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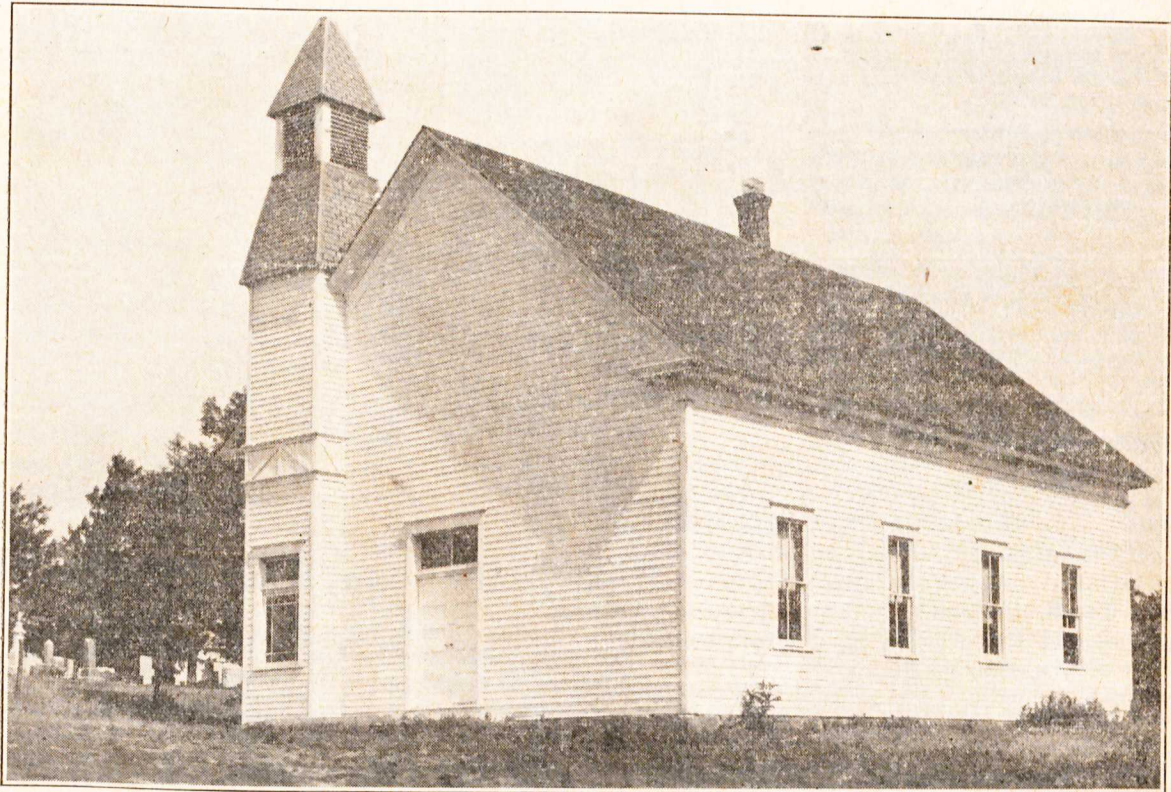
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The above picture is of the Union Third Fork Church, near St. Joseph, Missouri. This is the place where the Twenty-Sixth Annual Session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist will be held during the week of September 25th to 29th.

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## It is Faith That Blesses Thee

"The great motive forces of the world are its beliefs." It is faith that moves mountains. It is faith that carries on industries where the mountains stood. Faith decrees the openings for action and call into play the forces which move men forward. Men believe work is possible before they set out to accomplish it. Belief sees the victory before the resolution has made the first stroke to win. Faith sees the end from the beginning, dimly it may be, but distinctly enough to arouse the energies and fling the capabilities into motion. "Faith is the mighty steam engine in the basement which supplies the power for all the machinery in the upper stories."

The world owes more to faith than to fortunes. Faith makes fortunes. It digs fortunes out of the hills and pulls them up from the depths of the sea. The faithless man is the nerveless, listless, worthless man. Every great achievement since Noah built the Ark has been the fruit of faith and not of unbelief.

No wonder that the fruitlessness of unbelief has become proverbial. It could not be otherwise. We might as well expect apples to grow on the cactus of the desert as to expect religious or humanitarian achievements to spring out of disbelief. No infidel has ever been an enthusiast for reformations or great public benefactions. Faith alone warms the heart of every man and unties his purse strings for charity. Bacon never put more of his true philosophical spirit into one sentence than when he said, "There never was found in any age of the world, either philosopher or sect, or law or discipline, which did so highly exalt the public good as the Christian faith."

— Selected



# The Missouri State Association

**O**UR MISSOURI State Association will meet with the Union Third Fork Church (which is pictured on the front cover of this issue) Sept. 25th to 29th, 1939. This church is located in the Northwest Missouri Association. It is also known by the name "Freeman Chapel". The Free Will Baptist have had their organization here for more than 50 years. It is one of our leading churches in the Northwest part of the state.

Near the church is a beautiful cemetery that is well kept and is nice and attractive. On the church ground is a beautiful grove of large oak trees, that makes an ideal place for the preparing and serving of the meals three times a day. The people are working hard and faithfully to be ready for the entertainment of the delegation.

Those of the different churches in the state who have something to offer in the way of finance to help with the entertainment, please send to David Homan, Stewartville, Missouri, or to Rev. Winford Davis of Monett, Missouri, and specify that it is for the entertainment of the state meeting. All that is received will be appreciated.

Some have been wondering how to find where the church is located. It will not be difficult to find if you will remember it is on the Dekalb and Buchanan county line; 2½ miles south of highway 36. Those coming by way of St. Joseph follow highway 36 east 14 miles to the County line. Those coming by way of Cameron and Stewartville, follow highway 36 west six miles from Stewartville to the County line. This County line road will bring you directly to the church.



James F. Miller, Moderator

The State Association is a great annual event. It has grown until all our church buildings are too small to accommodate the audience. The interest taken in the Association is very remarkable, for the people from the four corners of the state and all through the center are regular attendants from the first "howdy, John" to the last "good-by, Sussie."

A large tabernacle has been used for the last few years, and it will be erected on the church grounds again this year.

Rev. James F. Miller of Flat River, Missouri is the moderator and has been for the last several years. Bro. Jim is the favorite of many because of his kind disposition and his wonderful executive ability. The State Association has grown extensively because of the harmonious co-operation of the brethren "in the bonds of peace and love." God is honoring and blessing the Association because it is exemplifying the Spirit of Christ.

The major accomplishments of the association are the building of a \$4,500.00 publishing house, *The Free Will Baptist Gem*, also the support of foreign missions to the extent of \$600.00 a year, with prospects of growing larger. Evangelism is prominent in Missouri.

Rev. Winford Davis of Monett, Missouri is secretary-treasurer of the association. He is the busiest little man you ever saw. Bro. Davis is faithful in keeping the records and in handling the association's finance. Everybody trusts Winford. It may be supposed that Winford has some enemies, but let us be glad of that,

for he needs enough to remove the "woe unto him of whom all men speak well of."

The pastor of the host church is Rev. Kenneth Turner of Granby, Missouri. Bro. Kenneth is one of our outstanding pastors. He has pastored this church for four years and is re-elected for another year.

All in all, this sitting of the association will be an important one for denominational enterprising, and we are expecting a great time. Come and be with us.

The Missouri State Association is a balanced ration. We mean by this that the greatest possible variety of personalities and dispositions are fed and satisfied.

Those who love good preaching get to hear it for our Missouri "boys" and lady ministers sure can spread the "thunder." Good preaching is the order of the hour at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. each day.

Those who love shouting big times get to feast on God's spiritual blessings when folks get happy and praise God all over the camp.

Those who love to solve strenuous problems and cope with grave situation, and who love to be in the "thick of the fight" for the advancement of the Cause get to receive the thrill they are looking for during the business hours.

The association is well balanced! It is not all play and fun—though we do play and have fun. It is not all preaching—yet we have the best of preaching. It is not all shouting glory. Neither could it afford to be all serious business. There is a time for ALL these and "all things work together for good to them that love God."



Kenneth Turner, Pastor



Winford Davis, Sec.-Treas.



# A History of Bible Translations

By John B. Rollins, Monett, Missouri

**W**HEN THE American Standard Version made its appearance in 1901, a pastor read it to his congregation instead of the old familiar Authorized or King James Version. A member protested. He didn't like the new-fangled Bible, but wanted it "just like Paul wrote it." If he had it "just like Paul wrote it" he could neither read it nor understand it when it was read to him.

The Old Testament was written in Hebrew (Aramaic language) with the exception of the Book of Daniel which was written in Chaldaë. Jesus and His Apostles were Jews, and spoke the Aramaic language. Greek was the common language of the Roman Empire. The various peoples spoke their native tongues, but they also spoke Greek, the language by which they talked to one another. The New Testament was written in Greek by Greek speaking Jews. Of course, they injected Hebrew accents. They even used Hebrew expressions then translated them (Matt. 27:46; Mark 5:41 and 7:34). The Ascended Christ spoke in Hebrew to Paul on the road to Damascus (Acts 26:14). Paul used a Hebrew expression in one of his epistles, without translating it (1st Corinthians 16:22).

## The Latin Versions

The Greek language conquered the Roman Empire. Paul wrote his epistle to the Romans in Greek. By the middle of the second century, however, portions of the New Testament began to appear in Latin. Soon afterwards, "every man who happened to get his hands upon a Greek manuscript, and who thought he had any knowledge were it ever so little, of the two languages, ventured upon the work of translation."—*Augustine*. After 375 a.d. "there were almost as many versions as manuscripts"—*Jerome*. In other words, no two of the Latin versions were alike, for every author made his translation according to his own ideas.

Before 400 a.d., a great Latin and Greek scholar (Jerome) gathered up the Latin versions and compared them with the Greek Testament and produced a more accurate Latin translation. He spent 22 years at Bethlehem translating the Bible, eight of which he gave to the New Testament.

The Latin speaking people protested against it and Jerome went to his death deeply disappointed. His work proved its worth in time, and it became the Bible for the Latin people. Because of its popularity, it was called The Vulgate—meaning "multitude" or the common people's Bible. The Vulgate had great influence on the religion of English speaking people, and it is still the Bible of the Latin speaking Catholics; the Douay Bible (for English Catholics) was translated from the Vulgate.

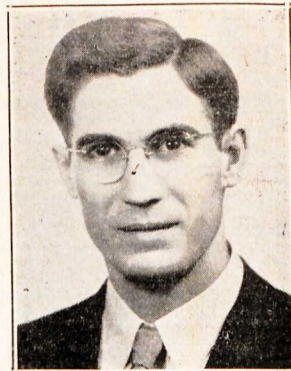
## Other Early Versions

By 450 A. D. the New Testament appeared in a number of languages; most of the translations being made from Greek manuscripts. Through the centuries, scholars have given their lives to hunting for these early copies amid old buildings and libraries and ruins of the East. They have studied them and compared one translation with another and with the oldest Greek manuscripts. In this way, they have got rid of many errors made in both translating and copying. To these scholars of many races and centuries who have worked hard and long over the old manuscripts, we owe an immense debt for a New Testament so free from errors of copyists and translators.

## English Versions

The first English Bible was translated by an Oxford scholar and priest named John Wyclif from the Latin Vulgate (1380-82). His version was highly appreciated by the people, but the Catholic Church opposed it. The people were persecuted and had to meet in secret to read it. "Many suffered and it has been said that some, for daring to read the Bible, were burned with copies of it around their necks."—*Sims*. In 1519, six men and women were put to death for teaching their children the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments in the English language—Fox, *Book of Martyrs*. Forty years after the death of Wyclif, the Catholic church dug up his bones, burned them, and threw the ashes into a brook. An English writer wrote of this as follows:

"Thus, this brook hath conveyed his ashes into the Avon (river), Avon into the Severn, Severn into the narrow sea, they unto the main ocean. Thus



the ashes of Wyclif are the emblems of his doctrine, which now is dispersed all the world over."

Maybe you would like to read the Lord's Prayer from Wyclif's Bible:

"Our Fadir that art in heuenes  
Halewid be thi name  
Thi kingdom comme to  
Be thi wille done as in heuen so in  
erth  
Gyve to us this dai oure breed our  
other substance  
And forgive to us oure dettis  
As we forgyven to oure dettouris  
And leede us not in to temptacioun  
But delyvere us from yvel."

*Tyndale's New Testament*—William Tyndale was born exactly one hundred years after Wyclif died (1484—eight years before Columbus discovered America). In 1515, he went to Cambridge University to hear the great Dutch scholar, Erasmus, who had become famous as a Greek scholar and because of his interest in producing a correct copy of the Greek Testament; for Greek had been almost a dead and buried language for a thousand years. Tyndal decided that he would translate the Bible into English; and the New Testament from the Greek rather than the Latin Vulgate. The Catholic Church bitterly opposed him. He went to Europe to do his work, and in 1525 printed his New Testament, and he had to ship the books into England secretly. The church and state leaders and many scholars bitterly opposed his New Testament. They destroyed all the copies that they could find, and persecuted the people who owned them. The bishops even gave money to buy up his Testaments; and in the years 1526 and 1530 had them publicly burned in London. The King of England, Henry the Eighth, joined in this opposition. Tyndale, hunted and persecuted, was called a traitor and a heretic. He was a fugitive without a home and almost without friends. He was finally betrayed and captured. He lay in prison a year and a half



before his trial. All of his possessions were taken away from him. One of his letters reminds us of what Paul wrote to Timothy shortly before his death. In a letter to the keeper of prison he asks for "a warm cap, since I suffer extremely from cold in the head....a warm coat also, for that which I have is very thin; also a piece of cloth to patch my leggins.... I could wish permission also to have a lamp in the evening, for it is wearisome to sit alone in the dark."

When tried, he was condemned to death. One fall morning he was tied to a stake. He was strangled, and then his body was burned. He died praying. The executioners heard one sentence. It was, "O Lord, open the King of England's eyes." The Lord heard that prayer, for in a few years the King ordered Bibles to be placed in the churches that the people might hear them read. However, opposition to an open Bible long continued.

Tyndale died in 1536 at fifty-two years of age. He lived and died in a spirit worthy of the Apostles. His translation of the Bible has profoundly affected both the King James and the American Standard Version. These versions reproduce much of his style. We thank God for men like him who were willing to die that others might have the Word of God to read in their own tongue. In the preface to his New Testament he

wrote these words: "I call God to witness when I shall appear at the judgement seat of Christ to give an account of all my actions, that I have not altered a syllable of God's Word against my conscience, nor would I for all the honors of this world if they were laid at my feet."

*The Authorized Version*—This version is often called the King James Version because it was made during his reign and at his direction. In 1607, forty-seven scholars (appointed by the king) began the work of translation. They completed in 1611. This was the first English translation made by a group of men. It was by far the best English translation up to that time. It was opposed at first, but it finally won popular favor and is still the favorite of the English speaking people.

The Authorized Version has been revised, first by a group of English and American scholars, then in 1901 the American scholars brought out their American Standard Version. I now understand that a group of American scholars are revising the American Standard and hope to have it printed between 1940 and 1950.

The Bible is translated into more than a thousand languages, and it is the best selling book in the world. Printing presses run day and night to supply the people with the Word of God so that each man may read the Bible in his own tongue.

heaven (Matt. 13) which Jesus interpreted to be evil doctrine (Matt. 16:12) and Paul called it "malice and wickedness" (1 Cor. 5:8).

The kingdom of heaven contains a man at the wedding feast without a wedding garment on—which is a type of the men Paul described in Romans 10:3 as going about trying to establish their own righteousness, not having submitted themselves to the righteousness of God; yet he "professes" to be heavenly, but is not fit to enter.

The Apostle Peter and his successors were given the keys to the kingdom of heaven to admit members. On the day of Pentecost, Peter received 3000 members into the visible realm of Christian profession—two of whom were Ananias and Sapphira whose false living and lying to the Holy Ghost was intolerable to God so He killed them.

The parable of the marriage feast is to show us that men get into the kingdom of heaven who are not fit to live, not fit to die—yet they are called by holy names and they make holy professions, some are standing behind the pulpit desk, who are actually the sons of Satan. They are saying, "Lord, Lord," while they are the workers of iniquity. So is the man at the feast!

At the Great Day, they shall be detected and cast out. Tares will be threshed from the wheat by skillful hands. Bad fish will be sorted from the good fish by those who make no mistake.

Oh, how did he get in without a wedding garment? Well, the Devil sowed the tares—now figure the rest out for your selves.

I truly hope this explanation is satisfying to the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting. I give it humbly and conscientiously, but still I realize it is subject to error. This is my honest interpretation according to my knowledge of the Word of God.

It is not the editor's intention to make this a continued department in the Gem. Neither is there any thought of stirring up controversy. If I am wrong, I will appreciate being set right, and I will be glad to print a clearer, more instructive explanation of the question than I have been able to produce—but if any writer wants to fight and help someone out of a friendly feeling, I will refuse to print his article.

—John B. Rollins.

## The Question Box

*Question*—"How did the man get into the Wedding Feast without having on a wedding garment?" Matt. 22:12

Referred to the Editor of the Gem by the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting; to be answered in the Sept. issue of the Gem.

**P**LEASE GET The setting of the story. "The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son." v2. Guests were finally supplied, and one of the guests got in, not having a wedding garment on so he suffered the great anger of the host. The kingdom of heaven is like that.

We must define the kingdom of heaven, and distinguish it from the kingdom of God.

According to Jesus, the kingdom of God contains only those who are "born again." Admittance into the kingdom

of God is beyond the will of man: only God can receive citizenship unto Himself. Only the "pure in heart" belong to the kingdom of God.

The kingdom of heaven is different! The kingdom of heaven is the realm of Christian profession—both true and false. In the kingdom of heaven, there is much wickedness and false living—yet in the name of heaven and all that is holy.

The kingdom of heaven contains both wheat (good people) and tares (children of the devil). See Matt. 13

The kingdom of heaven contains bad fish—See the parable of the drag-net, Matt. 13.

The kingdom of heaven contains seeds eaten by birds, scorched by the sun, choked by thorns, and only a few produced fruit—See the parable of the sower, Matt. 13.

The kingdom of heaven contains



## Hail to Tennessee's New Orphanage



Mr. I. L. Stanley, Superintendent

**J**UST NINE Miles south of Greenville, Tennessee, in the Camp Creek Community, lies a beautiful mountain commonly called "Green Mountain." At the foot of this large mountain, which reaches an altitude of approximately 3,000 feet, we find the "Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage." Surely it can be truthfully said a more beautiful place cannot be found this side of heaven. Only those who have paid this God given place a visit can fully understand the meaning of the word "Beautiful" as here used.

"What have you down there at the foot of that mountain?" Oh, yes I am going to tell you. First, we have a farm consisting of one hundred and seventy acres of fertile land, of which about one half is in wood lots of virgin timber. Buildings, consisting of a 42 room dormitory with room for 75 or 80 unfortunate children, a modern seven room farm cottage, one large dairy barn, and several smaller out-houses. These buildings and the entire cultivatable land is equipped with a water system that just can't be beat. It is supplied by a mammoth spring located two miles back on the side of the mountain, thus giving sufficient force to maintain our own

fire protection. This water system was installed by our sister church, The United Presbyterians, at a total cost of approximately ten thousand dollars. The property is so located that it is only a stone's throw from one of the best agricultural high schools (Camp Creek) in the state; to which Greene County has given the orphanage free access. Then, too, it is so located that it easily gets electrical service by the Eastern Tenn. Power Co. A good gravel road connects it to some of the very best, state and U. S. highways. An invitation of welcome is extended and anxiously awaits your visit to this lovely place.

"Where did you get that property down there at the foot of that mountain?" Well, in short, God gave it to us to use till he comes in *All His Glory* to take us with Him. As Rev. J. L. Welch said in his splendid address on the opening day, May 10th. "God has said to us, Here it is, take it and use it for My Glory till I come again." People, let's not wait, but be up and doing because His return may be soon. When our good Presbyterian Brethren could no longer use it as a mission school to the mountaineers, God made it possible for us to purchase it for a small consideration. Surely He did this just to test our faith.

"What are you to do with that property down there at the foot of that mountain?" This is a real question that comes to each of us. That's the question for you to answer. However, our intentions are to take poor

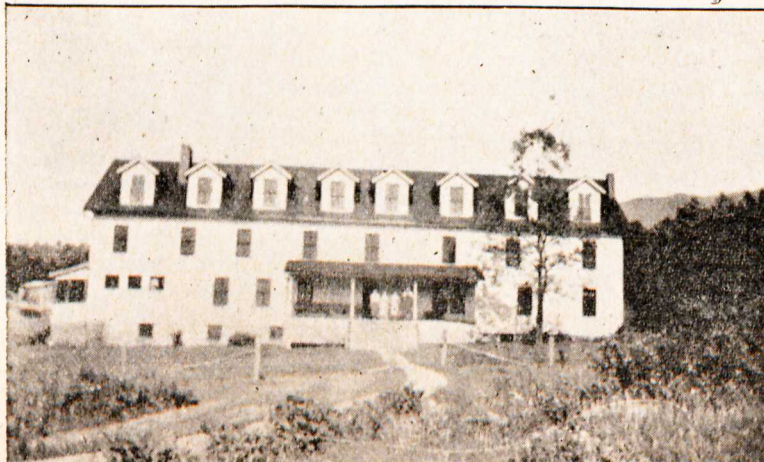


Mrs. Stanley, Matron

homeless children and give them a home. Not just a place to stay, but a *Home* in all its true sense, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, teaching them true *Citizenship* and develop whatever talent we find in them. *Now Will You Do Your Part to Make These Institutions Become Realities? Its Up to You.*

"What have you done down there at the foot of that mountain?" Well, we would much rather you come and see for yourself, but it is too far for some, so here are a few of the outstanding accomplishments: the property is all paid for, the buildings have been renovated; the dormitory has been partially furnished; the superintendent, I. L. Stanley and chief matron, Mrs. I. L. Stanley and one outstanding girl are there; and in readiness to receive a limited number of children. (Write to the Supt. for application blanks for admittance).

"What do you need Down There at the Foot of That Mountain?" These needs are too numerous to mention, but here are a few of the outstanding ones: livestock, farming tools, auto truck, cut-off saw, bed room furniture, non-perish-



The Orphanage Building



able food and we might use a small amount of money. There are two outstanding needs: they are a church and by all means *Prayer*. I mention prayer last because it will bear on your mind longer. Pray

that this institution may be conducted in accordance to God's will. Help us in any and all ways possible.

Sincerely,

I. L. Stanley

## Our Visit to the Orphanage

*By Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri*

We left Greenville, Tennessee about eight o'clock in the night. The orphanage is nine miles out of town, and we did not know the way; but we discovered at every junction a sign pointing which read "Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage."

Upon our arrival, we met the friendly greeting of the caretakers. Brother and Sister I. L. Stanley and their daughter, Trula. We were never made more welcome anywhere. As we had already had our evening meal, we soon retired for we had been on the road for several days, and what a good night's rest we did receive.

Next morning, after breakfast, Bro. Stanley said, "I want to show you the farm." So he took us in the car and drove us around to see the farm, and then he took the mountain road and drove several miles to the south on top of the Alleghany Mountain range, as the orphanage is located at the very foot of the Alleghany mountains, and permitted us to look back down on the orphanage and upon the orphanage farm which consists of 170 acres. This was a view impossible for me to explain, it was so beautiful! As I was enjoying this experience, I said, "I wish every Free Will Baptist I know could make this visit."

On our way back down the mountain, we turned aside and drove up to the spring which furnishes all the water for the orphanage. This spring is located 2000 feet up in the mountains, and the water is piped down to the farm. Of course, it has its own natural pressure, and they just have water anywhere they want it; in the yard, in the buildings, in the barn lot, out in the fields, and everywhere. When the Presbyterian people established these premises a number of years ago, this water system alone was installed at a cost of \$10,000.00 we are told.

The farm has a splendid seven-room farm house and a good barn on it, and some fruit trees. The orphanage

building has 42 rooms, and the entire property was purchased by the Free Will Baptist of Tennessee for \$4500.00. One good report we have to make — it is all paid for and endowed. The children have access to a good high school not more than 150 yards from the orphanage building.

I could think of no more perfect location for an orphanage. Such beautiful, refreshing mountain scenery, good fertile soil, such a marvelous water system, away from the poison of the city, etc. It is a beautiful sight there early in the morning to see the tops of those mountains covered in clouds. In fact, we came home sold on eastern Tennessee. It is not only a beautiful country; but the crops of all kinds are bountiful almost beyond words. Those large spacious valleys are simply garden spots.

If ever you have the privilege to visit the orphanage don't fail to do so. I am sure if you ever visit there and meet Bro. and Sister Stanley

you will receive the same impression that we did; and that is, that the Tennessee people certainly have the right ones in charge of this institution.

We found the lawn so nicely kept, the truck patches in good shape, the stock being well cared for, and everything in perfect trim.

The building is nicely equipped, and being better equipped all the time as they just opened up a short time ago. It is all wired up and receives electricity from the Tennessee Power Co. We found the orphanage furnished with a splendid electrical stove, refrigerator, lights, etc. I am sure we need not hesitate to recommend unfortunate children to this institution; because I am sure they will be properly cared for and will receive the proper training.

The board of education had their meeting in the large reading room of the orphanage and then left for our respective places having enjoyed our visit immensely.

I felt that a detailed account of our visit there and our observations there would be of great interest to you. It is such an inspiration to know our people are doing things worth while and things that command the respect of the general public. You know this is a time when Mr. Public is very critical. He seems to be so much harder to please, and it is much harder to attract his attention than it used to be; but he has got to take his hat off to the Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage.

## National Home Mission Board

*B. F. Brown, Sec., Purdy, Missouri*

On Friday morning, July 13, 1939, near the close of the National Association, which met at Bryan, Texas, the Home Mission Board met at the Bryan Church and organized.

Rev. M. L. Hollis of Tupelo, Miss. was elected President.

Rev. B. F. Brown of Purdy, Mo. was elected Secretary.

Rev. J. K. Warkentin of 2001 Prairie Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas offered his resignation as Treasurer, which was accepted, and Rev. M. E. Tyson of Middlesex, North Carolina was elected Treasurer.

Rev. J. W. Addington of Clinchco, Virginia was not present.

All money collected for Home Mission work is to be turned over to the Treasurer, and all money paid out

from said fund must be ordered by the Board.

It was agreed that we give special attention to evangelistic work, and that a full time evangelist be placed on the field by this fall. Brother Hollis thought that he might be able to go by fall.

Send all money for National Home Mission work to the Treasurer, Rev. M. E. Tyson, Middlesex, N. C.

Motion carried to ask our papers to carry our announcement and publish our reports.

(National Home Mission Board)

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## God Is Able

By Mrs. J. E. Frazier, 1624 East Cahal Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee

Turning homeward from the significant meetings of the National Association of Free Will Baptist and the Women's National Auxiliary Convention in the lovely city of Bryan, Texas, strengthened faith and renewed hope are strangely mingled with perplexities and discouragements. It is doubtful if an annual meeting has ever been approached with greater interest or more concern. The place of meeting, prospect of nation-wide Free Will Baptist fellowship, the gravity of our educational needs, and the crisis in missionary interests contributed to create an unusual atmosphere. The meetings had their high hours. Review of Free Will Baptist heritage, reminders of Free Will Baptist contributions to civilization, and visions of present needs brought to us by such able speakers as Revs. Melvin Bingham, J. R. Bennett, J. R. Davidson, J. W. Addington, M. E. Tyson, Clarence Bowen, and Sister Willey, Mrs. Fannie Polston, and Mrs. Alice Lupton; all inspired us to new devotion and more loyal service. Sometimes worthy objectives seemed to meet baffling defeat. No panacea for denominational ills was discovered; no Utopia was revealed. Grave situations still confront us. Human weakness, lack of faith still retard Free Will Baptist progress. But "God is Able—to give, to succor, to subdue things, to deliver, to keep, to save to the uttermost, to make grace abound." As we conserve and magnify the inspiration of every holy hour spent at these wonderful gatherings, so also may the apparent defeat move us to new victories in dependence upon divine ability.

The Women's National Auxiliary Meeting, through its program, and the messages exalted the wondrous Christ while response and obedience to His wonderful commission were emphasized in reports and objectives. Delightful fellowship with gifted women leaders of the Auxiliary's departments, and exchange of information as to diverse methods of work were incidents of the day; while zeal for the common task and promotion of our Lord's missionary enterprise were renewed in every heart. With a deepened appreciation of the comprehensiveness of our Women's National Auxiliary Convention, with renewed devotions to its ideals and program of

work, we turn again homeward.

"Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them." This is the admonition, I believe, of our deeply appreciated retiring president, Mrs. Alice Lupton, and also the initial appeal of her successor, Mrs. Rose Bowen. The Women's Auxiliary was organized for the purpose of stimulating interest in missions, stewardship, orphanages, and Christian Education among Free Will Baptist women and young people, and enlisting them in missionary living and missionary giving. Just here may I review just a few of our Auxiliary accomplishments so that you may decide for yourself if we have and are stimulating and enlisting Free Will Baptists:

Approximately 12 or 14 years ago, the Women's Auxiliary launched a plan of departmental work composed of prayer, missions, stewardship and personal service. Through these we women, along with a few of our ministers who were in sympathy with us, prayed to stimulate an interest in these things, and to enlist not only our women and young people, but our ministers also who were then divided (East and West). Women prayed and labored with very little co-operation and result, it seemed at times. Here I must mention one who, through all those years, labored with us women. He advised and labored as not many of our women did to aid us in perfecting our organization. He is a man of vision, ability and persuasion. He assisted some of our women in printing a little paper, or rather we assisted him maybe is more correct, that welded our people (women) together as perhaps few other things did, even though at the time of its publication, we who labored in producing it felt the effect useless at times. Now, however, I see and hear quite often of its benefits. This minister has meant much to the united efforts of our people, both men and women. I believe that years ago, he saw the power and influence of an organized women's work as no other of our inspired leaders saw it. So he worked with us and for us and encouraged us, and by the vision and ability of Rev. J. L. Welch of Nashville, Tennessee, which being coupled with

that of a few of our capable women leaders, caused the women to unite their efforts to stimulate and enlist Free Will Baptists in promoting God's Kingdom.

Four years ago, our women adopted a national plan of work which (pardon me please) is almost what our men adopted last November, 1938, in Nashville, Tennessee. How our women said "Praise the Lord" for union and co-operation and answered prayers. The National Association has five Boards whose duty it is to promote their respective phases of the work throughout the organization. The Women's Auxiliary Convention, four years ago, at Black Jack Church, organized a national body with five vice presidents whose duty was and is to promote certain phases of the work throughout the Convention. See how our two national organizations are harmonized and are working together. "God is Able."

Compare for yourself and decide if the Free Will Baptist women, through their organization, have stimulated interest in missions, stewardship, orphanages, and Christian education.

The greatest strength today of the Women's National Convention lies in its utter devotion to this same expressed purpose. As Christian women, its members have always engaged in many phases of Christian service. Through the departmental activities of the Auxiliary, its members have continued to find expression to the original purpose in Christian life and thought, the promotion of the program as planned and outlined by our national committee of women. Rooted and grounded in prayer, with unswerving devotion to its purpose, its life and work have been signally blessed of God. The task, though, is yet unfinished; open doors await the Women's Auxiliary evangel. Until the millions around the world who know not God are brought to a saving knowledge of Him, there will be need for the wisely directed service of the Women's Auxiliary. The gravity of our times and the present missionary crisis are a challenge to our faith, an incentive to earnest service, devoted living and sacrificial giving. In re-dedication to the expressed purpose of our organization, Women's Auxiliary members will make their finest contributions to our denominational progress and to Kingdom extension. God is Able—His unfailing Word commands obedience.

Yours for His service,



## Our Tour in the Interest of a School

By Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri

In writing this I have no intention of taking the place of our secretary of the educational board; or the chairman either; but I feel as one from our home state I should write concerning our investigating tour we made from the seventh to the twelfth of this month (August).

I went to Tulsa on Sunday afternoon the 6th, where I contacted Bro. Bingham. He and I boarded his new Chevrolet and left Tulsa after church that night or about eleven o'clock and drove to Ft. Smith, Arkansas, arriving there at 3:00 a. m. Monday. We slept three hours, arose and drove to some school property we had heard of about 60 miles northeast of Ft. Smith on what is called Mountain Crest. We had only to be there a short time to decide that our people could never make out with that property as pertaining to the location, land, buildings, etc.

We drove from there to Vicksburg, Mississippi, arriving there about 5:00 p. m. We secured our cabins, made all preparations for the night, and met the train at 10:00 p. m. on which Bro. J. R. Davidson and Bro. J. L. Edge were aboard, arriving from Bryan, Texas. Bro. Davidson is chairman of the board of education, and Bro. Edge went along just to be with us, and to be of what ever help he was able to be. We were truly glad to have him with us. Bro. Edge is a man of much business experience, being 70 odd years old, and we truly found him very helpful.

The next day we all drove together to Dothan, Alabama, arriving there about 4:00 or 5:00 p. m. There we were met by Bro. Ivey, and Bro. T. B. Mellette. We looked at some property which we had been requested to see in Dothan, visited with these good brethren for an hour or two, and then drove to Columbus, Georgia, arriving there about eleven o'clock that night.

We slept until morning then drove the next day to the Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage near Greenville Tennessee. On our way that day we passed near the great Smoky Mountains of eastern Tennessee and western North Carolina. The temptation was just more than we could

bear so we just turned aside a little and made a drive up into the Great Smoky Mountain National Park to the highest point, being about 6600 feet high. We only lost about a couple of hours on this sight seeing trip, and let me say here, if you ever have an occasion to pass that way and want to make the trip up into the mountains, regardless of the mission you are on, I for one will excuse you, knowing as I do now what there is to be seen. The scenery is simply gorgeous. I had to do quite a little "fussing" to get to make the trip, but I finally got the brethren to see it my way. I suppose I am mostly to be blamed for this little spur run up to Clingmans Dome as it is called; but all agreed heartily that it was worth the effort. We strained our eyes to the limit to see some of the wild bear that roam at large in these mountains, but we were compelled to leave the district, having had no glimpse of Bruno, whatsoever. We arrived at the orphanage that night about 8:30, and received a hearty welcome by the splendid caretakers, Bro. and Sister Stanley. Bro. J. R. Bennett, another member of the Board, arrived on schedule time from over among the 40,000 Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, and after a few such preliminaries, we retired and got a good night's rest. (I will tell you all about the orphanage elsewhere in this issue).

The next morning (Thursday) the fifth member of the board who is the secretary, Bro. George Dunbar of Chuckey, Tennessee, drove over, also some other Tennessee ministers Bro. Wolsey and Bro. Howington came, and we all drove to what is known as the Cedar Creek School property, an abandoned Presbyterian Mountain Mission School. We looked this over and drove back to the Orphanage. We had a good noon day meal and in



the afternoon we held our board meeting in one of the large rooms of the Orphanage.

The entire afternoon was spent in this meeting and we are glad to say it was a splendid meeting, for love and harmony prevailed throughout. All of these pieces of property we had seen on the tour were duly considered. We all agreed that none of the property we had seen were what we really need, and what we feel we must have in order to start and maintain a successful denominational school. I think we can say that bad locations were the principle things in the way concerning all prospects we investigated. We decided that the disadvantages outweighed, and so we started on our homeward journey not having settled on anything. This decision was not made in haste nor without due consideration, and was made with the spirit of kindness and love in our hearts toward all concerned in all of the prospects we investigated. How we would like to have settled on something; but we felt that this matter is so very very vital that we cannot afford to act the least bit unwise even if we have to defer for just a little time yet. We, the board, certainly felt our responsibility in considering these various prospects which the Brethren had placed before us and asked us to see.

We said goodbye to the eastern brethren and started on our journey homeward at 6:30 p. m. Thursday. We drove to Nashville, a distance of 300 miles, arriving there at 2:30 a. m. Friday. We got Bro. Blackwelder up and all went to bed at his home. We slept a little late Friday morning, and all went out north of Nashville and investigated some property Bro. Dunbar had told us about. We found that the price on this property, which is owned by the Masonic Order, is entirely out of our reach. We got away from Nashville soon afternoon and drove to Little Rock, Arkansas, arriving there about eleven o'clock that night. There we said goodbye to Bro. Davidson and Bro. Edge, as they caught the train for Bryan, Tex. Bro. Bingham and I spent the balance of the night at Little Rock, arriving at Tulsa Saturday at 12:30. I caught the train at two o'clock and arrived in Monett at 5:00 p. m. having traveled a distance of 2900 miles.

The trip was pleasant from the beginning to the end, with no trouble of any kind whatever. We all agreed that we had never traveled with a more



pleasant group. One of old, you know, said, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." While we returned not having settled on anything, at the same time we returned not in the least discouraged. By the help and leadership of the Lord we shall have a school. Sure, we could have

settled on something; but we felt that our people, to whom we feel responsible, would rather we would move slowly and be sure than to act in haste and make a mistake. There is something more for a puny man to use his wisdom only; we must be led of the Lord. So help us pray, and pray for us, please.

## Report of Zion Hope Association No. 2.

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The Zion Hope No. 2 Association met in yearly conference with Kenner Chapel church near Rudy, Ark., on Thursday night August the 3rd, for the purpose of transacting such business as may properly come before the body.

The services was opened by a real spirited song service in charge of the pastor of the church, Bro. S. A. Smith, after which the evening messages were brought to us by Brothers S. A. Smith, and Charlie Graham, using as a theme, "Building on the Rock"; Scripture text, Matthew 7:24: "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which buildeth his house upon a rock." As these two fine messages were being delivered the Holy Spirit of God began to drip down upon us and as the messengers continued, the drippings became more abundant, until it became a shower of rejoicing in the Lord.

At the close of the messages the past moderator assumed the stand to open the business session of the conference with the election of officers:

Bro. Charlie Graham ..... moderator  
Bro. Glenn Dipboye ..... assistant  
Bro. Ray Purdom ..... clerk  
Bro. Roy Rose ..... assistant

Adjournment until 8:30 a.m. Friday. Service closed with a united prayer followed by a handshaking and song interlude while the Spirit grew stronger and several cups of joy overflowed with shouting.

Met back Friday morning with the Moderator opening the session by reading 2nd Timothy 4: 1-8; Prayer by Bro. T. E. Conyear, a veteran of the Cross.

Committees appointed by the moderator. While awaiting a report from the arrangement committee, brief talks

were given by some of the brethren present and were very spiritual.

At the eleven o'clock hour the stand was taken by Bro. James Franklin and Bro. J. B. Burrough. Text, 2nd Timothy 3: 1-7. Before these two messengers had concluded their messages the Holy Spirit was falling in a heavy shower all around us and in our midst, with singing and shouting ringing out the joys of the redeemed.

Adjourned for a temporal feast in the homes of the good people of the community which was enjoyed by all.

Met back at 1:30 p.m. for business which was conducted in the great harmony of brotherly love and was very constructive.

The Divine Service Committee chose Brothers Ode Wickman and Ben Pixley to bring the messages at 2:30 p.m., but Bro. Wickam was indisposed and Bro. Scroggins, a young minister from the Robert McGee Association, was chosen to fill in for Bro. Wickam. Both of these Brothers brought us spirit filled messages that was real food for our souls, with showers of blessings increasing with intensity.

After a brief business session there remained a few minutes time which was taken up in a praise service that was not hard to start but hard to stop, for the showers had by this time become a hard down pour of rain. There was singing, there was shouting, there was handshaking, and neck hugging while the cups of joy overflowed abundantly and each one of us received at least a few drops to splash over us. Many tears of joy were shed, among which your humble servant, the writer, was mingled as the down pour from Heaven increased, and, Glory to God, a few drops fell upon me as well as others.

Adjourned until the evening devotional hour at which time two exceedingly fine messages were delivered

to us by Bro. Earl Gentry another young messenger who has started out to bid the guests to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, and Bro. C. M. Church a veteran of the service. Both brothers delivered unto us the word of God, sparing not that which was delivered unto them.

Met back Saturday morning for business which was attended to in a fine Christian spirit with the hand of God directing.

At the eleven o'clock service, the memorial sermons were delivered by two of the veterans of the association and of the cross! Bro. T. E. Conyear traced the history of the association from it's interception down to date while paying tribute to the founders and early ministers who have passed on to the reward; Bro. P. J. Mullin followed with a stirring memorial messages, after which we adjourned for the noon repast for the physical body. A fine repast was spread on the ground for all to partake thereof.

Met back at 1:30 to conclude the business session which was dispatched in the proper manner.

At the mid-evening service there were two stirring messages delivered to us by Bro. Pixley, a young preacher who was to be ordained at the evening service, and Bro. E. W. Simpkins. The hand of God was upon them; and they spoke as the Spirit gave utterance. What more can be said in favor of the messages.

Bro. Joe Lavette was chosen to deliver the message at the night meeting, to be followed by the Lord's Supper and feet washing.

Bro. T. E. Conyear delivered the bill of thanks in the name of the visiting delegation.

Regretfully, I had to depart before the night services so I am not in position to report what happened at this service except to say that it was a real old time shouting, singing, rejoicing time for all, with the Spirit of God overflowing as a mighty river from the sanctuary of God.

The German poet, Hoffman, pitifully said with his last breath: "We must then think of God also." Happy is he who early determines not to put God among the "alsos," but to make Him the keystone of the arch.

—Frances E. Willard.



## Work in the Vineyard

By A. H. Camp, Dry Fork, Arkansas

Mat. 21: 28 - 31. "But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work today in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not: But afterward he repented, and went. And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not. Whether of them twain did the will of the Father?"

**PRACTICALLY EVERYONE**, Saint and sinners alike, will admit that God is calling sinners to Himself. Is He calling them only for the purpose of giving them salvation in everlasting life? "How readeest thou?...Thou shalt love the Lord thy God....and thy neighbor....." (Luke 10: 16-27).

He is calling them to come to Him, be His true sons, and work in his vineyard. When we accept His call, accept Christ as our savior, accept the gift of the Father, we also accept the responsibility of working in His vineyard. As you would refuse to continue to give to one of your sons who sit idly by while all the rest worked, so God will refuse to give to one of His sons who refuse to work in His vineyard.

Brothers and sisters, how can you, who have found salvation and tasted of the good things of heaven, sit idly by, "at ease in Zion," while the grapes fall and are wasted? How can you sit idly by and see souls going down to everlasting torment and not try, in some way, to save them? Can you say you love your neighbor and not even warn him of the danger and death that is waiting just ahead of him? Wouldn't you warn even a stranger not to go on a bridge over a swollen stream when you had seen the foundations of the bridge swept away by the flood? 1 John 2:9 says, "He that saith that he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now."

You who are able to work, awake! arise! Get into the work, sit not idly by while your neighbors are caught in the Devil's snares and pulled down before your very eyes into eternal damnation, or God will hold you responsible for their death when you meet Him on the judgement day! Not only awake yourselves, but awake

those sleeping workers around you! Paul tells us to exhort one another, "and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" and you have the ability to work: go ye!

Some will say, "God has given me no ability to work, no talent." "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Matt. 7:7. If you want to work in the Lord's vineyard He will find a place for you, teach you some part of the work, and use you. The only reason you have no ability is that you don't want to work, you have not been seeking, or you would find.

In order to have ability in any line of work you must want to do that work, and you must study. God has given you the greatest school book of all time, the Bible. Study it: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth;" don't just read it, but understand what you read.

Somewhere near you there is probably someone who dearly loves to talk on the scripture and help others to understand it. Ask them questions

### Who Are These?

Who are these along the "narrow way" Steadily plodding day by day?

The world not heeding  
Some fair country, methinks, they seek;  
As day by day and week by week  
One "dear Name" they often speak,  
Forward they're pressing.

Who are these with gentle grace  
Standing in their proper place  
In service; attending  
Promptly to the King's command,  
Beneath His royal banners stand,  
With Gospel shield and sword in hand,  
Victory expecting?

Who are these when storms arise,  
And gathering clouds obscure the skies,  
Serenely riding  
Over life's tempestuous wave,  
Tho' breakers roar and surge and lave,  
One "arm" alone they trust to save,  
In it confiding?

These are prospective "heirs of God,"  
Pressing along the "narrow road,"  
Fair Caanan discerning,  
Victor's palms they hope to bear,  
Conqueror's crowns they hope to wear,  
And reign with Jesus over there,  
Through years unending.

— Selected

on the parts you don't understand and get their ideas on the meaning. Then compare their ideas with the scripture and see if they are right. It may throw new light on the subject so you will be able to understand what was hidden from you. Don't take anyone's word for the meaning of a passage of scripture, even though he is a great preacher, (for all mankind makes mistakes), but compare it with the scripture, and if it stands that test accept it.

Take an interest in the preaching you hear. Strive to learn something from it, and by so doing you will encourage others to do the same. How much more good a sermon does where all strive to attain learning and wisdom from it!

Take an interest in the Sunday school lesson, in the young peoples' lessons and any other educational activities of the church. Study pamphlets and papers; (of which the *Gem* is a fine one), and compare their teachings with the teachings of the Bible, and you will find that you have some ability, after all, and "to him that hath, more shall be given."

If you have a little ability, use it; if you have lots of ability, use it; and some day the Lord will say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant;.....enter into the joy of thy Lord."

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## The Regions Beyond

## Our New Mission Field

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During the past seven months, we have prayed and tried every possible means to continue our work among the Indians in the interior of Panama, but under the pressure of an administration opposed to Protestant missions, not only I have been compelled to leave, but others. The Pentecostals, on order of the government, have had seven out of their nine missions in the Interior closed. Rev. Goulding, a Missionary Baptist came into Colon the same date as I, and has been working with the Spanish speaking negroes in the city of Colon, and has received notice from the Government that he must go.

I can without much effort feel how it is to be a religious exile forced to leave a people dear to my heart, and they in turn coming to weep as we left them. Ranchers, men of influence in the valley, came to me and whispered confidently in my ear, "Just a little while Senor Willey, you will come back." Were it the Church alone that maneuvered the attack, its problem would be different, but it is the church directing the hand of the government.

When I received notice that I could not go on with the construction of our mission station after having personally worked for two months collecting rocks, cutting and hewing timbers, I hurried to the Capital to find the reason. A Physician who is a member of the Balboa Heights Baptist church, and a personal friend of the Sec. of Government and Justice promised to interview him and get the reason. He was informed that they feared I was a revolutionist, another that I would preach American ideals. Finally when I received an appointment with this official, I was

informed that they did not want any more of our sect in the republic; that the Protestants had given them much trouble. I was granted six months extension of time hoping that matters would blow over, and I would still receive my permission to stay. In the meantime we only worked the harder and tired every means to get around these oppositions.

So here we are. Defeated? NO, emphatically no, because we are in another country and close to Panama, and the day will yet come when we shall take up our holdings that are there as a gift to us. In the meantime we are going but we are not idle.

Last month, June, I made a trip with a supply of Bibles to two islands off the coast of Nicaragua. I had been informed that these islands were without workers, so the only way I could really find out was to go. I stopped off at Bluefields, Nicaragua where the Moravians have been working for nearly a hundred years. I met the young superintendent, a very Godly young man, and after telling him what we were up against, he urged me to come there as a refuge until I could find God's open door. He took me to a beautiful little cottage overlooking the Lagoon and said, "This is your home." He informed me that their work was very short-handed and probably something could be arranged for us in the way of a field in Nicaragua. So I returned to Panama, packed and made plans to be out at the appointed time. I could not return to the States, for I felt that I must see something done for the unreached. I did feel that Mrs. Willey was entitled to a vacation and would have just a day to make

the conference in Bryan, where she could better explain to our officials of the church what we have been going through. So with little Barbara she sailed on the *Carfu* to New Orleans, and Tommie and I took a two mast schooner and all of our belongings and headed along the coast to Nicaragua. We were seven days on the boat. When we went aboard, she was loaded to the gunnel with furniture and dark passengers, so we had nowhere to lie our heads, and as always the YMCA so graciously saved the day with a single narrow mattress. So Tommie and I made our bed on three kerosene boxes, and snuggled up with the waves washing over us, but we were too sick to care the first few days. So we arrived and were entered in the country free, and every bit of baggage free of duty. So here we are and again in the midst of the very rainy season, but laying our plans to get something started in the meantime, and preaching the gospel. Around us are masses of Spanish speaking people who know nothing of Christ, and to them we are being used to offer the Gospel. This article is a cry to you to continue earnestly in prayer that God shall magnify Himself in the presentation of His Word.

We shall continue to send these articles, probably they shall be mailed from the States, as the means of communication is so poor and expensive, so some one will carry on this work for us from that end. Drop us a line now and then, it might help us when the load is heavy and we are mired in the way. Most of all, continue to pray. Mrs. Willey is still in the States. Mail will probably reach her for the next two months at Bryan, Texas. This is a call to loyalty to the work we are engaged in, not my work, not altogether the work of the Church, but CHRIST'S WORK, the ORDERS of the Master.



## Four Bright Jewels

By Gweneth Talley, Aurora, Missouri

There are four bright jewels in the crown of Forgiveness. The first is a "full" forgiveness. Wherever God forgives, He forgives all—every sin—be it ever so dark and deep. 1 John 1:7 says, "The blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanseth us from all sin." Isaiah declared, "Our God will abundantly pardon"—a full forgiveness.

The second jewel, it sparkles, it is "freeness" yes, thank God forgiveness is free, free! "I, even I, am He that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake." (Isa. 43:25) That is a free forgiveness.

It is neither goodness in man that makes God willing, nor yet evil in man that makes Him unwilling to forgive. It is only and entirely "for His own sake" (love) that He pardons the guilty sinner. The word "forgiveness" or "pardon" means a free gift.

We have a third jewel in this crown: Christ's forgiveness is "final". No after charges; no blotting out today and writing down again tomorrow. The sins of a believer are "cast behind God's back" into the very depth of the sea.

But there is one more jewel in this crown. Forgiveness is a "present" blessing. It is not something in prospect but for present possession. It is not a mere plank on which to cross the stormy waters of Jordan at death, but a staff on which to lean all our journey through life. It is

not a promissory note payable in the next world, but a treasure possessed and enjoyed now in this world.

Unconverted men take a different view of forgiveness. They think about it only in connection with the time when they come to die, not before; they only hope to be forgiven then.

Fellow sinner, sin is no trifle, fable, or fancy, but a dread reality. And thank God, forgiveness of sin is also no mere fancy, but a grand truth.

It is our first need, and obtained only through accepting the substitutionary work of this man—Christ.

My sheep—shall never perish. I give unto them eternal life. (John 10:28)

### The Coming of Our Lord

It is written in the Word  
And it is so very plain,  
Of the coming of our Lord  
That He is coming back again.

Not as He came of old  
In Judea far away,  
But with a Heavenly Host  
He will come again some day.

Not to trod the earth in pain  
Nor to be crucified,  
But over death to reign  
He is coming for His Bride.

Not to be mocked or spit upon  
Nor scorned by cruel men,  
But to wear the Royal Crown  
At His coming back again.

He is calling now for you and me,  
O will you now believe,  
And at His coming ready be  
His blessings to receive.

## The Country Preacher

By J. M. Doughty, Strafford, Mo.

The *Christian Herald*, in co-operation with Harper Brothers' Publishing Company has been seeking the most popular Country Preacher in America.

Readers of *Christian Herald* were asked to nominate the most popular country preacher of their acquaintance and then judges were to take these nominations and select the most popular preacher from them.

While the nominations were made only by *Christian Herald* readers, and but very few of the country preachers

of the nation were nominated, yet the report of the contest is very encouraging and inspiring.

In all, 946 country preachers were nominated. At least one was nominated from each state. Missouri nominated 32 preachers, Arkansas 16, Oklahoma 14, Texas 39, North Carolina 21, Ohio 71, Tennessee 32, Michigan 33, and California 29.

The Rev. C. S. Young of Missouri was suggested by the most readers, however, the judges selected Rev.

George B. Gilbert, an Episcopalian, of Connecticut, as the most popular country preacher.

Except for the winner, the report does not give the denomination of the contestants. The *Christian Herald* is a non-sectarian paper and the nominations were from many denominations. The writer nominated Rev. Winford Davis of Monett, Missouri.

The most encouraging thing about the report is that all over this nation the country preachers are at work, and they have the co-operation and love of the good people.

From the very beginning of our nation, the country preacher has had a very important part in making this a great nation with Christian ideals. Perhaps the country preacher's work is more important today than it has ever been. In colonial times, 10% of the people lived in cities, while at present about 75% live in cities. It is stated that a large part of the religious leaders of the cities come from the country churches.

While the automobile enables the country preacher to reach more people, yet due to other attractions, he has fewer people in his congregations. God grant that all of us who live in the country may do all our circumstances will permit to encourage the country minister in his work.

### FINANCIAL REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION FUND

Shibley's Point Church .....	\$1.00
Madison Co. S. S. Convention ..	3.21
Verdella Church .....	1.50
Merl's Chapel Church .....	3.30
New Harmony Mission .....	2.00
Gladys Keeling, New Castle, Calif.	1.00
Pleasant Grove, Anderson, Mo. ..	5.43
Mtn. Valley League .....	1.50
Mrs. Henry Smith, Norwood, Mo.	3.00
Mr. & Mrs. B. F. Brown, Purdy, Mo	1.00
Mt. Zion Church, Plattsburg, Mo.	1.71
Mine La Motte Sunday School ..	1.50
Naomi Mizer, Purdy, Mo. ....	1.00
Hazel Creek Union Church ....	5.41
F. C. Zinn, Purdy, Mo. ....	3.00
Carterville League .....	1.78
Catherine Brittenham, Monett, ..	1.00

— Winford Davis, Missouri Treas.

The best kind of receipt for your cash is the one the Lord gives you in your heart.



## Count the Cost---of Driving a Car

"For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it." Luke 14:28-29

**REV. W. K. Weston**, of Monett, Missouri, a prominent young minister in the Free Will Baptist church, who does a great deal of driving in connection with his ministerial duties, has given us an accurate account of the actual cost of buying a new automobile and driving it for two years. Bro. Weston is pastor of churches and is sometimes evangelist in the southwest Missouri region. This work required him to drive a dependable automobile. He purchased a new Chevrolet sedan on July 23, 1937 and has kept an itemized account of expenditures made in behalf of the car for two years.

The cost of the car was	....	\$725.00
Missouri sales tax	.....	14.50
Interest on investment	.....	60.00
Insurance	.....	60.00
License transfer and title	....	3.00
License (for 2 years)	.....	22.00
County taxes (2 years)	.....	10.00
1501 gallons gasoline	.....	240.28
22 changes motor oil	.....	27.75
Lubrication	.....	17.15
Washing and waxing	.....	11.50
Accessories and repairs	.....	31.81
Tires	.....	48.96
Total	.....	\$1,271.95

Bro. Weston has always kept his car shining like new and in No. 1 running condition. He is an excellent driver and a gentleman of the road. It is true that he has driven most

of the time at high speed—from 40 to 70 m. p. h.—but not recklessly. He is in possession of good sight, sound judgement, and a steady nerve. He is one of the steadiest drivers I have ever ridden with.

It is to be noted that during the second year, Bro. Weston wasn't working so much and he did much of his own auto work such as washing and waxing, adjusting valves, changing oil, changing tires, etc., which made his expenses less.



W. K. Weston

The car has depreciated \$300.00 in sale price which leaves him a car worth \$425.00. Subtract the value of the car from the total expenditures and it leaves \$846.95 the actual cost of traveling 29,000 miles in a good car, which is an average of 2.92 cents per mile.

These figures are very interesting and we thank Bro. Weston for them. Our mind reaches out to try to comprehend what "might have transpired" had not Bill Weston been able to spread the gospel. Only eternity can reveal the value of Bill's traveling over these Missouri hills, taking the gospel to those in need.

— John B. Rollins

## Report of Missouri State Evangelist

Dear Gem Readers:

After closing our meeting at Wortham, on August 6, we came to the Happy Hill Church, ten miles southeast of Lebanon, Missouri. We preached there two and one-half weeks. We had good attendance and six souls professed faith in Christ.

We had never met these people before. We parked our trailer house at the home of Eld. Roy Jones, the good pastor. We learned to love Bro. Jones

and his family, and I believe him to be a real man of God. We enjoyed working with him and his people.

While there we attended the opening session of the Laclede County Association, ten miles from where we were in the meeting. On the following day we attended the New Liberty Association, eight miles south of Lebanon. There we met a number of friends from Wright, Webster, and Laclede counties.

The stand was filled at eleven o'clock by Eld. John Swaffer, of Purdy, Mo., and at three p.m. by yours truly.

We were glad to meet with our old friend, Eld. C. E. Mann, of Northeast Missouri, who was moderator of the association. Also we met Eld. Frank Linton and others from Dallas county.

While in the meeting at Happy Hill, we had street service in Lebanon and Grovespring. In these services the loud speaker proved a great blessing. We closed our meeting at Happy Hill Sunday night, August 20. After baptizing service that afternoon, we went to Amity, near Niaugua, Mo., Monday night for a pre-arranged service. We stopped in Niangua Monday afternoon where we had an impressive street service. At Amity we met many friends and had a good service.

Tuesday we moved on headed for Independence, in Cedar county. We are now here in Bolivar, Missouri visiting with Rev. and Mrs. Noel Turner, of Northeast Missouri, who are here attending the Southwest Baptist College. We expect to attend the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association which convenes at the Hannon church this week.

Then we will begin our meeting at Independence, Sunday night August 27. Pray for us.

Sam H. Marcum and wife

## Missouri State League Program

Those who were at the last Missouri State League Association will recall that we leaguers voted to have a pre-arranged program for this coming State Association.

Although a part of the pre-arranged program was published in the minutes of the last session, I shall give a brief form of the program:

Regular routine of Business.

Number ..... Independence League

Topic: "How to Make our League More Spiritual." By Mrs. Doris

Rollins and Eld. C. B. Dees, 5 min. ea

Number .... Indian Creek Association

Topic: "The Best Way to Get New Members." by Miss Ruby Wood and

Eld. Kenneth Turner, 5 min. each.

Number ..... S. E. Mo. League Ass'n.

Topic: "The Best Way to Keep League Members Interested." By Miss Esther

Apple and Eld. James F. Miller,

5 min. each.

Number ..... Niangua League

Benediction ..... to be selected

This program may be subject to changes by the president.

— Pres. Alvin Halbrook



# Attention! Free Will Baptist!

**S**OON THERE is to appear in the columns of the *Gem* an amazing colorful, authentic History of the Free Will Baptist Church from a national view-point. This is the most complete, most elaborate, and most concise story of our denomination that I ever saw. It does not consist of "Local pride" in discussing petty interest, but it is a broad revelation of national and international enterprising by the Free Will Baptist Church.

This history is fair in its discussion of enterprises — giving honor to whom honor is due. However, it certainly is not a flow of praise and eulogies continually, neither does it try to over-emphasize minor technicalities, but a straight-from-the-shoulder story of what has actually happened.

There will be three distinct chapters which the editor, with the help

of several others, are trying to produce in three interesting articles "for edification, exhortation and comfort," and the glory of God.

Chapter one will be "The Rise of the Free Will Baptist." From 1780 to 1890 — giving a brief outline of our 25 colleges, seminaries, and institutes; brief mention of our printing institutions; a comprehensive view of our foreign mission work with evangelistic societies of various kinds.

Chapter two, "The Fall of the Free Will Baptist" — a dark tragic picture! We lost all!

Chapter three, "The Reconstruction out of the Wreckage," which brings us to our present national standing.

Are you interested? Then be watching!

— John B. Rollins

## West Virginia State Association Announcement

Dear Brothers in Christ:

Mark well this announcement: That on September 29th and 30th, the West Virginia Yearly Meeting and the Logan Yearly Meeting will meet at the Chesapeake Free Will Baptist Church at Chesapeake, W. Va. for the

purpose of organizing the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist. We invite all Free Will Baptist in the state of West Virginia to meet us on this date.

Elder John M. Henson  
Chair. Executive Comm. W. Va. Y. M.

## Prayer Meeting Resolutions

By Mrs. Cecil E. Horner, Stahl, Mo.

I will make it a matter of conscience to attend — "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together."

I will endeavor to bring others — "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

As I enter the room I will ask the Savior's presence — "We would see Jesus."

I will not choose a back seat — "How pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

I will not seat myself as to keep others from the same pew — "Be courteous."

I will fix my attention upon worship and the Word — "This people

draweth nigh unto me with their mouth but their heart is far from me."

I will lead in prayer — "Ye also helping together by prayer for us."

I will otherwise take part — "Teaching and admonishing one another" — "Confess your faults one to another."

My prayers and my remarks shall be brief — "For God is in Heaven and thou upon earth; therefore let thy words be few."

I will avoid critical thoughts of others who take part — "Judge not."

After the meeting I will greet as many as I courteously can — "Salute one another." "Be kindly affectioned."

## "The Stone Which the Builders Rejected"

A great cathedral was being built.

The most beautiful marble, exquisitely carved, made its walls. Its woodwork was like satin and of delicate colors. The windows were like rich paintings, telling the wonderful stories of Christ's life.

The workmen had come from far and near, the most skilful only having been chosen.

For months hammers and chisels rang, till at last all but one window was finished. It was a south window, not large, where rich sunlight fell early and late.

"Strange it should have been forgotten," said the master-workman. "The Bishop is coming tomorrow, and all should be finished."

A little, bent man, with a shrewd but kindly face, limped up. Doffing his cap, he said: —

"Sir, I have made a window for that space from bits of the other windows. Pray you, let it go up."

"It is the best we can do," said the master.

"Put it up for tomorrow, man, but after that it must come down."

The next day the church was crowded.

Just as the Bishop turned to preach the sermon, the sun burst out. It came through the south window, touching his white hair with a halo.

Everyone turned to look. The stranger's window was a flashing jewel. Though it was made of bits, the colors were so blended that it seemed like one. The sunlight glittered and broke into a thousand rays.

The bishop knew about the forgotten window, and the strange way one had been made. He had prepared a stately sermon, but he put it away, and preached the thought the beautiful window gave, "The rejected stone being the head of the corner."

People who heard it and saw it never forgot. So shall we feel, little and big, when we see that some of our little efforts which many thought worthless, shall be counted by Jesus worthy of all recognition.

— Selected



## Obituaries

**FAINE** — Mrs. Alice Faine was born in the state of Arkansas, March 11, 1864. She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rogers, at Natural Dam, Ark., about 19 miles north of Van Buren, on July 25, 1939.

She was 73 years of age, a life long resident of Arkansas, a mother of four daughters and two sons. Sister Faine, after raising a family of her own, still felt the burden of motherhood, and about three years ago adopted her young granddaughter. She and her granddaughter had lived alone until recently when she became afflicted.

She had been a Christian for 40 years and had been a member of the presbyterian church until three years ago when she united with the Christian Union Free Will Baptist church at Davidson, of which she was a member at death.

Her funeral was conducted at the Hall Cemetery with Eld. Glenn Dipboye of Van Buren, a life-long friend of the family, bringing the message, and Charles Graham conducting the song service and Eld. Roy Rose offering the prayer. I believe her funeral was one of the best attended I have ever witnessed at that place. Sorrow and regret were printed on the faces of the congregation. We laid to rest in that cemetery the remains of a woman who had been a mother, wife, sister, and neighbor; a woman who had undergone great tribulations, trials and disappointments, but who was instrumental in pointing folks to God in the last hours of her life.

She called the children and neighbors to her bedside and told them farewell, and asked them to meet her beyond the river.

Bro. Graham and I were holding a meeting there at that time and her oldest boy found God at our meeting while her body was resting in the Edwards Funeral Home. One of her grandsons was converted and others that she had pleaded with. I have seen beautiful lives, but I, with many others, consider that one of the most beautiful deaths — crowned with plans for future life beyond this world of sorrow — that I have ever known. It will be my one prayer as long as I live that God will give me grace and talent to be as useful in death as that woman who came up out of trials and

tribulations, suffered in body, mind, and heart, went down broken in body, poor in spirit, and yet by the grace of God, stood on the brink of the River and lifted the blood stained banner of Jesus Christ. She spoke words of council in God's name, and said goodbye to the world of trouble and went to meet her Maker. She lived it, she taught it, she suffered it, she enjoyed it; she kept her Master while living, she left Him in the hearts of others at death. As long as I live to spread the Gospel, in time of trials, troubles, and disappointments, I will cherish to my heart the spiritual encouragement of a faithful life lived with one of the most beautiful and rejoicing deaths I have ever witnessed.

I was called to her bed-side time and again. She had advised me like a mother, requested that I preach her funeral because I knew her life.

God said, "Blessed are the poor in heart, for they shall see God."

Paul said, "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us."

We had a wonderful revival up there while she laid on her death-bed urging people to attend, urging Bro. Graham and me to do our best for God, and urging relatives and friends to heed the call. We had 30 conversions and reclamations, and concluded the meeting with a baptismal service with people attending from all over the hills. "All things work together for good to them that love God."

Though my heart quivered at being requested to preach the funeral of one of the best friends I ever knew, I rejoiced to know that God hath "prepared for them a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

— Elder Glenn Dipboye

**SUTTLES** — Gorden Lee Suttles. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Suttles. was born in Flint, Michigan, September 18, 1933. After a very short illness he departed this life in the Hurley Hospital at 3:00 p. m. Saturday, July 29, 1939. He was 5 years, 10 months, and 11 days old.

He leaves here to mourn his death, father, mother, and one brother. Robert age 9 of the immediate family, besides grandparents, uncles,

aunts, cousins, and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was handicapped by his affliction here in this life, but we have the hope through the immortality of the soul of enjoying his presence while the eternal ages roll.

The funeral service was conducted in the First General Baptist Church in Flint, Michigan by Rev. D. O. Robbins using for a text, Matthew 18:1-5. The body was then shipped by rail to Aurora, Missouri, where the funeral service was conducted in the King Funeral Home by Rev. Winford Davis, using for a subject, "Christ's human nature and divine ability."

Little Gorden Lee was an exceptionally brilliant little boy, yet he was deprived of his hearing and his speech. But we read in Isaiah 35:5, 6 some scripture like this: "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart and the tongue of the dumb sing." What wonderful Scriptural promises concerning the state of our now infirm bodies in the next world.

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the parents, brother, and all concerned.

### IN MEMORY

of Mrs. Lula Eakins who departed this life, October 31st, 1938.

Altho' she has gone where the sun is shining clear,  
Of her departure I was sad to hear;  
Would that I to the bereaved ones  
some words could say,  
That would cheer their aching hearts  
today.

She was a mother, a grandmother, and a friend,  
In honest, hard labor, her life she did spend,  
She was kind and pleasant, I know,  
While living in this world below.

Friends, just a few more years,  
Just a few more heartaches and tears,  
Then you can join her in heaven above  
Where all is peace and joy and love.

Where sad partings come no more,  
Where trials and temptations all are o'er,  
Where hearts that are heavy with grief  
Will find joy and sweet relief.

Written by a friend, Eva Phemister  
Sent in by Hattie Sims, Gid, Ark.



## Indian Creek Mission And League Rally

By John B. Rollins, Reporter

The Home Mission Circles and the Leagues of the Indian Creek Association in Southwestern Missouri, met with the Free Will Baptist Church in Aurora, Mo. for the Fifth Sunday Rally, July 30, 1939.

The people of the various churches of our district began coming in together for the 11:00 a.m. service which was devoted to Home Mission work. A sermon in keeping with the work was delivered by Bro. W. K. Weston of Monett, as he was chosen at the previous meeting to deliver the Mission sermon.

Bro. Weston's text was, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" taken from the setting of the boy Jesus talking to the doctors in the temple, and His parents seeking Him. Bro. Weston preached a fine sermon.

At noon, we had a feast out in the shade of a large tree.

The League program in the afternoon was splendid. Our faithful president, Miss Evelyn Jefferson, of Cassville, was in charge. The program was highly inspirational and talks, solos, duets, quartets, pantomimes, and playlets, given by the youth of our country.

The girls of the Aurora League gave a playlet which was practically original and it was a profound lesson to us on stewardship, tithing for missions and for other phases of church work.

The next Mission and League Rally is to be held with the Monett church on the fifth Sunday in October. Bro. Cecil Campbell was elected to preach the mission sermon at 11:00 o'clock.

Our Mission and League Rally is a Red Letter day for us for we all enjoy them so much. It is really good to be there. May the dear Lord bless the youth of our land.

## Fifth Sunday Meeting Report

Geneva Lamb, Clerk

The Fifth Sunday Meeting was held at the Fairview church near Chetopa, Kansas, July 30, 1939.

The eleven o'clock sermon was delivered by Bro. C. O. Farmer, a visiting minister from Oakland, California.

After the morning sermon, Brother Curry, the Moderator, took charge for

a short business session. Geneva Lamb was elected as Clerk. A Pulpit Committee was appointed as follows: Bro. Frank Jones, Bro. Ben Capron and Bro. W. J. Mayfield.

Dismissed for the noon hour.

The afternoon services were opened by singing, prayer by Bro. Frank Jones and Scripture lesson by Bro. Curry.

A special song by Bro. and Sister Goodwin.

Bro. Will Johnson brought us a message from Romans 6:1

A special song by the young people from Picher, "The Jericho Road."

Bro. Curry preached to us from the subject "Excuses" from Luke 14.

Special song by Bro. and Sister Farmer, "Cling to the Hand of Jesus."

The next message was brought by Bro. Orville Johnson from John 3:7, "Ye must be born again."

Special music by Tommy Goodwin.

A short message by Bro. Farmer from John 15:1-8.

After this message, Bro. Curry asked that we elect another moderator. He had been moderator for eight years, and owing to his age and the physical handicap of deafness, he asked for the election of another moderator. Bro. Charlie Landreth was elected.

The next meeting will be with the South Picher church October 29th. Sister Elda Crain is to preach the introductory sermon at eleven o'clock.

The young folk from Picher sang a song dedicating it to Bro. Curry for his long and faithful service. It was, "Kneel at the Cross."

We then had a testimony meeting led by Bro. Goodwin.

Adjourned until the next meeting.

## The Fredericktown Revival

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a few lines to report our work. At the time of the last Gem, we were beginning a meeting here at Fredericktown, Missouri. We have been here three weeks, and have had twelve conversions, and the interest is still good. We have surely had real crowds. One night the crowd was estimated at twelve hundred people. We thank God for people who have come from other denominations and helped us in the meeting. We had the colored folks with us last Sunday evening Aug. 6 and their minister brought the message. It was an inspiration to anyone to hear him.

We are looking for great things to be done yet, as we are not a two weeks revivalist. When you get a

meeting started these days, you had better keep it going until you do every thing that is possible, for my experience has taught me that it is hard to have a revival these days. Bro. Hand is a real man of God to work with, and he doesn't set the time for us to close but rather we would go on and on.

Our next meeting will be with the Methodist people at Marvin Chapel, northeast of Bonne Terre. We probably will just have that meeting and then go to the State Association. We ask the prayers of everyone that God will have his way in our life and that souls will be saved.

— F. C. Zinn and Wife

## THE FOURTH CAVE SPRING Fifth Sunday Meeting July 27th to 29th, 1939

Met with Smyrna Church, about four miles north of Alton, Mo., with singing, reading of Ecclesiastes 12, prayer by Eld. Elmer Hodges, and selection of Eld. H. C. Crase as temporary moderator, who spoke lovingly of Eld. Wid Johnson's faithfulness in the ministry until disabled by an illness of many years duration. Bro. Johnson passed on in June, and requested that the song "I Thank the Friends Who Prayed for Me" be sung, which was done. Bro. Wid rejoiced until the last over the loving thoughtfulness of him which was expressed in our last meeting in April. After these memorial remarks, the moderator appointed a Pulpit Committee, then the Clerk read our By-Laws, Articles of Faith, and the minutes of the last meeting.

At 11:00 a. m. Brothers Billie Rogers and Sam Bell gave splendid messages, showing the need of constant right living so we will receive our reward regardless of whatever happens around us. At this time, when fear and confusion are everywhere, we must have our feet in a safe place upon God's Word so they cannot slip.

There are good singers around Smyrna, and they have both male and female quartettes. They all gave us joy in a high class in melody, and we appreciated it.

Nineteen of our twenty churches were represented in some way, and since then one more church, Mt. Zion, about five miles west of Thayer, was organized with 14 members. Bro. J. E. Rolen told me that when the meeting started over there, only one person stood up as a Christian, but



by working day and night, the Lord being with them, the truth triumphed. Bro. Rolan stayed with them during our Fifth Sunday Meeting, but Eld. B. H. Woodring managed to steal away Saturday to be with us.

Bro. Sam Bell, pastor at Bailey Chapel, reported 13 converts there, and Sunday they, with one who had joined the Smyrna church, went to the river and were baptized.

Eleven of our ministers were with us at Smyrna. Eld. Harry Beatty, our moderator, was elected statistician, and Eld. E. E. Simpson as assistant moderator.

Pleasant Ridge, near Lula, was chosen as the place of our next meeting.

At night, Elders Talley and Crase, with Eph. 5 as a basis, warned us to stop lying and tell the truth as it is in Jesus. We must have everlasting life here or we never will have it. In ancient times, God winked at ignorance, but Paul tells us in Acts 17:30 that "now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." The Holy Spirit has appeared and appealed to every one to believe and be saved, for without God's help, no one can ever receive any lasting benefit, and the Gospel way of salvation has never been changed. NOW is the time to be saved; the Lord never said tomorrow or any other time, but *today*. A man, once a Christian, but went into railroad work, backslid, and told Bro. Crase not to pray for him because it was then too late; no more grace, only destruction and everlasting darkness away from God.

Sunday morning, after singing and reading of 1 John 5, and prayer by Bro. Talley, Elder Kennedy gave us a vigorous message on sowing and reaping with many side lights and experiences. He knew an old wicked sinner once who had studied the Bible so thoroughly that he knew almost all of it by heart, but had not appropriated it as his standard of living, and so when his life came to an end he died crying, agonizing and praying to God for salvation but alas, having quenched the Spirit until it was too late; the Lord would not hear him, as Solomon tells us in Prov. 1:24-33.

At 11:00 a.m. Elders Beatty and Simpson with 1 Timothy 4 as a basis, warned of the vast array of things likely to tempt us away from the best ways of living into lower standards. Some on this Lord's day were in worldly amusements because they wanted to be there instead of in the

house of the Lord; others are gathered in God's service listening to His teaching because they prefer God, instead of cheaper things. Jesus in us, the hope of glory, is the only real way of living, which will direct us in right ways here and at last open to us the doors of everlasting glory. Why not let the Prince of Peace into our lives while we are young so we can go all the way through the world rejoicing and safely.

The Holy Spirit was with us all through the meeting and we *knew* it because we felt His blessed presence.

Ministers present: Elmer Hodges, Jesse Dunkin, H. C. Crase, W. P. Stogsdill, Billie Rogers, Harry Beatty, Sam Bell, E. E. Simpson, Claude Bryan, J. H. Talley, and M. P. Hinds.

Deacons: S. P. Scott, Fraley Jenkins, T. L. McDonald, J. R. Thompson, A. J. Pingleton, J. A. Nichols, Marvin Williams, E. L. Frey, S. E. Coble, F. D. Johnson, S. C. Pierce, C. H. Crews, J. P. McCullough, J. T. Warren, W. E. Crews, Russell Muse, and Ralph T. Hoyt.

And, folks I do wish you could all have heard Sam Morris speak on temperance as I did August 5. He knows the truth and isn't afraid to tell it to the world. He gathered some children together and told us they couldn't protect themselves from the dangers of liquor and it is our job. 1,300,000 girls are now serving booze all over the country. In the old days girls and children weren't in saloons; the windows were so you couldn't see through them. Now, when our president promised there would be no such thing as a saloon, if prohibition was repealed, things are many times worse. Liquor is sold in saloons, drug stores, cafes, filling stations almost everywhere and women, children and girls are taking the stuff that ruins body and soul. Prohibition didn't work, hey? Did you ever see in that 14 years, any liquor advertisements in newspapers or magazines, on sides of buildings, or along the roads? How is it now? There would be no bootleg or bootleggers either, no sir. Do you see any diminution among either now? About one third to one half of the stuff sold over the counter now is bootleg stuff. Some are always talking about regulating the liquor traffic. Was it ever regulated or law abiding anywhere or at anytime? Can rattlesnakes be regulated? Do you know what God said about liquor in Prov. 23:29-35? Did God know what he was

talking about nearly 3,000 years ago? Ask Him now what you should do about it.

—Ralph T. Hoyt

## MARIANNA, FLORIDA

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

May I report a victory for God in our meeting. We held a meeting in a Methodist church, and I had the pleasure of laboring with Bro. Roy Gilbert, a Methodist minister, in his church. We erected an old time altar to God and used it for His glory and saw 22 sinners come and kneel at the altar and some arose shouting glory to our Lord. Our people here, almost as a whole, are against using the altar but are now convinced, if it is used right and for the glory of God, it will prove a success. Of course, some of our preachers have let pride creep in and won't even kneel to pray. There were 10 additions to the Damacus Free Will Baptist church and 4 came by letter to the Methodist church. I wish to thank the good people of that community for opening the doors of their homes to us and for their splendid co-operation, and may God bless them in my prayer, and I beg all who read this to pray for me. I pray that our ministers here may see the vision of a greater need for reaping sinners and how our churches should let their light shine out to the lost world.

I am closing by saying to my friends in West Virginia, that I will get there as soon as God permits.

I will close asking God to bless our new Editor and his precious companion, and may their work prove a blessing to all.

Yours in His service,  
Evangelist W. L. Truett

## Logan County Conference

Dear Gem Readers and Family:

I wish to make the following report of the Logan County Conference which convened with the Ball Chapel church of the Free Will Baptist at Sharples, West Virginia, August 4th to 6th.

August 4th was the Ministerial Service with several ministers present and several reported by letter.

Friday night, the sermon was delivered by Bro. Andrew Adkins and was enjoyed by everyone. The blessings of God were upon the meeting.

Saturday morning, 9 o'clock, the



conference was called to order by the assistant clerk, John W. Butcher, because the faithful clerk, J. W. Jordan, was absent on account of sickness. Rev. M. J. Fortner was elected Moderator and Rev. Andrew Adkins, assistant. The committees were appointed by the moderator, and the church reports called for and 12 churches reported. One new church was taken into the conference. Business session closed with song and prayer.

The preaching service was a wonderful sermon delivered by Bro. Bill Pritchard and Bro. Frank Widener, with a large crowd present. Dismissed for lunch.

Called to order at 2:00 p. m. by the moderator. The committees reported, and two deacons and one minister were ordained.

The Next Session Committee reported that the next conference will be held with the Uma Church at Wilkerson, West Virginia, about two miles from Logan, W. Va., on Island Creek.

A wonderful sermon was delivered by Bro. M. J. Fortner, then the session closed with song and prayer.

At 7:30, Saturday evening, a sermon by Rev. Marion Stephenson, and then we had Communion and Feet Washing and real old time shouting by almost everyone.

Sunday morning service, August 6th, led by the pastor, Rev. Earnest Bias. The blessings of God were enjoyed and there was more shouting by nearly everyone.

We, the Logan County Conference, wish to extend our thanks to the Ball Chapel people for their co-operation and kindness throughout the conference, and to the Maynard Quartet from Hetzel for their service.

I will try to sent in a more complete report the next conference, for this is my first report to send in, so we, the Logan County Conference, are asking for your prayers that we may grow in the Lord and do more in the great Free Will Baptist Church.

Don't forget that everyone is invited to attend our next conference, beginning November 3rd, at 2:00 p. m., with Rev. Earnest Bias and Rev. Truman Stephenson to preach Friday night.

Your servant in Christ,  
— John W. Butcher, Ass't. Clerk

### Koshkonong, Missouri, Aug 12th

Dear Editor:

As I am a Free Will Baptist and hold my membership with the Cave Springs Association and with the Cane

Hill Church 4 miles east of Thayer, Mo., and as I am called in the ministry by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I feel that it is my duty as a child of God to write just a few lines to the Gem.

My subject shall be, "The First Step to God." I pray that it may help someone that wants to become a christian.

"Repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Mat. 3:2.

This repentance is the very first step toward God and heaven, which was preached to us by John the Baptist, a fore runner of Jesus Christ, to prepare a people for our Lord and Savior. Jesus says in Luke 13: 3-5; "I tell you nay, but except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." To perish means eternal punishment (Hell). Here Jesus was speaking to a sinful people, telling them that they must repent. I know that their is a great division with God's people today as to what repentance is and just how that we should repent. In 2 Cor. 7:10 we find where Paul was speaking to the church and he said, "For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of; but the sorrow of the world worketh death." Then when we repent of our sins, we must go to God with our burdens of sin by the way of the altar and the Cross of Jesus Christ, as the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. We find in Mat. 12:41 where Jesus was speaking to the scribes and Pharisees, and told them that, "the men of Nineveh shall rise in judgement with this generation and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here."

We find when we go to the book of Jonah that Jonah went a days journey into the city of Nineveh and proclaimed to the Ninevites that God was going to destroy that great city in 40 days. Jonah did not even preach to them to repent of their sins; but the news of Jonah's preaching was carried to the king of Nineveh and the king came down from his throne and told all of the people to put on sack cloth and sit in ashes and cry mightily unto God that He might hear their cries and not destroy them. A sack cloth represents a cloth of mourning, and ashes represents for us to acknowledge to our God just how little we are within ourselves and that we cannot save ourselves. So if our Lord and savior Jesus Christ

called this repentance, why should I not call it repentance and try to get people to come to the altar and be saved?

God says in His word that he is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).

Then repentance brings us from a dead condition in sin to a living condition in Christ. A living salvation of God in our hearts by the shedding of the Blood of Jesus Christ, the son of God. My prayer to God is that we may all repent and have life with our Creator, God the Father, and Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Ghost the comforter which shall remain with us forever. (St John 14)

Eld. J. E. Pentecost

### S. E. Mo. League Association

The Southeast Missouri League Association met on Tuesday night, July 18, at the Desloge Free Will Baptist Church, in its regular quarterly meeting. After some timely remarks by our president, Bro. C. B. Dees, we enjoyed some congregational singing. Sister Ruth LaBrot of Flat River conducted the devotional part of the service, reading from Rev. 21 for a scripture lesson. The theme of the program was "Christ's Cross" and as the Leagues rendered their respective parts they were in keeping with the theme. A topic for discussion also based on the theme was, "How can we as Leagues, bear the cross for Christ?" Some wonderful suggestions were given by Sister Tommie Franklin and Bro. Albert Hallbrook. Each of these speakers urged us to dedicate our lives to Christ and take up our cross daily and follow Him.

We were also happy to have received a new League into our association. The Concord League of near St. Louis, which was recently organized applied for membership and were gladly received. We voted to meet with them in our next meeting.

After a few other minor business considerations, we were dismissed by Bro. Anthony Burcham, and each one left with a greater determination to make his league a better league.

Eld. Damon C. Dodd, Sec.-Treas.

### Niangua Quarterly Meeting

The Niangua Quarterly Meeting met with the Buffalo church at 2:00 p. m. July 27. The introductory sermon



was delivered by Eld. Frank Linton. Scripture Acts 9; subject, "Paul sees Himself."

The stand was filled at 8:00 p. m. by Eld. W. N. Sutton, followed by Eld. Burwell.

The Friday morning session was called together by singing, scripture lesson by the ass't moderator, and prayer by Eld. Warren Moffit. The stand was filled at 11:00 a. m. by Eld. J. P. Highfill, followed by Eld. Frank Linton. Text: Romans 6:5.

A wonderful dinner was spread for all at noon.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by the moderator with prayer by Eld. J. P. Highfill.

The stand was filled at 8:00 o'clock by G. W. Sturdevant. Communion and feet washing were observed by a large number.

The session was called to order at 8:00 o'clock Saturday morning by the moderator. The stand was filled at 11:00 o'clock by Eld. D. F. Dean of Buffalo.

Eld. Warren Moffit delivered the farewell address at 2:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

The session was adjourned to meet with the Pleasant Ridge church the next quarterly meeting.

Eld. G. W. Sturdevant, Moderator

## Brilliant, Alabama. Aug. 15th

Dear Editor and Baptist Friends:

If you will allow me space in your paper, I want to report a little of our work down here in Alabama. First I want to say we have a church for which we are thankful. We have a real Sunday School, with a regular attendance of about one hundred.

Our Sunday School singing class is fine. We have about one dozen capable choir leaders; fine young people that will jump out and direct a song anytime they are called on. Thank God for the young people. We know our work would not last long if it was not for the young people to take the place as fast as the older ones fall out.

Bro. Lester Hawkins is our Sunday School superintendent, and I think a finer one never lived. The other officers and teachers are fine in their places.

We are all happy to report a fine revival that closed August 10, 1939. Eld. Thomas H. Dixon of Checotah, Oklahoma was in charge of the preaching each day. Our pastor Eld. A. J.

Lambert was with us the first week. We saw many souls saved and the church built up in fine condition. Eld. Dixon really brought some fine messages on such subjects as "The One Foundation; which Foundation is Jesus Christ", and "The One Lord, One Faith, and Baptism," also many other ones too numerous to mention.

If you need a man of God to conduct a meeting for you I could not recommend Eld. Dixon any too highly. He is loved by all the church here and many other people.

We thank God for twenty-seven additions to the church. Some of which are as fine a people as ever lived.

We have preaching on each fourth Sunday by our pastor Eld. A. J. Lambert.

Don't forget to pray for us down here in Alabama.

— M. F. Whitman

## Mt. Vernon, Missouri State Sanatorium

Dear Gem Family:

Just a few lines to let you know that we both are feeling fine, my little daughter, Ruth, and I. We just ask you dear brothers and sisters to continue praying for us, please.

We were made happy on Aug. 8, when we received a card and handkerchief shower from the ladies of the Home Mission Circle at Blue Eye, Mo., and also on the same day I received a nice letter and a little book containing poems and bible readings from a dear sister Mrs. Ina Bicknell of Hannon, Mo. We certainly thank you for it.

May God's richest blessings rest upon each and everyone of the Gem family.

— Mrs. Opal Frazier

## God's Financial Plan to Carry on His Work

Some thirty years ago there was a young man who had lost all in real-estate in Seattle, Wash. This young man, Charlie Page, met a Salvation Army solicitor, with a tambourine. And he said, "Sorry lady, I am broke. I only have \$1.15 to my name." She then said to him, "Give God your tithe."

"What is that?" he asked. She explained about the ten cents of each dollar belonging to God. And then he said, "I will do more," and he gave her the fifteen cents and from that

time on Charlie Page tithed. God blessed him and he became the oil king of Oklahoma, and his reputation was that Charlie never struck a dry hole. Up to his death a few years ago, he was a great giver.

This article was taken from a tract. I enjoyed it very much and decided that I would pass it on to others. "How often we trust each other, And only doubt our Lord. We take the word of mortals, And yet distrust His word; But oh, what light and glory Would shine O'er all our days; If we would always remember God means just what He says.

— Mrs. Opal Frazier

## CARTERVILLE, MISSOURI League Report

Dear Leaguers:

We are glad to report our league is in good working order. Each one is doing his part to make this quarter the best our league has known.

We have been enjoying the programs prepared in our quarterlies very much this quarter. "Christian Ambition" was a wonderful lesson. It made us stop and ask ourselves the question, "Am I ambitious enough to do what the Lord wants me to do?" or "Am I trying to shift my part on someone else?"

Bro. and Sister Willey surely are ambitious toward spreading the gospel to the people across the seas. If they are not, it seems that they wouldn't be so patient and kind while being treated as they are. If some of us had to live in a house furnished as Bro. and Sister Willey's is, we would be so cross no one could stand to be around us.

When we talk to an unsaved person, especially in a revival meeting, and they do not respond the second or third time (sometimes the first time) we began to get discouraged. Often after having talked to them the second or third time we stop and say it's no use, just because they won't change their ways and live right. While Bro. and Sister Willey keep right on, never giving up, we are discouraged after the revival meeting if there aren't 20 or 30 souls saved, while our missionary a lot of the time has two conversions a year.

May we not be so easily discouraged but trust more in the Lord and let Him have His way. May we pray more for our missionary and family for they need our prayers.



Our League officers for this quarter are as follows:

President ..... Marion Johnson  
 Vice President ..... Elmer Johnson  
 Sec.-Treas. .... Lola Anna Brown  
 Junior Sponsor ..... Delcena Brown  
 Quiz Leader ..... Raymond Williams  
 Group Captain No. 1 .. Gailard Brown  
 Group Captain No. 2 .. Rose Simpson  
 Pianist ..... Leta Johnson  
 Chorister ..... Elmer Johnson

We need your prayers that we may continue to grow for the Lord.

— Lola Anna Brown, Secretary

### Springdale, Arkansas. Aug. 15

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a line or so to let you know what we are doing. Bro. Bruce Phillips filled his regular appointment the second Sunday and preached a fine sermon.

Our revival meeting began Sunday night. Bro. Cecil Garrison and Bro. Bruce Phillips are doing some fine preaching. Five souls have been blessed.

We sure do miss our old moderator, Bro. J. W. Allred. He has been a wonderful help to us boys and girls at Burk Shed. I am praying that the Lord will give him back his health so that he may help some other boys and girls.

I attended the Association which convened at Clifty Church. We had a real Association, and the Spirit of the Lord was there.

I am just a young girl. I have been serving the Lord about five years. I want to live a pure, clean life and shun all appearance of sin. I am not ashamed to testify for my Lord anywhere. All of you pray that I may be a soul winner for Christ.

— Mable Archer.

### La Rue, Arkansas, August 14th

Dear Bro. Rollins and Gem Readers:

As it has been some time since I wrote to our little paper, I'll try to write a few lines.

I feel that we owe a lot of courtesy and respect to our former editor, Bro. and Sister B. F. Brown, who did work so faithfully in the spreading of the gospel through our little paper. So I pray Gods blessings upon them. Then I thank God for Bro. and Sister Rollins who have taken their place. I do think that we Free Will

Baptist should get behind them and help them every way we possibly can for the advancement of the cause of Christ.

I am truly glad to report that God is still blessing his workers. Although sometimes I feel that I am one of his weakest servants. But He has blessed me so much I just can't keep from pressing on.

I want to tell you that we had a real spiritual Council meeting at Mt. Zion church the fifth Sunday in July. Those that were not there did miss a blessing. Bro. Bruce Phillips, one of our young preachers brought us a soul stirring message. I am so glad for the number of preachers that were present, and for the spiritual food that it brought to my soul. As I try to preach so much of my time, it really does my soul good to hear a message from other ministers. I am glad that Bro. Phillips was allowed the opportunity to help me in a revival at Cottage Hill church. He is a real man of God and so nice to work with. I know that the two churches that have called him to serve them will never be sorry. So let us pray, one for another, that God in all things may be glorified.

We had eight precious souls that were wonderfully blessed and saved in the meeting. We are now conducting another revival at the Mt. Zion church and we desire the prayers of all Gods children that shall read this that God will bless in a mighty way and give us souls for our hire.

I must tell about our good association that met with the Clifty church Friday August 11, 1939. We had a good delegation, and the spirit of the Lord was with us from start to finish. We are really proud of the old Mt. Zion Association and for the advancement it has made for the past two years. Our heart was made to rejoice greatly when three of the six men whom God has Divinely called to the ministry made their reports. We do pray Gods blessings upon them and our association. We are real glad to report too that the Indian Creek Association from Missouri was represented by Bro. and Sister O. T. Allred, Bro. and Sister W. K. Weston, and Bro. and Sister John B. Rollins, and I want to thank the Lord for the encouragement that these brothers gave us. The Union Association of United Baptist was also represented of which we were glad. We pray

Gods blessings upon His work everywhere.

I know that I am a poor writer, but if Bro. Rollins has space and can see fit to publish this, maybe it will help to encourage someone along the way.

Yours for Jesus,

Eld. Cecil O. Garrison

### Henderson, Texas

Dear Co-workers:

We can hardly realize the time is here to send in another report. We have been very busy since we last wrote.

Our meeting closed last Sunday night. We had a glorious revival and the power of God was manifested in a wonderful way. The meeting was for the church and we never did know just how many were converted and reclaimed.

We feel that God led us here for the church and to help build a new church building, which was started three weeks ago. We hope to have it completed in about 10 days. We want it ready for Sister Franklin to preach her first appointment in. She is the new pastor and will be here the first Sunday in September. We feel the church here has been very fortunate to get such a pastor as our dear Sister Franklin, whom we love very dearly in the Lord. May God bless her in her new field of labor. She will have some fine people to work with.

We go from here to Wewoka, Oklahoma for our next meeting, so pray for us to have a great meeting there.

We don't have time to write a large report. Just accept this in the name of the Lord.

Oh! yes, if anyone wants to give on the new church building, send your offering to Mrs. Mary Andrews, Henderson, Texas, Route 1. We have donations already from several states. Only \$1.00 from a number, right now, would be a great help. The offerings came to us while we were here, but since we are leaving, send to the church clerk, Sister Andrews.

Yours for Jesus,

H. M. and Lizzie McAdams

The way to make your money go a long way is to send some of it to the missionary.



## TULSA, CHURCH REPORT Tulsa, Oklahoma

*Mrs. Marvin P. Dalton, Reporter*

"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." Romans 8:37.

On Sunday morning, July 13, we were privileged to have Bro. Alfred Coursey, of Turley, Oklahoma with us. Bro. Coursey brought us a wonderful message.

Sunday night, August 6, Bro. Winford Davis, of Monett, Missouri, was with us. Bro. Davis is a talented gospel singer, as well as a wonderful preacher of God's word. Bro. Davis brought us two special numbers in song, after which he preached a wonderful message.

On August 7, Bro. Melvin Bingham and Bro. Winford Davis left Tulsa for the East, to join the other members of the Nation board to look at property that might be purchased for a National Free Will Baptist school; a school where boys and girls could go and be taught by men and women who have consecrated their hearts and lives to God's service.

After having traveled about three thousand miles during the week, Bro. Melvin Bingham returned and was at his post on Sunday morning with a wonderful message for us.

Since the hot weather seems to be on the way out, our Mission workers have been doing double duty to make up for some of the time lost during the hot summer. The Mission ladies meet each Thursday and work. When there is extra work that needs to be done we meet in the morning and work all day.

The Mission ladies gave our pastor's wife, Sister Opal Bingham, a surprise for her birthday anniversary on the tenth. We are all very thankful, to God, that we have Sister Bingham with us this year, because at this time last year she was in the hospital.

Our First Mission Association will meet the twenty-second and Bro. Bingham is assigned with the preaching during the ten day camp meeting, which preceeds the Association. A wonderful meeting is reported with many surrendering their lives to God.

Our young people's League of the Tulsa church is becoming much more interesting since it meets on Friday night. We do not always have a large class but the interest is growing and if you would visit one of

our Friday night services, we believe, you would be agreeably surprised at the large number of verses of scripture that these young people can quote verbatim. The young people desire your prayers that we may continue in God's service.

"For God shall bring every work into judgement, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."

## GREENTOP MISSOURI

I have just been looking through the back numbers of the Gem, and thought I would write something to encourage those wonderful writers. I trust my effort will not be entirely in vain.

Some of the things that especially interested me were, "How Long Halt Ye," by Gweneth Talley in May, 1939; "Wrestling the Scriptures," by Kenneth Turner; "Death and the Judgement," by Sam Marcum; "A Deadly Poison," by Alpha Jane Wilson; "Christ and the Adulterous Woman," by John B. Rollins; "When Minorities Won," by B. F. Brown. "Why I Love My Bible," I cannot recall who wrote it. There were so many good things, in fact, they were all good; each one had its place.

Words fail to express my appreciation for the little *Gem*. It does me so much good to hear one's first letter or sermon. I shall never forget the time Bro. Sam Marcum was called away and left Sister Daisy to fill his appointment. Realizing, as I did, the effort it cost, and praying so hard as she brought the message, it did me more good than any sermon I ever heard. Also Bro. Vernie Wellbaum's first sermon helped me so much for the same reasons; growing up with him and loving him and being so interested in him made me enjoy his talk so much more. So we can see, it is not always the big things, or the big sermons that do the most good, but rather the one coming from the humble servant with nothing in mind but the good of the cause, absolutely stripped of self and selfishness, and with no thought of man-praise or earthly gain. May the Lord ever help and encourage all. Just a word here to young preachers, young converts and weak members: don't be surprised if the devil has some of his imps condemn you, or try to discourage you because you don't preach, talk, act, or look like they do. The promise is to

those that endure to the end, and don't forget, there will be something to endure. Just keep looking forward and upward. If you look back, you might see someone you thought was your friend trying to hurt or hinder you, and that wouldn't be especially encouraging. So just pray for them and go on. Oh, how they do need your prayers. If we could only get them converted, the devil would lose his best workers. Let us look upward to the One who never fails us. There is one that "sticketh closer than a brother."

Now as I have already used so much space, I'll only drop one thought on the subject. So often Jesus has said, "Follow me." I wonder if we even try to realize what He means. Does He mean to strive to lay up all the worldly goods we can? No, surely not! We do not see anything in His life or example to even indicate that, but we do hear Him on one occasion saying, "Sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor....and come, take up the cross, and follow me." Also, we hear Him say, "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also." Now if anyone thinks this is untrue, or that it doesn't mean it, just remember, I'm not the author of those words. Some will say, "Times have changed." And I'll admit it (quite a change), and times are still changing, and man is doing the changing, and if they keep on changing at the rate they are, it won't be long until we will have to have a powerful magnifying glass to find any resemblance between his life and examples and that of most Christians. (Don't forget I am keeping one finger pointed at self.) It is never my intention to give medicine too strong to take myself. If I had time and space I could give instance after instance where we have substituted, and are doing things man's way.

Christ said to the adulterous woman, "neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more," and knowing Him as we do, we know He forgave. According to the record we are led to believe he dismissed it from his mind. It would take a cloud burst or earthquake to get anything out of our modern Christian's mind, and even then they would go right back the next day and dig it up. I could go on and on showing where we are not doing things God's way. Don't misunderstand me for I know there are a few exceptions, but mostly we are not following Him. Lets just try to



forget our way, the way we were raised, the custom of the country, and read His life history and compare. He has given an example for every occasion and He said unto them, "Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own traditions," and in another place, "you make the word of God of none effect through your traditions."

It seems to me we have done just that. Sinners will sit under the sound of the gospel night after night. The word of God seems to have no effect. We lay it to a falling away, the closing of the Gentile age, or anything but the real cause. So many think that a church member doesn't need to repent or confess. So many will white wash their little old grudges and kid themselves, and try to think that they have them hidden from the world, it would be just as easy to wipe them clean if they would humble themselves. I say to you dear readers without fear of successful contradiction, there must be some resemblance between us and the one who said, "Follow me" before sinners will run over some one setting to an altar of prayer. I have seen meetings where folks would pray for God to knock down and drag in by the hair of the head, instead of cleaning house first and setting the example. You have all seen this happen. If we could only get a picture of His life in our hearts and make use of it in every situation.

Oh! for an example of a good humble life. I love to think of our lives as gardens, our faults the weeds, and our good traits the flowers. If we are careless and do not try to overcome our faults they flourish and choke out the flowers, but if we strive earnestly, God being our helper, to weed out the unkind words, envy, jealousy, selfishness, unforgiving spirit, old grudges, and countless other things that mar the spirit of harmony, then we can say we are trying to follow Him. I think of words as good enough for politics, and possibly good enough for some kinds of religion, but only by our lives can we express that sweet feeling of love, joy, and peace that comes from trying to "follow Him". May He help us each day to trust Him more. Oh! for more and more of that simple child like faith and help to feel and know.

In my hand no price I bring  
Simply to thy cross I cling.

May He ever strengthen us that we may be able to endure persecution, ever looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of our God and our Savior Jesus Christ. A service I can give to you  
Is something I should gladly do,  
Not in return or paying back  
To recompense some kindly act;  
Not to expect to long to yearn  
For something given in return,  
But service I would gladly do  
Because I'm really wanting to.

## Missouri Sunday School Work

*By William Reeves, Missouri Sunday School Supervisor, Fredericktown, Mo*

Well, here we are again. The year has rolled around and many things have happened since our year's work started last September. Many things "no doubt" have been left undone that should have been done, but there have been many things done of which we are very proud. We can see the progress of our church moving out and making history for our church.

I have longed many times to be able to look back and see the history of the work of our fore fathers in all the auxiliaries of our denomination. What a great help it would be to me now. Then I am wondering if our future generation would not appreciate the history of our progress of today.

I enjoyed the Historical Department, so much, in the August issue of the *Gem*. I always love to learn

about the work of the old soldiers of the cross for it gives me courage.

We have this year something to be proud of; and that is our Sunday School program. We have surpassed my expectation and if things move the next month as they are now, we will be able to have a more complete report of our work.

We have had co-operation from each association. Some we have been unable to secure a field worker for, but we have mailed the blank direct to the church clerks or Sunday School secretaries.

We have received the Northeast Missouri report from Bro. Archie Cooper, nine individual reports from the Cave Springs Association, and two from the Niangua Association, of which I am working from.

We have set September 15 as the

day to make out our state report, so we ask that each field worker try to get your report to me by that time.

We are looking forward for greater things at our state meeting this year. We are praying that God will make it possible for every field worker to be there.

Here is our financial report:

(Received)	
Southeast Missouri .....	\$8.51
Cave Springs .....	.25
Total received .....	\$8.76
(Expenditures)	
Stamps .....	\$2.76
Mailing record book .....	.30
Record book .....	.15
Writing supplies .....	.50
Total expenditures .....	\$3.71
Total cash on hand .....	\$5.05

## ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI Third Free Will Baptist Church

Dear Gem Readers and Friends:

It has been sometime since I have written a letter to let you know how our church is coming along. Our church is coming along nicely under the leadership of Bro. Lewis. He is doing some fine preaching. Attendance is getting better since the weather is getting cooler.

The church has moved to its new home where we have more room. We are expecting great things from the Lord this fall and we hope to see many souls saved by the help of our Savior, for we have a great Savior and a present helper in time of need. We have faith to believe that the Lord will bless our labors.

The league is having good attendance, fine meetings, and good teachers. The league held its business meeting and elected the following officers: President ..... Bert Carver  
First ..... Ollie Grimminger  
Second ..... Harvey Hill  
Secretary ..... Sylvia Hill  
Ass't Secretary .... Thelma Lewis  
Teachers: Bro. Lincoln, Bro. Ester, and Car F. McCauley.

These are the officers for this year. We are looking forward for one of the biggest leagues we have ever had by the help of the Lord.

Our Sunday School held their picnic this month, and we had a fine time and a big crowd. Our Sunday School is picking up since we have moved. Our new location is at 1330 Geyer Avenue and we hope to have a big school for we are working to that end.

—Francis McCauley



## Treatises Are Sold Out

The Gem Office published nearly 2500 copies of Free Will Baptist treatise—and they are sold out!

Because of the organization of our National Association, some revisions are necessary in the governmental section. The National Board of Revision is

working on it now, and we do not know when they will be ready for the press.

Whether we, or the Ayden Press, shall print them, we will publish a notice for their sale.

In the meantime, we are sorry, but we cannot fill orders for treatise.

## Bro. Willey is Back in the U. S. A.

Our foreign missionary, Rev. T. H. Willey is in the United States visiting his mother. He expects to attend the North Carolina State Association then return immediately to his field

of labor.

Bro. Willey—Come over to the Missouri State Association!

The next Gem will carry interesting articles about Bro. Willey.

## The Power of Influence

The stone flung from my careless hand into the lake splashed down into the depths of the flowing water; and that was all. No—it was not all. Look at those concentric rings, rolling the tiny ripples among the sedgy reeds, dipping the overhanging boughs of yonder willow and producing an influence, slight but conscious, to the very shore of the lake itself. That hasty word, that word of pride or scorn, flung from my lips in casual company, produces a momentary depression; and that is all. No—it is not all. It deepened that man's disgust at godliness; it sharpened the edge of that man's sarcasm; it shamed that half-converted one out of his penitent misgivings; and it produced an influence, slight but eternal, on the destiny of an immortal life. Oh, it is a terrible

power that I have—this power of influence; and it clings to me. I can not shake it off. It is born within my strength. It speaks; it walks; it moves. It is powerful in every look of my eye, in every word of my lips, in every act of my life. I cannot live to myself. I must either be a light to illumine, or a tempest to destroy. I must either be an Abel, who by his immortal righteousness, being dead, yet speaketh; or an Ashan, the saddest continuance of whose otherwise forgotten name is the fact that man perishes not alone in his iniquity. O brethren, this necessary element of power belongs to you all! Your sphere may be contacted; your influence may be small; but a sphere and influence you have.

—Selected

### PROGRAM

#### Missouri State Mission Assoc'n.

##### Monday Night

- 7:00 — Devotional Service .. Pres. Eunice Miller  
Welcome Address ..... Eld. Kenneth Turner  
Response, Eld. J. B. Rollins  
Prayer  
7:30 — Mission Sermon, Eld. Damon Dodd

##### Tuesday Morning

- 9:00 Devotional Service, Meeting in charge of Pres. Sister Eunice Miller  
Receiving Letters and Seating of Delegates.  
Election of Officers  
Appointment of Committees  
Unfinished Business  
New Business  
Reading of Minutes  
10:50 — Adjournment

### Compensation

As the gathering gloom of twilight  
Shuts out the light of day,  
The beauty of the heaven's starlight  
Comes in to hold its sway;

And thus, while one bright sun is  
waning,  
Millions more take its place,  
And the glory of God's great kingdom  
Is seen in endless space.

So, when my soul's sky is darkened,  
By griefs that come apace,  
The stars of His heavenly promise  
Brighten and take their place.

And thus, when the sunlight of reason,  
Wavers and begins to fall,  
The starlight of faith grows brighter,  
And shows God's love in all.

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