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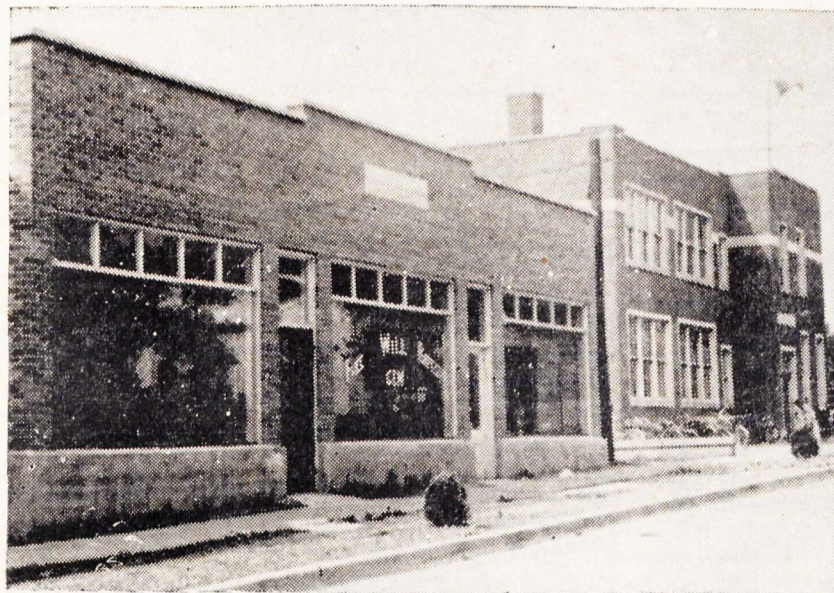
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Here is a shot at the new Gem Office. This issue of the "Gem" completes one year's activity in our new location. Time brings changes—and time, in Monett, brings improvements. A curb and gutter was built and the street has been paved. A new sidewalk is ordered, to be put in as soon as the gang can get here. We hope the next year will bring as many improvements as did the past year.

The large building in the background is the Central Grade School. We like our neighbor very much.

We renew our invitation for our people to visit the Gem Office any time you may be in our city.

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— Winford Davis, Sec'y.	

O Thou, My Soul, Forget No More

Contributed by Mrs. Raymond Hawkins

O thou, my soul, forget no more
The Friend who all thy sorrows bore;
Let ev'ry idol be forgot;
But, O my soul, forget him not.

Renounce thy works and ways with
grief,
And fly to this divine relief;
Nor him forget, who left his throne,
And for thy life gave up his own.

Eternal truth and mercy shine
In him, and he himself is thine;
And canst thou, then, with sin beset,
Such charms, such matchless charms,
forget?

O no; till life itself depart,
His name shall cheer and warm my
heart;
And, lisping this, from earth I'll rise,
And join the chorus of the skies.

Things Worth While

'Tain't what we have,
But what we give;
'Tain't where we are,
But how we live;
'Tain't what we do,
But how we do it —
That makes this life
Worth going thru it.

This n That ---- by the Editor

The National Association

The National Association of Free Will Baptists is approaching! It will soon be here. We are expecting a great time—the greatest yet. We are expecting great steps to be taken in the building program of our denomination.

We are expecting to meet brethren from all sections of the U. S. A. where the Free Will Baptist banner is floating. Even Bro. Willey, our missionary, will be there.

Everybody will be welcome—I know those Kentucky brethren; their hearts are as big as some of those mountains around Paintsville. If you don't believe that, come to Paintsville and find it out like I did.

The National Association is big—almost too big for any one church to entertain, so let each of us remember that there is a registration fee of \$1.00 per person. That is pretty cheap board for a week, don't you think? Then just think of all those good meetings—Oh, I can hardly wait.

Notice the program on page four. I am a member of the Program Committee and I now have the exclusive right to appoint the minister for the Wednesday night service. I appoint Bro. and Sister Willey. (Personally to the Willeys; get your Preaching Gun loaded.)

May the Lord smile on us in approval.

About the Manuscripts

We do not have to beg for manuscripts for the *Gem*—thank the Lord. Our people are good to supply fine manuscripts.

We renew our pledge to do our best, and better when we can, to make your writings appear attractively in the *Gem*.

Very often, we have more manuscripts than we can use in one issue, so we keep them for the next issue. We try to use discretion and choose sermon material to carry over, as it is general reading and is not periodical in nature. Please be patient with us in this matter.

We have speeded up the work at the Gem Office, so please note this new ruling:

Manuscripts of denominational enterprising must be in the office by the 15th of the month preceeding date of issue. All sermons, letters, reports, poems, obituaries, etc., must be here by the 20th of the month preceeding date of issue.

This is to your own advantage, for you may now receive a well planned *Gem* earlier in the month—we try to mail the 1st and have been doing better than that for the past months.

With your co-operation, the *Gem* will advance in every way, because we already have the smile of God's approval on the *Gem*.

The Editor In Michigan

The editor had a splendid vacation touring among the old original Free Will Baptist churches in the North.

We went to Flint, Michigan with Bro. Winford Davis, and from there we went out and held services in Clifford, Kingston, Watertown, and also in our new churches in Hazel Park and Highland Park in the Detroit section.

We conducted services over the radio twice. Our services throughout were agreeable, which resulted in making many new friends and in securing a very nice list of subscribers to the *Gem*.

The Associate Editor and our pressman and the Queen did a splendid job of holding the fort while Old Chief was gone.

We sincerely trust that our visit in the North will bring forth much ripe fruit to the glory of God in days to come.

June Is Campaign Month

During the month of June, special efforts are being put forth to raise funds to build our Bible College. For the past few years we have been raising funds to promote this worthy cause. The time has come for real definite action, on the part of our two hundred thousand Free Will Baptists of America.

We have a grand and glorious National Association and Missionaries on the field; with the door of opportunity

open to hundreds of others, if they only had the *proper training*. In addition to this the ministry of the home-land is suffering and in jeopardy for the lack of trained leadership.

At this time we have greater opportunities facing us, as a denomination, than we have ever had before, and the possibilities for launching forth are not a few. Now, the time is ripe; let us rise up and build! We must strike now—while the iron is hot.

For many months you have been noticing the writings in the *Gem*, by Rev. J. R. Davidson, National Treasurer of the Board of Education, and also by many of our "boys" who have been writing in support of the work. But now the time has come for concrete action. And that action must take the form of cash donations. Let every one of us pay the Lord His tithe and build a Christian school, that will really bring forth fruit to the glory of God.

On page eight, of this issue, you will notice a coupon, which was a concoction by Rev. Winford Davis. This coupon is being used in Missouri, printed on coin envelopes, for the convenience of all those, who will, to make their contribution. Since this *Gem* went to press, Rev. Melvin Bingham ordered a number of these coin envelopes for the State of Oklahoma.

We urge our people in Missouri and Oklahoma to send in these envelopes, containing their contribution, at once. For those of other states, we urge that you, please, clip this coupon in the *Gem* and send in your contribution.

Money may be sent to either of the following men: Rev. J. R. Davidson, National Treasurer, Bryan, Texas; Rev. Winford Davis, treasurer for Missouri, Monett, Missouri; or Rev. Melvin Bingham, treasurer for Oklahoma, 833 North Utica, Tulsa, Oklahoma. You need not fear to send these men your money, and you may be assured there are no high salaries to be paid out of it; it all goes to help build a Free Will Baptist College.

We are expecting a definite climax to this program, at our National Association which meets in July.

May God bless and inspire your hearts. Make June a successful campaign month.

The National Association of Free Will Baptists

Convenes in Paintsville, Kentucky, July 15th to 19th, 1940

Program of the National Association of the original Free Will Baptists of the United States to be held with the Free Will Baptist Church of Paintsville, Kentucky, beginning July 15, 1940.

Monday Night

Opening of National Women's Auxiliary Convention.

7:45 — Song and Prayer Service — Conducted by Mrs. Georgia Frost Barnes, Lucama, N. C.

8:15 — Sermon — Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Midway, Texas.

Tuesday Morning

9:00 — Women's Auxiliary Convention.

Tuesday Afternoon

1:30 — Women's Auxiliary Convention.

Tuesday Night

7:30 — Song Service; Devotional — Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Missouri.

8:00 — Sermon — Rev. D. F. Pelt of Alabama.

Wednesday Morning

8:45 — Devotional — Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Texas.

9:00 — Association called to order by the Clerk: Moderator takes charge.

9:10 — Enrollment of Ministers and Delegates.

9:30 — Appointment of Committee on Credentials: Appointment of Finance Committee to receive Associational dues.

9:40 — Welcome Address — Rev. H. B. Conley, Paintsville, Kentucky.

9:50 — Response — Rev. K. V. Shutes of Georgia.

10:00 — Business Period — Report of Credentials Committee: Election of Officers and Board Members: Appointment of Temporary Committees; 1. Publicity, 2. Business, 3. Formal Resolutions, 4. Petitions and Requests, 5. Registration Fee Committee.

10:30 — Moderator's Message.

11:00 — Song and Prayer Service.

11:20 — Associational Sermon — Rev. George D. Dunbar, Chuckey, Tennessee.

12:00 — Lunch.

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30 — Devotional — Rev. W. R. Spurlock, Bonnie, Ill.

1:45 — Miscellaneous Business: Reading of minutes of morning session, Enrollment of delegates late in arriving, Report of Credentials Committee.

2:30 — Report of Board of Education.

3:30 — Report of Women's Auxiliary Convention.

4:00 — Adjournment.

Wednesday Night

7:30 — Song Service: Devotional — Rev. F. C. Zinn, Bristow, Oklahoma.

8:15 — Sermon — Rev. J. B. Rollins, Monett, Missouri.

Thursday Morning

8:45 — Devotional — Rev. Aston Peques, Normangee, Texas

9:00 — Business Periods: Reading of Minutes of Wednesday's Proceedure. Enrollment of Delegations late in arriving. Reports of Temporary Committees.

9:30 — Report of Home Mission Board.

10:00 — Report of Sunday School Board.

10:30 — Report of Denominational Publications.

11:00 — Song and Prayer Service.

11:20 — Sermon — Rev. Clarence Bowen, Durham, N. C.

12:00 — Lunch.

Thursday Afternoon

1:30 — Devotional — Rev. Floyd Cherry, Dothan, Alabama.

1:45 — Business Period: Reading of Minutes of Preceding sessions. Committee Reports: Publicity, Business Resolutions, Registration Fee Committee.

2:30 — Report of Foreign Mission Board.

3:00 — Report of Executive Board.

3:10 — Report of Superannuation Board.

3:40 — Reports on Orphanage Work.

4:10 — Selection of Place of Next Meeting after Reports of Petitions and Requests Committee.

4:20 — Adjournment.

Thursday Night

7:30 — Song Service; Devotional — Rev. E. J. Kilgore of Virginia.

8:15 — Sermon — Rev. B. F. Rogers, Wewoka, Oklahoma.

Friday Morning

8:45 — Devotional — Rev. J. A. Kemper of Ohio.

9:00 — Business Period — Reading of Minutes of Wednesday and Thursday Proceedings. Final Reports of the following Committees: Publicity, Business Resolutions, Formal Resolutions, Registration Fee Committee, Finance. Treasurers Report. Decision on number and distribution of Minutes. Completion of all Unfinished Business.

10:30 — Report of Free Will Baptist League Board.

11:00 — Report of National Statistician.

11:30 — Miscellaneous.

12:00 — Final Adjournment.

Directors of Music

Wednesday — Mr. I. L. Stanley, Greenville, Tennessee.

Thursday — Rev. R. E. Tripp, North Carolina.

Friday — Mr. Marvin Dalton, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

We are expecting to reach a real climax in our major enterprises

Educational Interest Increasing in Missouri

By Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri.

WE ARE More than over-joyed to be able to make the above statement. I believe Missouri is going to do something now. I have just returned from the post office where I mailed 3,000 coin envelopes to various ministers and leaders over the state. Knowing that Bro. Davidson had decided to make June educational campaign month again, I conceived the idea that the envelope system over the state of Missouri might bring as gratifying results during the next month as any thing else. I mailed these envelopes to 50 different ministers and leaders. I trust each one of you will do your best with them. Please don't let them lay idle; but please scatter them among your churches and friends immediately, and thereby give our people an invitation to do something for this worthy proposed institution.

Yes, I have heard several remarks, and held a number of conversations with my brother ministers in Missouri recently, all of which makes me know that interest is very much on the increase in Missouri, as pertaining to our National Educational Program. I intend to do my best that by the time of our National Meeting, Missouri will have made a nice financial showing along this line. Missouri has never failed and we do not want her to be listed among the neglectful this time.

A number of our ministers, who have small children growing up, have expressed to me, a keen desire, that we might have a well regulated, and accredited Christian school in full operation by the time their children get ready for it. All right brethren, if that is what we want, then let's show it by our works. Come on now, and let's do our best. I am glad you have that desire. I hope that desire will grow stronger. That desire can and will be fully gratified if we will just GET IN.

It is one of the most tragic things in all this land that our young and promising boys and girls have to go to schools where they are taught so much "stuff," and where discipline is so loose and lacking, that they come out of the school with their faith in God and His Word undermined, and their morals all broken down. People



Winford Davis

let's arise and build. Let's *DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT*.

One Missouri minister said, "I will return an envelope with \$5.00 in it." Another Missouri minister said, "I do hope we can get a school established before my sweet little boys grow up." Another Missouri minister, "If we can't get a school established where my children can be taught under Christian influence and discipline, I don't know if I will try to send them through school at all or not." Another Missouri minister came to me and said, "I would like to know more of what this is all about, I don't believe this is before our people like it should be." That statement hurt. Why? Because

I knew there was truth expressed in it. It is not before our people as it should be. Brethren, let's wake up and get this before, and on the minds of, our people. Let's propagate it. If the underworld wants to, put over something of their dangerous and deceptive doctrines they use the propaganda method. And it works, too. If it will work for the devil it will work for the Lord. Aroused public sentiment means victory in any undertaking, whether it is for the right or the wrong. We know that a good clean Christian Bible school is right. It is needed! Then let's arouse sentiment in favor of it. We can never accomplish a thing unless we talk about it. We will talk about it if, and when, we get it on our hearts. There won't even be anybody in Heaven except they talked about it down here. The same reasoning bears out in all things. We will have a school when our people get it on their hearts enough to talk about it (and put their words into action). I am glad Missouri is beginning to talk about it more and more. Yes, I know it takes more than talk; but I think it is a good sign.

So I will close by saying that I am going to expect a great incoming of the envelopes, which we mailed out, with something in them for the proposed school. Just that, which you feel you can give. May the Lord bless you in it.

What is Our Educational Attainment?

By Reba Wood, Huntsville, Texas; Approved by J. R. Davidson



J. R. Davidson

WHO OF Our average church members need education, and how much do they need? First, take stock of yourself, then observe your fellow-members as they carry on the work of the Master. In the average congregation you will find that the

majority would profit by a more thorough knowledge of the way our church organizations should function. By this I do not mean that every member of the church should have a theological degree, but I do mean that a Christian should provide himself with enough literature to keep intelligently informed about the machinery of the church, or its organizations. Some imagine that they do not have time to read, others feel that they are not financially able to afford the small amount of literature it takes, but let me give you a hint; the more you spend to promote the Lord's work the lighter will your personal obligations be, and the more time you spend learning about His work the more will you get done of personal interests in the time left for them.

In our second group observe the difference in the church organizations which have leaders trained in the work they are sponsoring, and the ones who use the experiment method. Although these leaders are the same at heart, the trained one has the knowledge of many interesting things which stimulate her group to be a live organization. Her followers enjoy their work, because she sets before them in a concise way what is to be done, and leads in such a way that every one wants to work. The untrained also has a definite goal to reach, but does not have the advantage of as many interesting approaches to the goal. Leaders almost make, or mar, an organization with their leading abilities, and for this reason we need more trained leaders.

In the third group come our ministers, who act as shepherds to their flocks. They need much training to lead the flock wisely, and intelligently. Their responsibilities are great, with the entire church membership looking to them for guidance, therefore they should be trained in their line of work. Do not get the impression that I believe in self-called ministers, but I do believe it is the duty of the God-called ministers to train themselves to be capable of leading their most learned members. However, I do understand that there are many angles to this: With the salary most of our pastors are paid they must have some other vocation, consequently do not have time, nor finances, to go to school. As an example of a young minister I would like to recall to your memory what our Reverend Aston Peguese said about his work in an article in the Free Will Baptist paper. I quote, "Every minister will agree that it is the greatest privilege of any Christian's life. They will also agree that it is the greatest responsibility. When God called me to preach His word He also called me to prepare myself for His work."

Reverend Peguese is now in school at Toccoa Falls, Georgia. I thank God for young ministers who have the determination to work, and sacrifice, that they may become a greater blessing to the Free Will Baptist cause.

How are we going to sacrifice for this great cause? Why not come across and send a donation to our educational fund for the purpose of building a Free Will Baptist Institution—one we will be proud to claim. We need it badly, and think of how

much greater service our church could be in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. More of our young people would feel safe in entering special branches of Christian service, if only we had this much needed medium of training. Let us pray, and give as the Lord wills, and we shall have this long desired institution, which I believe will raise our church and

Christian standards more than anything of which I can think.

P. S.—The above article is another powerful challenge to our entire connection. This comes from one of our young women in the Central Texas Association, and it is another case of one who has been putting some of her money where she talks.

—J. R. Davidson

Victory or Defeat—Which?

Rev. C. M. Dauber, Novinger, Missouri



C. M. Dauber

There is, perhaps, a greater challenge to the Free Will Baptist denomination at this particular time, than ever before, to launch out with its denominational enterprises. Perhaps, there are more individuals and churches accepting the challenge than there have been for a number of years. However, we know this to be true, that there are still comparatively few who are doing their best to support the whole national program. Even those individuals or churches who are doing their best in one particular enterprise are comparatively few.

The sad part of it is, that there are not only individuals who refuse

to support the national program, but whole churches who are not supporting any part of these worthy enterprises.

I am well acquainted with the excuses offered for this lack of support, but I have yet to find a legitimate reason for a whole church to refuse to support so great a work.

I am convinced, that the reason many of our churches do not rally to the support of our national program, is because the pastors are not sold on it themselves.

I am not pessimistic about our work and I refuse to harbor a thought of defeat, but I realize that it is high time to wake out of sleep.

We need a school for our young people who expect to enter definite Christian work, and we must have it now, or sacrifice these fine students to other denominations.

Can we afford a school? Let us answer it by asking another question. Can we afford not to have a school in this age in which we live? The month of June was designated as campaign month, so let us rally to the support of our National School Program.

News From Our Newest Missionary

Miss Bessie Yelley, Estado Bolivar, Tumeremo, Venezuela

written November 7, 1939 to her home Quarterly Meeting in Ohio

My Dear Friends In Christ:

I just remembered that I should be writing a letter to you, if it is going to reach you in time. I may have waited too long, but I sincerely hope not. The time has gone by so rapidly, and it does not seem at all like November. The sun is so hot, the flowers blooming so prettily, and fruit season just at hand, one really has

to look at the calendar to make sure that it is not August instead of November.

Many things have happened since I last saw you. I had a wonderful trip, but I did not have an enjoyable time in the customs. I was happy to have an abundance of money, or so I thought, but the customs relieved me of about \$95. It was only through

prayer that we were able to get by with this duty. I was afraid that I was going to have to leave my things there, but I was able to get them as far as El Callao, which is only 36 miles from where I am now located. I had to give my month's support to help get my things to their destination. As it was nearly time to get my next money, I wrote to Bro. Blackwelder to send it by air, and he did so. I had to stay in El Callao three weeks, but the folks were very kind and did not charge me board. Miss Hege gave me some money to help for bringing her things, but still I am in debt a little. I am trusting that I will be able to soon pay that. I had hoped to pay off a debt in Upata, but I had to pay most of my money to the customs; I will have to pay that later when the Lord supplies the funds. I hate to be in debt but the Lord knows all about it, and I am sure it will be supplied in His own good time.

Well I will not say any more about the woes, but will tell you some of the joys. We received a wonderful welcome in Upata, and we eight missionaries had a wonderful time of fellowship together. We also had a conference to decide the fields of the different workers. The mission desires that we enlarge the work, and not so many remain in one place. I thought I was to remain in Upata with the new missionaries, but Miss Bennett does not feel that she should leave Upata just now, so it was decided that I should go to Tumeremo where I have felt led to go for some time. It is a needy place, and has never had anyone but a native worker. Miss Hege is to go where there is no witness of the Gospel, and so we hope to enlarge the work, and are praying that God's blessing will rest upon the work, and that many souls will come to know Him.

I came to Tumeremo nearly three weeks ago. The Hausssers came with me to help me get settled. I am staying with the native worker and family as yet, for Mr. Hausser has decided to take them to another place and so I have to live with them until he arranges a place for them. They are very nice and are very considerate of me, but they insist that they do all the work, and I have to let them do it or offend them. I don't suppose any of you would like to pay me a visit just now. The food is cooked over an open fire and so one gets plenty of grit in their food.

Then the dishes are washed in cold water, and if they are dried at all, it is probably with a cloth sadly in need of washing. Then a little girl who does most of the dish washing will sit down and hold the dishes in her lap while drying them, and usually the dress is dirty. I am quite a Venezuelan and can eat soup and the native bread every noon, but I do like my dishes washed well and that will be my first task, when I get a cook, to teach her how to wash dishes. The water glasses get a bath in the wash basin every morning. The girl uses lots of soap and then rinses them well, so I suppose they are clean. It takes lots of patience so I should have plenty of it by the time they leave.

The Hausssers and I did a lot of visiting among the brethren while they were here. Most of them live in the country, anywhere from two to three miles out, and have to walk to services. We went to visit one of the brethren; the only one with whom I was acquainted before coming here. We walked three miles. They knew we were coming, so they had an excellent dinner prepared. We had fried chicken with plenty of garlic, etc., fried eggs, fried topochas, rice and the native bread, and bananas for dessert. We surely did enjoy this feast. We also visited in two other homes. Then another day we went to visit in three other homes. The farthest one was about 2½ miles. We did not stay for a meal in any of these homes, but at each one we had to eat something. So by the time we reached home we had partaken of something they make of casabe meal, eaten several bananas, and drank milk of cocoanuts and juice of sugar cane. One just cannot get away from these homes without eating or drinking something. We enjoyed all of the visits and by the time we had walked home we were ready to eat the native soup which had been prepared for us at home.

Tumeremo is a pretty little town, and I like it more and more each day. We have services in the mission home and the little room in crowded most of the time, so I fear I will have to move soon to a larger place for we are expecting great things of the Lord. We have services every night but Mondays and Saturdays. We have Sunday school on Sunday morning and at three in the afternoon I have children's meeting, and at four we go to

some prominent street corner and have another meeting, then at night another meeting in the chapel. So you see we are quite busy. Mr. Hausser is going to send a native worker from El Callao to help me for I never could stand up under the burden of all of the work here.

The Lord is working in a marvelous way. When Mr. Hausser was here a man came to the Lord. Then the next Friday an old man came to the home of one of the brethren, desiring to know the way of salvation, and was led to the Lord by this brother. Then last Tuesday night at Bible study, a young man stood in the door listening to the word being explained, and after the meeting Bro. Millan dealt with him. The next night at prayer service he stood up in testimony meeting and said, "I accept Christ as my Savior this night." The first man that was saved has a large family. He said his wife is interested, and he feels that she will come, soon to the Lord. We went to visit her, in her home, and she seems very friendly. The man seems so eager to learn more of the things of God and comes often to talk with the worker. The young man seems very sincere also, and wants to learn more of the things of God. I do praise God for the manner in which He is working. There is a young married lady who comes to the services. Pray for her, for she says she likes the gospel very much but has not accepted as yet.

I would like to chat a while longer but I will close now. I will be thinking of you while you are in meeting. Wish I could run in and enjoy the meeting with you but the distance is too great; but I can be with you in Spirit. I am sure you will be remembering me in prayer. I do praise God for each prayer helper. Prayer is what it takes to defeat the enemy, and he has been here in mighty power since we have taken some of his subjects. Before I take my leave I will say, "May the Lord richly bless each one of you and may every need be supplied in Him."

With Christian love, I am yours in His matchless name.

Miss Veley is our Missionary to South America under the auspices of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Other letters will follow.

We Should Thank God and Take Courage

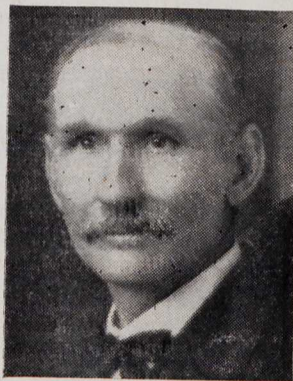
John H. Wolfe, Pawnee City, Nebr.

It is said that we should "Tell it with flowers." That is fine but so many of our faithful ones will not be able to hear or see the flowers, so may we "Tell it with words and acts."

Tell it to those faithful ones who fought the battles of our denomination when our denomination folded up the denominational flag in 1910 and surrendered what God had entrusted in our hands. The old Free Will Baptist denomination had tried to be true to the commission. With thankful hearts we salute these noble defenders.

1. Who can estimate the wealth and encouragement shining forth for so many years by the *Free Will Baptist* of Ayden, North Carolina, and edited by that noble and consecrated soul, Bro. E. T. Phillips? Through sunshine and shadows her light shone so bright and clear that no one need to ask, "for what did it stand?" God give us and her many more such faithful ones and many years of such service. Many of us older ones and those coming to take up the great work, need to review the great work done for God and the denomination.

2. Then in the West we surely will



Dr. John H. Wolfe

not forget Bro. and Sister S. L. Morris of Weatherford, Texas who started and held up the cross with the *Free Will Baptist News* when they came to Tecumseh College (Oklahoma) merging the *News* into the *New Morning Star*. Who can ever estimate the value of their self-sacrificing spirit for those years of double service in the College and at the same time carrying the work of the paper? Perhaps only a few of us who were there can in a small way tell the value to both college and the denomination. But God does not forget.

3. Then came Bro. B. F. Brown from Hannon, Missouri to Tecumseh to help in the College and while helping thus in the college the mantle fell upon him to take charge of the *New Morning Star*, and later moving it to Purdy, Missouri, renaming it the *Free Will Baptist Gem*. He and Sister Brown have given their ALL to the paper and may we never forget to tell them of our appreciation for their labor of love so freely given for these many years when it took daily faith to meet the needs of the paper while building up the subscription list and holding up the arms of many a Moses. God bless them and may they see the seed planted by them springing up and bearing precious fruit for the Kingdom.

4. But what shall we say for the present holders of the ropes? There are Bro. Spencer and Bro. Dunn of the *Free Will Baptist* in the East and Bro. and Sister Rollins of the *Free Will Baptist Gem* in the West. May God lead them all as our Father in Heaven lead those who laid the foundation upon which they are building. Here is our hand reaching out to you, praying that we may be blessed and the denomination built up and encouraged as we stand with you, with our shoulders to the wheel.

June is Educational Month

The month of June is sanctified by our denomination as a month for a special campaign in behalf of our National Educational Program.

We need a Christian school! Will the two hundred thousand Free Will Baptists help build one? It can be easily done!

Missouri has thousands of this coupon, printed on coin envelopes, sown over the entire state. Missouri should not be alone. May each state in the National Association strive to accomplish everything possible in Christian giving in June.

NOW! Let every one of you send in the Lord's tithe.

Clip the coupon printed here and send your offering to the treasury.

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Will You Help Establish a
Free Will Baptist School?

June Is Campaign Month.

Our National Association meets in July. We want Missouri to make a good financial showing for our educational program by that time. Please mail an offering, at once, to Winford Davis, Secretary, Monett, Missouri.

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"God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7

Gospel Sermon Department

The Unpardonable Sin

By John B. Rollins, Monett, Missouri

"But whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come." Matt. 12:32.

"But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness. Because they said, he hath an unclean Spirit." Mark 3:29-30.

MANY PEOPLE Have wondered about the sin that cannot be forgiven, and the reason that it is so fatal and beyond forgiveness. I am, by no means, smart and I know so very few things at all (I don't know them only when I can think of them), but I propose to explain, in this treatise, what I see in the Scriptures concerning this most extra-ordinary topic.

Jesus told exactly: That to blaspheme against the Holy Spirit, or to speak against the Holy Ghost is the unpardonable sin. To blaspheme means to speak evil against, to rail and revile. In the language of Jesus, to speak or rail and revile against the Holy Ghost is sin most atrocious.

We do not need to become confused, as some do, in respect to the meaning of "sin" or "blaspheme" against the Holy Spirit. Blasphemy is sin, so why chew around it any further?

We need not become confused as to just who can commit the unpardonable blasphemy against the Holy Ghost. Some are quick to say that only Christians can sin against the Holy Spirit, on the presumption that one must have the Spirit before one can sin against Him. How absurd! Sinners commit sin against God every day without having had Him in their lives at any time. Jesus settled the question forever when He said, "Whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost." Oh, what broad language it that "whosoever"—white man, colored man, Jew, Gentile, bond, free, one-time Christian, or out-right sinner. I choose to leave it where the New Testament leaves it—"Whosoever speaketh against."

I think that when we see just what kind of speaking against the Holy Ghost is fatal, we will then know the



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will of God in this matter. Of course, any thought or word, spoken or implied, against the Holy Ghost is very sinful and dangerous, but to say that the Holy Ghost and His power is the devil is unforgivable sin.

The criticizing Pharisees said that the power Jesus used to perform the wonderful miracles on the demon possessed who was both dumb and blind was none other than the power of Beelzebub, the prince (or chief) of devils, Matt. 12:22-32. This gave rise to the immediate declaration of Jesus that these Pharisees, these ungodly religionists, had gone beyond a mere denial of the Holy Ghost and maliciously charged that the sacred powers of the Spirit, which was exemplified in Christ, was the Devil—yea, the Chief of Devils.

The unpardonable sin, or the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost, therefore, is to attribute the work, power, and personage of the Holy Ghost to Satan. The Holy Spirit will suffer to be grieved and denied, but to call Him the Devil is just more than He will permit.

In the context of Hebrews 10:29, we have the lesson, "Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, AN UNHOLY THING, and hath done despite

unto the Spirit of grace?" This is a discussion of a man who had "sinned wilfully" after he had received "the knowledge of the truth," therefore, "there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins." Blacksliding, which so many of our people are doing, is not the unpardonable sin; to deny the Lord is not unpardonable; but to crucify the Lord afresh (Heb. 6:6) and to consider the sweet Spirit of grace as an *unholy thing* is most assuredly to bring "a certain fearful looking forward of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries." Heb. 10:16-30.

What about sinning away the day of grace? Hardened sinners may procrastinate for many years, during which time the Holy Spirit will follow and reprove and gently plead for that sinner to get right with God. The Holy Spirit is long-suffering, and a man is not beyond redemption merely because he refuses to admit God into his life. But there comes a day when the drawing Spirit leaves that sinner and no longer reproves of sin, then we say the man is desolate, he has sinned away his day of grace.

The question has risen on inquiring minds as to whether there is any difference between "blaspheming the Holy Ghost" and "sinning away the day of grace." I see no substantial difference, whatever, between the two phrases. My brethren may disagree with me, but I entertain an open mind.

No man can sin away his day of grace UNTIL he make some kind of vehement expression, not by word of mouth necessarily, but by the action of his life (action speaks the loudest), that the sweet Spirit of grace which reproves him is not to be desired in his life, is not worthy of his consideration, and is to be rebuked as if He were an *unholy thing*. Many men, in the heated frenzy of desperation, have rebuked the urgent Holy Spirit in a manner that would be good only for devils. Thus men sin away their day of grace in the very act of treating the Holy Ghost as if He were the Devil.

The blasphemy against the Holy Ghost is beyond pardon. The reason is as plain as light. There are three Persons in the God-head. Each one has a work with men. When man

sinned against the Father, the Son came to reconcile us to God. We can sin against the Son and the Father, and the Spirit reproves us, but when we sin against the Holy Spirit, we

come to the jumping off place. There is no one to help. Heaven is exhausted to persuade men to get right but in spite of it all, men will deliberately go and jump in the Lake.

Many Are Called - Few Are Chosen

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Text: Matthew 22:14; "For many are called, but few are chosen."

MANY ARE Called, even in this life, but sometimes only a few are chosen. A nation wants to mobilize an army and we hear the call to come and many will respond, but after the severe test, sometimes only a few will qualify. A company sends out a call for skilled workers to do a certain kind of work; many will respond to the call, but only a few will qualify. Jesus said in Matt. 7:14, "Straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." We also remember in the book of Judges the story of Gideon's army; how they were reduced from 32,000 men to 300 men, who proved to be true warriors for God. Notice the percentage that were called and then the number that were chosen. Beloved, if, when we are called to the judgment bar of God, we have not proved true to God all the way, I fear we will not be chosen.

The words of our text concludes a parable that Jesus gave, comparing the kingdom of heaven to a king which which made a marriage for his son. The guests were summoned and invited to attend; some came and upon arrival they had not on the wedding garment; hence they were cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. We find if we have on the wedding garments (our own soul purged in the blood of the Lamb), that we, too, will be invited to the marriage of the Lamb. Rev. 19:7-9. "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her (the church) was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God."



Raymond Riggs

Again Paul says concerning the church in 2 Cor. 11:2, "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."

We may be among the number that compose the chaste virgin that meets the bridegroom in the air for the great marriage of the Lamb; but we must be clean and our garments spotless. Listen to this, Eph. 5:25-27, "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Have we the

spotless garment on, or are our garments stained with sin and defilement. Many in judgment will find their garments defiled, and some will never have had their garments washed in the blood of Christ, and the result will be eternity, in darkness and constant torment.

We must be clothed here for the great beyond as Paul declares in 2 Cor. 5:3. "If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked." Also in Col. 3:10-14, "And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:"

"Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, bond nor free: But Christ is all and in all. Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long suffering; forbearing one another and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness."

Many today are not doing this but are allowing their garments to become defiled, and if our garments of righteousness are defiled we cannot walk with Christ. We hear John say to the Church in Sardis in Rev. 3:4-5, "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name before my Father and before his angels." Also in Rev. 16:15, "Behold I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

May God help us to be prepared, having on our wedding garments that we might be among the number that will be chosen.

Is It Nothing to You?

By Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri

"Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?" Lam. 1:12.

THIS IS A Very noticeable age of passing by. The better things, to a great degree, are left unnoticed, unheeded, and uncared for. It is an age of foolishness and frivolity. In

the tenth chapter of Luke, we have a picture very vividly portrayed, where those who were supposed to be deeply concerned in the needs of humanity, did just what many are doing today; they manifested a great lack of concern, and simply passed by on the

other side. I fear today there are too many just *supposed* to be concerned.

This priest and Levite were the religious instigators and executors of the day; but theirs had become to be cold, heartless, and selfish religion. We have so much of the same thing today, and what we need is a broad, deep, compassionate, and burning salvation. If a man has the fire of almighty God burning down in his very soul he is concerned, and simply can't pass by as if it was nothing to him as folks were doing when Jeremiah uttered the words of this text.

As a general rule we Free Will Baptist do not put enough into this work of the Lord. You may ask, not enough of what? I answer, not enough of anything. Time, energy, talents, our very life, finance, and especially is it true concerning our finance. We will never go forward in a denominational way, as we should, as long as we fail to adhere to the Bible doctrine of the tithing system. I think it is a shame that throughout our Treaties, not one word is said concerning tithing and that is a Bible doctrine, the same as baptism, communion, the washing of the saints feet, repentance, the new birth, or any other part of the old book. Then why don't we have it there? I am glad to note that more and more of our people are becoming awakened to the need and the blessing of tithing; but there is far too few of us yet, as compared to our membership. No, we do not put our life into this enough. We take it too lightly. We make it too much of a secondary thing when it rightfully, legitimately, and necessarily deserves first place. I wish I had all the money that Free Will Baptist preachers (to say nothing of the masses of the laity) have blown out their nostrils, thrown away at the doors of the great theatres, etc., etc. I could build a Free Will Baptist school, educate and equip missionaries and mission fields, and do most anything else we desired to do in a denominational way. You say "Oh I don't feel condemned for that," and at the same time, deep down in your heart, you know you do. If you don't feel condemned for throwing away, in gross foolishness, the money the Lord has allowed you to have, and for withholding the tithe from the Lord when the cause of Christ and your denomination is so greatly in need, then what would it take to condemn you? We may continue to pass by in this life, and account these vital things as nothing to us; but if God is the

God He claims Himself to be in His word, and if Christ is the Son of God, and if the Bible is true, and if our faith is not vain then there will not be the getting by at the judgment. If such robbery of God, and such unconcern on the part of His people will get by unnoticed at the judgment, then what is the use of us preaching our lungs out in the interest of humanity in the first place.

The fact that God has given us missionaries and mission fields, young people crying to us for a place to go

to school where they can be under Christian influence, numbers of young ministers whose hearts are surging with zeal to do something for the Christ, if it were made possible, and a door of opportunity, second to none, should make each and every one of us feel deeply and gravely concerned as we are passing this way of life. Again will you listen to the words of the dear old weeping prophet of God, as he pitifully asks the question to the teeming masses, "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?"

What Mean These Stones?

By Fred Smith, Flint, Michigan

"And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal.

"And he spake unto the children of Israel saying, when your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, what mean these stones?

"Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land." Josh. 4:20-22.

IN USING As a base for our thoughts, the question found in the latter part of the 21st. verse, "What Mean These Stones," we hope to stress the need of men and women with deeper convictions and a greater concern over the future welfare of mankind. In connection with the text, we ask this question: Are we, as

Christian parents, leaving behind material that may be used in setting up a memorial of evidence, signifying that we have had the divine favor of God upon our lives, as the result of our faith and trust in Him? Let us answer this question by saying, "We believe that if our lives serve to inspire and lead our children to a higher plane of living, we must bear evidence of our relationship with God by living a life that will serve, not as a stumbling stone, but as a stone of righteous influence, pointing them to Christ the Chief corner stone in the foundation upon which rests that eternal building; the Kingdom of God, the only refuge for a lost people and the eternal security and preservation of the soul of Man."

Now let us notice the nature of the inspired instruction Joshua gave to his people. When he gave the command, that out of every tribe of Israel, a man should pass over before the ark of the covenant, and out of the midst of Jordan take every man upon his shoulder a stone. And as twelve chosen men of Israel answered the call to duty and moved in one accord, no doubt each man was keenly alive to the great responsibility that had been placed upon them since the nature of their mission was to bring out of Jordan such evidence as would be helpful in maintaining a Godly spirit among the people of Israel, and to elevate the moral and spiritual standards of the future Israel. Surely our context bears out the thought that as Joshua pitched those twelve stones in Gilgal, he was demonstrat-



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ing deep concern over the future welfare of Israel. And if the future security of his people was to be insured, every precaution should be taken in making sure that their children be led by the true and living God of their fathers. Are we taking that precaution in behalf of our children today?

Despite the religious privileges we enjoy, the general trend of the world is leading to the abolishment of individual liberty, as the dominating powers of the world become more centralized as the result of unmerciful warfare for world supremacy. This state of affairs should be recognized by every father and mother as a call to arms and a cry of appeal to consecrate and put our lives completely in the service of our God in trying to lead our people back to solid rock. Let us, as heads of homes and members of the church, be sure we have not deviated from the faith of our fathers; the faith that made possible the crossing of Jordan on that memorable occasion and the faith of those pilgrim fathers of ours who, thousands of years later, braved the mighty waters of the Atlantic, that their children might live in a land of religious privileges; such as we, who live in America, enjoy today. Oh! that our people would turn back to that faith before we have gone too far to regain our hold upon those things we enjoy most and show such little appreciation for.

As we sing "God Bless America," let us pray to God to forgive the ungrateful, faithless and vacillating people of America.

How can we feel secure in the future of our nation while we sit idle, blinding ourselves to the impending dangers of tomorrow, professing Christianity but denying the power thereof, as we continue to leave the welfare of our children in the hands of those who advocate the different social, "isms" organizations etc., as a substitute for the fundamental teaching and practices of our fathers. God is calling His people into action. There is danger ahead. Missions of boys and girls need the inspiration and influence of the old fashioned altar of prayer that has been moved to the basement in some churches and in too many instances eliminated entirely. What's wrong? Somebody is refusing to carry stones.

Since the day of pentecost the church of the living Christ has stood out as a great memorial of the saving power

of Christ. Many costly stones have gone into this memorial. What mean these stones? They are stones of responsibility, accepted through love and a burning desire to portray Christ to a weak and wayward people. Now as a closing thought, let us consider the sacred value of these stones to those who were privileged to be present at the crossing of Jordan. As Joshua pitched those stones into Gilgal, he was preserving evidence that would help them to remember the true God for his merciful deliverance from the wilderness, and the cutting off of the waters of Jordan, making their salvation complete, their journey over. God had led them by night with a pillar of fire and with a cloud by day, and on one occasion when they would have perished for want of water, God manifested evidence of great love and compassion for his people, when at the striking of the rock, by Moses, every man drank to his fill. Almost inconceivable numbers of souls are dying in sin because we do not have enough leaders of nations, ministers in the pulpits and heads of families who are able by faith to strike from the rock, Christ Jesus, the wisdom that will enable them to minister unto the vital needs of those looking to them for leadership. On another occasion, when Israel would have died from hunger, they received manna from Heaven, proving that God does provide for the physical as well as the spiritual needs of man. Then when they came down to the river of Jordan and stood on its banks looking out across the

treacherous waters, God again answered the prayers of Joshua, and in fulfilling his promise to magnify Joshua before his people, the waters were divided, making it possible for every man, woman and child to cross safely over unto the promised land; typical of our salvation through Christ our savior who was honored with all power in heaven and earth as he was magnified by our heavenly father as being the son of God.

Then as a contribution of evidence of the power of God and as an act of paying tribute to the faith of Israel, Joshua pitched those twelve stones which they took out of Jordan, not only as a memorial of inspiration unto their children, but as those who experienced the crossing of Jordan grew older in years they would have these stones to look upon and renew memories of the past blessings of life. Every Christian holds dear the sacred memories of the past when in an hour of sorrow we took our troubles to our Savior and, in Him, found comfort and peace, and in hours of defeat when we retreated to a secret altar of prayer and came forth, armed with inspired courage, renewed faith and the spiritual urge and determination to conquer again. These experiences add to our wisdom and contribute much to the building of a beautiful stone, bearing the label of eternal value that will inspire our children, after we have passed on over Jordan and are at rest, somewhere with Jesus, to the precious memories of the good things of this life.

No Difference

By T. H. Willey, The Missionary

Text: "For there is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:22-23.



T. H. Willey

IN THE Sight of men there is a vast difference in the chances men have to make a success. We differentiate, but before God all men are on an equal. As sinners, this leads us to the first great fact we wish to consider.

No Difference in the Fact of Sin

In the first chapter of Romans, Paul gives us a fearful picture of heathenism and paganism as found under the later Roman civilization. This picture of the heathen is no different than that we find in the world of sin today. We do not have to go to heathen countries to see this sort of living. We are observers of it every day in and all over America. Sin is an abounding power in the

social world, if anything, many sins have been invented that were not in the ancient world, or practiced by the heathen today.

No Difference in Class or Standing Among Men

Society has been divided up into all classes: The rich and the poor, the black, yellow, red and white; the European immigrant and the South American. They are classified by their positions. To some, greater respect is given, but with God there is no respect of persons. Rom. 2:11.

In the second chapter of Romans, Paul sets forth the Jew seeking salvation by conforming to the law. There are those who would save themselves by other than the *offering and sacrifice of blood*. "Therefore by the deeds of the law shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin." Here is where he taught the rich young ruler a lesson; that by keeping of the law there was no justification. Jesus showed him there was something more than self justification.

Sin is *UNIVERSAL*, Rom. 3:9. For *ALL* have sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have before proved both Jew and Gentile, that they are all under sin.

Guilt is *UNIVERSAL* and there is no difference in the fact that all are guilty before God. Here in chapter 3, verse 19, we find the purpose of the law:

1. That every mouth may be stopped. Stop your boasting of all self-righteousness.

2. That all the world might become guilty before God.

3. The law awakens you to the fact that you are a sinner.

No Difference in the Terms of True Justification

True repentance implies —

Sorrow enough for your sins to forsake them.

Confession of sins to God and your fellow man if you have wronged him.

Restitution as far as possible.

Saving faith in no other means than the cleansing blood of Christ.

No Difference in the Purpose of the Cross

"Being justified by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God." Rom. 3:24-25.

Now what the law could not do in that it was weak, is accomplished by the Blood.

Just as there is condemnation to all under the law there is invitation to all under the Gospel to kneel at the cross.

Here we find the difference between Cain and Abel. One with a bloodless offering would justify himself by that offering, while Abel, bringing a sacrifice of shed blood, acknowledges that he is a sinner and needed an atonement. There is a great lesson here. Cain, by ignoring the blood offering, was denying the fact that he was in need of an atonement. As sinners, there was no difference between the two, but when the offering of a blood sacrifice was made then came the difference.

No Difference in Man's Terms in the Conditions to Salvation

Faith, believing, submission to God. All must repent — the intelligent and the ignorant; the rich and the poor; the socialite and the slum street walker: all alike must repent and seek His face.

Men can find a reasonable excuse for not being wealthy. Many have a legitimate excuse if they lack education, or culture, or even manners.

I can be the poorest of the poor and come knocking at the door of mercy and be assured that it will swing wide. I do not have to be educated before I come seeking an entrance to the Gospel feast. Men being truly saved by the power of this Gospel have become examples of culture and education and refinement.

Man makes a difference between the civilized gentleman of the world and the poor naked Indian of the jungle, but before God there is no difference. They are both sinners and both lost without Christ. Very often the savage in the jungle stands a better chance of knowing God than the so-called civilized man, because the civilized man is too sophisticated to acknowledge his sins, while the Indian is conscious of an inner law of wrong in his heart and is simple enough to accept the message of the missionary. Class, state, standing, race, or any other human factor can not change your standing with God. "He is no respecter of persons." There is only one basic grounds of access to God and that is through His Only Son and our Saviour.

The whole book of Romans is a direct thrust at all other means of justification other than by that offered by the eternal God.

Today, Tomorrow, and the Third Day

By Kenneth Turner, Granby, Missouri

"And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected." (Luke 13:32).

WHAT A Wonderful statement Christ has left for us. It should be spiritual food to every heart that hears it. He is talking to the Pharisees who had just told him that Herod would kill him if he did not get out of that place.

And here, Christ tells them to go tell Herod, that he was able to cast out devils. No doubt, he was referring to the devil that was possessing Herod's life and putting murder into his heart. In other words, Christ is sending Herod a message; that He had three days' work that would be accomplished, even if Herod did seek to kill him. "I do cures today and tomorrow, and the the third day I shall be perfected."

Someone has said, Christ was referring to the work He was to accomplish within the next three days, of 24 hours each, of the time in which He lived on earth. They say He would do cures for two days and be killed on the third day. The application may be all right, but it just will not figure out in reality. The day He spoke these words was, no doubt, the Jewish sabbath; according to the first verse of the next chapter. Then if



Kenneth Turner

He was only to live from that sabbath until the third day following. He could not have appeared in the resurrection on the next sabbath as the scriptures teach; for we know He was not crucified before Wednesday; (some even argue it was as late as Friday).

So, without a doubt, our Christ was referring to something more logical than the three days of 24 hours each.

The scriptures harmonize without any discrepancy whatever, when we use our text to mean three days of 1,000 years each according to 2 Peter 3:8. "Beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." And Christ lived during the early part of the fifth 1,000 year day, which He refers to in the text as "today." This was the day that Abraham rejoiced to see, "and he saw it and was glad." (John 8:56). He saw it afar off as referred to in Genesis 22:4. That day, and the morrow was the two days that Christ would do cures. And that is exactly what He did. He did cures by the miraculous performance of the Holy Spirit. There were a number of bodies that reviewed healing and were cured of their sickness, during the time Christ was here. Blind Bartimoeus was cured of his blindness. Mark 10:46. The ten leperous men

were cured, Luke 17:17. The servant's ear at Christ's crucifixion, Luke 22:51, etc. And more than that, Christ sent His Spirit to cure and to heal the sick souls of lost humanity, which has been saving all who would come to him believing and accepting. This has been the curing that Christ, no doubt, meant when he said, "I do cures today and tomorrow." That includes the period of the past 2,000 years. We are living late in the evening of the day, referred to as the tomorrow from His time on earth. Then we are not far from the day-break of the third day, when Christ will be perfected. He shall come with His saints (Rev. 20:6) in perfect glory, and power to reign over the earth that day, which is a perfect state of Eden (Ezek. 36:35).

If we could just see the need of being saved and helping to lead others into the fold, that we might all be ready for that third day! If the souls of mankind are not cured within the first two days of our text, the third day's perfection will not be theirs to enjoy.

May the Lord help us to get busy and preach that everyone must repent and be saved while in this life, while Christ is preparing for us a place. But we must be prepared, or we can not inherit it.

We have many of our dear people whom we love, who have the habit of referring to the foreign missionary work as "Bro. and Sister Willey's work." I am sure they do not think when they say that. No, it is not Bro. and Sister Willey's work; it is our work: The great Company of Father, Son and Holy Ghost and You and I. It is Christ's. It is the work of your Lord and you; my Lord and me. God is using us as a denomination to carry on our part in a needy world. This work shall go on when you and Bro. and Sister Willey shall not be in existence. If you don't carry on, He will find someone who will. (When you do anything for Missions it is not for Bro. and Sister Willey, but unto the Lord.)

I am writing this article with the thought in mind that some of our folk might be wondering why we are in the home-land over such a length of time. I can give you an answer in a few words, three in fact, *SHORTAGE OF FUNDS*. I am going to elaborate on the subject. I know that our people will respond to the S. O. S. that Bro. Blackwelder sent out. I have that much confidence in the good people, interested in Foreign Missions, within our denomination, that they shall respond. We have a group of people who are of the convictions that the great commission to carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth is just as binding as is the ordinances that Jesus gave to the disciples.

For some time, it has been "nip and tuck" to meet the salaries of our four missionaries, Miss Barnard, Miss Yeley, Mrs. Willey and myself. We each receive fifty dollars per month. We went to Florida and laid our plans to go across Cuba, and down, as the Lord opens the doors. We were ready to leave, had given notice to the people we rented from that we would give up the little house we were living in, and had things packed when we received letters from both Brother Davidson of Bryan, Texas, and Brother Blackwelder of Nashville, Tennessee. From Brother Davidson came a call to help organize our people in Houston, Texas, and from Bro. Blackwelder came a notice that funds were rather low and that we might give the missionary treasury a chance to recover by working under the Home Mission department. So we came over to Texas rather than to Cuba. On arriving, we found that in order to do anything we would have to appeal to the churches in and around Bryan,

The Ministry of Good Stewards

By Rev. T. H. Willey

"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." 1 Pet. 4:10.

Only when we understand how deeply God loves us, and what His Spirit can mean to people today, will we be able to care in any deep sense of the word. When we really care for the Divine cause, we are compelled to express both our love and our loyalty in every way possible. Once, when Andrew Fuller was in his native town trying to collect funds for the cause of missions, he called upon an old acquaintance. In response to Fuller's appeal, the man said: "Well, Andrew, I will give you five pounds, seeing it is you."

"No", said Mr. Fuller, "I cannot take anything for this cause, seeing

it is for me," and handed the money back. Feeling he was justly reprov'd, the man hesitated a moment and then said, "Andrew, you are right, here are ten pounds, seeing it is for the Lord Jesus Christ." His larger gift came from his heart! — Quotation from *The Upper Room*.

"For we are labourers together with God." (1 Cor. 3:9).

"We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain." (2 Cor. 6:1).

Here clearly, we have stated the position of every true believer in the task of pointing a lost world to an only Saviour. God has taken us into partnership with him in this task. If there is ever any failure in the task presented, God shall never be the party that fails, but you and I.

so we were held up due to lack of funds. Brother Davidson, personally, obligated himself to the tune of \$55.00 for the fare of myself and family. Altogether, since then, the Bryan church has contributed \$120.00. Last week one of our fine laymen got up in the Sunday service and in a few minutes raised \$60.00 to buy me a tent top. (That is included in the sum of \$120.00). We attended the Buffalo Springs Ministers' meeting, and Bro. Cliff Covington and his people raised \$20.00. Bro. Wiggs and his people have responded to the extent of fully over fifty dollars.

Have you ever tried to go into a city of three or four hundred thousand people to start a church? Well, if you have you can know what we are up against. There are heavy light deposits, high rent, etc. No building can be secured for a meeting, so we did the next best thing. I built alone, except for one day's help, a portable tabernacle, which can be used all the year around. The building is bolted together with angle irons and can be shipped to any part of the country. With this building, there need never be any fear of the strong winds common to Southern Texas. It is the property of our people down here and can be used over a period of years for church extension. Mrs. Willey and I are just as happy as can be, in that, we are being used to help get some-

thing started here in this great city — the greatest in which I have ever lived. But, this is not our work; we have others who can carry this on. We should have been on the field, already, but we have no rich uncle to send us there. However, we have a rich Heavenly Father who owns the hills and the potatoes in the hills, and we are trusting in him. Mrs. Willey and I want to return to the field just after the National Association meeting. We want to attend that meeting because there are certain things that ought to be worked out for the future of Foreign Missions. Do we intend to advance; or shall we, with only four missionaries, retrench. By all means, we must advance! We can use native missionaries both in India and South America. There should be a couple to relieve Sister Barnard in India.

We are appealing to you to make it possible for us to return at this time. The way you can do this is, as pastors and people, make some appeal between now and the National meeting in Paintsville, Kentucky, and send in the fruits of this to the National secretary. We can only appeal to you who have stood by in the past. We want you to know that we are ready to go; we want to go. We have as our preference the foreign fields because of the great need there. There are others here who can have a ministry in this great city of the Southwest.

When the choir has sung its last anthem,
And the preacher has made his last prayer;
When the people have heard their last sermon,
And the sound has died out on the air.
When the Bible lies closed on the altar
And the pews are all empty of men,
And each one stands facing his record;
And the great Book is opened —
WHAT THEN?

When the actors have played their last drama,
And the mimic has made his last fun,
When the film has flashed its last picture,
And the billboard displayed its last run;
When the crowds seeking pleasure have vanished,
And gone out in the darkness again;
When the trumpet of ages is sounded,
And we stand up before Him —
WHAT THEN?

When the bugle's call sinks into silence
And the long marching columns stand still;
When the captain repeats his last orders,
And they've captured the last fort and hill,
And the flag has been hauled from the masthead,
And the wounded afield checked in,
And a world that rejected its Saviour
Is asked for a reason — WHAT THEN?

What then? When all men will stand before the Great Judge of the universe. We shall all stand there to hear one of two things. Which sentence would you rather have spoken to you? To those who have lived according to the commandments laid down in the Bible will be these words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matt. 25:21. Those who have sought a good time by partaking of the things of the world, who have not heeded that still, small voice when it persuaded them; and those who have joined the church to still their conscience will hear these words, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Matt. 25:41.

Stop now and ask yourself the question, "Which will I hear?" No one can really picture what it will be like, but on one hand it will be ETERNAL happiness; on the other will be ETERNAL punishment.

What Then?

By Gertrude Bowe, Catlettsburg, Ky.

WE LIVE As if this life would go on forever, but did we ever stop and ask ourselves the question, "Do I want this life with all its disappointments, tears, and sorrows, to go on forever? Would I not like to pass on to a better world than this when death comes to me?" When we ask ourselves these questions always the answer is "yes," but still we wait, wait, and wait. We intend to get right before death comes to us but we have our goal set too far away. Before we reach it, the pale horse and his rider steps in and snatches us away. Procrastination is damning millions.

Today we are so wrapped up in the things of this life, we seldom stop to think what will come after death. Hebrews 9:27 says "It is appointed

unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." We must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

There is a poem with the title "What Then"

WHAT THEN?

When the great plants of our cities
Have turned out their last finished work;
When our merchants have sold their last yard of silk,
And dismissed the last tired clerk.
When our banks have raked in their last dollar
And paid the last dividend;
When the Judge of the earth says,
"Close for the night,"
And asks for a balance — WHAT THEN?

The God of the Hills

Arthur Kicenski, Jerico Springs, Mo.

I am writing this message as it is laid on my heart, for I believe we all face a time of discouragement, and truly I am strengthened by reading the entire 20th. chapter of 1 Kings.

Benhadad, king of Syria, very wicked indeed, made such unreasonable demands of the children of Israel. The last demand was to take possession of their homes, and take what king Benhadad desired. Now that is just like the Devil. If we give him a little of our lives he soon will want to come in our house of clay, and take the best we have. But the Scripture says, "Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you." So that was just what the children of Israel did and Benhadad's men fled, and the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, "Their Gods are Gods of the hills, therefore they were stronger than we. But let us fight against them in the plains and surely we shall be stronger than they." "And there came a man of God and spake unto the king of Israel and said, thus saith the Lord, because the Syrians have said, The Lord is God of the hills but he is not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the Lord."

My text is, if I have one, "The Syrians have said, The Lord is God

of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys." (1 Kings 20:28).

No doubt the great deceiver, the devil, will whisper to God's children some time and say unto them, your God is God of the hills but he is not God of the valley. Oh, how apt this is to be when everything seems to have

gone wrong; possibly afflictions, loosing our homes, those we thought were true Christians failed us. Do we then feel that God has forsaken us? Oh, no, but it is then that the Lord God has an opportunity, and surely He shall be with His children in the valley of adversity, and shall over come with great victory.

Praise His name. There is none like unto our God. Pray for me that I may be of greater service to Him.

DANGER NOTES

By R. L. Cannady, Durham, N. C.

A danger note is sounding
To God's chosen ones today;
Depart ye saints from sinners,
You've been warned along the way.

A red light bell is ringing,
And a stop sign we can see;
Halt ye saint, come out from sinners,
For His blood was shed for thee.

When you hear that trumpet sounding
And a flash across the sky;
It will be too late to heed them,
And you needn't try to die.

You've been warned from childhood,
And you flippantly passed it by;
Soon the Lord of all salvation
Will appear up in the sky.

All ye saints, come out from sinners,
Your redemption draweth nigh;
Let your light so shine in Jesus,
He will help you if you try.

Tell the world there is a saviour,
And He died to save them too;
Prove to them that He is living,
By God's word, we know 'tis true.

Many times we claim to know Him,
When in our life there is no light;
What a mess we make in showing
This lost world what God is like.

Listen to the Holy Spirit,
Do the things He tells you to;
For God's plans are laid before you,
Let's be honest and be true.

Can't you hear the danger signal,
Flashing out to you and I;
Saints of God ye holy people,
Turn from evil lest you die.

Give yourself, with-holding nothing,
Walk before Him day and night;
Lean upon God to keep you,
He will Bless you with delight.

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Indian Creek Sunday School Association

Rev. George La Shum, Secretary, Monett, Missouri

The Indian Creek Sunday School Association will meet with the Free Will Baptist Church at Cartersville, Missouri, on June 9, 1940.

Our Aim

A Bigger and Better Sunday School
More Efficient Teachers
Each Student Vitally Interested.

Program

1:30 Devotional
1:45 "Best Methods of Teaching" John B. Rollins
1:55 Open for Round Table Discussion Audience
2:00 "Preparation of Teachers" B. F. Brown, J. B. Jefferson

2:15 Quartette Cartersville
2:18 "Suggested Preparation of Supt." J. T. Montgomery
2:30 Talk One speaker from the audience
2:35 "Best Method of Keeping Juniors and Intermediates Interested While in Class." .. Mrs. Bertha Stafford
2:50 Quartette Monett
2:53 "Keeping Young Men (age 16 to 21) Interested in Their Sunday School." Mrs. Jaques
3:05 Quartette Meris Chapel
3:08 "How to Increase the Membership of the Sunday School" Gertie Butler
3:20 Fifteen Minutes for Various Specials.
3:35 Congregational Discussion.
3:50 Offering
3:52 Banner Given
4:00 Benediction

Letters of Interest and Field Reports

REPORT OF SAM H. MARCUM Missouri State Evangelist

Dear Gem Readers:

Greetings in Jesus' name!

We will try and report our work for the past four and one half weeks. We have been in a revival at Carterville, Missouri. We began there April 7. My wife, Daisy, as many of you know her, was not able to be with us in the first part of the meeting. But after two weeks the pastor of the church, Rev. Cecil Campbell, and I left after night service for Cameron, Missouri. We returned the next day in time for services, with our trailer and wife. She has improved some and has been able to attend part of the services.

We found some real salt of the earth at Carterville with their fine pastor, Bro. Campbell, and wife. We enjoyed working with them all. We had some real stirring services, and one outstanding service when the preacher never had a chance to preach. We saw like these kind of services; where the Spirit of God takes full charge and our cups are made to run over.

During the meeting we saw cold church members fall into the altar; non-professors do likewise. Seven souls prayed through to victory or at least professed faith in Christ.

We enjoyed playing our speaker in Carterville, Webb City, Joplin and Carthage, and trust much good may have been done in these efforts.

The church has a fine group of singers which played their part well all through the meeting.

Several visitors were with us including our editor and wife, Rev. O. T. Allred, Rev. Bill Weston and wife, Rev. Geo. La Shum, Rev. Frank Linton, and several others.

We also went with Bro. Campbell to visit his father in Newton county, where he and Mrs. Campbell have charge of the county farm. About thirty inmates are there. Well if ever our loud speaker came in a good place it was here. We played a number of pieces, then at the close of the service one man and a young woman professed faith in Christ. We were there for another service later. That time Rev.

Ollie Ennis and wife from Cassville, and some others were there. We had another real good service. May God bless Bro. and Sister Campbell and the people under their care.

We visited friends in Aurora last night. At this writing we are in the Gem office in Monett. The Big Chief, John Rollins, is in Michigan; but we found a hearty welcome by the assistant editor and the editor's wife, Mrs. Doris Rollins. We have a number of friends here but we won't get to visit them all. We took dinner with Rev. Kenneth Turner and wife. We will have street service here in a few minutes, then we will go back to Carthage, Missouri after our trailer house.

Tomorrow, April 12, we are to preach at Verdella in Barton County, and the 15th we are to begin a meeting at the Hickory Grove Church near Harrisonville, Missouri.

Pray for us.

— S. H. Marcum & wife.

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Brother Hood Quarterly Meeting West Virginia

Sister Mary Henson, Reporter

Dear Editor and Gem Friends:

I wish to write of our Brother Hood Quarterly Meeting, which convened with the Young's Chapel church, April 5, 6, and 7.

Ministers' Conference was called together April 5, at 2:00 p. m. by the clerk, Rev. A. C. Berry of Milton, W. Va. After scripture reading and prayer, motion carried that A. Collins serve as moderator. The minutes were read and approved.

Reports of the ministers called for with eight ministers reporting. Four deacons also reported much good being accomplished. All business was disposed of in order.

The deacons present had charge of the divine service which the Lord put His seal on with great blessings.

Devotional service at 7:30 p. m. was conducted by the pastor, A. C. Berry, after which Rev. John M. Henson was called to the stand to bring the message of the evening. Subject: "What's in a name?" Text: Acts 4:12. A soul stirring message was delivered,

backed by the power of God. The message was concluded by Rev. A. A. Collins. God's spirit was present and many shouts sounded to the hills. Dismissed at 9:30 p. m.

This, the 106th session of Brother Hood Quarterly Meeting convened on Saturday morning at 9:30, April 6. Called to order by the clerk. Prayer by J. C. Wilcox, who really got inside the power house of God.

Motion carried that Eld. N. C. Cremean be elected as moderator and he called A. A. Collins to assist him. Committee was appointed as called for in treatise.

Letters called for; 8 churches responding with letter and delegates. Total membership 382. \$10.01 given for conference use. One church failed to report. All churches reported getting along well.

Dismissed at 11: a. m. for preaching. Sermon by Eld. Elmer Tucker. Subject "The Sure Foundation." Text: Matt. 7:24. A real soul inspiring message. Concluded by Eld. W. L. Cremans.

Dismissed at 12:00 noon for lunch. Reconvened at 2:00 p. m. by Scripture reading and prayer. Committee reports received and disposed of in order. Reports of corresponding messengers from other bodies read and received.

The divine service of the afternoon was conducted by an aged minister of Missionary Baptist, Eld. Jack Farmin, who has conducted many revivals for us. Many shouts went up to the Lord.

Dismissed at 4:15 p. m. and convened again at 7:30 p. m. Called to order by Scripture reading and prayer by the assistant moderator.

Report of the examining council received and the same council retained to ordain two ministers recommended by their respective churches. Rev. Elmer Tucker and Rev. Charles Honaker were fully set apart to the work of the ministry. Prayer by Eld. Andrew Workman. Charge by Eld. J. C. Wilcox. Hand of fellowship given by Eld. John M. Henson.

The conference adjourned business to meet with the Pine Grove church July 5, 6, and 7, 1940. Rev. Jay Durvall to preach the introductory sermon; John M. Henson, alternate.

The Saturday night message was

brought by Eld. Jay Durvall. Text, Rom. 6:23. A powerful message was delivered which made sinners weep. The message was concluded by Rev. J. M. Henson after which two souls were on the altar asking for forgiveness. We are praying that they will continue until they make peace with God. Closed at 10:00 p. m.

Sunday School convened at 10:00 a. m. Sunday morning with devotional service led by the pastor. Sermon by Rev. Jack Farinn. Subject "The Fish and the Net;" text, Matt. 13:48. The sermon was concluded by Eld. N. C. Cremeanas. At the close of this service, A. C. Berry, the pastor, opened the doors for church membership. Rev. Walter Wood and his two daughters united with the church. God blessed in a wonderful way.

Pray for us that God may always keep His hand on us in our work.

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Evangelist Report West Virginia

Dear Gem Readers:

I thought I would write a few lines to the *Gem* and give my report. I am now serving on my second year as Logan County State Evangelist of West Virginia.

Since August 12, 1939, I have conducted eleven revivals. I am holding a revival, at the present, and the Lord has been blessing in a wonderful way.

The following is a report of my work, with the help of God, since then.

Sermons preached	222
Professions Witnessed	120
Members Baptized	64
No. funerals help to conduct ..	5
No. churches organized	1
No. Communion services	6

Yours for the Cause of Christ,

—Rev. M. J. Fortner.

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Fredericktown League Report Fredericktown, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

We wish to send you a report of our league. Our league is on the mountain top. I will say that over two-thirds of our league members are Christians; many having professed in the last revival held by Bro. and Sister McAdams, assisted by Miss Ruby Wood.

We have as our president, Sister Alta Matthews, who is a real Christian worker and seems always to do

just the right thing at the right time. How we thank God for her.

Brother Woodrow Matthews is our choir and devotional leader.

We have been having three classes; primary, young folks, and the Bible class for the older folks. But last Sunday night one of our fine young Christian boys started a class of junior boys (most of these boys being Christians) thus making us four classes.

Another one of our fine young men has answered the call to the Gospel ministry and delivered his first message the second Sunday of this month.

On each Friday evening we have cottage prayer meeting at different homes in the community; nearly all of the young Christians testify and lead in prayer, and are so willing to do anything they are asked to do. Some lead Sunday School, others teach.

We are just thanking God for all of the blessings He has given to us as a league.

Pray for us that our league may continue to win souls for Christ.

—Ruby Reeves, Secretary

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WEWOKA, OKLAHOMA

Hello Gem Readers:

I am glad to be on the field again in the Lord's work. I just closed a two week's revival at Bro. Cecil McKinzie's church, about six miles south of Wewoka. The Lord blessed in a marvelous way. There were forty-one conversions and several additions to the church.

Bro. McKinzie is one of our young ministers and he is doing a wonderful work there. They have built a new church there and have a wonderful bunch of young folk.

Well I will never forget the good pastor and people of Monett in the revival I conducted there. I received a letter from one of the converts not so long ago, which was a great blessing to me. I hope to see some of you good people of Monett at the National conference in Paintsville, Kentucky.

Now something in regard to the church of which I am pastor. We are having conversions all along in our regular service, and the Lord is blessing in a great way. We are making preparation for the next quarterly conference which convenes here Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in May, which will be the 22nd. day of May.

—Bert F. Rogers

Indian Creek League Rally Blue Eye, Missouri

It is with great joy we report the Indian Creek Mission and League Rally, held the fifth Sunday in March, with the Mt. Olivet church at Blue Eye, Missouri. There was a good representation from most of our churches.

The Mission service of the morning was well attended. The message was delivered by Bro. John Rollins, his subject being, "The World."

After a bountiful dinner at the noon hour, on the church lawn, we assembled for our league program. In the absence of our league president, Don Campbell, Bro. Alfred of the Monett league, was the chairman for the afternoon.

Many interesting and inspirational numbers were given from the various leagues. We were privileged to have with us the Melody Four Quartette, composed of Noel Greenway, Mrs. Hazel Pennel, Ralph Davis, and Clint Blythe. They sang several beautiful numbers which was greatly appreciated by all present. Noel Greenway from near Monett, Mo. led the congregation in a group of songs, namely: "Rock of Ages" "The Old Rugged Cross," and "There is Power in the Blood" which thrilled our souls and made us to see new beauty in these old hymns of the Church.

We all were happy to see again in our midst Elder Frank Linton and Elder and Mrs. John Swaffar and son Windell, who have been laboring in another association of our state.

It was truly a wonderful day and I am sure many of us returned better fitted to face the problems in our various churches after having been in the services of the Lord with our friends and co-workers.

We are looking forward to an even better league rally the fifth Sunday in June to be held with the Merl's Chapel church near Cassville, Mo.

—Esther Apple, Aurora, Mo., Reporter

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OLCOTT, WEST VIRGINIA

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I have just been reading one of your "Gems" and it certainly is encouraging to me. It's good to know that there are people from all parts of the world that are serving the same loving God that I am.

Sometimes when we are low in spirit

(or as we say, down in the valley) we wonder if we are the only person that is living right, but when we really come to realization and begin to count our blessings we can see that there is room for improvement in our own lives.

I am a member of the Olcott Free Will Baptist church. Bro. J. L. Patterson is our pastor. He has served several years as pastor here. I thank God, too, that he surely has stood by his people in this community.

Bro. M. J. Fortner is conducting a revival meeting here now. We are praying that each Christian may stand in his place and "have a mind to work" at whatsoever his hands find to do.

This is a mining community and that makes it so hard to get anything established—so many people moving in and out.

It has been several years since there has been an old fashion revival here. Won't you Christians help us pray one down from Heaven?

My husband is an ordained minister. I try every way I can to keep him encouraged in his work. We have some wonderful meetings sometimes—just he and I and our two small boys. We talk about the Bible and teach our boys, and they seem to understand just when we have good spiritual meetings. They say they can feel the "power" too.

This church has a membership of 34. Won't you pray for us that we may have an old time revival and many may accept Christ?

Pray for our pastor, our evangelist and their families.

—Enola Parsons, Clerk.

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League Rally of First Mission Association of Oklahoma

Dear Gem Readers:

Again the Young Peoples' League from the churches of the First Mission Association has had quite a successful meeting, and so we'd like to tell other young people a little about what we are doing here in Oklahoma.

Our League was organized less than two years ago with only a few churches represented. Rev. Harry Staires and Rev. Paul Purcell sponsored the first meeting for organization which was held at Drumright Free Will Baptist church. From this small beginning, we have grown until, at the present

time, leagues from nine churches belong to the organization and more than five hundred people attended the last meeting.

Officers for the league for this year are: Rev. Harry Staires, Drumright, Sponsor; Floyd Hudson, Bristow, President; Everett Kieffer, Tulsa, Vice-Pres. Elva Walker, Cushing, Sec-Treas.; and Hattie Smith, Drumright, reporter.

Once in every two months we meet, and on those days services are held from about 9:45 until 4:00. The greatest part of our service, of course, is the gathering together to worship God. There is a part of the day that teaches how to carry on the work, too, for in the afternoon our business session is carried on in our best parliamentary manner. We appreciate the fact that some day we are going to be the older members of the church and we must be worthy.

May we give you a brief outline of our last meeting? The Free Will Baptist Young Peoples' League of the First Mission Association met April 7 with the Olive church. After the Sunday School, Sister Elva Walker and Bro. Everett Brown brought the 11:00 message. They are two of the Association's youngest ministers but they very ably delivered the lesson of "The Solid Foundation."

A lovely basket dinner was prepared at 12:00 and the noon-hour served as a time to get acquainted with any new members or visitors present.

At 1:30 the business meeting was called to order. After the opening songs and prayer, minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Unfinished business consisted of a report from the committee that had visited the churches as a boost to the league. Hattie Smith was elected corresponding reporter. Letters presented by the different leagues were read and the leagues were seated. The new business to be cared for was the approving a letter of recognition presented by the Bluebell church. Rev. Zinn, pastor of the Bristow church, was elected to bring the 11:00 message at the next meeting at the Wewoka church. A motion was made and carried that the moderator appoint someone to give the response to the welcome given at Wewoka. Bro. Everett Brown was appointed.

Drumright was awarded the banner for having 81, the largest number in attendance. After the business meeting, programs were presented by the leagues in competition for another

banner. The Tuskegee League got the banner after the judges' decision.

Our league is not for the purpose of contest—it is rather the joining together to glorify God, but this matching of talents does serve to awaken interest and increase participation in the Rally.

You may be sure we look forward to each succeeding meeting where we will see again the many friends we have in the league and when we will again worship God with them.

—Hattie Smith, Reporter

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Big Johnson County Quarterly Meeting Sitka, Kentucky

The Free Will Baptist Gem and all the good Brothers and Sisters:

I will give a report of our Big Johnson County Quarterly Meeting which met with the big, new Free Will Baptist church at Sitka, Kentucky, on Friday, April 25. We were met by Bro. Scott Castle, their pastor, and with a big welcome by all the brethren. On arriving, the first thing I saw of note was a big fat hog hanging by the heels. We sure had a good time eating pork, and meeting all the good people.

After the devotional, the clerk, F. S. Van Hoose, read a scripture lesson. Eld. Millard Van Hoose was elected moderator, and he appointed Bro. Scott Castle as assistant Moderator. The committees were appointed and the delegates and corresponding messengers were seated.

We enjoyed a good preaching service by Bro. Scott Castle and adjourned for lunch.

Called to order at 2:00 p. m. by the assistant moderator and the afternoon was spent in a Ministers' Conference and a real good time.

At 7:30 p. m., the Pulpit Committee had reported that Bro. Adrain Davis and Eld. Hubbard were to preach, which they did very effectively.

The preachers for Saturday morning were B. L. Large from Virginia, and L. C. Coliver from Ashland, Kentucky. We had a big time praising the good Lord.

In the afternoon, 23 letters were received which showed all our churches to be prospering. We have 40 preachers, 3,000 members, church property valued at \$25,000.00. Cash received with the letters, \$80.00; collec-

tion taken \$21.00; amount already in the treasury \$140.00; total amount \$241.00. The Conference gave the Straffordville Church \$25.00; Sitka Church \$50.00; Pikeville Church \$60.00. F. S. Vanhose took up a collection for the Sitka Church and received \$184.00.

The preaching service at 7:30 was by Bro. Walter Hooper and Bro. Riley Callwell. We had a great meeting.

The Sunday morning preaching was conducted by Eld. Dave A. Hays and Eld. Willy Horn. The crowd was so large a stand was arranged in the doorway, so those unable to get inside could enjoy the service.

The singing throughout the service was spiritual, and a Christian spirit prevailed among those present.

— Millard Van Hoose, Moderator

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MT. VERNON, MISSOURI State Sanatorium

Dear Gem Family:

Greetings in Jesus' name! Well, I hope each member of the *Gem* family is enjoying health and happiness, and the beautiful spring weather. We should all be thankful for the nice sunshine after so much cloudy cold weather.

Well, this leaves Ruth and me both feeling fine. She is going to school every school day and is doing fine.

My recent X-ray shows that I am still making great improvement, but, of course, it takes time and a lot of it, so I am just trying to be patient and leave it all to God for He is always close by ready to help. He is indeed a friend in need.

We have Sunday School on our veranda, now, each Friday evening. Rev. Phillips who is hired as Chaplain here at the Sanatorium, comes and conducts it. We enjoy it greatly. He is an able speaker and a devout Christian man, and we thank God for sending him. He is of Missionary Baptist faith and came here from Bolivar, Missouri. He resides in Mt. Vernon.

We had a nice short visit from Rev. Sam Marcum and wife last Friday, which we did greatly enjoy. We were so glad to meet this good Christian couple and we just pray that God may bless them wherever they go. We are so glad to hear of the good work they are doing for the Lord, and we pray that God will give Sister Marcum back her health; also keep Brother Marcum in good health, so

that they may be able to fulfill their duties. We hope they may be privileged to visit us again in the future.

I had a birthday last month, and was presented with a shower of 56 cards from the General Baptist church in Flint, Michigan, of which my brother, Rev. Winford Davis, is pastor. They also presented me with several handkerchiefs and a few nice encouraging letters. Words just cannot express how much we did appreciate the kindness of these dear people, and we just ask God's richest blessings upon each and everyone of them.

Please continue to pray for us.

A Sister in His Name,

— Mrs. Opal Frazier.

BUILDING A CHURCH Norwood, Missouri

I wish to inform the people of our own State Association that we are beginning to build a new church at Oak Grove, as it is known, and appeal to every one who can and will to help us, that we may finish the building as soon as possible.

Many will remember, with sad hearts, the destructive work of the devil in this community, and few can realize what we have endured and the burden we labor under to keep on keeping on. "We are troubled on every side, but not distressed; we are perplexed but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh." (2 Cor. 4:8-11).

We have been worshipping in a school house, but it does not accommodate our Sunday school and services. We are truly grateful to the Lord for courage to keep trying, and rejoice that every promise made is verified, giving us greater faith and courage. We will greatly appreciate the prayer's of our fellow laborers, and any financial help (we so much need), that our dear people may be able to give us in this time of trouble and need.

Please remember us, both in prayer, and with any financial support possible.

Oak Grove Church

John Swaffar, pastor.

P. S.— Address all correspondence to the pastor at Norwood, Mo.

Novinger, Missouri May 7, 1940

Dear Gem Readers:

As I have never written to the *Gem*, I thought I would try and write a few lines as we have taken it for two years and sure enjoy all of it.

As I was riding on the tractor, discing, this Scripture came to me.

"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?"

And how shall they preach except they be sent? As it is written, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of Good things." (Rom. 10:14-15).

As I thought on this it seems to me that it is our duty, the laity of our Free Will Baptist churches, to send our good ministers out. You might say, "How?" I say by our tithes and offerings. I am a firm believer in tithing and I am sure, in my own mind, that if all of our people would tithe we could send our missionaries out with plenty, build our school, get our home extension work in full sway and other work that would need to be done to further God's cause and kingdom.

If this is suitable to print, O. K., if not throw it in the waste basket. My hope and prayer is that more might get the vision to tithe.

Your Brother and Sister in Christ,

— Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sponsler.

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THE GREATEST WORK

Contributed by Mrs. Ina Bicknell

He built a house; time laid it in the dust;

He wrote a book, its title now forgot;
He ruled a city, but his name is not
On any table graven, or where rust
Can gather from disuse, or marble lust
He took a child from out a wretched
cot,

Who on the state dishonor might have brought,

And reared him to the Christian's hope and trust.

The boy, to manhood grown, became a light

To many souls, and preached for human need

The wondrous love of the Omnipotent,
The work has multiplied like stars at night

When darkness deepens; every noble deed

Lasts longer than a granite monument.

— Author Unknown.

First Free Will Baptist Church TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Rev. Melvin Bingham, Pastor
Mrs. Evelyn Miller, Reporter

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

After an absence of nearly two years from this line of God's work, we are happy to be back on the same job again of trying in our weak, humble way of serving God and reporting the activities of the Tulsa church through the *Gem*.

Since we have not had a report in the paper for several months, it may lead some to think that our work is at a stand-still, and that the church is falling behind; but far be it from that—even though Satan may make a few feel sluggish and sleepy and neglectful. However, the Saviour always comes to the rescue and sends in a refreshed troop to carry on to victory over the opposing power.

We have been made to rejoice over the goodness and the many blessings that God has sent our way. It has been through His goodness that Bro. Melvin Bingham and his gospel singers have been allowed fifteen minutes, each Sunday afternoon, to broadcast over Radio Station KOME since the first of last October. If the *Gem* readers have never heard them, tune in at 2:00 p. m. each Sunday and listen to their message in song, prayer and short Scripture reading that is going out to the shut-ins and into unsaved homes, and helping to tear down rebellious spirited people.

Our league classes, which are made up of three groups, sponsored the mothers' day program over the air in the afternoon and at the church on Sunday night with well arranged numbers of songs, readings and a play, all playing a special tribute to every mother present.

The Intermediate Sunday School class and their good teacher, Sister Esther Miller, honored the oldest mothers of our church with a Mothers' Day party on Saturday, May 11, with about 35 mothers and guests present. Short talks were made by our pastor, Bro. Melvin Bingham, and Sister Bingham, who were honor guests, and by the oldest mother present who was presented a little gift. Also a beautiful pink and white cake was presented the mother having 12 living children—three generations being present.

Even though the Statanic power opposes in many ways, yet our little church is marching forward with a

renewed spirit and a greater progress than we have seen in several months.

Our Sunday school is holding an average attendance and night services are well attended.

At this writing, the interior of our buildings is being remodeled, a baptistry has been installed and a precious young convert has been baptized in it. A nursery has been put into operation with two mothers in charge and an enrollment of 10 or 12 babies. Also our mission mothers' work-room has been enlarged and re-decorated. We are giving God the praise for all of these much needed things as the expense has been very small. All labor has been donated and the material cost has been estimated at less than \$100.00. But this shows what God's people can do when they meet God's requirements.

We are looking forward to the Quarterly Conference that convenes next week with Bro. Bert Rogers' church at Wewoka, Oklahoma.

Pray for us that we might ever be in the Master's service.

First General Baptist Church Flint, Michigan

Winford Davis, Pastor
Carl B. Ragsdale, Reporter

Dear Gem Readers:

A few months ago I wrote to you about the "Men's Building Club" which was organized in interest of lifting the debt of \$1,378.00 off of the church property.

I am really happy to tell you that the debt was lifted and on April 14, we held our dedication service. It was accomplished through faith in God and everyone putting their shoulder to the wheel, determined to succeed.

The Lord wonderfully blest in the dedication service, with everyone's cup running over. Our pastor, Bro. Davis, preached the dedication sermon. We are all glad to work with Bro. Davis in the work of the Master.

We also had Rev. O. B. Miley, the organizer, and four of his charter members with us. Also the Rev. Harry Mince, a former pastor, who is greatly responsible for the church being built up to where it is today.

As it is nearing Mother's Day, we don't want to forget Mrs. Mary Fowler (or "grandma" to most of us) the mother of our church. And also all of you Christian mothers who have been, and still are, holding up Christ

before their children and the world these many years, with the burdens of the churches upon their hearts.

After anything we might say or do, we can still look up and say, "all things work together for good to them that love God." Rom. 8:28.

Bristow F. W. B. Church Bristow, Oklahoma

Dear Gem Readers:

We will write a report of our revival here at Bristow. We certainly had an old fashion revival meeting. There was much shouting among the people of God. We had good co-operation among the churches of Bristow. Some folks said that we couldn't have a revival here in this town; but the devil would like for us all to think that. But I never was in a revival that seemed as easy as this one. Souls prayed through to victory almost every night. There were 30 conversions in all, and 28 united with the church.

Our Sunday school has increased every Sunday. We had 122 in Sunday school May 12.

We are planning on doing some building soon. This church has a real opportunity to go some where.

The Quarterly Meeting of the First Mission Association meets at Wewoka this week. We are expecting a great time there. We covet your prayers.

— Eld. F. C. & Belva Zinn.

Cross Roads Church Dry Nob, Missouri

With sad and lonely hearts, we gathered at the little house of God this month, where a few days before we had met to pay the last respects to our good deacon, Bro. Irvin Myers; not to say "farewell" but to say "goodnight" and meet him in the morning of the resurrection. He was a young man and also young in the service of our Lord, but faithful and true. The church will miss him.

At eleven o'clock, Saturday, 13, the pastor, Curtis Wilson, brought a loving Spirit-filled message. Using for a text: "I have vowed a vow." I listened to his voice pleading, entreating, warning the church to remember and pay their vows. Eccl. 5:4, "When thou vowest a vow, defer not to pay it, for the Lord hath no pleasure in fools."

There were so many, older in years,

and in the service of our Lord than this mere boy that is being a true example and feeding the flocks that has been given him. It caused me to feel ashamed that so many are careless, and have failed the church, the pastor, and failed to please God. It is really, a fearful thing to be slack concerning our Lord's business.

Too many of us are like Jonah 2:9. After the fish had swallowed him, he then gladly said, "I will pay that which I have vowed." Most too often, we wait until some great calamity come upon us, then renew our vows and our great loving Master is always on the forgiving hand.

I wonder sometimes how many of us ever realized and considered the vows we take upon ourselves when we put our names on the church book and accept the church covenant. Let's just think upon it awhile and search our lives.

Do we, in all things, love and obey Him through grace and keep ourselves from every appearance of evil. Oh, it is so easy to break one of these solemn promises. Do we watch over one another in love? Are we careful of each other's reputation? No, too often our tongues run away.

Is our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society? Think upon these things. Do we discharge our obligations in the study of the Scripture? No, I don't! Do you? Do we forget the assembling of our self together for public worship? Well, sometimes it looks as if some have forgotten. Do we pay according to our ability? Remember how God blessed Jacob when he vowed he would give the Lord one-tenth of all he gave him, and paid the vow.

I would that all who have their names on some church book would study their church covenant. It means something. Maybe there are some that don't know what the church covenant is. I was talking to a lady, belonging to the church four years, some days ago about it and she had never heard of a church covenant. I think it should be read more often in the church, for there are some that expect the preacher to do all of their Bible reading, etc.

Here is a point in which we fail so many times: to help the weak. Maybe by criticism of a public effort of some kind, we do not only fail to help but we discourage them. It is so much encouragement for a weak one to have some stronger one to believe in them or be interested. I

know for I, myself, am so weak. Once an old minister came to me away from our home church and said, "Now tonight, I must bring the message, and you must pray for me." It really does help to think a real man of God would desire the prayers of one so weak. There are so many things one can say to help, or is it so easy to discourage one until they will almost doubt at times. We must be careful.

There are several young ministers just beginning around here, and of course no one, no matter how good he was, could preach to please everyone. As I hear so much criticism, so many remarks, I wonder how different it all might be if we critics would try having a talk with Jesus about them. Be as faithful Aaron, holding up the prophet's hand, and would hold them up to the throne of grace in prayer.

Let's try to make our church the kind of a church we think it should be, and try to do and fill our place as perfectly as we expect our pastor. If we do, I am sure we won't see so many mistakes in his ways for usually the one that dodges is the guilty one.

Here is a poem that comes to my mind at this time:

WHICH ARE YOU?

Are you an active member?

The kind that would be missed;
Or are you contented,

That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings,
And mingle with the flock;
Or do you stay at home,
And criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part,
To help the church along;
Or are you satisfied
To be the kind that just belong?

There are plenty things to do
That I'm sure you've heard about;
And we'll appreciate you too,
If you'll come and help us out.

Come to the meeting often,
And help with hand and heart;
And don't be just a member,
Do an active part?

Think this over member,
You know right from wrong.
Are you an active member,
Or do you just belong?

Now, which are you?

Yours in Jesus Name,

— Alpha Jane Wilson.

Hickory Grove Church HADDAM, KANSAS

Dear Gem Family:

Once again, we take our pen to write to our paper. Since the last time we wrote, we have had some nice weather, and our work is going along nicely.

One Thursday in March, the Womens Missionary Society met at the parsonage and furnished dinner to twelve of us men, who sawed wood for Mrs. Plamann, whose husband is in the Veterans' Hospital, and all seven of the children were sick with the measles.

The play, which our young peoples' Christian Endeavor intended to present on Easter Sunday night, had to be postponed until the third Sunday in April because of sickness and bad weather. It was well attended and we received an offering of \$4.84 for missions, of which we had three dollars above expenses. We are sure proud of our young people.

Pray for us.

Yours In His Service,

— Rev. and Mrs. Roy Lee Hancock

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ONE STEP AT A TIME

E. E. Shelhamer in *Pentecostal Herald*

It requires more than one step to bring about success or failure in life. A saint or a rascal is not the result of a big leap. One step at a time made it possible.

Satan watches this first step as much or more so than the final one. It is impossible to wind up in weal or woe until a thousand steps have been taken in that direction.

One step out of Divine Order on the part of faithful Abraham, resulted in over 2,000,000,000 Moslems, cursing Palestine and the world.

David took one step in the wrong direction, then slipped, plunged and crashed so that to this day infidels point with scorn at the "man after God's heart."

As Finney would say, "Every step you take, you tread on cords that will vibrate to all eternity." God help us then to have our "steps (and stops) ordered of the Lord," so he may "de-light in our ways."

Go to dark Gethsemane,

Ye that feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see;

Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Obituaries - Memorials

DORAN—Rufus Doran of Elm Store died Thursday evening, April 11, 1940.

He was born in Jackson County, Tennessee, July 28, 1850. He died at the age of 89 years, 9 months and 17 days.

He was united in marriage to Francis Young, December 28, 1881. To this union was born 11 children; 5 boys and 6 girls.

He has gone now to meet his loving wife and 5 children who have preceded him in death.

Mr. Doran helped to establish the Free Will Baptist church at Walnut Grove in 1899. He has been a faithful servant since.

Funeral service was conducted at the Walnut Grove church Saturday morning by Rev. Billie Rogers. Interment was in the Walnut Grove cemetery.

He leaves to mourn his death, six children: George Doran, Myrtle, Mo.; Mrs. Ida England, Anderson, Mo.; Irvin Doran, Myrtle, Mo.; Mrs. Ellen Cox, Afton, Okla.; Jasper Doran, Myrtle, Mo.; and Mrs. Lillie Hackworth, Lesterville, Arkansas. He also leaves several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives and a host of friends.

A precious one from us has gone,

A voice we loved is still;

A place is vacant in our home,
That never can be filled.

—Written by Sadie Hall

WHITE—Nathaniel White was born in Audobon County, Iowa, May 16, 1859 and moved with his parents to Gosper County, Nebraska, in 1874. After an illness of only a few hours, he very peacefully passed to his reward April 10, 1940 on the place which he homesteaded 54 years ago, at the age of 80 years, 10 months and 24 days.

On November 12, 1890 he was united in marriage to Maggie V. Blackwood. To this union was born three children, one daughter having preceded him in death 26 years ago.

He united with the Methodist Protestant church 37 years ago, latter transferring his membership to the Free Will Baptist church in 1915. He was a true follower of Christ and has

been a faithful member of the Blackwood Sunday School for many years.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Maggie V. White, one son, Clifton While, one daughter, Avis Mishler, and one adopted daughter, Margie Phillips, five grandchildren, two great granddaughters, also three brothers, one sister and a host of friends.

The Pains of death are passed
Labor and sorrow cease,
And life's long warfare closed at last
His soul is found in peace.

IN MEMORY

In memory of my dear mother, Addie Miller, who passed away 6 years ago March 24, 1934.

There was a new made grave,
I can see when I close my eyes;
My mother's spirit's gone to heaven,
But there her body lies.

She was resting so peacefully there,
But, oh, how can it be,
That the dearest friend I ever had
On earth no more I see.

But when we cross the river
And meet her over there;
There all is peace and gladness,
In that heavenly home so fair.

I know she will be waiting
And watching for us then;
When our work on earth is over
And we are gathered in.

While in this world of sorrow,
I miss her every day—
Miss her loving deeds of kindness
And the things she use to say.

Mother passed from earth to heaven
We miss her from her place;
Our home is dark without her,
We miss the sunshine of her face.

There's her father and her mother,
And her loved ones gone before;
That were waiting up in heaven
When she crossed to the shore.

I hope some day to join her,
With my loved ones that are here;
There will be a great reunion.
When we meet our mother dear.

—Mrs. John E. Bough
Stockton, Missouri

MYERS—William Irvin Myers, was born November 3, 1907, and departed this life, March 27, 1940 in the Wallis Hospital at Lebanon, Missouri. He spent his entire life near Cross Roads, in Laclede County, Missouri. He was 33 years old.

In the year of 1923, he was united in marriage to Miss Georgia Pline. To this union three children were born: Darris, Farrell, and Bonnie Fay.

He professed faith in Christ about four years ago, and joined the Free Will Baptist church at Cross Roads.

Later he was ordained as deacon, and was a faithful worker in church activities, and was worthy of the office. The church has lost one among its best members. The neighborhood has lost a good man. He will be missed, but our loss is only his gain. He smilingly told our pastor and Deacon Ruble, who were at his bedside until the end, that he was ready to meet his Maker; he seemed very anxious to go.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his patient, kind, little wife, who was well worthy, and fit all the qualifications the Bible requires for a deacon's wife; his three children; father; an invalid mother, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Myers; two brothers, and two sisters, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Burial was in the Cross Roads Cemetery, with the pastor, Eld. Curtis L. Wilson, officiating.

Long long days, we will miss you,
Irvin,

Many times, for you we'll weep;
But through many years of sorrow,
Precious memories will your loved ones keep.

We know you were robed and ready,
Waiting for the messenger to come,
To take you from pain and sorrow
To your bright eternal home.

Now you are singing with the angels,
And beckoning us to come,
And join you in that sweet refrain
Where farewells are not known.

—The Cross Roads Church,
Alpha Jane Wilson, Correspondent.

ADAMS—Robert Dale Adams was born March 8, 1940, and departed this life, March 25, 1940, at the age of 17 days.

He was the darling son of Mr. and Mrs. Vencie Adams. Besides his parents he leaves to mourn, three brothers; Quenton, Kenneth and Donal; two sisters preceded him in death; both grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis; and a host of relatives and friends. Burial was in the Cross Roads cemetery with the pastor, Curtis L. Wilson, officiating.

Only in March, 1939, they had to part with their infant girl. There I witnessed the most heavenly sight I ever saw. Sister Eula was unable to leave her bed, and when the little family gathered near for the last look, the very heavens seemed to bow low. If I had never believed Sister Eula was a real child of God until then, I would have known then. All she said was, "Oh, we wanted to keep her so," but God always knows best and does everything right. I think I never saw such humble submission to God's will. With their dear hearts bleeding and tears blinding their eyes, for their darling budded on earth to blossom in heaven.

As they gathered around the flower-laden casket,

Their hearts were filled with pain,
For those redeemed so early
Tears were falling now like rain.

Hopes were crushed, hearts were bleeding,

Three little brothers were sad and alone,

For God had called their only sister
To live in her heavenly Home.

God had recalled the buds He had given
Although the bodies slumber here,
We know their sweet soul
Is safely resting in heaven.

Now side by side they are sleeping,
In their tiny dreamless bed —
Safe in the arms of Jesus resting
We do not think of them as dead.

Alpha Jane Wilson, Correspondent

IN MEMORY

In loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. Rose Belle Carver, who departed this life May 24, 1938.

The Savior who loved her so dearly,
Who walked by her side all the way;
For her He has furnished a mansion
In the home-land just over the way.
He had it all ready and waiting,
So she's gone to that mansion to stay.
For each one of us who are faithful,
And have walked by His side all the way;
She'll be waiting in Heaven's bright mansion,
To meet us some beautiful day.

Sadly missed by husband and children.

— Mrs. Birdie McCauley,
St. Louis, Missouri.

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Tribute to Rev. L. E. Colliver

The following poem was written by Robert P. Colliver in honor of his dad, Rev. L. E. Colliver, who is pastor of the Sandy City Free Will Baptist Church at Catlettsburg, Kentucky. At the time this is being written, Rev. Colliver is on his way to Hazel Park, Michigan to hold a revival for Rev. N. P. Gates.

L — is for Love he has for all,
A — is for the Answer to his call;
W — is for Wonderful, as he can be,
R — is for Right as you plainly see;
E — is for Everything he has taken,
N — is for Now the things he's forsaken
C — is for Courage, something he's got,
E — is for Everything he has forgot.

E — is for Eternity, a place he'll spend,
L — is for Everlasting life he will have in the end;

M — is for More of his preaching we love to hear,

O — is for Others he loves so dear.

C — is for Christian, a life that he lives
O — is for Others and the service he gives;

LL — is for the double Love he has for God's word,

I — is for Into the world his voice is heard;

V — is for Victory some day his will be
E — is for Eternal home some day he will see,

R — is for Reward throughout all eternity.