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## ARE YOU READY?

I sat in my study, weary  
After the toil of the day,  
And thinking more of the earth-life  
Than the heaven that seems far away  
When my little boy came with his Bible  
To ask what is meant in God's Word  
Where it biddeth all men to be ready  
For the coming of the Lord.

I told him the mystical meaning  
In the words that perplexed him so,  
And I saw the look in his blue eyes  
Graver and graver grow.  
Suddenly, "Papa," he asked me,  
"If you heard the Lord at the gate  
Calling you, would you say, 'I'm ready',  
Or would you want Him to wait?"

O how could I answer the question  
That thrilled me as never before?  
I seemed for a moment to see Him  
And hear his dread knock at the door  
The Lord I had so long neglected,  
And hear, "Are you ready?" from Him,  
As I saw the grave eyes of my darling  
Thru' eyes that grew suddenly dim.

I knew that the voice of my Father  
Had spoken in warning to me  
Of the danger there is in delaying,  
Thru' the lips of the child at my knee.  
And I cried, "Help me Lord to be ready"  
And felt He would answer the prayer  
That went up from my heart as I folded  
His sweet messenger there.

—Selected



## Our Missionary's Home-land Tour

By T. H. Willey, *The Missionary*

I am writing this article on the editor's desk in one of the loveliest offices one would care to behold. "The Free Will Baptist Gem" is housed in a building that does our denomination a great credit. I have been led to appreciate this fine little paper and have determined to do my part in making this paper a paying proposition. My goal for subscriptions for the coming two months is set at two hundred subscriptions. I am asking you to help me make that goal while we are at home on furlough and I am visiting your churches.

I wish to say something about our editor and wife; the best time to give a fellow a bouquet of flowers is while he is alive—he can't get much benefit from them after he is dead. These two young people and their young helper work like Trojans and are living a sacrificial life to make the *Gem* a success. You should consider yourself favored, indeed, in having them represent you. I wish every Free Will Baptist could know Bro. John Rollins and his dear wife, personally.

The success of our Missionary program in a large measure has been due to our official organs, the *Press* at Ayden, North Carolina, and the *Gem* in that our people have been enabled to get a monthly report from the field covering the activities of this great and important department of our church. I have met people, all over the States, who come to me saying, "you are Bro. Willey, our missionary. I read the *Gem* or the *Free Will Baptist* and keep up with you." Others who do not take one of the papers know nothing of the activities of our church.

We plan to keep a monthly report coming in to you covering our visitation from state to state. The Foreign Mission Board met and set the date of our return to South America at January of the year 1940. This leaves us four months during which we are making an effort to attend State associations and League meetings where there are assembled representative groups from the localities and states, to whom we might present the challenge of missions, then we are touching some churches between these points.

We started from the North Carolina State Association, where we were given the opportunity to address that group, then we went home with Sister Jackson at Ayden, and had a visit with Brother Phillips and Brother Spencer, the editor of *The Free Will Baptist* at Ayden, N. C. It was a great pleasure to look into the faces of our dear friends in North Carolina. Something like five years ago, we attended our first State Association in that neighborhood.

We preached for Bro. Henry Melvin, at Durham, a few times and then went out to Bro. Fred Ridenbock's church, at Sherin Acres, and had a lovely visit with them. They are a fine group of folk. They gave us an offering of ten dollars for which we were deeply grateful. Then we laid our plans to attend the State Association at Union Third Fork in Northwest Missouri. On our westward trip, we planned to stop off to visit our church in Nashville Tennessee. We spent a few days with Bro. Blackwelder, led a prayer meeting, preached Sunday morning and spoke at a League meeting, then hurried on to make train connections for St. Joseph, Missouri, arriving on time. Bro. Winford Davis was there to meet me at the hour appointed and we packed in a car already filled with folks and baggage and on we went to Union Third Fork.

Again our hearts thrilled as we saw again our dear people of this great state assembled for a spiritual feast; it is always that when ever these great western people get together. We had the high honor of opening the meeting with a message on missions under the big tent. For five days we had a wonderful treat of spiritual blessings. Bro. Jim Miller, presided in brother Jim's warm hearted and gentle but firm manner. Bro. Bingham and Bro. Davidson came in from Texas and Oklahoma, and each brought an inspiring message. Then came Bro. John Rollins whose appearance and actions made us think if he could only grow a beard we would have another Abe Lincoln on hand.

Thursday night we brought the missionary message to a great crowd of people. The tent was packed and a great number stood outside the tent

and all prayed earnestly. We gave a call to consecration and six came weeping and prayed through to victory and blessing, promising God they would be all in all and out and out for service. One young lady was definitely converted.

Bro. Sam Marcum brought the closing message, as only Bro. Sam can bring one.

I wish to say a word about the wonderful way we were entertained. If folks did not get enough to eat, it was their own fault, for these good people killed hogs and beef and fed us on a wholesale scale. They entertained like they raise corn, in a big way.

We returned with Bro. Davis to touch some of our churches in and around Monett, after which we are planning to go to Flint, Michigan to contact a group of our Free Will Baptist people there. What we are endeavoring to do is to contact our people whom we were not enabled to reach during the two years of travel in the interest of missions in the home land. We want to visit with our brethren in Ohio, if they can use us, and in Virginia, then there are parts of Tennessee we have not visited. We are placing ourselves at the disposal of these Associations and churches. We shall go on from Flint to attend the Oklahoma State Association then over into Alabama and back to Durham to attend the Western Conference, in North Carolina, then onward into Florida for a much needed rest, if the Lord is willing.

Should you desire to correspond with me; mail will reach me at the Free Will Baptist Gem Office up until the 18th of October, after that direct correspondence % Rev. Henry Melvin, Durham, North Carolina. Mrs. Willey's address is 120 N.W. 8th Ave, Miami, Florida.

EDITOR'S NOTE—This article by our missionary was written here in our office on October 2. His article on page twelve was written in North Carolina some time before. We thought this explanation might help you to fully understand.

Our dead-line for receiving manuscript is the 25th of the month preceding date of issue, but Bro. Willey is a privileged character. Then too, we are late because of taking a week off to attend the State Association.

We are so happy to have Bro. Willey in our district.



## Progress of Educational Program

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

As many of you already know, the Educational Board of the National Association has made special effort toward securing property, properly located for our National school, and for opening the same by January 1, 1940. However, it must be remembered that our Board is not made up of diety. We started our work with a pledge that we would move wisely, so far as possible, and openly to our people at large. We are, therefore, practicing no under-cover tactics, but are endeavoring to do exactly what you wish us to do.

We have looked at several pieces of property: one in the city of Dothan, Alabama, one eight miles from the city of Greenville, Tennessee and one in the suburbs of the city of Nashville, Tennessee.

Our motive in investigating the property in Dothan was the possibility of temporarily opening school there until we are able to secure desirable property in a central location. The decision of the board concerning this matter was, that in its opinion, the conditions would not justify the opening of our school there: the facts that it could not be hoped that our people would accept the location as a permanent site, that too much financial responsibility would be incurred for only a temporary opening, that there was no promise for conveniences for physical education nor any dormitory conveniences, caused the board to feel fully justified in its position.

Three members of the board investigated the property referred to in the city of Nashville, and found the following: That the property is owned by the Masonic Order, that there are two hundred and twenty-seven acres of ground, about seventeen large and well constructed stone buildings, which are very spacious, and ideal for school purposes, and that it was the opinion of the oldest member of the Masonic Board that it would take three hundred to three hundred and fifty thousand dollars of Free Will Baptist money to buy this property. There is no use of utilizing space in an endeavor to explain to you our reasons for failing to take up with this proposition.

Now I shall try to give a brief and limited description of the property near Greenville: This is about eight miles from the city of Greenville, located in east Tennessee and at the foot of the Great Smoky Mountains. The plot of ground consists of eight acres of ground, with the assurance that more can be purchased if wanted; the soil being very fertile. There are four frame structures on the property consisting of a fine church edifice with a very nice auditorium which is well equipped in every respect—built at an estimated cost of twenty-five to thirty thousand dollars, one large dormitory, which will supply all the space we will need, for either sex, for several years—approximate cost of construction \$20,000, a large school building with various types of equipment which could be converted into dormitory conveniences—possibly built at a cost of \$15,000, but not in good repair, and one small school building consisting of two rooms—built at a cost of only a few hundred dollars. There is a nice athletic field, several school rooms around the church building which are well equipped, a library consisting of several hundred volumes, and two or three good pianos.

Information has been communicated to me by the Secretary of our board to the effect that the Green County Board of Commissioners have guaranteed that a hard surface road will be constructed to this property in case we buy it; the hard surface being three miles long now anyway. Bro. Dunbar sends information in another communication to the effect that the state of Tennessee is now surveying a route which is to connect Greenville with a sister town, which easily guarantees the establishment of a bus route directly by this property.

The name of the community is "Cedar Creek". There are several stores and a post office within a few hundred yards of this property, which would make many conveniences for students. The community is fairly densely populated, and the people seem very enthusiastic concerning our locating there. They are offering to use their influence, time, money and give their co-operation in such a program as we would wish to carry out.



I understand that we have a congregation of people there who are in need of a new place to worship, and that they will put their money into this property instead of building a new church house; if they may be allowed to use the church auditorium as a place to worship. As we all know, the students would need a church in which to worship and work, and this would be ideal.

Now, the thing that I am asking each one of you to do as soon as you have read this article, and had time to prayerfully consider it, is to sit down and write me if you would be glad for the board to negotiate a deal for this property; in case it can be purchased for from six to nine thousand dollars. If you do not wish for us to go ahead in a deal write me also, however if I fail to hear from you I shall take it for granted that you are not concerned in the matter. Please do not pass over this matter lightly, for we must have your co-operation, if we are to render the service you are expecting of us.

Interesting reports are coming in from several states, and from territories from which we have not heard heretofore, as to a high tide of enthusiasm for a definite school program. Reports to the effect that many who have been negative concerning the proposition are becoming very enthusiastic, and have gone to work to help put it over. Is this encouraging to you? Well, it is to me. However, there are also quite a few questions being raised as to what is to be done, when it is to take place and where it will happen. Some are saying, "We are ready with our influence and means when the board has done something definite and we know what we are investing for and in." It is conceded generally, and on my part too, that in all fairness to our public they should know exactly what to expect and when to expect it. What



a pleasure it would be on the part of the board, could we only communicate to you, today, facts as to where we have located property and purchased same, the terms on which it was purchased, the exact date school work will begin, the one whom we have elected to head the institution, with how many co-teachers he will be allowed, the salary allowed for each, what courses are to be offered, and on what terms students may enter, etc. But have you ever heard a statement like this, "Money Talks"? As well as our people being deserving in the privilege of knowing definitely, in a minute way, what the board is going to do, notwithstanding they are not furnished funds which justify them in launching forth in this great undertaking; does not your board come in for at least some consideration also? Do we not have a right to know what our people are going to make it possible for us to do? Our board is agreed that there must be a unified mind, which produces unified effort, spiritual enthusiasm, also business ingenuity; but what business firm would have audacity to send a representative out to purchase property, stock with goods, and open business without sufficient financial backing to justify the move? Brethern, in all honesty, can you expect your educational board to do things in a business world? It has been said that "our people have been asked to walk in the dark long enough," but can our church at large expect to be seated in the light of security of guarantee for omnipotent wisdom, already enacted, before they turn their money loose, while the board, composed of only five of our little insignificant preachers who are without capital, is pushed out into the dark of uncertainties to negotiate an ideal situation of a program that is already tired and proved to be wholly successful? We must realize the fact that we are just beginning to try to develop in unexplored territory, and that dangers are to be encountered, and some errors are to be made while we are throwing ourselves into this channel of useful achievement. Shall our church try to force its educational board out of the human-sphere into that of omnipotence, omniscience, even omnipresence, and Divine Perfection while we are trying to serve it?

Brethren, if we expect to succeed in an educational program, we had just as well make up our minds to join

the apostle Paul in "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, and press toward the mark for the prize of this high calling of God in Christ Jesus." If we are to achieve in this endeavor, we must do some real giving, and that in a sacrificial way; neither can we defer the matter until the Board has already brought the head of the giant back to the camps in its hands. If we are to have a school tomorrow, we must do some giving today. David did not bring the head of the giant into the camps and then use his sling and stones, but he carried them with him as means of accomplishment. Hence, if your Board is to succeed, it must have something upon which it can depend as the means to an end.

I pray that the brotherhood receives this in the same spirit in which it is communicated to you, and I am sure that, at least, all of you can see where your Board stands. Write us about it.

The following represents cash receipts since the last report:

#### Payments on pledges:

P. K. Trant, Bryan, Texas ....	\$10.00
Miss Ikey Goen, Bryan, Texas ..	2.00
Miss Mary Beth Cloud, Bryan,	1.00
Rev. M. E. Tyson, Middlesex, N.C.	5.00

#### Contributions:

First Church, Ft. Worth, Texas	
by Gee Moore .....	14.00
Pleasant Mound Church, Buffalo	
Springs, Texas by J. T. Reeders	2.00

New Salem Church, Texas, by W. D. Phillips .....	1.10
Woodlawn Church, Texas, by Rev. A. F. Ferguson .....	.20
Comanche Church, Texas, by Rev. A. F. Ferguson .....	.30
Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Ft. Worth,	.50
N. C. State Association by W. B. Crumpler .....	10.00
Carteret County Union, by Elmer Garner, N. C. ....	5.00
4th E. Sunday School Convention N. C., by C. F. Health .....	10.00
South Georgia Union, by E. C. Davidson, Greenville, Ga. ....	5.00
Ebenezer Church, by Miss Zola Belle Baxter, Greenville, Ga.	3.00
Rev. F. C. Zinn, by Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo. ....	3.00
N. E. Mississippi Association by L. E. Duncan, Tupelo, Miss. ..	10.00
Total received since last report	\$82.00
Previously reported .....	1,264.22

Grand total, Cash, Sept 1, .. \$1,346.32

We are looking for faithful response on the part of those who pledged at the National Association, on the terms which they made for themselves. It may be observed in the reports that some have responded, while others are already in arrears.

P. S. Since having completed my report today, September 1, 1939, there came a check from Union Grove church in Pikeville, N. C., by Mrs. George P. Best, for \$21.70 Sister Best says, "The amount should have been one dollar per member instead of ten cents." This brings the grand total cash receipts up to \$1,368.02. J.R.D.

## Behind Time

The best laid plans, the most important affairs, the fortunes of individuals, the weal of nations, honor, life itself, are daily sacrificed because somebody is "behind time." There are others who put off reformation year by year, till death seizes them; and they perish unrepentant, because forever behind time." Five

minutes in a crisis is worth years. It is but a little period, yet it often saved a fortune or redeemed a people. If there is one virtue that should be cultivated more than another by him who would succeed in life, it is punctuality; if there is one error that should be avoided, it is being "behind time." —Selected.

## Giving to God!

Giving, after all, is to God. Remember the woman who broke the alabaster box of ointment, and was criticized. They said: "It is wasted. You cannot afford it. It should have been otherwise laid out." But Christ justified her, and said: "She has

discerned Me; she has discerned the Lord's body; she did it for Me, for Myself; and wherever My Gospel is preached there shall this also that this woman hath done be told for a memorial of her."

—Selected



# A HISTORY OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

—(III-O-III)—

## Chapter 1. "The Rise of F. W. B."

Compiled by John B. Rollins



The plan of this history is in three divisions. "The Fall of the Free Will Baptist" and "The Reconstruction and Present National Standing" will follow in order. This is not a concourse of eulogies and praise; this is a statement of facts. The purpose is to acquaint Free Will Baptist people with the principles and faith and zeal of our fathers, that we might catch the same flaming spirit of usefulness and work for our Lord with the ardor of a soul consumed with love, and to profit by the mistakes that have heretofore wrought disaster to our church. Then may we proceed, "moving with fear" lest we should fail to glorify God through Christ, the Head of our Church.

**T**HE FIRST Free Will Baptist church was organized in 1780 at New Durham, New Hampshire by Benjamin Randall. It was a day when infant baptism filled the churches with unregenerated members, spirituality in religion was at a low ebb, close communion held full sway and the Hyper-Calvinistic doctrine prevailed. Theological topics were discussed by learned men who opposed spiritual religion.

Out of this distressing condition, a religious revival began in England by John and Charles Wesley and George Whitefield, and in America a short time later, by Jonathan Edwards, a Congregationalist, and Roger Williams. The revival fire spread, and Benjamin Randall arose filled with that spiritual fire, and our denomination was born. During the first ten years 20 churches were organized, and in 1800 there were 31 ordained ministers. After 100 years (1888) the denomination had grown to the following figures:

57 yearly meetings and associations, 204 quarterly meetings, 1619 churches, 1414 ministers, and about 90,000 members.

From 1825 to 1888 was an eventful period of progress which is paraphrased here in chronological order.

1825—*THE REGISTER* first published in Limerick, Maine by Samuel

Burbanks and Wm. Burr. It exhibited a view of Free Will Baptist connection, containing a variety of "Historical, Doctrinal, and Miscellaneous" matter. It united the scattered forces of the denomination.

1826—*THE MORNING STAR* began with the publication of its first volume in Limerick, Maine, by Samuel Burbank and Wm. Burr. During the first year, 17 articles were published on "Order and Discipline of the Church," which contributed much to the increase in system and uniformity in the denomination. The *Morning Star* was purchased by the General Conference in 1832 for \$3700.00. It was moved to Dover, New Hampshire in 1833. In 1835 the *Morning Star* and the *Book Concern* were united, and the value of the combined institutions was fixed at \$10,246.60. The publication began with 400 subscriptions, and in 1888 it was operating in Boston, Mass., with 11,000 subscribers and a capital of \$75,000.00. It was the *KEY NOTE* to our denomination for it sponsored and kept the brethren united on all the major activities of the denomination.

1827—*GENERAL CONFERENCE* was organized by 19 delegates at Tumbidge, Vermont. It was an outgrowth of Randall's ideal. Up until 1888, the General Conference had made five decisive monuments for progress:

1. Adopted a Treatise in 1833 and decisive steps were taken in education and foreign missions.
2. Fellowship with slave-holders was withdrawn in 1839.
3. The Free Baptists of New York were admitted in 1841 without having to change their name.
4. Re-affirmed their position against slavery in 1850, also on the position of complete independence of the churches. The Conference voted to draw \$300.00 from the funds of the Printing Establishment (*The Star*) to help our first and leading college.
5. In 1880, the 100th anniversary of the denomination, the General Con-

ference, representing 80,000 people, stood at the grave of Randall and re-affirmed its confidence in the principles that he announced which had steadily crowned the denomination with God's approval through the century of growth.

From Oct. 11, 1827 to Sept. 25, 1889, the Conference had met in 27 sessions which had been held in 10 states: Vermont, N. H., N. Y., R. I., Me., Ohio, Mass., Mich., Minn., and West Virginia.

1831—*THE BOOK CONCERN* was established. It was an outgrowth of the *Morning Star*. David Marks was the Book Agent, Henry Hobbs, Wm. Burr and Samuel Beede was the Publishing Committee. Here is their first year's work:

2600 copies, minutes of last Conference.  
7000 copies ..... Christian Melody  
5000 copies ..... The Register  
1000 copies of Caverno's "Address on Temperance."  
2000 copies of "Character of Christ" by J. G. Pike.

Total expense ..... \$4,000.00  
The *Book Concern* operated efficiently for many years.

1832—*PARSONFIELD SEMINARY* founded. It was our first school. John Buzzell was the president until his death in 1863. It was a high grade school with generous patronage. The principals were Free Will Baptist pillars—Hosea Quinby, 7 years; John Fullonton, 3 years; O. B. Cheney, Prof. G. H. Ricker, J. A. Lowell, and George S. Bradley. "Among its 1500 students have been many who have graced our pulpits and our highest halls of learning."

1833—*FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY* was organized. The *Morning Star* published a letter written at Puri, Orissa, India by Amos Sutton, D. D. containing a vivid portrayal of the



horrors of the worship of Jagannath with an appeal, "Come, then, my American brethren, come over and help us." This set the denomination on fire! Here is the result in financial support to foreign missions:

Average Annual Receipts:

for 1st decade (1835-1845)	\$ 2,424.48
for 2nd decade (1845-1855)	4,537.53
for 3rd decade (1855-1865)	6,042.99
for 4th decade (1865-1875)	12,234.34
for 5th decade (1875-1885)	13,698.32
for 3 years (1885-1888)	14,429.05

Grand Total (1835-1888) \$3,937,058.15

During this period of 53 years, there had been 54 missionaries sailed to India who labored in the following capacities in respect to time:

Hannah (Cummings) Phillips	34 years
Rev. Jeremiah Phillips D. D.	33 years
Mrs. Bacheler	31 years
Miss Lavina Crawford	28 years
Mrs. Smith	26 years
Rev. B. B. Smith	13 years
Rev. Ruel Cooley	21 years
Mrs. Sarah P. Bacheler	21 years
Rev. James Phillips M.D., D.D.	16 years
Mrs. James Phillips	14 years
Rev. E. C. B. Hallam	12 years
Mrs. Hallam	19 years

In 1888, there were more than a score of missionaries in India performing their missionary duties for Christ.

1834 — *FIRST F. W. B. TREATISE* was published. John Buzzell, Samuel Beede, Hosea Quinby composed the Committee.

1834 — *HOME MISSION SOCIETY* was organized by 10 men and 4 women. Constitution and By-Laws written by David Marks, Arthur Cravens and Wm. Burr. The New Hampshire legislature refused to give a charter until 1839 because "The Free Will Baptist taught that the gospel inculcated the abolition of slavery and were actually engaged in promulgating the doctrine." The range of Home Missionary work was from Nova Scotia to the Mississippi valley. Total expenditures (printed record) up to 1888 was \$294,564.42

1834 — *STRAFFORD ACADEMY* of New York opened. It was incorporated as a denominational school in 1866 when Rev. Daniel Austin endowed it with \$5,000.00 and the name was changed to Austin Academy. Out of the 1200 students within its halls, one, Henry Wilson, was elected vice president of the United States.

1836 — *SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION* organized to assist the work of the *Morning Star* and *Book Concern* in their work of several years. The first Free Will Baptist Sunday school was organized in 1819 in Milton, Maine by Rev. John Foster.

1840 — *EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY* was organized by John Chaney, Silas Curtis, D. Waterman, and John J. Butler. David Marks (the Book Agent) died in the midst of college halls (1845). Hosea Quinby, John Fullonton, O. B. Cheney, and Ransom Dunn were very outstanding men. The first enterprise was to add 700 volumes to the library of Parsonfield Seminary at a cost of \$600.00 Other outstanding enterprises which came under the supervision of the Society may be listed as follows:

Parsonfield Seminary (Maine)	1832
Stratford Academy (N. H.)	1834
Randalian Seminary (Minn.)	1835
Smithville Seminary (R. I.)	1840
Biblical School (dept. of Parsonfield, then of Bates College)	valued at \$22,000.00
Clinton Seminary (N. Y.)	John J. Butler D.D. at the head
Whitestown Seminary (an addition to Clinton Seminary)	1844
Michigan College	1844
Geauga Seminary (Ohio) by David Marks and Ransom Dunn	1841
New Hampton Institute (Mass)	1853
Hillsdale College (Mich.)	by

Ransom Dunn D. D.	1855
Maine State Seminary	1855
Pike Seminary (N. Y.)	1856
Cheshire Academy (Ohio)	1858
Wilton Collegiate Institute (Iowa)	1860
Minnesota Seminary	1861
Green Mountain Seminary (Vt.)	1862
Bates College (Maine) endowed with \$1000,000.00	1863
Maine Central Institute	1866
Atwood Institute (Ohio)	1866
Ridgeville College (Indiana)	1867
West Virginia College	1868
Storer College (W. Va.)	1869
Lyndon Institute (Vt.)	1869
Rochester Seminary (Wis.)	1871
Rio Grande College (Ohio)	1875
India Bible School (India)	1879
Keuka College (N. Y.)	1888
Winnebago City College	1888

Over a period of 56 years, 29 institutions of learning had been sponsored and established by our denomination, with thousands upon thousands of dollars spent in this noble work. This was a crowning work of the Educational Society.

THUS, the first chapter of our history must come to a close with the year 1888 — at the very height of our denominational glory and usefulness.

A more elaborate and detailed story of any of the above mentioned topics is within our reach, and if anyone wants to study any of the topics more fully, please come to the *Gem Office*.

To be Continued

## A Call to Home Mission Workers

By M. L. Hollis, Tupelo, Mississippi

WE WANT Every church in all our connection to put forth a special effort this fall in raising funds for our *NATIONAL HOME MISSION* work. *The needs are urgent. The calls are challenging.* We should have had several full time workers on the field before now; but in the words of the Apostle Paul, let us say, forgetting the things that are behind, "We press toward the mark for the prize of the High Calling of God in Christ Jesus." I have never received as many calls, "Come over and help us get a church started." Just now, since I started this letter the postman brought me a letter from Tennessee asking when can you come and hold us a meeting and help organize a Free Will Baptist Church? I quote

this letter, "I am convinced that now is the time for us to build and God will bless our denomination with the mass of the people of this community. Some of them are Free Will Baptist minds anyway. They have talked with me about the church and said they hoped that we would build." End of quotation.

May I urge every pastor in our connection to take this matter up with your congregation during the month of October and ask them to make an offering to our National Home Mission work. By doing this I am sure that we can put a full time worker on the field at once.

We will need five hundred folding chairs to help carry on this work. Shall I give you this suggestion? Each



individual that will donate as much as one dollar to this chair fund, we will have your name printed across the back of the chair, so that wherever that chair is carried in meetings the people who attend will know that you have a part in sponsoring the meeting, and greater than that, each individual that might be saved while setting in that seat listening to the Gospel of Christ, which is the *Power* of salvation to everyone that believeth, the donor of that chair will have a glorious part in the bringing of that soul to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Surely you would like to have a part in a

great work like this. Any Ladies Aid, Sunday School class or League that would like to donate more than one chair, we will have your class, name, or whatever you wish put on the back of the chairs. We plan to buy steel folding chairs that will last on and on. If you have a better plan than this I would appreciate hearing from you, and if you like this plan and would like to have a part in it please, let me hear from you at once. I wonder who will be the first to approve this plan by donating a chair or chairs. We are depending on you.

throne of God and of the Lamb" (Rev. 22:1).

His blessings are referred to as free waters, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price" (Isa. 55:1).

His blessings are referred to as water of life. (Rev. 22:17).

A person living for God shall be like a tree planted by a river of water (Psalms 1:3).

There are so many more scriptures where God and His blessings are spoken of as water. So, without a doubt, our text means the spiritual blessings that shall be poured out and showered upon Israel, when they have come out of all countries, and come to their own land, and accepted Christ. Truly their nation will then have the pure, clean blessings of God sprinkled upon them. The sprinkling of the Holy Spirit will be theirs to enjoy when they turn from their idol worship and filthiness, and turn to Christ, who is the Son of the living God. But there must be the coming back to their own land, from all countries and the receiving of Christ as their Savior. "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you."

Why, they will even have a new heart when the Spirit is sprinkled upon them (verse 26). Just as you had a new heart and life for Christ when the blessing of forgiveness was showered down upon you. And even their land will become like the garden of Eden (verse 35). But not until they return from all countries to their own land and their God. And that very thing is coming to pass just as fast as the rulers of the different countries force them out of their homes. They are flocking back to Palestine as fast as the Arabs move out and make room for them.

Some day, and perhaps before long, the blessings will be sprinkled upon their nation, and they will drink of the water of life; and no longer be rebellious against God.

"A great man," it has been truly said, "is not an accident." Many things account for him. Back of him is history. Around him is opportunity. In him is might of will. And over him is God.

## A Kingdom Condition

By Kenneth Turner, Granby, Missouri

"Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you" Ezek. 36:25.

The thirty-sixth chapter of Ezekiel is a wonderful description, picturing a condition yet to come, concerning the Israelitish people. God told Ezekiel to prophesy unto the mountains of Israel. "Also, thou son of man, prophesy unto the mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord" Ezek. 36:1. He prophesied of the inhabitants being swallowed up by the Gentile nations; and their land would be made desolate. And they would be taken up in the lips of talkers (verse 3) to be used as a by-word. (Cl. Deut. 28:37 and Psalms 44:14).

This chapter also tells of the time to come when the land of Israel would no longer be desolate, but would bring forth abundantly. We know that ever since the nation rejected Christ, they have been swallowed up by the different countries, and their land has laid desolate. We know that the Jew has been a hiss and a by-word up to the present time. But this chapter brings to our sight a time when all will be different, and they will be blessed of the Lord.

Our text says, "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean...." But when will that be? The verse just preceding it says, "For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land." Ezek. 36:24.

This has never been done in all

the history of the Bible, as I see it. Some say that this scripture was fulfilled at the end of the seventy years of captivity in Babylon, recorded in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. But there was only a *few*, and they were just from Babylon. This scripture we have under consideration, from Ezekiel, speaks of a time when they shall be gathered from *ALL* countries, and when they are gathered back to their own land, the blessings of God will be theirs to enjoy: as is expressed in the text. They are to be a people, then, who accepts Christ and the whole plan of God.

Throughout the Bible, we find where God likens Himself and His spiritual blessings to water. Sometimes, it is a fountain of water. For instance, "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water." (Jer. 2:13).

His throne is referred to as the source of pure water. "And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the



Kenneth Turner



## The "Why" and "How" of a Womens' Auxiliary

Mrs. J. E. Frazier, 1st. Vice President of the National Womens' Auxiliary  
1624 E. Cahal Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

A question that I saw recently interested me so that I immediately began to search for the answer. The search brought such interesting information that I wish to pass it on to other Auxiliary members who may have been asked this same question.

Why should every Free Will Baptist church have a Woman's Auxiliary?

1. Because every Christian is obligated to *go teach*, and they will not teach unless they know. Therefore, every Free Will Baptist ought to be indoctrinated with the explicit teachings of the scriptures concerning missions. All Free Will Baptist eyes must be opened to the hopeless condition of the countless millions without Christ who alone can save them.

A Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary emphasizes in all its work the study of the Bible especially from the missionary point of view and specializes on mission and stewardship study.

2. Few can go as missionaries in person, but a Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary opens the way for many to go by proxy as follows:

(1.) "Through prayer" individual and united. When Christians come together and study and learn of the vast harvest fields and their needs they naturally become interested in them and pray for them. Daily prayer is encouraged. The special season of prayer stimulates united prayer for missions, education, personal service and stewardship.

(2.) "Through stewardship of tithes and offerings." A F. W. B. Woman's Auxiliary emphasizes the tithe as the minimum gift for a Christian. Those who gave of their means were recognized by Paul as his fellow helpers in the gospel. "How can they go except they be sent?" How can they stay and witness unless we support them.

(3.) Through personal service to the poor and needy, the sick and afflicted, the unsaved and underprivileged in one's own community by directed personal service.

(4.) By enlisting more people to become more interested in Christ's Kingdom Building Program.

3. It provides special missionary education for the members of the church.

Since missions is the chief thing in which God wants His church to be interested, then the logical conclusion is that above all things else we Free Will Baptist should be teaching missions to our people, especially our children and young people.

This is a day of specialists. We have specialists in every walk of life, in medicine, science, in business and government. Then why should not Free Will Baptist be training specialists for the greatest business in the world?

But it seems to me as I have gleaned information here and there that too many societies are neglecting "The Task Supreme"—the missionary education of our Free Will Baptist youth. Of course, there are other agencies of the church working splendidly at similar tasks, but none of them give the extensive stewardship and missionary education that is given by a Woman's Auxiliary.

Here is a familiar statement, "We have too many organizations, the young people just can't attend them all." Well, just how much religious education are Free Will Baptist children getting if they take advantage of every opportunity offered by our denomination exclusive of the Woman's Auxiliaries? Observe the following carefully:

The morning sermon . . . .	30 minutes
The evening sermon . . . .	30 minutes
Sunday School period . . . .	30 minutes
F. W. B. League, a full . . .	60 minutes
Total	150 minutes

Two and one-half hours per week,

(provided your church has a full time pastor) and all of that on Sunday! Or it may be two and one-half hours per month. Is that enough time to give to the soul culture of our young people? Compare, now, this time with the time given for their physical and mental development and for recreation. Only a very small portion of this time ever can be given this greatest business in the world—the missionary enterprise?

Now really, don't you pastors and lay members who do not have Woman's missionary societies in your church, think the imperativeness of the *Great Commission* obligates Free Will Baptist to invest more than two and one half hours?

Anyone can readily see that adequate missionary training cannot be given in that short time, if every one attended every meeting. If no more than this is done, we need not wonder that the average church member gives missions such a meager place in his interest and support when it has been so sorely neglected in his early training.

Dr. A. H. Strong says: "What are churches for but to make missionaries? What is education for but to train them? What is commerce for but to carry them? What is money for but to send them? And what is life itself but to fulfill the purpose of missions—the enthroning of Jesus Christ in the hearts of men everywhere?"

If this is true, and the Women's Auxiliary believe it is, then would it not be well for every pastor to ask himself, why not organize an auxiliary in all churches. And every missionary society too might ask itself this question: To what extent are we helping our church to be true to its missions?

## The Young Christian I Like

Has convictions and courage.  
Is willing to take a back seat.  
Is true-blue.  
Is anxious to learn.  
Is loved by the old folks.  
Does not make much noise.  
Is the pastor's right-hand man.  
Is a bundle of sunshine at home.  
Lives in an atmosphere of prayer.  
Does nothing because it is popular.  
Overflows with practical sympathy.  
Does not think it wicked to be jolly.  
Pays at least one-tenth back to God.  
Is tolerant of the opinions of others.

Puts the best construction upon everybody's doings.  
Does not go about apologizing for his own church.  
Does not long for the flesh-pots of worldly pleasure.  
Can use the word "no" with telling effect when occasion requires.  
Is not ashamed to be in the minority when principle is at stake.  
Attends the prayer-meeting so regularly that when he is absent, they know, without asking, that he is sick.



# Free Will Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina

**T**HE Free Will Baptist Orphanage, of Middlesex, North Carolina, is located in the heart of the state's greatest agricultural center, just 27 miles east of the capitol city, Raleigh. It has been offering its aid to dependent children for 19 years.

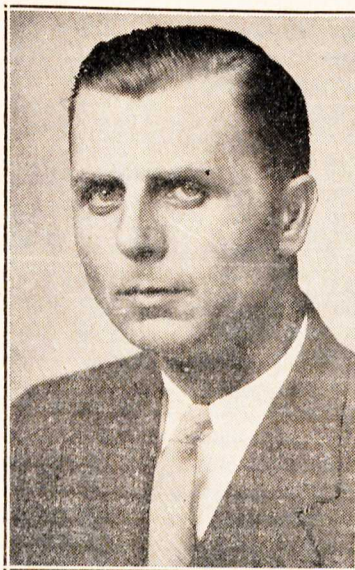
As other similar institutions, it was seriously affected by the depression but has completely rallied from its indebtedness of \$10,767.00 and in addition more than \$10,000.00 have been invested in improvements and all the while operating expenses have been paid.

At present, the institution is caring for 81 children, 37 boys and 44 girls. The site consists of 150 acres of land, 70 of which is cleared. We have a sufficient herd of cattle to produce the necessary supply of milk. We produce, here on the farm, most of the pork needed. The poultry furnish a sufficient supply of eggs. The major part of the farm produce is produced by the work of our boys under the supervision of a farm manager.

Our buildings consist of an administration building, a boys dormitory, both constructed of brick, a superintendent's home and necessary farm buildings which are farm structures.



Boys Dormitory, Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Middlesex, North Carolina.

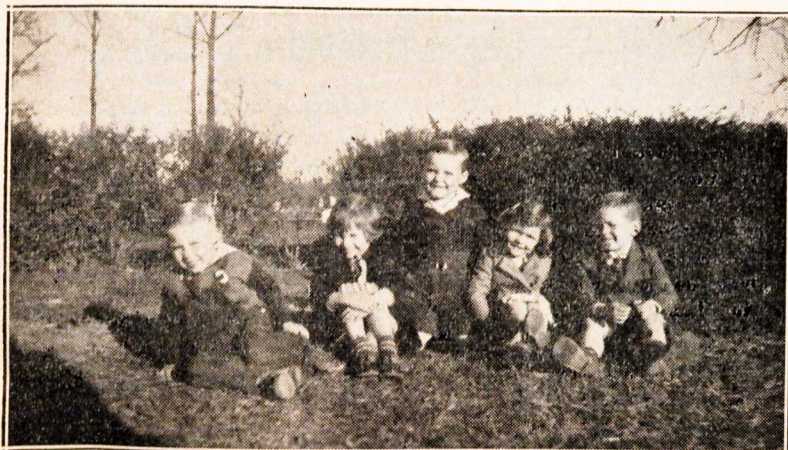
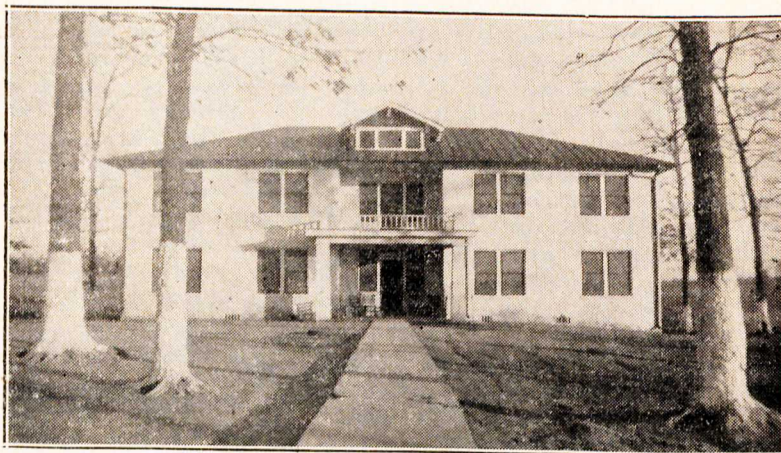


Humbly submitted,  
Rev. M. E. Tyson, Superintendent

A recent appraisal of the site set forth the value of the entire plant as being \$82,500.00.

The institution has just closed one of the most successful years during its entire history. The records show that during the past year we did a cash business of \$17,888.86 and donated commodities of \$3,912.42. It is an evident fact that more Free Will Baptist in North Carolina are Orphanage minded than at any time since the institution was organized. Plans are in the making for the erection of a new dining-hall at the cost of \$6,000.00. 5,000 bricks have been purchased and paid for and we hope to be able to begin work within the course of a few months.

As superintendent, I wish to express my very deep appreciation for all of our friends throughout the bonds of our great denomination and I assure you that a sincere welcome awaits any and all who find it convenient to visit us at any time.

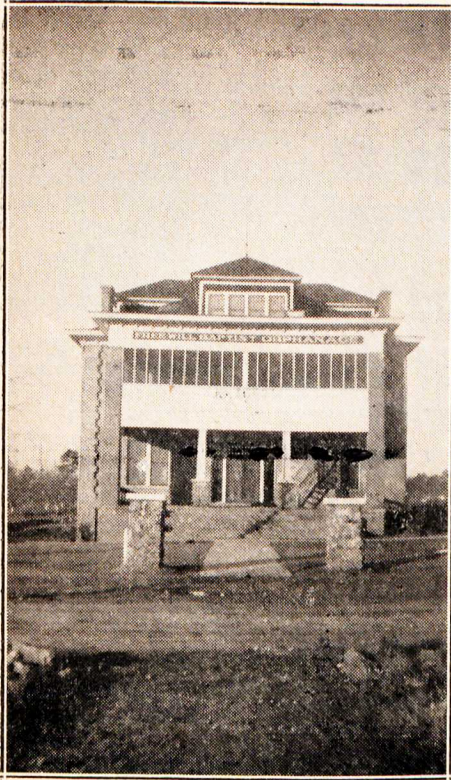


Four of the smaller children of the orphanage and one belonging to Superintendent Tyson.



## National Home Mission Report

M. E. Tyson, Treasurer



The Administration Building, Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Middlesex, North Carolina.

As treasurer of the National Home Mission Board, I am submitting a complete account of all contributions made since my election to this office. I should like to express my very deep appreciation for the interest shown in this work. I should also like to encourage our people to stand loyally by the work. It seems to me that a sensible survey of our field would naturally be a challenge to all of our people. Comparing our work generally with that of a stream, the Home Mission cause is one of our most substantial tributaries.

All of us members of the board are looking forward to the time when we may have at least one full time Evangelist in every state embraced by our work. I wonder if there is a better way to strengthen the cause of foreign missions than by supporting and strengthening the work at home. As an excuse to justify their indifference toward this work, some advanced the idea that the work is not necessary since we do not have prepared men to go on the fields. I should like to remind those that it was Abraham's business to erect an altar and it was God's pleasure to furnish the sacrifice. I have my doubts as to one's interest in foreign missions being genuine when he can

sleep soundly at night with no concern in the needs at home. Christ first sent the Disciples to Jerusalem then to Samaria and on to the utmost parts of the earth. I trust that we may hear from you at an early date.

July 19 — by former treasurer (Rev. J. K. Warkinton) .....	\$252.90
July 26 — F. W. B. Church, Greenville, Ga. ....	1.30
July 26 — A friend .....	2.50
August 2 — S. S. Convention of Northeast Miss. Association ..	10.09
August 8 — Cartaret Union ..	2.09
August 23 — Mrs. Myrtle Davis ..	5.09
August 28 — Mrs. Louise Bedworth .....	5.00
August 28 — Mrs. Minnie D. Mason .....	4.00
August 19 — South Ga. Union ..	2.09
September 5 — East Texas Association by, Mrs McAdams ..	17.09
September 11 — Mrs. Ruby Ferrell, North Zulch, Texas ....	2.00
September 11 — Mrs. A. F. Ford, North Zulch, Texas .....	2.14
September 11 — Mrs. Avis Colman, North Zulch, Texas ....	2.00
September 11 — Mr. Elmer Casey, North Zulch, Texas .....	1.00
Total .....	\$309.93

### TULSA, OKLAHOMA First Free Will Baptist Church

Audrey Dalton, Reporter

"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip." Hebrews 2:1.

Our Camp Meeting and Association are over. I think each of us should be greatly encouraged to fight the battle against sin, harder than ever, since hearing the good report of the way in which God has blessed in the work of the First Mission Association during the past year.

On the night of August 20, we were privileged to have Rev. Alfred Coursey of Turley, Oklahoma, preach for us in the absence of our pastor, who was assisting in the camp meeting, being held preceding the annual session of the First Mission Association. In the absence of Rev. Bingham, on

September 3, Rev. Marvin P. Dalton preached for us, at the morning service and Rev. Sussie Pruitt brought the message for the evening worship. Rev. Bingham had been called to Mo. because of the illness of relatives.

Rev. Bingham reported, upon his return, that he had been privileged to preach in the church of his boyhood home. A wonderful service was enjoyed and one precious soul made peace with God.

Since our pastor's return, he has brought the church some wonderful messages from God's word. These messages have been a spiritual uplift to our souls.

We must not forget our mission workers, who are doing a wonderful work in the mission field. If we neglect the mission work we neglect a great part of God's work. Our mission workers meet and work each Thursday. Our mission workers have

quilted several quilts and have distributed clothing and other necessities to those less fortunate ones who need material things as well as spiritual help. A weekly report is made of sick calls and other visitation made by our workers. Each Mission worker desires your prayers that they be faithful to their duty.

The Young People's Rally will meet with our church the first Sunday in October. We are looking forward to this meeting and asking God to give us a wonderful service.

We would not forget to remind all concerned, that the quarterly session of the First Mission Association will meet with the Tulsa church in November. We are praying for a wonderful service at that time.

"For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"



## MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT



Rev. T. H. Willey,  
Foreign Missionary,  
Bluefield, Nicaragua, C. A.



## The Regions Beyond



Mrs. T. H. Willey,  
Companion Missionary  
Bluefield, Nicaragua, C. A.

## Our Missionary's Review

*Rev. T. H. Willey, Bluefield, Nicaragua*

Greetings to our people! I fear our editor felt that I had dropped from the earth not having heard from us so long. We have been isolated, due to very poor mail connections and on the move so much that we could not write. For over two months I have not seen one of our church papers.

No one, but an exile, can sense what we have suffered during the past three months or the pull on our emotions as those we loved in Panama and those who loved us wept at our going. Our hearts were heavy as we led our faithful horses, the horses that had carried us to our Indians, out the gate to be sold. Ranchers came to us and said, "Senor and Senora Willey you will return to us soon. This government cannot go on much longer." One, an Arab, in whose hands we placed a Bible in Arabic to his delight, was deeply moved as we bade him a good by.

I had been invited to come to Nicaragua, assured that the Mission working on the Atlantic coast was very short handed and there were numbers of places that called for service. So we went in high hopes, embarking on a sailing sloop about 70 feet long, manned by a crew of island negroes. When we went aboard, we found her loaded to capacity with no room for Tommy or me to stretch out. The Y. M. C. A. had given us a narrow mattress and a pillow, so as the lights of Cristobal faded out, we arranged three kerosene boxes, and on that lay our mattress. Tommy and I stretched on our narrow bed all night, and the waves would dash and spray over us. We were seven days on this little boat, finally arriving in Bluefield. The

Moravians, adjoining whom we had hoped to work with were very kind in placing at our disposal an empty parsonage, where Tommy and I went to housekeeping. Then I was taken down with malaria, and little old Tommy had to become my nurse, waiting on me with very close attention.

I had expected to meet with the Mission Board to discuss our working in an untouched adjoining region, but due to my illness the missionaries urged me to go on to the hospital at Bilwas Kama, in the interior, for treatment. We had to make the trip by aeroplane as there are no roads, practically all travel is by plane as this is a gold mining country and is covered with rich timbers—one gold company will have over five thousand employed. I was greatly disappointed when I arrived at Puerto Cabezas and met with a rather cool reception. I was reminded that they practiced infant baptism and were not baptizing by immersion. I saw they were afraid, that being a Baptist, I might interfere with their teachings and there was their precious caticism, as if those things meant more than the salvation of the natives. I have had the opportunity to become thoroughly disgusted with a church program that has its vision so obscured by form and formalism that it cannot see beyond those things to the essentials—the salvation of a soul.

While I was there at the hospital I met Indians and an old gold prospector, who told me of a tribe for whom nothing was being done just across the border called the Payas. These are in Honduras. There was no way for me to get into Honduras

except by returning to the States and going back with the United Fruit or Standard Fruit boats.

Because of treatment that was not at all cordial, I did not entertain much hope of co-operation though there were numbers of points that probably shall never be manned. I did not wait for the meeting of the board but took the plane back to Bluefield and decided to return immediately to the States. The United Fruit boat gave us a greatly reduced ticket and we made our reservations by faith as our check had not arrived. We had expected money from Mrs. Willey but we kept praying and in the nick of time a check came from Bro. Blackwelder, just enough to get us to the States. So here we are glad to be home. Yes, especially to see my mother who may be with us but a very short time. On the other hand, there is a consuming desire to reach the masses of people who have never heard of Christ—others who have heard of Him but do not know Him.

Yesterday while passing down the street of the town in which we are visiting, I saw Dr. George Ridout, my old professor while at Ausbury College. He had just returned from South America having preached all over Argentine, Peru, and Brazil. We made an appointment and talked for hours of the cities in those great countries with populations of over a hundred thousand people with no gospel preacher. Dr. Ridout is deeply interested in the missionary program of our church, and he was a good friend of our Bro. Bob Self of North Carolina.

We are praying that we shall be permitted to return to our field in Panama. I am going to Washington D. C. to make an investigation and to inform the department of Foreign Relations of the treatment we have been subjected to. Rome is becoming



increasingly bold and intolerant where she has her hands in the affairs of state. I have no charges against the Catholic people but I do protest against a great political machine that would rob men of their religious liberty. The government of Panama on the instance of the Catholic church is against Protestant missions. Rev. Goulding of California came into Colon

the same time we arrived. This man has his orders to leave also. Another missionary left the same day I took passage to Nicaragua. The Pentecostal church had nine missions in the Republic; the government closed seven of the nine.

If the government had given us permission to continue our work before this happened and then brought

pressure on us we would have contested such treatment and gone to prison for the Gospel's sake, but as it was, we could do nothing.

We are making arrangements to attend the North Carolina State Association in September; and then return to the field under the leading of the Holy Spirit.

## Sister Willey's Extensive Visit

Dear Friends In Christ:

It has been over a month now since we left Panama. Mr. Willey and Tommy going to Nicaragua to study the possibilities of a field there, and Barbara and I coming to the States to the convention. These have been most enjoyable weeks, renewing friendships and enjoying the blessings of fellowship with our people.

After leaving Bryan, we went to Shreveport for a short visit with relatives then on to Tupelo, Mississippi, to be with Bro. and Sister Hollis. I don't know whenever I have enjoyed a week as much as this one. It was a delight to visit this part of Mississippi. I was there a week and spoke at five of Bro. Hollis's churches, to packed houses. One could not have had a warmer welcome or a more hearty response. I just fell in love with our Mississippi and Red Bay, Alabama folk. Bro. Hollis has certainly done a commendable work, and it delighted our hearts to see such holy zeal and energy for the kingdom of God. Yet I was made to wonder how long our brother can stand the strain under which he is laboring. Surely the harvest is great but the laborers are few, and we need to pray for laborers. More and more we see the need of a school.

I could not fail to express my appreciation for Sister Hollis, such an example of patience and kindness! From Mississippi we went to Atlanta to visit our people there. The day after my arrival I became ill due to constant change of food and water combined with heat. The doctor advised a complete rest for at least a month, so I left Atlanta and came to New Jersey to Mr. Willey's mother and sister. Here I've been enjoying the most delightful rest, and my strength is returning rapidly.

To crown our stay here we received a telegram saying that Mr. Willey and Tommy had returned to the States and were on their way to us. Early Sunday morning we met them at the station—two tired boys. We feel however his coming home is Providential as his mother has been quite ill and does not seem to make any

improvement. Will you pray with us that she may be spared to us a little longer.

The Lord willing, we shall be at the North Carolina State Association by September 13. We want to get back to South America as soon as possible. If you care to correspond with us write in care of Rev. Henry Melvin, 1211 East Main Street, Durham, North Carolina.

Yours for service,

—Mabel Willey

## New Treasurer for Tennessee F. W. B. Orphanage

I. L. Stanley, Superintendent

The State Association, in a recent setting at the Orphanage, saw best to make a change in the handling of the finances concerning the orphanage. Instead of having the Treasurer separate from the Orphanage staff, it was passed, for convenience, that the Superintendent be the Treasurer also. Then he would be in better position to know what and how to buy. In other words, it is hard to buy when you don't know what you are buying with. Mr. H. D. Bailey, the former treasurer of the Orphanage, has made a splendid one, but at his request for the good of all concerned, the Treasurer now is the Superintendent, I. L. Stanley. We sincerely solicit all offerings for the Orphanage program to be sent to the treasurer immediately, as we are in need of some extra funds to buy fuel and do some repair work on the heating system before cold weather begins. Also since our "dear family" has increased, to eight, we are in need of another cow.

We don't ask only the Tennessee people but those of other states, who don't have an Orphanage of their own. You are not barred from putting children in the home, so naturally we don't bar you from sending in

your contributions to us. Whether it be great or small it is greatly appreciated just the same. I believe the sooner every church in our entire denomination supports an orphanage program, the sooner every state in our denomination will have its own orphanage. So why not make a start in your church the next meeting day and send it to the Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage? I. L. Stanley is the Superintendent and Treasurer, Route 9, Greeneville, Tenn.

"In as much as ye did it unto the least of one of these my brethren, ye did it unto me." Jesus spoke these words and had reference to the needy, the poor, the fatherless and motherless children. Won't you let us hear from you? Thanksgiving day is not far away. How *thankful* are you?

Never despair of a child. The one you weep the most for at the mercy-seat may fill your heart with the sweetest joys.—Cuyler

Children have more need of models than of critics.—Joubert

Let France have good mothers, and she will have good sons.—Napoleon Bonaparte.



# The Bible in Verse

By Gweneth Talley, Aurora, Missouri

To Philippians and Colossians too he wrote,  
First and Second Thessalonians also a note.

He warned them all to keep the faith  
To be obedient unto their death.

First and second Timothy, Titus and Philemon

He urged them to be faithful and to press on.

To the Hebrews Christ with angels Paul compared  
And asked them all to be prepared.

James tells how if we believe  
Healing from God we shall receive.

First and second Peter exhorteth all men

Beware of false teachers, (there were some then).

First, Second, and third John, beloved brother,

Said little children love one another.

Jude, servant of Christ, to all he saith  
Build up yourselves in most holy faith.

Then we find in Revelation,  
God's righteous judgement for every nation.

In Genesis the world was planned  
And made by God's creative hand.

In Exodus and Leviticus laws were given

To guide the Israelites on to Heaven.

In Numbers and Deuteronomy as God planned

Moses numbered the people and divided the land.

To Joshua, God spoke and said,  
"Moses my servant is dead.

Have I not commanded thee? Be not afraid,  
Be of good courage, be not dismayed."

In Judges Samson did at length  
Revenge the Philistines by his strength.

The next we read of now is Ruth,  
And of her purity love and truth.

In first and second Samuel we read  
Of David and many a wonderful deed.

The first and second Book of Kings  
Gives Solomon's wisdom in all things.

And of his seven hundred wives  
Of Elijah and Elishas blessed lives.

First and second Chronicles tell  
Of Israel's kings, both good and ill.

Ezra was a scribe of the Law of Heaven

Which the Lord God of Israel had given.

Nehemiah the ruined walls of Jerusalem did rebuild

Esther, Jewish queen saved her people  
from being killed.

Job, a man of God by Satan was tried  
He trusted the Lord and was never denied.

The Book of Psalms by David sung  
Are good for all; both old and young.

In Proverbs we, much wisdom find  
For true of hearts and pure of mind.

Ecclesiastes and Solomon's Song  
Read and search them all day long.

Are gems and jewels beauties rare  
Sweet precious words as lilies fair.

Isaiah, Jeremiah and Lamentations  
Tell the grievous state of Israel's nations.

Ezekiel saw in dreams and visions  
The Israelite's lost conditions.

Daniel and Hosea, prophets true,  
Joel, Amos and Obadiah knew

The word of God and of his love  
How Christ should come from Heaven above.

Jonah, who the Lord did fail  
For him God prepared a whale.

Micah, Nahum, Habakuk and Zephaniah  
Followed by Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi

Believed in God and for Him did prophesy.

In Matthew, Mark, Luke and John  
Tells how the Blessed Christ was born:

His reign on earth so pure and sweet  
His pierced side and hands and feet.

Acts record the promise sent,  
'Tis yet for all who will repent.

To Romans God's servant Paul did write

Pleading with them with all his might.

First and second Corinthians, Galatians and Ephesians.

Paul wrote to them with many different reasons.

## Report of Polk Bayou Association

The Polk Bayou Association of Free Will Baptist met with Allen Chapel Church, near Batesville, Arkansas, on Thursday night September 7, and continued until Sunday, September 10, 1939. Twelve churches were represented as follows: Mount Harmony, New Home No. 2, Ballews Chapel, Bethel, Pools Chapel, Oak Grove, Weaver's Chapel, Coffman, Allen Chapel, Pine Hill, Macedonia and Blackland. Thirty delegates from these churches were present beside a number of deacons and ministers and their wives.

Ministers participating in the services included: L. C. Doyle, H. A. Lewis, Owen Harvell, O. B. Eagen, W. B. Harden, M. G. King, and M. A. Wolf. Rev. Carl Dairs of Izard county was present and gave some interesting talks. Rev. Austin Mullins, who is just starting into the ministry, was examined and recommended for a license to preach. Beautiful singing was led by various leaders from

the different churches represented. A wonderful spiritual uplifting was felt by those who attended and there was lots of shouting and general rejoicing.

Rev. Doyle preached a very beautiful memorial sermon Saturday at 11 o'clock. An outstanding feature of the program Saturday afternoon was the report of the temperance committee and the interesting discussion that followed this report. Some very convincing arguments in favor of prohibition were given by Rev. M. A. Wolf, Lyle Cartwright, Jay Roach and others who backed their arguments by relating personal experiences in the use of liquor. The Association voted 100% to do all in their power to abolish open saloons and to patronize only business houses that did not serve even beer and that this was the busiest cafe in the city. Two or three arose to ask the name of this place as they said they had been unable to find a place to eat where beer was not sold. They were re-



ferred to the Big Twenty lunch stand, owned and operated by Verner Bruce, his wife and three sons.

A revival meeting was in progress at the Allen Chapel church at the time of the meeting of the association. This meeting, which was conducted by the pastor, resulted in fifteen (15) conversions and twelve (12) additions to the church. Ten (10) persons were baptized in White River by Rev. H. A. Lewis, Sunday afternoon.

We, the members of Allen Chapel Church and people of the community appreciated very much the privilege of having the association meet with us and the opportunity it afforded of meeting and making new friends in Christ Jesus. We sincerely hope to meet each and every one of you again in this world and also in the world where friends never part again.

—Mrs. O. V. Tadlock, reporter

## Missouri State Sunday School Work

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

Dear Gem Readers and S. S. Workers:

It is with pleasure that I take the opportunity to express my appreciation and gratitude to everyone, for your support and co-operation in our Sunday School program, for the interest and spirit in which you have shown, I could not have wished for better. I hope great results will be derived from it.

We will give a complete report following the action of the state meeting. We will be glad to make this

report for I am sure everyone is interested in it.

We have reports from each association of which we are very proud. Some have a report from all the Sunday Schools in that association and some with a partial report.

Again, we will say that we appreciate your assistance and co-operation, hoping and praying that greater results may be seen next year.

Pray for us.

## Report of Cave Spring Association

The Cave Spring Association met with the Bethany church, north of Myrtle, Missouri, on Friday, August 25. The meeting was opened by singing, reading of John 8, and prayer by Eld. N. Combs. The minutes of the last meeting read by clerk, Adrian Jenkins. At 11:00 Elders J. R. W. Harbison and H. C. Crase gave a splendid doctrinal discourse on what the Free Will doctrine means and how it has been brought to us by men who were full of zeal according to knowledge; a very enlightening message.

Nearly all of our 21 churches were represented. Elders Burney and Scott and Clerk, Pryor were gladly seated as corresponding messengers. Deacons C. H. Crews, E. L. Brewer and Fraley Jenkins elected as pulpit committee. Committee on State of Denomination: Elmer Hodges, C. W. Bayless, and Ralph Hoyt. Elder Harry Beatty was elected Moderator, Eld. Billie Rogers, assistant. Adrian Jenkins was elected Clerk, and J. E. Rolen, ass't.

That night Elders Scott and Burney preached a splendid warming-up mes-

sage along old-time lines, including Psalms 73:28 and Prov. 23:31. We find no evidence of any children in Hell but Heaven is well supplied with them. And also the rest of the folks there are as little children, because Jesus said only that kind of grown-ups could find entrance there. Elders N. Combs and W. P. Stogsdill, with Mat. 7 as base, warned of the dangers of hypocrisy and an ever closer walk with God; a warning we all need every hour of every day.

Bailey Chapel, near Alton, was chosen as the place of our next meeting.

Some of us may be prejudiced, but you know, it just seems as though our meetings grow better and better every time. Of course they ought to, because "the time is short."

Saturday night, Elders C. R. Bryan and S. W. Bell preached with 1 Cor. 3:11 as text. Elders Harry Beatty and J. P. Hendrix, (a visiting Methodist) held forth Sunday at 11:00 on "Pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in

Christ Jesus," passing another golden milestone on the heavenly way.

On Friday morning, September 15, Elders S. W. Bell and J. R. W. Harbison and Deacons F. D. Johnson and Ralph Hoyt went down to Shasum, Arkansas, as delegates to the Social Band Association and found Elders Wayne Tucker, moderator and Chas. Staten, clerk. They are going to put the scripture reference to feet washing and the Lord's supper into their Articles of Faith so that everyone can know why they do those things, and by what authority.

At 11:00 Elders Jeff Doyle and Lewis Doyle told us how really efficient in soul winning all of us could be, if we would only get near enough to the Lord so that he could take every bit of enmity and such like out of our systems. A simply unanswerable challenge, because you and I both know it would result in almost heaven on earth. May God speed that time! At morning and night meetings, testimony services were held and it was certainly upbuilding, for I don't know how long it has been since I have been in a meeting where so many testified. There was no draginess, everybody spoke right up and looked as if they were really experiencing what they were talking about. Elders Gates and Rogers preached with Rom. 6 as base and the service was so convencing that when the call for those really desiring salvation was made, it seemed as though most of those who hadn't testified, answered. May the dear Lord guide them everyone into the full enjoyment of the glorious gospel of the blessed Lord. The prayers uttered for those overseas, who are passing through severe tests were lifting, and we hope and trust that all true believers over there will be safeguarded and enabled to witness triumphantly for their Lord at all times.

To his name be all the glory now and forever.

—Ralph T. Hoyt

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For all that God in mercy sends—  
For health and children, home and friends,

For comfort in the time of need,  
For every kindly word and deed,  
For happy thought and holy talk,  
For guidance in our daily walk—  
For every thing give thanks.

—Selected



## Obituaries

**MARBUT**—Ira Mattson, son of Washington and Permillia Marbut, was born February 8, 1873 in Barry county Missouri, and departed this life September 7, 1939 at his home northeast of Purdy, Missouri, after a lingering illness. He had spent his entire life in this county. At the time of his passing, he was 66 years, 6 months, and 29 days old.

He was married February 7, 1895, to Sarah Jane Roller. To this union was born 6 children, 5 girls and one boy, all of whom survive. They are Mrs. Arch Mackey, Mrs. Ross Blankenship, Brit Marbut, Mrs. Virgil Hemphill and Mrs. Furlon Coffey, all of Purdy, and Mrs. Buell Coons of Kansas City.

On November 12, 1930 he was married to Mrs. Edith Davis whom he also leaves to mourn his passing.

Besides the children and widow he leaves two step children, Mrs. Otis Wormington, of Purdy, and Clementine, of the home; also thirteen grandchildren, one step grand child, three sisters and one brother; three brothers and two sisters having preceded him in death. The brother and sisters living are J. W. Marbut, Mrs. Lee Weber, Mrs. I. C. Immon, and Mrs. S. A. Davis all of this county.

He was converted to Christ in early manhood and united with the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church. He later accepted the call to the gospel ministry, was ordained, and spent a number of years of activity in this

work. He pastored a number of churches in this association; having pastored his home church for a period of three years. Many souls found their way to Christ through his preaching of a pure gospel. He made many friends during the years of his ministry.

He will be sadly missed in the home, in the community, by his family, and by the host of friends which he leaves behind. He died happy in the Lord, and left a brilliant testimony which is much consolation to his loved ones.

The funeral service was conducted at the Macedonia church in the presence of a large audience by Elders B. F. Henderson and Winford Davis. Interment was made in the Arnhart cemetery.

**TALBERT**—Miss Sarah Talbert, 67 years old, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Tabitha Dilbeck in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was a sister to a Free Will Baptist minister, Rev. A. B. Talbert of Tulsa.

The churches of that district were very sympathetic during the bereavement of the family. There were about twelve Free Will Baptist ministers attending the funeral service.

The Talbert family expresses their deep appreciation for all kindness that was shown in the hour of most need.

Miss Talbert had been a member of the Free Will Baptist Church for about forty years.

## CORTEZ, COLORADO

Dear Gem Readers:

As I am sending in my renewal to the *Gem*, I will write a few lines to let my brothers and sisters in Christ know that I am still doing what little I can for the cause of our blessed redeemer that has done so much for me.

I have been in this state for 11 years and have taught in Sunday School every year, but have never joined any church; as there are no Free Will Baptist people here. My teaching has been in the Methodist church. We drive 20 miles out in the country and have Sunday School at 2:00 p.m. There are different churches here in

Cortez, but we go more to the Northern Missionary Baptist church, as it seems more like home to me.

I sure love to read the *Gem* and learn about the good revivals and people getting saved. Oh! how I would love to be with all my old friends in your good meetings one more time, but thank God for the blessed hope that some day we will all meet again where sad parting will be no more.

I was so glad to read Mrs. J. E. Rolan's piece in the *Gem*, and I am wondering if her mother is still living. I am so glad that J. E. Rolan is preaching the blessed gospel. I wish that I could hear him preach. Sister Rolan, I hope you write again to the *Gem*. May God bless you everyone is my prayer and pray for me.

I am so glad to know that the Tulsa, Oklahoma church is growing so well. That is where I have my membership but my name there was Essie Bonds.

If this letter doesn't find the waste basket, I may write again.

— Mrs. W. N. Wilmarth

## The Judgement

By Mrs. Elmer Turner, Branch, Ark.

We are standing in the judgement,  
And our judge is on his throne,  
Up in Heaven with our Father,  
He will guide us safely home.

He is ruling over His kingdom,  
He is watching you and me,  
It is sin that does condemn us,  
And His Spirit makes us free.

Let His spirit dwell within you,  
He will guide your weary soul,  
He will lead you home to Heaven,  
Where the streets are paved with gold.

There are two places in the Bible,  
Where the soul will have to dwell,  
Up in Heaven with the Father,  
Or with the Devils down in Hell.

## What Is Man?

I have a thought. I am a creature of a day, passing through life as an arrow through the air. I am a spirit come from God, and returning to God: just hovering over the great gulf; till a few moments hence, I am no more seen! I drop into an unchangeable eternity!

— John Wesley

## Careless Soul

By Mrs. Elmer Turner, Branch, Ark.

Careless soul, O heed thy warning,  
As you travel on life's way,  
For you too must meet your Maker,  
At the closing of the day.

You can meet this blessed Savior,  
Like He wants us all to do,  
When you obey His blessed gospel,  
Then you start life all anew.

Hear the heavenly host now singing,  
Around the bright and shining throne,  
Christ will meet you at death's dark river,  
Give you light and carry you home.



## A GREAT REVIVAL Glenwood, Arkansas

The Free Will Baptist Church at Glenwood, Arkansas was very fortunate in having Bro. M. L. Hollis of East Tupelo, Mississippi in charge of our revival again this year. It can certainly be rightfully called a revival, and not merely a protracted meeting. His time with us was limited to five days, and during that short series, we had an "Old Time Revival." The house was filled to capacity, and far more, from the first night, and there were unusually large crowds at the day services too.

Through his powerful gospel messages, great numbers were convicted of their sins, out of which thirty (30) or perhaps more—we lost count—yielded and were converted. Seventeen (17) united with the church, one being a young preacher who was ordained at the last service.

The baptizing was about 10:30 o'clock, Friday night, by the light of the moon and lights from the semi-circle of cars parked near the water's edge.

Bro. Hollis expects to be back with us for a longer stay next year.

—Elsie Lawless, Reporter.

## SCIOTO YEARLY MEETING of Ohio

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I would like to report our Yearly Meeting. The Scioto Yearly Meeting met with Union Church, and Eld. J. Sizemore, from Lawrence County, Ohio, was chosen Moderator, and Eld. James Shonkurler, assistant. We corresponded with four different religious bodies, and the Ohio River Yearly Meeting corresponded with us and sent a messenger to sit with us.

Our Yearly Meeting is composed of three Quarterly Meetings, namely: Porter, Pine Creek, and Lawrence County. All gave good reports with every church having a pastor.

Eld. W. J. Sheppard preached the Introductory sermon on Saturday, at 10:30 a. m., using for a text, 1 Tim. 4:16, "Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine: continue in them: for in so doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee."

The business was good, and we had one of the best Yearly Meetings ever. On Saturday night, Eld. Gus Graham preached a fine message, using "Jesus

of Nazareth is passing by" for a text.

On October 7th, at Portu Church, all of the Yearly Meetings in the state of Ohio will meet and organize a State Association. We have several new churches coming in and we are growing in grace and number, and are planning big things for the coming year.

The Scioto Ministerial Conference met in connection with the Yearly Meeting and had a two days' session with 36 ministers making reports of their work.

J. Sizemore, Moderator.  
W. J. Sheppard, Clerk.

## ALABAMA NEWS Brilliant, Alabama

If you will allow me space in your paper, I want to report the work of some of our ministers in this part of the country. There has been three meetings I want to mention.

First, I want to say that we thank God for such preachers as the ones who labored in these meetings.

Eld. Parker and Eld. Pitts did the preaching for the Gum Springs meeting. Bro. Potts is the pastor there. Many souls came to the altar and prayed through to victory in this meeting. At the close, Bro. Potts baptized thirty-four (34). Some came from other churches and put their membership in with the people at Gum Springs. This is a fine church to work with.

Now we will go to Mt. Olive Church where Eld. Warren and Eld. Franks have been in a meeting with fine success. Bro. Franks did the preaching. Bro. Warren is the pastor of this church. We are all happy to know that they had twenty-six (26) added to that church.

Old time shouting was noticed in the meeting at Mt. Olive. It made us think of many years gone by to hear the shouts of the saints when their sons and daughters would come to God and give themselves over to the church.

Bro. Franks will be with this church again next year. Eld. Thomas H. Dixon of Checteah, Oklahoma will begin a meeting at this church October 3rd. He will also visit our Association, the Alabama Jasper Association, which convenes on Saturday before the first Sunday in October.

Eld. Warren reports a fine meeting at New Oak Grove. Bro. Lee did the

preaching at this meeting. I say that forty (40) baptized at the end of one week's meeting is fine work. Bro. Lee must have preached the gospel with much power.

If you will notice, one hundred and three (103) have been added to the three churches. Fine work, boys! Keep it up!

—W. F. Whitman, Reporter.

## CHRISTIAN GROVE CHURCH Ft. Smith, Arkansas

Dear Gem Readers and Friends:

As I have never sent in a report, God being my helper, I will try to send in one now.

We are a band of Free Will Baptist, worshipping at a little church house called Christian Grove; located south of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, in LeFlore County, Oklahoma, in the Eureka Association.

I will report about our revival meeting. We had a wonderful meeting for the Lord was with us all through the meeting. There were 12 souls saved and reclaimed, 20 united with the church and 7 were baptized. There were 10 united to our number before the revival meeting. This makes a total of 30 new members for the year. So you see that the Lord was with us this year.

We also built a new church house and dedicated it for the Lord's work. We have called Bro. Raymond Brooks as pastor for another year. I think he is a wonderful preacher; for he is a God sent man to preach to the unsaved world.

I want to report about our association which has just convened. It met on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September. I was one of the delegates that attended our association. I went on Friday morning and stayed until after service on Saturday night. While there I camped on the ground.

We had a wonderful time for God was with us all through the meeting. There were lots of singing, shouting, testifying, and preaching. There were several souls saved during the services. It was grand to be there and see the old time religion manifest, for the Lord was there in our midst.

We had a large delegation present. There were 27 churches represented, of which four were newly organized churches, being organized since our



last association. So you can see that God had a hand in our work. We re-elected Bro. H. O. Turner of Stigler, Oklahoma, as our moderator for another year.

Everyone is invited to attend our association next year, which convenes on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1940, at our permanent location 2½ miles east of Stigler Oklahoma.

As this is my first attempt to write a report, my remarks are scattering.

We ask the prayers of all Christian people to pray for us that we may do more the next year than we have in the past year. Also let us pray more for our foreign missionaries than we ever have. I enjoy reading Bro. and Sister Willey's report in the *Gem* each month.

As I have taken up so much space I will close asking for the prayers of all the Christian people.

A Brother in Christ,

—Elmer Spangler

### CROSS ROADS CHURCH Drynob, Missouri

Dear Gem Family:

A few months ago, I wrote and it never was printed, but that has in no wise discouraged me. Sickness has hindered. Some time has passed since you heard from Cross Roads Church, but "cheer up," we're still on the firing line and gaining victory after victory.

In June we had our feet washing and Communion services, and a real spiritual message by our good pastor, and much rejoicing. Several visitors from sister churches took part. During this service, a young man was deeply convicted of his lost condition, and made peace with God after reaching home.

In July was our time to call a pastor. Eld. Curtis L. Wilson was called again for the fourth time. No other nominations were made. When a band of Christian people, as a church, are all of one accord, surely God is leading. Bro. Curtis has never been absent only on account of sickness and a few times while in revivals during the years he has pastored the church.

After the second Sunday in July, we had a few days' revival in which Eld. Arthur Bailey brought the messages almost every night, with our pastor assisting in every way possible. Six souls were saved, besides the grand

spiritual feasts for the children of God. We were made to sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. This meeting meant much to me, for my adopted daughter and my brother whom I had prayed for so long made their peace calling and election sure with God. At the end of the meeting, four united with the church.

In the last of July, the Laclede County Quarterly Meeting convened with Cross Roads church. I think all who were there went home refreshed greatly and strengthened in the Lord. We had a wonderful meeting. Peace, Love, and harmony reigned throughout. Many interesting queries were discussed, and some real messages were delivered at the devotional services.

On our regular meeting in August, five were baptized by Pastor Curtis.

Another few days' revival broke out. Our pastor and Eld. M. E. Brasher were in charge, bringing the messages. This was a real live, spiritual meeting, everyone taking a part—praying, shouting, praising God. On account of the Association at a sister church, the meeting only continued a few days, closing with all still hungry. Our father, who had been a mourner for several years, was made to realize his lost and undone condition, and a few days after the meeting, he surrendered his heart and life to God while alone in a quiet place of prayer.

On the account of sickness, I was deprived of the privilege of attending this month's services. My husband has been sick six weeks with not much hopes of being well soon. Pray for us that we may humbly bow to God's will, although it is hard to do sometimes.

This life is lonely,  
Yet with Jesus for my Guide,  
I will bear my cross with patience  
Till I reach the other side.

—Alpha Jane Wilson

### LAKE CITY, S. CAROLINA

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

We will began a meeting here Friday September 8, and beg the prayers of every child of God for a success. The people are starving to death for the real true Gospel of Christ, and a number of our churches have been rocked to sleep with an easy "sugar coated" sermon. The time has come for plain preaching, and if our deacons and preachers can't stand the pure truth let them go to an altar and let Jesus clean them up.

I find that Jesus said in St. Luke 19 chapter and 10 verse, "For the son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." We notice He had come to seek and to save. Today, Jesus expects to seek the lost through us, his professed followers. How, I ask, can Jesus use us to seek the lost if we visit every ungodly hell hole and partake of it? I'll tell you, beloved, our members can't visit moving pictures, beer joints, public bathing pools, and dancing halls and then expect God to use our ungodly lives to seek out some lost soul and lead to Christ. We must live as Jesus taught us, and another thing I'd like to say; if our good editor doesn't throw this in the waste basket, is this: We have so many mixed Free Will Baptist preachers who are always arguing something they don't understand, and I declare unto you that we need to preach Jesus, and may God help us to live a life that we can present Jesus to the lost world through our life. A number of our churches are torn up here and elsewhere with so much "I think so" kind of preaching. We should preach "Thus saith the Lord."

In closing, let me say, I received a letter from my good friend, Bro. Don Bias, and if he sees this, I want him to secure the tabernacle for me and I will be there by the 10th of Nov. I'm saying hello to my friends in West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Missouri. Pray for me here, and may God bless our little *Gem* and its editorial staff.

—Evangelist, W. L. Truett.

### FALCON, MO., September 12

Dear Gem Readers:

As this is my first time to write to the little paper, I want to say hello to all of you, and let you know that I sure do love to read the *Gem*. I sure do love to read and to know of the good work being done everywhere.

I want to say that it does me so much good to hear of some lost soul being brought to Christ. I am just a few days old in Christ, and I ask an interest in the prayers of the Christian people everywhere that I might grow stronger in the Lord.

Sometimes the way seems rough and hard for me, especially when one of the "old gang" tries to tempt me with a bottle of poison. I go to my



knees in prayer and ask the Lord to help me over the rough places in life, and He always comes to my rescue.

Well, I must stop as this will take up a lot of space in the paper now. I could write more and if this escapes the waste basket, maybe, I will write more next time. Pray for me.

Yours in Christ,

—Lavern Jones

## OAKLAND, MO., September 10

Dear Editor, Wife and Gem Readers:

On this beautiful morning, I want to testify in behalf of a wonderful savior whom we esteem above all things of this world. We are very thankful for the many blessings the dear Lord has blessed us with.

We are truly glad to report that Bro. Sam H. Marcum and wife have just closed a revival at Happy Hill church with six souls saved. I can truly say from the very depth of my heart that Bro. Marcum preached the truth from the beginning to the end. He is one of the deepest men in Bible truths I ever listened to in all my life. He told us all how to live a real Christian life the plainest I ever heard.

As for me I really want to live better and closer to Jesus. I am thanking the dear Lord every day for sending Bro. Marcum and his wife to our church. I believe there were good seeds sown that will be gathered up in later days. I hope and trust it might be our privilege to have them hold another meeting in the future.

"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake for their's is the kingdom of heaven."

"Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake."

"Rejoice and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

I am very glad to send in two more subscriptions to the dear little "Gem" paper. I would be glad to know that it was in every home. I want all you *Gem* readers to pray for me that I may live closer to Jesus.

A Sister In Christ,

—Mrs Charley Dickerson

## Indian Creek MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Third Annual Ministers' Conference of the Indian Creek Association in southwest Missouri, met 24 hours before the Indian Creek Association at the Pleasant Grove church near Anderson, Missouri, August 28, 1939.

There are 24 ordained ministers and 5 licensed ministers in our Association. Bro. B. F. Brown of Purdy, Missouri, is the oldest, and has been president of our Conference since its organization, three years ago. Bro. Brown very efficiently took charge at this session of the Conference.

Other officers elected were: Eld. Winford Davis, Vice-Pres. Monett Eld. John B. Rollins, Sec., Monett, Mo. These two, with President Brown, compose the Conference Committee to arrange the program for the next annual Conference.

The program for this session of the Conference was built upon the general theme, "The Free Will Baptist Articles of Faith."

Eld. O. T. Allred of Monett, preached the opening sermon on Monday night. Subject, "The Faith of the Free Will Baptists." His message was very interesting, timely, and appropriate.

Tuesday morning, the topics were ably discussed in round-table fashion after the subject was introduced. Many deep and inspiring thoughts were presented.

1st Topic—"The Bible," introduced by John Rollins, proxy for F. C. Zinn.

2nd Topic—"The Doctrine of God," opened by Cecil Campbell.

3rd Topic—"Christ," opened by Winford Davis, proxy for C. M. Hatfield.

11:00 a. m., sermon by C. M. Hatfield. Subject, "The Doctrine of Christ."

4th Topic—"The Holy Spirit," by W. K. Weston.

5th Topic—"Fallen Man," by Frank Linton.

The Ministers' Conference is of great value to our ministers and those who are interested in studying the Bible. The ministry of the Indian Creek Association is of a high standard. None of us have college experience, except President Brown, but the most of us have a good education dedicated to the Lord.

It was voted that next year the Conference become a student body under one instructor for one class period in the afternoon.

We had a great and profitable time! Come and be with us again next year at Blue Eye, Missouri.

—John B. Rollins, Sec.

## DRYNOB, MISSOURI

Dear Gem Readers:

This is my first letter to the *Gem* because I have belonged to the devil so long, and I see he has no space in the *Gem*. I will try to write a few lines now as I have a testimony I want the weary-worn to hear and know.

I am 38 years old. I was raised by a good Christian mother, brought up in a Christian neighborhood, attended religious services all my life, and never really sought and found the Lord until a few weeks ago. After a revival had closed, in which I had gone night after night to the altar, I was trying to come in this way: "Lord, I have not been very mean." I told this also to a Christian who had been talking to me, and she told me that I was the chief among sinners and had broken every law of God that He had made, which I had to admit was true.

Then I got a picture of what God saw in me, so out in a secret place of prayer, I wrestled alone with God as Jacob of old, until He blessed me and filled my soul with that pure, divine love. Now my life is different, for old things are passed away, and, behold, all things have become new. I feel I have wasted my life that might have been spent in His service.

I had a spell of sickness two years ago that left me a cripple. I cannot walk only by the aid of crutches, but with the blessed hope now beyond this life, I don't expect to be a cripple when I awake in His likeness. Pray for me.

A brother in Christ,

—Joseph Irwin Wilson.

True peace cannot be ours until the sword has first done its work. Sins, inexpediences, doubtful things, questionable things, etc., must one and all be cut off before peace can be put on. Until God's own peace can be and reigns in and over the whole heart there can be no whole-hearted service.

—Selected



## Report of Indian Creek Association

By John B. Rollins, Clerk

The Twenty-seventh Annual Session of the Indian Creek Association met with the Pleasant Grove Church, near Anderson, Missouri, August 29 to September 3, 1939.

This association was outstanding for its monuments of major denominational enterprises.

Oh yes, we had spiritual praise and devotional meetings. We had excellent preaching, and four souls were saved at an altar of prayer. There were seasons of refreshing when people shouted praises to God. We had a wonderful spiritual time.

But it was not all "Glory hallelujah," only in the capacity of some real genuine work in advancing the Cause of Christ in service. We love shouting, but we are aware of the fact that there is more to do than sit around and shout. Besides, we have no confidence in a house full of shouts when the shouter is Dead Lethargy personified, and is not worth a counter-fiet dime in the service of the Lord.

First of all, the Association took a firm, ardent, deeply consecrated position on "Tithing for the support of churches and denominational enterprises."

Indian Creek has done reasonably well on contributions for foreign missions, having given \$132.45 in one year. Other enterprises go lacking, so if we all get started to paying tithes then our major problems are solved.

This Association sends a petition to the State Association to take proper and necessary steps to provide Ministerial schools of instruction over the state, so that all of our ministers and church workers may have access to them. This is only a forerunner to them. This is only a fore-runner a school capacity. We also approve the steps taken by the National Association to build a denominational school, and urge our people to rally to its support.

Such matters of business as Home Mission, Sunday School, League, and other items of enterprising was transacted.

The plan of the Missouri State Sunday School Supervisor was endorsed and we are co-operating.

We had a group of visitors from Northwest Arkansas. We had a great time and may the Lord bless our people.

## Flying Chips, From the Old Chop Block

The best of whiskey will get the best of you.

Old men are drunkards because young men take drink.

It is better to have faith than fear, and it is much better to buy bread than beer.

If we cannot make men sober by law, we can at least stop making men drunk by law.

How would you like to have been in the majority during the time of the flood?

Conventions, not conversions, are the great things now-a-days. "Do you have any conversions in your church?" "No, but we have a lot of conventions."

Man is a unit—he cannot let his passions run riot in one part of his nature and himself remain pure in all the rest.

Only by keeping close to Christ can you give a safe path to the man who is following you.

On which side are you—the side of the saloon and Satan, or Christ and the home?

In the above, I wanted to say "Christ and the church," but it is somewhat difficult at times to know which side the church is on.

If you do not seriously put the question to yourself,—"What shall I do with Christ," You must face that other one,—"What will Christ do with me?"

## WAR! WAR!

War, war, war!  
For nations can't obey  
A law which says, "Thou shalt not kill,"  
Because it wouldn't "pay."

War, war, war!  
Whatever be the cost,  
For bankrupt nations can't pay debts  
If foreign trade is lost.

War, war, war!  
If war indeed is hell,  
For Christian nations must have gold,  
And diamonds as well.

War, war, war!  
And bloody murder,—grand!  
For Christian nations all must fight  
In order to "expand."

War, war, war!  
Diplomacy and smoke!  
Christian statesmen must have room  
To strut about and croak.

War, war, war!  
And hide and seek and shoot;  
For this is the age of progress, full  
Of glory, greed, and "loot."

War, war, war!  
For we must be sending out  
Pure religion and pure politics  
To "heathen" round about

War, war, war!  
For in "heathen" lands afar,  
How can they otherwise be taught  
How civilized we are?

War, war, war!  
For 'tis our duty to abate  
All foreign nuisances, and bring  
The "heathen" "up to date."

War, war, war!  
For the heathen must be given  
The gospel, rum and opium,  
To send them to heaven.

War, war, war!  
Till the "heathen" shall confess  
He has no right to liberty,  
Or life, or happiness.

War, war, war!  
For the "heathen" must not blot  
The face of this fair earth, he must  
Be civilized or shot.

But I would not be surprised if, in  
The final judgment given,  
Hell should overflow with "Christians,"  
While the "heathen" go to heaven.

— Selected



## MT. VERNON, MISSOURI State Sanatorium

Dear Gem Family:

Just a few lines to let you know that my little daughter, Ruth, and I are feeling O. K. and are still gaining in weight despite the warm weather which we are having.

Well, we do enjoy, so much, the many good articles in the *Gem*, and it seems to me that it would be hard to do without the dear little paper after having become accustomed to its arrival each month. I can pass away many lonely minutes by reading its contents, although there are five hours out of each day in which we are not allowed to read.

We have had several nice letters, and also a nice package recently from Sister Alice Taylor of Blue Eye, Mo. which we appreciated very much and we believe God will bless her for her kindness.

Sister Ina Bicknell of Hannon, Mo. also continues to write to us and to send us some very good reading material.

We just ask God's richest blessings upon each one of the dear "Gem Family." We are so thankful for our good editor and wife. Pray for us.

A sister in Christ,

—Mrs. Opal Frazier

### Living The Way We Pray

By Mrs. Opal Frazier, Mt. Vernon, Mo.

I knelt to pray when day was done,  
And prayed, "Oh Lord, bless everyone  
Lift from each saddened heart the pain  
And let the sick be well again."

And then I woke another day,  
And carelessly went on my way.

The whole day long I did not try  
To wipe a tear from any eye;  
I did not try to share the load  
Of any brother along the road;  
I did not even go to see  
The sick man just next door to me.

Yet, once again, when day was done,  
I prayed, "Oh Lord, bless everyone,"  
But as I prayed, into my ear  
There came a voice that whispered clear;

"Pause, hypocrit, before you pray—  
Whom have you tried to bless today?"

God's sweetest blessings always go  
By hands that serve Him here  
below."

And then I hid my face and cried,  
"Forgive me, God, for I have lied.  
Let me but live another day  
And I will live the way I pray."

## Sam Marcum's Report

Dear Gem Readers:

We will give a brief report of our work the past month. Our last meeting was in Cedar county at the Independence church, near Stockton. We were there three weeks. One mother prayed through to victory. There was a revival among the church and we feel our efforts were not in vain. There is some of the salt of the earth at Independence church.

We are now at the Third Fork church where we have just attended our State Association. We sure have

had a real fellowship and spiritual feast. Our next meeting will be in the Northeast Missouri Association.

We covet the prayers of all *Gem* readers. May God bless you all.

—Sam H. Marcum

P. S. The folks urged me to stay over Sunday at Third Fork, and we had good crowds. They then voted that we go ahead with a revival, so we will follow up the State meeting with a revival. Instead of going immediately to Northeast Missouri. — S.H.M.

### FINANCIAL REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION FUND

|                                                    |        |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Neola Mission, Greenfield, Mo.                     | \$1.00 |
| True Blue Class, Neola Sunday school               | 1.00   |
| Oak Grove church, Neosho, Mo.                      | .23    |
| Union Third Fork church                            | 1.88   |
| Verdella church                                    | .66    |
| Mr. & Mrs. B. F. Brown, Purdy                      | 2.00   |
| Miss Nellie Tate, Eldorado, Kan.                   | 5.00   |
| Shibleys Point church                              | 2.00   |
| Central Western Mo. & S. E. Kan. Association       | 11.55  |
| Merls Chapel S. S.                                 | 5.23   |
| Leadington S. S.                                   | 1.24   |
| New Harmony Mission                                | 3.00   |
| Pleasant Hill Mission, Thayer,                     | 1.00   |
| Monett church, Monett, Mo.                         | 5.52   |
| Oak Grove church, Neosho, Mo.                      | .32    |
| Mine La Motte S. S.                                | 1.59   |
| Deslogue S. S.                                     | 25.00  |
| Hazel Creek Union church                           | 4.59   |
| Curtis M. Royse & family, Pollock, Mo.             | 8.00   |
| Elsie Piller, Chetopa, Kan.                        | 1.00   |
| Golden Oak church                                  | 1.00   |
| Neola Mission                                      | 1.00   |
| True Blue Class, Neola S. S.                       | 1.09   |
| Lloyd Jeffries, Greenfield, Mo.                    | 5.09   |
| Happy Circle Class, Hazel Creek Union S. S.        | 2.00   |
| Monett church                                      | 5.35   |
| Central Western Mo. Ass'n by Zola Truskett, Treas. | 3.00   |
| State Mission Ass'n, by Esther Apple, Treas.       | 10.09  |
| Junior League of Niangua church                    | 1.09   |
| Mt. Zion church, Plattsburg, Mo.                   | 1.65   |
| Verdella church                                    | 1.09   |
| Union Third Fork church                            | 2.45   |
| Collection at State Association                    | 59.83  |
| Niangua S. S.                                      | 2.04   |
| Merls Chapel S. S.                                 | 2.24   |

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|----------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Oak Grove church, Norwood Mo.                      |       |
| (of Mo. State Ass'n                                | 3.09  |
| Merls Chapel (collection at Rev. Willeys service)  | 4.00  |
| Monett Church (collection at Rev. Willeys service) | 13.32 |
| Pleasant Grove church                              | 4.66  |
| Aurora church, Aurora, Mo.                         | 16.07 |
| — Winford Davis, Mo. Sec-treas.                    |       |

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| Mt. Olive Church                            | Blue Eye, Mo.        |
| Mt. Zion Church,                            | near Plattsburg, Mo. |
| Union Third Fork,                           | near St. Joseph, Mo. |
| Monett Church                               | Monett, Mo.          |
| Merl's Chapel                               | Cassville, Mo.       |
| Flat River Church                           | Flat River, Mo.      |
| Jones Chapel Church                         | Stella, Mo.          |
| Aurora Church                               | Aurora, Mo.          |
| Desloge Sunday School                       | Desloge, Mo.         |
| Mt'n Valley League                          | Norwood, Mo.         |
| Oak Grove Church                            | Stella, Mo.          |
| Verdella Church                             | Liberal, Mo.         |
| Hazel Creek Union                           | Novinger, Mo.        |
| True Blue Class, Mt. Olive (Neola) Church   | Greenfield, Mo.      |
| Mt. Olive (Neola) Mission Circle            |                      |
| Mine La Motte S. S., Mine La Motte, Mo.     |                      |
| Carterville League,                         | Carterville, Mo.     |
| Oak Grove of Mo. State Ass'n,               | Norwood              |
| Pleasant Grove Church,                      | Anderson, Mo.        |
| Happy Circle Class, Hazel Creek Union S. S. | Greentop, Mo.        |
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If you or your church, your League, or your Sunday school is a regular giver, and the name is not listed on this roll, please send it in — Editor.



# Seeing The Invisible

## Side Lights From Science

This is the age of the agnostic, who scoffs at all that can not be seen, touched, analyzed, or submitted to some kind of physical test. His boast is that science deals with the real, the visible, the tangible. All that does not somehow declare itself to the senses must be left hopelessly in the realm of the Unknown—whether it be God or one's own soul.

But now science itself is smashing the agnostic foundation. Its farthest advance in every direction is bringing us—nay driving us—resistlessly to believe in the existence of the invisible. There has never been a time in the history of science when so many things were required to be believed simply because of their effects. Chaldeans, Greeks, Romans, and medieval philosophers were crude materialists in comparison with the leaders of modern science. Let us note a few of the things it requires us to believe.

### Gravitation a Mystery

#### "A Mental Interference to Explain Phenomena"

"And as there can be no better example of what law is, so also there can be no better example of what it is not—than the law of gravitation. The discovery of it was probably the highest exercise of pure intellect through which the human mind has found its way. It is the most universal physical law which is known to us, for it prevails, apparently, through all space. Yet of the force of attraction operating between all the particles of matter in the exact measures which was ascertained by Newton—that is—'directly as the mass, and inversely as the square of the distance.' This is the law. But it affords no sort of explanation of itself. What is the cause of this force—what is its source—what are the media of its operation—how is the exact uniformity of its proportions maintained?—these are questions which it is impossible not to ask, but which it is quite as impossible to answer..... How little we have ascertained in this law, after all! Yet there is an immense and an instinctive pleasure in the contempla-

tion of it. To analyze this pleasure is as difficult as to analyze the pleasure which the eye takes in beauty of form, or the pleasure which the ear takes in the harmonies of sound."—Duke of Argyll, "*Reign of Law*," chap. 2, p. 44 (A. L. Burt).

Gravitation, then, is but a deduction of "pure intellect" invented to explain visible phenomena, but which no man has ever been able to see, handle, capture, explain, or understand. All that Newton really knew was that the apple fell, and that certain lights in the sky, which he supposed to be planets, performed certain motions. From data such as these he drew the enormous inference of an invisible, intangible, inscrutable force pervading all space, and controlling all matter, acting instantaneously through the spaces, and we have gone on ever since believing in this thing that no man can explain nor understand. Surely gravitation should be relegated to the limbo of agnosticism, with the epitaph, "No man hath seen gravitation at any time."

We find yet another example in mechanics:

### The First Law of Motion

#### "Not One Instance of Its Operation Ever Known—Revealed to Scientific Faith Only"—

"The law is, that all motion is in itself (that is to say, except as affected by extraneous forces) uniform in velocity, and rectilinear in direction. Thus according to this law a body moving, and not subject to any extraneous force, would go on moving forever at the same rate of velocity, and in an exactly straight line.

"Now, there is no such motion as this existing on the earth or in the heavens. It is an abstract idea of motion which no man ever, or can ever, see exemplified. Yet a clear apprehension of this abstract idea was necessary to a right understanding and to the true explanation of all the motions which are actually seen. It was long before this idea was arrived at. There was real difficulty in conceiving it, because not only is there no such motion in nature, but

there is no possibility by artificial means of producing it. It is impossible to release any moving body from the impulses of extraneous force. The first law of motion is therefore a purely abstract idea. It represents a rule which never operates as we conceive it in itself, but is always complicated with other rules which produce a corresponding complication in result. Like many other laws of the same class, it was discovered, not by looking outward, but by looking inward; not by observing, but by thinking."—Duke of Argyll, "*Reign of Law*," chap. 2, p. 65 (A. L. Burt).

It is possible that the whole scientific world goes on believing in a law of whose operation no single instance has ever been witnessed by mortal man since the birth of time. More even than this: Shall we believe in a force which defies the last test of science—experiment? For the most perfect modern appliances can by no possibility produce such a motion as this law requires.

Yet the position of science is strong: we can show resultant motions which are just what they should be, supposing this law to exist, and for which there is no other adequate explanation.

The very argument for spiritual entities! We can show effects which are just what they should be if divine Mind fashions and controls the universe, and for which there is no other adequate explanation. "The invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being made understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and God head" (Rom. 1:20).

Yet again, when Newton discovered the solar spectrum, and knew that he had broken up the white light into bands of color, he at first supposed these colors to be all the constituents of light. But, passing a thermometer through the spectrum, he found the heat of the rays increasing through the red, and beyond it! Soon he had proved the existence of an invisible heat-spectrum. Chemistry and photography at length reached beyond the violet, and found there an invisible tract of powerful chemical rays. Now, with the aid of electricity, science is still greatly extending the known area of the invisible.



## Extension of the Spectrum "The Invisible Outnumber the Visible Rays—"

"A layman would suppose that the endeavors of physicists to lengthen out the visible spectrum would cease with the very considerable additions due to the direct photography of rays ultra-violet and ultra-red. But the lay mind knows little of the persistence and address of the accomplished physicist, and can only marvel at the mode in which he summons fresh resources from points of the compass at first seeming the farthest removed from his task.

"..... Prof. S. P. Langley, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, has refined the galvanometer into an appliance which he styles the bolometer. Its delicate wire, much thinner than a human hair, through which an electric current constantly passes, and sensitive to much less than the ten millionth of a degree Centigrade, is moved by minute steps through the invisible areas of the solar spectrum; each indication of temperature, automatically photographed, comes out as a line which varies in depth of tone with the intensity of the thermal ray. When the device has finished its journey the larger part of the whole breadth of Solar radiation rises to view—in all fifteen times as extensive as the spectrum which Newton saw."—Geo. Iles, "*Flame, Electricity, and the Camera*," chap. 24, p. 346 (D. & McC., 1900).

Newton say but in part. Fifteen times the spectrum that flashed upon his gaze waited invisible to be revealed to the tireless exploration of modern research.

Now science calls on us to believe in a yet greater marvel. To explain the visible light, we must admit the existence of a fathomless, boundless, invisible ether. Light is proved to consist of waves. These waves must be undulations of something, and that something itself unseen.

## Light A Visible Motion Through An Invisible Medium

"Now, the velocity of light, in round numbers, is 190,000 miles per second. Reducing this to inches, and multiplying the number thus found by 36,918, we find the number of waves of the extreme red, in 190,000 miles, to be four hundred and fifty-one millions of millions. All

these waves enter the eye, and strike the retina at the back of the eye in one second. In a similar manner, it may be found that the number of shocks corresponding to the impression of violet is seven hundred and eighty-nine millions of millions.

"All space is filled with matter oscillating at such rates. From every star waves of these dimensions move, with the velocity of light, like spherical shells in all directions. And in ether, just as in water, the motion of every particle is the algebraic sum of all the separate motions imparted to it. One motion does not blot out the other; or, if extinction occur at

one point, it is strictly atoned for, by augmented motion, at some other point. Every star declares by its light its undamaged individuality, as if it alone had sent its thrill through space."—John Tyndall, "*Light*," lect. 2, p. 63 (A, 1898).

An ocean, boundless, measureless, practically infinite of a substance that can not be seen, heard, tasted, nor felt; that can not be weighed in any balance nor analyzed in any laboratory; that refuses to submit to any test of science; and whose existence must be accepted solely as a matter of faith in the rational deductions of the human mind, reasoning upon the actual phenomena of nature!

# Subscription Honor Roll

No paper can do any good without subscribers. The *Gem* is doing a great work, but oh, how much greater work it could do if more people would subscribe to and read the message of the *Gem*.

The *Gem* has a good circulation, for which we are thankful, but it is not good enough to meet the cost of publication. It could be more—and it OUGHT to be more. The success of our denomination rests upon the success of the *Gem*. No enterprise will succeed without harmony and union. The *Gem* keeps the Brethren of one mind and of one purpose in activity—hence, Missionary Work, Educational Activities, and Nationwide Evangelistic Campaigns are the result; and the Cause of Christ is advanced!

Several of the Brethren have taken this message to heart, and for the

good of the Cause, have become voluntary solicitors for subscriptions. The advancement of the Cause means as much to them as it does to the Editor, so they are soliciting without a salary or commission in order to help the editor with the deficiency in the publication cost. If we could get 500 NEW subscribers, this deficiency would be eliminated. Here is the list of those who have been working:

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Eunice Miller, Flat River, Mo. . . 8  
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Brother Willey has set his goal for 200 subscribers—may the Lord prosper him!

If every one of our readers would send in one new subscriber, we would double our mailing list—and why not? Your *Gem* needs your support!

# A Subscriber For Life

By special contract with the editor of the *Gem*, Rev. D. Self Jones of Mansfield, Missouri, is a life-time subscriber to the *Gem*. This agreement was made at the State Association near

St. Joseph, Missouri, on September 28, 1939. Bro Jones is now paid up for the rest of his life—We hope he lives a long and happy life.

—The Editor



## Butler-Dunn Theology

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Please say for the Board of Education.

## HE KNOWS

O aching heart, with sorrow torn,  
Thy Lord is near and knows;  
He knows it all, the feet way-worn,  
The weary cares and woes,  
The load of grief in anguish borne;  
Thy Lord is near—He knows.

O fainting soul, with doubts oppressed,  
Thy Lord is near and knows;  
He knows it all, how thou art pressed  
On every side with foes;  
He waits to be thy cherished guest;  
Thy Lord is near—He knows.

O weary head that fain would rest,  
Thy Lord is near and knows;  
He knows it all, and on His breast  
Thou mayest now repose;  
Drop every care at His behest,  
Thy Lord is near—He knows.

O lonely one, live thou thy best,  
Thy Lord is near and knows;  
He knows it all, sees every test,  
Yes, every tear that flows  
Rejoice, faint heart, His way is best  
Thy Lord is near—He knows.

—Selected

## IN MEMORY

In loving memory of our darling, Wanda June Adams, who passed on October 21, 1934, age 2 years, 3 months, and 27 days.

No one knows the silent heartaches,  
Only those who have lost, can tell,  
Of the grief that is borne in silent;  
For our baby we loved so well.

Her stay with us was brief  
And she leaves such a vacant place.  
But in Heaven she knows no grief,  
And sometime we'll see her face.

Heaven to us is even nearer  
As we think of her sweet rest,  
And her life in Heaven is dearer;  
For we know God's way is best.

Sadly missed by those who loved her.

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## Give to Missions

These three words, pray study, give, are the key words of the new missionary campaign. If we pray intelligently we will give. If we have a knowledge of the heathen world, its needs, its awfulness, its woes, we will give.

Some people think that giving is not a part of religion. It is certainly as much a part although not as great a part. We must give ourselves, money, time, anything, if we hope to be counted with those who follow Jesus.

How shall we give? Our denomination has special definite objects for which we should give. Our own field. If we will study that field we will find that it needs all we can give

and the ceaseless clatter of other needy fields should be referred to those who are responsible directly for them.

We should give systematically, proportionately, freely, cheerfully, bountifully. These are the ways mentioned by Paul. The gifts need to be systematic in order that we may continuously come in touch with the work. We can better pray if we have given, for then we can ask God to bless our offering. Thus our prayers will count for more. We are interested in the objects into which we have put money. The prayer, study, giving are all necessary and are closely linked together. May this year be to each of us personally a year that shall bring us into a better knowledge of what missions really mean.

## National Stewardship Announcement

To the women representing in the Women's National Auxiliary Convention, I was appointed your Stewardship Director for the coming year and it is my desire to communicate with each State Director immediately. Please send me your name and address that we may plan together a course of study in Stewardship for the present year. I would like for us to have a definite course of study for all to use so that our work will be uniform.

It is also the desire of the National body that a book of Stewardship recitations be compiled that can be used in our work. If this is accomplished, we will have to begin now and work hard in order to have it ready for use this year. We must set up rules and regulations governing the contests and I want you to share the responsibility in making these plans. May I hear from you immediately?

Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes  
Lucama, North Carolina