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Read the "Star Crowned Pyramid" on page 3 for a complete description of the building.



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Winford Davis, Missouri Secretary

Shibleys Point Church	\$1.00
Happy Circle Class, Hazel Creek	
Union Sunday School	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Lee Hancock,	
Hadam, Kansas	2.00
Hannon Free Will Baptist League	1.00
Rev. Mrs. Lowell Martin, Green-	
field, Mo.	2.50
Hazel Creek Union Church	8.81
Mine La Motte Sunday School	1.55
Meris Chapel Sunday School	3.80
Mt. Zion Sun. School, Plattsburg	2.25
Miss Nellie Tate, El Dorado, Kan.	3.00
Oak Grove church of the Missouri	
State Association	3.00
J. A. Kempt, Norwood, Mo.	2.00
Ina F. W. B. Church, by Rev.	
W. R. Spurlock, Bonnie, Illinois	4.00

## FINANCIAL REPORT EDUCATION FUND

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Mrs. Georgia Everett, Hemple, Mo.	
received Sept. 29, 1939	\$1.00
George La Shum, Monett, Mo.	
received Oct. 1, 1939	5.00
S. P. Easley, Portales, N. Mexico	
received Oct. 27, 1939	9.00
Meris Chapel Mission Circle, Cass-	
ville, Mo. Nov. 13, 1939.	6.00
Gladys Keeland, Newcastle, Calif.	
received Dec. 9, 1939	1.00

Rev. & Mrs. John Rollins, Monett,  
received Nov. 18, 1939 ..... 5.00  
Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.  
received Feb. 5, 1940 ..... 10.00  
Hazel Creek Union Church, by  
Rev. C. M. Dauber, Feb. 15, 1940 10.00

## General Financial Report

### On the National School

Rev. J. R. Davidson, National Sec.

The following is a financial state-  
ment of all funds collected by the  
National Board of Educational up to  
February 20, 1940:

By Texas, from all sources	\$583.61
By N. C., from all sources	549.38
By Tennessee, all sources	448.10
By Missouri, all sources	198.60
By Georgia, all sources	115.16
By Oklahoma, all sources	83.16
By S. C., all sources	36.90
By Alabama, all sources	28.25
By Florida, all sources	18.00
By New Mexico, all sources	11.00
By Mississippi, all sources	10.90
By Nebraska, all sources	10.00
By Arkansas, all sources	7.00

Total by States	\$2,098.26
By offering at 1939 session of Nation Association	198.35
By Western General Associa- tion, all educational fund	105.54
By individual offerings by twenty-four ministers	28.00
Grand Total	\$2,430.15



# Items of Interest in the Gem Office

By the Editor



John B. Rollins, Editor

You will notice a great improvement in the reading qualities of the *Gem*. There is a reason. This *Gem* is printed on Production English Finish Book Paper. We now have Huber's Resisto Gloss black ink which cost \$1.25 per pound. The News ink we did use cost only 50 cents a pound, but it wasn't black. We are pleased with the difference.

The paper used to print 1325 copies of this

Sister Frazier's article was so urgent that we managed to get it in on the back page. We are sorry, but maybe our paper is not so large that it cannot be found.

We are preparing now to increase our office force for next fall's business, so as to be better qualified to care for the printing of minutes with promptness.

We thank all our patrons, and appreciate and enjoy your business.

Your *Gem* office does



Herbert Henderson, Associate

issue of the *Gem* cost \$12.00 wholesale. The power bill runs around \$8.00 for each issue. Then the labor is worth something.

The *Gem* Office is closing its season of printing Minutes for the various Associations with a successful climax. We have printed minutes for 16 Associations and two more minute jobs came in last week, with a possibility of yet another coming in soon. We have printed 4300 copies of minutes averaging from 16 to 20 pages each, at a cost of \$300.13

The *Gem* has been sent out from its new office for nine months. We are striving to produce a church magazine that will meet every need of the church, and at the same time interest all people in reading religious literature. The *Gem* has grown in a noticeable degree.

We have a wonderful group of unsolicited writers. We never lack for good manuscript. There are several articles of high quality and value that will be held over to appear in the next issue.

The Editor would like to suggest a simple plan of co-operation that will aid us in planning for your reading convenience. Please let articles on denominational enterprises reach us by the 15th of the month, for this department comes first. Sermons and letters should be in by the 20th of the month. Then you may have your *Gem* on the first of the month well planned for your reading pleasure.

We have an article by Bro. Davidson and one by Bro. Davis that should have appeared in this issue, but now they must wait.

have plenty of room to take care of all our meetings from the smallest to the largest. Size of the building is 40 x 80 feet, basement same size. This building was completed at a cost of \$8,904.18. Beside this actual cost in cash, there were several hundred dollars in donated labor. Outstanding bills are covered by a loan of \$3,500.00 by First Federal Saving and Loan Association. After considering our convenient place, we, the Wewoka Church, want you to bring the next National Association to our church at Wewoka.



We are happy to report our church building completely finished.

We have had a real struggle, and Satan has tried to hinder in many ways, but was overpowered

by the prayers of God's praying people. The plan of this building was selected by the pastor, Rev. Bert F. Rogers, from a church build-

ing in the state of Indiana. When this plan was presented to the congregation, they were well pleased. Plans were drawn, and blueprint made by Don Baker, Architect, of Wewoka, Oklahoma. Work started in the month of September, 1938, and was finished in the month of February, 1940.

The moving of the dirt for the basement of the church was donated by Mr. Gunn, County Commissioner of Seminole County, which was a saving of several hundred dollars to the church, and was appreciated by all. In the basement, we have six Sunday school rooms, a kitchen and dining room, two lavatories, and one room for janitor supplies. In the auditorium, we have one

first class printing, and invite you to try us on your next letter-heads, envelopes, commercial job work, booklets, and also your next minute job. We are better qualified now than ever before to give you 99% satisfaction on all job work. Remember your own *Gem* Office.

The *Gem* Office Staff is in hearty accord with all the major denominational enterprises. We are strict believers in the Bible, fundamental in practice, and pre-millennial in doctrine. We believe the Lord is coming back in the clouds of glory **SOON!**

But we are working and planning as if He will not come for a million years yet. We want to be found watching, and doing His will, when He comes. That could be sooner than some of us think. At any rate, let's be watching.

A good system of communication is the key-note to any group activity because it keeps the people banded together in co-operation, and all working for the same interest. The *Gem* and *The Baptist* are serving as that "Communication" in the Free Will Baptist Church. The *Gem* carries all important articles and items of information for the general good of the Church and the advancement of the Cause of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Subscribe to your Church paper, ask your friends to subscribe. Report your activities and co-operate with your Editorial Staff in making the *Gem* the best Church paper ever published.

We plan to produce pictures of the interior of the *Gem* Office, showing the office force actually at work. This will be something to look forward to.



# Denominational Enterprises

## A Standard Free Will Baptist Sunday School

W. E. Coville, Chairman, National Sunday School Board  
Elm Hill Road, R. 1, Nashville, Tenn.

Several months ago, I ran notices in two consecutive issues of the *Free Will Baptist* to the effect that I would appreciate suggestions from our ministers and Sunday School workers relative to the establishment of a Standard for Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools.

I had hoped and sincerely believed that suggestions would come pouring in from workers in all sections of the country in which we have Free Will Baptist Churches and Sunday Schools.

In my imagination, I could see the postman leaving numbers of letters in the mail box each day. These letters would be full of good suggestions. The associate members of the National Sunday School Board would present their ideas and plans from a national view-point. The ministers would suggest improvements that they, as pastors, have seen the need of for many years. District Convention officers, because of years of experience as convention executives, would have a wealth of knowledge to present. Of course, I had hoped to hear from great numbers of superintendents and other officers as well as teachers.

My hopes were high. I was anxious to receive and compile all of the many suggestions, plans, views, theories, and what have you? I had hoped that, from all this data, a Standard for Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools would be created.

Now that you know what I had hoped for, what do you think the results were? You can answer this question, and correctly, by asking yourself the question, "What did I do?" *One Person*, Mr. L. E. Duncan, of Tupelo, Mississippi, would answer the question by saying, "I sent in a letter offering suggestions." Mr. Duncan's answer to his question would be correct. Your answer, "I did nothing," would also be the correct answer to your question.

You know how things go, and how people are, and so do I. We know that

when the time comes for the National Sunday School Board to make its report to the National Associational, it had better have a good report. If we have no report, many will whisper, "Let's elect a Board that will do something." Unless you are very careful, you, who should have helped, may be among those who whisper.

Surely, all who have studied conditions in our Sunday schools realize the need of some sort of standardization, some system that will unify our efforts, some plan of organization under which we may all labor together. We feel that our schools need to be lifted from the state of "going nowhere in a hurry," to a *NEW VISION*. A vision of construction, of expansion, of growth, of efficiency. A vision that will make us forget that our Sunday School service is just a part of our church program and for that reason must be endured.

With such a vision firmly fixed in my mind, and after months and years of thought, study, and research, I humbly submit, herewith, for your consideration:

### A Standard Free Will Baptist Sunday School

#### SECTION I.

#### LOCAL REQUIREMENTS

##### 1. Church Control

The Sunday School is the teaching department of the church. The church shall elect all officers and teachers; the school shall make written monthly reports to the church. All regular and special offerings shall go into the general church treasury.

##### 2. Soul Salvation

The pastor, superintendent, and every teacher shall be deeply burdened for the unsaved. Teachers shall feel and realize that their chief objective is to lead their pupils to Christ. The pastor and superintendent shall give frequent opportunities for pupils to confess Christ publicly.

##### 3. Free Will Baptist Literature

The Sunday School shall use Free Will Baptist literature throughout. If the school finds that Free Will Baptist literature does not meet every need, the matter should be referred to the Chairman of Literature of the National Sunday School Board.

##### 4. Records and Reports

The standard school shall use the Six Point Record System. Reports shall be made on report blanks provided by the Chairman of Records and Reports of the National Sunday School Board.

##### 5. Enrollment and Grading

The enrollment of the school shall equal at least 80% of the resident church membership exclusive of the Cradle Roll and Extension Department. The school shall be graded as follows:

- Cradle Roll, birth to 3 years
- Beginners, 4 to 5 years
- Primaries, 6 to 8 years
- Juniors, 9 to 12 years
- Intermediates, 13 to 16 years
- Young People, 17 to 24
- Adults, 25 years and over.

Beginners, Primaries, and Juniors shall have separate quarters. This may be done by the use of walls, portable screens or curtains. At least fifty (50%) per cent of the remaining classes or departments shall have classrooms provided in the same manner as for the Beginners, Primaries, and Juniors.

##### 6. Use of Bibles

Eighty (80%) per cent of pupils, teachers, and officers in attendance, above the Primary class or department, shall use their Bibles in the school.

##### 7. Preaching Attendance

Eighty (80%) per cent of the pupils, teachers, and officers in attendance, above the Primaries, shall attend the preaching service.

##### 8. Officers and Teachers

All officers and teachers shall be Christians whose membership is in the church in which they hold office or teach.

The school shall maintain a monthly officers and teachers meeting, attended by at least seventy-five (75%) per cent of the officers and teachers. Seventy-five (75%) per cent of the officers and teachers shall hold S.S.T.I.



diplomas for having completed the course of at least one Teachers' and Officers' Training Institute during the year.

The school shall conduct or attend at least one Teachers and Officers Training Institute each year.

#### 9. Denominational Enterprises

The Standard Sunday School shall actively promote and support the following Free Will Baptist denominational works: Missions, Home and Foreign, Education; and benevolent projects. The school shall carry on this work in keeping with the program as arranged by the Chairman of Denominational Enterprises of the National Sunday School Board and shall as a school contribute each year to these worthy causes.

### SECTION II.

#### ASSOCIATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

##### 1. District Affiliation

The school shall be a member in good standing in its District Sunday School Convention.

##### 2. State Affiliation

The school, through its District Conventions, shall be a composite part of the State Sunday School Convention. If there is no District or State Convention in which the standard school may place its membership, it should co-operate with the Chairman of the National Sunday School Board in an effort to organize a District and State Convention.

#### 3. National Affiliation

The school, through its District and State Convention, shall be actively engaged in the work of the National Sunday School Convention.

The school shall support the program of work as outlined by the National Sunday School Board.

When a school has attained all the points above in both Section I and Section II, it shall be recognized as a Standard Free Will Baptist Sunday School, and shall be privileged to have on display a banner awarded the Standard Sunday School.

The attainment of this Standard is not intended, nor should be considered, to be a goal within itself, but it is intended and it should be considered as a means of reaching the goal—namely, a more efficient plan for teaching God's Word to greater numbers, and a more efficient way of leading lost souls to Jesus Christ.

I will forgive you for your past apparent lack of interest in the work of your Sunday School Board if you will carefully and prayerfully study the proposed Standard and make some contribution to it. I would like to hear from you.

We cannot legally adopt this or any other standard until it has been approved by our National Association, but we can be thinking and praying and studying so that we may give it our intelligent consideration when it is presented at the next National Meeting.

We are glad to hear some of our field workers are planning to report through the *Gem*. I am sure every reader would be glad to read those reports. We are encouraging each one to write. If Bro. John can't publish them in one paper he can hold some over for the following issue.

I am hoping to have our semi-annual report ready for our March issue.

May God bless every field and Sunday School worker for the advancement of our state program is my prayer.

Dear Sunday School Workers:

With letter at hand, I will try to write a few lines to our dear paper that has grown with increasing interest in my life. It has become food for thought to me as I learn of my brothers' and sisters' experience and understanding and can enjoy their victories with them.

We are so proud of the great interest of our people in the work in general.

I received a letter from Rev. W. E. Coville of Nashville, Tenn., Chairman of the National Sunday School Board, which was very encouraging to our work. He sent me two copies of their Sunday School Convention minutes. They were splendid and I wish it were so that every Sunday School worker could read them. They have a splendid program. I am deeply impressed with the teachers' training program which is so badly needed everywhere.

We are hoping to be organized in Missouri soon, so we can be of help to our Sunday Schools.

I was so glad to hear of the progress Bro. Geo. LaShum is making in his association in the Sunday School program. I will be more than glad to come to Monett if my presence will be of help in any way.

Bro. Tucker of Southeast Missouri is getting good response in his plan to organize the two Sunday School conventions into a Southeast Missouri Sunday School Association. We are situated here with an Association about 125 miles long, with two conventions. Our plan is to meet once a year in a union session by delegates from each convention to compile an Associational report for our State Program. Good interest is being shown by our leading workers.

We are hoping to hear from other Associations soon, and learn of the progress being made in this work.

## Missouri Sunday School News

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

I will, this morning, write a few lines to encourage our work as a state Sunday School program.

I just received a fine report from Rev. Geo. LaShum, our field worker of Indian Creek Association, stating the progress of our work of the organization of the Sunday Schools there. By their request I will plan to be with them the third Sunday in March, if God permits.

I have an appointment March 24, with Madison County Convention; March 31, with Southeast Missouri Convention.

We are so thankful for the progress that is being made. We are glad for the interest shown in this Southeast Missouri Association in regards to our state program. We are

hoping within a few days to hear of the good progress in every Association in the state.



William Reeves, Mo. State Supervisor



# Report of the National Program Superannuation

By Mrs. J. E. Simpson, Chairman  
1310 Fatherland St., Nashville, Tenn.

I am sorry to be so late with my report of December 3rd; "Superannuation Birthday Celebration." But contributions came in almost daily until about the first of this month. So I hope you will enjoy this report even more than if I had sent it in earlier and not so large.

If I have failed to recognize any gift or have made an error in listing it in this report, please write to me and I shall be glad to make the correction.

I want to say in behalf of the Superannuation Board of National Free Will Baptist, that we appreciate the co-operation of each person who contributed in any way to the success of the campaign.

You will notice in the report that links No. 8, 9, and 12 were left out because their contribution had not been received.

You can determine the promptness of our people to respond by their link number.

An article will follow giving more recognition to the pastors that have supported the work. And also, other individuals who have rendered special service to the celebration program.

May I say again, thank you who have given and look forward to other contributions coming in.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

In Sister Simpson's marvelous lineup of financial contributors to the National Superannuation Program of the Free Will Baptist Church printed on this page, links numbered 8, 9, and 12 were left blank — and for the sake of valuable space, it was necessary to lay aside the blank lines.

As we studied this table of contributors, we received a great blessing and inspiration.

Total received (Dec. 3rd. Cel.)	\$317.88
Interest .....	1.87
Total .....	\$319.75
Amt. in Treasury (Dec. 1, 1938)	201.25
Grand Total in Treasury	\$521.00

## National Superannuation Financial Record

Link.	Church	Auxiliary	By Whom	State	Amount
1.	Pearsall's Chapel	Adult, Int. L.	Elizabeth Vernon ..	N. C. ....	\$3.25
2.	Surgoinsville .....	F. W. B. L.	Virinda Smith .....	Tenn. ....	1.21
3.	Park View .....	F. W. B. L.	Velma Matthews ..	Mo. ....	4.00
4.	East Nashville ..	F. W. B. L.	Lula Belle Fox .....	Tenn. ....	12.80
5.	Wilson .....	5-Points L. ..	Irene Lewis .....	N. C. ....	2.53
6.	New Sandy Hill ..	F. W. B. L.	Mary Bunn .....	N. C. ....	3.60
7.	Springfield .....	F. W. B. L.	Fred Lamb .....	Ala. ....	3.50
10.	Sound Side .....	Rose Bowen L.	Almeda Armstrong ..	N. C. ....	2.06
11.	Flat River .....	F. W. B. L.	Martha Burcham ..	Mo. ....	14.75
13.	Sound Side .....	Sr. F. W. B. L.	Neva Brickhouse ..	N. C. ....	5.00
14.	Lackey .....	3 Friends ..	Mrs. A. L. Prater ..	Ky. ....	1.00
15.	Sound Side .....	Ad. W.W.& L.	Mrs. Jack Cooper ..	N. C. ....	4.37
16.	Rock Spring .....	F. W. B. L.	Jewell Sutton .....	Tenn. ....	4.99
17.	Union View .....	F. W. B. L.	Samuel Hobgood ..	N. C. ....	6.00
18.	St. Mary's .....	Sr. F. W. B. L.	Eleanor Mercer .....	N. C. ....	5.06
19.	Mtn. Grove .....	F. W. B. L.	Katherine Conrow ..	Mo. ....	3.00
20.	Bryan .....	F. W. B. L.	Mrs. R. C. Cloud ..	Texas ..	8.75
21.	Pleasant Plains ..	Sunday School	M. V. Avery .....	N. C. ....	3.86
22.	Providence .....	L. W. B. L.	Ruby Skyles .....	Mo. ....	1.25
23.	North Zulch .....	F. W. B. L.	Juanita Manning ..	Texas ..	3.41
24.	Free Union .....	Ad. F. W. B. L.	Mrs. B. M. Ratcliff ..	N. C. ....	2.14
25.	Macedonia .....	Ad. F. W. B. L.	Mrs. C. L. Gault ..	N. C. ....	.58
26.	Hickory Grove ..	F. W. B. L.	A. D. Ivey .....	Fla. ....	7.35
27.	Independence ..	F. W. B. L.	Mrs. John E. Bough ..	Mo. ....	3.55
28.	St. Delight .....	F. W. B. L.	Mrs. J. W. Stilley ..	N. C. ....	2.77
29.	Edgemont .....	C. Bowen Sr. L.	D. G. Balwin .....	N. C. ....	5.25
30.	Glennville .....	F. W. B. L.	E. C. Davidson .....	Ga. ....	8.00
31.	Bridgeton .....	F. W. B. L.	Mrs. Sedric Boyd ..	N. C. ....	7.50
32.	Prospect .....	F. W. B. L.	Bertha Parker .....	N. C. ....	2.40
33.	Pilgrim's Rest ..	F. W. B. L.	Mrs. Gladys Lupton ..	N. C. ....	1.15
34.	Core Creek .....	F. W. B. L.	Mrs. Richard Heath ..	N. C. ....	4.40
35.	Alice Brooks .....	Jr. F. W. B. L.	Eileen Piggs .....	Ark. ....	6.90
36.	Elizabethton .....	F. W. B. L.	Robert R. Winters ..	Tenn. ....	10.00
37.	Hickory Chapel ..	F. W. B. L.	Charlie Dilday .....	N. C. ....	5.75
38.	Pearce Chapel ..	Church .....	L. E. Duncan .....	Miss. ....	5.32
39.	Pearce Chapel ..	F. W. B. L.	L. E. Duncan .....	Miss. ....	3.71
40.	Pearce Chapel ..	Sun. School.	L. E. Duncan .....	Miss. ....	5.00
41.	Columbus .....	Lea. & Church	L. E. Duncan .....	Miss. ....	10.00
42.	Fawn Grove .....	Church .....	L. E. Duncan .....	Miss. ....	3.40
43.	East Tupelo .....	Lea. & Church	L. E. Duncan .....	Miss. ....	2.10
44.	Priceville .....	Church .....	L. E. Duncan .....	Miss. ....	2.15
45.	Gauley .....	Church .....	L. E. Duncan .....	Miss. ....	1.00
46.	Lake Butler .....	F. W. B. L.	Jeanette Brown .....	Fla. ....	3.54
47.	Hannon .....	F. W. B. L.	Zola Truskett .....	Mo. ....	6.00
48.	Martin Chapel ..	F. W. B. L.	Virginia Anders .....	Tenn. ....	1.20
49.	Fellowship .....	F. W. B. L.	Mrs. Geo. L. Hardy ..	Texas ..	3.65
50.	Monett .....	Sun. School	Clarice M. Fredrick ..	Mo. ....	3.43
51.	Gum Neck .....	Ladies' Aid	Mrs. Lillie Liverman ..	N. C. ....	4.00
52.	Hansleys Chapel ..	Leagues .....	Mrs. G. D. Glenn ..	N. C. ....	6.63
53.	Macedonia .....	Adult League	Mrs. Clyde Spruill ..	N. C. ....	3.00
54.	East Nashville ..	Ladies B Class	Mrs. J. E. Simpson ..	Tenn. ....	4.00
55.	Brooklyn .....	F. W. B. L.	Dell Conley .....	Ark. ....	2.50
56.	Pine Level .....	Church .....	Lola Johnson .....	Ga. ....	7.90
57.	Edgemont .....	T.H. Willey L.	Mrs. F. Tinnin .....	N. C. ....	3.02
58.	Edgemont .....	Mable Willey L.	Mrs. F. Tinnin .....	N. C. ....	.57
59.	Sulphur Springs ..	F. W. B. L.	Dorothy Kuykendall ..	Ala. ....	5.11
60.	Macedonia .....	F. W. B. L.	Cappy Keene .....	Ga. ....	4.10
61.	Elizabeth City ..	F. W. B. L.	By Pastor .....	N. C. ....	7.00
62.	So. Georgia Union ..	.....	E. C. Davidson .....	Ga. ....	2.00
63.	New Hope .....	F. W. B. L.	Mrs. M. Binkley ..	Tenn. ....	15.00
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65.	Personal Gift ..	Individuals	T. H. Everton .....	Va. ....	2.00
66.	Woodway .....	Church .....	E. J. Kilgore .....	Va. ....	4.00
67.	Hoover Chapel ..	Church .....	E. J. Kilgore .....	Va. ....	3.10
68.	Sigma .....	Church .....	E. J. Kilgore .....	Va. ....	4.28
69.	S. W. Yearly Meeting ..	.....	E. J. Kilgore .....	Va. ....	3.53
70.	Hoover Chapel ..	F. W. B. L.	E. J. Kilgore .....	Va. ....	3.82
71.	Personal Gift ..	Individual	S. B. Culberson .....	Va. ....	1.00
72.	Davis Chapel ..	Church .....	E. J. Kilgore .....	Va. ....	1.50
73.	Mary's Chapel ..	Church .....	E. J. Kilgore .....	Va. ....	6.71
74.	Lone Pine .....	Church .....	E. J. Kilgore .....	Va. ....	2.92
75.	Sound Side .....	Jr. League	.....	N. C. ....	1.36
76.	Brightlight .....	Church .....	C. E. Goen .....	Texas ..	1.00
77.	Shiloh .....	F. W. B. L.	P. A. Brackin .....	Ala. ....	1.85



## Announcement - Musical Scholarship

Dr. Leonard Earl Harris, Faculty Member, Chicago Conservatory of Music

It seems pertinent that I make an announcement regarding the scholarships for the fall term of the Chicago Conservatory of Music. I am expected, as usual, to select ten students from the entire list and present them to the board. There will be twenty selected altogether, and then we will, at the final board meeting in the spring, go through the list and decide on the final ten. Last year, eight of the final ten students accepted were from the list that I submitted. We have already been receiving applications rather fast; in fact, much faster than in any previous year. I am naturally concerned about our boys and girls in the South, and would like to have as many in my department next year as possible.

This year, our boys and girls have learned to love the Lord, and have really come close to Him since being here with us. The Chicago Conservatory of Music is not a religious school, but it is the largest, oldest and finest school of music in this country. For the first time since it has been a school (insofar as we know), we have a religious class. It was planned for the benefit of those who come from the South—especially those who come from our Free Will Baptist Churches. I do so much hope that they will go back South and find a great work there to do, and that they will be capable of doing it.

This religious class affords a rich experience with the Lord and His great work. Each member has frequent opportunities to speak, to lead in the song service, to conduct the prayer period, and to lead the responsive reading, during the course of a term. In fact, each one becomes familiar with all of the parts of a church service so that he or she will not be embarrassed should he be called on for any part of a religious service when he goes back home. It is a fine group; and we have really had some happy hours with our Lord in that class this year.

As you no doubt know, I have, since attaining my Degree as Doctor of Music, had the privilege of attending the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, thereby making it easy to introduce religion or religious activity in my department at the Conservatory. Many of the students attend church



Dr. Leonard Earl Harris

where I am Director of the Ministry of Music and am in charge of the Senior Choir, Male Chorus, and Quartet. We frequently have guest speakers from the Moody Bible Institute and from the Northern Baptist Seminary, as well as other places where the Bible and religion are held with highest esteem in the life of each individual.

There were twelve Southern students altogether this year, in my own classes; and, since I am from North Carolina, we are just like a big happy family. There are, I believe, about

eight students from North Carolina.

Many of the students have to work in order to stay in the city. Most of the boys are self-supporting, and many of the girls work part time and still have time to go to school.

Should anyone be interested in securing a scholarship to begin with the fall term, it would be to his advantage to get his application in as soon as possible, as there are already quite a few applications from which we are to select. All applicants must be High School graduates at least by June of this year. They are required to send, along with a recent photograph of themselves, the names and addresses of three references. Besides this, they must, without fail, have their pastor send a personal letter of recommendation. Each one must state his major purpose for attending the Conservatory; must give a record of college credits (if any), and give the name and address of the college where these credits were acquired.

If you care to keep up with the activities of the students from the South, you could subscribe to the *Tune Time* Magazine which is edited by those students. The magazine itself is part of their activity. *Tune Time* is published monthly at the fixed price of one dollar per year. In it you will get to meet a great number of the students, since they will frequently prepare articles of interest regarding their work in the school. Please write for your complimentary copy.

Don't forget to send in your application for scholarship just as soon as possible. Be sure to get yours in early so you may have the advantage of an early consideration.

## National Stewardship Contest

I sincerely hope many of our local auxiliaries will enter contestants in your District Auxiliary Conventions contests. Since we have had no contributions for our proposed book of stewardship readings, poems, etc., it will be necessary for you to secure your readings from your local library, newspapers, magazines or use self-written material. This will call for a little more initiative on the part of the local auxiliaries, but we will have a wider range of material by so doing.

No reading may be over 5 minutes duration. The age limit for Juniors is 9 to 12; for Intermediates 13 to 16. Be positive of the age of your con-

testant and state the age on the contestants' entry at your District, State or National Convention. Hold your local elimination contest in either February or March prior to your district convention and send the winner to your respective district. Further information as to points for judging may be secured from each District Stewardship Director.

I trust most of you have secured the new book, "Old Pictures in Modern Frames" by Rev. J. T. Riddick and are studying the same. I know you have received a blessing for having studied this splendid work. Be sure to report the number of study classes held in Stewardship to your district director.

Georgia Frost Baines, Lucoma, N. C.  
National Vice President



# Now or When, Ministers?

## An Educational Article

Rev. Robert B. Crawford, Chairman of the Board of Education for Alabama  
Samantha, Alabama

ARE YOU Reading and heeding the appeals from the various National Board Chairmen? I trust you will response to these appeals. They are worthy of your most careful consideration. These appeals are on your hands—you cannot afford to ignore them. Please read 1 John 3:16-18. We must take notice to our young ministers now or we will not attract them to us in the future. The past of our church is not to be recalled. With a great deal of satisfaction, we can look up to the future with faith.

Bro. J. R. Davidson asked me to make an appeal, as a young minister, for our college. I am interested in all phases of our church work and I respond to them personally. I have already spent a large sum of money in getting an A. B. degree that I wish could have been spent in a Free Will Baptist College.

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman said, "After our young men who are preparing for the ministry mix in colleges with our future lawyers, doctors, merchants, etc. they want to be of another line of work." He also said, "Our large religious colleges have lost their zeal and passion for lost souls, which was Christ's mission on earth; *TO SEEK AND TO SAVE THE LOST.*" He seemed to think if the world is ever saved through the ministry, the minister will come from the smaller denominational colleges. Then here is a place for the Free Will Baptists to step in and do things. The people are starving for the gospel story. We can have a religious college to help prepare young ministers if we want it.

I have heard some promising young ministers say, "If the Free Will Baptist folks would do anything I would like to join in with them for His glory, for they have a wonderful doctrine." Now don't say that they would not, for they would. They do not feel so pleased with their church, but they cannot afford to come to us with no more than what we have to offer. My! but I wish we had some of them to work with. We can offer any one a good future if they will make it. Really, the doctrine of our

church or its theology is about all that is attractive to me. I do not endorse the practices, as a whole, of the past.

We have and have had some ministers that are against leagues, Sunday schools, ladies aids, etc. in Alabama. I pity and pray for them. Some will say "use tact with them." I say so too. *God give us more tact in His work.* But what we need is some nails and tacks driven in some boxes. Some of our ministers have been in ruts (a grave with both ends knocked out) and now we need, if not their bodies, at least their practices buried.

Now don't say we have sufficient number of schools today. Yes, I have been to one of them. I was an assistant to the head of the department of philosophy and religion for two years. I know what you get in a state university. The head of the department was a fine Christian gentleman. But some of the philosophies discussed were too rotten to speak of. I came out of these experiences believing in the old-time, Holy Ghost, heart-felt religion of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Some of my friends went wild over the half-informed teachings of the philosophies and modern

science. Some of the ministerial students took up unsound beliefs for their philosophy of life. Some of the ministerial students decided to be educators, sociologist, psychologist, etc. If you people of the Free Will Baptist name only knew what was taught today, you would awake to some extent. Do you ministers want young men to continue in this manner of education?

The Lord has told me that He would have the needed supplies for our college if some of His stewards would return some talents they were holding that belong to Him. You had better awake and give of your time, talents and money. The angel at the ascension said, He was coming back. He, Himself, said He was coming back. A college for the Free Will Baptist folks is one of the preparations we must soon make for His immediate return.

I blame you ministers for a young minister like myself having to ever write an article like this one, asking that all you ministers, especially you of Alabama to look to God and follow the great command of not only "preaching" but "teaching" all nations. He said He would be with us in this all important work, when the people of our land are taught they will stand by every board and phase of the work.

I endorse Sister J. E. Frazier's article of the January issue.

Please send, at once, all money for education to Rev. J. R. Davidson, Bryan, Texas.

### A GODLESS NATION

Some men leave God out. Others vote Him out. Russia is atheistic by decree. America is atheistic in practice. In the long run, what is the difference between ignoring God and denying Him?

A Columnist in a daily newspaper writes:

"It was amazing to me, at the New York World's Fair, to observe the one glaring omission from the World of Tomorrow. In all of the buildings, which were visioned in this World of Tomorrow, not a single church or cathedral was charted so far as I could determine. They showed airports and new highway systems and new and novel skyscrapers, but they were so busy outlining material improvements that I guess they plumb forgot the churches. And if a World of Tomorrow is to emerge, it will have to be founded and based on *religion*. At the present moment Europe's chaos testifies to the destructiveness of godlessness.

"I'm convinced that we have concerned ourselves too much with material values, too little with spiritual values. Indeed, what doth it profit a man to have gained the whole world? You can't take it with you, which is another reminder that all tombstones read alike. The world must return to *religion* if it is to win a furlough."

Well, the world needs more than religion. It needs *REVELATION*. And that means the Bible. It is the Bible and only the Bible that says, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God" (Psalm 14:1). Only the Bible says, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" (Psalm 9:17). But, thank God, the Bible also says, "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 heal their land. (2 Chron. 7:14).

From the Moody Monthly



## Gospel Sermon Department

### Sanctification - The Fullness of God

Eld. William Buster, Thebes, Illinois

**I**N WRITING On the above subject, there are two important points to keep in mind; 1. that sanctification is not a second cleansing, and 2. that when the Holy Ghost came, he came once and for all.

We hold that sanctification is not a second cleansing because the following Scriptures prove that the disciples were cleansed before Pentecost and that there is no Biblical provisions for a second cleansing.

"Ye are clean but not all" (John 13:10).

"The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

The Holy Ghost came into the world once and for all. Notice the supernatural advent as compared with the giving of the law and the birth of Christ. He came into the world as He was the third person of the Godhead. Truly, through Him, we can say with the angles and wise men of old, "God With Us." To ask for the Holy Ghost to come is as impractical as asking for the atonement to come. He is here to stay until the church is caught up in the rapture at Christ's coming (John 14:16). There is a vast difference between the Holy Ghost and the gift of the Holy Ghost.

#### Part I

#### The Meaning of Sanctification

Webster defines sanctification as "set apart" or "made holy", or "consecration".

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thes. 5:23). In this verse we notice that Paul is closing a letter to the Thessalonian church; that he is talking to a group of Christian people and not to sinners. The word wholly means entirely, or all of you for God. Some have their head sanctified but it doesn't effect their feet, eyes, tongue, hands, or heart. Are you all for God? Does He

come first and you second in every sense?

A beautiful type of this is found in Moses' anointing of Aaron and his sons as high priests according to Exodus 29:20. The Lord had Moses put a drop of blood on the lobe of their right ear and on the thumb of their right hand and on the great toe of the right foot. On their ear so they could hear the will of God, on their hand so they could do the will of God, and on their foot so they could walk righteously.

In our church covenant we close our agreement between ourselves and God with the clause found in 1 Thes. 5:23, quoted above. If we are joining the church and entering into solemn covenant we should be Christians; yet we are calling on God to sanctify us.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1).

Paul had seen dead sacrifices of bulls, goats heifers, etc., all his life; but now since Jesus had made the "one sacrifice", and that "once for all"; we must come, "by a new living way" hence, a live sacrifice must be given. Now it is not your cattle or material goods but *YOU*.

"You hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins" (Eph. 2:1). We see by this verse that unsaved people are dead and cannot give a living sacrifice. Suppose that we are trying to instruct a sinner and we say "Consecrate". If he did as we instructed he might put a deck of cards or a bottle of booze or some other article of sin on the altar. An unsaved person cannot consecrate because he hasn't any life (spiritual life) to give. Jesus says, "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). When a man is saved he has life and he may consecrate that life.

Some say that they consecrated be-

fore conversion. They take this attitude because they had to promise God to serve him. The man carrying a load of sin and under conviction is warring against God (Rom. 8:7). He simply quits fighting God; surrender, and to enlist, are two different things.

#### Part II

#### Were the Disciples Saved Before Pentecost?

According to John 1:11-13, those who believed on Jesus were saved during the incarnation period. The same plan has not been changed (Acts 16:31, Rom. 10:9-10, etc.). The disciples were saved by Jesus on believing as surely as people are saved (regenerated) today by the Holy Ghost. They were sent out to preach, heal the sick, cast out devils, etc. And in Luke 10:20, they are told, "Rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven." The Holy Ghost was sent to act in the place of Jesus after the ascension. One had as much power as the other for both are God. Jesus acts through the Holy Ghost now.

Jesus gave the disciples a great commission; but told them to go back to Jerusalem and tarry until they were endued from on high. They were as much converted as they'd ever be, but they needed power; something to give them courage and make them preach with such boldness and force that the world would take knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus. "Ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8). The same Apostle (Peter) who had been afraid and so denied Jesus before Pentecost, now preached the most powerful evangelistic message mentioned in the Bible, and accused the Jews of murdering Jesus.

Moody, Benjamin Randall, and practically all religious leaders recognized the value of an entirely consecrated life. Brother, we still need God in his fulness!

#### Part III

#### Is the Holy Ghost For Us Now?

In John 17:17 we find that Jesus was praying that his disciples be sanctified through the word. The next few



verses reveal that not only was he praying for his disciples but for those who should later believe through them — us.

This is the will of God for you even your sanctification — Paul has just told the Thessalonians that they were good enough to go to heaven and that he expects to see them in the resurrection (I Thes. 2-9). Yet, he wants that church to be sanctified or a church that is all for God. That kind of a church would be free from worldliness.

In John 14:17 Jesus speaks of the spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive. If the world cannot receive the Spirit of truth, he must be for those who have already been cleansed if it was for the disciples, and later Paul desired Him for his church, surely he is for the church and believers of today.

"Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go

forth therefore unto him bearing his reproach." (Heb. 13:12-13). There's a reproach to holiness. The devil hates it. The preacher is branded as a fanatic, worldly church members scoff at it. Surely if Jesus could go through the gate, climb Golgatha's hill and die on the cross, that his people could live consecrated, power-filled lives, we can bear his reproach for a little while.

"A consecrated cross I'll bear

Till Christ shall set me free,  
And then go home a crown to wear,  
For there's a crown for me."

We conclude that sanctification (or consecration) is not a second cleansing but an endowment of power, or a finished (perfect) work. One minister gives this illustration: In building a house the building is not complete with the laying of the foundation (conversion), but is only complete when the roof is on and everything is in its place.

Or it may be that there is something in your business or profession. Whatever your accomplishment, why not use it for God? You have no idea what results you may get until you have used it, as David did his sling, in the name of the Lord of hosts.

(3.) What is that in thine hand, young follower of Christ? Only five barley loaves and two small fishes. Yet you may hear words of Christ as he says, "Bring to me, give them to God" and have the reward of seeing a multitude fed. You may be young but use the things you have. You have youth, that is an advantage; young men can reach young men and young women can reach young women. Use at this moment the things you have at this moment. When you are older you may have other things to use; but that will never make up for not using the things you have now.

(4.) What is that in thine hand, poor widow? What, only two mites, did you say? Give them to God, and, behold, the fame of your riches fills the world, and through giving, others are led to give. Some out of their poverty and others from their abundance. And streams of money have poured into the Lord's treasury for the extension of his work in the Kingdom down through the ages.

Use what you have in your hand. Give from what you have. Don't wait to become rich and give millions. God will make the giving of little things from the little you have worth more to you, and more to the world, too, than the mere thinking of giving of millions if you had them.

(5.) What is that in thine hand, diligent Dorcas? "My needle". Use it! Use it for God and those coats and those garments will keep multiplying, and they are giving warmth to those who are cold and clothing the needy and naked still.

There is no end to the hospital supplies and orphan asylum furnishings, the sewing circle products and the charity donations that have fallen in finished form from the hand that plied Dorcas' needle.

The lesson is the same in every case. God wants us to serve him with what we have. To many of us wait for more money, or more learning, or until we get older, or, worse still, for the other person to do. Let us decide today to serve God with what we have—little or great. Let us not forget to give God of our best.

## Serving God With What We Have

*Eld. S. A. Hand, Fredericktown, Mo.*

Text: "What is that in thine hand?" Exodus 4:2.

**A**LL GREAT Works for God are done by doing our best with what we have.

Moses was keeping sheep in Midian. God told him to go and deliver Israel out of bondage. He shrank from the under-taking. We do not wonder that he did; for he was without training in warfare and without any visible means of prosecuting the work. He had nothing but his shepherd's rod, cut out of a thicket, the mere crabstick with which he guided his sheep; any day he might throw it away and get a better one.

But God said to him: "What is that in thine hand?" And he said, "A rod." God then told him that with that rod, He would save Israel. "And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand wherewith thou shalt do signs." And so it proved. A rod constituted his visible means. God made it sufficient.

We should all use the little things we have, the present means we possess, for God; and not wait for wealth and influence and power. Use what is "in thine hand." This is the method by which all great works of God have been accomplished.

Let us notice some Bible examples

of how God has used little things to accomplish great things and gather some of the lessons these teach.

(1.) What is that in thine hand, Shamgar? It was an ox goad with which he urged his lazy beasts. Yet used for God, Shamgar's ox goad defeats the Philistines. Suppose Shamgar had refused to use it because it was crude or small or ill-suited, as he thought, to the work. No such honor of victory would have stood to the credit of Shamgar.

There are people who are losing the honor of better victories today because they do not do their best for God with the things they already possess.

(2.) What is that in thine hand, David? It was only a sling. A little weapon he had made to keep the wolves and other wild animals away from his sheep. Yet with that sling he slew Goliath, whom the whole army of Israel feared.

Some of us have accomplishments we have never thought of more seriously than as a source of slight pleasure to ourselves or to others. We can sing, or play an instrument, or tell a story well, or draw, or paint a picture. Have you ever thought of using your accomplishment for God?



# Who Gets Palestine, Arab or Jew?

By Kenneth Turner, Granby, Missouri

"And the Lord appeared unto Abram and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land." (Gen. 12:7).

**H**ERE IS A promise that God made to Abram and is repeated again in the 17th chapter and the 8th verse. His descendants would inherit this land of Canaan, which later has been called Palestine.

The Arabs and the Jews are both claiming it as theirs. They are quarreling and fighting over it. Most every time a number of Jews land in Palestine we hear of a riot between the two. The Arabs declare they are the seed of Abraham, and no doubt are, so do the Jew.

Both love the country from a standpoint of a religious cause. Though both are descendants of Abraham, there is much difference in the two. The Arabs hold to Mohammedanism as their religion. They believe in a progress of their religion by means of the sword; while the Jews are more peaceable if they are not abused. The Arab is not progressive in the least. For instance, we are told during the years they have occupied Palestine they have never improved in any way. They still live in their tents, and till the rocky land with a wooden plow, drawn by a camel and an ox hitched together. The Jews, who have been recently settling there, and building fine modern homes, clearing away the rocks and farming with tractors. Progress and prosperity rest with the Jews.

We must agree that both are the seed of Abraham. The Arab through Ishmael, Abraham's son by Hagar, who, it is true, was to become a great nation (Gen. 17:20); while the Jew is his seed by Isaac, his promised son, in whom this promise was established (Gen. 17:20). "As for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in next year."

The Arabs seem not to accept this Scripture that entitles the land to the seed through Isaac. They want the land



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and are fighting for it. But according to God's promise it will be delivered to the Jewish people. They are living in great hopes of again owning their country that their King David ruled over, because God has promised them such. The Arabs love the land because it was in Palestine where Mohammedan, their religious leader, was seen to depart this life. They claim that his foot prints are still there, which makes the place sacred to them; and everyone is ready to give their life in defence of this beloved country.

In spite of all their superstition concerning their religion and their desire to have Palestine, it must go to Abraham's seed through Isaac; the Jew.

## Jesus and the Four Gospels

By J. M. Doughly, Strafford, Mo.

The county collector of Greene County, Missouri has a large picture of Jesus in each section of his office. When one enters this office and sees the picture of Jesus and talks to Mr. Jessie E. Smith, the collector, he comes to the conclusion that Mr. Smith is on the Lord's side and is living an abundant life.

In membership he is a Methodist; but in a broader sense he belongs to any church that he can help. He and his family are musicians and when circumstances will permit they are ready to help any denomination with their music.

You may ask: Does Mr. Smith's stand for Christ hurt him in his political campaigns? You would not think so if could see the big majorities he rolls up in the elections. Mr. Smith is now serving his third four-year term, and he is more popular

than when he entered politics.

Mr. Smith is cheerful and sociable, and he tries to live the Golden Rule, and be tactful. These are all qualities which Jesus taught in the four Gospels.

The trouble with many of us is that we do not read the four Gospels carefully and prayerfully enough to get the many practical lessons that Jesus taught.

Jesus, the Christ, is the greatest character in all history, and He is the One that makes life worth while. The four Gospels tell us of the life and teachings of Jesus. Should we not spend more time in studying the Gospels than any other part of the Bible? Should we not have more texts taken and more sermons preached from the four Gospels? Should we not have more lives directed by the example and teachings of Jesus as given in the Gospels?

### The Drinker Thinks That —

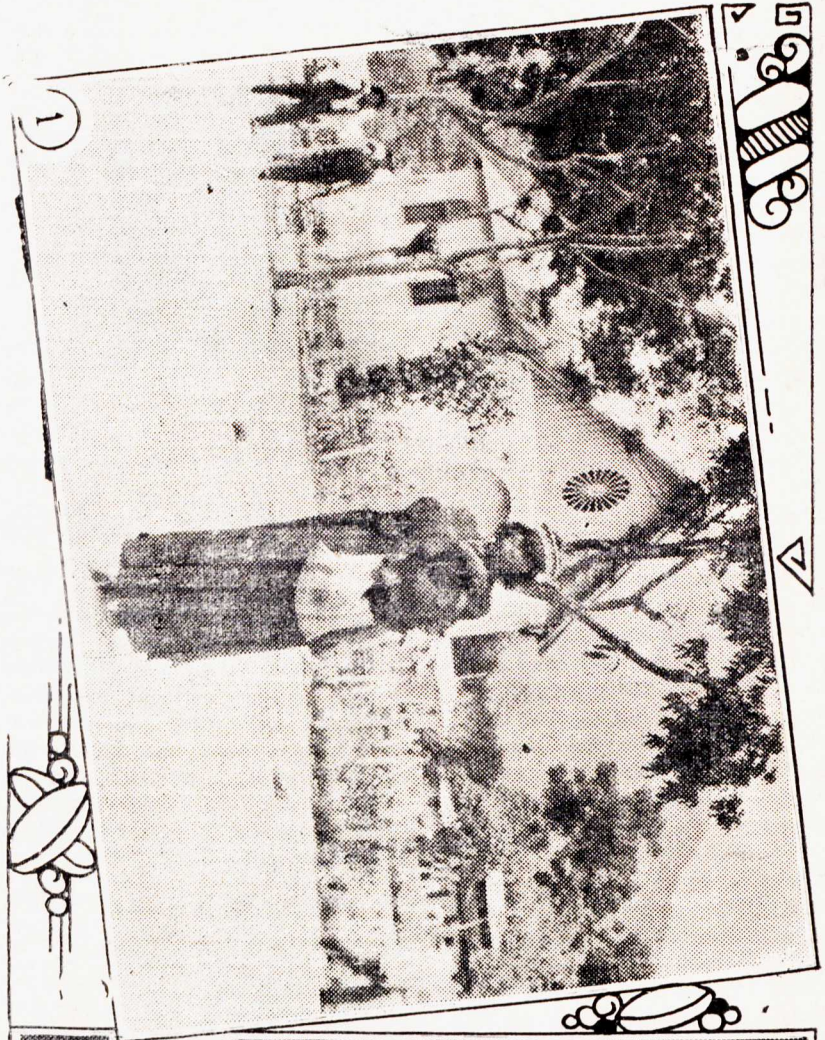
- Alcohol is a stimulant
- It braces me up
- It speeds me up
- It's a food
- It warms me up
- It's a tonic
- It's a medicine
- It's a nerve soother

### The Thinker Knows That —

- Alcohol is a narcotic
- It lets you down
- It slows you down
- It has no food value
- It reduces body temperature
- It's a health destroyer
- It's a poison
- It's a devitalizer

From "The Voice"





Picture No. 1—An Omawaysha Indian in the village of La Merced; the jungle border town.



Picture No. 2 — Rev. Willey, the Missionary, dressed in a Campa Indian garb.

Bro. Willey, our Missionary, is going to take us on a trip to the Fords of South America in a series of pictures. Watch the "Gem" for further excursions.



# Humanity at the Well

By Rev. T. H. Willey

Text: John 4:41-42.

**T**HE MINISTRY Of our Lord abounds in incidents of personal and individual soul winning. In this chapter we have the account which is rich in tender sympathy and understanding of the sinner and her sin. Here we get some inkling of not merely his dealing with one case, a sinful woman, but the general plan in a broader sense, even in a missionary sense.

In order to understand the full import of the message we must know something of the attitude of the Jew toward the Samaritans. An attitude of race prejudice, a feeling of race superiority, and a hatred of long standing.

The first striking thought from the message has to do with the journey of Jesus in the fourth verse. "And he must needs go through Samaria."

As we ponder this statement we are led to the conclusion that here is

## The Impelling Motive of Missions

The Jews were not missionary; it was not in their religious philosophy to be so. They thought of themselves as a chosen race and in this attitude there was no hope for other than their own people for salvation. The Samaritans were a despised people; they were thought of as dogs. So the Jew would avoid Samaria, would get around them in whatever way possible lest he be contaminated. Many of our professed Christians of today are little better than the old Jew full of his prejudices. In the life of most of us there is a Samaria confronting us, no matter how much we may seek to get around it. It may be some needy section in your town, some neglected colored groups you are prejudiced against, it might be a Mexican settlement or a community of underprivileged people, or it might be a poor share-cropper you are looking down upon. If you would be Christ-like, "You must needs go through Samaria." We next see

## The Importunity of the Gospel

Jesus is wearied with the journey. At the noon hour He sits upon the edge of Jacobs well, and as He sits a woman comes to draw water. Now notice carefully the tactics of the Master; notice how he introduces the subject of salvation. First, He seeks to gain her confidence by a simple

request for a drink of water and that request becomes the theme of his message to her. Winning confidence of a soul is always the first step in every phase of Christian work whether it be on the foreign mission field among the Indians or in the home land. In order to gain their confidence we must become interested in the things they are vitally concerned about.

Now this request that Jesus makes to the woman is something strange and entirely new for a Jew to make to a Samaritan, to ask her for something. As the Master discourses upon living water she becomes so interested that she forgets her purpose at the well. Now He has her confidence and an *aroused curiosity*. Every soul must become interested in the things of God to know God. They will never investigate without that *CURIOSITY*. Living water; everlasting life, something deeper than the well of Jacob; water that would quench the thirst of the soul; he leads her to see her need. In her attitude to the truth presented, we are aware of her *dense ignorance*. Strange, there is little difference between this poor debased Samaritan woman and the enlightened intelligent Nicodemus when faced with the world of spiritual things. Nicodemus said, "How can I be born after I am old, and entered through the process of nature?" She said, "How can we draw this water?" This brings us to the

## Task of the Worker, to Enlighten

This Jesus proceeds to do, but in order to do so he must enter the citadel of the soul and bring her sins to the light. He exposes her sins and does it with great grace and tenderness. Harshness never is effective in dealing with sin, and sin must be realized until we behold the Holiness of God. This exposure of her sin, and it includes a frank confession of her sin, is found from the 16th to the 19th verses. Then, I wonder if she did not try to evade just like all sinners, in the 20th verse, for she changes the subject to the traditional religion of the Jews and the Samaritans; but notice Jesus takes advantage of this and leads her on into truth that shall always be most profound: the things of the Spirit.

She then confessed the faith of

her people, "I know the Messiah cometh," then comes revelation, "I am He."

Then we see the message bearing fruit in *PROCLAMATION*, she forgets her water pots, rushes into the city absorbed in the wonder of the revealed truth that has broken through her soul like a sunbeam. She has on her lips the new language of the Gospel, "Come and see".

The disciples return from the city, where they have been on a forage for food, and find the Master in an attitude of deep concentration. They come with food, but He is too indifferent to the things of the material world. They say, "Master, eat". Then He leads us into another marvelous truth.

## The Meat of the Believer

"I have meat to eat that ye know not of—my meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."

This work was committed to us as those of His church. The *WILL of God* should be supreme in our lives if we would name His name. Should we fail as a church or as individuals we would be burnt out beings, standing with empty hands before cold altars upon which no fire burns.

## The Immensity of the Task

Verse 35; "Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest? Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already unto the harvest."

We are apt to say, "Time enough; plenty time." When as one writer has expressed so graphically, "A hundred thousands souls a day are passing one by one away, and without one ray of hope. They're passing, passing fast away."

## Sharing in the Reward

Verses 36, 37, and 38 gives us some idea of the cooperativeness of the Gospel. There are those who sow and there are those who reap in the work of the Gospel. There is a ministry to each child of God. Not all are called to be ministers or missionaries but all are given equal responsibility to do their part in reaching the lost. God needs witnesses and men and women of prayer. The steward of the manifold goodness of God, giving to the cause of missions or in any effort to reach men with the Gospel shall receive, as a result of his faithfulness, a part in the "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of the Lord."



## David's Victories can be Our Victories

*Viola Mosby Tilden, Galena, Mo.*

**T**HERE WAS Once a great battle fought; perhaps in the year 1034 B. C. This battle was fought between two great armies. One was the army of the Lord, led by Joab. The other was the army of King Hanun, led by Ammon. King David's wars were always the wars of the Lord. His cause was the cause of the Lord. His cause was truth. This particular war was brought on by an abominable affront; hate, wickedness, and jealousy against truth and righteousness. (Please read second Samuel 10:8-13; key verse 12: "Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the Lord do that which seemeth him good.")

David, the king, had placed Joab in command of the Israelites, and we know that Joab was a brave man and also was a man of courage. If King Hanun supposed himself well able to cope with David, he soon learned that his resources would be taxed to the utmost, for he was compelled to hire mercenary soldiers from Aaron. For the enormous sum of five hundred thousand pounds weight of silver he was able to hire an army of thirty-three thousand men, which soon confronted David's force and stationed themselves very near the border line of Israel. But Joab appeared with his army just in time to prevent a function formed by Ammon's army and his hired allies. We can almost see Joab as he took all hazards and marched straight against the two armies which faced each other. The Ammonites had their great city behind them and the mercenary army had a vast plain about them in which they could maneuver their many chariots to their own advantage. They were on the battlefield in such a position that if Joab advanced against either army he would have the other at his rear. He had to think wisely and act quickly. He knew that King Hanun's hired army had the best soldiers, and that if the two armies were permitted to unite their forces, all hopes of victory for King David were gone. Joab's mind must have grasped the full danger of his situation, for he quickly laid a plan to meet the desperate circumstance. He divided his army and placed some of his best soldiers under the leadership

of Abishai, David's sister's son. Then Joab made a courageous assault on the hired army. The two leaders, Joab and Abishai, agreed that in case the other needed help they each would help the other, for they were determined to subdue the enemy. Victory for King David depended upon their wise leadership.

It is the Christian's duty today to extend mutual help to each other. We must work together to accomplish our holy purpose. We must be friends in our undertakings. Through our desire to be loyal soldiers of the Lord, we should work together intelligently. Every true Christian is deeply interested in seeing the Lord's battle brought to victory. Let us remember that we are struggling so that the kingdom of God may come. The church of God today is surrounded by a hostile world. Like David's little army, God's people find the whole world in arms against them. All sinners, no matter how much they may hate each other, will unite their forces against the church of God. So the Christian people must unite their forces to defeat the Devil.

Each commander in David's army understood clearly what was at stake. In a general sense they were fighting for their nation. If the Israelite army were defeated, the whole nation would fall into the power of a cruel and wicked heathen people. If they should lose the battle they would lose their right to worship their God with a quiet and pure worship. They had every noble motive to urge them on to victory. These two great leaders needed extraordinary bravery and much courage, for they knew that to fail would mean serious disaster. They were well aware that their souls' good was at stake. This battle was a warfare of goodness against the Devil.

Courage and capable leadership and co-operation drove back the Lord's enemies on that battlefield long ago, and courage, capable leadership and co-operation is still driving back the enemies of the Lord today. "Let us be of good courage and play the men for our people and for our God." Let us like David, be resigned to God's will in our lives. Joab's advice to Abishai, "Be of good courage, and let

us play the men for our people and for the cities of our God, and the Lord do that which seemeth him good," is just as applicable to Christian leaders today as it was on the morning when David's throne was in peril. Many battles have been lost for the lack of courage.

The Christians' work is also truly a great warfare. We, like David's army are fighting for truth and goodness. The highest noble motive urges us on to valor. The battle of Ammon is waged against the warriors of the Lord. The world today is crying bloody war. Battles are being fought, but not for the cause of truth and goodness. The Devil is seeking to overthrow all righteousness and bring upon the world utter ruin and death. Our warfare calls for able leadership. God's people are well aware of what is at stake. The time has come when we must place the best leaders in the hardest places. Joab and the best men in his army went to the point of greatest danger. For our foreign missions, our home fields and great city churches, we must have the most able preachers, teachers, and workers. Our Educational Board is doing all in its power to establish a training school where we can train more soldiers who enlist in the Lord's army. The time has come when we must train and make use of the best soldiers. We must tax the Devil's resources to the utmost. The Devil's army may stand at the entering of the gate. His field may seem the broadest and to the best advantage, for it does seem sometimes that Satan has stationed himself too near the borderline of Israel, but God's people must choose all the choice men of our army and place them in array against sin and Ammon, for we are fighting a great war. We shall never yield to the enemy.

We are not fighting against flesh and blood, but against spiritual wickedness. We are fighting against the Devil with the gospel of peace. Our wars are the wars of the Lord, not fought to shed blood, but to show to a lost world a loving, peaceful Savior whose blood has already been shed for a dying humanity. We must fight our battle with faith, for it is faith which brings the victory. Some wars may be ended with one great battle as at Waterloo, but our contest will not end until that last final triumphant and glorious victory shall be won. For the gospel of peace shall finally put an end to spiritual wickedness.



But unless God's people fight hard for victory, many souls will be lost to the enemy. So let us like Joab, divide our army and place some of our best soldiers on duty at every danger point. Then let us march straight against the enemy. With the same courage Joab possessed and with the breast-plate of truth and righteousness we can fight Satan as

Joab did. But we must put on the whole armor of God to combat him. We must fight him with the gospel of peace. We must wear the protecting helmet of salvation and use the shining sword of the word of God, praying always for victory. Then surely we shall appear on the battlefield just in time to prevent a victory for the Devil, for David's victories can be our victories.

ing, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance." These are the things God gives us that we may build useful lives. Now let us see what Satan wants us to build our lives from. (Gal. 5:19-21), Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulation, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like." Christian people let's be very careful that none of these things, which are of the Devil, shall have any part in building our lives. If anyone of these works of the Devil are put into our lives we shall have no part in the service of God, but our lives will only be lives of hindrance to the cause of Christ.

Let us take heed and be sure that Satan doesn't place any of these materials into the building of a new life or our life will be as the house which was built on the sand. It will soon be as bad or worse than the old life.

So let us do as Paul said, "Take heed how we build." We must be very prayerful and study God's word earnestly, then God will lead us by His Spirit and supply us with the things that will make our lives useful and beautiful; lives that will stand out and glorify God throughout eternity. Then when sinners see the usefulness and beauty of our lives they too may desire a new life, built by the guidance of God's Spirit upon the foundation of Jesus Christ.

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## EVERY DAY RELIGION

*Contributed by Zula Lewis,*

I goes to church on Sunday  
An' I listens to de text.  
It sho'ly helps my feelin's  
When my mind is gettin' vexed.  
De Sabbath day religion  
Puts a calmness in de heart,  
But every day religion  
Needs a chance to do its part.

Dar's de Monday religion  
When you's got to go work,  
An' de Tuesday religion  
When you mustn's stop to shirk;  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday,  
An' Saturday as well,  
Needs everyday religion  
'Thout no ringin' of de bell.

One day a-learnin' 'bout  
De goodness an' de light,  
De other six a showin'  
Dat you got de lesson right.  
Sunday brings us comfort  
Wif de beauty an' de rest,  
But de everyday religion  
Is what puts you to de test.

## Builders, How Are We Building?

*Mrs. Alta Mikel, Greentop, Mo.*

Paul says: 1 Cor. 3:10, "Let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon."

We are architects building our lives as we go along life's way, but how are we building? Are we doing as Paul told the Corinthians, taking heed how we build?

In building our earthly houses, we get tired of the old house, which has been worn and wrecked by the destructive elements of nature. We desire a new house instead; a house that is beautiful and serviceable. If it is possible we get new material and start building a new home, one that we will be proud of and our community and country will be improved by its having been built.

The same is true in building a new life. We must first have the desire for a new life—a more beautiful and serviceable life and a life to replace the old life which has been wrecked by sin. God gives us that desire through His convicting Spirit. (Christian people, here is where God depends on us that we may, through his power, convince people of their need of a new life.) When we are convinced of that need, we begin to seek for material from which to build. Then we must go to God and seek the foundation for our new life, which only God alone can give. "For other foundations can no man lay than that is laid, which is Christ Jesus." 1. Cor. 3:11.

God made it possible for us to have lives that were beautiful and free from sin, when he sent Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, into the world that whosoever believes on him shall have lives that will stand out free from the destructions of sin, and live on and on throughout eternity.

When we build our earthly house,

do we build it of material that in a few years will look worse or as bad as the old house? No! we get the very best materials we can obtain so that it will stand throughout the years to come. First, we get the mason (builder of stone) to lay the foundation. That is the first step in building a strong and beautiful home. After the foundation is laid then we choose the materials for the structure or frame. In choosing those materials we take into consideration two things, strength and beauty. So we choose the strongest and most beautiful materials in order to build a home of service and beauty. We must be very careful not to choose the wrong materials or in a few years we will see our efforts have been in vain, because we have chosen materials from the wrong place; materials that would not stand through the storms and destructive elements of nature.

The same is true in building our lives. We must strive to build lives that are strong and beautiful; lives that will stand out victorious through storms and the destructive works of the devil. We must take heed how we build and where we select the material from which to build. After we have accepted Christ as the foundation on which to build our lives, we must then seek the material from which to build. Where must we go? We must go to God. How must we go? Through prayer and the studying of God's word. God alone can supply us with material that will make our lives beautiful and serviceable; lives that will stand out and glorify God throughout the ages. Let us search in God's word and see what some of these things are which God gives us to make our lives beautiful. Gal. 5:22-23, "But the fruits of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffer-



## For What is Your Life?

Eld. Cecil Garrison, Dist. Evangelist, Old Mt. Zion Ass'n., Clifty, Arkansas

Text: James 4:14.

**WHEN WE** Begin to think of the crisis that the world is confronting today, it is enough to make every one of us ask ourselves the question, "For what is my life?" We remember when our Saviour was talking with his apostles He said, "One of you shall betray me." Then they begin to say, "Lord, is it I?" The thing we ought to do is to ask ourselves the question "For what is my life and what am I doing to make this world a better place in which to live?"

The many good old veterans of the cross like James realized that our life is only a vapor that appears for a short while then vanishes away. That is one of the main reasons why we should make the best of life while here. You know, dear friends, if we are permitted to live our allotted time here on this earth, it is soon cut off and we fly away. I'm so glad that even in these trying times there are still a great many people who are taking time to stop and ask the question, "For what is my life?"

Dear Brothers and Sisters, I've been trying to let God use me as He sees best, and my heart has been made to leap with joy a number of times because I have seen fathers, mothers, boys and girls give their hearts to God. I praise God for His Word and the blessed Holy Spirit that makes men and women realize just what their

lives are. I know that I am just a weak servant, but I want my life to be a bright and shining light to the world. Oh, so many times, we say we are going to do something tomorrow, and fail to say if it is the Lord's will. Let us not forget that God's Word teaches us that we have not the assurance of tomorrow. But let us realize that we are here only a short time. Let's make our lives useful for the advancement of Christ's cause.

It is awful to think about the kind of a life that the Devil will cause some people to live. A dear man was converted in a revival that I conducted about two years ago, and he gave some pitiful testimonies. One time he said that when he was living in sin, the little children would run when they saw him coming. How sad to think that some fathers go out of this world and leave the fruits of a life like that! I thank God that this man, of whom I speak, is preaching the gospel now. The little children want him to read and talk about the Bible now. Thank God for the regenerating power of God that can change men's lives, and then they are useful to God and a blessing to others.

My heart's desire and prayer is to live for Jesus and do something to help wayward sinners come to Jesus. Let us all be faithful and do our best to live a consecrated Christian life. Remember me when you pray.

—Yours for Jesus.

one consent began to make excuses, but each one had a different excuse.

Luke 14:24, "For I say unto you, that none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper." This scripture proves that we will not get to heaven on excuses.

Every time we make an excuse we are grieving God and pleasing the Devil; for the old Devil is full of excuses, and that is one of his cunning tricks in helping us to think up an excuse.

You know in cold weather it takes a lot of grace and courage and the love of God in our heart to leave our warm fireside and get out in the cold to go to church. The old Devil likes that kind of whether, for when we are debating with ourselves whether to go or stay home he is sitting very close by and whispers in his slick cunning way, "You had better not go tonight for you might catch cold." So if we listen to him and do not go he laughs and says to himself, "That was easy; another soft Christian."

I can picture Jesus Christ with bowed head and a grieved heart because of our frivolous excuses.

There isn't a place in the Bible where Jesus ever made an excuse or ever became discouraged in his work while on earth, regardless of how tired and worn He might have become. He never stopped but was always about his father's business; teaching and doing miraculous things that his people might have a better understanding of how to carry on his work after his departure.

A Christian is a disciple of Jesus Christ. He is our leader—directing our path; a pattern for us to mold our lives by, and He can't use us if we are an excuse maker.

Many times we lose the confidence of people through excuse making. They ask us to do them a favor and through neglect, carelessness, and a lot of times through lack of love for our fellowmen, or maybe we don't want to do it and we begin to make excuses. We don't have time or we don't feel like it and so on.

The work of the Lord will never go over the top on excuses.

Matt. 7:21, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

## Excuse Making

By Zula Lewis, Bristow, Oklahoma

**WILL WE** Profit by making excuses? Will God accept an excuse on the Judgement Day?

By making excuses, we lose many blessings; we lose out spiritually. We get lean in our souls, and run a great risk of losing our souls.

Anyone can make an excuse, but it takes a very humble person to live above making them.

If someone asks us to take a part in church work, teach a class, or lead a praise service, and many other things, we say, "Oh, I can't! Let someone else.

Ask Bro. Jim, or Sister Mary." We lose a great blessing right there by making that kind of a flimsy excuse because we can do what we are asked to do if we want to. We may not do as well as some one else but that will not excuse us, for each one of us have our own place to fill and we should try and do the best we can. The plea of so many Christians is, "I can't, let some one else."

In Luke 14, we read the parable of the great supper where many were invited to come and eat; and all with



## Letters of Interest and Field Reports

### MACEDONIA, ILLINOIS

Dear Bro. Rollins and Gem Readers:

A copy of the *Gem* having fallen into my hands has greatly impressed me with its great influence among the Free Will Baptists toward bringing them to a unity. And the fact that we are one great body and know so little of what each other is doing, I am enclosing \$1.00 to advance my subscription 27 months that I may keep in closer touch with the denomination.

The "Southern Illinois Yearly Conference" is composed of three Quarterly Meetings: Wayne County, Franklin County, and Freedom in Williamson County. The Franklin County Quarterly Meeting of which my home church, Webb Prairie, is a member is composed of 18 churches, and we feel that we have a wonderful Quarterly Meeting.

We, the Free Will Baptists in Illinois, have a desire that we may all become more closely united.

May God continue to bless the work of the *Gem* and the entire body of all His true believers.

Yours in His service,

— D. E. Bain.

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### HICKORY GROVE CHURCH Haddam, Kansas

Dear Gem Family:

Greetings in Jesus dear name!

How it makes our hearts glad when we read the reports of the progress of our work from other places. It is almost like reading a letter from home. I only wish we might hear from some of our churches in Northeast and Northwest Missouri where we are acquainted.

We began our work with the people out here in Kansas at the first of the year and feel like it is progressing nicely considering the weather; with lots of snow and sub-zero temperatures. We have had an average attendance of twenty-four in Sunday School for the month of January. We are looking forward to better attendance in the future as the weather opens up.

Our Women's Missionary Society is doing a good work in the community, and have many plans for the coming months. They got to meet the first of February for the first time since

before Christmas on account of bad weather.

The young people of this community met in our home on Tuesday night, January 13, for business meeting and a social time together. We organized our Christian Endeavor with Miss Lorraine Eichman as president, Junior Plamann, vice president, and Miss Marie Dawdy, Secretary-Treasurer.

The young people are making plans to give an Easter play on Easter Sunday night.

Pray for us that we, as pastor and people, may work together in unity, and that we might see a real spiritual awakening in this community.

—Your Brother and Sister in Christ.

Rev. and Mrs. Roy Lee Hancock

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### Andrews, South Carolina February 11, 1940

Dear Bro. Rollins and Gem Readers:

I will say that I am no letter writer and can't spell very well; so please bear with me. I will say that the good letters in the *Gem* is food to to my soul. I am glad to know that the Free Will Baptist is a large family, united together. I am so glad to belong to it.

I am praying God's richest blessing upon the *Gem* and its work. Pray for me that God will still bless in his own way.

— R. J. Howard

### Pleasant Grove Mission Report Anderson, Missouri

Dear Gem Family:

On account of the severe cold weather we didn't have any meeting of the mission in January. We had a business meeting February 7, and put a quilt in the frames to quilt. Since the local association, our mission has quilted four quilts and one comfort.

We had a Christmas gift exchange and gave a box of groceries to a needy family. We also made several sick calls. We have a lot of work on hands at present.

Bro. John Rollins, the editor of the *Gem*, is our pastor and has been bringing some wonderful messages. Pray for us.

— Mrs. Ernest Wallis, Reporter

### MT. OLIVE CHURCH Neosho, Missouri

I will write a few lines and give a report of Mt. Olive church, near Neosho, Missouri.

We organized our church in August, 1938. I believe that there is not another place anywhere that needed a church as badly as we did here. Eld. B. F. Henderson of Monett, Mo., organized our church and is our pastor. Bro. Henderson sure is a fine preacher. He can preach some wonderful sermons. He has done some wonderful work in this community and for our church.

We have 21 members enrolled, but some have moved away, some have backsliden and some don't get to come very often. We have had one death.

Bro. Henderson preaches every fourth Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. We need someone to preach every Sunday for there are so many that need to come to God.

Bro. Henderson held a revival here in October with the help of Bro. Virgil Greenway and Bro. McGlasson. We had a wonderful spiritual meeting, but they quit to soon for the sinners here are hard to arouse. There were two conversions and two renewed their faith in Jesus. The first of December, Bro. John Thrasher held a two and one-half weeks meeting with one conversion, one renewed in faith, one baptized and two joined the church. Bro. Thrasher can preach some wonderful sermons. I hope and pray that God will send us a revival that will wake this country up.

Our main obstacle is lack of prayer and to few singers. Also about all that come are women and children. Most of our women have husbands in sin who carry the pocket book and that makes our treasury short. But we are thankful we are where we are and have what we have.

I really enjoyed Bro. Zinn's article in the December issue of the *Gem*. It really touched my heart when he spoke of the chain prayer doing so much good. I said, "Oh God, why can't we have a chain of prayers here." But there aren't enough to make a chain. But I wish that all Free Will Baptists would pray for us.



I really enjoy reading the *Gem* from cover to cover. I have tried to get some subscriptions but I have failed so far. I am loaning my *Gem* to several to read. I am going to keep on trying and I will get them interested after while, with God's help.

I really enjoyed Bro. and Sister Marcum's report in the January issue of the *Gem*. I wish that they would visit us some time.

We haven't got our church building completed yet; but we have it completed enough that we can have services in it.

How sweet it is to know that you have a home with Jesus after you leave this sinful world. Ch! why don't the sinners wake-up! Pray for us.

—Mrs. Ellen Middleton

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### Christmas at the Sanatorium Mt. Vernon, Missouri

By Mrs. Opal Frazier

Never did I realize there would be such a Christmas spirit in a Sanatorium, but truly it was wonderful to see so much decorating going on, and the wrapping and mailing of packages, etc.

Each veranda had a nicely decorated tree and other beautiful decorations. The decorating was done mostly by the patients. Also the dining room of the children's department contained a lovely tree besides other decorations.

On December 20, the children, accompanied by one of their nurses, took a trip over to town and saw the Christmas decorations and Santa Clause. Also on Friday night, Dec. 22, there was a Christmas party for the adult patients who were able to attend, and also the children. The party was held over in the auditorium near here, and this time the children were accompanied by three of their nurses. The Rotary Club had donated \$20.00 or more for presents for the children; there being at that time eleven children here. Santa was present at the party and distributed packages to them, and on their return back it was really a wonderful sight to see them come dashing in at the door ahead of their nurses with their little arms loaded with packages still unwrapped. Then as they proceeded to unwrap them to see what Santa had given them, a happier little group I had never seen before. As I stood in the hall and watched them, I wanted to cry for joy. As I think of their happy little hearts, it brings to my mind the Bible Scrip-

ture where Jesus blessed the little children. Truly, it was plain to see that night that He is still blessing them. Really this was about the most enjoyable part of my holiday season, to see them with their little hearts so full of joy.

The week preceeding Christmas was certainly an exciting one for the patients. It was a sight to see the large amount of mail that was brought in and distributed among the patients. The mail truck would make two trips daily distributing the packages to the different buildings. So during that week, mail time was a very happy and exciting time for us.

On Thursday and Friday nights and early Christmas morning, carolers came and stood in the hall and sang. The songs were very beautiful and were greatly enjoyed by all. On Thursday night, it was the Elks Quartet from Springfield who sang, and on Friday night and Christmas morning, it was some of the Sanatorium employees.

So all in all, I feel that God blessed us with a very good Christmas, even though we were compelled to spend it apart from home and loved ones, and we greatly thank Him for it.

I want to thank each one of your dear brothers and sisters of the *Gem* family who remembered us with packages, cards and words of cheer. No one but God alone knows how we did appreciate it, and we ask God's richest blessings upon each and everyone of you.

Since Christmas we received such a nice encouraging letter from Rev. C. E. Mann of Queen City, Missouri, and I cannot express in words how much I did enjoy it. I pray God will bless Bro. Mann as he goes out into the world to preach the gospel.

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### Callettsburg, Kentucky February 8, 1940

Dear Gem Readers:

I have just finished reading my first copy of the *Gem*, and I enjoyed it very much. I enjoy reading about the work God's people are doing.

As Christians, it certainly behooves us to be up and about our Father's business.

Today as never before we need Christian youth. But the people have neglected the teaching of Christ to the young people, and they are going to eternal destruction as fast as the wheels of time can turn. Often, we hear the preacher say, "Our boys

and girls of today will be the men and women of tomorrow," and how true that is.

Just in a few short years, if our Lord tarries, our parents will go to their reward and we must take their places. "Will we be qualified to fill those places in teaching the world of our Saviour?" is the question we should ask ourselves. "Will we be able to carry on and hold the blood-stained Banner of King Immanuel up to this world that is headed for destruction as fast as it can go?" or "Will we drift along and indulge in the things of this world, and have a good time in the wrong way, and then be cast into utter destruction?"

Young men! Young women! We need you in this war against sin. We know you intend some day to make things right but, oh, so many set their goals too far away.

It behooves us, as young people who have accepted Christ as our Saviour, to not be backward about telling others of this wonderful life with Jesus. Sometimes we're called old fashioned. They say we don't have to stay with the old ideas because things have changed. But Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." I am glad that "up-to-date religion, is the old-time kind." I would rather be old fashioned and go to Heaven than to be modern and go to Hell.

Young people, let us be up and about our Father's business because Matthew 24:44 says, "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

"Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Rev. 22:20.

—Gertrude Bowe

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### Report of Arkansas Evangelist

This is a report of the work that I have done, by the help of God, since the fifth Sunday in October, 1939, at which time I was in a revival at Pilgrim Rest. I have conducted two revivals since.

Sermons preached .....	36
Professions witnessed .....	31
Additions to the Church ....	19
Number baptized .....	10
Ordained minister .....	1
Helped conduct funerals .....	2
Miles traveled .....	300
Free will offerings received \$26.14	
Expenses .....	\$12.22

— Eld. Cecil Garrison

District Evangelist, Old Mt. Zion Association in N. W. Arkansas  
Post Office address, .... Clifty, Ark.



## Johnson Co. Quarterly Meeting The Alka, Kentucky

The Conference convened with the Free Will Baptist Church at The Alka, Kentucky.

Meeting was called to order by the Clerk, Rev. F. S. Van Hoose who read the Scripture lesson and had prayer.

Bro. Scott Daniel was elected Moderator and Rev. Millard Van Hoose for Assistant Moderator.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by a good brother from Letcher County.

Twenty-four letters were read, and \$79.00 in cash was received with the letters. An offering was taken and \$30.10 was received, making a total of \$109.10

The letters showed a big increase in membership and interest.

The next meeting will be held with Bitka Free Will Baptist Church in April, 1940.

Several revivals are being held in this vicinity, and much good is being done.

— F. S. Van Hoose, Clerk.

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## Carterville League Report Carterville, Missouri

Miss Lola Anna Brown, Secretary

Dear Leaguers:

With the Lord's help, our league is still growing and glowing for the Lord. There is more interest in our league this quarter than ever before. It seems as though each quarter creates more interest than ever before.

One Sunday, we studied "Honesty the Best Policy." There was much interest taken in this lesson. May I pass a few of the main thoughts in the lesson on to someone else by quoting a part of it?

We know that we do not get anywhere by being dishonest. A lot of people cheat and lie because they think it's "cute" or "clever". In school some students have to lie or cheat or do something dishonest to keep up with the rest of the class. And they think they have to be dishonest to be popular, but notice we said *some* of the students. Thank the Lord, there are still some who want to do that which is right.

Here are some of the practices which go on in school, and causes many to do great things which are dishonest even after they grow up to womanhood and manhood:

1. Copying other people's papers in daily preparation or during tests.

2. Accepting any kind of aid during recitation, such as peeping into the books or permitting others to whisper the answer to you.

3. Giving aid to others during class period or test; though yourself would not accept such aid.

4. Giving untrue reasons for missing class, for not having lesson prepared or for something done in classroom.

It seems so easy to be dishonest; but so very, very hard to be honest. How much better it is to be honest. An honest person is thought much more of than a dishonest person. It is much better and we will get a lot farther by being honest in everything we do and everything we say. How much nearer we will come to living up to the standard of a Christian life if we remain honest.

The following are the officers of our league:

President ..... Raymond Williams  
Vice President ..... Leta Johnson  
Junior Sponsor ..... Delceena Brown  
Sec'y-Treas. .... Lola Anna Brown  
Guiz Leader ..... Susie Allen  
Group Captain No. 1, Elmer Johnson  
Group Captain 2, Esther Broadhurst  
Pianist ..... Leta Johnson  
Chorister ..... Marion Johnson

Our Sunday School is also growing and much interest is being shown.

Pray for our League and Sunday School.

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## First F.W.B.Church of Berkeley Normandy, Missouri

Dear Editor:

At the last business meeting of the Concord Free Will Baptist Church, we voted to change the name to "The First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley" due to the fact that the locality had been incorporated as the city of Berkeley. We have bought the church building at 8912 Flavia Avenue, in which we have been worshipping for the past year.

We have had a slow but steady increase in attendance since moving here. The Lord is blessing wonderfully in the Sunday school under our earnest superintendent, Bro. Howard Dobkins, and his group of good teachers. We also have a good league with a membership of 48. On Feb. 2, the league gave a supper to buy the paint to decorate the inside of the church,

and will paint it very soon. We have a fine choir of young people ably taught by Bro. Ryckman, a regular music teacher. Our Home Mission Circle has done exceptionally well, of which we are very proud.

We are expecting to send in another list of Gem subscribers soon, as some of our's have expired, and we would like to place the *Gem* in every home in our church and other Christian homes in the community, for we believe it will help the cause of Christ and our denomination. We have some names promised now.

Yours in the cause of Christ,

— Rev. A. E. Gulley, Pastor.

8931 Dora Ave, Normandy, Mo.

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## Ada, Oklahoma Jan. 27, 1940

Dear Gem Readers:

This is the first time I have ever made an attempt to write, but I wanted to tell people who don't have the privilege to attend our church what it is doing.

First of all, they have an excellent pastor and wife, Bro. and Sister George McLain; the church is awfully proud of them, and they are proud of the church.

Sister McLain is sponsor of the Senior Young People's League. The League is very active in church work. we have a fine lot of young Christian married folks in the League as well as some unsaved people. Then we have a Junior League with a worthy sponsor, Bro. H. Dighton. This Junior League pays part of the bills each month.

The Ladies have a Mission Circle which meets on each Thursday—it never gets too cold nor hot for the ladies to come to mission meeting. They start quilting at 9:00 a. m., and promptly at 2:30 p. m., they stop their work and have a devotional service. The mission ladies pay Bro. McLain monthly.

Last, but not least, on our church calendar is Friday night singing. On this night, we have the best singers in the country at our church. Not all the good singing is produced by singers coming from the distant places, it is largely home talent.

The mission ladies got together and organized a mission rally which has proved successful. The former day of meeting was the second Friday, but in the last meeting, which was held at Ada, the ladies changed it to meet on the second Sunday of each month.



They did this in order for the men of the church and the school students that are league members will be given a chance to attend a Mission & League Rally combined. If you really want to enjoy yourself for one day, just attend one of the rallies.

The church is looking forward to the two weeks revival proceeding the fifth Sunday meeting in March at Ada.

As you folks (most of you are Christians) read this letter sent in by an unsaved girl, pray for me and my unsaved girl friends in our League. Earnestly do I ask the praying people to pray for me that I will be converted before it is too late.

—Maxyne White

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### MISSION WORKER'S AIM

We'd like to think when life is done  
That we had filled a needed post  
That here and there we'd paid our fare  
With more than idle talk and boast;  
That we had taken gifts divine,  
The breath of life and manhood fine,  
And tried to use them now and then  
In service for our fellow men.

We'd hate to think when life is thru,  
That we'd lived our round of years;  
A useless kind that leaves behind  
No record in this vale of tears,  
That we had wasted all our days  
By treading only selfish ways  
And that this world would be the same  
If it had never known our name.

We'd like to think that here and there  
When we are gone, there shall remain  
A happier spot that might have not  
existed had we toiled for gain  
That someones cherry voice and smile  
Shall prove that we had been  
worth while  
That we had paid with something fine  
Our debt to God for life divine.

Dear Mission Workers:

We would like to set by your side and chat a while. We are just a small band of country mission workers, quilting, down here in Southeast Missouri. We are glad to report our mission interest is on the uplift. We have a nice crowd each Tuesday now, and like all country missions so many of the members have a long distance to walk to the meeting but they come everytime it is possible. Our good president, Sister Copher, is always there and quilts if no one else comes. But lately she has had plenty of company and help which she appreciates, and feels her prayers are being answered.

The main aim of our mission is to see souls saved and so our pastor is

meeting with us each Tuesday morning for devotional service. We pray for God to send a revival and the right minister to conduct it for us, that we may all be ready when the time comes so souls will be saved.

Pray for us that we may continue to grow in number and in the work of the Lord.

This is my first attempt to write to the *Gem*, but I was elected reporter and I always try to do my part.

—Vada Reeves,

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### CHICO, CALIFORNIA

Dear Gem Readers:

It has been a long time since I have written to the *Gem*, although I am always glad to receive it. As I run across this bit of poetry, it impressed me very much; made me realize that time is flying swiftly by. Each day is a series of hours, filled with golden opportunities for each of us. I wonder how many of us take advantage of them.

So, I pass this poem on to you, hoping that you too may be made to stop and seriously consider this question, "What are you doing with the gift of the day?"

—Mrs. Edna Lea (Butler) McCullough

### The Gift of the Day

The light of the sun  
Is fast dying away,  
And what have you done  
With the gift of the day?  
It was yours from the dawn  
Till the dusk and the shade,  
And now it is gone,  
And the record is made.

It was your gift to use  
All the passing hours through,  
And what did you chose  
In your wisdom to do  
Did you cherish it well?  
What did you, pray tell,  
With the gift of the day?

Time pressed its full measure  
Into your two hands.  
Did you earnestly treasure  
The fast-flowing sands?  
Or did they slip through  
With no purpose away?  
Yes, what did you do  
With the gift of the day?

It's the stuff from which life  
Must be fashioned and made;  
In the struggle and strife  
Did you stand unafraid?  
Were you steadfast and true,  
And what part did you play?  
Yes, what did you do  
With the gift of the day?

Now comes dusk and shade  
All the dim landscape o'er,  
And the record is made,  
To be changed never more.  
And out of the dusk  
Now a voice seems to say,  
Did you treasure or squander  
The gift of the day?

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### JOPLIN, MISSOURI

Dear Editor and Wife:

I am writing just a few lines as I am sending in a sub for the *Gem*. I have some very dear friends that I am sending the *Gem* to for a year for a Christmas present. I do wish I was able to send it to every friend of mine that is not taking it, for I feel that if they took it for one year they would not be able to get along without it. After having read it for one year they would also be better friends of mine and also of the cause, and would be doing more for our dear Lord and Saviour who did so much for us.

I, so much, like to hear of the work going on and wish I could do more. I don't get to attend church as I would like to do, but I pray that sometime I may live near a Free Will Baptist church.

I ask the prayers of all the *Gem* family for myself and that my dear husband may find Jesus, before it is too late.

Your Sister In Christ,

—Mildred Millard.

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### UNCHANGING LOVE

Louis Paul Lehman in Moody Monthly

Spring breezes end, snow of winter descend.

But the mercy of God is unchanged.  
Friends may depart, sorrow break the heart,

And all of life be rearranged;

Yet in our sorrow, hope for tomorrow  
Comes to our agonized soul;  
His perfect love, gift from above,  
All of our days doth control.

In darkest night radiant light  
Shines in the midst of the gloom;  
Love's golden ray lights all the way,  
Even the way to the tomb.

Soft fall the snows, while the wind blows  
Everything seems bleak and bare;  
E'en in our grief comes sweet relief,  
For Jesus is standing right there.

So whatever the day, sunny or gray,  
Though clouds may hang black in the sky,  
Jesus our friend is with us to the end,  
And on Him we may fully rely.

Come calm or strife, blest be our life  
If Jesus is with us each day;  
For He who is love comes from above  
To walk with us each step of the way.



## ... OBITUARIES ...

**COLLINS**—J. W. Collins; On Feb. 11, after coming home from a baptismal service I received a long distance telephone call from Comanche, Texas. The message revealed that Bro. J. W. Collins had passed away. I could hardly believe my hearing. I had just closed my evening message with the reality of the Jordan of death. Now I was made to realize that one of my best friends had experienced just that, possibly thirty minutes before I had brought that message.

Bro. I. J. Blackwelder wrote an article some time ago with the thought of rendering honour to whom honour is due. It is that same thought that motivates my writing at this time.

I recall the time when I first became acquainted with the Free Will Baptist church near Comanche, Texas. It was there that I delivered my first sermon before a Free Will Baptist Congregation. My text was 1. Pet. 1:11 and my subject was "Christ's Sufferings." At the close I asked for a prayer by any one who felt lead. Brother Jim Collins volitionally prayed with tears until his voice was overcome with silence. I shall never forget that. It was not that he was excessively emotional, but he saw an impressed picture of Christ's sufferings.

For the last two consecutive summers I have been privileged to conduct revival meetings in the Goertman's View church. I made my principal abode in the home of Bro. and Sister Collins, and Garland and Bonnie Belle. He was the same courteous and kind brother that I had always found him to be. It seemed that the church felt dependent upon him for all administrative sessions as well as the hours of worship. He had previously taught school for an extended time of twenty-five years. What a splendid Sunday School teacher he was! His spiritual walk with the Lord and his earlier experience as an instructor made him an excellent Sunday School teacher. I sat in his class last summer and I was made to perceive why his class loved him so dearly. My Sunday morning's sermon February 11, the day that Bro. Collins went home, was "Actions Outweigh Words." This, too, reminds me of his life. He was very practical. He was not superficial (shallow), neither was he artificial (hypo-

critical). I feel that I have many friends in the Free Will Baptist Church at large and I have confidence in many of them. I feel that Bro. Collins was one of my best friends and one in whom I had the utmost confidence. This morning I delivered a memorial sermon in remembrance of him with the subject "Christian Friendship." The statement, "A friend loveth at all times," is truly the greatest tribute that we can present. May I be possessor of such Christian friendship.

Bro. Collins was ill only a short while. Only Saturday he had expressed feeling so well. Sunday morning he debated with Sister Collins in a merry way as to who of them should rise and build a fire. Directly he expressed that his head was hurting, and after turning upon his other side he became unconscious and remained in a coma until Sunday night when the angels transmitted his soul into paradise (Luke 16:22).

Comanche County has lost a reliable citizen; Sister Collins has lost a faithful husband; Garland and Bonnie Belle have lost a kind father; the brothers and sisters of the Collins family have lost a loving brother; and we have lost a true friend. May our wonderful God, who never errs, be very near unto all those who miss the blissful presence of Bro. Collins. He reached the age of fifty years.

Mournfully,  
J. K. Warkentin,  
Fort Worth, Texas.

**MOSBY**—Walter S. Mosby, son of Jefferson and Mary E. Mosby, was born September 10, 1867 near Smithville, Clay County, Missouri.

He came to Cass County in 1889 where he resided the rest of his life. He was married to Miss Ione Stephens of the Hickory Grove Community, on February 18, 1894; to this union were born two sons Leroy G. of Lisle and Earl B. of West Line.

Mr. Mosby belonged to a family of nine children of which five preceded him in death. Two sisters, Mrs. Gerda Murdock, Anaheim, California and Mrs. Jessie Eells, Kansas City, Missouri; and one brother Clay Mosby of Bunnell, Florida survive him.

He has been a member of the Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist

church the past 30 years of which he served as a Deacon for 25 years and was Superintendent of the Sunday School and taught the Bible Class for a number of years.

He passed away, at his home, near West Line, on Monday morning February 12, 1940 at the age of 72 years, 5 months and 2 days. Mr. and Mrs. Mosby spent their entire married life in the Hickory Grove Community where they were held in high esteem, except the past two months where they moved to a farm near West Line.

Besides the widow of the home he is survived by two sons, two daughters-in-law, three grand daughters and a number of relatives and friends.

Bro. Mosby, as he was known, was a man of deep convictions and straight forward Christian character. He was a deacon and leader in the church for 25 years, and will be remembered by the older folks of the denomination as a builder, ready to work anywhere in the interest of the church. He was a father to the young preacher. Many will remember his counsel of wisdom and love.

Funeral services were held at Freeman Baptist church, Wednesday, Feb. 14; Rev. John C. Swaffar, Norwood, Mo., officiating. Text: 2 Tim. 4: 7-8. Interment in the Freeman cemetery.

**SANFORD**—Andy Sanford was born March 13, 1877 near Bloomfield, Mo., and departed this life February 8, 1940 in the Hurley hospital in Flint, Michigan after a lingering illness. At the time of his death he was 62 years old.

He was married in 1898 to Anna Porter. To this union was born two children, Lillian who died at the age of five and George who is a resident of Flint.

He was converted, baptized, and united with the General Baptist church in the year of 1905. He gave evidence to his companion previous to his passing that he was ready to go.

He had the best of care that could be given on the part of his wife and son, but all loving hands could do was of no avail. He leaves, besides the family, other relatives and a host of friends.

Services were conducted at the Loss Funeral Home, corner of Fifth and Beach streets in Flint, Michigan by Rev. Winford Davis. Interment was made in the Grace Lawn Cemetery.



**CANTERBERRY** — Frances McDuff Canterbury was born in Poplar Bluff, Mo., February 18, 1853 and departed this life February 4, 1940 at her home near Knob Lick, Mo., at the age of 86 years, 11 months and 17 days.

On April 4, 1872 she was united in marriage to Charles Canterbury. To this union 11 children were born. One son, John, preceeded her in death at the age of 5 years. Left to mourn her going besides her heart-broken husband are the following children: Mrs. Mary Hunt, Mrs. J. A. Ervin, Mrs. P. J. Jensen, all of Knob Lick, Mo.; Mrs. O D. Crepps of Flat River, Mo.; Lo Ranzie and William of Knob Lick, Mo.; Albert and Thomas of the home address, and Frank Canterbury of Doe Run, Missouri. Also 32 grand children, 44 great grandchildren, and numerous other relatives and friends.

The deceased professed faith in Christ at an early age and lived a devoted, whole-hearted Christian life. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist church of Mine La Motte.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 6, 1940 at the Union Church in Knob Lick by Rev. Damon C. Dodd of Desloge, assisted by Rev. James F. Miller of Flat River and Rev. Charles Myres of Knob Lick.

Interment was made in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Knob Lick with the Webb service of Fredericktown in charge.

**FARROW** — W. L. Farrow (known as Uncle Lee), age 73, died at his home, near Elm Store, Wednesday evening, January 24, 1940.

He was born October 1, 1866. He was united in marriage to Martha Anna England on February 17, 1895. To this union was born 6 children; four boys and two girls, two of which preceded him in death.

He professed hope in Christ at the age of 20 years, and has been a devoted Christian and a member of the Walnut Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

For years he had been a singing leader and Sunday School teacher and will be sadly missed by all in this community.

Funeral services were conducted at the Walnut Grove Church, Friday morning at eleven o'clock by Rev. Billie Rogers with Rev. T. J. Dunkin offering a prayer of comfort.

Interment was in the Walnut Grove cemetery under the direction of he McNabb Undertaking Company.

Mr. Farrow is survived by his wife, Mrs. Martha Anna Farrow; three sons,

William J. Farrow, Dalton, Ark.; Tilliam E. Farrow, Mt. Vernon, Mo., and Maron Porter Farrow, Dalton, Ark.; one daughter, Mrs. Martha Larona Combs, Couch, Mo.; and a large number of relatives and friends.

— Written by Saddle Hall.

**FOX** — Eliza Adeline Fox was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, March 16, 1844 and passed away January 20, 1940; being, at the time of her death, 95 years, 10 months and 4 days old.

She was married to I. R. Stephens July 2, 1865. Her Companion passed away in February 1899. To this union nine children were born. William A., who died in infancy; Mrs. H. C. Wilkins of El Dorado Springs, Mo.; J. K. Stephens of the home address; Minnie I. who passed away in 1882; Mrs. Lillie Burris of Stockton; Samuel H. who passed away in 1892; John C. who passed away in 1924; James E. of St. Joseph, Mo.; and Robert who passed away in infancy.

She professed faith in Christ in early womanhood and lived true to the end. She spent her entire life doing for others, never thinking of herself. She showed her motherly love by caring for her two motherless grandchildren, Mrs. Everett Barton and Paul J. Stephens. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Wagoner.

She spent the last fourteen months at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Everett Barton at Greenfield, Mo.

Besides her children, she leaves about twenty-nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren and a wide acquaintance of sorrowing friends.

To know her was to love her. She loved life but was ready and willing to go.

Grandma's voice was gentle;

Her wisdom sound and true.

For problems that twisted our young hearts,

Always she knew.

Grandma's room is empty

Her rocking chair is still.

And she is sleeping to wake no more  
Out on a wind-swept hill.

We'll enter her room so softly

And feel her old loving care;

And peace, and calm, and comfort,

An answer to her prayer.

Funeral services were conducted by Eld. C. R. Dick, Monday afternoon, January 22, 1940. Interment was in Younger cemetery, Davis & Co. in charge.

**NICHOLAS** — Martha J. Nicholas, wife of F. V. Nicholas, died at her home at Island Creek, February 9, 1940 at the age of 53 years, 1 month and 23 days.

She leaves to mourn her passing, besides her husband, ten children who are Mrs. Melvin Crago, Dunbar, W. Va.; Mrs. Pete Stowers, Griffithville, W. Va.; Mrs. Orval Sismore, Spring Hill, W. Va.; Mrs. Mack Trimble, Tornado, W. Va.; Mr. Roy Nicholas, Bowne-mont, W. Va.; Mr. Raymond Nicholas, Almond Creek, W. Va.; and Marie, Betty, Boyd and Shelby at home. Six brothers, Mr. John McClure, Snodan, W. Va.; Andrew McClure, Albans, W. Va.; Mr. Eddie McClure, Train, W. Va.; and Everett, Columbus and Henry of Tanga, W. Va. Also 19 grandchildren.

Sister Nicholas was converted and joined the Missionary Baptist Church at the age of 22. In 1928 she united with the Free Will Baptist Church where she remained until death called her away. She lived a life that all in the community spoke well of her.

— Written by Mrs. Eulah Nicholas.

**O'CONOR** — Dewey Junior (D. J.) O'Conor, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. O'Conor, was born, November 8, 1938, and departed from this life, January 21, 1940; being, at the time of his death, one year, two months and thirteen days old. He leaves to mourn his passing, his father and mother; two brothers, Elvin and Lester; six sisters, Cletus, Osa, Ina Belle, Lorene, Hazel and Mae, all of the home. Besides his family, he leaves one aged grandfather, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

We loved him, yes, we loved him,

But the angels loved him more;

And they have gently called him

To yonder shining shore.

The golden gates were open,

A gentle voice said, "Come".

And with farewells unspoken,

He calmly entered home.

He was laid to rest in the Omer cemetery, January 23, with funeral services conducted by Eld. C. R. Dick. Burial was in charge of Davis & Co.

**DECKER** — Ollie Brown Decker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brown, was born August 4, 1890 and departed this life January 10, 1940; being, at the time of her death, 50 years, 5 months and 6 days old.

She was united in marriage to Albert Decker in 1907. To this union Thirteen children were born; all of whom



survive. They are Loyd, of Falcom, Mo.; Lee of Competition, Mo.; Mrs. Edith Nelson of Plato, Mo.; Mrs. Orpha Steward of Richland, Mo.; Mrs. Velma Bibbles and Mrs. Minnie McDaniel, both of Hazelgreen, Mo.; and Raymond, Frank, Bonnie, Ruby, Virginia, Geneva, and Edna all at home. Besides her husband and children, she leaves nine grandchildren, an aged father and mother, three brothers, one sister, three half brothers, three half sisters, two daughters-in-law, and four sons-in-law. Also a host of other relatives and friends.

She was converted and united with Prospect Church in 1912. She later changed her membership to Iduma church where she was a member at death.

Funeral Services were conducted by Rev. Virgil Manes; Interment in Iduma cemetery under direction of Teeple's Funeral Home.

Dearest Mother from us has gone,  
A voice we loved is stilled;  
A place is vacant in the home  
Which never can be filled.

Dearest mother, you have left us,  
We will miss your tender love;  
But we know you're with the angels,  
In that bright home above.

**LOAFMAN**—Archie Loafman, son of Samuel H. and Georgia Ann Loafman, was born August 5, 1888 in Clinton, Kentucky; died February 20, 1940.

Surviving him are his wife, Bertha; three daughters, Eunice Mae, Barbara Jean and Betty Sue; five sons, Eugene, Robert, Leslie, Curtis and Bernard all at home. One brother, Forest of Flint; one sister, Anna Braggs of Missouri.

He professed faith in Christ some 20 years ago and kept this faith until the end.

Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Winford Davis in the Reigle Funeral Home in Flint.

**SANDAFUR**—Little Bettie Jane, only daughter of Bro. and Sister James F. Sandafur of Hazel Park, Michigan, was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, November 21, 1928. She came with her parents to Michigan at an early age, residing at 450 W. Hayes Street, Hazel Park, Michigan until her untimely death in Grace Hospital, Detroit, Michigan at 12:30 p. m., Tuesday, January 30, 1940. She was 11 years, 2 months and 9 days old.

She was a 5A pupil in Wanda school.

Besides her parents she leaves to mourn her passing, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sandafur, Grand Parents of Elreno,

Okla. Eleven Aunts and Uncles of Oklahoma, Tennessee, Colorado, and Michigan, other relatives, a Sunday School Class, Mrs. W. E. Gates, teacher, and a numerous host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Hazel Park by the Pastor, Eld. N. P. Gates, assisted by the Rev. Fred Premier, her former pastor and special friend of the family. Vocal numbers were rendered by the Gates Gos-

pel Quartet and a duet by the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Premier, assisted at the piano by Mrs. Winona Riggs. The remains was carried to its resting place in the Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak, Michigan.

An angel sweetly whispered low;  
Come! Bettie 'long with me:  
Out on eternity's bright shore;  
A mansion waits for thee.

As a little birdie, she hath flown;  
Till nowhere to be seen:  
From sickness, care and heart's that's torn;  
To a land of mystic dreams.

We don't know why you had to go;  
So sudden to depart:  
But Jesus bids, it must be so;  
Tho' sadly grieves our hearts.

With outstretched arms, He beacond  
Come!  
An Angel there to be:  
And take your place in your new home;  
Beyond the silvery sea.

Tho! partings come, with grief and pain;  
To have to say good bye:  
But joy awaits, we'll meet again;  
In realms beyond the sky.

Tenderly inscribed by a friend,  
L. D. Pearce.

**RATCLIFF**—Sam Ratcliff was born May 7, 1869 and departed this life January 20, 1940. He was 70 years, 8 months and 13 days old.

He was converted about twenty years ago and lived a Christian life up to the end of his life. He came to the Lackey Free Will Baptist Church about two years ago. He was a good worker in the church and in the Sunday school.

Bro. Ratcliff was loved by all that knew him. He helped build the Lackey Free Will Baptist church house. He is very much missed both in church and the Sunday school. He was a good singer and a great leader in songs.

The funeral rites were conducted by

Rev. Ray Bellamy and Rev. Ed. Howard.

He leaves his loved companion, Sister Rhoda Ratcliff; five boys, all married; one brother; and one sister. He is also survived by 59 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Elmer Ratcliff, his son, who is in the U. S. Navy, was not present at the funeral. All of his other children were there.

He was laid to rest in the Collins cemetery at Lackey, Kentucky.

I hope that when the time comes to leave this world that I can say, "Farewell vain world! I am going home to die no more" just as Bro. Sam told all of his children and friends around him when the last moments came.

May God bless all of the "Gem" readers, not only the "Gem" readers, but all Christian people everywhere.

Written by J. M. Patton.

## IN MEMORY

In loving memory of Linus Stokes, who passed away April 26, 1922.

Brother dear, Oh! how we miss you;  
But no more on earth you roam;  
But some sweet day we'll all be with you;  
When we're called to our heavenly home.

Brother's love to us was pleasure;  
Day by day we loved him more;  
But to God he was a treasure.  
Angels took him from our door.

Brother's love was true and tender,  
Tho' he suffered night and day,  
He is living now in splendor,  
With the angels far away.

We no more on earth can greet you,  
For you've crossed the silent sea;  
But on Heaven's shore we'll meet you,  
And forever be with you.

So darling brother sleep on in peace,  
Your work on earth is done;  
God help us to be prepared to meet you  
At the setting of the sun.

Sadly missed by sister and brother-in-law, Eld. and Mrs. Gilbert Thomas.

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## Power for the Task

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

WHEN JESUS Gave His missionary command to His disciples they were not yet ready to obey. They had followed Him, they had been taught by Him, they had witnessed His miracles and had listened to His teaching for three years. They loved Him and believed on Him, but still something was lacking. They were weak, they were fearful, they were powerless. So as Jesus commanded them to witness, He also commanded them to tarry in Jerusalem until they should receive power from on high. This power was to come to them in the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit, who was to live in them, work through them and empower them as they obeyed the Great Commission.

The disciples obeyed Jesus and waited in Jerusalem for the coming of this power. And "when the day of Pentecost was fully come" the promised power was given—the Holy Spirit came.

The same Holy Spirit that came to the apostles on the day of Pentecost is ours today, if we but ask for His presence and appropriate His power in our daily living and Christian service.

Christians are weak when they could be bold, they are foolish when they could be wise, they are powerless when they could be all powerful if only the Spirit of God dominated their lives. The experience of Pentecost could be repeated on every mission field, in every church, in every individual life if we would but tarry at Jerusalem in prayer until the Holy

Spirit reigned supreme in our hearts, directing our conduct and our Christian activities.

The week preceding Easter the Women's Auxiliary sponsors a week of prayer. Rejoicing in the blessings this season of prayer has brought, praying for an abundant love-offering on Easter Sunday for Missions, Auxiliary members turn to preparation for this week of prayer for the various phases of Kingdom work as carried on by and through Free Will Baptists. Steadfast purpose in planning for and observing this March season of prayer will bring abundant rewards. Emphasis upon these special objects of prayer will quicken the purpose to give generously that the present work may not suffer and that the new objectives of our church program may soon be realized. Remembering the testimony of many of our great leaders and ministers that some of the great arms of our denomination would be helpers without the steadfast purpose of the Women's Auxiliary to study, to pray, and to give generously of their money, we appeal to each member of each society and especially to each president and mission vice-president of each auxiliary throughout our denomination to be steadfast in purpose to enlist every woman possible in prayer and giving that the peoples of earth may love and follow the Lord Jesus.

The subject for this special week of prayer is "Follow Thou Me." So let us pray earnestly, persistently, unitedly and God will not fail us. Bless His name.

pastor, Rev. Archie Cooper, brought the message Sunday morning and Sunday night which was very inspiring and real soul food for all present. We have had some real spiritual services. One day we called a days prayer meeting of the church. Only a few were present and the good Lord came so near and filled our cups to overflowing.

We shall never forget the dear people at Sublette that have been so thoughtful in every way in supplying all our needs. Well, I will just say God bless all of you at Sublette and

you good folks from Greentop which were so much help to us personally and also to the meeting.

If the Lord wills our next meeting will be in Southwest Missouri. Pray for us.

—Sam and Daisy Marcum,  
Cameron, Missouri

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### Merl's Chapel Mission Report Cassville, Missouri

Grace Irene Brown, Reporter

Our Mission Circle is still moving forward. We have about twenty-one members with Mrs. Harry Bush as president, Mrs. J. B. Jefferson, secretary and Montina Starnes assistant reporter. We have other committees (such as prayer meeting committee) who are very active and faithful in the work they are called upon to do.

We have been associated with the circle only a short time, but we find them a fine little group to work with, sympathetic, helpful, and interested in the Lord's work. We are just thankful for them all, and it is a pleasure to work with them.

Since last report:

A prayer meeting was held at the home of Mr. Everett McGlassen. We had a good spiritual meeting.

Food sale at one of the Cassville stores January 27. Receipts of the sale, \$8.60.

Finished paying for the rugs for our church.

May we as Christians and mission workers resolve to "give of our best for the Master" in the coming year. We have very little time to work. Let us make the most of the time the dear Lord gives us.

### SONG BOOKS

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### REPORT OF SAM MARCUM Missouri State Evangelist

Dear Co-Laborers:

Again we report through our beloved Gem paper our where-abouts and work. At our last writing we were at Sublette Church, trying to have a revival in the midst of snow storms and extreme cold weather. Well, we continued having services when possible and closed the meeting Sunday night.

I am glad to report that six precious souls professed faith in Christ. The