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'Tis a place where day is night,
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Heaven can shed no kindly light.

What is home without a Bible?
'Tis a place where daily bread
For the body is provided,
But the soul is never fed.

What is home without a Bible?
'Tis a vessel out at sea,
Compass lost and rudder broken,
Drifting, drifting, aimlessly.

What is home without a Bible?
Listen, ponder, while I speak:
'Tis a home with Bibles in it,
But not opened once a week!

Monday comes and goes, and Tuesday
Comes and goes and Wednesday, too,
Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday,
Book unopened all week through!

— From *The Gospel Messenger*

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OVER THE TOP

For twelve years and nine months (152 issues), the readers of the *Gem* have received their monthly copy as regularly as the months come and go.

There are, perhaps, about 300 persons who have received every single issue for the entire period of twelve years and nine months, and are still on the mailing list. For this, we are indeed thankful.

There are a few hundred other persons who have been on the list for three, five, seven, and nine years respectively, and who plan to continue on. Words fail to express our appreciation for this spirit of fellowship and co-operation. Then there are a few hundred subscribers who have only been readers of the *Gem* a short time. We appreciate them also.

The first, and a few of the second groups named in these paragraphs, saw the *Gem* start with a small beginning, and continuing for a few years with not more than 300 subscribers. The *Gem*, at that time, was a 16-page, plain paper, and sold for \$1.00 a year. It was later improved, made a 20-page paper and the price reduced to 75 cents. Today it is greatly improved, is a 24-page magazine at only 50 cents a year.

Fifty cents a year is too cheap! It does not pay for what we put into the *Gem*.

One brother asked me to raise the subscription price. My immediate criticism was that our list of 1200 subscribers would diminish to 800, if not 600, and that would not accomplish our purpose of spreading glad tidings.

Another brother tried to solve our problem by asking that we do not use good paper, and get cheap paper. I never liked a "Cheap John." I do not think we are extravagant with book paper.

I think the Publication Committee of the Indian Creek Association has the solution for which we have been looking.

The Indian Creek Association, which is one of the ten associations in Missouri, responded remarkably well. They raised 33 new subscribers, then made a gift of 12 papers a month to be sent to the T. B. Sanatorium at



John B. Rollins, Editor

Mt. Vernon, Missouri, which makes a total of 45 new subscribers. We are asking the State of Missouri for 500 new subscribers.

We are asking the Missouri churches (no one else is barred) to coax and en-

Publication Committee

We, your Committee on Publication submit the following:

We feel that our first duty is to support our own publishing houses:

Whereas, the paid subscription list for the *Gem* is only 1200, and the income therefrom does not pay the total cost of publication, and

Whereas, a list of 1700 would pay all costs of publication:

Therefore, we recommend that steps be taken, in co-operation with the State Association, to raise 500 new subscribers.

We recommend that our churches, with our pastors in the lead, see to it that the *Gem* is sent into every home in the church.

Great possibilities are before us in helping to place the *Gem* on a paying standard, and make it possible to have a better *Gem*, make improvements in the worn equipment, and to turn surplus funds to the denomination for the advancement of major enterprises.

John B. Rollins
Marzelle Henderson
Virgil Greenway

courage and use pressure until the *Gem* is going into every family in our denomination.

When this is done, the *Gem* will be on a paying basis, then we will be permitted to make a hundred and one improvements in and around the office in order to give you a still better *Gem*. We envision the *Gem* as being a paying institution, turning a nice sum of "profit" each year to the denomination. Why not?

The *Morning Star*, a Free Will Baptist publishing house we used to have in Boston, had a circulation of 11,000. They operated on a capital of \$75,000.00 doing millions of dollars worth of business.

The *Gem* can go over the top too! And by the will of God, we are going. The Editor is asking the enclosed plan to sincerely and honestly be put into practice. This is not the Editor's final plan, but let us get started, then the campaign may be directed to real success.

The *Gem* has operated, during the past year, without going in the *RED*. We have made some improvements. The financial report of the *Gem* Office will be given at the Missouri State Association, and may appear in next month's Missouri Special.

THIS GEM AND THE NEXT

This, *Gem*, as usual, is printed on Production English Finish Book Paper which cost 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents a pound, printed with Huber's Gloss Book Ink which cost \$1.25 per pound wholesale.

The front page picture is a zinc half-tone, 100 screen, cost \$5.59, but only cost the Highland Park church \$4.00. It is printed on Champion Book Cover (a new feature) which cost 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents a pound. The ink used is a mixture of Huber's Oriental Blue and Gloss Black. We hope to continue this improvement.

The next *Gem* will be a Missouri Special. For the past two months, we have been unable to plan the *Gem* because of manuscripts coming in slowly, and we have tried to publish early so the Editor could attend the associations. We have assurance of proper manuscripts on proper time for the Missouri Special.

DEPARTMENT OF POEMS

We would like to develop talent in the higher arts of poetry. It will be necessary for us to cease printing "Contributed Poems" because these poems may be "copyrighted" and we would get into severe trouble.

We, therefore, ask for original poems to encourage the development of some mighty good talent. So come on, Poets, lets have inspired poems, true to the art, measured by metrical feet, with systematic rhythm and rhyme.

MORE TREATISE WHEN

We surely do not know! Our people have bothered us considerably during the past months, wanting Treatises. Well, we can't blame the people.

The Treatises were authorized to be printed at the National Association, but were left in the hands of a widely scattered Editorial Committee, so there you are!

This Office knows nothing of who, nor where, nor what, nor why — nor anything else. This Office has made no contract to print the Treatise (we would be glad to). They could be already on the press somewhere, we do not know.

After somebody's good easy time, somebody will receive a RUSH order to print: In the meantime, somebody will have to wait patiently, or otherwise, until they are published.

Please watch the Gem for their announcement.

OUR MINUTE SEASON

Every winter, the Gem Office is overworked (we are not complaining, we like it) in the capacity of printing minutes.

We are better equipped this year than ever to put out 99% perfection in minute work. Our proof-reading system is complete.

We began our heavy season this year with the following work:

500 copies, 72-page, Auxiliary Manual
200 copies, 16-page, Minute, Zion Hope
300 copies, 20-page, Min., Old Mt. Zion
200 copies, 15-page, Minute, Hopewell

We have the following orders in the office which will be printed in the order given:

500 copies, Tennessee State Ass'n.
200 copies, Indian Creek Association
300 copies, Arkansas Association
\$35.00 worth, First Mission Association
Unknown amount, Central Western Mo. & S. E. Kans. Association

These will be printed out at the rate of four or five sets per month.

We are doing good business thus far, and solicit our Associations to let us have your minute job.

MOTION PICTURE

We think Rev. Kenneth Turner, of Monett, had a very good idea when he thought of the many inventions, with which we are surrounded, in terms of how they are put to use. For instance, it isn't the automobile itself that is harmful — it is the NUT on the wheel.

Kenneth Turner reasoned that it is not the Motion Picture machine that is sinful, but it is the motives and principles, and men behind the controls of the machine that are sinful.

This being good reasoning, Bro. Turner purchased an 8-millimeter motion picture camera, and also a projector machine. This equipment is dedicated to the use and glory of the Lord only.

At this time, Bro. Turner has four reels of very interesting pictures which he has taken, himself, concerning our own church work.

His first reel is a beautiful, scenic picture-story, of about 20 minutes duration, of the bus load of Missouri delegates to the National Association at Paintsville, Kentucky last July. This reel has many interesting pictures taken at the Association.

He has a reel taken at the Indian Creek Association this year, which is also good.

Of course, he has a reel of his own home life and his building his home

Recently, we had him to come up to the Gem Office and make about a 20 minute reel of The Free Will Baptist Gem, and our working force with the machinery. It is pretty good, with a small exception which we plan to replace soon.

We would like to show this reel at the Missouri State Association when we make our drive to go "Over the Top."

This picture will show the needs of our office — and the responsibility.

Bro. Turner will go with the Editor in visiting some churches to "drum up business."

The little "Gospel Motion Picture Camera" will be busy at our coming State Association, making a reel of our great Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

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The Standing of the Heathen

A Foreign Missionary Sermon

By T. H. Willey, The Missionary

Romans 2:12-14; Goodspeed translation

"All who sin without having the law will perish without regard to the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. For merely hearing the law read does not make a man upright in the sight of God. Men must obey the law to be made upright. When heathens have no law, they instinctively obey what the law demands, even though they have no law they are a law to themselves."

I have found some commonly held misconceptions, held by Christians and non-Christians, regarding the standing of heathens before they have the message of salvation. I wish to present a fair scriptural answer to these views.

It is serious to misconstrue the truth of God's Word, and especially when it affects the attitude of Christian people, regarding their degree of support to the publishing or propagating the Word of God which is the only means of salvation to the human race. This view simply stated is, "I do not believe the heathen is lost." The founder of the China Inland Mission, who was for many years a Missionary in China, J. Hudson Taylor, said toward the latter end of his life, that he never would have thought of going to China, had he not been convinced that the Chinese were lost and that they needed Christ. All great missionaries, Basinerd, Martyn, Carey and Judson, had as the impelling motive, the conviction that the heathens were lost. This is the only motive that would have compelled them to leave the comforts and blessings of their native land and spend a life-time in treacherous lands.

When pastors or ministers, and people hold this view there is, as a result, a general apathy on the subject of missions. It is only natural that the conclusion is reached that the missionary service costs too much to undertake, both on the part of those who go abroad or those who stay at home.

We wish to give a few statements that would lead to apathy, unless those who heard had strong convictions on the binding nature of the truth.



T. H. Willey

Some say; "GOD TO BE GOD, COULD NOT ALLOW VAST NUMBERS TO PERISH"

If it could be proven that it would be unjust for God to allow multitudes of heathens to perish, it is as truly unjust for God to let even one heathen perish. Many times well meaning people have no conception of the term "heathen." They do not realize that all around them are heathens in just as great darkness as those in far away lands, and the sad part of all this is that these same people do very little, if anything, to enlighten those same unsaved people. An unsaved man in America is just as much unsaved in America as is that man in South America. I challenge you to honestly ask yourself what you have done to lead the lost to Christ, either at home or abroad. I find the people who are most vitally concerned in the salvation of men and women at home, are the most missionary minded, and interested in those in distant lands.

"GOD IS LOVE. HE WILL PROVIDE A WAY OF ESCAPE FOR THE HEATHEN."

Just as well say "God is love, and He will not allow sin, with its awful consequence, to befall the human race." Nevertheless we have sin, an abounding power in the social world, with its devastating results. "God is love, He will not allow falsehood or unrighteousness to triumph over truth and right," and yet we see falsehood and wrong holding the mastery in the affairs of men and nations. "God is love and he will not let His people suffer," and yet some of the greatest sufferers have been the greatest saints. "God is love, hence there can be no

hell," and yet the Master said, "In hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torment."

"THE HEATHEN ARE LIVING UP TO THE LIGHT THEY HAVE, THEREFORE, THEY WILL BE SAVED."

I have had ample opportunity, as a missionary, to vouch for the fact that heathen people who have not the law of the Gospel and the Prophets do have an inner written law, called the conscience. What heathen people live up to the light they have? Are we saved by living up to what light we have in this enlightened land? No, by no means, we are saved by FAITH in the cleansing blood of Christ.

We quote Rev. J. Hudson Taylor again when he affirmed that, he had never met a Chinaman, who would claim that he had lived up to the light which he possessed.

"MEN IN CHRISTIAN LANDS ARE LOST BECAUSE, THEY HAVE HEARD THE GOSPEL AND HAVE REJECTED IT; THE HEATHEN HAVE NEVER HEARD THE GOSPEL AND HAVE NEVER REJECTED IT THEREFORE, THEY ARE NOT LOST."

If the promise in this declaration is true, the conclusion would be bound to be true. But the promise is not true, and as a result the conclusion is not true. Men in Christian lands are not lost because they have heard the Gospel and rejected it. They were lost before they heard the Gospel. It was because they were already lost that the Gospel was sent to them by God, and preached by His ministers. The reason men are lost is that they are sinners by inheritance, and coming to the age of accountability, they became sinners by choice, as well. This is true of men everywhere.

Almost two thousand years in the yesterdays, Jesus, the Christ, left as His supreme command the evangelization of the world. He commanded His followers to preach the Gospel to every creature. Since that day, the Church has increased in numbers, wealth and equipment, but the world has not been evangelized as yet, there has been a failure somewhere. The earth's population amounts to about two billion. One billion of these are heathen. The sad fact to remember is, that heathen are not only being born into the world, but they are passing, passing fast away. Sixty-five generations of earth's inhabitants have passed away like

waves beating on the shores of time. In China alone, over twelve million heathen die every year. It is estimated that thirty-five millions die every year having never heard of Christ. If the Church does not evangelize, they will

never hear the Gospel.

If the present day heathen are lost, they have a present day right to hear and be saved. And if you today have the Gospel you have an obligation to propagate the Gospel.

will take up the practice, this coming year, of giving something monthly to the foreign mission fund. Each and every church, though it may be small, can give something monthly if we will just get the habit. We have a number of churches, classes, mission circles, etc., who have been as regular as clock work this past year. It certainly is appreciated, I know, to depend on you every month. Just keep the good work going. Some of the donations are large, some smaller, as you see by our monthly financial reports in the *Gem*; but don't be discouraged because your donations are not great in amount. Our "littles" put together is what makes much. Your smallest donation will receive the same due consideration as the largest lump sum.

Our Mission-Minded Missourians

By Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri

It is with much gratitude, that I write this letter to our foreign mission supporters, in Missouri, who have given so freely, to this worthy cause, during the past year. I wish every Missourian could have been at the National Association, in Kentucky, and heard our National Secretary of Foreign Missions report Missouri at the head of the list of states in giving for foreign missions the past year. We should be grateful to the Lord for this, and should express our gratitude by just giving more the coming year. Our foreign mission budget for the past year was set at \$600.00. We went over it by \$120.00; making a total of \$720.00 from the National Association in July, 1939, to the National Association in July, 1940. When the National Foreign Mission Board was arranging the national budget for this coming year, I said, "We will make Missouri's budget \$700.00 this time." I came nearly saying \$800.00; but I didn't, although I am hoping we will run it up to even \$1000.00. I am sure we could do it very easily. Although our budget is only \$700, what do you say we pull for \$1,000.00 by the time of the National Association next July.

I have been thinking much, since the National Meeting, of a young couple from the southeastern states, Bro. and Sister Chester Pelt, who are volunteers for the mission fields of Latin America as Co-laborers with Bro. and Sister Willey. This splendid young couple, in their early (not over their middle) twenties, are qualified, called and ready to go any time our people will make it financially possible for them. I wish Missouri could and would have a substantial part in sending this fine young couple to the Panamanian field. They are ready to go; by all means we should send them. We are failing God if we do not.

We are praying that throughout the rank and file of our Missouri work, more of our churches and individuals



Winford Davis

Will You Help?

Miss Mary Elizabeth Griffith, National Sunday School Convention Secretary,
1620 Tenth Ave., Nashville, Tennessee

You have probably been wishing that every Free Will Baptist Sunday School could have a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention, and the Standard of Efficiency for Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools. That is exactly what we are wishing, too! If you will help us, your wish, and ours, will come true!

How can you help? Just this: This Standard of Efficiency and the Constitution and By-Laws have been put in leaflet form and are for free distribution to Sunday School workers.

Write us today for copies.

Then, if you know of other Sunday schools which need these leaflets, won't you please send us the name and address of either the pastor, the Sunday school superintendent, or an interested member in each of these schools? Be sure to give us the addresses and, if possible, tell us what positions these persons hold in their churches.

Thank you for helping.

Address all correspondence to the secretary, Miss Mary Elizabeth Griffith, 1620 10th Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee.

Rockingham Church & Superannuation

Mrs. J. E. Simpson, President National Superannuation Board
1310 Fatherland St., Nashville, Tenn.

I have in my possession, a letter of May 31, 1940 from Mr. Donald A. McGill, Treasurer of the Entwistle Free Will Baptist Church of Rockingham, North Carolina. I find enclosed in this letter a Post Office money order to be used for National Superannuation.

Always when I receive a contribution, no matter how small, for this

most worthy cause, I am made to feel grateful to the contributor.

But the enclosed money order in this letter is not the most gratifying feature of it. It is the contents of the written message as follows: quote: "This is to inform you that Entwistle Free Will Baptist church, Rockingham, North Carolina, has adopted a plan,

whereby one percent (1%) of all offerings are to be sent to the superannuation board to help carry on their work.

Enclosed you will find a Post Office money order which represents one percent (1%) of all offering for the first quarter of 1940" end quotation.

I am sure I speak the sentiment of each board member when I say: that is a step toward the goal for which we strive.

We are happy to announce, that this church promised a regular quarterly contribution to this fund from which our needy ministers may receive compensation.

Now I have in my possession a letter of July 29th, with an enclosed Post Office money order stating that the amount covers one percent (1%) of all offerings for the second quarter of 1940.

Friends, this proves that they have "Planned their work and worked their plan."

Words fail me when I undertake

to express my appreciation to the members and pastor of Entwistle Church for adopting and practicing such a fine plan. Will you not tell your people about this plan, and encourage them to follow the example of this church?

Not only do I desire to see such success for the National Superannuation work, but to every phase of our work. We need to practice regular proportionate giving.

Who will be next to catch the inspiration of the Entwistle church and resolve to use such a plan?

May I say to you as I have said before, that every contribution received for National Superannuation, serves a two fold purpose. Namely, to swell the fund to be used for our aged and dependent ministers, and to encourage the board, "Not to be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Gal. 6:9.

Thanks again to Rockingham church for their splendid work. May their efforts be crowned with success in His service.

I can supply the needs of our missionaries as they take the Gospel to "every creature" only as our people make the necessary funds available to me.

I think it is not only necessary for the foreign missions treasury to continually appeal to our people for funds for this great work, especially for funds with which to pay the salaries of these men and women to whom we have obligated ourselves as a church, but it is even beneath the dignity of this office and of this work for such appeals to have to be made so often. They embarrass both you and me, and they are a reproach to our denomination.

I realize that there are those of our people who are not much interested in the work of the Great Commission, and that there are a few who are really opposed to foreign mission work. But I should like to remind our people, who compose the National Association of Free Will Baptists, of this one thing — as long as we choose to remain members of this great National Body, we are obligated to its entire program and we are responsible for the success or failure of each phase of its work. As men, let us shoulder these obligations and responsibilities, and respond to every call for help, whether it is from foreign missions, home missions, education, superannuation, or any other phase of the work of our worthy organization.

NOTE — This article was copied from *The Free Will Baptist* of Ayden, North Carolina.

National Foreign Mission News

Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, National Secretary of Foreign Missions
937 Seymour Street, Nashville, Tenn.

WE HAVE Occasion to rejoice in the fact that Miss Laura Bell Barnard, who has been laboring in India for five years, is on her way to the U. S. A. for a rest and for a visit with her friends and loved ones. Too, many of us are looking forward to hearing Miss Barnard tell of her work in India during the past five years, of the needs of those among whom she has been laboring, and of what she hopes, we as a church, shall be able to accomplish in that needy land in the near future.

On the other hand, however, we have occasion to feel embarrassed when we learn that Brother Willey is in need of funds with which to return to Panama, that the September salaries of Miss Yeley and of Brother and Sister Willey are due, and that the foreign mission treasury is *FLAT*, or practically so. I do not have enough in the treasury to pay the September salaries of our missionaries.

Though our people have been urged by word and by letter to help on Miss Barnard's transportation expenses, only a very few have responded to this need, and only a

small amount has been received for this purpose. Moreover, receipts for foreign mission work, in general, have been very small since the National Association.

The probable reason for this decline in foreign mission contributions since the Association is my annual report. You remember that the report showed a \$600.00 balance on June the thirtieth, and apparently that was enough for a long time.

But you will probably be surprised to know that the foreign mission disbursements since June 30 have been approximately \$800.00. Of this amount \$400.00 has been sent to Miss Barnard to get her on her way from India to the U. S. A. Yes, that is more than we thought would be necessary to bring Miss Barnard home, but I am sure we are delighted to have her come for a season, and would be glad to have her come at even a greater expense.

Let me say again, therefore, that the welfare of our missionaries and the progress of this great work are in the hands of our people. As the National Foreign Mission Treasurer,

Missionary Missiles

The spirit of Jesus Christ is the spirit of missions.

Foreign missions stand or fall on the divinity of Jesus Christ.

With missionary capital you'll have missionary interest, and you'll find it easy to pray for missions.

Have you received, as I have, of His boundless, unmerited grace and favor? Then your obligation to the heathen, your debtorship, is as great as mine. "I am debtor . . . so, as much as in me is, I am ready" to pay the debt.

God has two main purposes for your life: the first, that you should be holy; the second, that the heathen might know Christ through YOU.

From the "Gospel Messenger"

Activities of Highland Park Church

Raymond Riggs, 242 Victor, Highland Park, Michigan

Perhaps you have wondered why we haven't written in some time. Well, we have been rather busy, doing things for God, and in return receiving some of the greatest blessing that God has in store for those that love Him. I'm sure you remember some two years ago when we started our Church in Highland Park, in a little store building, and then we mentioned to you about a building fund, and our plans to buy a building all of our own. There was a building in our neighborhood that was ideal for our services, and was being used for everything but for the service of God.

We would have to drive by this building enroute to our services in the store building, and many times I would remark and pray that God would make it possible for us to have that building for a church.

We prayed hard about the matter, and then this past July 7, 1940, we had our first services in the building that God made possible for us to have.

Thank God for answering prayer. We are sending a picture to the editor, showing the front view of the building and part of the crowd that attended our first service in the afternoon. I hope he can use it for a *Gem* cover.

I have always had a desire to do something to the training of our boys and girls, in advancing Christianity among our youth. Other churches here have an annual Vacation Bible School. Even I don't remember or know of any such work, but any way we began a Vacation Bible School on July 15th, the week of our National Association.

We enrolled about 75 boys and girls from the ages of 4 to 17 years, and my, what a time we did have for the next two weeks. We had classes from 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon every day except Saturday and Sunday for two weeks. We used unit No. 1 of Superior Summer School Series, published by The Scripture Press Inc., of Chicago, Illinois as our literature, and found it very helpful in our work.

Of course it takes sacrifice, and we met with some opposition, but the teachers were all faithful, and we had a splendid school. I hope we can make this school an annual affair, and more of our churches will help



Raymond Riggs

give our children more Christian training.

We had a demonstration service the closing night of the school, and all the parents were invited. We had a splendid program, and each regular attendant of the school was given a diploma after the program.

The greatest visible results of our

school is that some of the parents, who did not attend church nor knew the Lord as a personal Savior, came to the demonstration service, became interest in church, started to our revival, came to an altar of prayer, and prayed through to victory! So you see, we must keep working, and lifting up the Son of man.

On Sunday, July 28, just after our school closed, we launched into a revival effort and a campaign to win souls for the Lord, Jesus Christ. As I write this, I am still rejoicing after the great service we had last night of seeing six precious souls pray through to victory. Some 13 souls have been saved in the first week of our meeting, and we are praying that many more will come this next week. There sure is a great need for an old fashioned outpouring of the Spirit. After our meeting is over here, we plan to go to Missouri and Arkansas for revivals and we hope to meet a lot of our good people. Rev. Fowler from Flint will be preaching in our church during our absence. Pray that God will use him for the salvation of souls.

We would be glad to hear from any of our readers. Our address is 242 Victor, Highland Park, Michigan.

Department Gospel Sermons

"Except Ye Repent"

Mrs. Earnest O. Griffith, Ashland, Ky.

"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" Luke 13:3.

Those are the words of Jesus, therefore, we know they are true and most certainly have a deep and valuable meaning to the soul of every person who has reached the age of accountability.

Jesus was speaking to a multitude of people and teaching them. Some told Him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. Jesus asked them if these Galilaeans were sinners above all Galilaeans, because they suffered such things, and brought it to a personal matter and said, "I tell ye nay; but except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish."

In this day there is a great need that our people be told to repent. We

have the Master's words of what the sentence is if we fail to repent.

Let us answer these questions so many are asking. What is repentance? Sorrow for sin, a complete forsaking of sin. "For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of" 2 Cor. 7:10. How does it come? "The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance" (Romans 2:4) by Jesus, whom "God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Savior for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins" (Acts 5:31); by the Holy Spirit, who "reproves the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgement" (John 16:8).

Repentance is not salvation. We must repent before we can believe. We must cease to do evil before Jesus will abide in our hearts. It is a com-

mand of God (Acts 17:30). It is the condition on which forgiveness is based. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isa. 55:7).

From the earliest days up to now, God has demanded repentance of mankind. The prophets told the people to repent and return unto God. When Israel, like our own nation, was steeped in sin, Ezekiel spoke the life-giving words "Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit" (Ezekiel 18:31). The promise is to those who turn (Ezekiel 18:21).

May God help us, as Christians, to teach and live a repented life. We have left the old way. Too many are teaching an easy way. Let us teach to repent, as God said, with weeping and mourning because we have sinned

against God.

Do you remember how sorry you were when God showed that you were lost, and that you had sinned against Him? How you weep and prayed. (Yes prayed. Some say you don't have to, but I did, and God said for us to pray. He also said, ask and ye shall receive. How would you show God you were in need of forgiveness and sorry you had sinned if you didn't tell Him.) How, after it seemed an eternity to you, that God graciously let the flood light of heaven flow over your soul, and the Spirit came into your heart to bear witness that you were a child of God. Praise God for His matchless love. When we have been there, we can tell others what it means.

Let us awake out of slumber, and tell this lost world to repent in the old fashioned way, and God will forgive their sins and bless their souls. Remember "we shall reap in due season if we faint not."

Then arose the glad day, echoing then re-echoing until it seemed to shake the earth, the "trees shouted and the leaves broke forth into singing" (I Chron. 16:33).

Tenderly the Shepherd, that "Good Shepherd" (John 10:11), "who giveth His life for the sheep" gathered the trembling form into His wonderful arms. The wounds are healed, strength renewed, the heart beats strong and free, while the cry of joy known only to the redeemed finds the answering thrill, folded close; close in the shelter of infinite love. Yet listen, a command goes forth that sets the bells of heaven ringing "Rejoice with me for I have found my sheep" (Luke 15:6-7).

The joy of the heavenly choir rings out the anthem striking the chord vibrated by the Divine Deliverer, and the universe, in tune with its Maker, shouts, "Alleluia, Alleluia, for His strong arm hath brought Salvation" (Rev. 19:6), and "He rejoiceth in His own!" (Heb. 5:8-9; Luke 15:32).

Is it you, child of the slums, forsaken, alone, unloved, despised, rejected?

Is it you, proud one, of station, fame and honor; rich in this world's goods, yet poor in faith?

Is it you, sad one, discouraged and faint-hearted, beaten by the winds of adversity and sorrow?

Is it you, merry one, with happy smile, words of cheer, yet so lonely and so sad?

Is it you, loved one, petted and fondled, yet with a breaking heart yearning for something to satisfy?

Then if it is you, won't you stop for a moment and listen for that same Wonderful Voice calling YOU. He is searching and calling so tenderly, won't you answer? He knows your voice and if you call He will come to you; even you.

Life is too hard for you, dear one. Yield to Him and He will safely carry you over the snags and pitfalls, far away from thorns and thistles, into the "green pastures" and by the "still waters;" where He leadeth and feedeth His flocks. (Luke 15; John 10:1-17; Psalms 23).

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

Is It You?

By Gweneth Talley, Aurora, Missouri

ONCE, A very long time ago, there was a woman who lost a very small piece of money. Though it was small and of little value, she sought for it diligently, but it could not be found. So she lighted a candle and taking a broom, she swept in every corner; and looked very carefully for she must find it, because it was her money. At last it was found; and she rejoiced greatly.

A cold drizzling rain was falling. On a bare, rugged mountain, sharp with craggy rocks and many deep gorges, a tiny black sheep was caught fast in the thicket.

The smallest of the flock was pierced by thorns and bruised by rocks, faint from lack of food, perishing with thirst, and was shivering with cold and fright.

Should it call for help? How could it? It was so weak; then too, it was so very far away no one could hear; and it had been such a disobedient sheep; so wilful. It had been told not to take this path, but it had, just because it wanted to! So now it would die, alone, on the mountain—none would know, none would care!

But listen! Far away a voice was calling, calling; such a Wonderful Voice, that the note of tender pleading and deep yearning thrilled the heart of the lost one.

Should it answer? No, it dare not. It could not, it was too weak! What would be the use? Of what service could it ever be? None. The Shepherd did not want it. It would die alone on the mountain!

Again that Voice, that Wonderful, Wonderful Voice calling; this time his name. Why he had forgotten that he even had a name; yet the Shepherd had not forgotten for He was calling him by his name; his very own name! (John 10:3). He must answer! Summoning all the strength of his poor wretched little body he made the great effort. Such a tiny voice, could it possibly reach the ear of the One who cared

Any furehur effort was impossible; it could only wait. The pangs of death were upon him, all would soon be over.

But look—a wonderful light, far out-shining the light of the noon-day sun, when it was as dark as midnight.

The Unpardonable Sin

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The Unpardonable Sin Blasphemy Sinning Against the Holy Ghost

What is it? Who commits it? Is it possible for one having an experience of salvation to "fall away" (called "FALLING FROM GRACE") so as to be lost?

FOREWARD 1 John 5:16

"If a man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say he shall pray for it."

Text. Ezekiel 18:20 a

"The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

Beloved, if we should attempt to give our definition to the kind of sins referred to in the foregoing passages, it would be that of an oversight (thoughtlessly), or unmindful of the error therein: Or a presumed evil; knowingly, willingly, premeditated transgression of God's law, to the extent of crucifying the Son of God afresh and putting Him to an open shame thereby making His atoning blood of no avail to the heart of the individual.

To support our position in the matter and realizing that our views, unless substantiated by divine truth, would be worthless and to no avail, therefore, we prefer to let the Word speak for itself.

Numbers 15:30-31

"But the soul that doeth ought presumptuously, whether he be born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the Lord; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Because he hath despised the word of the Lord, and hath broken His commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity shall be upon him."

THE PROPHET EZEKIEL FURTHER DESCRIBES THE SIN UNTO DEATH, OR IF DEATH SHOULD OVERTAKE ONE, IN HIS SINS.

Ezekiel 18:24

"But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness, that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass

pass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die."

Also 26th verse

"When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die."

QUOTING THE APOSTLE PAUL, CONCERNING THE OVERTHROW IN THE WILDERNESS, GIVEN FOR OUR ADMONITION, LEST WE ALSO BE OVERTHROWN.

1 Corinthians 10:1-12

"Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and did all eat the same Spiritual meat; and did all drink the same Spiritual drink: for they drank of that Spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was CHRIST. But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were our examples, to the extent we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore, let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

THE APOSTLE PAUL CONTINUES TO ADMONISH US, TO REMAIN STEADFAST IN THE FAITH, AND IN THE DOCTRINE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Hebrews 6:4-6

"For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partaker of the Holy Ghost and have tasted of the good Word of God, and the

powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh and put him to an open shame."

Also notice Heb. 10:23-29

"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) and let us consider one another, to provoke unto love and good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnessess: 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."

THE APOSTLE PAUL RE-AFFIRMS THE NECESSITY OF REMAINING STEADFAST IN THE FAITH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Galatians 5:1

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

THE APOSTLE AGAIN SERVES WARNING, LEST WE SHOULD FALL.

Galatians 5:4

"Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace."

Blasphemy

or

Despising the Word of God

Matthew 12:31-32

"Wherefore I say unto you, all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men, but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come."

WE NOTICE AGAIN THE APOSTLE PAUL'S ADMONITION TO REMAIN FAITHFUL UNTO THE LORD.

Hebrews 12:14-17

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord; Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears."

WE RECALL A CASE OF ONE BETRAYER, THE PERSON OF JUDAS, ONE CHOSEN WITH THE TWELVE APOSTLES.

Acts 1:17-18

"For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry. Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out."

ALSO CALL ATTENTION TO ANANIAS AND SAPHIRA, WITH JUDGMENT PRONOUNCED UPON THEM FOR LYING TO THE HOLY GHOST.

Acts 5:3-10

"But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? While it remained, was it not thine own? And after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the Ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things. And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him. And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in. And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said yea, for so much. Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Behold the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out. Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the Ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and carrying her

forth, buried her by her husband."

NOTICE THE INCIDENT OF THE UNCLEAN SPIRIT RE-ENTERING.

Matthew 12:43-45

"When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation."

WE ALSO HEAR JESUS ADMONISHING US TO ABIDE IN HIM, AS BRANCHES IN THE VINE.

St. John 15:3-6

"Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you, Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered: and men gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned."

WE ALSO HEAR THE APOSTLE PAUL CONCERNING THOSE DOOMED FOR DESTRUCTION.

Hebrews 6:8

"But that which beareth thornes and briars is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned."

◆◆◆◆◆ He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not, is a FOOL — shun him! ◆◆◆◆◆

◆◆◆◆◆ He who knows not, and knows that he knows not, is an HONEST MAN — teach him! ◆◆◆◆◆

◆◆◆◆◆ He who knows, and knows not that he knows, is ASLEEP — awaken him! ◆◆◆◆◆

◆◆◆◆◆ He who knows, and knows that he knows, is a WISE MAN — follow him! ◆◆◆◆◆

—Annonymous.

JUDE, CALLS TO REMEMBRANCE OF GREAT DESTRUCTION IN THE LAND OF EGYPT, BECAUSE OF THEIR UNBELIEF.

Jude 5-6.

"I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."

THE APOSTLE PETER, ALSO GIVES WARNING.

2 Peter 2:4

"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness to be reserved unto judgment;"—please read the entire epistle.

Suffice us to recall here, the last three verses.

2 Peter 2:20-22

"For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the later end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it happened unto them according to the true proverb. The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire."

WE RECALL THE APOSTLE PAUL AS HE CONTINUES TO ADMONISH, TO CONTINUE ON IN FAITH AND LABOUR OF LOVE.

Hebrews 6:9-12

"But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promise."

THE APOSTLE PETER SPEAKS AS CONCERNING THE PROMISE.

2 Peter 1:4-10

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises:

that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge. And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience Godliness. And to Godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: For if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:”

LET US RECALL THE PROPHET
EZEKIEL AS CONCERNING RES-
TITUTION AND THE FINAL JUDG-
MENT.

Ezekiel 18:27-32

“Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die. Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? Are not your ways unequal? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. REPENT, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: Wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.”

IN CONCLUSION, LET US CONSIDER THE WORDS OF JESUS, AS HE SPEAKS CONCERNING THE INGATHERING AND FINAL JUDGMENT, IN THE PARABLE OF THE TARES AMONG THE WHEAT.

Matthew 13:40-43

“As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. (See St. John 15:6; Heb. 6:8).

"The Son of man shall send forth

his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. (See Dan. 12:2; St. John 5:28-29; Matt. 25:41, 46; Rom. 2:6-9; Rev. 21:8.)

“Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.”

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BELOVED, we have not tried to elaborate on this subject, giving our views "Thus and so," neither is the subject in anywise exhausted, but we have tried to collect together enough

"Go Ye!"

By Eld. Claude Timmons, Monett, Mo.

With my pen in hand, I now write to you things deeply rooted within my heart.

It is God's purpose to have people come to Him, and His invitation is extended to all men. This is a very serious call.

He has said, "Come unto me and be ye saved all ye ends of the earth."

"And the spirit and the bride say
Come. And let him that heareth say,
Come. And let him that is athirst
come. And whosoever will, let him
take of the water of life freely" Rev.
22:17.

But to make known His glorious intention and invitation to men, God commissioned His children; the believers throughout the world. They are to be his representatives, His messengers, His ambassadors, and His agents in making known His call of salvation and inviting men to the feast of His love and grace.

In the Old Testament times this was true to the members of His church under the old dispensation, God has called out.

"O zion, that bringest good tidings,
get thee up into the high mountain;
O Jerusalem, that bringest good tid-
ings, lift up thy voice with strength;
lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the
cities of Judah, behold your God!"
(Isa. 40:9.)

But to the members of the New Testament church comes a more direct commission.

of "Thus saith the Word of God" to convince the most skeptical, as concerning the possibility of falling away so as to be lost ("FALLING FROM GRACE"), or committing "THE UNPARDONABLE SIN."

LET ME ADMONISH YOU, IN
FAITH AND PRAYER.

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs; singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him” Col. 3:16-17.

AMEN.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations,..... teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have told you” Matt. 28:19-20, “Ge ye” He has said, “Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth.”

"Go ye also unto the vineyard"
Matt. 20:4.

“Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” Acts 1:8.

My friends, do you realize there are nearly two billion people in the world, and out of this number only 680,500,000 have made any effort at all to embrace Christianity. Surely there is room for more laborers in the vineyard.

My friend this commission "Go Ye" is not addressed only to the apostles, or ministers, or missionaries, but to every regenerated believer.

It was a little slave girl that led Naman the leper to the prophet of Israel where he was cleansed.

“Go ye” is a personal duty. We are told to go into the highways and the hedges and compel them to come in. We should not miss an opportunity to speak to others about their soul.

"If you cannot cross the ocean
And the heathen lands explore,
You can find the heathen nearer,
You can help them at your door."

The "Jehoiada Chest" Plan

Lizzie McAdams, National Auxiliary Worker

This Jehoiada Chest plan is not a borrowed plan, but one that came from God. On our way back from the National Association, while in prayer, it was revealed, so we are giving to you the plan.

It has never been any effort to raise funds in the local auxiliary to carry out any plan launched, but then when we get to our National Association, we hardly have funds to pay our expenses. Now, this "Chest Plan" will be to raise national funds in every local Auxiliary.

Appoint in each local circle a corresponding Secretary, and let her have charge of the "Jehoiada Chest." Each member of the auxiliary can give a small offering each month, and we would like for it to not fall under \$1.00 and as much over as you can make it. But, however, if the offering is small, send it just the same.

We are trying to get a system throughout our denomination that will appeal to our people in a way that will be a joy to give, and not a burden. We appeal to every local president to send and get one of these Chests. We have the month of November set for the first month to start off this plan. We can let our first offering be a "Thanksgiving" offering; then after November make it monthly.

Be sure to appoint the Corresponding Secretary and let her have charge of the chest. President, see that the monthly offering is sent in. Now, these chests are all alike with a good lock and key and the name "Jehoiada" across the lid, like you see in the picture. I am having them made and you order from me. The chests will cost you \$1.00, with postage added, which will not be over ten cents. You can write me at Huntsville, Texas. It will be sent on to me.

Now, God is already blessing the plan. In our last meeting, we organized a new auxiliary, and they bought a chest and they were wonderfully stirred over the idea of raising national funds.

We also visited our Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting and organized a district Auxiliary Convention, and Sister Dodd bought a "Jehoiada Chest" to take back to Flat River.

Then we came on to the Illinois Yearly Meeting and assisted Bro. Spurlock and Sister Curtis in organizing a Women's Auxiliary, to cover the Yearly Meeting. Sister Curtis purchased a chest to carry from church to church as she goes. She will work Illinois.

We are planning another Missionary

tour soon, and will try to get this plan on foot as soon as possible. But if everyone will work together it will be easy to put over.

I am the third vice-president of the National Staff of Officers and Missions is my part—to encourage the old work, get new work organized, create plans for raising funds, etc.

So "The Fast Plan" and "The Jehoiada Chest Plan" are both God-given, and by His help we are going to get them worked out and put in every church. So pray with us that God will help us in putting it over.

— Lizzie McAdams.



"Look papa, our mission women are using 'The Jehoiada Chests' now, for National Auxiliary work. Oh, thank you for the five dollar bill!"

HOW TO LIVE

- Worry less and work more —
- Frown less and smile more —
- Drink less and breathe more —
- Eat less and chew more —
- Waste less and save more —
- Preach less and practice more.

Contributed by Eunice Edwards

Special Letters

MT. VERNON, MISSOURI State Sanatorium

Dear Gem Family:

Here is hoping all are well and happy this month, and living closer to Jesus each day.

This finds Ruth and me both still feeling fine, and since I last wrote you, we have been moved on a veranda together. Our beds are side by side and we are indeed very happy to be together all the time. Ruth is in school every day. I am indeed very thankful that she is physically able to attend school here and therefore keep up with her studies.

We sometimes become quite tired of having to stay here with the same routine day in, and day out, but after all, things could be so much worse and I'm just so thankful God has given us the privilege to be here and be cared for and I do give Him all the glory.

Well, I still enjoy reading of the good that is being done in our denomination. I believe the *Gem* is a wonderful source in helping to draw Christian workers closer together, and we should all be so grateful for the *Gem* and the much good it is doing; also for the editor, as he takes such a great interest in trying to make the paper better all along and we think he is really "getting the job done."

Well, we are enjoying frequent visits now from Bro. and Sister Bagwell and son, Everett, of Hoberg, Missouri. They do take such an interest in the patients here in the Sanatorium and really seem to enjoy visiting and helping to cheer us. Their son brings his guitar and they sing and play for us, and we all enjoy it greatly. Bro. Bagwell distributed quite a number of *Gems* through the different buildings here recently. He seems to have a desire to come here and assist in cheering the sick and help to lead the unsaved ones to Christ. We just ask God's blessings upon these good people and hope that they may have the privilege to visit us many more times.

We still continue to receive reading from Sister Bicknell, of Hannon, Mo., and we do thank her so much and pray that God may wonderfully bless her.

Well I will close before my letter

gets too lengthy. I want to leave space for others, as I feel that so many others can write letters that are so much more interesting than mine, but just the same, I feel like it is God's will that I write to the *Gem*, now and then, to let people know I am still trying to live for Him.

Please pray for me that I may grow closer to Him in the future, also please pray for our healing.

May God bless each and every one of the *Gem* readers with His sweet presence.

— Mrs. Opal Frazier.

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ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION

Dear Editor:

I returned home yesterday from attending the twenty-first annual Association of Illinois Free Will Baptist churches. The Holy Spirit of God was present and each one, I think was sent out with endeavor in their hearts to do more faithful service to Him, who has called us to be workers with Him. Illinois now belongs to the National Association. They selected me as Financial Secretary-Treasurer, and today, I am sending my first report from Illinois Free Will Baptist Association.

An offering of \$27.55, to the Tennessee Orphanage at Greeneville, Tennessee.

Ten dollars was received from Rescue Free Will Baptist church, W. R. Burton, Whittington, Illinois, pastor, for foreign missions.

Seven dollars and fifty cents, received from Ina Free Will Baptist church, W. R. Spurlock, Bonnie, Illinois, pastor, for foreign missions.

I would like to write a full report of the blessings of God on our Illinois Association, but it would not be possible. I feel sure that our Illinois Association is going to be loyal and rally around the program that God has for us, that when He comes we may be found in Him.

— Emma Moore.

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FREDERICKTOWN REVIVAL Fredericktown, Missouri

Dear Co-workers:

We have just closed out our part of a glorious revival with Bro. S. A.

Hand and his dear people. The meeting was full of love and power from the very start. He that leads aright and does all things right is blessed in every service. We had splendid singing and good specials every night. The meeting lasted four weeks and we had 53 conversions and reclaims, 25 baptized and over 30 united with the church.

They are now planning to build a new red granite stone church. Bro. Hand is greatly beloved by the church and also the people of the town.

At the close of the revival, we organized a young women's Auxiliary, and many of the young husbands joined in and said they would help all they could. We appointed a corresponding secretary to have charge of "The Jehoiada Chest" for national funds. The last day of the revival, we visited the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting. We also organized a District Auxiliary Convention for them and later we want to organize another; that will make two in that Yearly Meeting.

We then came on to the Illinois Yearly Meeting. It rejoiced our very souls to see these dear people of God going forward. We also assisted Bro. Spurlock and Sister Curtis in getting an Auxiliary Convention organized that takes in the Yearly Meeting of Illinois. I will meet them the fourth Sunday in this month at the Rescue church and help them lay plans.

Praise God for victory.

— H. M. & Lizzie McAdams.

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Huntington, Oregon September 11, 1940

To our beloved *Gem* paper and readers everywhere:

Greetings in Jesus' dear name!

When we sent in our last report, we were at our sister's at Lingle, Wyoming. After a three days' visit there, and one good street service in Lingle, we moved on westward to Riverton, Wyoming. Here we visited with my mother and brother for eight days. While there we preached three times in the Nazarene church and witnessed eight professions.

Leaving Riverton, we came on to Huntington, Oregon, bringing my mother with us. We were eight days on the road; stopping over at several places on the way. We spent two nights at Hansen, Idaho. Here we met several from Missouri, some of them we had met three years ago while

in a meeting at Merl's Chapel church near Cassville, Missouri, Bro. Earl Brown and family, also his father and mother. Bro. Brown and the pastor of the Baptist church invited us to stay over and preach. We gladly accepted and the next day we announced the services over our loud speaker.

At service time there was a large crowd gathered in the hall where they worship while getting their church ready. Most of the crowd was from Missouri, so we had a real good service. The next night we attended service at Nampa, Idaho.

We arrived here in Huntington Thursday, August 29, and we began a revival Sunday night, September 1, in the Methodist church. We are now in the second week of the meeting. There has been two backsliders reclaimed; one of these was my brother, Bill, two years older than I. Well, thank the good Lord, I have been praying for him for years.

From here we plan to go to California and preach the gospel wherever there is a door opened.

Well, it is not but a few days until the Missouri State Association. We are sorry to miss this one, but we are two thousand miles away and will not be able to attend. We have tried to serve our denomination for the past three years as State Evangelist and we do thank our good Lord for the many open doors to us in this time, and for the many soul we witnessed coming to Christ. May God bless all the pastors and churches with whom we have labored, and all the good that may have been accomplished. We sincerely give our good Lord the praise. Most of you with whom we have labored know that my wife, Daisy as most of you know her, is not well. We plan to spend the winter some where in the southwest. We are asking that the Association will consider someone else, in our place, for State Evangelist as we do not know just when we will be back to Missouri.

Pray for us.

— Sam and Daisy Marcum.

Home Address: Cameron, Missouri

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Hoberg, Missouri

Dear Gem Family:

May I put in a few lines? I don't suppose I shall be able to say much as this is my first attempt to write to the *Gem*. We do want to thank the dear editor for the *Gems*, which

he was so gracious to give us to be distributed at the State Sanatorium at Mt. Vernon, Missouri.

There were so many precious souls who were so eager to get them. It is so sad to see so many people at that place. A lot who are hungering and thirsting for the manna of God to feast upon, while there are a great number who do not know God. How our hearts go out to them. We pray to God that we might be able to do or say something which would help some poor soul to God.

We are thanking God that at the Indian Creek Association it was made possible for some of the *Gems* to be distributed at the Sanatorium each month. I do not know just how many, but I know God will bless you all.

If any of the churches who read this should feel led to send in an offering to our good Editor to make it possible for more of the *Gems* to be distributed at the sanatorium, I'm sure he would publish in the *Gem* just how much you send. We would appreciate it very much, and I'm sure the Lord will bless you.

Rev. Phillips who is hired as Chaplin works there. He is of the Missionary Baptist faith and is doing a great work. The Catholics also have a priest there all the time. But, as the patients are of all denominations, we felt that the Free Will Baptists should be represented. That is why we are making this appeal to the dear readers of the *Gem*.

We try to visit the Sanatorium most every Sunday afternoon, to try to cheer some of the patients up a little, as they get so awfully lonely. We thank God that we get a great blessing from each trip we make, as that is one thing out of which we get a lot of enjoyment — visiting the sick. We often wonder why we have to be sick so much. But really, I think God has to work many ways with us to get us to wake up; that is to open our eyes, so to speak, to the little things we can do for others. I speak from experience, as I have been sick so much myself that I fully realize what a visit from someone can mean, even just for a few minutes.

May I say to you, dear readers, who are blessed with health, if you have a friend or neighbor who in unfortunate enough to have to be at the sanatorium, please send them a card or letter. I am sure it would cheer them up an awful lot, even though they may not feel able to answer every

time. I'm sure God will bless you. Even though we are not able to do great things in this life, after all, it is the little things that count.

God has said, If we give a drink of water in His name, He will bless us.

I would love to say to all those who are sick to read the Book of Job. This has helped me a lot. When we see such wonderful faith Job had, it makes us ask God to increase our faith. As the song goes, We will understand it better by and by.

May I just tell you how God draws His children together. We had become acquainted with Sister Fraizer, and enjoyed visiting with her very much. We always made a special effort to see her each time. Imagine our surprise and pleasure, on one of our visits, when she showed us a picture of Bro. Winford Davis, and said, "This is my brother." Well, that really was wonderful news to us, as Bro. Davis was our pastor at the Free Will Baptist church at Aurora, Mo., three or four years ago, when we lived there. We had thought him to be such a wonderful preacher. So after that, it seems we have known her always. We had received so many blessings from Bro. Davis' sermons. It makes us praise God that we were able to bring a little cheer to his dear sister and niece.

There are unsaved at the Sanatorium, as well as those who know God, who have asked us to pray for them, and we are asking that all of the readers who are God's children to remember those dear souls in prayer. Also pray for us that we may always be humble servants of God.

If this escapes the waste basket; perhaps we shall come again some time.

Your Brother and Sister in Christ,
— Mr. & Mrs. Edd Bagwell.

SOME DRINKER

A noted drinker of the country town!
Just listen a moment to what he drank down:

He drank up his crops before they matured,

Drank a yoke of oxen by appetite lured,
Six cows, four horses, one pig, and a goat

All traveled down the road of his throat.

He drank up his chicks while still in the shell,

While hopes of high heaven he drank up as well.

He said he could drink or let it alone;
Part of the statement was true, we must own!

For he drank up his farm; he trifled with God;

Now all that he owns is six feet of sod.

Special-Education Article

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

I presume that many of our people are wondering if there are any plans for continuing our educational drive, and I would like to say that we are still in the battle for an institution to serve. Quite a few of our people take that for granted, for they continue to mail in checks, money orders and cash. I would that all would respond as a few have, for if they would we could know exactly what to depend on. Well, we will just keep on keeping on until the results are visible.

The creation of a General Board in the last session of the National Association did not release the Educational Board, nor our people, from responsibility in this line, but rather increased responsibility. We are under obligation now to try and raise \$15,000.00 before the next session of the National Association. Someone asks, "How are you going to approach it?" We do not know anybody to approach except our own people, hence, we shall continue to approach you for the time, through the press, and with personal contacts here and there. As time passes, should it seem wise, we will add plan to plan. In fact, we expect to keep on in some way until victory in the full sense has been achieved.

Up to this date we are making our way on raising the fifth thousand dollars. We trust that this shall be realized soon, then we will move on and on until the place and time for opening school can be announced.

Should any worker, at any place on the field, need pledge cards or offering envelopes, just let us know. This is harvesting season, and now is the time to raise a great deal of cash for our school. Come on men, women, boys and girls and let's do a noble job of putting this program over.

Take this matter up with our people in the local church, individually, in quarterly and union meetings, state and district associations. Good, honest effort from every field, where our people are organized, will bring results. Pastors, Sunday School workers, League workers, Ladies' Aid workers



J. R. Davidson

and leaders in the local church organizations can bring in the money needed. I also lay the responsibility at the feet of the presiding officers of all our assemblies. Write in and tell us how you and your people feel about the matter.

I am sure that our people at large appreciate the fact that the Board has kept all expenses to a minimum, and we expect to continue thus, but while we toil sacrificially we are looking to you to accompany us. The more cash that is sent in voluntarily, the lower the final cost will be. All of us are interested in good economy, and the policy is for all to spontaneously respond.

First Hand Information

Robert C Cloud, Box 278, Diablo Heights, Canal Zone.

I recently left Bryan, Texas, where I have my membership, accepting a position with the United States Government in the Panama Canal Zone.

Having been down here, I can better understand the great need this country has of our missionaries, Brother and Sister Willey. My recent trip into the interior convinced me even more of this need. I have always been greatly in sympathy with our Foreign Missionary program, seeing the great need here increases my desire to do something for the advancement of the work.

I am taking this opportunity through the papers to urge our people to rally in a greater effort to raise transportation

funds for the return of our missionary family to speedily return to Panama. Not only does the native population need missionaries but all about are our own people, civilians, soldiers, and sailors, who need the Gospel in its simplicity and power.

I have met numbers here who are acquainted with the Willey's and are interested in their return to Panama. Personally, I am anxiously awaiting their return, and I sincerely hope to be a help in this department of our denomination in getting a mission established in this country. I trust you will remember to pray for my family and me as we live here in the Canal Zone.

Southern Illinois Yearly Meeting

Our twenty-first annual Association of Free Will Baptists in southern Illinois (September 4-8) is now history. We feel safe in saying it was one of the best in our history, for the people had a mind to work.

We elected Rev. Sister Elsie Curtis of Herrin, Illinois to represent the Women's National Auxiliary of Illinois. The Association also appointed Mrs. Emma Moore, 327 E. North Grand Avenue, Springfield, Illinois (our home mission worker) as representative and treasurer for the foreign mission, orphanage, and superannuation funds.

We are encouraged when we see the enthusiasm and spirit of determination on our people here. There is room ahead, folks, so come on pastors and people, let's get behind our educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, Sabbath schools, and evangelistic efforts. Send all offerings for foreign mission, orphanages and superannuation fund to our state representative, Emma Moore, 327 E. North Grand Avenue, Springfield, Illinois.

W. R. Spurlock, Moderator
W. E. Gullledge, Clerk.

.. Poems ..

The Church and the World

By Rev. C. J. Joy, Hill City, Kansas

The Church and the World walked far apart,

On the changing shore of time;
The world was singing a giddy song,
But the Church a hymn sublime.

"Come, give me your hand," cried the merry World,

"And walk with me this way;"
And the good Church hid her snowy hand,
And solemnly answered: "Nay."

"I will not give you my hand at all,
And I will not walk with you:
Your way is the way to endless death,
And your words are all untrue."

"Nay, walk with me a little space,"
Said the world with a kindly air:
"The road I walk is a pleasant road,
And the sun shines always there."

"Your path is thorny and rough and rude,
While mine is flowery and smooth:
Your lot is sad with reproach and toil,
But in circles of joy I move."

"My path, you can see, is a broad, fair one,
And my gate is high and wide;
There is room enough for you and me,
To travel side by side."

Half shyly the Church approached the World,
And gave him her hand of snow,
And the old World grasped it, and walked along,
Sang in accents low; —

"Your dress is too simple to please my taste,
I have gold and pearls to wear;
Rich velvets and silks for your graceful form,
And diamonds to deck your hair."

The Church looked down at her plain, white robes,
And then at the dazzling World;
And blushed as she saw his handsome lip,
With a smile contemptuously curled.

"I will change my dress for a costlier one,"
Said the Church, with a smile of grace;
Then her pure, white garments drifted away,
And the World gave in their place.

Beautiful satins and shining silks,
And roses and gems and pearls;
And over her forehead her bright hair fell,
Crisped in a thousand curls.

"Your house is so plain," said the proud old World,

"I'll build you one like mine;
With kitchen for feasting, and parlor for play,
And furniture ever so fine."

So he built her a costly and beautiful house,
Splendid it was to behold;
Her sons and her daughters met frequently there,
Shining in purple and gold.

And fair festival-frolics untold,
Were held in the place of prayer;
And maidens bewitching as sirens of old,
With worldly graces rare; —

Invented the very cunningest tricks,
Untrammelled by Gospel or laws,
To beguile and amuse, and win from the world
Some help for the righteous (?) cause.

The Angel of Mercy flew over the Church,
And whispered: "I know thy sin;"
Then the Church looked back with a sigh, and longed
To gather the children in.

But some were off at the midnight ball,
And some were off at the play;
And some were drinking in gay saloons
As she quietly went on her way.

Then the sly world gallantly said to her,
"Your children mean no harm,
Merely indulging in innocent sports;"
So she leaned on his proffered arm.

They smiled and chatted and gathered flowers,
As she walked along with the world;
While millions and millions of deathless souls,
To the horrible gulf were hurled.

"Your preachers are all too old and plain,"
Said the gay world, with a sneer;
"They frighten my children with dreadful tales
Which I do not like for them to hear."

"They talk of judgment, fire, and pain
And the horrors of endless night;
They talk of a place that should not be mentioned to ears polite."

"I will send you some of a better stamp
Brilliant and gay and fast;
Who will tell how people may live as they list,
And go to Heaven at last."

"The Father is merciful, great, and good,
Loving and tender and kind;
Do you think he would take one child to Heaven,
And leave the rest behind?"

So she called for pleasing and gay divines,
Gifted and great and learned;
And the plain old men that preached the Cross
Were out of pulpits turned.

Then Mammon came in, and supported the Church,
Renting a prominent pew;
And preaching and singing and floral display
Proclaimed a period new.

"You give too much to the poor," said the World,
"Far more than you ought to do;
Though the poor need shelter and food and clothes,
Why need it trouble you?"

"And afar to the heathen in foreign lands,
Your thoughts need never roam;
The Father of Mercies will care for them:
Let charity begin at home."

"Go take your money and buy rich robes,
And horses and carriages fine,
And pearls and jewels, and dainty food,
And the rarest and costliest wine."

"My children, they dote on all such things,
And, if you their love would win,
You must do as they do, and walk in the ways,
That they are walking in."

Then the Church held tightly the strings of her purse,
And disgracefully lowered her head;
And simpered, "I've given too much away;
I will do, Sir, as you have said."

So the poor was turned from her door in scorn,
And she heard not the orphan's cry;
And she drew her costly robes aside
As the widows went weeping by.

Her mission treasury beggarly plead,
And Jesus' commands were in vain;
While half the millions for whom He died
Had never heard His name.

And they of the church, and they of the world,
Walked closely, hand and heart;
And even the Master, who knoweth all,
Couldn't tell the two apart.

Then the Church sat down at her ease, and said,
"I am rich and in goods increased;
I have need of nothing, and naught to do,
But to laugh and dance and feast."

And the sly World heard her, and
laughed in his sleeve,
And mockingly said aside;
"The Church has fallen, the beautiful
Church,
And her shame is her boast and pride
Then the Angel drew near the mercy-
seat,
And whispered in sighs her name;
And the saints their anthems of rap-
ture hushed,
And covered their heads with shame.
And a voice came down through from
heaven,
From Him who sat on the throne;
"I know thy works, and what thou
hast said,
And how thou hast not known —
"That thou art poor, and naked, and
blind,
With pride and ruin, enthralled;
The expectant Bride of the Heavenly
Groom,
Now the harlot of the World.
"Thou hast ceased to watch for that
Blessed Hope,
And hast fallen from zeal and grace;
And now, alas, I must cast thee out,
And blot thy name from its place."
O Church of Christ, redeemed by pre-
cious blood,
Break this alliance, glorify your God
Forsake the Christless World that
lures to ill;
Thou mayest be blest, and prove a
blessing still.

The day is now gone forever,
His walk in this life nearly done;
Ahead is the period of crisis,
When He shall finish what God has
 begun.

He has sat today at the table,
And told of the Father's love;
But now He must suffer in silence,
With no help but that from above.

The disciples rest in their slumber
As Jesus all night makes His plea;
They forget what He must suffer
To set lost humanity free.
They forget the cross He must carry,
They forget His nail-pierced feet,
They forget the crown of thorns
placed on that brow so sweet.

Alone in the night He is praying,
Alone in that hour of distress;
Great drops of blood He is shedding,
So deep do the burdens press.
"Oh why hast Thou forsaken me,
Oh Thoun, the living God?"
But obedient unto death was the
 Master,
And alone to the cross He trod.

The night is now nearly finished,
Faint rays of the sun are in sight
They seem as a token of gladness;
Dispelling the gloom of the night.
But Jesus' heart still is heavy,
As he walks to the garden gate
Where His disciples still rest in
 slumber,
He wakes them and tells them His fate.

"Sleep on," says He, "It is ended.
I have drained the cup for thee,
In the garden alone I have born it,
Not one hour could you watch with
me?"

Oh, God, dear God in Thy mercy,
I thank Thee for Gethsemane;
So I'll cast on Thee all my burdens,
For Jesus has borne them for me.

THY WAY WITH ME

by Gertrude Bowe, Catlettsburg, Ky.

Oh Father, help me to do thy will,
Help me to seek thy shield
Of faith. Help me to ever be
Where thou canst lay thy hand on me.

When there is work to be done,
"Not my will but thine be done,"
That is what my prayer shall be,
That you will have your way with me.

We're not always on the mountain,
Yet we know we are thy child,
Our prayer is still, shall always be,
Father, have thy way with me.

May we forget self in this fight,
And seek our Father's will on high,
That when this race on earth is run,
We'll hear those welcome words —
"Well Done."

Department Letters and Reports

INDIAN CREEK MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The fourth annual Ministers' Conference of the Indian Creek Association met at Blue Eye, Missouri, twenty-four hours before the Association convened, and engaged in Conference studies.

The opening devotional was led by Winford Davis, and was arousing and enjoyable. President Brown called John Swaffar to deliver the Conference sermon; Subject: "The New Man In Christ" Eph. 2:10. Bro. Swaffar called on C. E. Mann to conclude the message. Many good things were said on the subject.

After the sermons, some Conference business was transacted by election of officers as follows:

President B. F. Brown
Vice President Winford Davis
Secretary John B. Rollins

The Tuesday morning devotional was led by L. R. Black and Kenneth Turner.

Prayer by Virgil Greenway.

With President Brown in charge, the "Doctrines of the Bible" were considered in the first topic. "The Doctrine of the Incarnation," John 1:14 I Tim. 3:16, was discussed by John B. Rollins, Winford Davis, B. F. Brown and C. E. Mann. Much harmonious teaching was presented.

Four young ladies from the Merl's Chapel Church, near Cassville, Mo., favored us with a beautiful quartette selection.

"The Doctrines of the Bible" was further considered in the second topic of "The Doctrine of the Resurrection," John 11:25, discussed by Cecil Campbell which was very ably taught.

Another quartette selection by Virgil Greenway, John Swaffar, Winford Davis and Dorothy Bush was given.

The devotional of the Eleven O'clock Service was really uplifting and the presence of the Holy Spirit was felt and appreciated.

The second Conference Sermon was delivered by Winford Davis on "The Bible Doctrine of Paying Tithes," Mal. 3:10. This subject was very fundamentally and Scripturally considered and convincingly presented.

Frank Linton conducted a testimonial service which was largely testimonies of tithers.

Tuesday afternoon, at 1:30, the devotional service was in charge of W. K. Weston.

"Bible Doctrines" was resumed in the discussion of the third topic, "The Doctrine of the Dispensations of Time" Eph. 1:10, by Kenneth Turner. The discussion showed that Kenneth had applied himself to the study of God's Word, and we were blessed when he gave it out.

The fourth topic, "The Doctrine of the Inspiration of the Scriptures," 2 Peter 1:21, 2 Tim 3:16, was discussed by President Brown, which was really instructive.

The last topic of "Bible Doctrines" was discussed by O. T. Allred on "The Doctrine of the Second Coming of Christ," Rev. 11:15. Open discussion followed with Delmer Cochran responding.

The Conference closed with singing of praise and the giving of hand-clasp fellowship for the peace, and harmony, and Christ-like meekness, and spirituality with which God blessed us.

Thus the Fourth Annual Ministers' Conference of the Indian Creek Association came to a close, going on record as being the greatest yet. The whole meeting was characterized by the harmony, agreement in teaching, meekness in spirit, and the predominance of worship and evangelism.

Fourteen of our twenty-three ministers were present, and those who were absent really missed something.

May God bless our worthy ministers.

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The Indian Creek Association

The twenty-eighth annual session of the Indian Creek Association of Free Will Baptists met with the Mt. Olivet church, Blue Eye, Missouri, on Tuesday night, August 27, 1940.

The Introductory sermon was delivered by Cecil Campbell, of Carterville, Mo., text: Psalms 108: 1 "My heart is fixed." The message was very appropriate for the occasion.

The business of the Association was remarkable because of the harmony with which it was transacted.

All twelve of our churches represented by letter, and one new church joined the Association.

The officers were re-elected as follows:

Moderator, O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo. Ass't. Mod., Cecil Campbell, Carterville Clerk, John B. Rollins, Monett, Mo. Ass't. Clerk, Dorothy Bush, Cassville

Corresponding Messengers were present from three other Associations, namely: Liberty Association of Central Missouri, Old Mt. Zion Association of Northwestern Arkansas, and the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association.

Winford Davis was retained as Foreign Mission Secretary after he reported \$160.32 which was contributed by our Association. We are becoming more mission minded all the time for which we thank God. "The church whose light shines farthest from home, shines brightest at home."

The Ordaining Council gave a license to preach to Noel Greenway, a promising young man with clean personal habits, and we believe our work is on the upward incline. We have a fine group of about 24 ministers.

A law was passed, and placed in our By-Laws that, "no one shall be ordained to the Gospel who uses or favors the use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, or narcotics." This is a step our Association has been trying to make for five years.

The Publication Committee introduced the Editor's plan for putting the *Gem* on a paying basis so as to make it able to turn some profit to the denominational treasury. See the Editorial on Page three.

The National Educational enterprise was surely supported. A movement was inaugurated to raise systematic funds for this great cause.

The preaching services were very good (I do not refer to the Wednesday night sermon).

Virgil Greenway preached Wednesday morning on the subject "Salvation Requireth Haste" Luke 19:5.

John Rollins preached Wednesday night to a very large crowd. Subject, "The Trial of Jesus."

C. E. Mann preached Thursday morning. Subject: "The Whole Family in Heaven" Eph. 3:15. Much shouting and praising God climaxed the service.

Kenneth Turner preached Thursday night. Subject, "Man's Dominion." This message was very timely.

O. T. Allred preached the final and Memorial Sermon on Friday at 11:00 a. m. Text: Rev. 14:13. It was a mighty good sermon.

We feel that we had one of the best Associations we ever had, and may the Lord bless all who are interested in seeing the Cause of Christ advanced.

John B. Rollins, Reporter

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Report of Camp Meeting of the First Mission Association of Oklahoma

They came from the East; they came from the West; they came from the North and South, to the camp meeting of the First Mission Association. Eld. John H. West and Eld. Harry E. Staires, evangelists, were on hand Saturday night, August 10, to start the fire burning. From the very first the power of God was manifest, and it seemed at times that the ground of the old tabernacle hill was charged with the Spirit of God.

Eld. F. C. Zinn was selected to be the musical director for the meeting, and he did a remarkable job arranging the specials and having a different director and choir each night. There were 163 registered that were camped on the grounds, and there were five services each day. As the sun came up you could see the campers going toward the tabernacle to worship and thank God for His goodness to them. The sunrise services were ably conducted (most of the time) by lay members. Bro. Rube Simpson, Sister Rex Weatherman, Sister Stella Prince, Mother Gregory, Sister Ruby Loftis. There was shouting and praising God from early morning until late at night. There was preaching at 11:00 a. m., 2:30 p. m.; prayer meeting at 6:30 p. m.; and preaching at 7:45 p. m.

There were twenty-eight different ministers who brought messages during the camp meeting and association. Namely, Elders John H. West, Harry E. Staires, W. N. Beaty, D. B. Hillard, Sadie Fincher, Mattie Epperson, Elva Walker, Paul Purcell, Evert Brown, F. C. Zinn, E. E. Murray, Walter Warner, R. G. Lane, Hattie Newman, Leona Mayfield, Wilbur Underwood, Wm. Bingham, Will Bean, Bert F. Rogers, Drew Marchant, W. H. Carter, Alferd Coursey, Ralph Brown, B. F. Kirby, Elda Crane, Willard Day, and Carl Hood.

I believe that each one filled a special place on the program, as God blessed every service. It certainly was easy for the evangelists as every one had a mind to work, and did it. The young people were the outstanding workers of the meeting. Had it not been for them, the meeting would not have been the success that it was. We wish that we could mention each of their names; but it would be nearly impossible. There were 129 in the choir one evening. The revival lasted right on through the Association; souls being saved each evening. There were 46 souls (if I am not mistaken) that surrendered their lives unto God. Brethren, where there is unity among people as there was at this meeting you will always find God in the midst.

—John H West, Reporter

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PINE CREEK QUARTERLY MEETING OF OHIO

The Pine Creek Quarterly Meeting of Ohio met on August 24-25, 1940 at Germany Hallow church in Scioto County, a few miles east of Wheelersburg, Ohio, Saturday morning at 10:00 a. m.

Our good clerk, Eld. G. L. Yeley, called the conference to order. Eld. Walter Ketter was elected moderator, Eld. J.A. Kemper, assistant moderator

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Quarterly Meeting were read; also the minutes of the last session. Committees were appointed by the moderator.

At eleven o'clock, we adjourned business. Elder W. J. Shephard was appointed by the pulpit committee to lead a praise meeting which lasted until 11:30, with shouting and praising God from all over the house, which was filled to capacity. A fine dinner was served on the church ground, which all enjoyed.

At 1:30, conference was called to order by the moderator. Visiting brethren from four Ohio Quarterly Meetings were seated as advisory members. All of our 17 churches were represented by letter and delegates. All of the churches reported good work and all have pastors. We ordained two fine young men to the ministry. All business was taken care of in a real spirit of love and fellowship. The pulpit Committee appointed Eld. Clarence Herles to preach Saturday night, and Elder Jake Fox Sunday morning.

Adjourned to meet with Powlsville church the fourth Saturday in October, 1940.

We ask for the prayers of all the Gem family. I am sending five new subscribers to the Gem with this report.

—J. A. Kemper, Reporter.

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Missouri's Newest Association Harmony Association

Fred Marler, Mod., Cedar Gap, Mo.
Orville Blevins, Clerk, Seymour, Mo.

We, of the Harmony Association, are thankful to God that He has thus permitted us on August 11, 1940, to meet in a special conference, at Harmony church, 6½ miles south of Seymour, Mo., to form an Association for closer relations with Free Will Baptists everywhere. We have in this organization eight churches and fifteen ordained ministers. We also have quite a number of deacons and approximately 300 members. Along with other church officials. Our first Association was held with Harmony church on Sept. 5 and 6, 1940, with a good delegation present. Rev. Fred Marler, of Cedar Gap, Mo., acted as moderator and Orville Blevins, Clerk. Our meeting finished the business and adopted the Constitution and By-Laws.

Several sermons were preached by our ministers and a spirit of unity prevailed throughout our meeting. Rev. O. L. Claxton, of Seymour, and Rev. Fred Marler, of Cedar Gap, Mo., were elected as delegates to Missouri State Association to be held at Niangua, Missouri.

We are asking for admission to the State Association, and we feel as though we will be admitted without question or doubt.

Our next Association will be held with Star church, three miles east of Seymour, Mo., beginning on Thursday at 3:00 o'clock p. m. before the second Sunday in September, 1941.

We ask for the prayers of other Free Will Baptist organizations that we may grow and do much for the up-building of the cause of Jesus Christ.

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Catlettsburg, Kentucky September 5, 1940

Once again, September, calls to my mind six years ago when I knelt at an old-fashioned altar of prayer, and

Jesus came into my life. I know the time, and I know the place when Jesus came into my life, and I wouldn't take anything for the memory of that experience. People will call us fanatic and old-fashioned, but if we could just get those who call us that to accept this wonderful Salvation, they would change their minds — or rather their hearts would change them.

It hasn't been a bed of roses as some would have you to believe, but I thank God for that. That is one way that I know that I am still a Christian because old Satan gets after me sometimes and it takes praying and trusting to overcome. But like Paul of old, I want to be able to glory in tribulation. There has been more than once since that night that I have been ready to throw up my hands and quit, but I'm glad that I have One to whom I can go who always helps me out. There has never been a time that I've taken my troubles to God but what He has always lifted the burden and given me courage and patience to fight right on. And as I write, this afternoon, I am more determined than ever to hold out until the end.

I have not grown tired of the Way as others do of other things that they advocate and teach. There has never been a time when I wanted to turn back, because, friends, there is nothing to go back to. Why should I want to turn back when He has blessed me with health and strength, and so many things that I can't begin to tell all that Jesus has done for me? In six years I've only missed two services because of illness. I don't say that boastfully because I know that God has been good to me. It is through the grace and mercy of God that I am what I am. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

"O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men." As I write, there wells up within me a feeling, an assurance that is worth everything in the world to me. You who have been washed in the Blood of the Lamb know what I am talking about. You who have not can not know only through coming and having your robes washed white in the Blood. What a wonderful thing it is to serve the Lord!

For Jesus' Sake,

—Gertrude Bowe

Obituaries

HOOPER — Richard Doyle Hooper, son of Walter and Jewell Hooper, born August 18, 1938, departed this life September 6, 1940, at the age of 2 years and 19 days. He leaves to mourn his death, his father and mother, one sister, Lois Evelyn, many relatives, a host of friends and loved ones.

Funeral Service

Song — Jesus Hold My Hand

Song — Gathering Buds

Prayer — Richard Prater

Song — What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Reading of Obituary

Song — Will the Circle Be Unbroken?

Scripture Reading

Sermon — Rev. Monroe Hubbard

Undertaker in Charge

On September 6th the angel of death came into the home of Rev. and Mrs. Walter L. Hooper and took from their midst little Richard Doyle. God blessed Rev. and Mrs. Hooper with the birth of Richard Doyle August 18, 1938. One other child, Lois Evelyn, was born into the family seven years ago and is left with the bereaved father and mother to mourn the loss of her little brother.

Little Richard Doyle was a favorite with all who knew him. His friendliness and baby sweetness will be missed by a host of relatives and friends. Funeral services were held September 8, 2:30 p. m., E. S. T., at the Seco Baptist Church, of which Rev. Hooper is assistant pastor. The large church building was completely filled with the many friends of Richard Doyle and Rev. and Mrs. Hooper. Playmates and friends served as flower bearers, for the many beautiful floral offerings.

Active pall bearers were Richard Prater, Russell Rudd, Jim Longworth and Earnest Hamilton. Honorary pall bearers were Logan Music, Cecil Burchwell, Ora Spears, Clell Preston, Dr. B. F. Wright, J. D. Collins, Blane Taylor, Dewey Murphy, Victor Banks, Spencer Adams, C. C. Combs and Dr. C. B. Pergrem.

Rev. Monroe Hubbard, pastor of the Seco Baptist Church, delivered a very effective and touching sermon. Burial took place at the Whitaker Cemetery. Little Richard Doyle has left a vacant place in the home and heart of Rev. and Mrs. Hooper that will never be filled, but the remembrance of his love and baby sweetness will always be a sacred memory.



Richard Doyle Hooper

SCROGGINS — On August 15, 1940 the death angel visited the Woodson Hospital, at Poteau, Oklahoma, and took Mrs. Allie Mae Scroggins, to her heavenly home. Everything was done for her that doctors and nurses could do, but God knew best and took her home to rest.

She will greatly be missed from her place in the Sunday school, her service in the church, her presents in the social gatherings, and her vacant chair in the home. We bow our heads in sorrow and submission to the will of God knowing that he doeth all things well.

Allie Mae was the daughter of Rev. W. M. and Mrs. Easton. She was born December 13, 1922 at Cameron, Oklahoma. She was united in marriage to H. L. Scroggins September 22, 1939, making her home at Fanshawe, Oklahoma with her husband until death. She joined the Free Will Baptist church in her youth, and lived a consistent Christian life, and was a faithful worker in the church. We, the Fanshawe church, bow our heads in sorrow and sympathy with the bereaved husband and relatives and friends.

— Written by J. R. Rash.

Mother is writing this, darling, just for you,
Wanted to call your name, dear, the whole day through;
I remember the times when you would say,
"Sugar, Mamma" and then run and play.

No other baby was just the same,
No other baby had your name,
We named our darling Little Richard Doyle,
And now he is over on heaven's fair soil.

Daddy, sister and mother
Loved you better than any other,
Your Granny loved you, all the rest did too,
We'll miss you, Richard Doyle, this whole life through.

Little Richard Doyle, I can see you, yet,
Heaven's darling, my own little pet;
And oh, how I miss you, God only knows,
As I gather your toys and your little clothes.

How I miss your playthings around my feet,
And your baby voice as it echoed so sweet;
And your picture as I see you there,
Standing and twisting your little dog's hair.

We're still missing you more than ever, little dear
Though we know you suffered so much while here;
Precious Richard Doyle, your sufferings are o'er,
And we'll meet you dear on heaven's fair shore.

When I've come to the crossing and changing of lands,
You'll be waiting for me with outstretched hands;
My baby, Richard Doyle, with your eyes so blue,
Mother, daddy and sister are coming to you.

Report of State of Virginia For Tennessee Orphanage Fund

As I am field worker for the state of Virginia Free Will Baptist Association in behalf of the Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage, I am sending the following report of the months of June and July, 1940.

JUNE

E. J. Kilgore, Colburn, Va. \$10.00
Lone Pine Church, Pound, Va. ... 4.50
Lone Pine Sunday School 3.50
Pikeville Church, Pikeville, Ky. ... 1.00

Total for June \$19.03
Check to Orphanage, July 13 ... 19.00

Balance in Bank \$.03

JULY

Midway Quarterly Conference .. \$2.00
Woodway Church, Woodway, Va. 4.00
Mary's Chapel, Coeburn, Va. ... 2.75
W. M. McHall, Clintwood, Va.24
Cherry Grove Church, Coeburn, Va. 1.32
Big Spring Church, Norton, Va. 2.01

Total for July \$12.35
Check to Orphanage, Aug. 6 ... 12.32

Balance in Bank (8-6-40) \$.03
— S. M. McHall, Field Worker

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Vance Chapel Church OILTON, OKLAHOMA

Hattie Newman, Pastor

Elva Haley, Reporter

Dear Gem Readers:

Vance Chapel hasn't reported in quite a while, so we thought we would let you know we are still on the firing line. Our former pastor, Rev. J. L. Waltman, resigned and went to California. Sister Hattie Newman, whom a lot of you Missouri folk know, is our pastor now.

We are doing everything we can to interest the people in our community in the work of the Lord. On Sunday evening while the young people have their league, the older people have a Bible study. On Wednesday nights, we have a community singing.

Several members of Vance Chapel attended our yearly Camp Meeting and Association, and stayed the whole two weeks. It was a wonderful meeting and we feel that a lot of good was done.

The next quarterly meeting of the First Mission Association will be at Vance Chapel, and although we realize it will mean a lot of work, we believe the blessings we receive will be worth every effort we put forth.

This is all the news we have this time. We ask an interest in your prayers.

Report of Roberts-McGee Association of Oklahoma

Dear Bro. Rollins:

As I have never tried writing to the *Gem*, I will try to send a report of our fortieth annual session of the Roberts-McGee Association.

The conference met Thursday night, before the second Sunday in September, 1940, holding a two day's session of business. We had one of the best sessions we have ever had and an addition of two new churches. At the Friday night service there was one conversion.

The Sunday schools and leagues are on the up-build, showing a grand improvement. We are boosting our leagues and Sunday schools, for this Association was predominated with young members and, believe me, it is really grand to see the young people taking such an interest in our Association.

The next annual session of this Association was set with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Poteau, located in Poteau, Oklahoma.

We really enjoyed your report in the *Gem* of the National Association. Your report was read in our session, and was heartily approved.

So wishing you a wonderful year with the *Gem*.

Andrew Dugan, Clerk

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Holly Grove Church Report Marianna, Florida

Hello Everybody!

I guess you remember the report of the Holly Grove Sunday School that was published in the September issue of the *Gem*. Well we are still at work, and praying to our God, the Father in Heaven. He has blessed us wonderfully.

We are now organized as a Free Will Baptist church. We have named our church, Holly Grove. We have a membership of 18 (eighteen members). We called Rev. M. B. Woodleif, of North Carolina, as our pastor. He is a great leader and has worked with us faithfully. He is ready at any time to come to our aid. We all love Bro. Woodleif and realize he has done his share in our community.

We plan to begin building our church house the first part of October.

We plan to organize a Ladies' League this coming Wednesday night.

We have a program to present at the Union Sunday School September 29, at Wild Wood church.

We have our delegates elected to go to the Salem Association at Damascus church.

We ask all of you Christians to pray that we will grow stronger and closer to our God, and that our work will bring sinners to Christ.

— Mrs. Floyd Padgett.

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Hickory Grove Church Haddam, Kansas

Dear Gem family:

Greetings in Jesus' name!

Well, here we are back again ready to take up our work with our good people here in Kansas. We have just returned from a trip back to Missouri to visit our folks and to attend our Northwest Missouri Association. We sure had a wonderful association; fine spirit throughout. Several said it was the best they have ever had.

We also had the privilege of attending the association in Northeast Missouri. We certainly enjoyed being in these services and getting to meet some of the folk we met last fall. We

also had the privilege of seeing and talking with Bro. J. F. Miller and listened to the counsel and instruction from him.

Since our last writing, Bro. and Sister Marcum have been with us for a few services. They stopped by on their way West to visit his folks. He preached for us on Sunday morning and night and on the following Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights with three kneeling in the altar for salvation. We were all strengthened in these services.

By the time this writing comes out in our next paper, we hope to have our plans completed for a revival. Pray for us that the Lord might lead in this matter and that we might see much visible results in the coming months.

Yours in Christ,

— Roy Lee and Elizabeth Hancock

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Young People's League Rally of the First Mission Association of Oklahoma

Dear Readers:

For the first time since the Young Peoples' Rally was received as a part of the First Mission Association, we met in the annual associational meeting at the Free Will Baptist camp grounds. Thursday, August 22, was given over to the young people for the carrying out of their business meeting. Following is a resume of the day's activities.

We opened the services with singing which was directed by Floyd Hutson. Of course, we were aided by the ministers and other most welcome visitors and guests. Rev. West read our Scripture text and Bro. Florence led us in prayer. Minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. Rev. Harry Staires, sponsor of the League, moderated the business session.

A special quartette, Jimmie Gentry, Evert Hillard, Dick Yocham, and Ruby Hilliard, sang for us. This was followed by a prayer by Bro. Jake Armstrong who was visiting from Earlsboro. Edith Smith, Drumright, extended a welcome to everyone present and Rev. Bert Rogers, Wewoka, gave a response to the welcome.

Floyd Hutson took charge in electing a sponsor for the League. Rev. Harry Staires was re-elected. Other officers elected were:

Strouther Yocham President
Floyd Hutson Vice-president
Sarah Bell Crain Sec'y-Treasurer
Elva Walker Asst. Secretary
Hattie Smith .. Corresponding Sec'y.

Letters were received from Vance Chapel, Tecumseh, Cushing, Bristow, Blue Bell, Tuskegee, and Drumright, summing up their year's work. We received a petitionary letter from the league at Pretty Water and one from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Sapulpa. We were very happy to extend to these leagues the hand of fellowship and accept them as part of our organization.

In order to get a better estimate of the participation in our young people's work, each league turned in the number of members. At the present time there are over 500 members in this organization and it is still very rapidly growing in importance.

It is our desire to see actual results to the glory of God in our work, therefore, we have elected Bro. Evert Brown as Young People's Associational Evangelist. At the suggestion of Bro. Evert Brown, it was voted that each league

take a chart for the education fund and have it filled by the first of July, 1941. In this way we feel that the Leagues will be reaching out and helping those whom we could not help individually.

Delegates were elected to attend the Association of the State of Missouri. These delegates will take with them a letter from our young people to the Association there and will observe the manner in which the sessions are conducted. Delegates were: Edith Smith, Evert Brown, Lucille Simpson, Ruby Hillard, and Elva Walker.

Of great interest to the young people were the words of encouragement given to us by Rev. Morris of Oklahoma City, who organized the first Free Will Baptist Young People's League in the State of Oklahoma.

A standing vote of thanks was given for the retiring officers.

Sister Elva Walker was elected to bring the message on the day set aside for the young people in the next yearly association. Bro. Oliver Lindell was elected as alternate. The business having been cared for, several very entertaining special numbers were given.

Bro. Johnny West led the devotional service and there really was a great Spirit in the service. At the eleven o'clock hour, Bro. Evert Brown brought a wonderful sermon on "Remember Thy Creator in the Days of Thy Youth." It was truly an inspired message and four souls were saved, which alone was enough to prove to us that God is with us in our work.

—Hattie Smith, Reporter

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First Free Will Baptist Church TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Rev. Melvin Bingham, Pastor

T. J. Cope, Reporter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Since our last report to the *Gem* we have so many good tidings, I hardly know where to commence.

Our 10 days' Camp Meeting and First Mission Association was in progress at our last writing, at our Camp Ground, near Drumright, Oklahoma. Neither time nor space will permit us telling you all the wonderful happenings there. The Lord was there in mighty power. We saw 49 souls saved.

It was estimated that as many as 2,000 or more attended two or three nights during the Association.

At the Thursday night service, during the Association, the young people

of the various churches represented, had charge of the song service. In the Chitir were 130 fine talented youngsters of which we of today are depending on, to carry on and improve that which our fathers and mothers of yesterday founded. We, the Free Will Baptists of Oklahoma, are really getting behind our young people and they are showing their appreciation with a hearty response when called on.

There were some 30 churches represented by either delegates or pastors at our Association.

Our League Evangelist, Bro. Evert Brown, from the Drumright church, brought a wonderful message; four precious souls being saved at this service. Never have we seen such fellowship and brotherly love demonstrated as was at this great gathering.

Quite a large number camped all the entire 13 days' service on the grounds. Two nice cabins were erected this year, with several more under consideration soon.

As to our own Tulsa church, we are getting along fine. Our Sunday School is climbing, and we are making great preparations for the coming State Association which is coming soon. Well, neighbors, pray for us, and be sure to stop with us when passing through Tulsa.

Obituary

BUTLER—Cal Verna Butler was born March 27, 1884 and departed this life August 10, 1940, at the age of 56 years, 4 months, and 14 days.

She was united in marriage to Z. A. Newman March 9, 1901. To this union six children were born; all of whom survive. She leaves to mourn her passing, her companion; two daughters, Mrs. Dan Davis of Reeds Spring, Mo., Mrs. Chester Biles of Long Beach, Calif.; four sons, Aubin of Los Angeles, Calif., Carrol of Long Beach, Calif., Willie and Conway of the home; three grandchildren; two brothers; three sisters; and other relatives and friends.

She was converted at an early age. At the time of her death, she was a member of the Free Will Baptist church of Blue Eye, Missouri. She will be sadly missed by her home and community.

CAHABA RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association will convene with the First Free Will Baptist church of Pell City, Alabama, beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1940.

—J. E. Hodgins, Moderator

Something New for 1940-41

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

AT LAST There is to be written into the Standard of Achievement for Women's Auxiliary Societies, a point that will emphasize aim D (page 10 of The Manual—Tithes and offerings) in our Plan of Work, becoming effective this convention year.

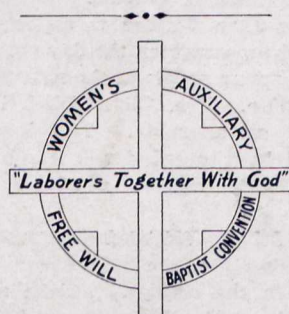
When you study the Standard in your 1940-41 Revised Auxiliary Manual, just published by The Gem Press, Monett, Missouri, you will see that point 10 has been changed from "Contest" to "Gifts" and reads: "Donations according to the state convention plan."

For years we have studied Stewardship, conducted Stewardship Contest, sponsored Stewardship talks and sermons quarterly, and emphasized Scriptural giving. Now to further encourage Stewardship we are being given an opportunity to put into regular practice some of our information about regular proportionate giving.

At our annual convention, held in Paintsville, Kentucky, the vice-presidents asked for certain months in which to stress their phases of our Plan of Work. This request was granted them and these months are filled with programs, special prayers, etc., relative to the phase of work being emphasized throughout our convention, climaxing with a special offering for whatever work is being stressed. For example, if the month is December, which has been requested and set aside as Ministerial Relief month, the special program found in the Year Book of Programs is given at your regular meeting and an offering is requested for the aged and needy ministers or ministers' families of your community who are in need. If none in your own community, then find some elsewhere to whom your society can render help and scatter sunshine in their old days.

Do not confuse the Personal Service Department of the Women's Auxiliary Convention with the National Association's Superannuation Board. Since the chairman-treasurer, Mrs. J. E. Simpson, of the National Superannuation Board, solicited the Free Will Baptist Leagues to sponsor, in their churches, a birthday offering for this worthy work, the Auxiliary did not think it wise to also sponsor a special

offering for the same cause, thus making in one month, two offerings for one National Board. So it was decided to continue with our *personal ministering of relief* to those aged and needy ministers in our community, or if none there, wherever we might choose. Of course, if you know of no needy, aged minister, and wish to contribute your offering to National Superannuation Board, the National Superannuation Board will appreciate your offerings, and in years to come it will prove a blessing to some minister or his family. Then in April special



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attention and gifts (emphasize missions) and so on through the year until our convention plan of work is carried out. So it was thought a point in our Standard of Achievement emphasizing these gifts would reinforce these departments, being emphasized thus:

A society before this year could be 100% and not make a single contribute to any phase of our plan of work. But this will not be so in 1941.

Yes, there will be some difficulties and obligations. Tithing and offerings have never been popular, and are not now, with the majority of our people. Just as there are societies, even now, who, regardless of the appeals of our missionaries, the need of a Free Will Baptist Training School for ministers and other church leaders that our churches are dying for the need of — yet they never see beyond the four walls of their own church, and so spend every penny on local expenses. We are not saying, Neglect the local church, but in addition, share with all our church needs. Remember, "it is more blessed to give than to receive" is as applicable to the society or a church as to an individual Christian.

Mark you — we are not saying, "You *MUST* make donations," even as we do not say, "You *must* observe the week of prayer." We are merely saying your society, in 1941, cannot be a 100% society — a standard society — unless you have contributed something to these phases of work that our convention (not association) asks of us. Some Auxiliaries get the Convention Plan of Work mixed with the Association Boards. Of course, as helpers of our Association, our contributions should find their way through our National Convention treasurer to these various National Boards. We used the word State Convention, in point 10, because some states have added an extra department or two to their plan of work, which means they are not only doing what the Convention asks them to do, but more. So surely this is a very modest requirement in the light of the Scripture and in view of the fact that we have been teaching this doctrine for so long. We believe it will be a real step forward in 1941. Remember whenever you have persuaded a woman to tithe or even contribute regularly to our great church program you have brought a great blessing into her life.

Above all else, pray. Pray that our Free Will Baptist women may realize before it is too late, how great a sin it is to rob God of sacred tithe.