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Missouri's Evangelistic Family

This is a picture of Rev. Sam H. Marcum from Anywhere in Missouri (and he will be from here next), and Daisy, his wife, who is Sam's best earthly helper (I don't think anyone envies her "Job"). At any rate, this is Sam and Daisy, Missouri's Evangelistic Family.

That's their wagon to their left, and that's their traveling house standing behind their wagon—they pull it around with them everywhere they go, and they are always at home.

That funny looking box on top of the car is a loud speaker which Sam uses for preaching on the streets. He has a victrola inside the car and he can play musical records then he can preach—and I guess you can hear him a mile.

They have the nicest home! There is more room inside of that thing than you can imagine. It has two rooms,

beds for four adult persons, kitchen, tables, refrigerator, and closets and niches everywhere you turn, also a heating stove. They are at home.

Sam is a successful evangelist. His report for last year was as follows:

Revivals conducted 10; Sermons preached 324; professions witnessed 75; number baptized 14 (pastors do most of the baptizing); funerals conducted 3; marriages performed 1; miles traveled 8,200; money received \$475.79

It is a shame on us that he doesn't receive a salary from the state, but as it is now, his only income is contributions from the churches he serves in his evangelistic capacity.

A large number of friends contributed to help buy the trailer house and the loud speaker system.

If you need an old time revival, call Sam and Daisy.

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| Mrs. A. J. Dotson | 5 | We did not finish our campaign, so | |
| Melvin Bingham | 4 | we will be working it as we find time. | |
| O. T. Allred | 4 | We thank each one who sends in sub- | |
| W. K. Weston | 4 | scriptions. We need more readers. | |

Improvements are going on around
the Gem Office! The curb and gutter
is completed — enough chat is on the
ground to put in the new sidewalk.
The City of Monett is paving Bond
street, and are now out in front of
our office. The improvements fund
is incomplete yet, so remember us!

The Editor offers apology for the
"plainness" in the appearance of this
issue of the Gem, but I guess every-
thing has to come back down to earth
after Christmas. I do not apologize
for the content of the Gem, for we
have some of the richest material
ever published in a Church Paper.

Free Will Baptist Radio Program

Tune in on Radio Station
KBTM (1200 kilocycles), Jones-
boro, Arkansas, on each Sunday
afternoon from 2:15 to 2:45, and

hear Eld. Ralph Staten and the
Sharum Free Will Baptist con-
gregation's quartette in a gospel
program.

Missouri's Educational Line-up

By the Editor

BROTHER DAVIDSON, The Chairman of the National Board of Education, asked me to write an editorial in support of our National Educational Program. I will do my best to comply.

I do not know who has told Bro. Davidson, but I have been planning for this editorial for a full month. I plan all my work ahead of time—usually a month ahead, and sometimes three months ahead. I'm running with my nose high, and I'm way ahead of the dogs! Next month, I'm going to surprise you.

But now, the matter in hand is the Educational Program.

Sure, I am in support of a school! I am behind Davidson, teeth and toenails. I'll stand behind him as long as there is a button left on his shirt—I'll stand behind him and see his enemies beat him until he is blue! Yes Sir, we killed a bear once (but Dad shot it).

At any rate, all the leading boys in Missouri are lined up with Davidson and the National Educational Program. Our ministers, missionaries (to be) and our Christian workers need training. The Age we live in demands it! The majority of the youth in our land are high school and college students and graduates. If they are won to Christ, the Gospel must be intelligently and ardently presented. If they are not won to Christ, our nation is gone to the dogs, for with them is the rise or fall of our nation tomorrow.

I do not think we need to discuss the need of this hour, but let us RISE to the occasion of this needy hour. The question with us is, "How shall we accomplish the task?"

This is how Missouri is attacking

the problem. Field men are appointed, and are given official receipt books, and a chart receipt plan for group giving. They are to beat the brush and preach and lecture, and get folks signed on the dotted line—it's going to take COLD CASH. The National Chairman (who is also Treasurer) is to receive that Cash—and don't you fear or doubt for a minute.

Rev. C. M. Dauber of Novinger, Mo. is the field worker for the northern Associations in Missouri—north of the Missouri river. Bro. Dauber reports that he has used his receipt book already—Good for him!



J. R. Davidson, National Chairman



Winford Davis, Missouri Secretary



John Bigfoot Rollins

The local work in the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting is endorsed by the state, which is an Educational Committee of three. Rev. C. B. Dees of Flat River, Mo. is the president of this field working committee.

Rev. Henry P. Long of Phillipsburg, Mo. is the official solicitor for the central Missouri Associations and the Cave Spring Association in Oregon County. We are sorry Bro. Long did not get his picture to us for this line-up, but we wish him God speed in his field.

Old Chief Bigfoot, himself, is on the war-path in southwestern and central western Missouri, and the folks might as well be expecting something to happen!

Of course, Rev. Winford Davis is our overseer in Missouri. He is the fellow who gives the first whoop—then we are all off in high! Winford is a very handy man.

We are not *Begging* for money in this issue of the *Gem* nor in this campaign—We are asking for the Lord's money (tithe) to build a Christian institution. We are asking folks to come on and give the Lord His part. It is no more than right for God's humble servants to ask folks for the tithe—for God is being *ROBBED!* If you withhold, you will be robbing God again! If you want the land to be healed—pay the tithe! If you want the devourers rebuked—pay the tithe! If you want blessings—pay the tithe! If you want the *CURSE* removed—*PAY UP!*

I know by experience—it is the greatest of joy to know that I love my Lord enough to pay the tenth part of all my income—which is from \$12.00 to \$25.00 a month. Follow the example of the man who loves his Lord and whom the Lord is blessing!



C. M. Dauber, Missouri Field Worker



C. B. Dees, Missouri Field Worker

Denominational Enterprising Department

Our Educational Program

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

IN AS Much as there has been a sufficiency of time for reaction since my last article I am submitting another, including a financial statement.

Several have written in and sent checks and money orders since I submitted my last report. We are making progress, though it be a slow process. Almost every day I look upon structures owned by small congregations in local communities, and am led to say, "If only our entire denomination could own such in which to operate a school how happy I would be." Yet I am made to bow my head in shame, as I am compelled to say, "the interest has not developed to the point to justify the project." How it grieves my very soul when I face the situation as it is. So often I read reports of assemblies, and observe that every phase of our cause is considered except this great need. You may say, "he talks that way because of the fact that he is on the educational board." But I ask you to examine the records of the treasurers of all of our National projects and see if you can not find evidence that I do not neglect them and give all my support to Christian Education. We also take the lead in all of our state and district projects.

Brother ministers, can you tell me why it is that you allow yourselves to dwell in the realm of satisfaction so far as our educational work is concerned, when this is about our weakest point from the human standpoint? Many of our best trained ministers have been content to remain dormant in this field, giving nothing themselves and refusing to take the matter up with their congregations; and if you have failed, who have had the advantage of training, I am talking about you. You might be surprised to know that many of our ministers who have had the least advantage educationally have been more zealous in this work than many of our best trained men. I can see some reason for the ones who have had no training to feel that it is not so

important, or even to be skeptical, but frankly I can see only one reason for you who have had advantage to fail to do your best; and that is outright selfishness. Facing the situation as it is I feel constrained to join the weeping prophet, Jeremiah, who said, "Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people." Brethren and Sisters, let's arise and do this thing which we have so long talked of doing.

No, I am not discouraged, in fact, I refuse to let the indifference of others discourage me. There are others who are just as earnest in this cause as I am, and we will win, Praise the Lord. A communication, with a donation, just came in from one of our youngest and best trained young men, and he says, "We must have the school or perish." I trust that these words of this young man will get hold of your heart, mind and purse. How long do you think we can exist with the present status educationally? Think! Think! and then Think some more, and I am sure that I will hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Several reports of an encouraging nature are at hand: One from the Cumberland Association of Tennessee, with a check for \$200.00. The report says that the two local associations are going to raise \$1,000.00 before the next session of the National Association, the amount having been divided on a per capita basis. One of these associations has already gone beyond the half way mark in cash and pledges—mostly cash. Now, that is the way to do things. I challenge you who have failed so far to follow the example of the Cumberland Association of Tennessee. Suppose you start right now.

Brother M. E. Tyson sends his monthly payment of \$5.00 on his twelve month's pledge. Does that give you any idea what you might be doing, Brother? Brother Tyson writes that the Central Conference of North Caro-

lina has voted to put on a campaign early in 1940 to raise the equivalent to fifteen cents per member. Is not that an encouraging report? Should there be a question as to why they should wait until then, we would say that it is because of their special campaigns for the orphanage. Well, when their campaign is over, there should be approximately \$1,500.00 coming. I am wondering if the Lord is not going to put it in some of those brethren's hearts to give that much as individuals. Let's pray much about such gifts. God bless you and your folk, Bro. Tyson.

Bro. J. R. Bennett, one of our most enthusiastic board members, sends a payment on his pledge, and writes that the Eastern Association of North Carolina has voted to raise ten cents per capita there, and his brethren have made him manager of the campaign. He further says, "I am busy now lining things up." To know Brother Bennett and his people is to be able to say, "here comes another thousand dollars." Let's pray for this people in this association too, for the Lord has good men and women here who are able to give hundreds of dollars, individually.

A communication has just reached me from a representative of the State Meeting of South Carolina, in which there was a nice money order and Sister M. J. Coker says, "this is for Christian Education, hoping it will be of some help." It surely helps, in every way, Sister.

Nice checks have come from several of the North Carolina Unions of late mostly from the Western and Eastern Associations. I wonder why all of the Union, and Quarterly, Meetings over our territory do not use this method too. Will you take it up at your next one, Brother?

Dr. John H. Wolfe of Pawnee City, Nebraska, who has conducted a correspondence school of the Bible for some fifty years, writes to express his faith in our educational program, and he expresses it with a check too—that is the kind of faith that we are calling for. He says that he believes in our people to the end of success, and wishes to turn the correspondence work over to the institution when it

is set in motion. Why can't all of us have faith in each other, that one thing would win this battle. Do you need a Butler-Dunn Theology? If so send your order to Brother Wolfe at \$2.00 per copy, and that money will go for our school. He has given one hundred copies to be used in this way. Mention this plan with your order.

I am appealing to you again, my brethern, to write in and express yourself about this work. Could we touch the chord in every preacher's life that has been touched in the lives of those who have written in we would announce a guarantee of immediate success. You sit down and write, right now.

I am submitting an itemized report for the state of Tennessee, and a total for other states which have responded. Note the fact that every dollar from Tennessee has come from only one association.

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| Cumberland Association | | \$302.20 |
| District L. A. S., Cumberland Association | | 54.63 |

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| East Nashville Church | | 29.37 |
| Ashland City Church | | 7.30 |
| Bethlehem Church | | 10.15 |
| Mt. Olivet Church | | 2.60 |
| Mrs. J. E. Frazier, on pledge | | 5.60 |

Grand total for Tennessee .. \$411.25

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| Alabama State | | 19.25 |
| Arkansas State | | 5.00 |
| Florida State | | 19.00 |
| Georgia State | | 115.16 |
| Mississippi State | ..... | 11.00 |
| Missouri State | ..... | 172.60 |
| Nebraska State | ..... | 8.00 |
| New Mexico State | ..... | 11.00 |
| North Carolina State | ..... | 526.61 |
| Oklahoma State | ..... | 80.16 |
| South Carolina State | ..... | 31.00 |
| Texas State | ..... | 540.75 |
| National Association, offering | ..... | 198.35 |
| Western General Association, entire educational fund. | ..... | 105.54 |

Grand total of all cash turned in up to 12-5-39 \$2,254.67
 P. S. Today, December 5, there came an offering from Mr. W. S. Gardner, Springer, Oklahoma, making a total of \$15.00 sent in by him, making him the largest personal donor in his state up to date. J. R. D.

flowers are mostly made of paper, so are like the religion — artificial. Here the likeness of our Memorial Day ceases, for the day is spent in the saying of prayers for the dead, and much sprinkling of holy (?) water, and burning of candles. Much money changes hands on this day, for the priest will not say a single prayer for a person unless he is paid for it. If the relatives of a dead person are too poor to pay, then that grave is passed by, or at least I have never seen the priest performing a ceremony over a grave without pay.

Ester, the daughter of the native worker, and I went to view the cemetery the following evening. As I had witnessed this same ceremony in Upata, I had no desire to view it again. The cemetery really was very pretty with its rows of white crosses decorated with wreaths of gayly colored flowers. We could see the grease marks where the candles had been burned. As I stood looking over the silent city of the dead, thinking of the ones who had died without Christ and perhaps never having had anyone to witness to them, my thoughts then turned to the ones in the town, who are dead and yet live. Dead in trespasses and sins, and I could not help but breathe a prayer, "Lord, help me to be a faithful witness to those poor, ignorant, superstitious people who sit in darkness and the shadow of death."

While this may seem a dark picture, I can paint a much brighter one. A song of rejoicing and thanksgiving arises in my heart when I think of the ones who are rejoicing in a Savior's love. Most of the flock are only babes in Christ, but they are growing day by day in grace and knowledge of Christ Jesus.

The work here has always been in charge of a native worker until now; but as the work is growing, there was a need for more workers. I am happy to report that eleven persons have been born again in the past month. Seven grown persons and four children.

Satan has been working also, and we have been receiving an extra shower of dirt and stones upon our roof, but that does not matter; for, how well we know that Satan never gives up his subjects without a struggle, and if God is for us, who can be against us?

I have started children's meetings on Sunday afternoons with good attendance and attention. I have a chart made of flannel and figures that are pasted on flannel to represent the lesson I am giving. This seems to

News From Our Newest Missionary

Miss Bessie Yeley, Tumeremo, Estado Boliver, Venezuela, South America

Dear Bro. Rollins:

I received a letter from Bro. Blackwelder suggesting that I give you an account of my work here in Venezuela. I am not a writer, but I will try to give you a little insight to our work here, and if you can doctor it up and use any of it for the paper, you are welcome to do so. Just feel free to add to or take from. As something has gone wrong with my typewriter, I shall have to write with pen trusting you will be able to read it.

I arrived in Venezuela September 16, and was assigned to the little town of Tumeremo in the interior of Venezuela. I have been here just a month and am feeling very much at home; enjoying the work very much. I have always had a burden for this place and I praise God that He has placed me here.

Tumeremo is a very pretty little place but the people are very fanatic, and a great many of them seem very much more opposed to the gospel than in Upata where I labored before. But when I think of the Tumeremo of a few years ago and the one of today, I can really praise God for what He has wrought in this place.

A few years ago this was a wild, lawless town, where they thought nothing of taking human life for sport. There were times when time seemed to hang heavily on the hands of some of the young men, and they would long for something exciting to happen. Then they would decide to have a wake (sitting up at night with a corpse). This was always a time of feasting, drinking, etc. One would offer to furnish coffee and drinks, and another food, but still they would lack the corpse, and off he would go and shoot down, perhaps some poor innocent man returning from his day's labor in the fields. Now it is very much changed, for the Gospel has entered this place, and while there are many who oppose the Gospel, there are those who have come out of darkness into the Glorious Light. Tumeremo is now law abiding and a safe place in which to dwell.

The first day of this month was "All Saints' Day." Much time was spent in cleaning the cemetery, whitewashing the crosses, tops of the graves, shrines, etc. for this event. This day seems much like our Memorial Day at home, for they all carry wreaths of flowers to decorate the graves. These

create much interest. Through these meetings I am able to reach the children of the neighborhood who do not attend the other services. I am hoping to gain entrance into homes in this way also.

There is much to be accomplished here, and I covet the prayers of each one that I may improve in the Spanish language, that I may be able to speak more fluently. Pray also that I may

gain entrance into more of the homes. Also, pray for two ladies who have been attending the services. They say they like the gospel, but have not yet yielded.

I must close now, thanking each one for their interest and prayers, and praying God's richest blessings on each one.

Yours In His Matchless Name,
— Bessie Yeley

Missouri Church Extension Program

By C. M. Dauber, Novinger, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

I have been a silent reader of the *Gem* for sometime, but occasionally I like to speak or write in the interest of our denominational enterprises.

At this time, I would like to emphasize the great need of our prayers and offerings.

This great program was not thought up in a day; but to many of us the vision of spreading our work over the state was a matter of great concern for years. This need became more evident as this vision was followed with calls from people in cities and villages saying, "Come over to Macdonia and help us." (Acts 16:9.)

We are proud of our great accomplishments, as a denomination, especially in the last few years; but sometimes I think we ought to hang our heads in shame for being so dilatory about going into cities and towns with our doctrine.

As a rural pastor, I appreciate the great work that our rural churches are doing, but I wonder many times if we do not get the cart before the horse. It seems to me that it would be much easier for a city church to reach out into the rural area with its Church Extension program through Gospel Team work, etc., than for a rural church to carry its program into the city. However, through the combined efforts of our rural and city churches, we can go into other cities and towns, and other rural communities, and thereby spread our work more evenly over the entire state.

In traveling over the highways of the state of Missouri, many times, we drive through several counties in which there are no Free Will Baptist churches. My brethren, this ought not to be.

Why should we be so concerned about Church Extension? Well, to us,

we believe that the Free Will Baptist Church has a vital message to deliver to the world, and that the world is greatly in need of that message. Surely, we have a part in Christ's Great Commission when He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

We cannot hope to get very far in our Foreign Missionary program until we have well established churches all over the HOME LAND! Neither can we expect God to bless our Home churches until we get a vision of the

great need of sharing with others those things which we enjoy.

Surely the great inspiration which we receive at our Missouri State Association each year ought to create within us a desire to share these joys with other communities who are not in contact with our work.

According to the Constitution of our Missouri State Association, article 4, we see that a part of the duty of the Executive Board is to promote Church Extension. I believe the Executive Board is ready to help sponsor such a program as soon as the funds are sufficient to begin such a procedure.

In the meantime, I think we should make our requests known. Probably there are towns in which many Free Will Baptists reside, and yet there is no Free Will Baptist church near them. In some places, it should not be so difficult to establish a church. The sooner a church becomes self-supporting, the sooner we can help to establish another church.

We can do it if we will. How? Mail your offerings to Miss Esther Apple, Aurora, Missouri, and "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." Matt. 9:38.

Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage Builds a New Church

I. L. Stanley, Superintendent, Greenville, Tennessee.

DO YOU NEED MONEY?

(We do too)

WHAT FOR?—To build a Church!

WHERE?—At the Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage!

W-H-Y?—Because we have no church of our denomination closer than seven miles over a rough and muddy mountain road. We feel that God is not satisfied with us having an Orphanage with no church for our children to attend. The Church is the dining-room for *Spiritual Food* just the same as the Mess-hall is for physical food.

Then too, what kind of a denomination are we if we say, "We, the Free Will Baptist, will furnish the Physical Food and let some other denomination furnish the *Spiritual Food*?" I'm afraid we will wake up some day and say "Where are all our children, for whom we worked so hard to rear in the Orphanage?" When we begin to look around, we will find them scattered here and yonder, pastors and church

workers in some other denomination. All because the Spiritual, after all, is the only food that lasts.

If we can provide a church of our own Faith for them, God being their helper, some day, soon we will find them striving to make our own churches better.

W-H-E-N Are You Going To Build? We are not *going* to build, we are already building! We want you to help us **KEEP ON BUILDING!**

H-O-W?—By sending us a donation of not more than one hundred Dollars nor less than one cent. A list of the givers, their address, and amount given (if no objections) will be posted in the front vestibule of the church for years and years to come. Send your \$100.00 or your 1c to Mrs. I. L. Stanley, Greenville, Tennessee, R. 9. She is treasurer of the church.

WHEN do we want it sent?? NOW! Do it NOW!!! We need it today.

A picture of the church will appear in this paper when it is completed.

Report Home Mission Board

M. E. Tyson, Treas., Middlesex, N. J.

I am submitting a complete account of all funds designated for the National Home Mission Board, I wish to express our very deep appreciation for every consideration given this fund.

As we turn our faces toward the new year, I trust that one of our New Year's resolutions will be to "Lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes", relative to our Home Mission Program.

If it could happen that all of our churches would favor this fund with a donation, though small it might be, what a glowing report the Board would be able to make at the next session of our National Association. Please let us hear from you with the kind of response that is becoming to Christians.

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| Turned in by J. K. Warkenton | \$252.90 |
| Glenville Georgia Church ... | 1.30 |
| M. E. Tyson | 2.50 |
| Sunday School Convention of the Northeast Association .. | 10.09 |
| Cartaret Union | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Myrtle Davis | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Louise Bedsworth | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Minnie D. Mason | 4.00 |
| South Georgia Union | 2.00 |
| East Texas Association (By Mrs. McAdams) | 17.00 |
| Mrs. Arthur, North Zulch, Tex. | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Ruby Ferrell, North Zulch, Texas | 2.00 |
| Mrs. A. F. Ford, North Zulch, Texas | 2.14 |
| Mrs. Avis Colman, North Zulch, Texas | 2.00 |

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| Mrs. Elmer Casey, North Zulch, Texas | 1.00 |
| East Texas Association (By Mrs. McAdams) | 5.00 |
| Missionary Helpers Society, Beaufort Co., N. C. | 2.00 |
| Free Will Baptist Gem, Monett Missouri | 5.00 |
| F. W. B. Church, Glenville, Ga. | 3.50 |
| Miss Lucy Warren | 1.00 |
| South Georgia Association .. | 8.00 |
| Mr and Mrs. P. H. Graves | 2.50 |
| Mr. and Mrs. J. T. D. Morris ... | 1.00 |
| Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Heard | 1.50 |
| South Georgia Union, By E. C. Davidson | 3.00 |
| Edith Brooks Collins, Arkadelphia, Arkansas | 5.00 |
| Open Pond Church, Jakin, Ga. | 7.00 |
| L. A. S. Convention of South Carolina | 9.00 |
| Missionary Helpers Society, Beaufort Co., N. C. | 5.00 |
| Carteret County Union, N. C. | 2.00 |
| Total | \$370.43 |

FREE WILL BAPTIST HISTORY

Chapter 3 "The Reconstruction"

Compiled by John B. Rollins

TWO CHAPTERS OF This history have appeared in the *Gem*, namely: "The Rise," and "The Fall." Now we take up the third and last chapter, "The Reconstruction and the Present National Standing." I want to dedicate this article to Dr. John H. Wolfe, of Pawnee City, Nebraska, who was the leading promoter in re-organizing the scattered and discouraged ranks of Free Will Baptists after our terrible fall in 1910.

At a time when everything was lost and hopelessly defeated, the General Baptist denomination became the good Samaritan and offered one page of its official magazine, *The Messenger*, then published in Owensville, Indiana but now at Popular Bluff, Mo., as an aid to our cause with Dr. Wolfe as editor of that page. And so began the work of the Reconstruction.

By correspondence, Bro. Wolfe received maps of the scattered forces of our people in Oklahoma, Texas, Ohio, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, West Virginia, North and South Carolina, Michigan, and other parts, together with the mission field by Miss Esterbrook in the West Indies.

In December, 1916, Bro. Wolfe succeeded in perfecting an organization at the Philadelphia Church, near Pattonsburg, in northwest Missouri. This was called the Co-operative General Association. The officers were as follows:

Moderator, Dr. John H. Wolfe; Clerk, Rev. Ira Waterman, of Eldridge, Mo.; Treasurer, Rev. C. E. Mann, now of Queen City, Mo. An Executive Board composed of John H. Wolfe, C. E. Mann, G. S. Latimer, Ira Waterman and T. C. Ferguson.

I want to name the ministers who were present at that meeting:

Dr. Wolfe, Nebr.; Rev. Miss Leona Mack, Nebr.; G. S. Latimer, Kans.; W. E. Dearmore, Okla.; S. L. Morris, Texas; Rev. Roberts, Texas; H. M. & Lizzie McAdams, Texas; Rev. R. Pittman, official representative from North and South Carolina; and the following Missouri preachers, Ira Waterman, Rev. Brasheir, T. C. Ferguson, J. F. Duckworth, W. H. McKown, S. B. Lewis, W. B. Fadley, J. W. Stephenson, J. A. Bethel, and C. E. Mann.

Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia joined the following year.

The first denominational enterprise was to venture a college at Tecumseh, Okla. with Dr. John H. Wolfe B. D. as president and Mrs. Wolfe B. D. as assistant and Mrs. S. L. Morris (now Mrs. B. F. Brown) as the first degree teacher.

Rev. S. L. Morris moved the Free Will Baptist publishing house from Weatherford, Texas to Tecumseh and changed its name to *The New Morning Star*.

Professor Lawrence and wife, both with a degree of M. A., became instructors.

Rev. Samra Smith K. T. became instructor and brought his printing plant and consolidated it with *The New Morning Star*.

Within a year, the college had five degree teachers, one high school professor, and other instructors offering courses leading to "Bachelor of Divinity" and "Master of Arts" and business college courses.

In December, 1919, the Co-operative General Association met at Nashville, Tenn. A division arose in the Association over the issue of Feet Washing being an ordinance. Some thought it was obligatory, others thought it was only optional, while some opposed its practice as an ordinance. The result was that the Carolina brethren

withdrew from the Co-operative General Association.

Samra Smith became president of Tecumseh College. Afterwards, B. F. Brown served as president. The college building burned down, and so our enterprise ended, but the work was not in vain for its fruits are still evident.

In 1935, at Nashville, Tenn., the Eastern brethren and the Western brethren came together again and formed the National Association of Free Will Baptist. The Eastern and Western bodies were dissolved into the National body, and the National Association meets once a year, alternating

east of the Mississippi river one year and west of the river one year.

The National Association is being well developed and our outlook for the future is better than it ever was for growth and activity.

Now we have a National College in the making. The outlook is good. North Carolina has a Publishing house, *The Free Will Baptist*, valued at \$30,000.00. Also an orphanage valued at \$85,000.00. Tennessee has a new orphanage valued at \$10,000.00. These two orphanages are growing and building. Missouri has a publishing house, *The Free Will Baptist Gem*, valued at approximately \$5,000.00. These insti-

tutions are working fine and are of great value in the capacity of service.

We have three National Foreign Missionary parties: The Willey Family and Miss Bessie Yeley to South America, and Miss Barnard to India.

There is plenty of room for a hospital in Oklahoma, an orphanage in Texas, a college in Tennessee — Our door of opportunity is open. *The Gem* is doing its best to support all our denominational enterprises and possible enterprises, both by giving and encouraging others to give. There is also room for an Old Ministers' Home in some state. May the God of heaven smile upon our denomination.

Sermon Department

Not For Me

By Gueneth Talley, Aurora, Missouri

"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.

"Without money, and without price!" Such are the terms on which God offers to all the Gift of Eternal Life.

Wonderful message of love! Yet more wonderful; and how few will take it on these terms!

An incident which happened not long ago will illustrate my meaning:

A wealthy merchant in a large city became a Christian. He earnestly desired to help, and be a friend to the poor.

The weather was severe one winter, and knowing many people would be in sad need of fuel, he decided to help by sending a quarter-ton of coal to several homes.

The truck stopped in front of a desolate looking cottage, and the driver knocked at the door, and told the old man within that he had brought him some coal.

"Who from?"

"Don't know," said the man, "but I was told to bring it here, and here it is."

"It's a mistake, the coal is not for me," answered the old man. "No such luck for me — I've no friend to send me coal for nothing."

"Nay, but this coal is for the man who lives at this place, see I have

your number, don't you live here?"

"That's me, sure enough; but there's a mistake, must be some other street."

"Nonsense, man; take it, and be thankful. I can't stay here all day talking!"

"Take it away then: it's not for me, and I won't have anything to do with it." And he shut the door, and turned to his cold room.

The truck drove away, taking in it the gift that was intended to make the old man warm and happy.

Next day, stopping at another place, he said to the man who opened the door, "I've brought you some coal, where shall I put it?"

"It's not for me," answered the man. "It's a mistake."

"It's no mistake," said the coal man. "See, here's the order, 'No. 24, quarter-ton coal for Mr. B——.'"

"That's my number, certainly," replied Mr. B——, "but the coal is not mine and I can't take it. It must be for someone else."

"Well," said the man with the coal, scratching his head with a puzzled look, "this coal beats me; it's more trouble than enough. One would think I was bringing you poison. Here comes a nice present of coal and you refuse to take it. But leave it I shall; for yesterday I took it away from a house and got into trouble for it. So if you don't open your cellar door, I shall dump it down here by your doorstep."

Thus pressed, the man at last opened

his cellar door, saying, "You'll soon be back to get it I guess, so I won't set too much store by it, but if it's for me, I'm sure much obliged."

One more house the coal man visits with his load, and knocking at the door, tells the woman he has brought her some coal.

"For me?" she said, "Oh, it can't be true, it must be for some one else."

"No Madam, here's your number plain enough, 'No. 18, quarter-ton coal.'"

"So it is! Well, then, I suppose God has sent it to me, for no one else knows that the last bit of coal is on the fire now. Bring it in. I must thank Him."

"Perhaps you'd better," was the man's short answer, but to himself he added, "She's the only sensible one; the rest are fools."

Yes, how many such fools are there in the world! Even though "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

The Gift of God (Rom. 4:23).

The coal was paid for by the donor; so our salvation is bought with a price, even the precious blood of the Son of God; "who gave himself a ransom for all." 1 Tim. 2:6.

Yet, though God offers each one the free gift of Eternal Life, we act like these cottagers with the coal. Some, like the old man, refuse it altogether. "It's not for me!"

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

What is Man?

Rev. F. Carl Sturgill, Rugby, Va.

MAN IS The creature which God created in his own image and after his own likeness. He was made the chief being of earthly creatures for the Creator put "all things in subjection under his feet," and "set him over the works of thy hands," as pertaining to earthly dominion. Man is not, at this time, what God purposed that he should be; that is, speaking of the race of humanity as a whole. He has fallen from the high estate of his creation, through sin, and has lost much of his power and glory. Many have fallen lower than the brute creation, even as the poet has said,

"So nature keeps her reverent frame
With which her years began,
And all her signs and voices shame
The prayerless heart of man."

Man is a two-fold creature. The physical part of man is of the earthly for God formed the body of the dust of the ground. The spiritual part of man is that principle which the Lord breathed into the creature and he became a living soul. This inner man is referred to as the spirit, the soul, or the life.

It is well at this time to set forth the definition of "soul" and "spirit" as used in the English language and later we shall show by the Lord's help and holy scripture that the two terms, when used with reference to the inner man, mean the same. The word "soul" may mean life, spirit, a person, a disembodied spirit, or animating part. Likewise the word "spirit" may mean life, soul, person or animating principle. The meaning of the word is determined with direct reference to the subject under consideration and the connections and relationships of the term to beings or objects adjacent to it. For instance if I say "not a soul went to church," you understand that I mean *not a person* was there.

In speaking of the spiritual part of man it is evident that the words "soul" or "spirit" may either be used to designate it. James 2:26, "The body without the spirit is dead." Paul said, "Trouble not yourselves for his life is in him." Read Luke 8 concerning Jairus' daughter. She

died but Jesus came and said, "Maid, arise." At his command, "Her spirit came again" and she lived. Now let us go to I Kings 17. Elijah abode with the widow of Zarephthah. Her son died, for "his sickness was so sore there was no breath left in him." "O Lord my God, I pray thee let this child's soul come into him again," was Elijah's prayer. "And the soul of the child came into him again." From these scriptures it is plain and clear that the terms *life*, *soul*, and *spirit* when used with references to man designate that inner principle of the creature unless the relative objects prove otherwise. For example, "God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." That is, he became a living being or person. Now if the word "soul" always means the body or all there is of man, when God raised the widow's son in answer to Elijah's prayer and we read "the soul of the child came into him again," it would be like saying, "The child's body came into him again." How foolish and absurd and heretical! Job 32:8, "There is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." Rom. 7:22 etc., "I delight in the law of God after the inward man: but I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind who shall deliver me from the body of this death." The inner man, the spiritual mind, of Paul desired to serve God; but sin being condemned in the body of flesh or death he said, that I keep my body under and bring it in subjection. The inward man must control the outward man if we are running with certainty. 2 Cor. 4:16, "Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day." Paul also speaks in 2 Cor. 5 of being "at home in the body" and again 2 Cor. 12:2-3, "Whether in the body, or out of the body: I cannot tell." He was not speaking of the body being *in* or *out* of itself, but expressly of the living conscious part of man which God put in the body. Solomon said that the dust shall return to the earth as it was. The body

which was taken from the dust shall return to dust. The spirit shall return to God who gave it. God gives the spirit, for he is the source of life. (Read Mat. 10:28). Jesus said that man can kill the body but not the soul, and that we should fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. These words of Jesus prove that there is a spiritual part of man as well as a natural body.

Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

Jesus said, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."

He told the thief on the cross, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." Some people say this is a question; but it is not. It is a positive declaration. Some are shifting the comma from before the word "today" and placing it after, to destroy the plain teaching of God's Word on this point.

The soul-sleeping theory is destroyed by the statements made concerning the certain rich man and the certain beggar. Some assert that this is only a parable. Shall we make Abraham, Moses, and the prophets mere myths by denying the plain words of Jesus in relating this actual occurrence? Moses and Elias appeared on the Mount of Transfiguration, and talked with Jesus of His decease which He should accomplish at Jerusalem. They were not asleep and unconscious. So we can consistently say that the soul of Moses was alive when he appeared on the mount, yet his body died in the land of Moab "And he was buried in the valley."

Now in conclusion, may we say our bodies are sown in death, just natural bodies, going back—dust to dust; for "dust thou art and unto dust thou shalt return."

"We ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."

"It is sown a natural body: it is raised a spiritual body." The inner man must be born again to enter the Kingdom of God. This mortal body must put on immortality at the resurrection and we shall be like Jesus.

AMEN!

Doers of the Word.

By John B. Rollins, Monett, Missouri

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only." James 1:22.

THE MINISTRY of the church is a ministry of Doing the Word. To be a doer means that we must DO something. Christ is the Word, or the expression of God's great love. A doer of the word, therefore, is one who puts into practice the principles that Christ taught.

I think that the most of us try to deny the crumbs of truth in the philosophy of the Moralists until we are blinded to the real truth concerning a DOING ministry. The religion of the Lord Jesus Christ is not a religion of words only, but is a religion of doing! And that brings us to face the principles of everyday living.

Jesus said, "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister." He commissioned the Church to carry out that ministry until the end of the world.

A Material Ministry

Jesus ministered to the material needs of the poor, oppressed, and afflicted.

"And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them." Matthew 15:30. He fed the multitudes two different times. He paid Peter's taxes once, and many other things. He administered materially and left that ministry with us.

We, the Church, are blind to that fact. We are beggars at the feet of the world. When we buy for the church, we beg for discounts and credits. We cannot help ourselves — to say nothing of the poor! Let them get on the government relief rolls. The government relief has done some good and deserves credit to that extent, and it is no disgrace for the poor who have been forced to accept its aid — But where is the Church, God's ordained institution? The government has tried to do what the Church was supposed to do — but what a governmental mess and a discredit to the cause it has tried to represent! The Church could have won the nation to Christ if it had been at its post of duty! Why has the church failed?

That's easy — *IT HAS ROBBED GOD!* You old stingy skin-flints that belong to the Church, how dwelleth the love of God in your hearts?

The Monett Free Will Baptist Church caught a vision of Doing the Word. They appointed a committee of three composed of Mrs. Nathan Jaques, Mrs. Doris Rollins, and Deacon Eddie Jones. These were to visit and minister to the poor, destitute, and oppressed families in the city of Monett. A charity fund was raised by the church (we have some who do not dare to rob God). This committee sought out and gave groceries, clothing and other commodities to poor people who are unfortunate in not having a sufficient supply of this world's goods to live comfortably. They gave in the name of Christ and His Church. This is proving to be the greatest work our church has ever done.

A Spiritual Ministry

Christ won many a soul to spiritual life after He had ministered to the material needs. The blind man Jesus healed in John 9, made the most powerful convert. Missionaries have won thousands of heathen souls by pulling teeth, dressing wounds and sores, combating disease, feeding the starved, clothing the unclothed etc.

Many professors lay much stress upon a spiritual religion and get no where with it — because there is no Doing the Word in their ministry.

They are afraid to ask their followers to love God, for to love Him is to keep His commandments — and that means to be a Doer of the Word — feed him when he is hungry, clothe him when he is naked, visit him when he is in distress, or in prison, or is sick. minister unto the need of one of the least of His. (Matt. 25:44-45)

The Monett church began this kind of a ministry with the charity fund. What was the result?

Many people in Monett have received relief — have carried it off by the sacks full and came back for more. But this ministry of the church had a different effect on folks, it caused them to consider, it softened hard hearts! Somebody cared for them really! One lady received clothing for her children and aid in other necessities — then came to church and without personal solicitation, came forward to an altar of prayer and was converted at a regular Sunday night service and is now a regular attendant, with her children, to Sunday school and church. On another instance, a young man and his sister, were aided, and on Sunday morning came to an altar and were gloriously saved.

The out-look is promising — many conversions are in view. Sure we believe in spiritual religion — but spirituality will thrive only where there is the ministry of Doing the Word.

Now who wants to be a skin-flint, tight-wad, or parasite and withhold the ministry of Doing the Word by robbing God until the Church must beg at the feet of the world? If you want to be happy — Do something! WAKE UP! !

Where Are Your Treasures?

By Miss Nellie Tate, 513 N. Topeka, El Dorado, Kansas.

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (St. Matthew 6: 19-21)

A YOUNG Man came to Jesus and said, "Good Master, what good thing shall I do that I may have

eternal life?" Jesus gave him these commandments: "Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

The young man said, "All these things have I kept from my youth up; what lack I yet?" Jesus said, unto him, "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me."

When the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

It seems that many people today are like this young man; they care more for the riches of this world than they do for God. They are striving to gain all the earthly possessions they acquire and forgetting the necessity of saving their soul, which is much more important than earthly riches. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?

Jesus said, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

How glad I am, even if we own none of this world's goods, if we have Christ in our hearts and lives, we are indeed very rich. If we have been born of the Holy Spirit, we are then an heir of God through Christ. Who could be richer than an heir of God? "Hearken, my beloved brethren, hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?" (James 2:5)

Jesus spake a parable unto the people saying: "The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought within himself saying, what shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said: 'This will I do: I will pull down my barns and build greater; and there will I bestow my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.' But God said unto him, 'Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee. Then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided?' So is he that layeth up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.

Jesus said, "Be ye therefore ready also; for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not." We don't know just when the Lord will call for us and it behooves each of us to be ready to meet Him now, for we have no promise of tomorrow. It is better to have our treasures laid up in heaven where we can enjoy them forever, than to have earthly riches which we will soon have to leave. "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out." (1 Tim. 6:7).

In the parable of Lazarus and the rich man, we read that the rich man was clothed in purple and fine linen.

Lazarus was full of sores and laid at the rich man's gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. When Lazarus died he was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom. The rich man died also, and in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and afar off he could see Lazarus in Abraham's bosom. The rich man cried and said, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his fingers in water and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame." But Abraham said, "Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedest thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and thou art tormented."

Even though Lazarus was only a poor beggar, he had more wealth than the rich man. Lazarus had his treasures laid up where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. The wealth of the rich man was only earthly possessions, and when he died he could take none of them with him.

Oh how I wish everyone could see their need of Jesus and they would say, Yes Lord, have thine own way in my heart and life. Regardless of how deep in sin a person may be, God is willing to forgive you if you will only let him. "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." Jesus gave his life as a ransom for our sins, and if we will be true followers of Him, we will then be heirs to the riches of heaven.

GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH Flint, Michigan

Rev. Winford Davis, Pastor

Carl B. Ragsdale, Reporter

Dear Gem Readers:

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." (Psalm 133:1).

Bro. Davis brought us a message on "Unity" last Sunday and the "Power of unity in the church." Recently we have had visitors to our church who said, "We thought that churches where people shouted and praised God, and sinners, praying through on the old-fashioned altar, was a thing of the past." We thank God because he is still leading us in the old-fashioned way and drawing us closer together in unity.

The Ladies Aid is still doing things for the church, with Sister Mildred

Yes, a nice home with all the modern conveniences, a fine car, and plenty of money to buy all of this world's goods the heart desires would be fine; but they wouldn't begin to compare with a mansion in the sky.

You may shrink to pay the price,

Say too great a sacrifice,
But you'll wish you were one of us
by and by.

Then this old world will look small
And you'd gladly give your all

Could you know you had a mansion
in the sky.

Lazarus covered o'er with sores,
Lay beside the rich man's doors.
And he begged for alms from those
who passed him by.

As the crowd would by him go

Little did those rich men know

That poor Lazarus had a mansion
in the sky.

I had rather always roam

With no place to call my home;
Than to fail to join that number by
and by.

For when Jesus calls for me

I'll be rich as rich can be,

For I'll have a stately mansion in
the sky.

Jesus is a wonderful friend and it would be impossible for me to tell how much He really means to me. Although I feel that I am the Lord's weakest servant, I want to be faithful in doing what little I can for Him, and I do want my treasures to be in heaven.

By the help and grace of God I want each day of my life to shine for Him,

Suttles as president.

On November 26, in the absence of our pastor, Rev. Raymond Riggs, of Detroit, filled the pulpit at both the morning and evening services. We were all glad to welcome him and the quartette he brought with him.

In our last church conference, the church called out two men for the office of deacon, Bro. Fred Smith and Bro. Damon Bennett. On the following Sunday they were ordained. The Lord blessed in the service and a great time was had by all.

Our pastor is leaving this week to hold a revival at the Neola church at Greenfield, Missouri. So we are asking all Gem readers to pray with us for him and that church during that series of meetings, that many souls will be added to His kingdom.

In closing, may I ask that we all stand united for Jesus.

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT



Rev. T. H. Willey,
Foreign Missionary,
Returned from Panama.



Mrs. T. H. Willey,
Companion Missionary
Returned from Panama.

The Regions Beyond

What Constitutes a Call to the Mission Field

By Rev. T. H. Willey, the Missionary

I AM Constantly meeting young people who say, "How can I know that I am called to a definite Christian service, or what constitutes a call to special Christian service?"

I shall state, as simply as possible, from experience and observation, some things we must consider as we come face to face with such a call. First, there must come the IMPRESSION and be sure that impression is from the Lord. An impression might come from other sources than from the Lord; it might come from US or our loved ones might try to impress us that this is the will of the Lord. I have met dear spiritual people who have had the habit of getting impressions from the Lord for other people. The Lord does not work this way. You are a free moral agent, a distinct personality and if you are a Christian it is the prerequisite that the Lord deals with you directly. Many well meaning parents have been guilty of this. Be very sure that it is the will of the Lord before you go into a definite Christian service. We dare not depend on impressions as much as the impression stand for in the call.

Next there is the Word of God which should loom out and above all other considerations. I have met some who are fighting the call to service. They say the Word of God has not demanded them to be a foreign missionary. If you are willing to follow me, I shall show you by the word where every Christian is called to be that which makes a foreign missionary. After all, the words foreign and home mission is a term that was not used in the early church. The great division was called the ministry to the Gen-

tiles; in that day it was Gentiles and Jews and of course early Christianity was a long time getting away from Judizers; those who would demand that the Gentile Christians would conform to the forms and ceremonies of Jewery, such as circumcision and the levitical laws and other man made laws which had been added to the Jewish customs. Paul spoke of those customs when on trial before Agrippa. Acts 26. Then in Acts 11, we find this strong feeling existed in the hearts of those early Christians.

Let us consider the last earthly command of Jesus which became the marching orders of the church through all the ages; a command which was never revoked. The occasion under which this command was given made it doubly binding. Matt. 28:19. "Go ye therefore, and teach ALL NATIONS, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to OBSERVE ALL THINGS whatsoever I have commanded you."

Notice the occasion. It was his resurrection; it was his first message to them after he had conquered death and the grave. The first and paramount fact, he wanted his disciples and church to get was that all men and all nations should hear the good news of his TEACHING. Mark gives us the account (Mark 16:15), And He said unto them, "Go ye into ALL the WORLD, and preach the Gospel to Every Creature."

Read Luke 24:44 to 53, then we shall notice the occasion of this message. It was just before his ascension, he had been with them in his resurrected body for some time; now

he is about to ascend to the Father. Naturally his message shall be freighted with meaning to them and to the church down through all the ages. Now, notice especially the following words in his message; verse 46. "And said unto them, Thus it is written, and THUS it behoved CHRIST TO SUFFER, and to RISE from the dead the third day: and that REPENTANCE and REMISSION of SINS should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Thus He leaves them with the great commission which rings down through the ages. Then read the first chapter of the Book of Acts, and especially the eighth verse, and under score "Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

You might say, "But that does not apply to me." These words apply to each of us as Christians. We want to notice how it applies to each of us. God has a special ministry for all His servants, and He will reveal to each of them what His will is for them. The essential thing that God would have us know is that we must be obedient. If we are not, we might get into trouble like that Old Testament missionary, Jonah. It will be worth while for us to get an idea of the organization of the Apostolic church: First, we must realize that the church is more than an organization—it is an ORGANISM. It is a BODY of which Christ is the head and each of us members.

A church without organization is not after the New Testament plan. There was government and discipline, there were deacons or overseers. Stephen was the first to be chosen read Acts 6:5-6. Elders, pastors, teachers, prophets or preachers, those with different gifts conferred especially by the Holy Spirit were for an express

purpose that the body of Christ, the Church, might be nurtured and built up.

In the church were special calls. In Acts 11, we see the Gentiles are offering a special problem to the Jewish Christians, the sphere of activity has shifted from Jerusalem due to persecution. A strong church center had been formed in Antioch. Barnabas was sent to investigate, and as a result of his investigation, seeks out Paul. Then in Acts 13, we find Paul and Barnabas were made ministers of the uncircumcision. Paul became what we might consider the first missionary to foreigners, and some of these foreigners were of the races and peoples from which we are today.

Back to the call and qualifications for special service. According to the Word, we are all to be witnesses. After we are impressed by the Holy Spirit, and are enlightened by the Word that He would have us carry His message to the regions beyond, there comes the consciousness of a need of preparation for service. This preparation should be thorough and practical. If it is service in the foreign fields, we should get a knowledge of the trades: carpentry, masonry, machinery, also the professions such as teaching, some medicine, also know something of farming. You will notice we are not emphasizing education, while education is important, it does not by any means constitute the requirements. One might be highly educated and lack common sense.

The next important step in knowing the will of God is in proving our qualifications at home. If we cannot become soul winners at home under favorable circumstances, we shall never become such on the mission fields of the world. Here at home are marvelous opportunities to preach the gospel in any of the major languages of the world, especially Spanish. There are great areas in Florida and our Southwestern states where Spanish is the language of the people. There are needy sections where people never have the opportunity to hear a gospel message. Become a soul winner at home. No one should be sent to the mission fields who has not had this training at home. To send out such workers is unfair to the young missionary as well as to the society.

If you go to a foreign field, there are some things you must be made

aware of: First, the climate. Most of the climates are tropical, lands of fever, countries where the water you drink is polluted and must be boiled, a land of poor hospitalization. This brings us to another consideration — your HEALTH. A good physique offers power of resistance to diseases. No one is immune from tropical fevers, and after you are down with them, it takes months to stage a comeback.

Language is another of the obstacles. We must study sometimes two languages other than our own. To some people, language is easy, to others it is a matter of diligent drill. Then equally as important is to know the people with whom you are working. They think differently than you, their views and background are entirely different than yours. Remember, you shall always be to them a foreigner of a different race and color.

Compatibility is one of the important. Do you find it difficult to mix or get along with folk, hard to give in over small matters? If so, my advice is to stay at home.

It will be interesting to cognize that there are different types of ministry on the mission field. There are those who feel called to go into new, virgin, unevangelized fields of the world, entering into the tribes of people, building your own home and

applying themselves to the study and translation of a dialect. This type is the pioneer, always in quest of unreached peoples, he must be combination of a builder and an all around man.

There are others, who on a developed station, might find open doors as teachers or agriculturist. Some have gone forth with the printing press and had ministries that angels would delight in. Then there is the medical missionary, or nursing. How marvelous are the avenues of the Gospel ministry in the regions beyond. To you who are doubtful of the call to some special field, my suggestion is to, above all, pray and consecrate yourself, and thus be in readiness for the door that shall open to you. Diligently apply yourself to the task at hand. It matters not how simple or humble it may seem, for in due time He shall honor you with a larger ministry. Let no place seem too small or insignificant. Wherever there is a soul, that soul needs the ministry of the true man with a mission. A missionary is a man with a mission, and the mission of the missionary is to testify the Gospel. Comfort yourself with the thought that all of us cannot be sixteen cylinder personalities, but if we are a little old four cylinder, we offer good performance and hit on all four.

The Blossom of Youth

By Mrs. Roy Hancock, Clarksdale, Mo.

JUST As the beautiful rose in your flower garden and on the trellis needs tending, so does our youth of today. People do not seem to realize this and let us grow and get along the best we can. It is no wonder that so many of our lives have been failures and a disgrace to the community in which we live, for we have failed to get the encouragement and help we need.

Parents look upon the lives of their small children, wondering what their life will unfold to be, just as the lovers of nature wonder how numerous the pedals will be on the unfolding buds on the trellis vine by the window.

You do your part to place the vine where it will get the best sunlight and keep it watered if rain fails to come. You train its tendrils to climb the right way, but how about our youth? Are you giving us the right view on

life and placing us in an environment where we see the bright and glorious side of life.

In our troubles and trials, that seem only trifles to you, do you encourage and help us to climb higher to a better standard of living?

The drink and tobacco habit is attacking many of your boys and girls just as insects do your rose bushes. You fight the insects and use poison, but your boys and girls can get along and grow the best they can. It is time for all to awaken and fight out the legality of liquor and show to the young people the harmful side of tobacco. Signs along the highways advertising liquor and tobacco show youth, having a good time, with a look of contentment and joy on their faces. Millions of young people are falling into these habits to get a thrill out of life and think they are

not a man or woman unless they indulge in such things.

Why do not these signs show the disaster these habits lead to, and picture the accidents where countless innocent children are killed and killed by drivers under the influence of drink? Why do they not show pictures of weakened bodies and the youth who are on their death beds indirectly caused by tobacco through the weakening of some organ of their body?

Then we hear old people say, "Isn't it terrible the way young people are doing," when they, themselves, run the salons and road-houses along the highway, posting signs to help lead us downward. They would not wonder why the rose on the trellis was sickly,

pale, and ragged if it had not been tended, trained, and protected, but they do wonder why youth is where it is, when if they would open their eyes, stop, and think they would know.

You find that the rose in full bloom which has had perfect care is one of the most beautiful of flowers. So it is with the lives of our young people who have been trained as they unfold. They are the most beautiful and uplifting lives in both the home and the community. So why not give us the proper training and the encouragement we so much need?

—A High School Student

This article was written while I was in high school, and I have been asked to contribute it.

—Mrs. Roy Lee Hancock

A House-top Vision

By T. H. Willey, The Missionary

Text: Acts 10:34.

Peter is the character with whom we have to do in this lesson. Here we see *Peter the Jew*. Peter the Jew is limited by racial prejudices, blinded by narrow conceptions of the ultimate objectives of the Gospel. It is amazing that these men who had fellowship with the physical Jesus, heard from his sacred lips the world wide breadth of the purpose of the Gospel then endowed by the baptism of the Holy Spirit, making them superior to ordinary men, being endowed by the Spirit they became super-men in whose presence, disease and death fled and devils trembled in fear forsaking their victims.

The Jew in Peter kept him from not only being all that he should have been as an Apostle, but blinded him from knowing the ultimate aim of Christ was the conquest of the WORLD

Here was a spiritual condition that must be dealt with and reminded his prejudices must be dealt with. The events that lead up to our lesson came as a call to Peter to hurry to Joppa and pray for one who had sickened and died; Dorcas. As Peter hurried to his friends and entered into the death chamber, a sad scene greeted him, friends were gathered weeping. Peter brings to bear the supernatural gift of healing and raises her up from the death bed. Acts 9:41.

Peter had as his residence that

famous home in Joppa, the home of Simon the Tanner, down on Shraight Street, just along the sea. Between 12:00 and 3:00 p. m., as was the Jews custom of prayer, he went up on the house top and turned his face toward Jerusalem, and from prayer he drifted off into a vision. Here we see that which opens to him the house top experience, PRAYER.

Prayer brings enlightenment as to His will and plan. As we pray God speaks to us; He will cure us of our prejudices. Men are no different today than those of the early church, we need to be saved from prejudices that make us feel superior to other people who have been under nations and governments that deprive them of the opportunities we enjoy. We are apt to look down with contempt upon the poor Mexican, Greaser, we call him or probably it is Wop or Hunkey. If there is any difference between us it is because of God given opportunities for which we should give thanks humbly, but in the sight of God there are no differences.

Paul was combating the same spirit of arrogance when he wrote Romans 3:9. "What then? are we better than they? (the Gentiles). No, in no wise; for we have before proved both Jew and Gentile, that they are all under sin." Romans 2:11, "For there is no respect of persons with God."

Prayer gets us into the place where God can SPEAK to US. And in that

attitude of prayer, He can honor us with a vision of *individual* as well as *universal needs*. Carey, before becoming the great missionary to India, was a humble shoe cobbler who, while mending shoes, had a map of India before him over which he prayed. The same could be said of Livingston and Judson. All those great missionaries who have had to do with opening the doors to modern missions have been men of open vision.

Here, in this lesson, we see the wisdom of God. God does not condemn Peter for his failure to grasp the truth, but in due time patiently reveals His will. Before Peter had his vision another man was hearing from God. This man was a despised Gentile whose society up to this time was forbidden to the Jew, and as a Gentile he felt that he was excluded. He had an idea in his mind which had its source, the Devil, just as Peter's conception was of the Devil. This Italian thought that because he was an Italian and not a Jew he would be left outside.

This fellow was some man. Cornelius was a high ranking officer in the Imperial Roman Army; under him were faithful servants who had confidence in the religious experience of their commanding officer. This man was a devout man fearing God, furthermore, he was of sufficient strong convictions to have led his immediate family, as well as friends and neighbors, unto a knowledge of Christ. He was liberal, in other words his pocket-book had religion; he was ever ready to aid the needy. He was a man of much prayer, and he prayed over every matter. God was so interested in this Italian's prayers that He made a memorial of them.

Now Peter's vision was not the same as Cornelius', but both produce the same thing, ACTION. All visions are valueless unless they produce something tangible. Following instructions the Roman Gentile dispatched two loyal soldiers, and notice that God so times the visions of these two men so that these messengers arrive at the gate of Simon the Tanner's house, just as Peter is coming out of his vision and is puzzling over the strange occurrence. And while Peter doubts for the moment, his doubts are not disobedience; he immediately went into action as his ear was bent to the voice of the Holy Spirit. This obedience led to a drastic change in Peter

and the program of the early Church. He then comes before them with the text of the article, "Ye know how that it is unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or to come into one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or

unclean." (Acts 10:28). "Of truth I perceive that God is no respecter of person." Acts 10:34. Then he preaches his sermon as found in Acts 10, beginning with verse 34 to verse 48.

In this sermon there is the breakdown of the partition and the release of the ultimate plan of the Gospel.

communist party of the United States for the purpose of learning how to come back to this country and promote the cause of communism among our people; but he got his eyes open and began to expose the very cause for which he was educated. In this great mass meeting I heard the communists boo up in the balconies trying to defeat the great gathering. They had threatened the life of the speaker, police had to escort the speaker to and from the stadium, and the law was almost massed there to protect the meeting. I thought what a pity that our country is drifting so far from our American principles that the law has to mass together to protect a man speaking in defense of the very thing for which we are supposed to stand.

Yes, this first modern day "ism" or spirit of the devil going unto the rulers and nations of the earth surely is communism.

The second unclean spirit is

Fascism

This second unclean spirit comes out of the mouth of the beast. Daniel makes it plain in the closing of the ninth chapter of his prophesy that the coming antichrist or the beast of Rev. 13 is to come out of Rome. Fascism has its origin in Rome. Fascism is not so desirous to cover the earth as is communism. The chief intention of the promoters of Fascism is to revive the old Roman Empire. However, we might make mention here that we have the Fascist emblem on our American ten cent piece and upon many of our government buildings which emblem is the ax and bundle of sticks. Fascism is playing its part in the reshaping the map of the world, the same as is communism, though its activity may be expected to be most noticeable within the confines of the territory of old Rome. Everything now points clearly to the fact that the world dictator, who is to arise at the end of this age, is coming from Rome just as Daniel said he would. Here is one among many other examples: According to John in Rev. 13, this coming world dictator will cause people to take a mark in the palm of their right hand or in their forehead and will issue a decree that they cannot buy or sell unless they have the mark of the beast; or antichrist. So we are told the Fascist salute is the lifting of the right hand with the palm forward. They do not

Three Unclean Spirits

By Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri

"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." Rev. 16:13-16.

IN THIS Scripture we are told these three unclean spirits are of the devil. They work miracles, are frog like in their nature, and their purpose is to go unto the kings of the whole world to gather them to the great battle of God Almighty; or Armageddon. In referring to their frog like nature, bear in mind the frog has the ability to make a lot of noise and yet is very hard to find. They make their greatest noise after dark. Some specie of the frog is able to change his color so as to appear like his surroundings whatever it may chance to be. There is a striking likeness between the frog-like nature and the under-cover propaganda of this present age. The majority of the upheavels of this present day are brought about by carefully maneuvered propaganda; both on the printed page and over the air. The purpose of these spirits of devils is to confuse the world, throw humanity into convulsions, enrage kings and rulers, bankrupt nations and overthrow governments. They represent greed, lust, hate, cruelty, disregard, lawlessness, godlessness, and everything that is contrary to the Bible.

Certainly we see these three unclean spirits at work within the nations of

the world today. They are swiftly gathering the armies of the world together for the last great battle of this age. And, though evident as it all is, we are only seeing the forerunner of what is yet to come during the last week of Daniel's seventy weeks; or the seven years of tribulation at the very end of this age. During the approaching tribulation period will be seen the direct fulfillment of the working of these spirits; however we are seeing the very vivid forerunning of it all now.

Now let us name these spirits and deal with them individually. The first one is:

Communism

This first unclean spirit comes out of the mouth of the dragon; or the devil. Just as the activity of the devil is world wide so is the activity of the communist. The communist would, if he could, inject his activity and influence into every niche and corner of the globe; and one sad thing is they are doing a much better job at it than a lot of people think or know. I must say if there ever was a direct spirit of the devil communism surely is. Wherever we find communism we find outright atheism with all its attendant cruelties. Certainly Communism is doing its part in wrecking this present civilization, and thereby leading the nations to that last great day.

I was in a meeting not long ago where there were 23,000 people assembled. The principle speaker was Gerald L. K. Smith, a great communist fighter and exposé. Such a speech in defense of genuine red blood Americanism, I am sure I never heard before. I also heard in this meeting an educated colored man speak who was educated in Moscow. He was picked up from off a Georgia plantation and sent to Russia by the

shake hands in Italy. They raise the right hand with the palm forward. How easy it would be for the antichrist to incorporate this right into his program of the endtime; and as one walked into the store to buy or sell he would give the Facist salute and at the same time display if he did or did not have the mark of the beast. So as the second unclean spirit comes from the mouth of the beast or the Antichrist, which person the Bible expresses is to come from revived Rome, then in my mind this spirit is Fascism. Someone might wonder why Nazism is not mentioned in the Bible. The reason, in my mind, is this: Ezekiel in chapters 38 and 39 of his prophecy saw the peoples of Gomer (or Germany) linked with the hordes of Gog (or Russia), and at last that much expected event on the part of prophetic students has happened — the Russian-German Alliance. Nazism is just a temporary means to a definite end; that the Germans might be thrown under the dominance of communist Russia. We may look for Nazism to greatly fade away as the months continue to come and go; but not so with Communism and Fascism because Communism is to dominate that great northern confederacy which Ezekiel saw would come and into which Germany will be merged. Fascism is to revive and dominate the Roman Empire. These two powers are to clash in a terrific struggle in Palestine just before the return of Christ. They will be fighting over the wealth of the returned Jew who will have developed the now undeveloped resources of Palestine.

According to Dr. Thomas R. Norton of New York City, the estimated wealth of the country of Palestine, including the chemical wealth of the Dead Sea, is \$1,267,620,000,000; or more than the wealth of the entire world. Dr. Norton is editor of a magazine called "Chemicals".

The third unclean spirit:

Modernism

This third unclean spirit comes out of the mouth of the false prophet. This is the same character as the second beast of Rev. 13. We are now seeing false prophets in increasing numbers, and modernism is ruining the church, killing spirituality, promoting unbelief in the minds of people, and is thereby contributing its part to the present day breakdown in the moral, political, economic, and spiritual realms just as much as either

of the afore mentioned isms. This present trend toward church union in the high religious circles is very significant of the times for this false prophet will no doubt be at the head of a world federated church in his day. Smaller denominations with yet some spiritual life will do well to beware of this threatening of ecclesiastical dominance which is coming up as a wolf in sheep's clothing. It is a settled fact that when it is brought about it will be headed up and overlorded by modernists or ecclesiastical bigots; men who deny the fundamentals of real Christianity — men who will be saying let's all be one; but mark you they will be the *one*. I think modernistic trends in the church of this age are just as much responsible as any other 20th century movement for our present national and international aches and pains. The less spiritual restraint we have consequently the more lawlessness we will have. The denying of power in the church circles of today, as was prophesied by the apostle Paul, is certainly a releasing of the spiritual breaks, so to speak.

So in summing it all up we must say these three spirits of evil, acting in the political, industrial, and religious realms are certainly preparing the nations of earth for the great battle of Armageddon. In this above stated text is the only place the word Armageddon is mentioned in the Bible. The event is portrayed in various places but the word appears but once. It will be an event fought exclusively between the antichrist followed by the hordes of earth, and the revealed Christ followed by the hosts of heaven. (see Rev. 19). Christ will slay the antichrist and the false prophet with "the sword that proceeds out of His mouth" and "with the brightness of His coming." (2 Thess. 2:8 and Rev. 19:19-21). It will be the last battle of this age.

There is one other passage in this text I wish to make brief mention of before closing. That is the fifteenth verse where Jesus says, "Behold I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments lest he be caught naked and they see his shame." Someone might say that passage seems very much out of place being "sandwiched" in this text just where it is. And at first sight it does seem to belong elsewhere than just where it is; but upon a more

close study we find that it is very much in place. It is exactly where it belongs (as is all scripture when we rightly understand them) for somewhere just about the time these three unclean spirits begin to dominate in all their fullness and this text begins to be directly fulfilled then this event, which is mentioned in this 15th verse, will transpire. There is a time when Jesus is to descend in the air as a thief, and there is a time when he will return to earth in glory. When he comes as a thief he comes to take away the best there is on the earth. He comes to take them out so they will escape the awful tribulation. When He comes to earth in glory He fulfills the scripture which says, "Behold every eye shall see Him." When He comes as a thief He fulfills the scripture which says, "two shall be in the field, one shall be taken and the other left"; and again that which is spoken by Paul, "we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump." It is the time when "the dead in Christ shall rise first." It is the next outstanding event on God's great program. It is the time we should all live ready for. Did you ever stop to think that Jesus is referred to in the Bible as the bright and morning star, and again as the sun of righteousness? A short time before sun-up the morning star comes into view, and then in a short while it is sunrise.

Dear reader, these events are coming hurriedly. If you are not ready to meet them, may the God of all the earth talk to your heart now, and may you make full preparation to go with Him when He comes to claim His bride. "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

FINANCIAL REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION FUND

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| Merls Chapel Church, Cassville, | \$3.60 |
| Mrs. Mollie Bowles, Greenfield, | 2.50 |
| Gladys Keeland, New Castle, | |
| California | 1.00 |
| Hazel Creek Union Church .. | 8.03 |
| Niangua Quarterly Meeting .. | 1.25 |
| Oak Grove Church, Neosho, Mo. | .66 |
| Mine La Motte Sunday School | 2.02 |
| Niangua Church | 2.00 |
| Monett Church, Monett, Mo. .. | 11.07 |
| Neola Mission, Greenfield, Mo. .. | 1.00 |

Total \$33.13

— Winford Davis, Sec-treas.

Letters From Our Readers

CASTROVILLE, CALIFORNIA

Dear Editor:

As my subscription to the *Gem* has expired, I am sending my renewal. I really enjoy reading the *Gem*. I get so many good thoughts, and learn what our brothers and sisters are doing. Especially do I enjoy hearing from Bro. and Sister Marcum, whom I have learned to love, and love to hear him preach. I think it is good for our souls to read all the good things that are in our *Gem* paper.

I would have been glad if I could have sent in some new subscriptions, but there are not many Free Will Baptists in California.

Pray for me and my family that we will all meet where parting will be no more.

— Josephine Raney.

When the editor was a carefree young man, and was traveling over the state of Missouri furnishing the "Winq Work" that was necessary to get our people to build this new publishing house in which we are now operating, he was in Oregon County and met dear Sister Dotson. She was a very earnest, ardent soul in her Master's service. She was the leading and most liberal contributor to the publishing house fund which I was representing. This is her first time to write to the *Gem*, and even now she is supporting the cause of the Lord with all her soul. We are happy to hear from "Mother Dotson."

— The Editor.

OUR GOD

Miss Louise Turner, age nine

God loves us. The Christian know it but the sinners don't realize it.

I will tell you friends, I wish the unsaved would make a move. I am not a christian but i know about it, because my mother and my father are and I intend to be sometime.

God somehow told me to write this to the *Gem*. We are about to get in war but I trust God that He will help. It is ashame that the people over in Europe don't know about God. We are sure to win if we do have to fight, because we have God on our side and they don't. I sometimes want to cry when I think about the people not knowing about God.

Myrtle, Missouri

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I will write a few lines to our paper. I can hardly get along without it. It seems so long to wait for it to come and as I looked over the articles, I found one from a dear sister in Christ that I have heard stand up and speak for the dear Lord. God bless you, Sister Essie Bonds, I'm glad to see your letter in our paper.

I do enjoy reading the letters from the lady in the sanatorium. They have my sympathy. I am, praying that the Lord will be with them just as Jesus helped the poor widow of Nain, although no one asked Him to do so, He saw her weeping and away

her grief by restoring her son to life. Jesus healed her heart and brought back the bloom of life; so hoping he will do the same for her. I sometimes think this life is made of trouble for us and I believe it is to try our faith.

I sent in some subscriptions to our editor of the *Gem* and an article, but I guess it found its way to the waste basket; but it didn't discourage me. I hope they got their papers for I think every Free Will Baptist should take it.

I read of the work that is going on in our churches and it makes me glad that there are a few who realize the value that Jesus places upon a human soul. Friends, suppose by the united efforts of a lifetime you should be able to win only one single soul; that service in the sight of God is worth more than the whole world. So why not work today for the master; tomorrow may be too late.

— Mrs. M. B. Cockman

FALCON, MISSOURI

Dear Gem Readers:

The impression comes to me this morning, that I should write a few lines to the *Gem* to let you know how I enjoy reading the little paper. My mother so kindly, as you all know, mothers are, had the little paper sent to me last September.

I'm no hand to read news payers and magazines, but I let my work wait, and read the little *Gem*. When I thanked my mother for the paper, she said she wanted me to write a few lines, so I feel that I should.

I was converted when I was 11 years old. Many people say that is too young and maybe it is for some, but it wasn't for me. I feel that I have failed in so many ways, and I haven't lived as close to the Lord as I should, but that is my fault and not my Saviour's, because He never fails.

I want to thank God this morning for the many blessings that He has bestowed upon us all, especially for my dear Christian father and mother and health.

I want everyone of us to remember Sister Opal Frazier and little daughter when we pray. She is a stranger to me, I never saw her, but she certainly has my sympathy. When we have good health and can be at our own home, it certainly is worth a lot.

— Mrs. Maude Broyles McBride

ALTON, MISSOURI

Dear Gem Readers:

I have often thought I would try to write to God's dear people, as I enjoy reading of so many of your good experiences. I am such a poor scholar that I can't write as I would like to. But God being my helper, I will write a few lines and ask God's people to help me pray for my precious children that are out in sin. I have done my best to raise them right when they were babes, but some of them are still in sin. I get disheartened sometimes, so pray for me. I am so poorly and by my self so much. My companion is gone to glory, and I have hopes of meeting him some sweet day. Pray that we will be an unbroken family in heaven. I am sending in the names of all four of my precious children which I am subscribing for the *Gem* as a Christmas present to them. May God help everybody to read the Holy Bible and let it be a guide from earth to heaven.

Help me pray for Brother Beatty for he is our minister and is awfully bad sick. Do pray that God will restore him to his health and he will continue preaching the Holy Bible that souls may get saved, and the Christians strengthened. The Bible is my Engineer that points to heaven. I am going to heaven above where there is going to be all peace and love for me.

— Mrs. A. J. Dotson

Reports of the Work

DRUMRIGHT, OKLAHOMA

Dear Gem Readers:

It has been so long since I have written a letter to the *Gem*, I feel almost like a stranger. But I still think about our friends that write to the paper, and I enjoy reading their letters. In reading them, I learn God is still blessing our brothers and sisters and our churches.

I am so thankful to God this morning that I love Him and that I am a Free Will Baptist.

Well, in July, I gave up the pastoral work and have been out in the evangelistic fields ever since. We went to the Sapulpa church where Rev. W. H. Bingham is pastor and had a wonderful meeting. Twenty-two souls found victory and a large number of them joined the church. Bro. Bingham has a fine church and some fine people there. I know they are praying for me wherever I go; I will never forget them.

We then held a meeting at our Blue Bell church. Bro. Hillard is pastor there. We witnessed 13 conversions. We sure did enjoy being there. They have a fine group of young people, and they really stood by me in the work. May God bless them is our prayer.

We just came home last week from Ada; Bro. George McLain's church. We took sick and had to leave the meeting with Bro. McLain. We witnessed eighteen praying through to victory before we left, and the crowds were the largest that the Ada church had ever witnessed. We sure enjoyed our stay with Bro. and Sister McLain. We think they are real people of God. While there, the Center Association had their fifth Sunday meeting at Bro. F. M. Wood's church, about six miles out of Ada. We went out two days, and we sure did enjoy it. They gave us a few minutes to talk on mission work, as we were put in as State President for our Mission work over the state of Oklahoma. I found some good boosters for our mission work there in the Center Association. May God bless them is our prayer.

While at Ada, we enjoyed having Rev. O'Donnell and his good wife, also Bro. Dearmore stopped with us one night while they were on their way home from Denison, Texas where they attended the Texas Association. We

also enjoyed having Rev. McKee with us one night, and it seemed so good to be in service with him again as he was one time our pastor. He has always been a real brother to me in the work. We had a number of folks from Non, Okla. coming over two different nights, also visitors from Wewoka Church came over.

We sure had a wonderful time at our state meeting at the Wewoka Church. The good pastor and his good wife with all their good people sure do make you feel welcome.

Well, I will close, and ask all who read this to pray for me, and if you see no letter in the paper for some time again, don't think that I have quit. I'll just be too busy to write. I mean to keep going until Jesus says it is enough.

Yours for the Cause of Christ

— Rev. Hattie Newman.

GALATIA, ILLINOIS December 10, 1939

Dear Co-Workers:

We have been very busy since our last report. We came from Flat River to Herrin, Illinois, and started up a real fight against "Sin and the Devil." But, Praise God, we found a good pastor and wife that could fight too. We also found some good workers in the church and all went to work together. We had victory from the start.

Sister C. E. Lowery's brother was one of the first converts. We met Bro. and Sister Lowery years ago in Zlorton, Alabama. They now live in Herrin and are still on the firing line for the Master.

The Power of God was manifested all through the meeting. We had 42 conversions and reclaims. Over 30 united with the church and 20 were baptized.

We also found a number of young people in the league work and they will use our literature from now on. Bro. Pat Lairsey is the faithful pastor and a real worker, and he has been called to the church for full time at the close of the meeting.

We also have some fine singers in the church at Herrin. The special singing was a wonderful feature in the meeting that proved a great bless-

ing. Singers came from far and near to help win souls for the master.

We closed the first Sunday night in December and came to Union Grove church near Galatia and started up our meeting on Monday night at one of Bro. W. M. Jones' churches. We have had two conversions and one reclaimed so far. Pray for us that God will give us a great victory here and many be saved.

We also received \$7.00 more on the chicken plan from our Open Pond church at Jakin, Georgia. Come on sisters with your chicken money. Send it to Bro. M. E. Tyson, Middlesex, North Carolina.

God bless our many friends and give them a wonderful Christmas.

Yours for Jesus,

— H. M. and Lizzie McAddams

Free Will Baptist Church Granby, Missouri

This is our first report. We have just closed a three weeks revival. We sure had a fine spiritual meeting; Bro. and Sister Zinn of Springfield, Missouri, being our evangelist.

Bro Zinn did some wonderful preaching and Sister Zinn did some wonderful work in the altar service and singing. We sure were glad to have these God called people at our service.

There were seven souls saved, one which we expect to preach the gospel sometime. Eternity alone can tell how much good they did here. We feel the church was spiritually fed in a wonderful way.

We had a quartette from near Monett the last night of the meeting, and they sang some beautiful songs. We were sure glad to have them and hope they will come back sometime.

We are going to have a Fifth Sunday meeting here in December. We hope to see people from many places, and we are looking forward to a great meeting. Sister Elda Crain, our pastor, will be in charge of the meeting.

— Mrs. H. W. Kimbrough

Big Johnson Conference Seco, Kentucky

Dear Gem Family:

We are still on the map, and are still having some good old time meetings in the good old time way. People are still praying through to God.

Well, the Big Johnson Quarterly Conference met with Seco Free Will

Baptist Church, at Seco, Kentucky, Oct. 4, Saturday and Sunday.

Called to order by the Clerk, F. S. Van Hoose. Motion carried that Millard Van Hoose be Moderator.

We had a wonderful Conference with twenty-five churches reporting, giving a great increase in membership.

Money received \$102.00. Gave Seco Church \$150.00; Coal Grove Church \$50.00; Mud Lick Church \$50.00.

Received one new church. Fans Church asked to be dismissed to organize a Floyd County Quarterly Meeting; the request was granted. We ordained one preacher.

Motion carried that the Conference have 2 days in sessions instead of three. I think this was a mistake, we ought to add to instead of taking away.

We had a report from Ohio and Virginia and West Virginia Quarterly Meetings. Thank you good brethren, Come again.

Adjourned to meet with The Alka Free Will Baptist Church, at The Alka, Ky., January 4th Saturday, 1940.

—Millard Van Hoose, Mod.

Clarksdale, Missouri

Dear Gem Family:

This is our first time to write to our paper since we affiliated ourselves with the Free Will Baptists this fall, and we are happy to send in the following report.

We received word from Sister Daisy Eichman, Sunday School Superintendent, to come out to the Hickory Grove church near Morrowville, Kansas for a trial sermon and to get acquainted with the folks.

We arrived at one of the homes, on Saturday evening, December 9, about 5:30 o'clock. After a good nights rest and visit in the home, we went to the church for Sunday services.

The church is badly run down, as far as attendance, but there were thirty-four out for Sunday school and church after the usual attendance of from twelve to fifteen. We were in another home for dinner and spent an enjoyable afternoon there. Again at the night service there was about the same attendance.

We were asked to stay over for wood cutting on Tuesday and to have service again on Wednesday night, with business meeting following the service. Of course we gladly accepted the invitation. They hunted me up some work clothes, and we had a

great time working and visiting together in the timber. At noon we found a good dinner at the parsonage, which the women had prepared.

Wednesday night we had an attendance of forty, with good interest during the service, and after the business meeting they gave us a unanimous call to take over the work as pastor.

We hated to leave these good people as we had visited in seventeen homes and enjoyed good meals and fellowship during our stay.

We plan to return soon after Christmas and by God's help try to build up their little work.

We request the prayers of everyone who know the Lord.

Yours in His Service,

—Roy Lee Hancock and wife

REVIVAL MEETING

Dear Editor:

We began revival services at the Black Oak church, near Marshfield, Missouri, on December 4, and are having some old fashioned times in a revival that is a revival.

It is wonderful to see the life coming back, and the body begin to move and gradually be restored to its strength.

God has wonderfully filled his promise to us in 2 Chron. 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will head their land." We have not had to labor with the unsaved as we sometimes do, and the unusual thing about this meeting is that the unsaved move out to the altar when the invitation is given before they can be reached by their friends, and are wonderfully saved, and go out and bring someone to the Lord.

There were ten saved in one service practically all grown boys and girls, and in the two weeks so far there are 23 in all.

Bro. Branstetter has had to help us out and has really helped. I have had an attack of laryngitis and someone had to do the preaching for me. Bro. Allred is here to see us through and we're expecting great things as we continue into the third week.

Pray for us.

—John Swaffar

SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I will send in a report of Mt. Zion church. Bro. Bruce Phillips filled his regular appointment Saturday night and Sunday. He sure did preach two fine sermons Saturday night on "Sin" and Sunday on "Prayer". Bro. J. W. Allred and Bro. Henry Boydston, of Rogers attended church Sunday. Bro. Allred made a short talk. We had an old time spiritual meeting.

Sunday night we had a wonderful prayer meeting. Bro. Harvey Lawson, one of our new converts, led the meeting. There were twenty-five who took part in the Bible reading. Almost every Christian testified and led in prayer. I urge every Christian to attend prayer meeting, because it takes Christian men, women, boys and girls to have a spiritual prayer meeting.

Our Sunday school is doing fine. We still have a good attendance.

Pray for us that we may still work for the Lord.

—Mrs. Mabel Phillips

El Dorado Springs Church October 6, 1939

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

We wish to report our revival meeting which we have just closed at the Free Will Baptist church at El Dorado Springs, Cedar County, Mo.

Bro. Lem Williams came here from Springfield and started a revival meeting the fifth Sunday in September, and held a four weeks revival. There was good attendance and good spiritual interest. There were two conversions and six additions to the church. Bro. Williams organized a Sunday school and the church elected him as their pastor for one year.

Bro. Williams said he felt that he was led of the Lord to come here to hold the revival and we believe that he is a real man of God. He certainly preached the Bible while he was here. We thank the dear Lord for sending him here to hold the revival; Praise the Lord.

Rev. Lem Williams, Pastor
Mary M. Snidow, Clerk

The editor apologizes for overlooking this report in the former issues of the Gem. This is one that slipped by us and we are sorry for its late appearance. —Editor

Original and Selected Poems

THE KING OF THE JEWS

By Robt. L. Nutting, Goodman, Mo.

There was a man of humble birth
Who sought not wealth nor fame;
Who for the good he did on earth
Did gain a matchless name.

I say, though humble was his birth,
He was born beneath a star
Which led three wise men from the east
To Bethlehem afar.

They brought to him their choicest gifts,
And did his praises sing;
For he who in a manger lay
Was born to be a king.

God's chosen race were slaves to sin;
His will they would not do
Until He had to punish them
Because they were untrue.

Their foes came with pomp and power:
And overcame their land
Till they who had in freedom lived
Became a captive band.

Some into exile had to go,
While those who stayed at home
Were subject to a foreign power,
And tribute paid to Rome.

Now Israel's prophets had foretold
And people looked to see
A Savior and Deliverer,
A King to set them free.

But when He came to Bethlehem,
Of humble birth and low,
They did not recognize their King
To Him they would not go.

He said to them who followed Him,
"My kingdom is within,
And all who will believe in me
I'll make them free from sin.

I am the way, the truth, the life,
Your Savior and your friend;
I'll give salvation unto all
Who serve me to the end."

The Jews looked for a temporal king
Who free from Rome would be.
They crucified their Christ who came
From sin to set them free.

Oh! Israel, once great and grand,
Could you not see 'twas so,
That only sin did cause your fall?
'Twas sin that brought them low.

And, sinner, can't you also see
That sin will cause your fall?
But God in mercy sent His Son
To bleed and die for all.

Make Him your King. Give Him a throne
Within your heart and life,
And He will bring to you sweet peace
In place of sinful strife.

Then when your work on earth is done
And you your cross lay down,
Your Lord and King will welcome you
And give to you your crown.

With loved ones who have gone before
And friends whom you have known
You'll sing God's praise forevermore
Around the great white throne.

You'll have no sin, no pain, no death,
No sorrow and no strife,
But joy and peace will be your part
Throughout an endless life.

WE THANK THEE, LORD

Contributed by Mrs. Ina Bicknell

The following Thanksgiving poem
was written for the United Press by
Clarence Hawkes, the blind poet of
Hadley, Mass., who has been sight-
less 56 of his 69 years.

Dear Lord, we thank thee that this day,
Amid a world of strife,
Where brave men die, while women
pray,

We live a normal life.
With hope and peace throughout the
land,

Where every man may live
A life that's full and free and grand
And all men tolerance give.
There is no black-out here, Thank God;
Ours is a free untrammelled sod.

God make us grateful for all good,
Instruct us in Thy truth,
In noisy town, or solitude,
In age or callow youth.

God keep our nation in the path
That leads to love and peace,
Let us not taste the Grapes of Wrath,
The fate of Rome and Greece.
Let war and carnage pass us by,
With peace on earth and in the sky.

Let us remember in this hour,
Our brothers o'er the sea,
Who bend beneath the War Lord's
power

In utter misery.
God bless them all and speed the day,
When wars will be forgot,
For brotherhood we hourly pray,
With love in every heart.
For hope and peace across the sea,
One God, one faith and charity.

DO MISSIONS PAY?

By Mrs. Edith Blair, Buffalo, Mo.

Do missions pay? Do missions pay?
O what a question for today!
Why, all of life that's worth the tho't
Has been by missions dearly brought.
Truth and honor, love and grace,
Only find on earth a place
Where the mission of the Cross
Brings always gain, and never loss.

Do missions pay? Ask those who praise
Heroic deeds, and count the days
As idly vain, which add no star
To victor's crown on field of war.
No battle plain e'er gave such yield
Of heroes as the Mission field!
Our missionary's record brands
Enrich today all Christian lands
Add a wealth beyond compare,
To those who in their triumph share.

Do missions pay? Yes pound for pound,
Dollar for dollar, the earth around!
And even the shrewdest worldlings say,
"It's strange how largely missions pay."
They've opened up the ports of earth
To trade and commerce, millions worth
They've gone where science dare not go
And marked out parts in which now flow
Blessings so full, so rich, so free,
Men wonder what the end will be,
When Christians everywhere will say,
"I'll take more stock, for missions pay."

Do missions pay? Yes, in the gold
That yields thru' time an hundred fold,
And more in world to come for then
God puts it in His diadem,
And calls it our rejoicing Star.
Clear profit, all, for missions are
The power by which earth shall be won
To Christ, God's well beloved Son;
And hosts redeemed in Heaven today,
Send down the answer, "Missions pay!"

THE WAY OF WORDS

Contributed by Mrs. Ina Bicknell

Words are lit with wonder,
And each a message brings;
Bethlehem's a singing word
With beat of angels' wings;
Nazareth's a kindly word
Of friendly, homely ways;
Galilee's a lifting word
To lead us all our days;
Olive-gray Gethsemane
Is candle-lighted gloom;
Calvary's a leaden word
With syllables of doom.
A name is just a name of course,
And yet it seems to me
They could not sing of Bethlehem
And call it Calvary!

OBITUARIES

COMSTOCK — Earlene Francis Comstock, darling baby of Earl and Francis Comstock, was born April 29, 1937 and passed away November 24, 1939. She suffered severe burns on November 22, 1939 and passed away two days later. Little Earlene was loved by all who knew her. She leaves a heartbroken father and mother; two brothers, Earl, Jr. and Jackie; one sister, Joan Elizabeth; and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Green and Mr. and Mrs. King. Her funeral was preached by Rev. Russell on November 27, 1939.

We feel so sad and lonesome
Without her smiling face;
But God needed another blossom,
So he took little Earlene to fill that place.

Such a little break in the sod,
So tiny to be a grave.
Oh how can we render so soon to God
The beautiful gift he gave.

Sleep on sweet Earlene
And take thy rest;
God called thee home;
He thought it best.

Mrs. B. McCauley,
St. Louis, Missouri

DODSON — Donald Clair Dodson, son of Hershel and Thelma Dodson, of Marshfield, Missouri, was born and died December 4, 1931.

He is survived by the parents; one brother, David; two sisters, Jean and Mary Ellen; Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clair and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dodson; and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. John Swaffar at the Black Oak church near Marsfield, Missouri.

TALL — Mrs. Mazetta A. Tall was born March 12, 1852 and departed this life November 28, 1939 at the age of 87 years, 8 months and 16 days. She was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Tilden and was born in New York State. In 1854 the family moved to Minnesota. Her ancestors came from early colonial stock.

On January 15, 1874 she was united in marriage to Joseph B. Tall of Brainerd, Minnesota. To this union was born two children, a daughter who passed away in infancy and a son W. J. Tall of Chicago, Illinois who survives

her. She also leaves a grandson, W. B. Tall of Wheaton, Illinois and a niece, Mrs. Florence Turner of Boone, Iowa.

In her early life she accepted the teachings of Jesus Christ through the Episcopal Church and has always been a devoted Christian.

Funeral services were held at the Caudle Free Will Baptist church near Norwood, Missouri, conducted by Rev. John Swaffar.

MEDLEY — Benjamin Green Medley was born on October 11, 1888 in Dent County near Salem, Missouri, and departed this life December 2, 1939 at the age of 51 years, 1 month and 21 days.

He was married to Rosa Bay and moved to Carterville in Jasper County, Missouri in 1913 where he spent the remainder of his life.

To this union six children were born; four girls and two boys. Mrs. Amy Snyder, Mrs. Velda Lassiter, Mrs. Sussie Allen and Mr. Victor Medley all of Carterville, and who were with him during his last sickness. One infant daughter and one son, Junior, preceded him in death.



Mr. Medley was a man that could be counted upon to give good advice to all; both old and young. He was constantly talking to friends about the better things of life.

He held a position in the city council for a number of years, but he never let anything interfere with his Christian life. He was a great lover of peace. The Great Record, alone, knows how he always found good in people when others found only faults.

Bro. Medley was converted to a faith in Christ in 1915, but sometimes, like many others, he felt that he was neg-

lecting his spiritual life and church work.

In March of 1932, Rev. Noel Turner and Rev. Cecil Campbell were led by the Spirit to go to Carterville for a revival. Among the great number of conversions, Bro. Medley re-dedicated his life to Christ, and remained a faithful worker in the Free Will Baptist Church. He was a member who could, at all times, be counted upon to do his best in the work of the Lord and His Church.

Funeral services were conducted Monday morning, December 4th, at the Free Will Baptist Church, by the pastor, Rev. Cecil Campbell, with Rev. F. C. Zinn offering a prayer of comfort, and with Rev. W. K. Weston of Monett bringing the message.

The Webb City Undertaking Co. was in charge of the funeral, and interment was made in the Carterville Cemetery.

PERRIN — William David Perrin, second child and oldest son of Samuel and Elizabeth Perrin, was born at Carrollton, Ill., March 13, 1852, and died at his home near Sheldon, Mo., November 18, 1939 at the age of 87 years, 8 months and 5 days.

His youth and early manhood was spent in his native state. He came to Vernon County, Mo. in 1893, where he made his home the remainder of his life.

On April 4, 1895, he was married to Mary Luinda Ford. To this union was born five children (two boys and three girls) who, with their mother and eighteen grandchildren, survive. The children are: Mrs. Laura Hoover of Hannon, Mo.; Mrs. Veda Hoover, also of Hannon; Elmer and Verna of the home; and Estel of Sheldon, Mo. One brother and three sisters preceded him to the great Beyond. Two sisters survive: Mrs. Susan Samples of Boston, Mass. and Mrs. Nancy Hankins of Greenfield, Illinois.

He spent the last seven and one half years in bed. He spent his time reading his Bible and religious papers.

Just a few hours before his passing, he called his oldest son into his room and asked him to praise the Lord with him.

He tried his best to sing his favorite hymn, "How Tedious and Tasteless the Hours" which was sung at the funeral by request.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Randall at the Methodist Church in

Avola, Mo. He was laid to rest in the Avola Cemetery. Beoney & Sons Funeral Service of Sheldon was in charge.

Weep not for those now at rest,
Where care and pain no more annoy.
Have reached the haven of the blest,
Their spirits smile from that bright
shore,
And softly whispers, "Weep no more."

WHAT IS DYING?

Contributed by Mrs. James F. Miller

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails in the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength, and as I stand and watch her run off, at length, she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come down to mingle with each other. Then some one at my side says: "There! She's gone."

Gone where? Gone from my sight-- That is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side, and just as able to bear her cargo of living freight to the place of destination. Her diminished size is in me and not in her; And just at the moment when some one at my side says: "There! She's gone," there are other eyes watching her coming and other voices ready to take up the glad shout. "There She Comes!"

And that is dying.

— Author Unknown

BRISTOW CHURCH REPORT

Bristow, Oklahoma

Rev. John H. West, Pastor

Mrs. Zula Lewis, Reporter

Dear Gem Readers:

Happy New Year to all!

By the time this letter is in print, the old year will be history, and the new year will be here with its many golden opportunities for everyone.

Many people make resolutions for the new year and fail to keep them. I do not believe in making resolutions for they are too easily broken. At the end of the year I often wonder if any life has been pleasing to God, have I done all I could do to advance the cause of Jesus Christ, and have I led someone to Him. My greatest desire at all times is to have a closer walk with God and do more to help win lost souls into His kingdom.

Two months have passed since the last report from our Bristow church. We are yet in the battle for the Lord, trying to defeat the devil.

Since our last report five have been added to the church making a total of forty four members. We have a good Sunday school and our crowd each Sunday night is increasing.

The young people's rally was held here the first Sunday in December. There were nine churches represented. The Lord blessed us in a wonderful way. It was a beautiful day. At the noon hour a bountiful dinner was spread. It seemed like olden times as the house was filled to overflowing with people.

Remember us when you pray.

REPORT OF SAM MARCUM Missouri State Evangelist

Dear Gem Family:

During our last report, we were in a meeting with Bro. and Sister Wellbaum at the Philadelphia church near Santa Rosa, Missouri. At that time we reported one profession. We were there four weeks and had six professions, baptized six and three united with the church. We had some real stirring services. Folks from other churches were very good in co-operating with us. May God bless Bro. and Sister Wellbaum and all the dear people that labored so faithful with us.

From Santa Rosa, we came to the Connellsville church in Northeast Mo. Association. Here, we found Eld. Cecil Horner, the pastor, and a few faithful ones anxiously waiting our arrival to begin the meeting.

On Wednesday night December 6, we began our meeting. We have been here two weeks and there has been one profession; a grandmother 20 years old. Yes, my friends, Jesus will still save at the eleventh hour, but it is dangerous to put it off until then.

This is one of those churches where the deacons have all backslid and have the molly grums; and trying to lay the blame on someone else. There are three, supposed to be, deacons within a quarter of a mile of this church, and not one has been to services, yet. We have visited all of them. How about the deacons of your church?

There is one fine young man that is a member here, who builds the fires and light the lights. Besides him, as members, there are a few faithful women and children.

Well, I guess we should not be discouraged. We read in Acts 16:12 about Paul and Silas' first trip to Europe. They landed at Phillippi (verse 13) on the sabbath and went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was want to be made: and sat down and spake unto the women which resorted thither. In that meeting, Lydia, a seller of purple, was converted and there baptized, and became a member of the first Gentile church organized by Paul. This is the church that Paul writes the love letter to, addressed to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Phillippi with the Bishops and deacons. But the deacons are absent from service here. So we see that Paul's preaching to a few women and children was not in vain.

Now, besides a few faithful ones here, there are several good Christians people from several different churches coming and helping us for which we thank the good Lord for.

May we all enter the new year with prayerful hearts. Pray for us.

— Sam and Daisy Marcum
Home address: 111 S. Walnut, Cameron

First Free Will Baptist Church TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Rev. Melvin Bingham, Pastor

Mrs. Marvin P. Dalton, Reporter

Luke 2:10-11. "And the angel said unto them. Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Nearly two thousand years ago these words rang out to the world. The greatest gift that was ever given; the Savior of the world. Have you accepted this gift of all gifts? If not, why not, on this our Savior's birthday anniversary, accept Him as your personal Savior. If you will, this Christmas will be the most joyous Christmas you will ever experience.

Our Sunday school attendance has increased and also the attendance to our other regular services. We attribute this increase to a great extent, at least, to the radio program broadcast each Sunday afternoon by our pastor, Rev. Melvin Bingham, and his Gospel singers. This group of Gospel singers with Rev. Bingham, visit neighboring churches during the week.

On December 11, we had a wonderful singing at Tulsa church. The

church was filled to its capacity. Many stood during the entire service. Mr. E. M. Baitlett was here from Siloam Springs, Arkansas with the Arkansas Vanghan Quartette. There were other good quartets from Muskogee, Barnsdall and other surrounding towns and communities. A number of good directors were present, and under their capable leadership the songs of Zion were really made to ring out.

The Mission workers are busy each Thursday. The interest is good in this part of our church work. We appreciate the good work done by these willing workers. Their untiring efforts are worth much to the church.

The Brotherhood service which meets each Thursday is reporting a good interest. The men of the church are in a Bible question and answer contest against the ladies. The last report I had, the men were certainly needing some more points to catch up with the ladies.

The young peoples League is growing both in attendance and interest. We desire your prayers that we will continue to grow.

Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

MT. VERNON, MISSOURI State Sanatorium

Dear Gem Family:

Just a few lines to let you know Ruth and I are still improving, and I do feel that the Lord is still with us and answering prayer.

It is such a blessing to know we have so many brothers and sisters in Christ who are praying for our recovery, even many whom we have never met. We appreciate our friends so very much in time of sickness, even though they can't be with us; it is so helpful to know they are interested in us and praying for us. And we do have one very dear friend who is always with us and never leaves us for one moment; and even though dark clouds over-shadow us sometimes, the sun soon shines through and we can look around us and see so many others who are in much worse circumstances than we are. So we just thank God for His many blessings.

We have recently received greeting cards from two members of our Gem family, Sister Zula Lewis of Bristow, Oklahoma and Sister Gladys Keeling of California. We also received a very nice and encouraging letter from Sister Marie Thomas who is a nurse

in the hospital at Lockwood, Missouri. Today Ruth and I received a very nice Christmas package through the mail from Sister Mary Wiley of Stockton, Missouri. And Sister Ina Bicknell of Hannon, Mo., does not forget to write to us and send us reading material now and then. We appreciate this all, so much, and thank each one of them for their thoughtfulness and pray God's richest blessings upon them all.

Please continue to remember us both in your prayers.

— Mrs. Opal Frazier

Mission & League Report

Dear League and Mission Workers:

We will give a report of our month's work. We have visited four churches and organized one "Home Mission" at the Fairview, Kansas church with a membership of fourteen.

We have visited twelve churches altogether in the interest of Leagues and Missions the past three months. We are now at home for the holidays, but expect to be on the field again soon; the Lord willing.

When you see this report in print a new year will have begun. May we each one take new courage and may the good Lord give us a broader vision of the harvest field. We have to glean for Him while it is yet day for the night cometh when no man can work.

We ask an interest in your prayers that we may do a better work for our Master.

Wishing you one and all a happy and prosperous new year in the service of our Lord and King.

Your Humble Servant,

— Melba Whit

REPORT OF Logan County Conference

The Logan County Conference met on November 3, at 2:00 o'clock p. m. with the Uma Free Will Baptist church for ministerial business. Several ministers and deacons were present with their reports.

Rev. Marion Stephenson was elected moderator for this session.

Subject for the evening was, "And they all with consent began to make excuses," with Rev. Andrew Adkins in charge.

Services at 7:00 p. m. opened by Rev. Andrew Adkins. Subject for this session was, "Acquaint thyself with Him and be at Peace"; Rev. Ernest Bias was in charge.

Golden Gibson elected moderator of the conference and Rev. Andrew Adkins ass't moderator.

Communion and feet washing were observed the last night. Good singing by the Maynard quartette was enjoyed by those present.

The next conference will be held with the Greenshools church at Ferrellsburg, W. Va., on Friday night with Rev. Golden Gibson to preach the introductory sermon. Rev. Truman Stephenson; alternate.

— John W. Butcher, Reporter

More Churches Found in the North

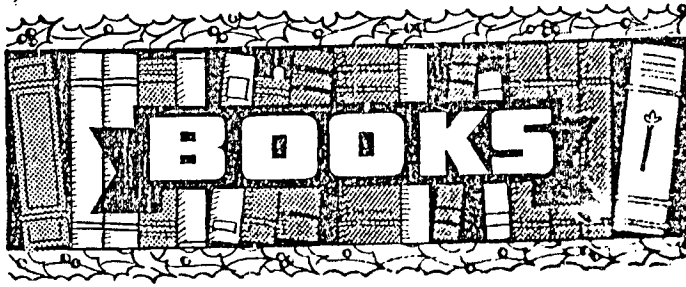
By Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri

SINCE Writing the letter to the Gem last month concerning the churches I had found around Kingston, Michigan, I have found two more. The name of these churches are East Dayton and Rich. They are located some ten or twelve miles southwest of Kingston; making them about 40 miles northeast of Flint. These two churches are active and both are being served by the same pastor, Rev. Paul M. Fields of Mayville, Michigan. These churches are located only a few miles east and southeast of Mayville. I haven't had the privilege of meeting Rev. Fields yet; but have met several of the members. Rev. Fields serves both these churches each Sunday; preaching for one at 11:00

o'clock and the other at 12:00 o'clock. These churches together conduct a radio program twice each month over station W. M. P. C. at Lapeer, Mich.

These churches are the same as I stated about the churches last month. They have always refused to go in with the Northern Baptist and have never let them get a hold on their property. They seem to be true to the faith and are still considered Free Will Baptist; and as I said about the others, last month, they still have the letters F. W. B. on the corner stone. I recall on the Dayton church it read, "F. W. B. Church of Dayton 1888." They have no associational connection whatever. They are only carrying on

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I see enough room in your library for another book—Let that be Butler-Dunn Theology!

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in an independant way. How they are to be commended for refusing to compromise with modernism and formality.

I have heard of a number of other churches that I hope to look about soon as I get time. Some of them are in the western part of the state around Grand Rapids.

We were broadcasting at Lapeer a few nights back and an old gentleman came and listened all through the broadcast. When we were through he said, "I was a member of the Free Will Baptist church at North Branch until the merger, and when the North Branch church went in with the convention I came out and have since been standing alone." I have been to North Branch. It is a small village not far from Flint. I have also seen the church building in Millington, Michigan, which was originally Free Will and was at one time pastored by Sister Brown's first husband, Rev. Morris, while he and Sister (Morris) Brown were active in this country;

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but of course this church has gone with the Northern Baptist. It really makes ones heart ache to visit these churches which we know were one time Free Will but have been swallowed up.

I have also heard of some churches further up in the north part; in west of Saginaw Bay. I want to look about them if ever I can get time. It is real interesting to look up this old work. Some people that live near where I am rooming said they, at one time belonged to a Free Will Baptist church not so far from Flint. I hear of something like that every little while.

Our work with the General Baptist in Flint is moving in a fine way. We have someone saved very often in the regular services; and it is no uncommon thing to have a real Pentecost over again. These people are splendid to work with. On our birthday, which was in this month, the Aid Society of the church presented us with a nice shirt and tie. And just before leaving for home this time, we were presented with a nice suit

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Well, I must close for this time. May the Lord bless all the Gem family everywhere. I am so glad the Gem family is growing. Let us just keep boosting it.