, and an equal number of pupils as they came in other courses. The Music students had 18% of all their marks "A" and only 3% of their marks "F". The other group, the non-musical student group, ran only 10% "A" and 7% "F".

Dr. Eliot, president Emeritus, of Harvard University, said, "If every

subject in the school curriculum had to be dropped except one, I would retain music as the most indispensable."

To make a general statement that music is a mind trainer does not particularly impress a parent — but back it up with concrete facts as stated above, and it will set parents to thinking immediately for *their children* are involved.

There are scores of music teachers who tell us how they are building up larger classes than they have ever had before. They do this by going directly to the parents, and presenting their case with the help of concrete facts just as I have above outlined.

There is such a vast store of material, as it is told to me by successful music teachers from all over the States, where they are going to the parents first, in order to get the children started in music. Without a musical education, no child would have a *complete* education, which means that these teachers are doing the public a wonderful service by getting children started on the road to success and happiness through the study of music.

Most parents will say, "If my son shows any musical inclinations, I will give him musical lessons, but if he does not, I will not bother with him." Now if the same parent who would say a thing like that were to say the same thing after due observation about



arithmetic or writing or geography, most of the boys of America would grow up illiterate. Boys are healthy little animals who willingly will dodge any kind of work that interferes with what they consider play. To be told that it is good for them does just about as much good as telling them that castor oil is good for them, and expecting them to take it of their own volition. Not that music is a disagreeable dose like castor oil, but practice even with the delightful modern methods of study which appeal to the child's own imagination so strongly, takes just that much time from play; so that it is only very rarely that it is welcomed at first.

This means that the boy must come under the direction and authority of his parents. There is a great hue and cry in these days about children growing up wild. Some of this is unfortunately true. Parents, either through ignorance, indifference, selfish absorption in their own pleasures, or more often through lack of "spine," deliberately neglect the most important obligation of parenthood—intelligent, loving, but firm and persistent direction. There are thousands of young people who in later life exclaim, "Oh, if my parents had only made me do it." Neglect of the children's opportunities for study at the right time is often responsible for some of the heart-aches which come to parents in later life. Parents often make the mistake of saying, "This boy is impossible, there is no music in him!" If they would only persist, they would find that after a certain age, or more often after a certain point of study, his musical possibilities would blossom out marvelously.

To me, turning off music would be like turning out a light equal in power, brightness and splendor, to that of the sun. It would be depriving me of a certain incentive and inspiration of mental and spiritual refreshment, which after all makes life worth while.

I will admit however, that undisciplined and unsupervised indulgence in music may produce emotional convictions which result in temperamental excesses that in the past have unfortunately given some practical people an entirely wrong idea as to the value of music. They see here and there some musical freak with all sorts of conceits and eccentricities and come to the conclusion that this is the natural result of music and therefore music is of little consequence in the world. Such freaks, one must understand are only the result of over self-indulgence, and deserve no more con-

sideration than does the miser, the glutton or the inebriate. One must remember without the slightest doubt, that temperate and sensible study of music is one of the greatest blessings one could ever hope to have in life.

There is a critical time in every child's musical education that must be passed before he gets to the position where he is recompensed for his preparatory work. It is at this time that the student is inclined to lose interest and will want to stop. Here the judgment of the parent must come to the front and thus help the child over this difficult period when he might otherwise lose a great life of rich inspiration. Unquestionably, vast sums of money have been wasted in the past, because parents have not understood this. Many boys start music study and stop before they have anything more than a smattering—which is really a complete aggravation to say the least.

Every normal child can be coaxed over a crisis. I am told that thou-

sands of children stop in what is known as the third grade of study. This, to me, is like laying the foundation of a beautiful church, building the walls, and leaving off the roof, resulting ultimately in a useless structure. A little more money, time and effort would have finished the edifice.

In the case of the child, it is usually not the lack of money or time, but rather the failure of the parent to carry the child past this critical point. Some parents do not want to be bothered and so they just let their children drift. Just a little recognition of the great benefits of music, and determination that these shall be enjoyed, combined with a little tact and diplomacy in helping the child persist, would result in saving many a juvenile for music.

How much I should love to just go on and on with this, but must close. Please, may I say that if there would be anyone at all who might like to correspond with me regarding the above subject, please feel free to do so.

## A Last Message to the Church

By F. C. Zinn, Purdy, Missouri.

TEXT: "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness.

"Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

"Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things, beware, lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness." 2 Peter 3:11, 14, 17.

THE APOSTLE is here giving his last and most important message to the church. When a man is about to be crucified with his head downward, he will not use idle words. What he says will be to the point and worth

remembering, and repeating. Peter was a very practical preacher and put first things first. Perhaps he is sitting on an eminence—the Mount of Olives, or at least in spirit was peering out into the future, for here in a few verses he uses "seeing" and "looking" six times. He now proceeds to give three admonitions: Be holy, be diligent, and beware.

"Seeing that these things shall be dissolved"—BE HOLY! Holiness does not mean a profession of holiness, or mingling with a group of holiness people. There never was a greater need for holy living than now. Holy means pure at heart. Churches are made up of individuals. Let us contrast two cases, say two preachers. Here is Brother A, who is gifted, well dressed and can pass in any society. He is tactful, popular, and in constant demand. He is "safe and sane" and knows how to preach so as to give no offence. We hear it said he will soon fill an important place in the church. Here is Brother B, just the opposite. He does not have any special natural gift. He is not recognized as "one of our representative men." He does not stand in with the church bosses, or politicians. He is not sought after to deliver spicy, after-dinner speeches,





or baccalaureate sermons. But one thing we can say, he has more than a profession. He never acts important on the one hand, or miffed on the other. He always keeps sweet in spirit whether noticed or unnoticed. Now history and observation have proven that this second young man will stand the wear and tear better and longer than the first. He will tower in strength and influence long after his bright colleague has landed on the scrap heaps of broken down popularity. Brother A will remain as long as he is fondled and noticed, but when reverses come he will fail.

"Seeing ye look for such things, BE DILIGENT!" Be active! Be aggressive! The Apostle knew that we were lop-sided and the tendency was to swing from one extreme to another. Hence, he felt inspired to say that while holy living is the paramount issue, diligence is so closely related that they are inseparable. In other words, do not magnify the one and minimize the other. Peter is trying to drive home the thought of purity, then activity. After Pentecost, the saints settled down in Jerusalem to enjoy themselves. This was not the divine plan and God permitted "a great persecution" to arise which scattered them. And "they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the Word." PURITY, then ACTIVITY.

Yes it is too bad that we as individuals and churches are lop-sided. We stress one truth out of proportion with another of equal importance. We denounce some things bitterly, then later, adopt and fight for them.

"Seeing ye know these things before, BEWARE!" Beware of a contentious spirit. This is an age of contention and strife. It is not only to be found in politics and commercial life, but among the people of God. This is what occasioned the schism at Corinth. One said, "I am of Paul — I like deep theological truths. I enjoy masterful reasoning. Give me Paul and you can have all the rest." Another said, "I like emotion—Appollis is the man for me." A third one speaks up and says, "I take to practical things. I want a preacher to get down to where we live. Give me Cephas." Another one says, "I know no man after the flesh. The Bible is my discipline; away with man made organizations, I am of Christ"—A no sect. There is plenty of that today—"If my preacher comes, I will walk or get there." That is what I call *preachers religion*. I never saw the preacher that I thought was big enough to take me to heaven.

Beware of compromise. This is a policy age, an age when people can easily set aside former convictions in order to receive recognition and avoid ostracism. Thousands of preachers are not as plain and humble as they were. They have gone back on past light and "built again the things which they once destroyed." Paul said that he who does this makes himself a "transgressor." It is too bad that now-a-days many ministers look and act so much like worldlings that it is hard to distinguish the difference.

Beware of covetousness. This is a subtle foe and especially now. Brother, you may be affected with the disease of covetousness. More than likely you call it "economy" or "precaution" or "against a rainy day." But are you not continually scheming, sometimes on Sunday, how you can save here or make a little there? Instead of having precious seasons with your Bible, morning, noon and night, do you not find more delight in thinking about finance? You will not get credit for a single penny that has passed through your hands except that which has been used directly or in-

directly for the furtherance of the gospel. Moreover, every penny found in your possession which has not been thus used will be a swift witness against you in that day. O, Brethren, don't argue, or justify yourselves, but take these words to heart. We wonder why it is so hard to hold revivals as in former years, when there are those sitting in the front rows worth from ten to twenty thousand and who never pay one tenth (the tithe). Many times poor washer women give more to the cause of Christ than these mizers. I have noticed that the children of this kind of people are not only unsaved, but don't want to associate with religious people. No wonder, the curse of God is upon them. God's word says in Jer. 5:31 "The prophets prophesy falsely, the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?"

"For this ye know that no whoremonger nor unclean person, nor covetous man who is an idolator, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God." Eph. 5:5.

## A Test of Christian Fidelity

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

TEXT: Malachi 3:7-12.

Malachi (My Messenger) seems to have fitted into a place of warning to Israel concerning her manner of dealing with the Lord. Among the things of which they were warned was their failure to deal honestly with the Lord in their stewardship of means. They had offered things polluted to the Lord, while reserving the best for themselves. They offered such as was inferior, torn, and diseased. Besides this, the Levitical priesthood in general was being profaned by the priests, while the people were engaging themselves in worldly entanglements, hence Malachi's warning of the wrath of God in the on-coming judgment.

Robbery is the term which Malachi preferred to use in speaking with Israel concerning her dishonesty in the stewardship of substance. The same sin was responsible for the Lord's work lagging in Nehemiah's day. Note what he found and how he dealt with the problem, as recorded in Neh. 13:10-12, "And I perceive that the portion of the Levites had not been given them: for the Levites and singers, that did the work, were fled every one to his

field. Then contended I with the rulers and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place. Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries."

Too many Christians look upon life as something that gives to them, but "Life is not getting, life is giving," as Nathan Howard Gist said. He further states, "Life begins when we find the spirit of adventure, drive our thought into new channels, revise our philosophy, and no longer are afraid to adopt something new."

Life begins when unfinished tasks are accepted as a challenge, and they give us strength because they are beyond us. But we adopt them, accept the challenge, and put all that we have of mind and soul, brain and brawn into them because they are difficult. We are living life in full when we ever are engaged in a man-sized task that is appealing, constructive, helpful, because they build us, and through us build a better, saner, more servicable world. How true these words are in their application



to us in our stewardship with the Lord. Hence, our loyalty to Christ is attested in our stewardship of giving for His cause.

### Israel's Peculiar Backsliding.

"Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them" Mal. 3:7a. Israel had practiced a gradual slipping away from the commandments of the Lord's concerning their offerings for the furtherance of His cause. Neither could they find justification, inasmuch as they had been called to honesty in the matter. "Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of Hosts" verse 7b. May we discern the greatest factor in this backsliding? As they progressed in their wanderings from the Lord, they were steadily developing a numbed conscience. Note their position, verse 7c, "But ye say, Wherein shall we return?" How much like Israel we have come to be. That is, we have withheld from the Lord that which He has demanded we should give, and yet we cry out, "I have done my share." No one has done his share until he has given at least a tenth part of all his income. Neither has any one a right to claim he is honest, if he has done less.

Note God's charge in verses 8 and 9, "Will a man rob God? Yet we have robbed me. But ye say wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." Now if Israel as a nation had robbed God, What have we as a church done? Will the words, "Ye are cursed with a curse," apply to us, Brother, make an examination of your business record with the Lord, and see wherein ye have robbed Him.

### God's Appeasement Offer

In this proposition is a most definite command to be noted, "Bring ye all." To me two applications are legal here. First, we are to bring all the tithes, that is, the tenth part of all with which we have been blessed. And second, all are to bring the tithes, not just a few of us, but every one who has named the name of the Lord. It does not matter whether your income is great or small, banked or used to meet current expenses, you are directly bound to the Lord for at least ten cents out of every dollar with which you are blessed.

What purpose did God have in making this offer? "That there may be meat (provisions with which to carry

on) in mine house" v.10b. In Nehemiah's experience with Judah, previously mentioned, he also charged them with the sin of withholding the tithe. He set forth to put things in order, and commanded that the Levites and singers be placed back in position in the house of the Lord, for they had been compelled to take to their fields to gain a livelihood. Do we find such conditions among our beloved churches and ministers? After the return of those who were supposed to be stationed in the house of the Lord, the people returned to bringing in the tithe, thus went on their way rejoicing. Too many of this day are pouring their time, talents, and energy into secular vocations, whom the Lord would have give themselves "wholly to prayer and the ministry of the Word." Brethren, this, and many other things, could be done if only we would bring all the tithe into God's service. We shall never be at our best until we return from this backsliding.

There is a great challenge in the proposition, "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of host, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." We are not to prove man in this matter, but prove the Lord; the One who keeps every promise. Let us believe that He will do as He says, and yield in obedience to this command. When shall We prove Him? He says "prove me *now*." How shall we prove Him? "Herewith" (with this), that is with the tithe.

### His Guarantee of Protection And Prosperity

"And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful some land, saith the Lord of hosts."

Our God obligates Himself for our protection and prosperity, as is seen in these verses, but only on the condition of our obedience to His command in bringing in *all the tithes*. He faithfully promises to prohibit the devastating work of enemies, and to mediate for peace—if only we will obey. What a wonderful feeling might be ours, if only we were willing to try the Lord. Let's cut loose from old self and put Him to the test. The world, upon seeing His blessings lavished upon us would really say, "What

shall we do?" What a privilege then would be ours to, legitimately, preach obedience for the blessings of the Lord.

### Conclusion

Someone has already said, "But tithing is a product of the old Mosaic Law, and we are under grace, hence this does not apply to the Christian Church." Very interesting it is to hear you say so, but I only ask you to turn to Genesis 14:18-23 and convince yourself. Here Abraham is seen to be giving tithes to Melchisedec, both of whom are known to have lived many, many years before the time of the giving of the Law of Moses. We also learn in the book of Hebrews that Christ has His priesthood forever after the order of Melchisedec. How can we claim to have carried on in the given order if we fail to give into Christ's Kingdom as Abraham gave into Melchisedec's?

Let us hear Christ Himself, Matt. 23:23, "Woe unto you, scribes and pharisees, hypocrites, for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Note the fact that Christ did not disapprove tithing in any word which He spoke, but rather commended them for having gone thus far in obedience. Should we do less under grace than these, who were commanded, did under the letter of the Law? I tell you, Nay, but we should live after Christ's example referred to in 2 Cor. 8:9, "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich."

Justice in the subject would not be dealt without hearing the apostle Paul. Take note of his plan in meeting the needs of the poor saints, 1 Cor. 16:1-4. The second verse reads as follows: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him, that there be no gathering (collection) when I come." How are we to base our giving according to prosperity if not by the tithe? He further admonishes that we should abound in this grace of giving, 2 Cor. 8:7, "Therefore, as ye abound in everything, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also." Now get what Paul says concerning the proper attitude, purpose and spirit in giving by reading 2 Cor. 8:8-12. How do you stand when your love for



Christ is put to the test by your giving?

Below is a copy of a plan for your convenience and blessing. Read it, pray, sign it and turn it in to your church treasurer:

### Tithing Covenant With God

God's Tithing Covenant I hereby accept, and I promise to faithfully set aside, systematically and regularly, one tenth of my income, wages, increase or profit to the Lord God, and will use my best conscientious judgment in disbursing it for the upbuild-

ing of God's kingdom, and trust God to bless me as He has promised.

I am already a Tither .....

New Tither .....

Date .....

Sign here .....

Keep this covenant religiously, honorably, and God will surely bless you. Open up your financial account with God today, keeping record of it honestly and fairly in a separate account in your books.

to the people of the world in general. This story of Jonah is one that is outstanding.

Jonah is a type of the Jewish nation, he refused the call of God; just as the Jews refused the Son of God. We know that there were only a very few of the Jews who believed Christ; as a nation, they said "No, He is not the Messiah," and would not accept Him as such.

Just as Jonah was punished for his sin, the Jewish nation has been and is being punished for its sin. Jonah was thrown overboard, helpless within himself, to be swallowed up by the whale. In like manner, the Jewish nation was overthrown, and helplessly they landed scattered in the different countries of the world among the Gentiles. So the whale that received Jonah is like the Gentile countries that received the Jews.

There is a peculiarity about the whale swallowing Jonah. He was swallowed whole, and could not be digested. There is the same peculiarity about the Jew. The Gentile world has swallowed the whole nation of the Jews 1900 years ago, and has not and will not be able to digest them. Wherever you see a Jew, you know him to be a Jew. Very seldom does a Jew marry out of his own race. Even if he does, statistics show, that in four generations there are no male children born. What could be more significant. It just helps to prove that the Jew is going to remain a pure Jewish race; and will not be digested or done away with through the Gentile world. Though they have been swallowed up for these many years, and made helpless as far as their own rule and government is concerned. Yet they have not been destroyed.

At the proper time, when Jonah was ready to accept the call of God and deal with it as he should, the whale vomitted him out upon his own land. He had suffered enough to cause him to say yes to God. Now notice the Jews today, how they are suffering and have been for so long. What will be the result. The time is ripe, the Jews are getting ready to accept the Son of God as their Messiah. They are being thrown, as it were, out of the mouth of the Gentile countries, and landing upon their own lands.

Just as Jonah said yes to God, at the second opportunity, the Jews will say yes to His Son at His second coming.

## The Work of our Former Editor

By O. T. Allred, Monett, Missouri

I wish to write in appreciation of the untiring work of Bro. and Sister Brown, who have been the editors of the Gem for more than ten yaars, during which time they have been giving us the paper each month without missing a time, except once when they moved the office from Oklahoma to Missouri.

During the life of the Gem, God has blessed our work over the state in a wonderful way. We have not only seen new churches organized and the work carried into new fields at home, but we have seen the National Association organized and a missionary sent out to foreign fields. To a great extent, all this has been made possible by our church paper which has enabled us to know and appreciate our people, not only in Missouri, but in many other states also.

When the Gem was first published, it was all done by hand type, but during these ten years, our people of Missouri and others who have helped from other states have been able to buy the entire printing equipment and house it in a new brick building with no indebtedness on either the building or the equipment.

We feel that we, as a denomination, are greatly indebted to Bro. and Sister Brown for their labor, sacrifice and enthusiasm. We are sorry they feel it necessary to retire as editors, yet we feel that God has raised up a young man and his wife, Elder John B. Rollins (John and Doris, as the most of us know them). By the help of God and the co-operation of His people, our new editors will be able to carry on to a yet greater victory.

Let us pull together!

## Jonah, A Type of the Jewish Nation

By Kenneth Turner, Granby, Mo.

"And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth" Isaiah 11:12.

The book of Jonah contains only four short chapters, but there is no reading more interesting when we study it with a prophetic application. However, we must not get away from the fact that Jonah was an individual who ran from the call of God, and refused to carry the message to the Ninevites. And we must believe that God prepared a large fish to swallow him up when he was thrown overboard the ship, and after three days

the whale threw him upon the dry land and he then went to Nineveh. Now let us believe that the Bible is filled with types and shadows of real and notable things that shall happen





# GOD IS LOVE

By *Gweneth Talley, Aurora, Missouri*

The Scriptures declare that "God is Love" 1 John 4:16. Three words of the most importance in the world, "God is Love."

God's love is so great that He sent His only Son into the world to give His life for us. When Jesus came into the world, He taught that the Father was Love, and all His teachings went to show that His Father was a God of love, but that He too was Love.

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." (1 John 4:10).

By this act of God, His love has been especially manifested. This was the climax of God's expressed love for mankind. He sent His own Son into the world to redeem men from the condemnation of sin.

WONDERFUL GRACE!

WONDERFUL MERCY!

WONDERFUL WISDOM!

God so loves each one of us that He has sent His own Son to be the sacrifice for our sins, that whosoever will accept Him may be at once pardoned and have eternal life, and more than that, He gives to all who accept Him present joy, peace, happiness, guidance, and help for every day and hour we live down here.

His love is unchangeable. When Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss, the Master turned to him and said, "Betrayest thou the Master with a kiss?" That answer drove Judas to the grave of a suicide. I believe that Judas remembers that to this day, nothing but the love of Christ.

He loved Peter when Peter was denying Him. We love our friends when they are good to us; but God loves those who are not even worthy of love. The sinner, the hypocrit, the infidel and all kinds of people who abuse and even trample His love beneath their feet. God still loves them for "God is Love."

God loved Saul of Tarsus, Saul the persecutor, on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christians, God spoke to him and changed his course. A light brighter than the noon-day sun shone round about him, and he cried, "Lord what wouldst thou have me to do?" Then later in Paul's life, we hear him saying, "As Christ Himself has loved us and has given Himself

up for us, so let us walk in the path of love."

God is perfect in His love for man, loving those who love Him and those who hate Him.

1. Sometimes the question arises as to the reason of this love. Just why did God love us so? Because God created us and every man is, in a sense, a child of God, therefore, He would naturally have a great love for us. But God is love, and it is just as natural for God to love as for the sun to shine—That is His nature.

2. The extent of God's love comes into my mind. "God so loved the world," His love reaches the rich man's palace, the poor man's cabin, up the rickety tenement stairs, and down into the slums; behind every prison bar and into every asylum; then across the fields to every village and farm; from the depths of the sea and the frozen waters to Greenland's icy mountain tops; from China back around to India and all the dark continents. Everywhere that human life exists, God's love is found.

3. Then sometimes the purpose of all this love comes into my mind. There is no difficulty in answering that because it says, "That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." It is not God's will that any should perish.

4. The measure of God's love: Oh! The height and the depth and the length and the breadth of the love of God as seen in Christ!

<sup>1</sup> How high is it? It reaches up to the very throne of Heaven.  
<sup>2</sup> How deep is it?

"Thru' all the depths of sin and loss.  
Drops the plummet of the cross;  
Never yet abyss was found  
Deeper than the Cross could sound."

<sup>3</sup> How wide is it? We saw it a moment ago, it is as wide as the circumference of the world.

<sup>4</sup> And the length of His love—how long is it? "Behold, I have loved you with an everlasting love. The most beautiful and lasting of anything on earth is the love of God."

## GOD IS LOVE

God is love in the morning  
'Ere the cares of life begin,  
And He loves us in the noonday  
'Mid the world's mad rush and din.

God is love—as the shadows  
Gather quickly o'er the sky,  
And He loves us when the darkness  
Comes to rest our weary eyes.

God is love—in the sunshine  
When around us all is bright,  
And He loves us when life's sorrows  
Come upon us day and night.

God is love—when the tempter  
Tries to make us turn away,  
From the narrow path of duty  
Out into the broad highway.

God is love—Yes, Christ is coming,  
Coming to receive His own,  
God is love—through the ages  
God is always on His Throne.

## Is The World Getting Better?

By *Lewis Barker, New Edinburg, Ark.*

We are living in a troubled and a confused world! On every hand, people are struggling for bread. The rich are getting richer, the poor are getting poorer. The gaunt specter of war clouds stalk across the sky-lines of the world. The religious world is drifting rapidly away from the Bible. And yet we have people in our land who say the world is getting better. In our nation (the United States) we find that there are now more church members than ever before, but that doesn't mean anything if they haven't been born again, for you must be born again to become an heir of God and a joint heir with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We have many good revivals in this day and time, and I am thankful for it, but in many places it is not long until there is a great falling away as Jesus said there would be in the last days (And we know that it would be impossible for a person to fall if they didn't have somewhere to fall from) I know of some churches who, ten years ago, seemed to be on the top working for the Lord, and now you can hardly have a week's meeting. It is not the preacher's fault altogether.

People need to study the Bible and take its words for their guide. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of



truth" 2 Tim. 2:15. Paul did not mean study a love story or some wild west story book because you cannot study them and show yourself approved unto God.

We see people today who are living Christian lives. We see others who are converted, unite with the church, and live a Christian life until temptations come which are hard to overcome then they fail to call on their God for help. Step by step, they begin to drift back into the world of sin which causes others to loose confidence in our church and our denomination. This only fulfills the Scriptures where Christ said there would be a great falling away in the last days. How can we say the world is getting better, but let us keep battling; for in due season we shall reap *if we faint not*. So my Christian friends, you still have something to do. You can still help that boy or girl by having a Sunday school, League, and prayer meeting to carry

them to and then I fear we are loosing ground, but we can't afford to sit down and do nothing, for God's people are a tried people.

I can't see where some people get the idea that the world is getting better. Old settled fathers and mothers will say that people are not as mean as they used to be. They say that more people are seen at church today. If you would stop and think, there are more people than ever before. We find many good moral people who do not want to harm their neighbor, but a good moral person can't help a neighbor *spiritually*. It seems that the world is getting worse every day.

I have heard church members and even preachers say that we are better off after the repeal of the 18th amendment.

All these things seem discouraging, but let us work while it is called Day, for the night will come when no man can work.

would enjoy hearing from Grandfield and Cushing again.

Saturday, June 3rd, was our Communion and Feet Washing service at Happy Hill church. We sure did have real good services conducted by our good pastor, Eld. Roy Jones and Eld. Curtis Wilson. Bro. Wilson delivered a wonderful message on Communion and Feet Washing. Several of the Happy Hill church went to Sunny View church that night and communed and washed feet with the good folks over there. I have practiced Feet Washing ever since I was thirteen years old, but it was the first time in my life that I ever had the privilege to commune and wash feet twice in the same day. And I must say, it was really a blessing. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." I believe if every one would read and pray over the 13th chapter of John, he surely wouldn't turn down feet washing.

If we tear out the 13th chapter, we just as well tear out the 14th chapter, as to my part I will start at the 1st chapter in the dear old Book and believe every word to the end.

I want all the Gem readers to pray for me. I need your prayers.

—Mrs. C. A. Dickerson.

## Missouri Sunday School Progress

William Reeves, Supervisor, 510 Allen St., Fredericktown, Missouri

Dear Sunday School Workers:

Just a line to you about our Sunday School Program of which we are proud. Especially are we thankful for the wonderful co-operation our people are giving.

I am so thankful to God for a people that is ready to do something for the Cause when they are called upon. God will surely bless willing hands.

We, at this writing, have three Associations already working, and I am expecting a response at an early date (or by the time you read this) from several others.

We now have field workers in Southeast Mo. Association, Northeast Mo. Association, and in Liberty Association. Eld. Archie Cooper of N. E. Mo., Sister Ora George of Liberty Assoc'n., and Eld. Albert Tucker of S. E. Mo.

We hope to have a complete statistical report from every Association by September 15th.

If your Association is not named above, get in touch with me and help me get a field worker for you. Come on, and don't let your Association be last, or maybe out. Let's be one to make this program go over. Let's not be by our Sunday school program like the little story that comes to my mind. I will tell it to you:

A lumber company planned a railroad out through a timbered section

of the hills, and as they went through surveying the way, a little white dog came out from a house raving and barking as if to say, "You can never put a railroad through these hills." As the work continued, the dog kept barking and raving, saying, "It can't be done." But at last the big locomotive came chugging up the track. The little dog came out charging as usual, to the middle of the track and began to say, "You can't do it." But the locomotive came no; the little dog saw that his barking didn't stop the progress of the train. He jumped over the rail for safety, but the great wheel caught his tail and cut it off. The little dog went back to the house whinnying, saying, "They did do it."

So let it be said of us, "We carried out the Sunday School Program."

OAKLAND, MO. June 20, 1939

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

As I didn't have anything to say last month in the dear little "Gem," I'll try to write a few lines. There were so many good writers who laid down on the job last month. They do not realize how we missed their good articles. When I picked up the paper and began to look through I found none, but we did appreciate the good letter from Devoe, Okla. We sure

## GOD'S BUILDING

God's building is now in construction,  
He's gathering material from earth:  
'Twill be the grandest production  
Of grandeur and splendor of worth.

The timber is now being hewn  
Stones are quarried with skill.  
Each jewel the Master is viewing,  
As He stands on the beautiful hill.

The gold is tried in the furnace;  
Silver in the vessel of wrath.  
Each item His footstool shall furnish,  
Will be the best that it hath.

That's why He took our dear Daddy  
To fit in that building so grand:  
I'd give all I have if I had him,  
To live with me here in this land.

So sudden and silent he left us,  
To make his abode in the skies;  
We know the God we now trust,  
Will wipe each tear from our eyes.

A few short days, and we'll meet him;  
And clasp him again in our arms:  
We will be oh so happy then  
Where the monster of death cannot harm.

The crossing I'm anxiously waiting;  
I know that it will not be long:  
In the building the Master is making  
As a jewel I hope to be known.

Written in memory of Brother Enoch Bills, who departed this life April 23, 1939, by Rev. J. C. Wilcox of Huntington, West Virginia.



# MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT



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## Our Missionary Outlook

By John B. Rollins

Nothing of any lasting value ever came to us on a "Silver Plate." We have laughed and sung, but what has come of it except certain mocking echoes which reveal the hollow emptiness of our circumstances? What real value did we ever get from picnics? What scientific discovery, to bless mankind, was ever thought out on a pleasure yacht? Think of the insignificant benefit to man there is coming from the piazzas of summer hotels, mid-night frolics, from all games both good and bad, and from all hours of satiety or hilarity! You could put it in your eye. Only from the wounds and bruises of the world comes its greatness; only from its dark chambers of anguish emerge its abiding comforts and graces; only within the crypt of sorrow lie the mystic treasures of the soul.

Our missionary program of sending the Gospel of Christ to those who have never heard was born and thrives on this philosophy of grim and grit, with loving but firm determination to endure the trials and persecution and wiles of the devil. Darkness comes before dawn!

So with our missionary program. As our Gem readers well know, our Brother Willey has suffered great persecution. Here is an extract from his personal letter to the editor:

"We have held on here, hoping and praying that there would be a more liberal attitude taken toward us, but apparently the Catholics are just too strong here. The Secretary of Government has been very insulting to both Mrs. Willey and me, so the American Consul is taking the matter up with the Panamanian Government demanding consideration. I have been wait-

ing news from Bro. Blackwelder for June. Unless something happens whereby we can stay, we shall be heading in some direction by the last week in June.

"Be assured of this: we are sure God and our people, the Free Will Baptists, sent us to establish a Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission, and we, under God, shall do our best to realize and accomplish the task."

Bless his big heart! He is a brave boy. May God Bless him!

Brother Willey may be knocked down in the fight, but he certainly is not out. I firmly believe that a new and larger field will be opened up for Brother Willey to proclaim Light and Liberty to those who sit in darkness. Let us all join in praying for him.

Let us continue with our support as the noble Christians Advocates listed in the following lines have done.

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION FUND

Mr. & Mrs. B. F. Brown, Purdy	\$2.00
Union Third Fork Church	1.35
True Blue Class, Neola S. S.	1.00
Carterville League, Carterville	4.71
Hannon Mission Circle, Hannon	1.00
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Belva Byers, Stahl, Mo.	3.88
Mt. Zion Church, Plattsburg, Mo.	3.26
Shibleys Point Ch. (Stahl, Mo)	1.15
Chester Morris, Alton, Mo.	1.00
Hazel Creek Union church	6.33
Monett Church, Monett, Mo.	5.00

— Winford Davis, Treas.

NOTE: These contributors are all Missouri folks, and Winford Davis is Treasurer for Missouri.

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Oak Grove Church ..... Stella, Mo.  
Verdella Church, ..... Liberal, Mo.  
Hazel Creek Union, .. Novinger, Mo.  
True Blue Class, Mt. Olive (Neola)  
Church, ..... Greenfield, Mo.  
Mt. Olive (Neola) Mission Circle  
Mine La Motte S. S., Mine La Motte, Mo.  
Carterville League, Carterville, Mo.  
Oak Grove of Mo. State Ass'n., Norwood

## INDIVIDUALS

Eld. and Mrs. B. F. Brown, Purdy, Mo.  
K. J. Ester, 1020 Hamilton, St. Louis

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.

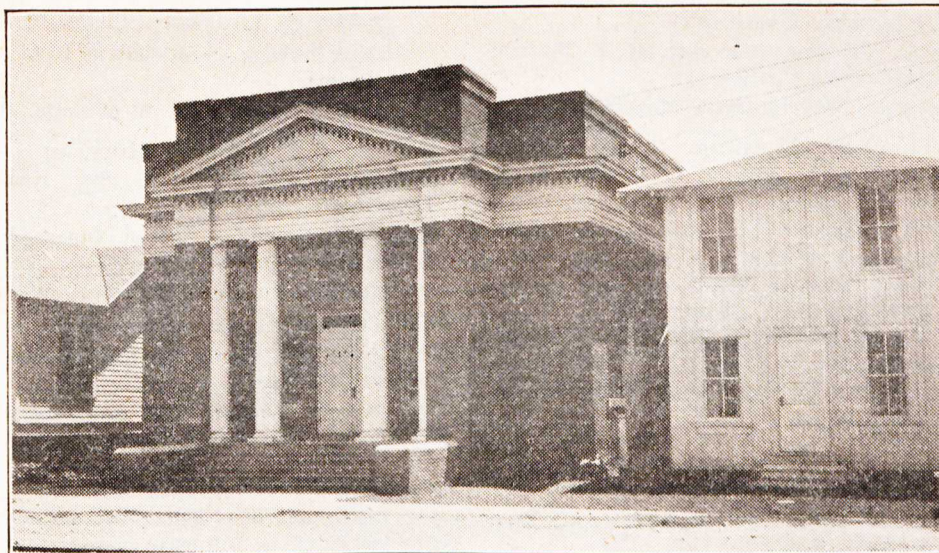
Note: During the scramble of moving the Office to Monett, we have lost one name that should go on this Honor Roll. We shall keep things straight now so let's join the Honor Roll of giving to the missionaries.

— The Editor.

**W**HILE We are using our means and prayers to support Bro. and Sister Willey, we must not forget Miss Bessie Yeley of Ohio, who is our new missionary to Venezuela.

We are thankful for the co-operation of Free Will Baptist and others in the support of these our missionaries, but there are greater opportunities for us in the field of foreign missions, so let us accept the challenge of this great Gospel Commission.





The above picture is of the Free Will Baptist Church in Bryan, Texas; located at the corner of Sterling Avenue and 27th Street, about four blocks from the main part of the city. The pastor of this church is the Rev.

J. R. Davidson. The building at the side is the Sunday school annex, with five Sunday school rooms. The church building also has five Sunday school rooms, besides the main auditorium. The auditorium seats

about 200 and there is room on the rostrum for a choir of 35 people. The church owns a furnished parsonage.

This is where the National Association of Free Will Baptist is to meet.

**A**TENTION! All who plan to attend the National Association, please communicate with me as soon as you can know how you will come; letting me know how many will be in your party, and say if some are husbands and wives. You know the type of information we need to make things as convenient as possible, so please give us your full co-operation. It

would be well to name those who will be in your party, so if two of a party were to write in we could avoid confusion.

A good example is afforded in a communication on my desk from Rev. Clarence Bowen of North Carolina, only he does not name each member of the party. He writes that he will be on hand in time for the opening

service on Tuesday night, with Mrs. Bowen and four young ladies in his party.

We are planning the best possible arrangements for your convenience, and you can help in a great way by just dropping a card to me with the needed information written on it.

—Rev. J. R. Davidson, Pastor  
808 West 27th Street, Bryan, Texas

## PROGRAM OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

The National Association of Free Will Baptist will convene with the Bryan Church, Bryan, Texas, on Tuesday Night, July 11, and will continue in session until all business of the Association is transacted, adjourning probably on Friday of the same week.

### Tuesday Evening

- 7:45—Song and Prayer Service—Conducted by Rev. F. C. Zinn of Purdy, Missouri.
- 8:15—Sermon—by Rev. Melvin Bingham of Tulsa, Okla.

### Wednesday Morning

- 8:45—Devotional Service—by Rev. E. B. Joyner of Alma, Georgia.
- 9:00—Association Called to Order—by the Clerk; Moderator takes charge.
- 9:20—Welcome Address—by Rev. J. C. Hodges, Fort Worth, Texas.
- 9:30—Response—Rev. F. S. Van Hoose, Paintsville, Ky.

- 9:40—Miscellaneous Business—Election of Officers, Appointment of Temporary Committees, etc.
- 10:40—Moderator's Message.
- 11:00—Song and Prayer Service, by the Music Director for the Day.
- 11:20—Sermon—by Rev. J. R. Bennett, New Bern, N. C.
- 12:00—Adjournment for Lunch.

### Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:30—Devotional Service by Rev. W. R. Spurlock of Bonnie, Illinois.
- 1:45—Miscellaneous Business—Report of Committee on Credentials, etc.
- 2:30—Report of Board of Education, and a Round-table Discussion of a Denominational School.
- 3:30—Report of Sunday School Board.
- 4:00—Report of Statistician.
- 4:30—Adjournment for the Day.



## Wednesday Evening

- 7:30 — Song Service; Devotional, by Rev. H. E. Staires, Drumright, Oklahoma.  
 8:15 — Sermon, by Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri.

## Thursday Morning

- 8:45 — Devotional Service, by Rev. J. C. Howington, of Elizabethton, Tennessee.  
 9:00 — Miscellaneous Business—Unfinished Business, Reports of Temporary Committees, etc.  
 10:00—Report of Home Mission Board.  
 10:30—Report of Superannuation Board.  
 11:00—Song and Prayer Service, by the Music Director for the Day.  
 11:20—Sermon, by Rev. J. W. Addington, Clinchco, Va.  
 12:00—Adjournment for Lunch.

## Thursday Afternoon

- 1:30 — Devotional Service by Monroe Hubbard, Jenkins, Ky.  
 1:45 — Miscellaneous Business — ~~Delayed~~ Business, New Business, etc.  
 2:30 — Report of Foreign Mission Board, and Round-table Discussion of Foreign Mission Work.  
 3:30 — Report of F. W. B. League Board.  
 4:00 — Adjournment, for the Day.

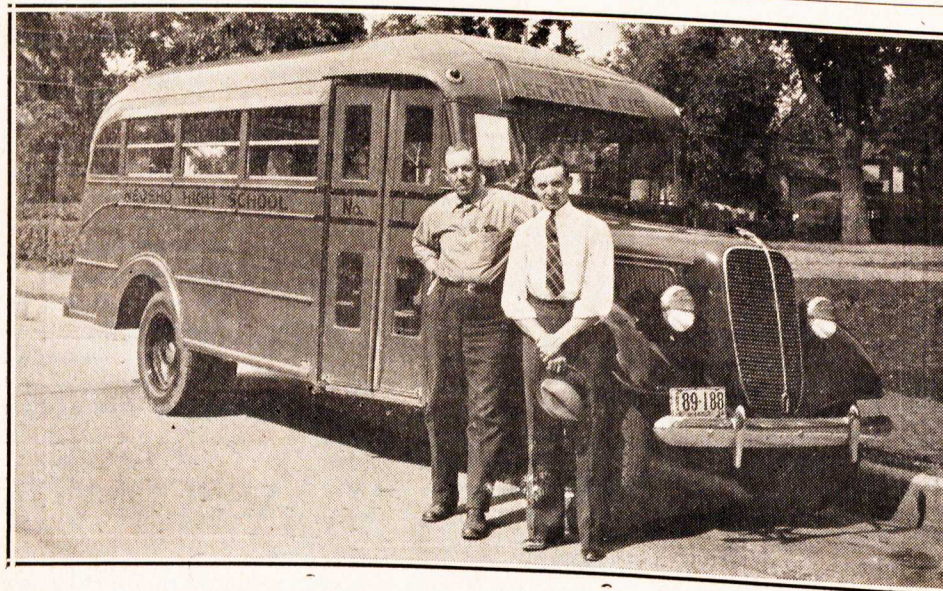
## Thursday Evening

- 7:30 — Song Service; Devotional, by D. L. Pelt of Marianna, Florida.  
 8:15 — Sermon by Rev. T. B. Mellette, Blakely, Georgia.

## Friday Morning

- 8:45 — Devotional Service by Rev. Kenneth Turner of Granby, Missouri.  
 9:00 — Presentation of Church Papers—by their Respective Representatives.  
 9:30 — Report of Board of Women's Work.  
 10:00—Closing Miscellaneous Business Period.  
 11:00—Song and Prayer Service by the Music Director for the Day.  
 11:20—Sermon by Rev. W. J. Sheppard, Sciotoville, Ohio.  
 12:00—Adjournment of Present Session of Association.

Good music will be a special feature of the Association — solos, duets, quartets, and congregational singing. The following directors will have charge of the music as designated: Wednesday — Rev. R. E. Tripp, Sharpsburg, North Carolina; Thursday — Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Micaro, North Carolina; Friday — Rev. J. K. Warkentin, Fort Worth, Texas.



## MISSOURI WILL BE THERE

Our bus load for the Bryan, Texas trip is already made up. All of us are planning on a good trip and a wonderful time in the service of the Lord.

As we announced before, we will leave Neosho, Mo., Monday morning, at 8:30 o'clock, July 10th, and plan to be back the following Sunday, July 16th. We are trusting this National Association will be a wonderful meeting, where we can meet together in the name of the Lord, and accomplish matters of great importance.

The following list of names constitute the load for this trip.

Rev. George La Shum .. Monett, Mo.  
 Mrs. George La Shum .. Monett, Mo.  
 Rev. O. T. Allred .... Monett, Mo.  
 Mrs. O. T. Allred .... Monett, Mo.  
 Rev. Winford Davis .... Monett, Mo.  
 Miss Imogene Gates .... Monett, Mo.  
 Miss Oneda Williams .. Monett, Mo.  
 Rev. Mrs. Mary Wellbaum, Kansas City  
 Miss Esther Apple .... Aurora, Mo.  
 Miss Katherine Apple .. Aurora, Mo.  
 Mr. Kenneth Allred .... Monett, Mo.

Mr. Herbert Henderson Monett, Mo.  
 Miss Evelyn Jefferson Cassville, Mo.  
 Miss Ernestine Turner .. Neosho, Mo.  
 Rev. Frank Linton .... Branch, Mo.  
 Rev. George Sturdevant, Long Lane, Mo.  
 Rev. Miss Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo.  
 Rev. Miss Elda Crain .. Miami, Okla.  
 Mrs. Lola Landreth .... Picher, Okla.  
 (Mrs.) Margie Landreth, Picher, Okla.  
 Mr. Everett Allred .... Monett, Mo.  
 Mrs. Mary Wade .... Liberal, Mo.  
 Rev. John B. Rollins .... Monett, Mo.  
 Rev. Kenneth Turner .. Granby, Mo.  
 Mrs. Kenneth Turner .. Granby, Mo.



## OBITUARIES

**EZRA T. HOUSE**—Ezra Tolbert House, son of Benjamin W. and Adelina House, was born March 19, 1892, in Hickory County, Missouri, and departed this life at his home northwest of Plattsburg, Mo., at 12:45 a. m., Monday, May 29, 1939, at the age of 57 years, 1 month, and 10 days.

He was married July 19, 1903, to Mary Ann Carter. To this union was born eleven children, six boys and five girls. Five sons and one daughter preceded him in death. Five children survive him: Mrs. Bessie Tallman of Kansas City, Kans.; Milford House of Gower, Mo.; Mrs. Opal Johnson of St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Ada Culley of Maysville, Mo.; and Wava House of the home.

Besides the wife and children, he also leaves one granddaughter, Mary Tallman, and three sisters: Mrs. Delphia Hodge of Urbana, Mo.; Mrs. Effie Mames of Palo Verde, Ariz.; Mrs. Julia Hood of Polk, Mo., and one brother, Henry House of Polk, Mo., also a host of other relatives and friends.

He was converted to Christ in early manhood during a revival meeting at Pleasant Ridge, and united with the Free Will Baptist church at that place. He was ordained to the ministry, Nov. 29, 1919, a place he faithfully filled until death. His first sermon was preached at his home church, Pleasant Ridge, and his last at Cedar Ridge. He did pastoral work five years before moving to northwest Missouri, where he pastored from four to six churches for nine years, from which he resigned to move back to the southern part of Missouri.

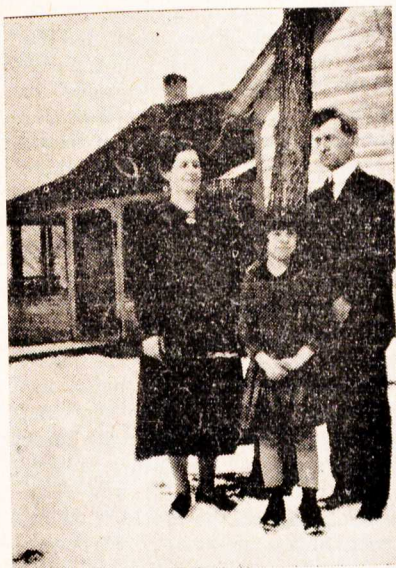
After moving back to his old home, he took up his work and pastored three churches.

Brother House was always very active in the work of Christ and His church. He began attending the various Associations when he was first converted, and some years before his death he held the office of Moderator of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist for four years. At the time of his death, he held an office on the State Publication Committee of his denomination, and also was a member of the Executive Board in the Northwest Missouri Association. It would be hard to estimate the miles he has traveled in Missouri for the cause of Christ. In his younger life,

he was very active in revival work in the different churches, and is known throughout the state. He was a member of the Center Point church near Santa Rosa, Mo. Just one year ago, May 29, 1938, he preached his last sermon here at the Mt. Zion church where he had pastored for nine years.

Brother House left the greatest heritage possible to his children—that of Christian character, influence and teachings. All his children had been converted to Christ while in early youth.

He had many "sons" and "daughters" in the ministry because he was a father to many of our young men and women



*Rev. E. T. House, his wife and child*

who are actively engaged in the ministry. He was always ready to encourage and advise the young or the old in all kinds of church activities, and their daily lives.

By his request, Rev. James F. Miller of Flat River, Mo., delivered the message; text, 2 Cor. 5:1, a text he had requested to be used, also by his request Rev. Melba White had charge of the music service. The choir was composed of the different churches he had pastored.

The pallbearers were: M. H. White, Leslie Everett, Virgil Everett, Louis Tyer, Stanley Baker, and David Homan

He was laid to rest in the Mt. Zion cemetery as he had requested.

**KEELING**—Angie Overton, daughter of R. C. and Amanda Overton, was born July 24, 1869 at the old Overton homestead near Wheaton, Barry Co., Missouri where she was residing at the time of her death. She departed this life May 31, 1939 at the age of 69 years, 10 months and 7 days.

She was united in marriage to Samuel A. Keeling in June 1892. To this union was born five children. Two of them, Robert and Emmer, preceded her in death.

She leaves to mourn her passing her devoted husband, three children, Mrs. Gladys Tarvin and Byron Keeling of Shoal Creek community, and Mrs. Imogene Plaster of Tulsa, Oklahoma; eight grandchildren, three brothers, Dr. B. F. Overton of Mexia, Texas, R. C. Overton, Adair, Oklahoma, Grover Overton of Muskogee, Oklahoma, two sisters, Lilly Hawks of Sacramento, Calif., and Jessie Richardson of Wheaton, Missouri, and many other relatives and a host of friends. Eleven brothers and sisters have preceded her in death.

She was converted in early life and united with the Methodist Church, but later was one of the charter members of the Free Will Baptist Church at Okla Union of which she remained a faithful member until her death.

Mrs. Keeling's life was one of great influence for good. The spirit to do good and help her neighbors was always shown. Her death takes from this community one of the finest characters among us. We have felt her comforting spirit and enjoyed her loyal hospitality. From her home she radiated the influence of a vivid personality. She was a wonderful wife and mother.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon, June 2, at the Okla Union Church by Elder Kenneth Turner and Elder T. Farmer of Granby, Missouri, and the remains were laid to rest in the family cemetery, under the direction of the Koon Funeral Service.

A precious one from us is gone,  
A voice we loved is stilled.  
A place is vacant in our home  
That never can be filled.

One more light on the shining strand  
One more welcome our steps to greet;  
One more waiting to take our hand  
At the pearly gates of the Golden Street

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon, June 2, at the Okla



Union church by Elder Kenneth Turner and Elder T. Farmer, both of Granby, Mo., and the remains were laid to rest in the family cemetery, under the direction of the Koon Funeral Service.

Phillips — Gertrude Phillips was born January 12, 1886, and departed this life February 2, 1939, at the age of 53 years and 21 days. She was the daughter of C. L. and Hattie Deal.

She was united in marriage to E. M. Phillips on April 17, 1904.

She was converted at an early age and lived as a faithful witness for Christ until death. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist church at Bethel.

She leaves to mourn her departure her husband, E. M. Phillips, and two children, Ina Mae Gilbert and Paul Curtis Phillips, besides other relatives and a host of friends.

Her body was laid to rest in the Lyons Creek Cemetery.

Our dear friend has gone to rest,  
Her toils and cares have ceased,  
Her body is no more distressed,  
For all her pain has been released.

And since she's closed her eyes in death  
Not a single day has gone,  
That we haven't had a tho't or breath  
Of some good deed which she has done.

May all these memories linger still,  
In our hearts from day to day,  
That when our lives we here fulfill,  
Our friends will have just this to say.

The parting filled us all with grief,  
Yet we rejoice in knowing,  
That she is resting in relief,  
In a land where peace is flowing.

In the home, in church, and Sunday school,

How we miss her, none can tell,  
But her life's work is ended,  
And God doeth all things well.

Sometimes we sit and wonder,  
Just why she had to leave us here,  
But God in His wisdom called her  
To her heavenly home so dear.

There's but one road that we should tread,  
The road our friend has trod,  
If we would meet her up in heaven,  
In her happy home with God.

To the family left so lonely,  
Without her cheering smile,  
Keep your hope in Christ, Him only,  
He will carry you through the last mile

I can see her with the angels,  
Beckoning, "Loved ones, Come,"  
May her circle be unbroken  
In that blessed happy home.

So we must not grieve, dear friends,  
As those who have no hope,  
But follow her life line,  
To the end of the rope.

The dear family will miss her,  
The church will miss her too,  
We say, "Lord, its thy will,"  
That's the best that we can do.

Written by a friend  
Bethel Richardson, Qid, Arkansas.

### Resolution of Respect

The Moderator and members of the Kanawha Quarterly Meeting wish to extend their deepest sympathy to G. W. Cooper on the account of the death of his companion, Sister Sarah Cooper, who departed this life April 10, 1939. Sister Cooper was 82 years old. She leaves her husband, G. W. Cooper, one son and three daughters, and other relation and many friends and neighbors.

Aunt Sarah was a member of the Cooper's Chapel Free Will Baptist church. We won't meet Aunt Sarah when we meet at Cooper's Chapel in conference, but we hope to meet her in that sweet home of the soul where meetings never break up, and where parting never comes.

Eld. J. L. Patterson, Moderator.  
F. E. Nicholas, Chair. Obituary Com.

### NIANGUA, MO. June 7, 1939

Matthew 25:33-34—"And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the king say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." What are you, sheep or goats? We know we are on the left hand if we are not right—here is the case, God is calling for the lost, are you saved today?

We had Bro. John B. Rollins and Mrs. Rollins Sunday, June 4, with us at the Black Oak church. Bro. Rollins brought a good message and all that were there had a good time.

There were some there that Sunday that had never been in a Free Will Baptist church before, and they said that Bro. Rollins certainly was a man of God.

I thank God for the leading of the Spirit, I wish more church members would get filled with the Holy Ghost and power. I wish the Free Will Baptist members would help more in supporting the Gem.

Let God lead! I always want to be in the Kingdom of God, don't you? Think of it!

—Francis Thomas.

### TULSA CHURCH REPORT

Mrs. Ethel Renegar, Reporter

At this writing, Bro. Bingham is away at Drumright conducting a two weeks' revival. I believe the report for the first week was eight conversions. We haven't any report as yet this week.

His first Sunday night away from the home church left us Bro. Talbert of Redfork to fill the pulpit for us. He brought a wonderful message, and we had three conversions.

The following Sunday, Bro. Aery preached for us at the morning service, and Bro. Everett Kiefer at the night service. As most of you know, they are two of our young ministers, and we will say they are growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord.

Our annual election isn't far off, so I would like to tell you at this time just how many sermons our pastor has preached the past year, but his absence prevents my doing so.

Now for the best news, one of our State Evangelists, Bro. Carter, will begin a revival here at our church on this coming Sunday, June 25th. All of you that can attend, we will gladly welcome. And, whether you attend or not, please help us pray that the revival will be a great success.

### BRISTOW, OKLA. June 22nd.

We did not get our report in last month through neglect, but our church is progressing. We have our Young People's room added to our church building which is an asset to our Sunday school as well as our League work.

Our missionary society is sponsoring the building of the room and are very active in all phases of our responsibilities.

Our young people respond readily to their work, and have bought new chairs to seat their room. They assume the liability of the chairs and are meeting their obligations promptly. They attended the rally at Vance Chapel and won the banner for the best program. It added new zeal to their work. Also the Junior department is very active and with their able sponsor, Miss Terry, are doing a very fine work.

We are planning to start our revival the second Sunday in July. Our spirits are already being revived for our meeting.

Our pastor is away on his much needed and well earned vacation, and we hope to have him with us soon.

Mrs. W. E. Deaver, Reporter,  
Rev. John H. West, Pastor



**PURDY, MISSOURI**

Dear Gem Readers:

I have been thinking of our little "Gem" and the many good things we read in it. We love the "Gem." I am thinking how good the Lord has been and is going to be until the end. I am happy in my Savior's love and enjoy serving Him. It seems as though we serve Him in a weak way sometimes, but I have always found He is never weak, and is always ready to help us when we get weak.

I am always proud of the "Valley" experiences because when we are in the valley, we know we can climb to the mountain top, and when we are on top, we know the valley is ahead, and will have to go down into it. Not very many people enjoy going down into the valley, but the blessing comes when a person starts out toward the top.

One thing we know: God never fails; but oh! How many times we fail Him in our tithes and offerings and service. It seems as though I fail God more than any one else, but one thing I am saying is that God has never failed me. When I do anything for Him, He always gives me a great blessing — more than I deserve.

While I am happy in my soul, yet I am sad at heart because of the sin of the world and so many things to turn people away from the Lord. But it seems to me that more sinners are hardened by people that once knew God and really knew what it meant to serve Him turning away from the Lord and speaking and doing evil things against Him and His work.

I love the work of the Lord, and enjoy being in His service. Sometimes we would love to be at home, and not have to move around here and there so much, but the assurance of knowing that some day we will go Home to be with our Lord and never have to move again gives us more courage to go on in his work.

I am not a preacher, but my companion is, and we know we are called into the work to try to help win souls for the Lord. I have heard preacher's wives say to me, "I don't see why you feel so much responsibility in the work any more than any other church member." I say one thing: If a preacher's wife doesn't feel a responsibility to the preacher, she needs to be closer to the Lord. I feel that we preachers' wives need to do a lot more praying for the preachers while they preach, making it easier for them to preach and do the work of the Lord.

— Belva Zinn.

**SPRINGDALE, ARK. May 31st.**

Dear Gem Readers:

I thought I would write to you this sunny May day.

Bro. J. W. Allred filled his regular appointment here last second Sunday. There was Sunday school and Church in the morning, and dinner on the ground at the noon hour. The flower service was next, the small children took the lead. Then last of all, the Communion service was observed. There were eighteen (18) who took part.

We have a fine Sunday school with large attendance. I love my teacher very much. We surely enjoy the second Sunday in every month because Bro. Allred preaches for us. He always has something to say to us children.

I liked the part that Miss Turner wrote in the Gem. The title was "Jesus:" I love to read Bro. and Sister Willey's pieces.

I am a little girl twelve years of age.

I was converted, August 14, 1937. I joined the Free Will Baptist church August 19, 1937, and was baptized on September 12, 1937, by Bro. Allred. I was converted in a meeting held by Bro. Allred and Bro. O. T. Allred.

I wish we could have a page for the children to write pieces about the Bible, or letters to the Gem readers.

Yours in Christ,

— Pauline Phillips.

### **REPORT OF SAM H. MARCUM** **Missouri State Evangelist**

Liberal, Missouri,  
June 21, 1939

Dear Gem Readers:

Greetings in Jesus' dear Name,

Again, we will send in our monthly report. In our last month's report, we had been here one week on the day we mailed our report. May 23rd, we received a telegram that our brother who lived with my mother had passed away. Well, as many of you know by experience, it was a great shock to us. By the help of some good Samaritans, we started on the long drive at 1:45 p. m. that day, and the next night at 9:30 p. m., we arrived at our mother's home at Riverton, Wyoming, covering a distance of 1,192 miles.

There we met a loving mother, stricken in years, and of course, grieving over the passing of her boy. I am glad to report that this brother was a consecrated Christian, and he was a member of the Nazarene church there.

After eight days' absence, we arrived back here, at Verdella, and found Bro. Turner, the pastor, and the Christians of the church and community, faithfully holding the fort.

I do thank God for these dear people. They have meant so much to us in this time of sorrow.

We have had seven professions, and several are halting between two opinions. We will continue until after Sunday here, with baptizing Sunday afternoon. We are not sure as to where our next meeting will be, but we will begin another one soon.

Sam H. Marcum and Wife  
Home address, Cameron, Mo. R.7.

**JOPLIN, MO. May 28, 1939.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I will say just a few words as I am sending in my sub to the Gem. I have been a constant reader of the Gem for about four years, but my time had expired, and I just can't do without the paper for I live where there is no Free Will Baptist church.

I truly do enjoy reading the good letters from so many brothers and sisters in Christ and hearing of the good work our ministers are doing.

It seems that the time is so short and the laborers so few that we all should be ministers of the Gospel, maybe not by preaching a sermon, but by our lives — how we act and how we live.

May the dear Lord bless His work in every place is my prayer.

Your sister in Christ,

— Mildred Millard.

**LISTENING IN**

*Contributed by Mildred Millard*

God has a wireless to everywhere,  
We call it the Word of God and prayer,  
And everyone may daily win  
God's choicest gifts by listening in.

First you must shut out every sound  
From the heedless world that throngs  
around;

"Vanity Fair" makes a deafening din  
On purpose to hinder listening in.

The devil will use his utmost power  
To keep you from having this quiet  
hour;

He knows that you can be freed from  
sin

Always and only by listening in.

But when you carefully read God's  
Word,

The still small voice is clearly heard,  
And wondrous peace and power within  
Daily result from listening in.

God longs to give His best to you,  
To keep you loyal, and strong and true,  
If you haven't begun, today begin  
To prove the joy of listening in.



## Organization of Kentucky State Association

I will report the organization of our Kentucky State Association of Free Will Baptist.

We the Free Will Baptist of Jesus Christ of the different Quarterly Meetings of Kentucky met with the Toms Creek Church of Rush Fork in Johnson County on the 6th day of May, 1939, for the purpose of organizing a Kentucky State Association of Free Will Baptist.

Eld. Burns Conley delivered a very interesting talk on the organization of Free Will Baptist, and the progress up to the present time, also of the different ministers that started in the great work with himself 57 years ago, and how they had passed by reason of death, but who had fought the good fight of faith and died in the triumphs of a *Living Faith* in Jesus Christ.

Motion carried to elect Eld. Millard Van Hoose for Moderator.

Eld. Scott Castle appointed as the Assistant Moderator.

Eld. William W. Moore elected as Clerk — Eld. F. S. Van Hoose, Ass't.

Eld. Ervin Rice elected Treasurer.

Motion carried to discontinue our part in the Tri-State Association.

Committee on By-Laws appointed: F. S. Van Hoose, L. E. Colliver, C. Z. Cavin, L. H. Winchell, and John Dills.

Adjourned for church.

Met for business at 1:45 p. m. and after a regular devotional, Eld. Johnnie Van Hoose delivered a wonderful sermon on the "Organization of the Church Which was Built Upon the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Being the Chief Cornerstone and Head." God manifested Himself by an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon His children.

A short recess.

Called back for business and the Constitution and By-Laws were read.

### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The Design of the Association is to comprise all the Quarterly Meetings in the state of Kentucky belonging to the Free Will Baptist denomination and to unify more completely the church work.

The Kentucky State Association sustains the same relation to the Quarterly Meetings as the Quarterly Meetings to the churches. The body was organized May 6, 1939, and adopted the following Constitution and By-Laws to govern its mission and work.

This organization shall be known as the Kentucky State Association of the Free Will Baptist.

The object of this organization shall be to unify that work of the various Quarterly Meetings in the aforesaid state, and to devise means for the extension of Christ's Kingdom in the state.

Each Quarterly Meeting composing

this Association shall be entitled to five delegates from the Quarterly Meeting and one additional delegate for every three hundred members or major portion thereof, together with all ordained ministers in good standing.

This Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline or doctrine or government usage coming before it properly from any of the bodies composing this organization, or act upon any repeal that may be made from any body belonging to the Association.

The officers of the Association shall consist of the following, who shall be elected at each regular session and serve until their successor is elected and qualified: A Moderator and an assistant, a Clerk and an assistant, a Treasurer who shall serve at the will of the Association. He shall furnish such bond as the Body requires. Duties of the Moderator: He shall preside at all Association meetings, and have general supervision of all church work, during his term. He is to appoint all committees for the Association, that the business be properly brought before the body. His assistant accepts his responsibilities in his absence.

The above named officers shall act as an Executive Board.

The duties of the Clerk: He shall keep a correct record of all meetings, and read them for approval at each session. He shall keep a record of all finances coming into the treasurer, and settle with him at each session for comparison.

The duties of the Executive Board: To this Board power is given to act on any and all legal business coming properly before it between sessions. They shall have power to collect from its members as is needed for the work and employ and superintend such workers for the Association as may be needed.

The meeting time of the Association shall be each year, beginning on the third Friday in June at 10:30 a. m. and continuing until Sunday night.

Alteration: The Constitution and By-Laws may be altered or amended at a regular session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of those present, provided that notice shall have been filed with the Clerk at the preceding session, showing that it is desired.

Each Quarterly Meeting shall make a report of its work before the Regular Session of the State Association with delegates and contribution of \$10.00 or more; the State Association to issue recommendation cards to all ministers in good standing who are recommended by their church and Quarterly Meeting.

[F. S. Van Hoose  
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Committee [L. E. Colliver  
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Motion carried for the Treasurer to begin his duties of office without bond.

Motion carried for the Kentucky State Association to meet each year on Friday before the third Saturday and Sunday in June.

Motion carried for this Association to meet with Sandy City Church, at Catlettsburg, Ky. on Friday before the third Saturday and Sunday in June, 1940.

Motion carried that each Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptist of Kentucky send \$10.00 with report to the Kentucky State Association.

Motion carried to amend previous motion by adding \$10.00 "or more."

Motion carried that it be added in the Constitution and By-Laws, "that each church report to Quarterly Meeting, and Quarterly Meeting report all ministers in good standing to the state Association for Ministerial Recommendation cards."

Motion carried to adopt the constitution and by-laws as read and discussed in the presence of the conference.

Motion carried that Elders F. S. Van Hoose, Burns Conley, Millard Van Hoose, L. E. Colliver, Wm. W. Moore, Frank Rice, and M. E. Province be appointed as delegates to meet with the National Association of Free Will Baptist at Bryan, Texas, in July.

Motion carried that Clerk prepare a letter and send \$20.00 with letter by delegates to National Association.

Motion carried to receive Eld. F. S. Van Hoose's report and \$10.00 from Johnson County Conference.

Motion carried that all money on hands of the Tri-State Association and Yearly Meeting be turned over to Ervin Rice, Treasurer.

Motion carried to receive Wm. W. Moore's report and \$5.00 from the Lawrence County Conference.

Eld. Scott Castle was appointed with Eld. F. S. Van Hoose to see Eld. Charley Pennington to collect Kentucky's part of money from him as Treasurer of the Tri-State Association, and make a settlement.

Motion carried that Clerk be furnished with funds to purchase a book to keep the records of the Kentucky State Association.

Moderator asked that the Clerk send a copy of the minutes with the By-Laws and Constitution to the Free Will Baptist Gem for publication.

Millard Van Hoose, Moderator,  
William W. Moore, Clerk

"EARTH'S Best industry is the making of men."

"MANY Put zero in the collections, then complain of a cold church."

"A FLOW of alcohol produces waves of crime."



**CASSVILLE, MO. June 12th**

Dear Editors and Gem Readers:

As I sit here this morning, I am thinking of the past few months, and of the many wonderful experiences with the Lord that has been mine to enjoy, by being obedient and submissive to His precious will.

When I receive a copy of the Gem, it is just like getting a special letter from some dear friend, and the much needed strength that I get through reading it helps me to understand the Bible more perfectly.

Elder John B. Rollins' message of last month, "The Serpent and Christ," should teach us to keep ourselves from the Serpent, which is the Devil, and his army. We must always be on the firing line for God. Let us humble ourselves in the sight of God, and He will lift us up.

Dear Editors, God just keeps impressing me to write my opinion of how to become a Christian, so if this little outline fits your waste basket better than space in your little paper, then I say Amen to it.

**How to Become a Christian**

1. Recognize that because you are a good person does not mean that you are a Christian. God's Word declares, "There is none that doeth good." Romans 3:12.

2. Recognize that you are not a Christian just because you are doing the best you can. God's Word says that "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23.

3. Recognize that you are not a Christian only because you are a member of some church, for the Bible warns against those "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." 2 Timothy 3:5.

4. Confess that you are a guilty sinner in God's sight, because you have broken His commandments, and all the world has become guilty before God. (Romans 3:19).

5. Confess that you cannot save yourself, "For by grace are ye saved 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.

6. Confess that you are hopelessly lost, and under condemnation without Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, for He said, "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:10.

7. Believe the Good News that Christ died for the ungodly (Romans

5:8). He therefore died for you and settled your sin debt on Calvary's Cross.

8. Believe the Glorious News that Christ was raised from the dead, and by the power of God is able to save all who will come unto God by Him. (Heb. 7:25).

9. Call on the name of the Lord Jesus in prayer, on *bended knees* humble yourself with a sincere desire to be saved from your sins, for God has promised that "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13.

10. Rely on the sure promises of God, and upon your faith declare that you are saved by the spilt blood of Jesus Christ that was shed for the forgiveness of your sins, and confess Him with your mouth to the dying world as your *personal* Savior and Lord. Read Romans 10:9-10.

If these scattering remarks miss the waste basket, I think my next attempt will be to write "How to Live a Christian Life."

Yours for Christ,

—Mrs Exia Riddle.

**Niangua Quarterly Meeting**

The Niangua Quarterly Meeting was held with the New Prospect church on April 27, 1939.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Eld. George Sturdavent on Friday night, Text: "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation" (Heb. 2:3).

At 11:00 a. m. Friday, Eld. Frank Linton brought an inspiring message using 1 Cor. 13:11 as his text. He was followed by Eld. J. P. Highfill.

Eld. W. F. Millard brought the message Friday night. For a text, he used John 14:8. He was followed by Eld. Frank Linton who administered the ordinances of Communion and Feet Washing.

The stand was filled at 11:00 a. m. Saturday by Eld. Sturdavent, using Gal. 6:2 for his text, "Bear ye one another's burdens."

The farewell sermon was delivered by Eld. Dibbens.

The next Quarterly Meeting is to be held at the Buffalo church on July 27, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

There were five ministers, seven deacons, five delegates and one church clerk present.

Eld. Frank Linton, Moderator,  
Elsie Lamb, Clerk.

**MT. VERNON, MO., June 10th**

Dear Gem Family:

I will write again, but I am many miles from whree I last wrote to the paper.

On Wednesday afternoon, May 10th, my little daughter, Ruth, and I left Hansen, Idaho on the train. We arrived in Monett, Mo. on Friday night, May 12, and went out to the home of my parents where we remained until Tuesday afternoon. On May 16th, we came up here and entered the sanatorium.

I regret very much to have to leave my home and family in Idaho, but after our little daughter broke down in health, because of complications following the measles, we thought it best to bring her here, as there is no T. B. sanatorium in Idaho.

We are both doing very well and gaining in weight. We are in the same building. Of course, we are in separate apartments, but we get to see one another often.

I have plenty of women to talk to for past-time, as there are seven other women in the ward with me.

I was quite thrilled on last Sunday, June 4th, when I received a letter and card shower from members of the Neola church where my brother, Rev. Winford Davis, is pastor. We appreciated it very much, and I am sure God will bless the good people for it. We also had a nice visit with one of the deacons of Neola church, Mr. Lloyd Jeffreys and his friend Gerald Copeland, who are in the C.C.C. Camp near here. We hope they will call again.

We first ask you good Christian people to continue to pray for our recovery also that God will watch over my husband and two sons in Idaho.

We certainly enjoyed visiting in the homes of our dear parents and brothers and also seeing many of our old friends and neighbors, but would have enjoyed seeing more of them if we could only have had the time. We would appreciate very much a visit from any of our good brothers and sisters any time.

Our brother, Winford, together with the Gospel Team from Monett, came up on Friday night, June 2, and held a short service which was greatly appreciated. We would be glad to have them again any time.

A sister in Jesus' name,

—Mrs. Opal Frazier  
State Sanatorium, Mt. Vernon, Mo.



## My Visit to Hillsdale College

By Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri.

During my recent revival in Michigan, a long cherished hope came to be my privilege. I promised myself before I left home that if I ever went back to the state of Michigan, I was going to make a special effort to visit Hillsdale College. Hillsdale College, as many of you know, was originally a Free Will Baptist College. That, of course, was before the merger of our work with the Northern Baptist. I have a picture of the school at home and so of course wanted to see for myself.

One day, during the revival, some friends and I drove over to Hillsdale which is about 120 miles southwest of Flint. (The pastor, Bro. Mince, and I went back another day; but I will make the report of both days together).

When we drove up to the campus, the scene looked very much like the picture I have at home. The buildings, and there are some four or five of them, are of brick construction, and while they show signs of age, yet they are kept in very good repair. The campus is beautifully covered with large trees that look as though they had been there for many years. Some large boulders, typical of the rock formation of the state of Michigan, have been carefully placed on the campus, and I remember on one of them is inscribed "Class of 1860," and on another one is inscribed the class of 1873.

You see, this school was established in 1853. That is, we ought to say the property was deeded in that year. I went to the court house, Hillsdale being the county seat of Hillsdale County, and looked up the deed, and saw for myself. While I am on that point, I might tell you that the Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting of the state of Michigan is mentioned in the original deed. It has been redeeded twice since that time. I didn't recall any of the names of the 15 trustees of the original deed through any annals of literature, but in the second deed, I found the names of George H. Ball and Ransom Dunn. I recall reading a book on baptism written by George H. Ball, who was then pastor of the Free Will Baptist church in Buffalo, New York, and of course, I was familiar with the name of Ransom Dunn through the Butler-Dunn Theology.

I went in to the manager of public



relations, Dr. Myers. I told him I was a minister of the original Free Will Baptist church, and that I live in southwest Missouri. About the first thing he said was, "Do you know anything of the whereabouts of John H. Wolfe?" I told him that he lived in Pawnee City, Nebraska. Dr. Myers showed me around the different buildings, took me to the library, made me acquainted with the president, Professor Mauck, with the librarian, Miss Hawkes (Miss Hawkes at one time, so I found out, was a member of the General Baptist church at Oakland City, Indiana), who gave me some very interesting literature on the management, plan, and carrying on of the school, etc. He expressed his regret that I must needs be in a hurry and thereby preventing him from showing me around more. In looking through the library, I found several of the old Free Will Baptist books. Five copies of the original Butler-Dunn Theology, and three copies of Butler's Theology were among the number. I left in the library a copy of the Free Will Baptist Gem with a promise to send more, informed them of our new publishing house in Monett, and of our National Associational work composed of the southern states, etc. This information seemed to be to them an agreeable surprise. I was treated with all courtesy and kindheartedness.

Now here is something else that proved to be of intense interest to me. Dr. Myers pointed down southwest of the campus and said, "Right down there about four houses is the old home of Ransom Dunn." Stating that some of his grandchildren still live there. So nothing would do me but that I must go down there. As we walked up to the door, we noticed on the door a metal plate with the inscription "R. Dunn." One of the grandchildren of R. Dunn, Miss Helen E.

Slayton, who is rather an elderly lady, met us at the door. We were received very cordially; especially so after she found out who we were and our mission. She showed us the library of her grandfather, Dr. Dunn, his old writing desk, a number of his old note books, and a lot of things of historical interest, as they have a room practically taken up with his old library, etc. She also presented me with a book on his life which Miss Slayton's sister had written, and had published. For the book I was very thankful. Miss Slayton's mother, who was the daughter of R. Dunn, passed away a few years ago; but the son-in-law, Miss Slayton's father is still living there with the children, and is 92 years of age. The visit in this home was indeed a pleasure.

The College is now known only as a non-sectarian school, has an enrollment of 428, and has the appearance of being a splendid school. There are 25 acres of ground in all and is called in the books in the recorder's office, "College Square."

I could not tell how much I enjoyed this visit, and I felt it would be of interest if I passed it on to you.

### "A" SAVIOR "THE" SAVIOR "MY" SAVIOR

By Mrs. Gweneth Talley, Aurora, Mo.

Three little words, short, clear, and different in meaning.

"A" is the indefinite article, very indefinite indeed; a Savior, but not mine — not for me, for some one else: whose — I know not.

"THE" is the definite article — the Savior, that is, the only one, not any other; no other helper or refuge: the world knows there is only one.

"MY" is a personal pronoun — my Savior, appropriated by me, has saved me.

SO WE SEE .....

CHRIST as A Savior shows a need. CHRIST as THE Savior, showing there is but one.

CHRIST as MY Savior shows that He is Mine! Question: Is He Mine?

### FORGIVE

I've found a little remedy

To ease the life we live,

And make each day a happier one,

It is the word, "FORGIVE."



**OKLAHOMA, CITY, OKLA.**

Dear Readers of the Gem:

This finds me in the middle of a revival, and the Lord is blessing in a wonderful way. I am at Oklahoma City, conducting a revival for Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, at the Bethel Free Will Baptist church. The church has been greatly revived, and the Lord is saving precious souls.

I am ready to go to our National Association. The church is giving me a two weeks' vacation, starting July 3rd. We will spend one week down on the Gulf of Mexico, and in the Conference the remaining part of our stay.

I am glad to report that Bro. O'Donnell is doing a great work here in the city. They are going to build a wonderful church here. One of the members took me down to the plat of ground they have in mind—six lots, with a good house on it for their parsonage. The plan they have is for a 40 by 70 brick building, at an approximate cost of \$6,000.00. Thank the Lord for good church buildings.

I am not giving my report of the Foreign Mission money that has come in for the month of June. Tulsa church has sent in \$5.00 and there may be some that has come in since I have gone away.

Well I hope to see you all at the Conference at Bryan Texas, July 11th.

Rev. Bert F. Rogers

401 Pottom Ave., Wewoka, Okla.

**REYNO, ARK. May 24, 1939.**

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I wish to give a report of the Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Social Band Association, which convened with the Hopewell church near Reyno, Ark., Thursday evening, April 27.

Thursday evening service was opened with spiritual singing. The Introduction was preached by our former pastor, Eld. Ralph Staten. Subject, "Making Full Proof of thy Ministry." (2 Tim. 4:5). A very inspirational message was delivered and greatly enjoyed.

**FRIDAY MORNING**

Singing by the choir, Scripture reading, Matt. 5, by the Moderator, and prayer by Eld. Iry Gates.

The Question Box was a very interesting part of the meeting.

Bible Study was directed by the Moderator, Eld. C. E. Riggs, taking for our study the 10th and 11th chapters of Revelation.

Praise service at eleven o'clock, conducted by H. Sutton.

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

Opened the service in the usual devotional attitude.

Sunday School Session—Everyone was eager to learn, and many hidden secrets were revealed to our minds as Bro. Riggs is a splendid teacher.

The Question Box was enjoyed again.

**FRIDAY EVENING**

Singing and prayer. Devotional conducted by Eugene Davis.

Sermon by Eld. E. W. Tucker, using the 14th chapter of Matthew for a lesson. A Spirit filled message was enjoyed by a large audience.

**SATURDAY MORNING**

Singing and Devotional by Bro. Ambros Covenor.

Bible Study, directed by Eld. C. E. Riggs.

Eleven o'clock sermon by Eld. C. E. Riggs.

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

After singing and prayer, a business session was held.

The next meeting will be held with Pirtle church.

Bible Study directed by Eld. Ralph Staten.

**SATURDAY EVENING**

After singing and prayer, Bro. H. Sutton conducted the devotional service and the Sherum Quartet, consisting of Hom Sutton, Beulah Staten, Ilean Riggs, and Ambros Covenor, sang a fine song for us. Eld. Ralph Staten delivered a splendid message on the church question.

**SUNDAY MORNING**

Eld. Iry Gates delivered the message, followed by Eld. C. E. Riggs which were wonderfully accompanied by the Spirit's power. Souls were made happy when we engaged in an old fashioned hand shaking at the close of the service.

A bountiful dinner was served for the temporal man at the noon hour.

The afternoon was given wholly to a singing convention.

—Eugene Davis, Clerk

**GALVESTON, TEXAS, June 11**

Dear Co-Workers:

After finishing our work near Elizabethton, Tennessee, we went to visit Bro. W. F. Phillips and his church in Erwin, Tenn. where we found a splendid group of people in a new store building, nicely finished, and best of all we found the old time religion. We had planned to be with them from Wednesday until Sunday, but before Sunday a real revival was suddenly upon us. So after prayer

with the pastor and deacons, it was decided that the Sunday night's service would determine whether the meeting would go on; and seven grown people came to the altar and were converted—the meeting was announced to continue, and from night to night the altar was filled and when two weeks were up, we had eighty conversions with twenty-eight additions to the church.

We met with the women in their work and gave talks on the work. They have two auxiliaries which we were happy to find.

We closed out on Wednesday night and went to River View, another Free Will Baptist church two miles down the valley from Erwin. These were fine people too. Their pastor comes over from North Carolina and we did not get to meet him. We were at this church only three nights and there were three conversions.

On Saturday evening, at 7:00 o'clock, we received a message to go to our oldest brother who was dying. It was all very sudden. He had a stroke while at the supper table. We started after services, leaving two souls at the altar. We drove day and night, and God gave us a safe journey. We passed wrecks and cars in the ditch, but it seemed that angels went before us. We reached Huntsville Monday morning about ten o'clock. Our precious brother was still alive, but did not know us. We stood by him till the end came. All of us were there, and the sweetest thing, he was such a sweet Christian. Bro. Davidson and Bro. Wiggs had charge of his funeral. Many who reads this will know him.

Pray for us, we will be near Henderson, Texas till the National Association. Since we last wrote, Mrs. Lula Harris has sent \$2.00 and Mrs. Kate McMilliams has turned in \$2.50 for mission chickens. Dear ones, do your best between now and the National Meeting. Send your National Mission offering to Rev. J. K. Warkentin, 2001 Prairie Ave., Fort Worth, Texas.

Yours for Jesus,

—H. M. and Lizzie McAdams

**Report of Concord  
Free Will Baptist Church**

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

It has been sometime since we sent in a report of the Concord F. W. B. church but we are still working for the Lord.

As you remember we were organized as a church on November 11, 1938, at 2326 Manard Street, St. Louis, Mo.,



with Eld. A. E. Gully as pastor and Sister Pearl Ferguson clerk. After laboring for some time at this location the church felt the community was going to respond to the Gospel so they began to ask God to open a door of opportunity for them to work when it was pleasing to Him.

In the mean time the writer felt led to visit Berkley City, and investigate the possibility of a F.W.B. church there. Berkley City is also known as Ramona Hills, St. Louis County. (There is about 2000 population and have only one church in the city). Upon arriving in this city I found a nice congregation of people and very eager for a church, but had never had much experience in carrying on a church. Bro. Gully, pastor of the Concord Free Will Baptist church in St. Louis, visited several times with us in Berkley, and after much prayer felt that God had opened this door of opportunity for the Concord church as we had a nice sized congregation, and they had leadership.

But wanting to be sure that God was in the movement, we decided to organize a Sunday school and see how the people would respond. On the first Sunday in February, 1939, a Sunday school was organized in the Community Hall with about 40 present. Bro. Howard Dofkins was elected superintendent, and Sister Mildred Dofkins as secretary.

The interest was good and the people seemed to have a desire for a church. We rented the hall for church purposes. On the first Sunday in March, the writer started a revival meeting. The weather conditions were not so good, and lots of sickness caused our crowds to be small, but we had a good meeting and two souls were saved. This was proof that God was pleased with our labors, so on March 12th, the majority of the members voted to move the Concord church to Berkley City, it being only 15 miles from St. Louis, with street car service at regular city fare.

Our first services as a church in Berkley City was held March 19. A nice sized congregation was present at this service and 5 new members were received into the church. At the closing of the service Bro. Gully resigned as pastor of the church; due to the fact that his working conditions did not permit him to spend the time with the church that he felt should be spent. So they elected the writer as pastor and Bro. Gully assistant pastor. God has blessed us and our church has grown from the beginning both in membership and attendance.

On April 6, we organized our Ladies' Home Mission Society with Sister A. E. Gully, president, and Sister Howard Dofkins, secretary. Our ladies are doing a wonderful work. Besides other things they have done, we wish to mention that on June 17, they gave an ice cream social clearing enough money to buy and present to the church 50 new "Radio Hymnal" song books.

On May 29, we organized our F. W. B. League with an attendance of 30 or more each Sunday night.

We bring this report to a close asking your prayers that God will bless us in our labors and save souls.

Yours for the Cause,

— Rev. George D. Miller

### Report of Carterville Revival

We closed our revival at Carterville the 28th of May, with five professions and nine additions to the church.

The interest was good throughout the entire meeting with the old time power manifested. We found some mighty fine people there in Carterville to worship with, and the co-operation from other churches was wonderful.

Bro. Cecil Campbell, the pastor of this church is a wonderful man to work with, and is doing a great work in that community.

— Rev. W. K. Weston, Monett.

### FINANCIAL REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION FUND

Verdella Church, Liberal, Mo. . .	\$2.00
Union Third Fork Church . . . . .	2.53
Oak Grove Church, Stella, Mo. . .	.75
True Blue Class, Neola S. S. . .	1.00
Neola Mission Circle . . . . .	1.00
Merl's Chapel S. S., Cassville, Mo.	3.00
Oak Grove church of the Mo.	
State Association, Norwood, Mo.	3.00
Mtn. Valley League, Norwood, Mo	2.00
Mine La Motte S. S. . . . .	1.00
Fanny Prichard, Carterville, Mo.	2.00
Hazel Creek Union Church . . .	8.25
Pleasant Grove Church . . . . .	6.29
Blue Eye S. S., Blue Eye, Mo. . .	.69
Alice Taylor, Blue Eye, Mo. . . .	1.00
Aulsbury Chapel S. S. . . . .	1.00
Neola Mission, Greenfield, Mo. . .	1.00
True Blue Class, Neola S. S. . .	1.00
Union Third Fork Church . . . . .	3.53
Rev. Archie Cooper, Novinger, Mo.	2.50
Niangua Church, Niangua, Mo. . .	1.79

— Winford Davis, Treas.

NOTE—Bro. Davis' Missionary report on page 12 was for the month of May: he got it in too late for the last issue of the Gem. This report is for the month of June—and, as usual, he came running in here on the very last minute. Bro. Davis is a busy little man. —Editor.

## Malachi, The Messenger

By Thelma Meyers, Clothier, W. Va.

"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts."

I love to read the messenges of the last prophets of the Old Testament, and his name means messenger, and he was certainly true to his name he says nothing about himself. Everything in this short book is concerning the message he had to tell. He spoke of the reign of the Messiah and of things and conditions in that time of long ago.

As I read his message, I think how applicable it is to our own time. He was a prophet of olden time, but his message is still up to date. In the first chapter we find he asks and answers questions at the same time. I believe Malachi lived about the same time as did Nehemiah. The temple and walls of Jerusalem had been rebuilt,

but it seems as the people had become neglectful of their duties in connection with the temple worship. They were supposed to give their best to God, but what did they offer? Read Mal. 1:7-8 for the answer. The priests were to be the leaders of the people, but we find that they had departed out of the way, and caused many to stumble at the law. The people were sinful as well as the priests who oppressed the poor, and failed to keep the sabbath day holy.

How many professed Christians of today are breaking the sabbath? Thousands are attending ball games and all kinds of amusements. God expects us to give our best today, as He did in the days of Malachi. They were told that they had robbed God, and they grumbled. Are we not living in a land of argument and grumbling? They were charged of having despised God; with having worried Him. Are we not doing the same thing today? I think one of the easiest ways for



us to worry God is when we assemble ourselves for worship and some one rises to his feet and says, "Well, let's hurry this thing up. I've got lots to do, and have no time to waste."

And as to robbing God, the churches all over our land are guilty. Also the people as a whole are robbing God. They refuse to help the needy, and we are told to help those who can't help themselves. We do not have to break into the house of God and steal before we become robbers of God, we owe our time and tithe to Him. How many are guilty of robbing God of part of His day? We owe God our talents; how many of us say our talents are our own to do what we please with them? Oh, that we, in this age, could only see what we owe God! We would see how much we are coming short. We would be in more earnestness in all that we do and say.

I think the curse that was put upon the people of Malachi's time is still upon us of today, we are failing to receive the blessings he promised. The devourer was to be rebuked for our sake; the fruits of our ground was not to be destroyed; our vines not to cast her fruit before the time in the field. But we can look out over our country and see the result of fruits putting forth before the time, the vines of the fields being destroyed by the devourer, where a few years ago there wasn't any such things to destroy. The word of God is being fulfilled as told us by the prophets of old. Even in the darkest times we are thankful for a few who stand four square for God, and proclaim the message of Him who came to this world and died for us that we may be among the number, that is called His jewels or His special treasure.

## TIME

*By Zula Lewis, Bristow, Oklahoma*

Time is flying swiftly by on golden wings and will soon be gone. We should consider time as being very valuable, for time waits for no one. Are we wasting our time or are we using it to a good advantage? Do we employ our time in service for God or for the things of this world?

We are all embarked upon the sea of time. Before us lies an important life. Days, weeks and months pass by and we are challenged to put our best into life and really make it count. Life is like a mighty sea, and we are like the boats upon it; we are going to the other side. Are we a life boat on this sea of time to rescue shipwrecked souls, or are we drifting along with them and the tide. Any old chunk can drift or float any direction except upward. But it takes power and strength to go up stream and to stem the sea of life.

There are two ways to cross the sea of time. One may chart his course and sail according to a plan, or just sit idly by and drift. Sailing is purposeful sailing while drifting is more or less the unavoidable moving. We must go on as time sweeps us on. If we set our sails there will be glorious sailing, otherwise we just drift. Are you living according to God's chart, or are you carelessly drifting along with a mere profession?

We may sail the under spaces alone. But if we do not have the Great Pilot, Jesus Christ, on board our vessel, the only One who knows the sea of life

you will either be shipwrecked or you will drift hopelessly.

Sometime it is very difficult to swim up stream. But with Christ as our pilot he makes it easier for us for he is holding our hand to guide us, the same as we hold the steering wheel of a car to guide it. We have His grace to help us to be brave to overcome the trials and difficulties in life and His power to keep us from drifting to the right or left.

So many people find going with the current the most convenient mode of life; they can float and enjoy the scenery, while if they struggle to go up stream they would have no time for anything but swimming. They would rather drift with the world and run the chance of losing their soul than to put forth an effort to make life worth while.

They are trying to make a success in life the "easiest way," but some day they are likely to find themselves stranded or lost in rapids which destroy any advantage they hoped to gain from "the easiest way."

Let each one ask the question, "How am I spending my time?"

Live for something; have a purpose And that purpose keep in view. Drifting like a wayward vessel Thou canst ne'er to life be true; Half the wrecks that stew life's ocean, If some star had been their guide, Long have long been riding safely But they drifted with the tide.

## THE LIQUOR TRADE

*By J. M. Doughty, Strafford, Mo.*

A few years ago a Mr. Evans of Springfield Missouri, started a liquorless drug store and advertised it as "Springfields Liquorless Drug Store."

The good people of Springfield and trade territory caught step with Mr. Evans and his drug business prospered to such an extent that he was soon encouraged to start another liquorless drug store. His liquorless drug store trade grew until Mr. Evans opened a third "Liquorless Drug Store", and then a fourth in a city of over 60,000 people.

These are large stores conducted on four of the best business corners of the city.

A few months ago I went to Mr. Evans and asked him why he started the liquorless drug store-if it were because he opposed intoxicating liquor or because he thought it good business? He replied, "Both."

What has been the result of Mr. Evan's Liquorless drug adventure?

Mr. Evans has prospered financially and he has taken a stand for good morals in the city of Springfield. He has proved that a business can prosper with out being associated with the liquor traffic.

Mr. Evans carries whole page advertisements in the city daily paper. His large drug trade enables him to buy to an advantage, and he offers to his customers some wonderful bargains. But Mr. Evans could not accomplish this great success except for the people who oppose the liquor trade and want a decent place to trade. As in the days of Nehemiah, "The people had a mind to work."

If the people who are opposed to liquor would stop buying where liquor is sold, many of those places would soon stop selling liquor.

Brother and Sister, are you doing your part to check this menace to good morals and good citizenship?

## BE TRUE

Thou must be true thyself

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

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

— Horatius Bonar



# ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE ASSOCIATIONS

## MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Session of the Missouri State Association will be held with Union Third Fork Church, near St. Joseph, Mo., beginning on Monday night following the fourth Sunday in September, 1939.

Mission Sermon Monday night —

League Sermon on Tuesday at 11:00 a. m. by Eld. Tommie Franklin of Desloge, Mo.

The Introductory Sermon for the Association to be preached on Tuesday night by Eld. Cecil Campbell of Stella, Mo., Eld. John B. Rollins, alt.

## INDIAN CREEK ASSOCIATION

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Session of the Indian Creek Association will be held with the Pleasant Grove church west of Anderson, Mo., beginning on Monday night before the first Sunday in September, 1939.

Eld. John B. Rollins to preach the Introductory Sermon on Tuesday night, Eld. B. F. Henderson, alternate.

Monday night and Tuesday will be given to Ministers' Conference.

## CENTRAL W. MO. & S. E. KANS.

The Thirty-First Annual Session of the Central Western Mo. and South-eastern Kansas Association will be held with the Hannon Church, at Hannon, Mo., beginning on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1939.

Eld. F. C. Zinn to preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld. Arthur Kicenski alternate.

## DIBBLE ASSOCIATION

The Thirty-Second Annual Session of the Dibble Association will convene with the Bryant Church, beginning of Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1939.

Eld. L. E. Ward of Blanchard, Okla. to preach the Introductory Sermon.

## OLD MOUNT ZION ASSOCIATION

The Ninety-Eighth Annual Session of the Old Mt. Zion Association will be held with Clifty church, Clifty, Ark. beginning at 10:00 a. m. on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1939.

Eld. Cecil O. Garrison to preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld. J. W. Allred alternate.

## ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION

The Seventy-First Annual Session of the Arkansas Association will convene with Mt. Pisgah church, in Scott County, Arkansas, on highway 71, beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1939.

The Introductory Sermon to be preached by the pastor of the church, followed by the Moderator.

## SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION

The sixty-fifth session of the Social Band Association will be held with Alice Brook's Church, Sharum, Ark., beginning on Thursday evening before the third Sunday in September, 1939.

Eld W. C. Forsyth to preach the Introductory sermon.

## LACLEDE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Thirty-Sixth Annual Session of the Laclede County Association will be held with New Hope Church, in Laclede County, beginning at 3:00 p. m. on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1939.

The Introductory Sermon to be preached by Eld. C. E. Butts, Eld. Curtis Wilson as alternate.

## ROBERT MCGEE ASSOCIATION

The Thirty-Ninth Annual Session of the Robert McGee Association will be held with Pocahontas Church, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1939.

Eld. J. C. Neuby to preach the Introductory sermon, Eld. W. M. Easton, Alternate.

## LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

The Second Annual Session of the Liberty Association will be held with Liberty Church, near Phillipsburg, Mo., beginning on Thursday night before the third Sunday in August, 1939.

Eld. C. E. Mann to preach the Introductory sermon, with Eld. E. E. Vestal as his alternate.

## FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION

The Twelfth Annual Session of the First Mission Association will be held at Camp Ground, on Drumright-Sapulpa Road, beginning Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1939.

Eld. H. E. Staires to preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld. J. D. Williams, alternate.

## HOPEWELL ASSOCIATION

The Forty-Sixth Annual Session of the Hopewell Association will be held with the Hopewell Church, beginning on Thursday night before the third Sunday in August, 1939.

Eld. Earl Umsted to preach the Introductory sermon.

## SALINE ASSOCIATION

The Saline Association will be held with Harmony Church, Rye, Ark., beginning Friday, 9:00 a. m. before the first Sunday in September, 1939.

Rev. J. C. Mooring to preach the Introductory sermon, Rev J. M. Crouch, alternate.

EDITOR'S NOTE—If your Association is not announced here, please send it in to be printed on this page.

## DOUBLED BY DIVISION

Is thy cruse of comfort failing?  
Rise and share it with another;  
And through all the years of famine  
It shall serve thee and thy brother.

Love Divine will fill thy storehouse,  
Or thy handful still renew.  
Scanty fare for one will often  
Make a royal feast for two.

For the heart grows rich in giving,  
All its wealth is living grain;  
Seeds which mildew in the garner;  
Scattered, fill with gold the plain.

Is thy burden hard and heavy?  
Do thy steps drag wearily?  
Help to bear thy brother's burden,  
God will bear both it and thee.

—Selected

## DISAPPOINTMENT

"Disappointment—His appointment,"  
Change one letter, then I see  
That the thwarting of my purpose  
Is God's better choice for ME.

His appointment must be a blessing  
Though it may come in disguise,  
For the end from the beginning  
Open to His vision lies.

"Disappointment—His appointment,"  
Whose? The Lord's who loves me  
best

Understands and, knows me fully  
Who my faith and love would test.

For, like loving earthly parents,  
He rejoices when He knows  
That His child accepts unquestioned  
ALL that from His wisdom flows.

"Disappointment—His appointment,"  
No good thing will He withhold.  
From denials oft we gather  
Treasures of His love untold.

Well He knows each broken purpose  
Leads to fuller, deeper trust;  
And the end of all His dealings  
Proves our God is wise and just.

"Disappointment—His appointment,"  
Lord, I take it then as such,  
Like the clay in hands of the potter  
Yielding wholly to His touch.

All my life's plan in His molding,  
Not one single choice be mine.  
Let me answer, unrepining  
"Father, not my will, but thine."