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*Winford Davis, State Treasurer*

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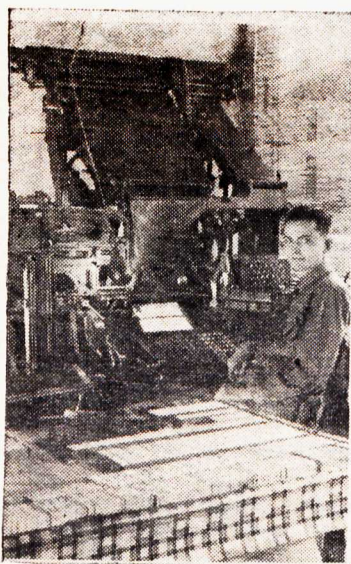
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# Items of Interest in the Gem Office

By the Editor



Herbert Henderson at the Linotype

**H**ERE WE ARE! The Gem Office Staff lined up ready for business. We are giving each Gem reader a personal visit into the interior of our own religious publishing house. We invited you to come visit our office; since you cannot come, we are bringing the visit to you.

You see, at a glance, a part of what we have to work with — more pictures are to follow. Our machinery is old, at least the cylinder press on which we print the Gem. It may have come over on the Ark with Noah, but it prints! The magazine you hold in your hand is evidence.

Our linotype is a good one, and a good operator sits at the key-board. We think there is nobody like Herbert. He has not attained such breath-taking speed as yet, but he is very accurate. It must be remembered that Herbert has less than one year's experience in our service, and he is already the chief type-setter.

Leon is our other boy. He has the eye of a printer. Leon

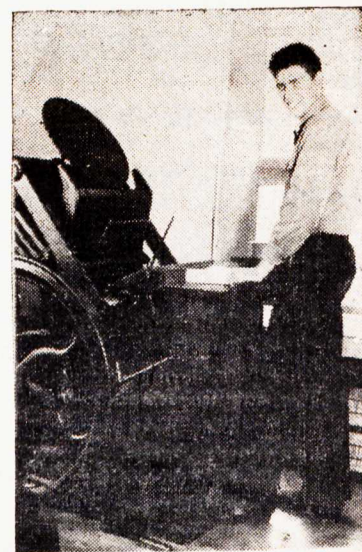
has not been with us very long but he is a real good workman. We are proud of him because he is so full of printing ideas and is a No. 1 printing master.

Nobody operates the cylinder press but Old Bigfoot himself, and the Queen of the House—long live the Queen! Anyhow, you readers have been getting the Gem each month.

This Gem is a special issue. We want to show our people that we can print. Even though our press is old, we can print a religious magazine of high quality—a real readable magazine that has religion.

What does our people want? Are they ashamed of us? If you want us to have modern equipment like we should have, then support us! I'm thinking our press will wear out before the next flood anyway. Your editor wants to know: Why is it that we only have 1200 subscribers when other magazines have many times 1200, and several of them do not have half the qualities that our Gem possesses? You tell me, for we are ready to launch forward. We are ready! And we will be improving the Gem as much as your support will justify us.

The Gem Staff already has a goodly number of permanent improvements planned for this summer and next fall. We have two Extra Special Gems



Leon Fredrick at the Job Press

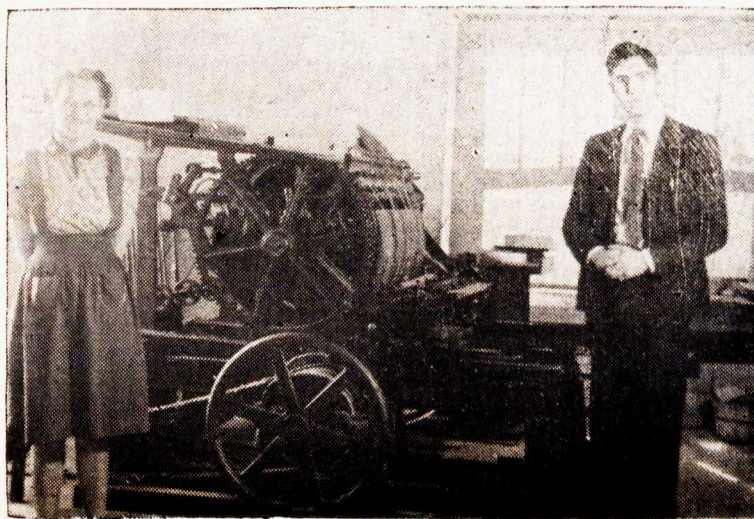
planned. And in addition we are ready to double our production—with the same machinery. If our people will only let us, the present Office Staff will put the Gem on a paying basis—then we can get some new machinery.

But our people must support us! We are depending on our friends to help us secure subscriptions. We could get religious advertising if we had a circulation large enough. The editor has a plan to present regarding this matter when the time is ripe.

At the present time, we suggest that our friends, who enjoy the Gem so well, ask their friends to subscribe. Each of you have a number of friends who could be enjoying the Gem too—and for only 50 cents a year.

What do you say, we all co-operate and put the Gem over? There are over 100,000 Free Will Baptists in America, beside all the others who would take the Gem also.

"When the Gem's friend speaks to his friend, the Gem has two friends."



John and Doris with the Cylinder Press



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The blessings and benefits of this school are in reach of all—rich and poor; those who are "bound" with steady employment and cannot go away to attend school; those who are actively engaged in pastoral work or evangelistic duties and do not feel it best to "leave" their flocks to the Roaring Lion while they are away in school; also those who are not employed particularly but who may prepare for definite employment in the Lord's work. The School of the Bible has many advantages. The financial part (which causes many to stop short of a glorious goal) is within reach of one and all who has even the slightest desire to learn more about God's Word.

The success of any enterprise depends on the quality of character and integrity of the "Head" of the enterprise. The editor is personally acquainted with Dr. John H. Wolfe, Dean of the School of the Bible, and to say the least concerning my feeling of appreciation for Bro. Wolfe is to sincerely say "I love him." It is really a blessed privilege of "sitting in heavenly places" when Dr. Wolfe has the floor and is expounding the great love of God. John H. Wolfe is a pillar in the Free Will Baptist church.

I personally recommend the School of the Bible to all of our ministers and Christian workers.



# Shall We Have A School?

By Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri

Most Certainly! We should never think of it in any other way only in the affirmative. Usually as a people think so they do. Believing one can do a thing is to have done the bigger half already. I hear some one say, "Well, I did think we would have a school in operation by now, but we have gone so long I have about given it up." Alright then, when we do get a school in operation it will be because some one else has had faith beside you and didn't loose it. Isn't that about right? I helped organize a new church and erect a new building on one occasion, and I remember when it was all completed one lady said, "Well, Bro. Davis, I said on the start it could never be done." I said, "Alright sister, if it had depended upon your faith then it wouldn't have been done would it?" It would be fine if folks could enjoy Heaven having reached it upon the merits of the faith of someone else like folks enjoy things in this world which are made possible by the faith of some one else; wouldn't it? If that were possible a lot of folks would get there who otherwise will miss it, no doubt.

Why shouldn't we have a school? We are well able. Don't tell me some 300,050 to 350,000 people can't build and maintain a Bible school. I know they can. Yes, I know it is not a matter of what we can do; but rather a matter of what we *will* do. But I believe our people will. I have never lost faith in our people yet. Of course I haven't gone through some of the past disasters like some others have, but I have never seen anything out of our people since I have been connected with the work that makes me think of doubting them. The word says, "Cast not away therefore your confidence which hath great recompense of reward." Just because a school hasn't been set in operation as soon as some had contemplated is not discouraging to me. It does, of necessity, take some time to do any thing so worth while and so vital as this. Let's be patient, and at the same time persistent and faithful. I have found in my past experience that determination means so much in any

thing we undertake in life. Anyone can give up. Yes, just any boy can do that. Just a dead lifeless chunk can float down stream. All one has to do to *descend* is to just let go. That is all. But to *ascend*, to climb, to be aggressive, to really get the job done one must have life and power. And say, you know what I have found? I have found that the American medium of exchange that we call the dollar will get things done that talk, discussions, legislations, making and passing of motions alone will just never do.



Winford Davis

You know why our Catholic friends have their own schools. It is simply because they put their *money* into it. I don't think we should fall out with them for having their schools. If I were a Catholic I am sure I would want it that way also. But I am not a Catholic, and I never will be; but being a Free Will Baptist I would, if I could, have every Free Will Baptist child trained in a Free Will Baptist school. I wouldn't fall out with any denomination for that. That isn't being selfish; not at all. I don't want to be guilty of a drop of selfish blood running through my veins, and I don't believe it does; but thus educating the children would be merely taking means of safety. We can't get our Bible taught in the public schools. We can have everything else taught it seems from monkeyism to communism, but if you get the Bible taught you are a good one, I'll promise you that.

Representative, Joe Starnes of the state of Alabama, co-chairman of the famous Dies Committee for investi-

gation of unamerican activities, came to Flint and spoke to an audience of 6,000 last Monday night. I took advantage of the opportunity to hear him. He told of how their investigation had revealed so many communist teachers and communist teaching in our educational structure in this country. He said that is one of the principal ways the Reds were gaining their foothold in this country is through our school system. He said he would propose to Congress that all teachers be removed from our institutions of learning who are found guilty of advocating any other form of government other than our own American system, and that all aid be withheld from any institution allowing the same. Yes, we have a little bit of every thing taught, and allowed in our schools of today. How very necessary it is that we arise and build an institution of our own and maintain it so as to make it second to none. We can do it by the help of the Lord. It is high time to wake up; we *must* wake up. We cannot afford to drift along this way longer. While we are sleeping subversive forces are intensely active. All together now lets say it, "We shall, by the help of the Lord, have a denominational school."

Just a word now to our Missouri educational field workers. I want to hear from you and to know how you are getting along. Do your best in your respective fields. Get the money, write the receipts for it, mail it in to me. I will book it and mail it to our National secretary, Bro. Davidson, and then I will make a regular financial report in the "Gem" showing just what field worker has sent in said amounts, etc. Make your reports to me just as condensed as you reasonably can so it will save book work all down the line.

May the Lord help us to keep pushing forward in this worthy and much needed work is my prayer. Bro. Davidson, you have been doing splendidly; don't be discouraged in the least. It may appear as if some of us have forgotten you and are prone to leave it all on your shoulders; but we haven't. We are at least still thinking about you and thinking with you.



## What if We Had?

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

LET'S BASE This question on the report of our statistician to the National Association. The report is found on page 10 of the minute, and we should acknowledge the fact as is stated, "this report is not full or accurate in some respects." Yet, we will base our assumptions on his report. If the 101,041 Free Will Baptists reported in this statistical report had responded with the ten cents per capita called for by the National Board of Education during the period from November, 1938 to July, 1939, we could have reported the amount of \$10,104.00 in cash to use in establishing a good Bible school. My! how interesting those figures sound, you say. Well, that would have been an accurate report made had all of you done as did some. The only hindrance was a lack of co-operation.

Again, what if all ministers, and delegates, who attended the 1939 session of the National Association had gone home with the appeal which sprang up there in our youth's heart? The answer is, there might have been another twelve and one half cents per capita raised by January 1, 1940, which would have swelled our fund another \$12,677.42. Again, that sounds good. "What If We Had?" Only a lack of co-operation was the hindrance, again.

But let's change the form of the question and say what if we now would begin to co-operate? We would add, at least, another twelve and one half cents per member to the fund by the next session of our National Association, which convenes in Paintsville, Kentucky in July, 1940. That would mean another \$12,677.42. Does that sound interesting? It can be a reality, if only all of you who read this will fall in line and begin to work now. Had we only responded to each appeal, and would respond now we could report \$35,458.94 in July. Brethren, we ought to do it, and it can be done yet. But, will we have to say when we assemble, "What If We Had" again? Unless you give us your co-operation it will be the case, and that means every one.

Interest seems to be spreading, and concentrating too; hence we are still enthusiastic. I mean to say that we are still daring to believe in you, the



J. R. Davidson

Free Will Baptists of America. Will you now line up in this great cause that our faith in you may be fruitful? I mean every minister, church official and lay member. It is going to take all of us to put this proposition over. I am frank to say that I am extremely disappointed in many of our ministers and church leaders. We say that we need this Bible School as nothing else, but we just trust the whole thing to providence. My Brethren, had God planned to give us this institution through other means than our co-operative giving He would have already done so. Don't you agree? He is expecting us to use what He

is giving to us to accomplish this great work.

What if we had given according to the figures given herein? Did you know that it would only amount to thirty five cents per member for such a wonderful cause in a period of almost two years? Do you not agree that one dollar per member would be a small amount for us to give during such a long period? Some of us have given much more than that. Do you know some special reason why you who have given nothing could not have as much as those who have done what has been done?

Consider the fact that we have some two hundred thousand Free Will Baptists in the United States, and the fact that we could have easily given one dollar each for the establishment of a good Bible School since the Board began its appeal, also the fact that if we had we would have two hundred thousand dollars. Don't you say with me, "What If We Had?"

"Of all the words of tongue or pen,  
The sadest are, it might have been."

Listen! Preachers, deacons, church officials and all auxiliary officials; together with the entire brotherhood, will you not give us your loyal co-operation? Sit down right now and write out your check, and get it off in the next mail. We are depending on you.

## National Stewardship Contest

Georgia Frost Barnes, Nat'l Stewardship Vice President, Lucoma, N. C.

Church .....	Stewardship Reading Circles con-
Location .....	ducted .....
No. taking part in Stewardship Con-	
test .....	No. Stewardship
Contests conducted .....	

Our Contestants are as follows:

Junior .....	
Intermediate .....	
Stewardship study classes held .....	
Name of book .....	
Stewardship talks made during the	
year .....	
Stewardship programs held .....	
No. tithers in society .....	
No. new tithers this year .....	

Mail the above report when filled out properly to your local, state, or national director as your requirements may be. Get this to her in plenty of time before your meeting so that her report will be accurate. Encourage your contestants to speak in a forceful manner and judge them on the following points: suitability of material, diction, poise, manner of presentation and expression in general. The purpose of this contest is to promote and encourage tithing and to help us be better stewards in the service of our church.



## Indian Creek Sunday School Association

The first Indian Creek Sunday School Association met at Monett, Mo., the third Sunday in March and I am pleased to say we certainly had a good representation from seven of our churches. We surely missed the other five churches, and we urge you to be at our next meeting which will be held at Carterville in June.

We all enjoyed our lesson and will say we had a very good school.

After Sunday school we had a short recess and then the meeting was called to order by Eld. Geo. La Shum. Our Scripture reading was read from the 14 chapter of St. John. Prayer was led by Bro. Brown. The meeting was then turned over to Bro. Wm. Reeves, our State Sunday School Supervisor, and he gave an outline of the purpose of the association. We then adjourned for dinner at 11:45.

At 1:15 the meeting was again called to order by Eld. Geo. La Shum; prayer by Bro. Allred. After a few special numbers from the various churches represented, the meeting was called into a business session. Eld. Cecil Campbell was elected chairman and Eld. Geo. La Shum, clerk-treasurer. A committee consisting of Bro. J. B. Rollins, Monett; Bro. Black, Merls Chapel; Bro. Johnson, Carterville; Bro. Gann, Aurora; Bro. Hatfield, Jones Chapel; Bro. Kenneth Butler, Blue Eye; and Herbert Henderson, Macedonia was selected for the purpose of deciding to whom the banner should be given.

It was decided to leave the arrangement for the program of our next meeting up to the chairman and clerk of the association. They are to call for help as needed.

Business was then suspended and a few more specials were given. At this time Bro. Reeves gave another interesting talk and answered questions given by the body as to the outline of the association. The judging committee then announced that Blue Eye church was to get the banner. A special song was sung by Sarah Louise Alyea, a visitor from another denomination. The meeting was then adjourned until some date in June. Benediction prayer by Bro. La Shum.

We want to thank Miss Marjorie Black for acting as clerk pro tem for the meeting.

We sincerely urge all of our Sunday schools to come on and let's put this

movement over to the glory of God.

All in all, it was a great day in Monett, and we all got an idea of the great benefit this Sunday school association will become to our Sunday schools.

Bro. Reeves told us of other associations in Missouri that are planning to organize soon. Come on Missouri! We can go over the top in this great work.

There were 121 Sunday school dele-



### Revival In Flint, Michigan First General Baptist Church

*Winford Davis, Pastor*

We have just closed a four weeks revival in Flint, Michigan with the church we are pastoring here. I wish I could tell you about this revival; but it will be impossible to find words to express it. It was one of the best revivals I was ever engaged in. Forty-seven souls were saved and eighteen united with the church. I have seen meetings with many more conversions; but I have never seen a meeting in which any more power was manifest; such mighty conviction and consequently, great experiences. One Catholic woman fell prostrate in the isle under conviction. Some thought she had fainted and picked her up and started carrying her out and she said, "Don't carry me out I want to go to the altar." She did go to the altar and was wonderfully saved. A number of souls were saved with whom we have worked for the last three years. Somehow the power got just right and they came flocking in.

We will never forget one Sunday morning how the young people from class number 4 just came falling in the altar one after another. Service lasted until about 1:30 that day.

We would meet at 6:00 p. m. for early prayer, the regular services starting at 7:00 o'clock, and sometimes we would be there till 11:00, 12:00 and 12:30 o'clock.

The choir did some marvelous singing under the direction of Mr. Noel Greenway, who came with me from Missouri to take charge of the singing during this revival. The choir has around 40 voices, they use Stamps Baxter books, and they can really sing. Bro. Greenway was a great help in the revival.

gates present, 14 teachers, 4 superintendents, 5 pastors, and a multitude of visitors.

For the benefit of those who shall strive to get the banner next time, we give this basis upon which the judges based their decision:

The resident membership of the church compared with the average attendance of the Sunday school; the number of Bible chapters read; a gain or loss over the previous record.

On Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, February 18, we were invited to preach in a mission in Owosso, Michigan. The choir went with me and did the singing, and what a great service we did have. A sister, Annabelle, has charge of this mission. Owosso is a town about 28 miles west of Flint. All who were there seemed to enjoy that service greatly.

Then on Sunday night we closed the revival with a Communion and feet washing service. Seventy-nine people took part in the washing of the Saint's feet. All I can say is I just wish you could have been there—such a great outpouring of the Spirit. I have seen many feet washing services; but never anything just like that was. There were big, little, old and young taking part; shouting His praises everywhere. They just kept coming; some coming from the back of the house, and getting right down into the pan.

The revival got to where it was talked of freely in the shops, and every where. Some folks realize that a sure enough old time revival has passed this way. The good that was done in the church could not possibly be estimated.

I want to say to all these young converts and beginners, "May the Lord ever bless and keep you, and supply you with grace for every trial. When the way begins to look dark just lay hold upon the Lord by faith in a new and greater way if possible and the Lord will certainly see you through."

We are planning a baptizing service soon, and are looking forward to that being a great day. We want to select a nice day so the church can go out of town to the river and spend the day in service there.

Will you please pray for our work here in this country; both our Free Will Baptist and General Baptist work.



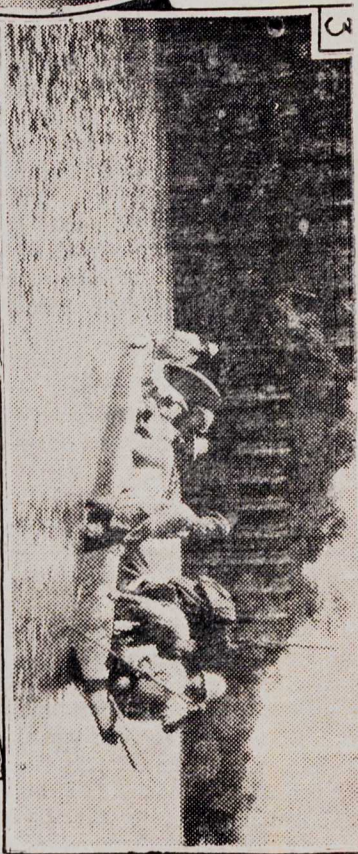
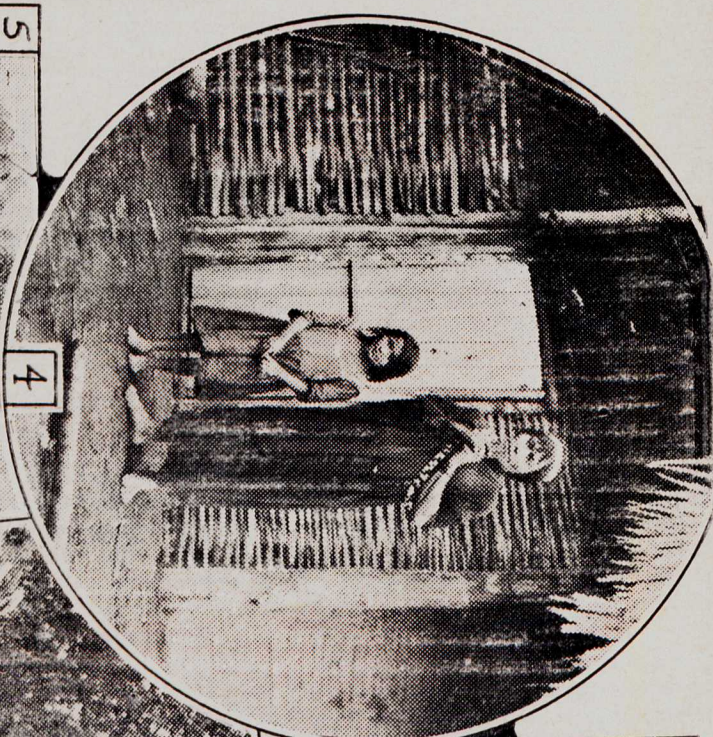
# Bro. Willey's Trip into the Indian Country in South America\*

Picture No. 3—Traveling by dugout canoe to the Amazon.

Picture No. 4—An Indian child and chief.

Picture No. 5—An Indian family.

Picture No. 6—Llamas living in the high lands of the Andies.





# ... Temperance Sermon ...

## Intemperance Spells Ruin

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**WE WISH** To give a few facts and figures on intemperance, but before we begin on that, we will try to define Temperance.

Yes, temperance is moderation, but not in all things, as some would have us believe. A temperate person is moderate in his use of all good things, and abstains from all evil things, even from things which only appear to be evil. To be temperate is to have self-control, and keep the issues of life well balanced. Solomon said, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Prov 4:23).

It is hard now-a-days to keep the affairs of life in balance, yet some are doing it. It is hard to abstain from many things which are evil, yet some are doing it. Self-control is not easy, with so many worldly attractions and influences and conditions which present things meant (erroneously) to be necessary for our well being. Yes, children of God, we live in the midst of a people whose lives are out of balance, who indulge in evil, it seems, without any thought of being temperate. We are completely surrounded with things, more or less evil, which we are expected to support and partake of, and most of us do support and partake of things we know are not just right—perhaps most of us are intemperate in some things, in some degree, and perhaps feel that we can't help it under the circumstances. People do things now-a-days because the government says they must, and because the conditions and need which affect so many make it necessary, they think, to comply, even when it appears to be evil or wrong.

All around us, on every side, we see evidences of intemperance. We have Christianity without Christ, homes without family altars, schools without the Bible, churches without power, politics without principles. We have laws which legalize vice, crime, liquor, gambling, and provide for anything and everything that will bring in revenue. So our nation is on the downgrade, with brakes off, going to the

ruin of democracy, to the establishment of dictatorship, and, is there nothing we can do about it?

People can be, and are, intemperate in many things besides the use of alcoholic drinks, but we will not have space to discuss all of them; so will just call attention to some of the ruinous effects of the liquor business under repeal.

The situation under repeal is terrifying. It means ruin for our nation unless there is a complete change, and that right soon, *BECAUSE:*

Drinking and drunkenness is increasing at an alarming rate.



*B. F. Brown*

Bootleggers are increasing and flourishing in all parts of the United States. Billions of dollars are diverted from legitimate business.

There is a terrific increase in crime—a crime wave.

Liquor forces seek to control public officials.

Liquor forces are flooding our homes with their lies about their death dealing poison.

No one has to tell us that drinking and drunkenness is on the increase, we can see the evidence all round us. A few examples will suffice.

A policeman in Los Angeles, California reports that in 1926 only ten per cent of the police force was required to care for the drunks; but in 1939 it required 80 per cent of the police force to care for the drunks. In Los Angeles alone there are 11,000 new deal saloons.

According to Senator Sheppard of Texas, in pre-prohibition times there

were 177,791 saloons of the old type. Today there are over 400,000 of the new deal saloons. The most whisky reported in bond in pre-prohibition times was 278,000,000 gallons in bond. There are 284 legal distillers in the United States, and an estimated 28,400 illegal bootleg competitors, and no one knows how much whisky these make and sell.

As a result of increased drinking there is more drunkenness, more accidents, more crime, more gambling, more poverty and more suffering. The liquor traffic, with its kindred evils, is demoralizing our country, even invading our schools and churches.

The wets said that, if we legalized the manufacture and sale of alcoholic drinks it would put bootleggers out of business: but the bootleg business is greater now than ever, and is increasing. According to reports and statistics Uncle Sam is locating and destroying illicit stills at the rate of 200 a week. In New York state, during 1939, 39 illicit stills were captured, and 174 men were indicted for conspiring to defraud the U. S. Government of \$8,000,000 in liquor taxes. They did a rushing business in booze.

Great quantities of liquor are shipped into dry territory, and Oklahoma and Kansas being dry states, some interesting reports come from Tulsa and other cities in that territory, terrific pace. The cost of crime in ing a thriving business. And these citations are just examples of the bootleg business all over the nation—how long can our nation stand?

Crime in all its forms and fashions, almost everywhere, is increasing at a of it! This 17 billion dollars would the United States during 1939 was estimated at \$17,000,000,000. Think where bootleggers seem to be do-pay off the national debt in less than three years; if it could be turned that way. Our national debt is now nearly 46 billion dollars and is increasing at the rate of about four billion dollars per year. Yet our government seems bent on borrowing and spending; and to get revenue to balance the budget, they legalize booze, crime, and other shameful evils whose nature and influence account for the major part of



the 17 billion dollars which crime costs each year. Common sense must have gone on a visit and left nit-wits to run the business.

Besides the 17 billion dollars which crime costs, other billions are diverted from legitimate business, including the four billion dollars spent for booze in 1939. Think of it—four billion dollars in one year spent by Uncle Sam's family for booze! That is \$333.76 for every person in U. S. A.

I find it interesting to figure on what this four billion dollars would have provided good things, if it could have been turned that way. It is said that we have 1,208,227 young people in colleges, universities, and other higher institutions of learning, and 6,435,704 in high schools; a total of 7,643,931. The \$4,000,000,000 spent for booze would provide a \$500 scholarship for every one of them, and leave a balance of almost \$200,000,000 for other educational purposes.

We are told that we have ten million idle men in United States. The four billion dollars spent for

liquor would give every one of them an income of \$400. We complain a great deal about the costs of relief, but very little is heard about the costs of the liquor business which puts so many men and women on relief.

This four billions of dollars would build 80,000 miles of highway at a cost of \$50,000 per mile, thus providing work, at good pay, for millions of men for a long time.

This four billions spent for liquor would endow every one of our 626 colleges with six million dollars each and have nearly 250 millions left for other college needs.

And there are many other things this four billions would have done. Just figure a little and see how many homes it would have provided at two thousand dollars each, and, oh, so many other ways it might have been used.

Then think of the awful cost in lives, injuries, heartaches, suffering, poverty and want this great quantity of booze has caused.

The liquor forces seek to control public officers, especially peace officers. So there are too many liquor dealers doing business in violation of the laws, because officers protect them, for money. If laws were enforced against wet outlaws, conditions would be much better than they are now.

The liquor forces are using the radio, newspapers, magazines, and other printed matter to advertize their death dealing poison right in our homes; and the highways are lined with great signs that falsely emphasize the goodness (?) of intoxicating liquors; and all along our highways are road houses, taverns, and other venders of the accursed stuff.

This is just a brief mention of some of the evils of intemperance that beset us on every side, but they are facts, and should make us all think of some way each of us might make conditions a little better. If we can't do anything else, we can be dry in every sense of the word—we can live dry, buy dry, sell dry, vote dry—be dry and say why.

## ... Gospel Sermon Department ...

### Will a Man Rob God?

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"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee, in tithes and offerings."

**W**OULD TO God that the protestants could all see alike, and support their churches financially as they should. I am a Free Will Baptist and proud of it, for I think we have a doctrine that cannot be Biblically contradicted, successfully. I believe we have the most sound arguments, and take the Bible in its entirety, than any other protestant denomination, in our country today. If I didn't feel like that, toward our denomination, I would get into the one I thought was the most sound. However, I am aware of the fact that we have some people today who put their denomination first, even to the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. But we have one failing, and that is, we have never had a financial program to support our churches and our ministers. I



*Raymond Riggs*

dare say the Free Will Baptist denomination has less full time pastors who are paid to take care of their churches than any other denomination of its size in America. There must be a reason for this, and I wonder what it could be. We, as preachers, have robbed God by not teaching our people to give to God, and they in turn have

robbed God. Robbed God of what?—tithes and offerings.

Now I know that I will meet with opposition on this question for we have ministers in our denomination who seem to come to the conclusion, "After all my debts are paid and I get the family all new clothes, and get my food in for the winter, then if I have any thing left I will give it to the church." or "After I get my tractor paid for, and get the last note paid off on the car, then I'll have some money for the preacher." And as a result the preacher (especially in the south) works just like the layman, and usually a lot harder for a lot less, and is expected to keep posted on current events, deliver inspiring messages, visit all the sick of his congregation, and keep his family dressed in style. I heard of one Free Will Baptist preacher who went to conduct a two weeks revival, and while he was there he was given a quarter, and then when the time came for him to come home one of the men in the community brought him home and the preacher had to give him the quarter for bringing him home. Now what do you think of that? I think



we are robbing God. Then sometimes we wonder why we had to pay out so much money for this and that, and it doesn't seem that we can get ahead. Show me a man who gives one tenth of his earnings to the Lord, continues to do so and I'll show you a man that if you want to borrow \$5.00 or \$10.00 who will have it to spare, and be glad to lend it to you.

Giving to the Lord and his work will make you love Him more, for He will pour out His blessings upon you and there shall not be room enough to receive it. True enough, there are many today who are robbing God of the things that they could probably do for Him from a spiritual standpoint, but I believe the writer in the text had reference to the material things of life.

We find in Proverbs 3:9, that we can honor the Lord with our substance and thy barns will be filled with plenty. The ninth verse of the third chapter of Malachi says, "Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." Curse means to bring injury to the person or persons. How many times has God brought judgment on us because we failed to do His will? Remember the time you had that car wreck that cost you \$50.00. The Lord was getting His tithes. Remember the time you had to pay that fellow's note? The Lord was getting His tithes. Remember the time you had to have an operation that cost so much? The Lord was getting His tithes. Remember the time you lost your home by fire? The Lord was getting His tithes. Remember the time you lost your job and couldn't find work for so long? The Lord was getting His tithes. Remember the money you have spent for medicine? The Lord was getting His tithes. Why not seek the Lord and all His righteousness and all these other things will be added unto you.

Now somebody says, "Preacher, you are all wrong on that tithing question. That was under the law and does not apply to us today." Well, listen. Jesus says in Matt. 5:17, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." Then too the commandment of Paul to the Corinthians in 1 Cor. 16:2, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." This proves to me that Paul wanted the churches to have

a system in the way and the amount they should give to the cause of Christ.

Now, may I ask, if the Lord prospers me to make \$25.00 per week, do you think I would be giving too much to give ten per cent of that back into His storehouse. No, it is not too much, matter of fact, it all belongs to God. He is just good enough to you to let you have it, and the tenth part should rightfully be given back to Him and His work to help sponsor His great program. If a tenth part was essential under the old program, how much more is it necessary now under the new and greater program.

Now don't get me wrong, I don't think a man will go to Heaven just because he pays tithes. No Sir. It takes more than that. But I'll tell you what I believe it will do. I believe if you pay tithes you will be

helping others to have an opportunity to hear the Word and by so doing, believe and be saved. Jesus says in Luke 11:42, "But woe unto you, Pharisees! For ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye have done, and not to leave the other undone."

Why don't we wake up and start giving to God as He prospers us? If every member of the Free Will Baptist church would give just one tenth of his income, as the Lord does prosper him, our denomination would grow by leaps and bounds and we could have more missionaries, and schools for our young people who would want good Christian training. Also, schools for our ministers, and the good Lord knows a lot of us boys surely do need it.

## The Significance of the Alabaster Box

By T. H. Willey, The Missionary

Study Texts: John 12:1-11. Mark 14:3-11. Matt. 26:6-13.

Discourse Text: "She hath done what she could."

**I**N ORDER To fully understand, and to appreciate, the act of this devout woman and its significance, one must study every scripture in reference to this incident and thus get in his mind, not a faint, indistinct picture, but one of detail.

We would find what was the latent virtue in a simple act which would win so noble a reward from the Master. But before we go into the exposition of the act, it is interesting first to get the background of the incident.

It was just shortly before He suffered betrayal by one of His followers which led to His trial and ignominious death on a despised Roman cross. In view of the things that were to take place shortly, the face of the Master was

serious and thoughtful, and probably sad; sad, because those that were his should shortly suffer.

The setting of the divine drama is in one of the wealthy homes in the small town of Bethany, the home of a devout follower who had in all probability been healed by the Master, Simon the Leper. Certainly he was a healed man or he would not have been permitted in so close contact with others. Another thing to note is that he is the father of Judas Iscariot. The scene is made of greater interest to us, and to the spectators of that occasion, because of the presence of one who had come back from the realm of death. Lazarus was there as a guest with his sisters. Many of the curious came merely to see Lazarus. In our imagination, we might see them crowded about every opening that they might get a better view of the guests of the feast. The doorway was congested, but through the congestion a woman pressed her way carrying a precious vase. She ignored what might have been the recognized courtesies of an oriental household. She passed past those reclining about the raised dial that served as a table, and to the shock and amazement of all present, save one at who's feet she knelt. There was a tenseness in the scene as she suddenly broke a very costly vase which could only be unsealed by breaking, and the house was filled



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with the aroma and fragrance of a very costly oriental perfume.

### The Gift as well as the Giver

The alabaster box represents, without doubt, the careful savings of this woman. Only the kingly and those of great wealth could afford such a gift. It was costly in its compilation. Its fragrance came from a rare flower gathered in the Himalayan mountains of India at great risk of life and limb. Its essence came from great quantities of these flowers which were broken and crushed, then pressed into the vase. The vase itself was a thing of exquisite beauty and value, carved from white marble out of the mines of alabastrum.

This act and the vase was symbolic to the Master, and we can readily infer it was that also to the worshiper. It was symbolic of the devout love of this woman, who was the recipient of Christ's mercy. We must remember that this woman was Mary the sister of Lazarus. Christ had raised him from the dead and presented him to the two sisters, hence nothing was too good for the Master. Applying the lesson to ourselves, have we been the recipients of His mercy and grace? Have we been saved? Raised from the death of transgression and sin? If that be true what is the measure of our affections? Does our Lord and Christ have access to the best in our lives, or are we giving him the cast off and the second-handed?

Life is made up of a thousand slender little veins and channels through which affection flows noiselessly and unseen. Life and its inner powers is made up of little gleams of sympathy, and are not to be measured and weighed like beams of timber by their size.

It was an act of supreme faith and evidence of a spiritual perception on the part of Mary. She was preparing Him for burial. What the others had missed in His prophecy regarding the death He was to die, Mary had remembered. This narrative teaches us that Christ, above all things, values love to Himself. In the impulse of her love, what she did was to Christ, and for Christ. Much that men do even in their devotions to religious duties is to gain the applause of others, not so with her. Her act was beautifully expressive of her broken heart. Her sacrifice was not conforming, she never asked if someone else had ever broken an alabaster box on His sacred head. She went, and her heart said, "Do it!"

It was the Gospel in figure. In

Mary's offering, He saw symbolized the greater offering He was about to make, prompted by a deeper love than hers. There is a vast difference between the way the Master sees things and the way we might see them. To Christ, in His defense of her act, it was "Unto me." By His whole attitude of the defense of the woman and her act, He was saying, "Here is an ideal of what a follower of mine should be." In His body which was to be broken shortly, there is that ointment, the salve for every wound of the human heart. Christ gave all that He could, He emptied Himself.

### The Critics and Their Criticism

Again we can imagine those Jews, and the disciples as well, stretching their necks, and their under lips shooting out with criticism, at first unspoken, then not being able to retain, they must find vehement expression. The scriptures said "some", I am happy that the Word of God said some and not "all." How true this is even today in the work of Christ, there are some looking on who would consider the efforts of our church to evangelize the unevangelized, or whatever effort we might make to realize an educational institution where young preachers might get needed training, as a waste of money and effort. The chronic critic very seldom does anything as long as he stands on the side lines and criticizes, certainly he will not do anything but hinder the thing he is criticizing. What the world sometimes calls waste as done to Christ and His cause, the Saviour commends as duty. They said, "To what purpose this waste?" Here we have the opportunity to see the inconsistency of the critics.

One of the most severe critics of this woman's act was Judas Iscariot, it was shortly after the Master rebuked them saying, "The poor ye have with you always," that this traitor found

occasion to slip from the feast and consult with the enemies of Christ, bartering for the betrayal of our Lord, and finally selling him for 30 pieces of silver. How awfully inconsistent carnal nature can be in the human heart.

### The Theme of the Message

"She hath done what she could." Here was a deed co-extensive with her ability. How many of us can have the Master say of us, "she hath done what she could"? Here we have a standard that very few can measure to. We should be very careful in saying that we have done all, but to have the Master say, "she hath done what she could," means infinitely more than we can estimate. Many, because they cannot do great things, do nothing at all and thus they become like the Bible steward who had but one talent and hid it in the earth.

It was the occasion for the Master to Prophecy the world wide influence of the Gospel. Mark 14:9. Those who would set aside the universal claims of the Gospel are challenged by the statement all through the teaching of Christ similar to these words, "Whosoever this Gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world." The approbation of the Master upon the sacrifice was the acknowledgment that it is the broken things that have the most fragrance to the Master. Here was a broken and contrite heart. The sinner must come to God with a broken and contrite heart in order to know the joys of salvation.

The great missionary, Livingston, when found by Stanley was a broken man physically, and because he would not return to London to claim the honors due him as an explorer, criticism was heaped upon his head. He in turn plunged deeper into equatorial Africa and made the supreme sacrifice; died at his post ministering to those whom God had called him. Those native boys had heard him say the reason he would not return to his native land was that his heart was in Africa so after his death they cut him open and removed his heart burying it in African soil, this they claimed as their own. The body was salted and carried for days by those native boys and presented to the whites on the coast. What a glorious reward comes to those who like this dear woman, "Hath done what she could," ministering not unto men to be seen of men, but unto God and our Lord Jesus Christ, who alone is qualified to truly establish the deeds of men.

### Service

A service I can  
give to you,  
Is something I  
should gladly do,  
Not in return or  
paying back,  
To recompense some  
kindly act,  
Not to expect, to  
long or yearn,  
For something given  
in return,  
But service I would  
gladly do,  
Because I'm really  
wanting to.



# Be Filled With the Spirit

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Text: Eph. 5:18.

**W**ITHOUT QUESTION, Paul's letter to the Ephesians from which our text is taken, was written to, and for, Christians. To be filled with the Spirit is not merely a great privilege, not merely a possibility: *IT IS A COMMAND.*

Therefore, every regenerated soul, who is not already filled with the Holy Spirit, is commanded to be so filled.

After knowing the will of the Lord concerning this promise, then it logically follows that not to be filled with the Spirit becomes a sin. When we consider the terrible *consequences* of this neglect, we begin to realize how hideous it is.

We know there is much confusion among good honest, children of God, who need teaching rather than abuse. And too, we are convinced that much of this confusion respecting the Holy Ghost and His relations to the church is due to wrong use of words and terms. Some talk as though it matters but little as to the terms we use, that it is the blessings we seek regardless of what we call it; and to this we object.

If we ever reach a proper understanding of the Spirit and His relations to us as a church, we must adhere, strictly, to Biblical term "ology", and distinguish between things that are different. We are convinced through the misuse of terms many honest souls has been led into all manner of erroneous ideas respecting the Holy Spirit and His work, and because of this many of the Lord's witnesses refrain from mentioning this all important subject, lest they be classed with those whom they have no reason to doubt are living under a delusion.

As I view it, this is sin. Not only do we wrong the cause and ourselves, but thousands of hungry souls looking for that satisfying portion which is promised by our Lord. We are not called on to go out and fight the many "isms", so much, as to preach the *whole* truth. Don't try to sweep the darkness out of your room, turn on the light.

Through the ages past, the promise of the pouring out of the Holy Spirit

in a special manner was in the Divine mind preparing for fulfillment. As we look back, we can see the highway He made, and set up fingerboards so plain that only preconceived human opinions, theories,ologies, and darkening of counsel could cause us to miss it so grievously as some seem to have done. We would naturally expect our Heavenly Father, who would not have a single child to miss the way, to make the conditions easily comprehended by the most unlearned.

In the face, that we have the open Bible and the person of the Holy Spirit, who came on the day of Pentecost to take up His *PERMANANT ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION* in the church (1 Cor. 12:12; Eph. 4:5) the body of Christ; and (John 7:17) where he says, "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine"; the church as a *whole* is in a state of dwarf age.

The features of the babyish life are very strongly marked, and easily detected; see 1 Cor. 3:15 and Heb. 5:12-14. These are described as stunted, needing milk diet, quarrelsome, sectarian, dull of hearing and understanding, inability to teach others and unexercised senses in discriminating between *right* and *wrong*. The Lord's order for babyhood is to be a very short period, whether physical or spiritual; and this attempt to stop in babyhood (as the people referred to above seem to have done) is wholesale ruin. There was no excuse for this for we read in Heb. 5:12-14; First, they had been taught, but needed teaching *again*. Second, they had plenty of time, when for the *time* you ought to be teachers. Third, at one time was advanced, but have *become* such as have need for milk. We cannot remain a spiritual baby forever. You will either progress out of babyhood or become a miserable dwarf or become spiritually dead like those in Rev. 3:1 where they had a name that they lived but was dead.

The above Scripture is not speaking of new converts rejoicing in their new found love, who is always zealous, loving, pressing, hungry, and reaching out and longing for a fuller and closer walk with their Heavenly Father; but to those who had failed

to meet the conditions for development—old babes, stunted and dwarfed.

We are glad to find in the word that there is a *state* in grace beyond babyhood or babyishness; called full age. This is not the end of growth as some seem to teach, but a stage or state. Let us illustrate: The fruit grower does not expect the peach tree to stop growing when it reaches the state of fruit bearing, but to put out new twigs, new branches and its roots to go deeper and deeper in the soil. And it will do that (if conditions favor it) until arrested by process of death.

## Conditions for Growth

Not by *self-dependance* or *self-effort* by stretching or straining our moral self, but by placing our growth, as well as everything else, into the hands of the Lord and leave it there. Jesus said to consider the lilies and how they grow. In your mind, picture a lily trying to clothe itself in different colors and graceful lines, stretching its leaves and stems to make them grow. He said again, "Which of you, by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?"

In Rom. 6:13 we read, "Yield yourselves unto God as those that are alive from the dead." (1.) Notice, this is in the present tense and means a continued act. (2.) No one but a child of God can do it. We find in Rom. 12:1,2, that Paul is asking the brethren to present an offering to the Lord, and He says it is the reasonable way to serve Him; so please note carefully what he says. "I beseech you therefore brethren (in Christ), by the mercies of God (Think of His mercies, both temporal and spiritual) that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice (unlike the Jewish dead sacrifice)." Again please notice that it is in the present, and means, do it *NOW* and keep it up as long as you serve God, and it is reasonable. Let us look at the second verse and see what it says. "Be not conformed to this world: (don't let it mold you like its own) be ye transformed (let the Lord mold you into a vessel of honor) that ye may prove what is that good, acceptable and perfect will of God." There is positively no substitute for this service, that is acceptable to the Lord. Repentance brought you out of the Devil's army; salvation made you a citizen of God's kingdom. The Lord wants all of His citizens to turn soldier, put on the whole armour, and conquer the world for Christ.



## Result of Yielding

We are commanded to *WALK* in this new life, and every step is a step by faith. Two cannot walk together except they be agreed. So if our motives are for the glory of God, our active faith sees, hears, stoops and appropriates, and we are strengthened with *MIGHT* by His Spirit in the inner man, by the infilling of the Holy Spirit. We learn in Acts 5:32 that the Holy Ghost is given to them that *OBEY HIM*. Like the death of our Lord, Pentecost is in the past, but the Holy Spirit is here and is continually being poured out, and shining on the work of faith.

The gift of sunshine has been bestowed on this old world, but if you shut your house plant up in a dark cellar, and leave it there, it will dwindle and die for want of light. You might pray, "O Lord, pour out your sunlight on my plant," but none would come. You say, "I prayed for it every day, now why is this?" Easy friend, have you forgotten that living faith produces works? Prayer must not be substituted for obedience. Take the plant out in the sunlight, and it will be flooded at once. So come out from the world and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean thing. Dedicate the house, put the key-ring, with all the keys, in the Lord's hands to manage and mould you to suit Himself.

There is a blessed enduement awaiting some folks as soon as they get over their fear of fanaticism.

Will you refuse the fullness of the Holy Spirit and be babies in the family of God, or will you obey the text and be giants in the camp?

According to the Book of St. John (chapter 14), our Saviour said that the Holy Spirit (whom the world can not receive) would enter in, dwell, take possession, and keep possession and bring knowledge of His Divine presence. We know that Jesus is in heaven, because the Holy Ghost is here. Has He been welcomed, listened to, yielded to, and has our whole being been handed over to Him?

This is one continuous act of *FAITH* and *OBEEDIENCE*. Intermittent trust and obedience will mean intermittent knowledge of His presence, so let it be remembered (in spite of the teaching of modern Christianity) that nobody ever has the Holy Spirit dwelling in him without his knowing it.

Any spiritual visitation will be limited or extensive, depending upon how well conditions are met. In closing, let me say: There is real joy unspeakable which is full of glory in the act of walking with God. Paul's prayer for the Ephesians (Eph. 3:14-19) was that they might be *STRENGTHENED*; that Christ may *DWELL* in their hearts *BY FAITH*—being *ROOTED* and *GROUNDED* in *LOVE*—able to comprehend with *ALL SAINTS* (Abraham, Isaac, Prophets and Apostles) and to *KNOW* the love of Christ which passeth knowledge (of the world) and be filled with all the fullness of God.

minutes. We have said all along for you to closely watch the reviving of the Roman Empire. I wish you would follow me and let's trace a line leading in a northern direction along the eastern boundary of Palestine, going on north to a point including Syria, then bearing northwest around the eastern end of Turkey along the shores of the Black Sea just south of the Crimea (part of Russia), on northwest around and above Roumania and the rest of the Balkins, then west somewhere close along the line between Hungary and old Austria (now a part of greater Germany), on to the old Brenner Pass, then northward right up that line which lies between the famous Maginot and Siegfried lines which has so long been called the Western Front where a great slaughter of human life is taking place and which promises to gain momentum hurriedly, then to the northwest again and moving on around and down between England and Ireland, from there southward including Spain, and then east including all the countries along the north coast of Africa, on east to the place of beginning, and all the territory within this circle you may expect some day to be united. Why do we say? Because it is old Roman territory, and the Bible teaches the revival of the Roman Empire in the end time. Of course there could be a little variance in some places along this line we have just traced; but in my opinion it will vary but little. And will you notice closely that with all the turmoil and political disturbances, all the various alliances, etc., not one move has been made nor is in the making that would confuse this picture we have just drawn in the least. But the disturbances, alliances, and disolvings that tend toward the exact carving of this line are numerous. A few examples are as follows: the Turkish-Allies alliance, the Turkish-Russian embitterment, the Turkish-German embitterment, the failure of Mussolini to show sympathy for Germany in this present conflict, the German-Russian alliance, the English-Irish disturbance, the Spanish-Italian friendship, etc.,

One of the most significant facts during all of this upheaval is the quiet on the part of Italy. While other nations are spending, increasing their debt, literally wrecking themselves (and the wreckage has scarcely begun) Mussolini is building, preparing, conserving, and storing up. Is this not going to be greatly to his advantage

## World Stage for the End-Time Drama

By Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri

**T**HERE IS No use for the president to send Mr. Welles or any other agent to Europe for the purpose of seeking out ways and means of peace for it is not a day of peace; it is a day of trouble, a time of blasphemy and rebuke as was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah. Von Ribbentrop told Mr. Welles what he might well have expected to hear, that Germany was in the war to fight until their ends were gained. Mr. Welles talks to Hitler tomorrow; but there is no use to talk to a mad man. Hitler will wish some day he would have listened; but he can't be made believe that now.

These wars are ghastly, horrible,

bestly, breathtaking, and unbelieveable. But it is all the spirit of the times. We have arrived at that age. Some body had to be living when this time rolled around, and it just happened to be you and I.

After all it is marvelously fulfilling the prophetic word. It is so interesting to notice the lines being so carefully carved between the nations of Europe. Some in the past advocated a United States of Europe. This will come to be partly true; but not altogether. No, not by a whole lot. In just what sense or to just what extent will it come to be true? Well, let's study together a few



in the not far distant future? It must certainly will. In my mind before this is all over Italy will automatically, and at the same time providentially take over whole countries. Countries in economic chaos; made so by the destruction of war. Yes, the ten kingdom empire as taught by the ten toes of the image of Dan. 2, by the ten horned beast of Dan. 7:7, and the ten horned beast of Rev. 13:1 is in the making.

Don't ever be afraid of Italy and Germany becoming allied in this present conflict for they will never be. Germany belongs with the hordes of the north, Ezk. 38 and 39; hence the recent Russian-German alliance. Germany is surely to be swallowed up by Russia, and she knows it too. This present alliance on the part of Germany with Russia has nothing but fear for its foundation. In fact, Nazism is now being taken over by Communism in a surprising way. Let me quote from a man just home from Germany, Oswald Garrison Villard. He says, "workmen, housewives, minor officials all openly grumble about the government or living conditions. Business men, lawyers, and economists mistrust the pact with Russia and are convinced, with good reason, that Germany will become Communist within a few years." He says again, "I am convinced that Germany is heading for communism; not that there will be any proletarian uprising. Communism in Germany is being imposed from the top with the aid of the great totalitarian machine which the Nazis have created. When I would say to business men that Germany will go Communist in five years they would usually say to me why put it off so long." Mr. Villard heads his article with these words: "Germany Is On the High Road To Communism." Now these are the observations of one who as studying Germany, and that not from a prophetic standpoint; but how it does correspond to what Ezekiel saw hundreds of years before Christ. Isn't it wonderful? I tell you when God speaks we may depend on it for His words are true.

So just as old Rome is being revived, so is the Northern Confederation of nations being formed. Russia will perhaps take over Finland, and maybe all of Scandinavia. We don't know; but it wouldn't surprise me. This is fast becoming to be an age when small nations have no place. The weak always suffer when the strong become inhuman, and that is what has hap-

pened. Little nations are going to be compelled to fall in with the greater powers, and all of this is in accord with Bible teaching for we are heading in the direction of centralization of power which will finally culminate into a one man dictatorship, or the reign of the antichrist.

Yes, the stage is swiftly being set for one of the bloodiest, most horrifying, and breathtaking dramas the world has ever seen. History records nothing its equal. John saw it and largely describes it under the opening of the seven sealed book, the pouring

out of the seven vials of wrath, and the sounding of the seven trumpets of judgement. It is called the great tribulation, and the time of Jacobs trouble; or of Israels persecution of which we are seeing a beginning now.

In closing I want to say that the saints are promised a trip to be at a wedding feast with Jesus while this great and horrible show is going on here on earth if we will live worthily of it; but we must remember it is promised only to the saints. Not to every professor but to the possessors. May the dear Lord help us to live faithful and to be accounted worthy.

## Love, The Greatest Thing on Earth

Rev. William Moore, Louisa, Kentucky

Paul writing to the Corinthians, spoke of the excellency of love. He was in possession of this great love; his love was so great that he suffered Nero's block for the great love of Christ.

"...Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal." 1 Cor. 13:1.

We might think that while in sin we have great love, but without the great love of God's Holy Spirit shed abroad in our hearts it amounts to nothing.

LOVE is the underlying principal of the Ten Commandments, and is the very heart of the message which we call the Sermon on the mount.

Christ answering the question, what is the greatest commandment? said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy mind, with thy strength, and thy neighbor as thyself." Luke 10:27.

Paul, in giving the list of the fruits of the Spirit, put love first.

Jesus said, it was the Royal Law. John said, it was the proof of our knowledge, we know because we love. Peter said, it was evidence of our Christian experience. Paul said, it was the fulfillment of the Law. Christ said, it was the test of discipleship. "If ye love me ye will keep my commandments." When by Grace Divine the fires of love begin to burn upon the altar of the church, Zion moves toward the City of God.

Nothing else is so needed in the churches in this land of ours than that they should come to an altar of prayer, make a complete consecration of personality and possession, and wait by faith for the refining fire of the baptism of the Holy Spirit and in a zeal of perfected love go out to win souls to God and Christ our Loving Saviour. We can substitute for some other things, but for love, there is no substitute. It takes the genuine.

Departed love from the church, from the heart, from the home is one of the most serious things that can happen.

"See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently." 1 Peter 1:22.

Love is the cream and substance of Christ's likeness. So if we want to be like Christ let's get His Holy Spirit in our lives.

It is the breath of Jesus in the heart, the vapor from the river of life, and the very marrow in the bone of truth, which is far more in the sight of God than the outward correctness of life.

It means more than the hulls of religious forms and teachings, which serve only as an alabaster box to this divine spikenard, Heavenly Love.

Without love eloquence is empty and goes down with a crash, even faith that could remove mountains is barren of real joy without divine love.

We could give our millions to feed the poor, our body as a sacrifice, and yet bring no reward to the heart untouched by heavenly love.



Paul first contrasts this love with gifts, but when compared to divine love, gifts pale into insignificance as does the moonlight before the rising sun.

Gifts within themselves do not constitute Christian character.

Judas was wonderfully gifted but lost his soul. Why? His heart was void of divine grace.

Love alone is a center from which we are to work. Without it our so-called faith and gifts count for nothing.

Love suffereth long. Love beareth all things. Love endureth all things. These are the Heavenly robes which the bridehood Saints are to wear in this present world.

### Love Suffereth Long

The very same losses and troubles that make one life bitter and rebellious will make another life kind.

The attitude the person takes depends on whether or not Christ is enthroned within.

The Holy Ghost melts our whole heart, understanding, and will into a warm flow of inexpressible love, sweetness, and power.

When the Comforter thus comes in, our whole being dissolves in a furnace of spotless love.

### Leaves A Person In Right Mind

Man possessed with legion of devils and dwelt among tombs, when Christ cast Devils out, he was left clothed and in his right mind sitting at the feet of Jesus.

### Love Beareth All Things

A beautiful rendering is love. It buries all things with silence.

Love will not brood over injuries and wrongs until they have poisoned the soul and destroyed the flavor of love, but it quickly buries all unpleasant things.

People who live in hot climates bury their dead soon after death: In like manner the soul who lives in the Torrid zone of God's love quickly buries all unpleasant things out of sight.

Let us learn the secret of victory by burying all unpleasant things out of sight. Let us learn the secret of victory by burying all unpleasant things immediately after they arise. Don't wait until their sickening odors compel you to put them away, but as soon as they are flung at you by men or devils put them away with silence. Then remember that you have no more right to dig these things up and bring out a lot of old skeletons

than you have to go to the cemetery and dig up the corpse of a loved one.

There is nothing that can hurt as long as we keep ourselves in the love of God.

Love knows no defeat. Her armour is unpierced, her victory is unchallenged; for love suffers long and is proof against all things.

### Love Endureth All Things

What cannot be helped or cured must be endured. Here we see perfect love with a bowed head patiently suffering, without a murmur, enduring all things.

### Love Envieth Not

Some of the darkest crimes in the Bible sprang from the root of envy. The envious spirit eats out the very sweetness of the Christ life like a burning acid.

### Love Vaunteth Not Itself

Love parades not itself. This has reference to the desire to display, showing off ones learning and gifts. This is one of the flesh and proud flesh at that. When the sweet indwelling Comforter comes to abide, all desire for display is burned out of the heart. The man of Calvary with that thorn crowned brow has been burned into the inward consciousness until one is willing to be little in his own eyes.

### Love Is Not Puffed Up

This has reference to inward pride. Oh to have all pride burned out through the fire of the Holy Ghost. Then we won't become puffed up when we are persecuted and misunderstood

### Love Doth Not Behave Itself Unseemly

Pure love has a behaviour which is supernatural and heavenly. It avoids

the feelings of others by talking of unpleasant things or in an argumentative manner. It cannot scold or threaten; it has lost its desire to quarrel.

It is love in politeness and make its possessor a Christian gentleman or a true lady under all circumstances.

### Love Seeketh Not Her Own

This is the aim of love. It has no secret wire to pull, nor selfish aims in view. Love has an open face, an honest look in the eye, love and selfishness cannot keep company in the same heart.

### Love In Not Provoked

This has reference to temper. There is nothing that so completely destroys the flavor of Holy love as a bad temper. An uncontrollable temper has wrecked more homes, separated more husband and wives, scattered more heart broken children to the ends of the earth, crucified more human love, sent more souls to the flame of Hell than almost anything else.

### Love Thinketh No Evil

This is the mind of love, the memory of love is very poor when it comes to the faults and failures of others. The Greek beautifully expresses it. It keeps no account of evil. It has no grudge for future avenging. No memories to be poured out at next opportunity.

It pays by doing good for evil. In better words it loves to forget wrongs. Love of God always tries to look on the bright side, and refuses to believe an evil report about a brother or sister until fully convinced that the things reported are true.

### Love Rejoices Not In Iniquity

Pure humble love never rejoices when it hears of the downfall of any one. The Spirit of Jesus is to blush with shame for a brothers faults or a sisters false steps. No scene in the Bible opens up a greater tenderness of the Spirit of Jesus, than where He stooped and wrote on the ground as if His modest loving heart did not want to hear the horrible account of evil. As we gaze on Jesus, in imagination, at that time we see infinite politeness, both to the accused and accusers. His manner and speech and disposition filled the air with greatness and sweetness of the Spirit.

Look at David's attitude toward Saul, his most bitter enemy. No wonder God called David a man after His own heart.

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### TODAY

Dear God, today is all I have,  
Today and nothing more.  
Yesterday has passed away,  
Tomorrow's out before.

Then help me share some load today,  
Of toil or grief or sorrow,  
Or ease some pain, nor live in vain.  
I may be gone tomorrow.

Let me remember yesterday  
But for the truth it taught me,  
But for the opportunities  
To serve Thee that brought me.

Then I may rest the night in peace  
Nor future troubles borrow,  
No thought of shame for yesterday,  
Nor fear for tomorrow.

— Jean Leathers Phillips.



# ... Original and Selected Poems ...

## The Little Pracher Man

By Eld. Jack Hobbs, Marble, Ark.

Down in Arkansas  
Among the Ozark hills;  
In a little community,  
The place they call Rose Hill.

About two years ago,  
From over in the land;  
There came a little fellow,  
A little preacher man.

He began to preach the Gospel  
Just like it was his song;  
He could preach a lot of truth,  
And it didn't take him long.

He would preach to us at night,  
And talk to us at day;  
Just would spread the word of God  
In a good old fashioned way.

Now there was a certain fellow,  
And I know him very well;  
And he soon begin to realize  
He was on his road to Hell.

And now the blessed truth  
Begin to pierce his soul;  
And he begin to pray,  
And away the burden rolled.

And the good Lord spoke to him;  
You must do some preaching too:  
And now thanks be to God,  
He's doing the best that he can do.

And now you see good people,  
Within our little band,  
We have another servant,  
And a little preacher man.

And now this little preacher—  
He desires the prayers of you,  
Who know and realize  
What the prayer of faith can do.

Pray that he too will stay humble,  
As the Bible tells us to;  
And call upon the Lord,  
And He will help us the job to do.

We must call upon the Lord  
And preach the blessed truth;  
For we know and realize,  
It will save the nation's youth.

And now you might wonder,  
Who was this little preacher man:  
He is Eld. Cecil O. Garrison,  
Our District Evangelist man.

Now Old Mt. Zion Association,  
Let's help all we can;  
And help to bear the burden  
Of this little preacher man.

If you like this little fellow  
And would like to hear him preach  
again,  
Let's get into the collar  
And pay our dimes in.

## OUR FATHER

By Mrs. Carl Samuel, Verona, Mo.

Our own dear heavenly Father...  
How we thank thee for thy love:  
Let us ever strive to enter  
Those beautiful mansions above.

You teach us to be patient,  
You teach us to be true;  
So in our every weakness  
We still try to worship you.

We thank you for every blessing  
That comes from your bountiful  
hand:  
For without your rain and sunshine,  
This would be a desolate land.

Without your love to guide us  
Our footsteps would falter and fail:  
And in our troubles and trials  
We could only weep and wail.

But with your blessed assurance  
You safely guide one and all:  
And if we trust completely,  
No one need ever fail.

For thou hast said in thy word,  
Our burdens thou would'st bear;  
And have ever proved a friend  
On whom to cast every care.

So help us ever to be thankful  
For a friend so true and tired,  
And dear Father let us never forget  
For whom your dear Son died.

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## JUST SUPPOSE

Contributed by Eld. Rocna Thomas

Just suppose that all the churches  
Were really closed to stay;  
And suppose there were no preachers,  
And no people who would pray.

Just suppose that all the Bibles,  
Were destroyed or hidden away;  
And that no one would remember,  
To keep the Sabbath Day.

And suppose we could not go,  
Any more to Sunday school;  
To learn how Jesus loves us,  
Or about the Golden Rule.

And the singing—how we'd miss it!  
For again, don't you suppose;  
That sacred songs would be forgotten,  
In a land with churches closed?

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"  
And that old song "Amazing Grace";  
Would not please a churchless nation,  
Jazzy songs would take their place.

Suppose that only in profanity,  
Could we hear the name of God;  
And we had to lay our loved ones,  
Silently beneath the sod.—

Without a prayer or word of comfort,  
Without the promise of His care;  
Who knoweth all our sorrow,  
And doth every burden share.

'Twould be the darkest hour  
Our hearts could ever know;  
If such were our condition—  
If all these things were really so.

But 'tis only supposition,  
We're G-L-A-D it isn't true;  
Such a picture makes us shudder,  
Just in fancy, thus to view.

But we need to get a vision,  
Of the dangers that have come;  
Need to see that supposition,  
M-I-G-H-T reality become.

Need to ask ourselves these questions,  
"What kind of church would my  
church be;  
If all the members in it,  
Were members just like me?"

Could the church keep on going,  
With members such as I?  
Or would it keep going down,  
And finally have to die?

Then we'd get aroused and busy,  
For I really DO NOT suppose;  
We'd want to live and rear our children  
In a land with churches closed.

—Ida M. Slagle.

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## The Spirit Filled Prayer

By C. C. Tharp, Lancaster, Calif.

The prayer that ascends to the throne  
of God's grace,  
Is a prayer from a spirit filled soul;  
Not a prayer of the lips from the art  
of man's pen  
Can reach the portals of Gold.

### Chorus

Pray from your heart, pray from your  
soul,

If you want God's blessings to flow;  
Pray in the spirit at the throne of  
God's grace,

For this He has taught us to do.

A sentence may ring e'er so sweet in  
the ear

Of those who may listen with awe;  
But 'twill not bring results from the  
father of love,

If not from the Spirit you draw.

Your prayer memorized and well  
theorized,

May bring you much praise from  
the crowd;

But the prayer that is heard and  
answered by God.

Is a prayer the Spirit enshrouds.

—This song was inspired while  
listening to a modern preacher, who  
advised those who could not pray to  
buy a prayer book and memorize a  
prayer.



# ... Letters of Interest and Field Reports ...

## First General Baptist Church Flint, Michigan

Rev. Winford Davis, Pastor  
Carl B. Ragsdale, Reporter

Dear Gem Readers:

Our revival, which was being held by our pastor has just closed, and we are glad to report victory over sin.

The meeting lasted four weeks with the church getting tired badly, but spiritually on the mountain top.

There were about 47 souls found their way to the Lord. A great number were the young people of our Sunday school, to whom we are looking to for the church of tomorrow. We also had about 18 additions to the church.

We are thankful for the singers we had with us at different times during the meeting. The Stamps-Baxter quartet from Detroit, the Church of God quartet of Flint, a duet from Owosso, and some of our local talent, including the McAlyea trio. The singing was led by Bro. Noel Greenway, Monett, Mo.

The meeting was closed with communion and feet washing. The Lord wonderfully blessed in that service, with about 70 or 80 taking part in the feet washing service.

In these last days you hear people saying that the days of the old-fashioned revivals were gone but they are not all over, because we have the same plan of salvation and the same God as they had years ago. I think the trouble is with the people getting too modern to humble themselves before God.

Pray for us that we as a church may stay humble that the revival will continue in the hearts of the people.

SESSER, ILLINOIS

Dear Editor:

I want to say that I really do enjoy the *Gem* paper. I have read only one copy and it was well worth my time.

I would like to say that we people in Southern Illinois love the Lord also. My husband and I are two of the new members to join hands with the Bear Point Free Will Baptist church in 1939, where Rev. W. R.

Burton and W. R. Spurlock held a meeting in which God did wonderfully bless. The Spirit of God is still lingering on and we are seeing souls saved during our regular meeting. We have a prayer band which consists mostly of young converts and God is blessing us from time to time.

Our Sunday school is rapidly growing and we have organized a young people's league which I am sure will be successful.

We attended the Quarterly Meeting at Rescue church in December and it surely was a wonderful meeting. It was the most spiritual meeting I ever attended. We heard a wonderful talk by Sister McAdams on Tithes. The next quarterly meeting will be held at the Mt. Vernon Free Will Baptist church the fifth Sunday in March.

There is so much I would like to say but I had better not make this letter too long. I will close, asking the prayers of all God's people for our church that it might continue to grow and do God's will, and always be on the firing line.

—Geraldine Lewis.

FLINT, MICHIGAN

Dear Gem Readers:

I have just finished reading my fifth copy of the *Gem* and this is my first time to ever write to the *Gem*.

I can never tell just how much I do enjoy reading it. It surely means a lot to me. I did not know anything about the *Free Will Baptist Gem* until Bro. Winford Davis of Monett, Mo., came to Flint and rented a room from us. He gave me a copy of the *Gem* and after reading it through I decided I wanted to take it for a year, and Oh! how I enjoy it; especially to know there are still a lot of good religious people. I am just praying for more and more old time revival meetings just like we had in Flint at the General Baptist church where Bro. Davis held a meeting and also is pastor.

Bro. Davis certainly is a fine minister; always so willing and ready to help someone to Christ. All I have to say is that we just need a lot more ministers like him today.

I have been living in Flint for almost six years and can truly say I was never in such an old time revival meeting as the one at the General Baptist church. There was shouting from one end of the church to the other and people finding the Lord the same way. Thank God for old time revivals like that one. Bro. Greenway led the singing which was fine. We also enjoyed having him in our home too.

—Mrs. Earl Jones,  
612 Asylum Street.

New Hope F. W. B. Church  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Gem Readers:

This is my first letter to the *Gem*. I am not a very good scholar, but if I make any mistakes forgive me.

We have a reporter, but why she has not reported I don't know. So bear with me this time.

On the account of bad weather we haven't done much work. We have had a lot of sickness this winter but I think everybody is improving. I hope the nice weather will continue.

We are looking forward to a revival and praying that Jesus will send us a wonderful revival, that many souls may find the Lord precious to their souls, and that all the Christians will be drawn closer to God.

We earnestly ask you all, that know the worth of prayer, to pray for us that the Lord will always have His own way in our hearts.

—Annie Bacon

ARCHIE, MISSOURI

To our beloved paper; the "*Gem*" and to God's people everywhere:

I thought some may be interested in what we are trying to do for the Lord at our Hickory Grove church. We have Sunday school each Sunday evening. Our pastor is Bro. Arthur Kicenski, whom the Lord has used to do a wonderful work here. There have been several added to our church, three deacons ordained, and a spirit of real fellowship prevails.

We are looking forward for a great revival as soon as Bro. Marcum, the state evangelist, can come this way. Pray for us that it may be a real old time revival.



I have only been a member of the Hickory Grove church about one year. I came from the Presbyterian church. I think the Free Will Baptist churches are wonderful and the preachers, truly, are men of God.

Our pastor preaches for us once a month and how we look forward to that time.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Mrs. Lloyd Warren.

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## MINE LA MOTTE, MISSOURI March 7, 1940

Dear Co-workers:

The time has passed so quickly and yet we have been in a nine weeks revival with Bro and Sister Dodd and the Desloge church. We left Illinois the last of December and started the meeting the last Sunday in December.

The power of God was felt in every service. The meeting had only been running a few days when we found our selves in zero weather. The snow and ice kept folks away. After the weather began to warm up some, the "flu" broke out and kept numbers away. But at the time our crowds were so small, Bro. James F. Miller and a number of the good folks came from Flat River and helped in a wonderful way. We thank God for such pastors as Bro. Miller and such people as the folks that make up the Flat River church.

Well, after much prayer, fasting and preaching the revival fire began to burn and souls were saved. We had three all day services where people met and really prayed. Then the prayer meetings in the homes were a great blessing and a number were saved in the homes. Right at the last the interest was great. Thirty-one were converted and reclaimed up to Sunday night, and the Spirit led Bro. Dodd to run the meeting the rest of the week. The last we heard souls were still being saved.

We made our home with Bro. and Sister Dodd and we certainly did feel at home with them. We feel that Bro. Dodd is a splendid young man and a God called preacher. The Desloge church has some fine Christian workers that we enjoyed working with. The mission women are planning a great year in the service of the Lord.

After leaving Desloge we visited Bro. Miller and his people Monday night, and God gave us a wonderful service there.

The revival spirit is still felt with the church, and they are doing a great work for the Master. Sister Miller meets with her mission every Wednesday in an all day meeting. It was our privilege to meet with them a number of times, and talk to them about our work in the different states. We plan to organize a district convention as soon as the weather is better.

We came to Mine La Motte Tuesday night. We have had three splendid services with one reclaimed and others interested. Pray for us to have a great victory here.

We go from here on a missionary tour down through Oklahoma, some points in Texas, and then back to Missouri. Pray for us on this tour that God will help us get our mission work before our people in such a way that it will stir a new interest in our churches. God bless our dear women everywhere, and all of our co-workers.

Yours for Jesus,  
— H. M. & Lizzie McAdams

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## Pine Creek Quarterly Meeting Wheelerburg, Ohio

Dear Gem Family:

I am sending a report of our Pine Creek Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meeting which convened with Bloom church, February 24 and 25.

Meeting was called to order by our clerk, Eld. G. L. Yeley. Eld. W. J. Sheppard was chosen moderator and Eld. J. A. Kemper, assistant moderator. After the body was organized, business was adjourned until 2:00 o'clock.

The Pulpit Committee appointed Eld. N. P. Gates of Hazel Park, Michigan to preach at 11:00 o'clock. Bro. Gates brought a wonderful message and at the close an altar call was given and two precious souls came for prayer and one man was gloriously saved. God was praised throughout the large congregation.

The meeting assembled at 2:00 o'clock for business. All of our 17 churches were represented, and all of them are having good Sunday school and prayer services. Several great revivals were reported and a good number of additions to the churches was reported.

Besides Bro. Gates and his party from Michigan, we had messengers from four or five other conferences.

Saturday night Eld. Herles, one of

our young preachers, brought a fine message to the church. God's spirit was present through all the conference.

Our next Quarterly Meeting will be held May 25 and 26, 1940, at Garden City Free Will Baptist Church, twelve miles east of Portsmouth, Ohio, on route 52.

Please pray for the work here in southern Ohio. May God bless you all.

— Eld. J. A. Kemper, Reporter

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## BRISTOW CHURCH REPORT

Bristow, Oklahoma

Rev. John H. West, Pastor

Mrs. Zula Lewis, Reporter

Heb. 3:9. "For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."

We are made happy to send fix another report from our church. God is blessing us in a wonderful way.

Our Sunday School is progressing nicely. Our Wednesday night service is very interesting. After our prayer and testimony service we have Bible study. We take one chapter each Wednesday night and we are now studying 2 Corinthians.

I like the above verse of scripture because it says we are laborers together with God. Notice we are called laborers. A laborer is one that works and toils and is not idle. Notice also that it says laborers together, and not by ourselves, and with God. We are God's building and it is on us that God's work depends. We should labor, toil, and strive earnestly to point souls to Jesus Christ for that is the only hope of this lost world being saved. Are we workers or are we loafing down on the job expecting someone else to do our part?

Our missionary ladies are busy quilting to raise money to help advance the cause of Jesus Christ. We have made several sick calls, but oh, how we need to visit sin sick souls and warn them of the great danger there is in putting off salvation.

Luke 14:23, "And the Lord said unto the servant, go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

This is a great command and a big task. But it is the words of Jesus Christ speaking to his servants. Are we obeying His command?

Pray for us that we keep on the firing line for God.



## Fredericktown, Missouri

Dear Bro. Rollins:

I am sending you another sub to the *Gem*. I will try to get all the subs I can. I sure like the paper.

Well, I have two churches in my care, and I can say that the Copper Mines church is doing fine. This church had grown cold and was without a pastor for a long time. I began to preach for them and was called as their pastor.

The next year the church at Fredericktown called for full-time and the Copper Mines had no pastor that year so I was called again. We had a fine revival. Twelve professed Christ and ten were baptized.

The next year we had a good revival, 14 professed faith in Christ, 14 were baptized and 17 united with the church. We also have a good Sunday school.

We ask the prayers of the *Gem* family that the Lord will bless the Copper Mines church and that the church will always be ready to do His will.

— J. L. Yancey, Pastor

## Fifth Sunday Meeting Report

(Crowded out of the last issue)

The following is a report of Fifth Sunday Meeting held January 31, 1939 with the Granby Free Will Baptist Church.

In the beginning we had Sunday school with a lesson entitled "Friends and Foes of the Kingdom" from which we learned a lot of good.

After Sunday school we had a sermon by Sister Elda Crain. Her text was taken from Prov. 14:28.

At noon we had a bountiful dinner, enjoyed by all.

At 1:30 we began our services with our moderator, Bro. Charlie Landert, and our clerk, Sister Lamb, being absent on account of sickness we elected in their places Bro. J. T. Montgomery and Sister Newton. Bro. Bill Foster and Bro. Harlan Kimbrough and Sister Newton were appointed as pulpit committee.

Services opened by singing.

Scripture reading by Bro. Montgomery from fourth chapter of Luke.

Prayer by Sister Elda Crain.

Sermon by Bro. Farmer. Theme: "Precious jewels for boys and girls."

Song: "Jewels" by congregation.

Sermon by Bro. Crain. Text: Matt. 11:6.

Sermon by Bro. Walgomott. Text: Matt. 26:39.

Song by Sister Elda Crain, Ina Fern Walgomott, and Bro. Orvil Johnson. "O What a Change In My Life."

Sermon by Bro. Orvil Johnson. Text: St. John 21:21.

Sermon by Bro. Norman Green. Text: St. John 21:21.

Song by Bro. and Sister Montgomery "Sweeter Than All."

Sermon by Sister Elda Crain. Text, Luke 21:28.

Voted to meet at Picher, Okla., for next fifth Sunday meeting.

Song by congregation, "He Came To Make Me Free."

At this time a testimony service was greatly enjoyed.

Singing by congregation.

Prayer by Bro. Wolgomott.

— Mrs. H. W. Wolgomott, Reporter

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## Niangua F. W. B. League Report

Dear Gem Readers:

It has been a long time since there has been a report of our league in the paper. We are growing rapidly. Our membership has jumped from 15 to 34 in the last month.

We have taken up the Seven point system, which we like very much, and being divided in two groups has caused more interest in our lessons and daily Bible reading than ever before.

Our group captains are Maud Garner for group No. 1 and Mildred Smith for group No. 2.

We also have a nice group of little junior leaguers who are always willing to do their duty.

Pray for us that we will continue to increase and stay on the firing line for Christ.

Gladys E. Fillmer, President,  
Jossie Petet, Sec-Treas.

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## Macedonia League Report

We desire to report that our League is progressing nicely. We have an average attendance of about 22.

Our officers are as follows:

President ..... Ruby Davis  
Group Captain ..... Maxine Davis  
Quizz Leader ..... Alfred Justice  
Secretary ..... Ruth Henderson

Our league is divided into two groups—No. 1 and No. 2. We are becoming more interested in our league work, which we are very thankful for. Pray for us.

## DRY KNOB, MISSOURI

"Hello" Gem Readers:

Greetings and love in the name of our Saviour!

It has been several months since you have heard from us over here, but we are still here more in number, since you heard, and marching firmly toward that city whose builder and maker is God.

I wrote a letter but it was not printed. But sometime ago our good editor, Bro. Rollins, wrote me a nice letter saying it was for the need of room they were not printed. He asked me to write again and he would make room. Now I hope he does not leave some good letters out for mine.

Through the bad winter months, not a meeting has been missed. There has not been but a few Sunday school lessons missed.

Oh! how I do enjoy reading the *Gem* from cover to cover. And I do enjoy Sisters Frazier's letters, for I believe she is one that carries her burdens with a smile. I believe God is pleased with us when we bear our trials patiently. Sometimes, as you and I observe others, we think they have no trials because they smile and seem to be happy. It is he who leaves it all in the hands of Jesus and carries his cross with a smile.

If we belong to Christ and serve him faithfully the world is against us, for it is an enemy to Christ. Therefore we may expect all kind of criticism and trials. Our greatest foe is the Devil. The harder we try to win souls for Christ, the greater will be the testing and trials, for every soul saved by the blood of Jesus Christ is snatched from the Devil's grip. Trials do come and what do we do? Are we rebellious? Do we fret? "Fret not thyself because of evil doers." Psalms 37:1.

Oh, we that mummer against God. Remember in the wilderness Israel numered against God and was punished. But in Deuteronomy 8, God spoke through Moses to Israel and he said the trials in the wilderness were to humble thee to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart wheather thou wouldest keep thy commandments or not.

When we are saved we are children of God, and He deals with us as a father. In Heb. 12:5-6, we are told that He speaketh unto us as unto the children. "My son despise not thou the chastizeing of the Lord, nor faint



when thou art rebuked of him."

"For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." He desires that we grow and become mature in the Lord.

Trials only make stepping stones to a higher plane of living if we use them correctly. I believe Paul praised God for his trials and surely none of us has more than he had. God knows what we are able to bear, and did he not say he would not suffer us to be tempted above that we were able to bear.

Surely this one verse will hold us steady in the most severe tests and trials. 1 Peter 4:12 says, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing had happened to you." Verse 13 says, "But rejoice, inasmuch as you are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that

when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." Peter 1:7 says, "That the trials of your faith is much more precious than that of Gold."

Remember God said to the children of Israel that the trials were to humble to prove thee to do thee good in the latter end. Some of our trials may be the greatest blessings to us as we ever received if our hearts can go out in love and praise, believing as Abraham did that he shall give us greater blessings than we are ask to give up. If so, our lives shall be greatly enriched and our Lord be nearer and dearer than ever before.

I covet the prayers of all who know the worth of prayer. And let us ever remember the new and last commandment of our Lord, that we love one another and that the world may know we are His disciples.

—Alpa Jane Wilson.

## Love, The Greatest Thing

*Continued from page 16*

Harshness never heals or help the unfortunate. But the Spirit of meekness and kindness in the Christ-like attitude we are to take toward a weak brother or an erring sister.

### Love Is Kind

What a beautiful work, it means we are to treat others as we should our own relatives or families. Kindness is the very Spirit of Heaven. It will unlock more doors and open more human hearts to the Gospel than most any thing else. Love is what makes the home a heaven. May the home be ever so poor and the sweet spirit of love there and it is wonderful. God help us to be kind now.

### Love Rejoices In The Truth

Love for the truth is the bed rock from which the Holy Ghost builds character which will stand the shock of the Judgment. Any religion which is not founded on the truth is a sham and produces a false hope. The love for the truth can be united to our hearts in such a living way as to form a union with our Spirits.

### Love Believeth All Things

This is love closing our eyes to the faults and failures of others and throwing a mantle of Charity around them trusting God to make them true.

### Love Hopeth All Things

It will put a rainbow of promise across every dark cloud of our to-

morrow and will sweeten every bitter cup we have to drink.

### Love Is the Climax of Blessings

It will accomplish anything it undertakes, will make any burden light, any task easy, it is the very cream of Christianity.

There is nothing greater in our Holy religion than a heart emptied of sin and filled with pure humble love.

### Love Never Filleth

This is the glory and crown of all blessings. In the midst of world changes, heart aches, and heart breaks, God's love is the same and never changes. All through the trying hours of the day, like an anchor it holds the soul steady. We awake with the blessing in our heart in the morning, and like a golden drop of honey it continues to drop its sweetness. When awakened in the night, like the soft wings of the nestling dove a strange and heavenly feeling seems to settle down over the whole being, with a quietness that is akin to Heaven.

The time is coming when not only earthly scenes will change, the heavens will be shaken, the sun turn black, the moon turned into blood, the stars will fall, the earth reel, the graves will open, the Judge will descend, but amid all these happenings this sweet voiced, soft toned, gentle spirited long suffering, boundless love will never fail.

## Report of Quarterly Conference Drumright, Oklahoma

The Second Quarterly Conference of the First Mission Association convened with the Drumright Free Will Baptist Church of Drumright, Okla., February 21, 1940.

The Introductory message was delivered by Eld. Lane of Tuskegee, Oklahoma. His subject was "On the Shore."

The regular business session was called to order by Eld. H. E. Staines. The following churches were represented by letter and delegates: Tuskegee, Jennings, Tulsa, Olive, Liberty, Zion Hill, Wewoka, Bristow, Silver City, Vance Chapel, Pretty Water, Drumright, New Home, Blue Bell, First Free Will Baptist of Sapulpa, Cushing and North Heights Sapulpa.

Eld. Melvin Bingham was elected moderator and Eld. Jack Eden, assistant moderator.

It was reported that Eld. Bert Rogers was very ill and an offering was taken to send him flowers, and special prayer was offered in his behalf.

Good preaching was enjoyed by all that were present, and the Spirit of the Lord was felt during the entire conference.

The next quarterly meeting will convene at the Wewoka church in May. Eld. Jack Williams is to bring the introductory message; Eld. Jack Eden, alternate.

—Daisy Merchant, Reporter

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## JENNINGS, OKLAHOMA

Dear Editor:

I am sending \$1.00 for my subscription renewal to the *Gem*.

I feel the right name has been given this periodical, for surely it is a Gem filled with sublime thoughts, inspirational words and sealed with a dauntless zeal in the Master's cause; it glows as a rare gem in our own lives.

May our heavenly Father bless you and your staff in this worthy cause.

—Elmore Gilbert

Human things must be known to be loved; but Divine things must be loved to be known.



## ..... Obituaries .....

**SHARP** — Emma Rosetta Sharp, daughter of Martha M. and Presley Sharp, was born near Shibleys Point, Adair County, Missouri, December 16, 1873, and departed this life March 2, 1940 at her home near Lowground. She was, at the time of her death, 66 years, 2 months and 15 days of age.

She was united in marriage to William G. Lawson on February 14, 1892. As a bride she moved with her husband to the Lowground community where she lived until Jesus called her home.

To this union six children were born. She is survived by her husband and four children, Mrs. Ethel Houghton, Stahl, Mo.; Pearl P. Lawson, Edina, Mo.; Ruth Robinson, Stahl, Mo.; and Irene Erving, Kirksville, Missouri. Two infants, George Millard and Jessie Loera, preceded her in death.

She also leaves three grandchildren, Shirley Ann Lawson, Dorothy Lee Erving and Bobby Robinson; two brothers, P. B. Sharp and Lora Sharp, both of Shibleys Point; and a host of relatives and friends.

She united with the Baptist church in early years and lived a true and faithful life. She was a loving mother, a faithful wife and a friend to all who knew her.

Funeral service was held at the Lowground church on March 3 with Rev. Archie Cooper in charge. Interment was in the Cain Ford cemetery near by.

**STINSON** — Sula Vera Stinson, daughter of T. J. and Ida Tharp, was born December 2, 1913, in Carroll County, Arkansas. She departed this life in a hospital in Reedley, California June 13, 1939 at the age of 26 years, 6 months and 7 days.

She was married to Loyd Stinson of Springfield, Missouri, December 11, 1933.

Sula was a sweet and beautiful child. She was converted in early life and joined a Missionary Baptist church. She drifted away, but was reclaimed to God about four months before her death, and she shouted and prayed to God.

When she took sick on June 7, and it was learned that she must go to the hospital, they all knelt and

prayed in her mother's home. Sula asked someone to read the 23 Psalm to her. After she went to the hospital and was operated on, and while she was so sick, she sang a part of "What A Wonderful Saviour," and a short time before she died she tried to sing another song.

I can not tell you of all her unselfish service to her loved ones. You would have to know the circumstances to understand. But this we know, that God has a wonderful home for her where toil and pain can never come. I have often thought of the old sentence "Those whom the gods love, die young"; and it seems so true when we look around and see so many who are called away so young.

Sula leaves a dear husband, father and mother, five sisters and three brothers. Also a host of relatives and friends, to mourn her departure, but our loss is heaven's gain.

She was laid to rest June 16, in a cemetery near their home in Reedley, California, to await the resurrection.

I wish to say to all the loved ones: "Weep not as those who have no hope, for when Jesus comes He will bring our dear Sula with Him."

—Written by her aunt, Dorcas Tharp.

**SANER** — Etta May Saner was born September 21, 1904 and died February 21, 1940 at the age of 36 years and 7 months.

She leaves a father, William Saner; one brother, Arthur; one half brother, Dale Saner of Centerville, Iowa; two half sisters, Sedro Woolley of Washington and Ammie Stokes of Kirksville, Missouri.

Etta was hurt in a fall from a tree when she was a little girl, and as a result was afflicted the rest of her life.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Noel Turner in the Dee Riley Funeral Home of Kirksville, Missouri. Interment was at Highland Park cemetery.

**GUYENN** — Mrs. Dora Lee (Ellerman) Guyenn, was born near Leila, Cedar County, Missouri June 22, 1898. She departed this life January 4, 1940 at her home near Sunny View. At the time of her death she was 41 years old.

She was the wife of Evertle Raymond Guyenn, a deacon of Sunny View church where she was a member

and a teacher of the senior Sunday school class.

About four years ago she professed faith in Christ and has been faithful until death. She was a devoted worker in the church and community activities until stricken down September 12, 1939.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband and a seven year old daughter (Norma Jean); one daughter having preceded her in death.

Sister Dora was sick several days, but bore her afflictions like a real soldier of the cross showing no fear of death; only a beautiful example of faith in her redeemer. She spent much time in prayer and talking of the goodness of God, and even sang hymns of praise. Only a few minutes before she passed away she asked Bro. Roy Jones to join her in prayer. Then she quietly fell asleep in the arms of her dear Saviour.

She was laid to rest in the Antioch cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by Eld. Roy Jones, pastor of Happy Hill church.

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

God in his great wisdom has recalled,  
That precious life he has given;  
Tho' her dear body slumbers here,  
Her sweet soul is in Heaven.

She was robed and ready waiting  
For the messenger to come,  
To take her from this world of sorrow  
To her bright eternal home.

**SMITH** — Glen Smith was born September 23, 1922 and departed this life February 8, 1940. He was 17 years, 4 months and 15 days old. His entire life was spent in the same community.

He leaves to mourn his passing a father and mother, W. G. and Lillie Smith; 4 brothers, Ted of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Lon, Ben, and Eudell all of Lunenburg, Missouri; 4 sisters, Lois Williams of Altheimer, Ark., Marie Teague of Guion, Mo., Leona O'Neal and Eugene Smith both of Lunenburg, Missouri.

He took sick on the fourth day of February and was taken to the hospital on the sixth day of February. On the way to the hospital he asked his father to pray with him. His father, being a good kind Christian, was glad to pray with his son. But he wasn't satisfied. His mother being a good Christian, was also praying for him while he was away. While



at the hospital he realized how near death was to him and asked his father to pray with him again. After prayer was over he said, "I know I will never see home but you tell mama I will be up yonder waiting for you all. The father brought the sad news back to his mother, brothers, and sisters about his death and the good news that he was saved before he died. He always enjoyed Sunday school and church and really loved to sing.

He will be sadly missed by his family and a large circle of friends, yet we would not call him back for we know he is safe beyond the river and that the pure in heart shall meet again.

No, not cold beneath the grass,  
Not close — walled within the tomb;  
Rather in my father's mansion,  
Living in another room.

Living like the one who loves me,  
Like that child with cheeks a bloom,  
Out of sight at desk or school book,  
Busy in another room.

Nearer than the youth whom fortune  
Beckons where the strong lands loom  
Just behind the hanging curtains,  
Serving in another room.

Shall I doubt my Father's mercy?  
Shall I think of death as doom,  
When I know my friend is happy  
Waiting in the other room?

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon in the home conducted by Rev. Owen Harvell. The body was laid to rest in the family cemetery near Lunenburg.

—Written by a friend,  
Bethel Richardson.

## JOY BRINGERS

Some men move through life as a band of music moves down the street flinging out pleasure on every side through the air to everyone, far and near, that can listen. Some men fill the air with their presence and sweetness, as orchards in October days fill the air with perfume of ripe fruit. Some women cling to their own homes, like the honeysuckle over the door, yet, like it, sweeten all the region with the subtle fragrance of their goodness. There are trees of rightness, which are ever dropping precious fruit around them. There are lines that

HILL — Eld. W. C. Hill was born November 6, 1866 in Jackson, Mo., and passed away at a hospital in St. Louis, Mo., January 8, 1940 at the age of 73 years, 2 months and 2 days.

He leaves to mourn his departure his beloved wife, Elizabeth Hill; three sons, Lester, Cheslie and Harvey, all of St. Louis; and one daughter, Zella Rankin of Detroit, Michigan. Two children, Elmer and Freeda Hallie, preceded him in death. He also leaves 16 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; four daughters-in-law; and two sons-in-law. He also leaves a host of other relatives and friends.

Bro. Hill has been actively engaged in the ministry for 43 years. He pastored and organized several different churches and the churches feel they have lost a dear brother in Christ and a real soldier of the cross.

Bro. Mark Lewis preached his funeral at the Leadington church, and his body was also buried there.

As Bro. Hill was lying in the hospital the Christian people prayed that God might heal him in his sickness, but Jesus came on the scene and said, "Son, you have suffered enough, come home." He heard the call and laid down all, and went home with Jesus.

His trials are past, his work is done,  
And he is fully blest;  
He fought the fight, the victory won,  
And has entered into rest;  
And he shall rest from his labors;  
His works do follow him.

shine like star beams or charm the heart like songs sung upon a holy day.

How great a bounty and blessing it is to hold the royal gifts of the soul, so that they shall be music to some and fragrance to others, and life to all! It would be no unworthy thing to live for, to make the power which we have within us the breath of other men's joy; to scatter sunshine where only clouds and shadows reign; to fill the atmosphere, where earth's weary tollers must stand, with a brightness which they can not create for themselves, and which they long for, enjoy and appreciate.

## Third Free Will Baptist Church St. Louis, Missouri

Francis McCauley, Reporter

Dear Gem Readers:

It has been some time since I have written about our church. The cold weather held our crowds down a while, but they are getting larger now. We are expecting great things from the Lord this spring, and we are working to that end. The Lord will do great things for them that believe. We are serving a great saviour of man and He will help them that serve Him and love His appearing.

Bro. Lewis is preaching some fine sermons and people are stirred by the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to them that believe.

Our church is mourning the passing of Rev. W. C. Hill, who passed away and has gone home to glory. He organized this church.

We have changed our league from Thursday night to Sunday evening, starting at 6:30 o'clock. Our crowds are larger and we have some good times.

Our Sunday school is gaining in attendance and all departments are coming along fine.

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## Springtime and Faith

By Mrs. Carl Samuel, Verona, Mo.

Winter has come and gone,  
And springtime is here;  
And when one can live  
In the great out doors,  
The infinite seems so near.

Yes, we see God's handiwork  
Most any place we look;  
And when we plant the seed  
And see our garden grow,  
We need not read it from a book.

Because without His higher power,  
Our seeds would never grow,  
Without His rain and sunshine;  
Beautiful flowers we'd never know.

So spring is here and I  
Will dig and plant and sow;  
Then I'll put my trust in Him,  
And really know they'll grow.

And when the tiny plants  
Have just peeped through the ground  
I hoe and hoe and thank the Lord,  
That faith in Him I've found.



## Sentence Sermons

Mrs. Alta Mikel, Greentop, Missouri

The love principle is stronger than the force principle.

The only way to have a friend is to be one.

Home is the grandest of all institutions.

Always leave the home with loving words, for they may be the last.

Good manners are made of petty sacrifices.

People seldom improve when they have no other model but themselves to copy after.

No man can possibly improve in any company, for which he has not respect enough to be under some degree of restraint.

The greater the difficulty, the more the glory in surmounting it. Skillful pilots gain their reputations from storms and tempests.

There never was a great man, unless through divine inspiration.

If you have an enemy, act kindly to him and make him your friend.

No man is so insignificant as to be sure his example can do no hurt.

Troubles are hard to take; though they strengthen the soul, tonics are always bitter.

How sour music is, when time is broke, and no proportion kept: so is it in the music of men's lives.

To be womanly is the greatest charm of woman.

Let us govern our lives and our thoughts, as if the whole world were to see the one and read the other; for what does it signify to make anything a secret to our neighbor, when to God (who is the searcher of our hearts) all our principles are open?

Death is but a path that must be trod if man would ever pass to God.

'Tis a blessing to live, but a greater to die; and the best of the world, is its path to the sky.

This world is a solemn fact; we are in it; let us try to understand it. Let us grapple with its mysteries, let us think much of its responsibilities, let us ponder the thoughts of the inquiring minds of past ages, let us prize all the light we have from man—from God, so that we may be guided right amid its perils and changing experiences.

God demands an account of the past; that we must render hereafter. He demands an improvement of the present, and this we must render now.

We should turn our every amusement to our eternal advantage.

## Curiosities in the Bible

S. P. Pittman, Railway Agent, Monett

Is the earth round?—Isa. 40:22.

Aviation.—Isa. 60:8.

Automobiles.—Nahum 2:3-4.

Radio.—Job 38:34-35.

Christ raised himself from the dead. John 10:17-18.

The Lord an enemy.—Lam. 2:3.

Why did God create the world? Isa. 45:18 & Rev. 4:11.

Silence in Heaven.—Rev. 8:1.

Blood to horses bridles.—Rev. 14:20.

No Mr. Smith.—1 Samuel 13:19.

An eleven days journey that took forty years.—Deuteronomy 1:2.

Beware of signing promissory notes as security.—Proverbs 11:15 & 6:1-5.

Now Joshua the son of Nun

And Caleb the son of Jephunney;

Are the only two, who ever got through To the land of milk and honey.

—Numbers 14:38.

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