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"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock."

—Matthew 7:25.

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Do not attend a church
which prefers:

Science for Scripture
Reason for Revelation
Theories for Truth
Culture for Conversion
Benevo'ence for Blood
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Sociability for Spirituality
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Profession for Possession
Programs for Power
Reformation for Regeneration
Good for God
Speculation for Salvation
Jubilation for Justification
Feelings for Faith
Paralysis for Peace
Politics for Precepts

—R. T. Ketcham in *The Fax News*

Miss Barnard Home on Furlough

Miss Laura Belle Barnard, mission-
ary to India, is returning home to
spend some time in the homeland.
She will make visits to many of the
several churches in the different states,
lecturing and explaining the work of
the Free Will Baptist church in far
away India. Churches desiring her
to visit them should get in touch
with the proper authorities in their
states and make dates for Miss
Barnard to visit them.

Moreover, it will be a splendid
opportunity for Miss Barnard to visit
many of the churches in this country,
and to inform our church people along
the line of missionary work, and to
show the great opportunity which we,
as a church, have to spread the Gospel
in India. As Bro. Thomas H. Willey
has, for the past several months, been
touring the States in the interest of
missions in South America, so Miss
Barnard will be happy to tour the
States, enlightening the people in re-
gards to her work and the great needs
in her field of labor. Her tours should
be greatly helpful and inspiring to the
people with the view of our church
catching a greater vision of the foreign
mission work.

DO YOU KNOW

that if all the word of God was de-
stroyed we would still have enough
authoritative records from the Jewish
Sanhedrin and the Talmuds of the
Jews; as well as the many other
Archeological writings to establish
the Sonship of Jesus Christ with the
time and place of His birth?

Looking Ahead in 1941

By the Editor

THE TITLE is rather striking in this day of uncertainties, unrest, and great strife. Yet, as we are making this statement, we actually look hopefully forward, with courage, into the year that faces us. This is not blind presumption, for it is a positive fact that better things are ahead for those who love the Lord.

A very dear friend of mine, Rev. Bamford, when nearing his 80th birthday, would jovially remark that he intended to "finish the century." Then he would smile and conclude, "I may not do it here, but I shall see the century's end."

There may be many death-pangs between this moment and the "better things ahead," as in the case of Bro. Bamford, who is finishing the century on the other shore. We do not venture to declare that the "better things" will arrive in 1941.

If the Lord should come in 1941. I would welcome Him. I made definite preparation, years ago, and I renew that preparation every morning in our family devotions. I would gladly exchange my printers' apron for a heavenly robe, and those things that I prize highly — composers' stick, make-up rule, mallet and plainer, chase with beautifully planned forms of printing type, and cartons of good ink — would I eagerly cast to the ground. With joy would I shout, "Good-bye, old printing press!"

I would rather "meet the Lord in the air" than to hear the music of the hum-and-click of a thousand running linotypes. But until the Lord does come, we will be happy to continue in our capacity of service, and we sincerely hope to be able to continue in the ever increasing business of our House of Publication.

Yes, we are happy to continue in service, in the service of winning souls by the Holy Spirit's use of the printed page. We know of one man who was definitely converted as a result, and while he was reading the *Gem*. We know several sinner men who subscribe to, and read the *Gem* with as much interest as many Christians. This is not overlooking the multitudes of Christians who have been encouraged to press forward in soul-winning "while it is called day."



Therefore, Be it resolved, That "We'll Work 'Till Jesus Comes."

We are strong advocates of denominational enterprises, for through them we can do things for Christ co-operatively, that we cannot do separately. 1941 offers the greatest opportunities in Education, Missions (home and foreign), Sunday Schools, Orphanages, Superannuation, Women's Auxiliaries, and in every phase of the church that leads to Worship and Evangelism.

I have observed, in Missouri, that only those churches that are spiritual and on fire for God have any vision, and they are the only ones who support any of our denominational enterprises. Therefore, we need a nationwide revival of spiritual religion in 1941. We pray with the Prophet, "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy" Habakkuk 3:2.

If an awakening, and repenting, and returning to God means anything in 1941, we ought to be encouraged. This issue of the *Gem* carries reports of some mighty good revival meetings in all sections of the country.

The good women of our church afford a great occasion for us to take courage in the capacity of their Women's Auxiliary, the great right arm of the Church. They have organized and are taking our country by storm with an inspired vision of service. In a little 72-page Manual, they present the most spiritual, uplifting, inspiring plan of service that I ever saw. Here is a quotation from page 10 of the Manual:

"It is not merely a money raising organization — there was a time in the history of our women's work when women had to resort to box-suppers, quilt sales, bazaars, etc., in order to get money to give to missions, Christian education, and orphanages; but a new day has dawned. As a result of our stewardship study courses, women are learning to give as good stewards. Whenever the idea of stewardship begins to permeate the minds and hearts of Christians then the SUPERFICIAL and UNSCRIPTURAL methods of raising money are abandoned by them."

To this, I say "Victory for our side!" I praise God, and our dear women, for such a spiritual vision of worship and evangelism as is set forth in their most complete little manual.

The first printing of these manuals sold fast — like snow melting in mid June. During December, we ventured to work day and night to publish a second printing without retarding our already heavy volume of business in order to supply so great a demand for these manuals.

I mention this fact because of its promise of fruit-bearing, to the glory of God, in 1941.

In this concluding paragraph of the Editor's round-up of what should be in 1941, with a definite feeling that we are surely to go on the rocks if a nation-wide spiritual revival is withheld, we have hope in Christ. Bro. L. R. Ennis, of Goldsboro, North Carolina, a dear man of God, who is representing our National Association as Executive Secretary, and is sponsoring all the enterprises for which our denomination stands has made definite plans with the Editor for special issues of the *Gem* this winter and next spring, if the Lord wills, treating upon the enterprises of Home Missions, Education, Foreign Missions, etc.

Be watching for these very special issues, beginning about February or March and extending until the proper service is accomplished. This will produce a happy necessity for us to use more "system" in the compilation of the *Gem*. Please read our special paragraphs on page four.

MANUSCRIPTS

We are very thankful for the generous supply of manuscripts that have been contributed by *Gem* readers. We couldn't have much of a *Gem* without it.

The Editor is faced with a grave situation. During the winter, the *Gem* is not big enough to contain all the manuscripts. Even now, we have a desk full that are doomed to be "crowded out."

We know these contributors are disappointed and their interest is cooled. We also know we cannot afford to enlarge the *Gem* without raising the price—and that we will not do. What shall we do?

An editor is entirely responsible for the things that go into his paper. But we ask for the co-operation of our contributors.

With kindness, the editor shall assume authority to *reduce* obituaries to a uniform length not exceeding 150 words each. Reports of revivals and special meetings will receive first notice. We will try to work out a

regular plan for our contributors to respond systematically. Please be patient with us as we strive to serve the most people in the best possible way.

MO. STATE MINUTES NEXT

In the next fifteen days, we plan to clear our office of the 1940 season of printing the minutes of the various Associations. We lack about four jobs, including the Minutes of the Missouri State Association. We will give a complete synopsis of our work in a later editorial.

We wish to use this opportunity to thank our many patrons for a wholesome business, and we implore God's richest blessings upon all your associational activities. May 1941 be a glorious year for each one in the Lord's service.

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TREATISE PRINTED SOON

The manuscript of the new and revised Treatise of the Faith and Practice of Free Will Baptists is within reach of the editor. In the meantime, we will clear our office of all printing of Minutes and will be ready to get right into the work of publishing the greatly needed Treatise.

We announce February 15th as the release of the new Treatise. Our people have waited a long time for this announcement. We are happy to make it, and trust the new Treatise will prove a rich blessing to everyone.

We invite our people to send in advance orders, as a few have already done, which will be booked, and these orders will be filled first—and as soon as they come off the press.

Our sister publishing house, The Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C., has sent in a large advance order, and we hope she will need to double that order to supply the demand of the brethren in the extreme East.

The Treatise will sell for 25c.

History of Old Kyger Free Will Baptist Church

Mrs. Zella Jacobs, Church Clerk, Cheshire, Ohio

The first religious services were held at the residence of Jonas McCarty and Paul Darst. The first church society (the Free Will Baptist) was organized at the home of the latter, December 15, 1805, with Rev. Eli Stedman pastor and Edward McMillan, clerk. We have no definite date when the first church was built, but we are made to believe it was built before Paul Darst died, and his death was on March 1, 1826, and is buried here on a parcel of land on the farm now owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jacobs, who have been members of old Kyger Free Will Baptist Church for nearly 40 years.

In the sixties the old church was moved "off of the hill," down across Old Kyger Creek and placed near the site of the church; which was built in 1880, which is a brick building 30 by 50 feet costing \$2,000.00 our old church records have been lost in some way not known, and the church book we have now the oldest members recorded are Eliza McCarty and husband, Benjamin. He was the first white child born in Cheshire township.

They were both received in the church September 2, 1826.

Cheshire is a small village on the Ohio River, two miles from Old Kyger Church.

Other older members recorded are Elisha Scott and wife, Elizabeth and Elisha's sister, Lydia McCarthy; David Coughenour and wife, Rachel; Sarah Knopp, Mary Swisher, and Lucretia Butcher were all received in the church February 10, 1841.

Jason Thomas, Jonas McCarty, David Swisher, Salinda Raush, Sophronia McCarty, and Caroline Reynolds were received into the church February 3, 1843. Some over 100 years ago and the later ones almost 100 years ago.

Sister Mary Shuler, daughter of Elisha and Elizabeth Scott, was converted and baptized by Rev. Baker and taken into the Free Will Baptist church, the old church, December 25, 1863. That was 77 years ago this Christmas. She is still living here almost in sight of the church. She is past 87 years old and is a real Christian mother. She has children,

grandchildren, great-grand children, nephews, nieces and other relatives that attended our church and sabbath school.

Our Old Kyger church has had lots of floods, but the highest ones were in 1884, 1913, and 1937. The picture on the front page of the *Gem* was taken January 27, 1937, on Wednesday when the flood was highest. It lacked nine inches being as high as the 1913 flood.

After the flood, our church was condemned in February so we could not have church services in it. We all got interest and repaired our building, and was ready for services in June. We thank and praise the Lord for a place to worship. We still have our regular church or covenant meeting on the fourth Saturday of every month. The writer doesn't know of any other Free Will Baptist that have their covenant meeting on Saturday afternoon, but here at Old Kyger we have over 200 names on our church record, but not all active. Like lots of other churches, we have a faithful few that are still holding to the faith.

Our Sunday school has 134 enrolled. Pray for us that our church will grow in number, grace and love of Jesus.

Building the Denomination

National Executive Secretary

Visits the State of Texas

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

BY SPECIAL Planning between the Bryan Church, its pastor and Rev. L. R. Ennis, National Executive Secretary, arrangements were made for a visit by the Secretary to our state of Texas. Rev. Ennis reached Bryan on Friday, October 18, and attended the Central Texas District Association on Saturday. Arrangements had been previously made for Bro. Ennis to preach at eleven o'clock, and the afternoon was given to the discussion of, and planning to get in line with the entire National plan of operation. Brother Ennis was cordially received, and his work approved with an offering for our proposed school amounting to \$20.70.

On Sunday, October 20, Reverend Ennis opened a series of revival messages with the Bryan Church, and continued daily for two weeks. Much good was accomplished during this meeting with the local congregation, with other Christians of this and surrounding communities, and for the National Program. About 85 or 90 dedications were witnessed during the meeting, and three members were regularly received into the fellowship of the local church on Wednesday night after the meeting closed on Sunday night. We feel sure that only eternity itself shall be able to reveal all the fruits of this ministry, although we are able to feel the influence each day.

During the progress of the revival, the Texas State Association convened, and Brother Ennis was able to attend one day. While there he delivered one of his usual powerful gospel messages, and presented the National plan. He, his message, and the plan were graciously received, and an offering of \$31.08 was made as an expression of faith. Surely a greater spirit of enthusiasm toward our National plan of operation is going to prevail among Texans who attended the State Association this year.

In regard to opening and operating a school, we have been continuously



J. R. Davidson

confronted with the problem of approach to adequately financing such a program, but I feel that the Lord has given the ideal plan to the Bryan church. Near the close of our revival, Brother Ennis asked me to call a meeting of the official board of the church, to which I added a few other representatives from the several auxiliaries. In this meeting we were challenged to raise \$1.00 per day for Christian Education alone, and with an enthusiastic spirit we accepted the challenge. The matter was presented



L. R. Ennis

to the church, and approved without a descending vote. Then the approach to raising this money without affecting other causes was the order for consideration, and the plan proposed was the selection of containers to supply each home into which daily offerings would be placed by different members of the families, as the family worship was being held. Brother N. T. Kinne was selected as sponsor of the project, and we are now getting well into the plan. Half pint glass jars have been selected, and they are labeled as follows: At the top, a quotation from II Cor. 9:7, "God loveth a cheerful giver." Just below the fund is designated, "Christian Education," and at the bottom the number, as No. 1. The numbers run as high as the number of families in the church demand. A co-working committee has been selected to help in perpetuating the plan, and enough of the containers have been voluntarily called for already to bring in almost the dollar per day, if each jar has no more than \$1.00 in it at the end of each month. All containers are to be returned the last Sunday in each month, and worshipful service is to be held in presenting the banks, the money is to be turned over to the Treasurer of the National Board, then the banks are taken back into the homes to continue the receiving service all over again.

We considered November 1 our beginning point with this project, but since the plan was presented later than this date we shoved off with an offering that scored success for fifteen days ahead, hence we started off ahead instead of behind. We are just praising the Lord for the plan, and the enthusiastic response. We feel sure that this plan is going to be an "over the top" success, so listen to hear about results once each month.

Our National Executive Secretary is to present the plan, above described, to our people over these many states composing the National Association. The plan is to be based on the idea of full time churches joining the Bryan church with the one dollar per day, half time churches joining with fifty cents per day, and quarter time churches are well able to raise as

much as any full time church, and I am sure that such congregations will be happy in the doing of that very thing. However, I shall leave the explanation of all this to Brother Ennis, but I mention it in order to say that the Bryan church is happy in the privilege of challenging the brotherhood at large in this noble achievement. Each year, since I started in my service as Chairman-Treasurer of the National Educational Board, I have challenged my congregation to be the leading example in the nation.

I have asked for stipulated amounts each time, and my brethren have not let me down, nor the cause, hence they have gone over the top each time. As pastor of the Bryan church I wish to thank the Lord for such faithfulness, and I thank the church too.

Finally, if our people throughout these several states will take hold of this very reasonable, and easy plan, and carry on faithfully until our National Meeting in July WE WILL OPEN OUR BIBLE SCHOOL NEXT SEPTEMBER.

Financial Report of Educational Program

I am submitting a financial statement of all cash turned to me up to November 12, 1940, the statement being by states rather than individuals. Each offering received is acknowledged by me to the individual sending it through the mails, and if any one fails to receive such an acknowledgement soon after having mailed an offering, I am asking that you cooperate by writing and mentioning the same. Should our people desire that I list each individual offering through the *Baptist* and the *Gem* I shall be glad to conform to your wishes, however I have felt, of late, that it is best to list it by states. I have the record of all offerings and the individuals sending same.

RECEIVED:

North Carolina	\$1,015.46
Texas	\$61.73
Tennessee	762.48
Missouri	657.66
Oklahoma	192.06
Georgia	176.86
Kentucky	125.00

Virginia	100.00
Alabama	54.25
South Carolina	36.00
Nebraska	30.75
Florida	18.00
Arkansas	16.00
New Mexico	15.00
Mississippi	10.00
California	1.00

Total Received from States..	\$4,072.25
Offering National Ass'n. 1939	198.35
Treasurer Western Ass'n. ..	105.54
Special offering by ministers	28.00

Grand Total (11-12-40) \$4,404.14

I am again calling the attention of those who have made pledges and have failed to remit to the fact. I would like to clear the record. Some have paid part, and some have paid none, even on pledges almost one year past due. Please write and state as to whether you wish me to cancel your pledge, or if you will take care of it soon. — J. R. D.

Bessie Yeley Writes Home

Upata, Venezeula
November 8, 1940

Dear Friends of Pine Creek Quarterly Meeting in Ohio:

Greetings in the name of our blessed Lord and Savior!

Once again, it gives me great pleasure to be writing to my many friends. I feel like saying with the Psalmist, "Bless the Lord, Oh, my soul, and all that is within me. Bless his Holy name." My heart is surely singing praises to the Lord in these days for what He has done for me. Three months ago at this time, I was in

the depths of despair. The doctor said, "It is no use. You will never be any better here. You need your own climate." Then a loving Heavenly Father heard the prayer of His child, and by the touch of His hand, I am, not entirely whole, but very much better, and able to stay on a while longer. How long, is entirely in His hands. It has been a great testimony to everyone in the village as they see the returning strength and the color coming back to my face.

These are indeed busy days for us here. We are now beginning to

prepare for Christmas. That is a good time to get the Gospel to the world, for our house will be crowded with unbelievers. Every recitation, every song, and every dialogue will have a real message in it. How eagerly the people look forward to this time--not to go to the church on a Christmas Eve to gaze upon the Holy family portrayed by wooden images. Nay, far better to hear messages of a risen Savior; the Savior of the world, who came to earth so many years ago for the purpose of redeeming a lost people.

We are hoping to be able to begin the building of our little chapel very soon. The people have been laying by their little store of money for this purpose. It amounts up very slowly, for they have so little to give and then besides they help with some little expenses of the church and also they are helping one of the girls of the church who is in Bible school. The Lord is blessing them richly, for truly "The Lord loves a cheerful giver," whether he be giving of time, talent or money.

We have been hearing good reports from all the stations. From Tucupita, a new station which is not a year old yet, comes the report that souls are continuing to come to the Lord and how the members of the church are bringing in their tithes, and the blessing they are receiving although they are very poor and many live in houses that are tumbling down.

From Tumeremo, where I was stationed, comes the good news that seven have received Christ in the last few weeks. Praise God for answered prayer and may He continue to work in that place, and may His blessings continue to rest upon the Fletchers who labor there. Mrs. Fletcher has been very ill, but the last report was that she was a little better. Pray for her.

From El Callao, the oldest station, comes a report of blessings and the new church there is rapidly nearing completion.

The new station of El Palmar, with a native worker stationed there, reports that although there has been much persecution, souls are coming to know the Lord. Our hearts go out to the many places where there is no witness. We are praying that God will give us a boat to use on the Oninoco River, so as to reach the Indians in the jungles. There are many hungry for the Bread of Life, and who will go and take it to them? We have two young men in the States

ready to come, but are seemingly held up on account of the war outlook. Pray much that those who are ready and equipped to fight in the service of the Kings of kings may go forth, for the night cometh when we shall work no more.

We that know Christ, however, are looking forward to that day when we shall see the Son of Righteousness in

all His glory. Some of every tribe and nation will be there, and my heart rejoices when I think of some dear Venezuelans that will be there also.

I must close, although I would like to write more. Praise God in all your gifts and prayers. May the Lord richly bless each one, and my plea is as ever, "Brethren, pray for us."

Yours in the Service of the King,

you have. We are appealing to you to do so at once. Get a money order now or slip a bill into an envelope. If you wait until the 25th of December or say later, and the funds have not come in, we shall be unpacking our trunks and canceling our bookings on the S. S. Florida to Cuba, and we shall be right where we were one year ago or six years ago. You say, how much will it take, a thousand dollars, ten thousand dollars or three hundred dollars? No, just two hundred dollars moves the whole family over. Just two hundred dollars stands between Nashville, Tennessee and the state of Texas, between Nashville and Missouri, between Nashville and North Carolina.

Some have not responded because you have not known how desperately we needed your help. We thank God we can appeal through our papers. One year ago we were where we are today. We packed our trunks, gave up our little house and were ready to sail for Cuba. At the last moment news came there were no funds for transportation or passage.

I am writing earnestly and desperately, an S. O. S. appeal, as we cannot conscientiously accept Foreign Mission funds to live on in the homeland. I am committed to this task and department of our church. We have been set aside by the church to this task. We know the crying need and the problems of the missionary. You can only know them as we communicate them to you.

We are appealing to great numbers of you whom we know personally. We have been in your homes, preached in your churches, known your problems from North Carolina to beyond St. Joseph, Missouri, down through that state and along the border of Kansas, through Oklahoma and into Texas back across Tennessee and through to Florida.

We are counting on God and on you, our people, at this time of great need. What we do must be done quickly.

Bro. Willey's Missionary Appeal

"He shewed them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" John 20:20-21.

AS YOUR MISSIONARIES, we are packed, girded, and ready to go. In obedience we are committed to the program to carry out the command of Christ to distant lands. There are some responsibilities that rest upon us as your missionaries, and equally upon you, whom we represent denominationally. On our part, we must make every effort to cut the ties of the home land, this is not a new experience. We have faced this task many times before. First, separation from friends and loved ones to go great distances from homeland, going to live among strange people of different habits altogether than ours, speaking in another language other than that of our birth, foregoing the comforts of living and food we are accustomed to, going where Malaria and Parasites get into the blood stream, and as a result taking years to recover. Our children will have no adequate schools to attend such as we enjoy in the United States. We have frankly faced all these things and more, and know their value as you who have never gone to a foreign land, which is centuries behind the times, can ever know. How do we feel about this? We are confident that there is no sacrifice in giving these blessings up, simply because no sacrifice is great on our part when we view the suffering and glory of our Christ for our sake, the awful impending doom of those who are without Christ, and the binding nature of his great command to us that, "As the Father hath sent me even so send I you." The redemption of the world and its teeming mass of

humanity that people the globe depended on his obedience, His obedience to the Father, so we are expected to be obedient to Him. Suppose He had failed to obey the Father. Where would we be today? Suppose we fail Him. Where will those who depend on us to take them the Gospel stand in that last day?

We are ready to go, we have made reservations, by faith, to sail December 31st. We rented a house for this month only, and at that time we must move, either to go on to the field, or return to North Carolina or Texas or some other State. Should we do this, it would be going away from obedience and away from the mission fields. We are packing our few belongings in faith. Faith in whom? Faith in God, faith in the people called Free Will Baptists, North and South, East and West. Faith in you, that you believe in the Word of God and the binding nature of His command when He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost."

You say where do I come in? Right where we all come in — OBEDIENCE. We cannot go unless you send us, you must put hands and feet to obedience by sending Brother Blackwelder or your State Secretary sufficient funds for our expenses to the field, send what

Why the Willeys Are Still in the States

By I. J. Blackwelder, 1013 Chica mauga Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee

IT is no fault of the Willeys that they are not in Panama or some other foreign mission field. In fact, Brother and Sister Willey are very anxious about going to some foreign field of service, and they are restless

because they have not been privileged to go long ago. If we Free Will Baptist people were as anxious about sending the Willeys as they are about going, they would be on some field of service now.

But they are still in the home field primarily for two reasons; first, for lack of funds with which to go or to be sent, and, second, the doors of Panama are still closed to them and to other protestant missionaries.

Since last July our receipts have been \$1300.94, with a balance of \$600.00, makes a total of \$1900.94. During this period the disbursements have been unusually heavy in the total amount of \$1600.72. This leaves a balance of \$300.22.

Therefore, as you can plainly see, it is neither the fault of the National Foreign Mission Board that Brother and Sister Willey have not gone to some foreign field of service. Yes, the Board can suggest what our missionaries might do and where they might go, and this the Board has done in the past and what it shall do now and in the future. But it takes more than approved suggestions to get the work done, in particular the kind of work that involves a reasonably large sum of money. We don't mean to bring any charge against our people at large, for they have done well so far, but we must have more and larger mission contributions if we make it possible for our missionaries to do what we expect them to do.

Now, since it seems impossible for the Willeys to re-enter Panama for the work they would like to do in that country, the Board is suggesting that they go to Cuba. Now, here is part of what the Willeys have to say about the work in Cuba:

"We have no entrance fee to pay in Cuba and there will be no trouble in getting into the country at all. We shall go in as six-months tourist, then ask for our permanent papers. I plan to teach the Bible School (a very small one), which shall give me a marvelous opportunity to get the language. Mr. Willey will be doing evangelistic work throughout the island....."

"Having to leave Panama was no fault of ours. We had far rather be on the field than here, not from the natural but because of the need and the burden God has laid on our hearts. We want more than anything else to establish a station among needy people for our denomination. That is our supreme desire, and I believe that you know we are willing to sacrifice to any extent to do it, but we can't do it alone. Cuba offers an open door now. We

shall not say what we plan to do from there, but if our people will get under the burden of prayer and hold on to God we shall see great things in these awful days. They tell us that Cuba is ripe for the Gospel."

Yes, we have enough cash in the treasury to get Brother and Sister Willey to Cuba, but they will need funds with which to carry on after they get on the field. Therefore, we are making a special appeal to our people everywhere to do their best for this great cause during the month of December and we promise you that Brother and Sister Willey

will soon be in Cuba and about the work they are called to do.

This arrangement seems to be the best thing the Board has to offer at this time, but we trust that the Lord is leading in all his. However, if something more interesting and important, that is, if a better and more needy field should present itself, we shall attempt to lay hold of the opportunity to do the greatest possible good in this good work of giving the Gospel to all the world..

It will require around \$200.00 to get the Willeys on the field and started to work. We hope to have your contribution soon.

Missouri Sunday School Work

Rev. William Reeves, Missouri Sunday School Convention President, Fredericktown, Missouri

After missing a report to our paper last month, we will endeavor to write a line to report the goodness of God and His blessing upon our Sunday school work.

I was called to Northeast Missouri Association, December 8, to organize an Associational Sunday School Convention. We met at the Green Grove church near Novinger, Missouri. Several Schools were represented (I don't remember the number). I was glad to meet a number of our Co-workers again who have been so much encouragement and help to me in the past, and to meet those of whom I had read in the paper and to see everyone so much interested in the Sunday School Program.

Bro. C. A. Phillips was elected chairman of the meeting and he did a wonderful job of it.

A number of interesting talks were made and questions of much im-

portance were asked, in which we were all interested. By the assistance of our State Moderator, J. F. Miller, we were able to answer and explain the program of our work.

The officers were elected as follows: Rev. Orville Dobbs, Kirksville, Mo., President; Bro. Adkins, Kirksville, Mo., Vice President; and Ora Lawson, Stahl, Mo., Secretary-Treasurer.

Everyone seemed to be determined to go back home and carry out their program. We are praying that each school will get behind that convention and make it glow for God.

I did so appreciate Rev. Albert Tucker, River Mines, Mo., Treasurer of our State Convention, who volunteered his car to the service of the trip. He is one of our outstanding Sunday School workers. I would that we had more workers that had sanctified cars, time and tithes for the Lord. It would not be necessary to wonder about our church programs but we could say "Come, let's go and do."

Then we can not hesitate to thank God for consecrated companions who will make it possible for others to go by their sacrifice of service.

We are hoping to hear from other Associations and asking our workers to encourage the work. We are ready at your service, to explain our program. If your Association is interested, we would like to help you with it. If you are interested and want information, just drop me a letter and I will do my best to help you.



William Reeves

National Sunday School Work

*Rev. Wm. Reeves, Director of Organization of National S. S. Convention,
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I will, by the help of God, write a few lines to our Sunday School workers of our National Sunday School Convention and those who are interested in the Sunday School work everywhere.

At our National Association, last July, our enthusiasm was very high in the Sunday School program. Re-

presentatives of our states were very interested in the work.

I am wondering just how much we have done for our Sunday Schools of our home state.

I see a number of our states have already organized into state conventions, and we are interested in seeing the other states, that make up our

National Association, line up and do something for our Sunday Schools.

I am asking you, who are deeply interested in the welfare of your Sunday Schools of your state, if you have no State Convention, please write to me, as I am trying to get in touch with each state. If you know of some one who would be interested in working up a State Convention, please write to me as early as possible.

We will be glad to assist you in getting your state lined up. God will do things for us if we are willing to let Him.

Yours for a greater Sunday School.

Old Hymns Wanted!

Dr. Leonard Earl Harris 650 East 33rd Street, Chicago, Illinois

Dear Christian Workers:

In my recent compilation of hymnology, I have discovered hordes of valuable and worthwhile materials from Jubal as accounted for in Profane History, to the present stage of modern musicology.

The question in my mind is, How old is our Free Will Baptist church as a denomination? What was the extent of our worshipful music in the early stages of our church? How and by what forces or influence has our music developed? From whom and how much have we borrowed and to what major advantage has it been employed?

PLEASE don't pass this article up, leaving it unnoticed, as this should be of vital importance to every Free Will Baptist. If you have any old books, that is, any of the earlier books



of our church, even a book of verses which were used before the hymn-tune books were published please send them to me immediately. If you have any accounts of music and the influence or effect on any of our members, or, any historical information relative to our music and its use in the denomination, I would appreciate an opportunity to examine them. I will gladly return any materials sent to me as soon as I shall have had time to look them over.

Remember, please send me any information pertaining to the affects of any hymn, old books, even though they were printed before tune books were available, or any material you think would be helpful to me in arranging a book on the History of the Music of Our Church.

P. S.—I reserve the right to compose or arrange music to any suitable verse discovered in any material sent to me.

Yours in His Cause,

Inspirational Gospel Sermons

"We Preach Christ"

Rev. C. E. Mann, Queen City, Missouri

I Corinthians 1:23.

What a great privilege it is to be called of God to preach Christ unto man-kind as the power of God unto salvation; to preach Him as the God-man, "the root and offspring of David" and "The bright and morning star."

What a great Joy it is to preach Him as the one most wonderful, ran-

soming numberless of millions of His enemies from eternal woe and making of them kings and priests unto God; to preach Him as the one who lifted with His pierced hands empires off their hinges, turned the channel of the ages and still governs the universe.

What a great blessing it is to preach

Christ as the one who took upon himself the form of a servant, going about doing good, while at the same time, upholding all things by the word of His power, holding within His hands the power of controlling the elements, causing the wind and the waves to cease; who raised the dead, healed the sick, cast out devils, fed the multitudes, rejoiced with those who rejoiced and wept with those who wept.

What a great comfort it is to preach Him as a Christ who, touched with the spirit of our infirmities, gave back to the widow of Nain her son,

blind Bartimaeus the privilege of seeing, the friendless man at the pool the pleasure of walking, the palsied man the joy of knowledge of sins forgiven, and who assured Mary and Martha of the resurrection of their brother.

Oh, to preach Him as forgiving when we call upon Him, who pardons all our transgressions and forgives all our iniquities, and promises as a reward for faithful living a crown of life

It is wonderful to preach about His trial, crucifixion and death, the effect of which was wonderful. The rocks were rent, the graves were opened, the vail of the temple was

rent in twain from top to bottom, and those who crucified Him declared that "Truly this was the Son of God." And after looking upon a sealed tomb, to behold a risen Christ.

How wonderful it is to be able to preach Him coming (some day) riding on the clouds of heaven, with power and great Glory, accompanied by "all the holy angels," "ten thousand saints," "the Great God" and our loved ones who departed, rejoicing in a saving faith. Then this crippled form of mine will be made like unto His glorious body, and with all those who await His coming, will arise to meet Him in the air and forever be with the Lord.

It is sweet to dream in Venice
And it's great to study Rome;
But when it comes to living
There is no place like home.

Our country was born in the midst of religious birth-pangs, and rocked in the cradle of faith. The men who discovered and developed this country loved God. They did not come here with the spirit of greed nor with a spirit to conquer; but to find a place to worship in peace. The great statistician, Roger Babson, was once visiting the president of Argentina who asked him if he could explain the reason for the fast development of North America as compared to the slow development of South America, though the southern country was discovered before the northern. Mr. Babson in return said, "What do you think?" The president said, "I think the reason is because they who discovered South America were searching for gold and they who discovered North America were searching for God." Undoubtedly that is true.

Our forefathers were men of prayer, they were home builders, they taught their offspring to fear God. They did not want to rule one above another but were glad to grant individual rights. Hence, they framed the greatest document on earth, the Constitution of the United States of America; and as they did this, history tells us of how they sought Divine Guidance. After days of difficult deliberation, we are told how Benjamin Franklin arose and said, "Gentlemen, I am alarmed that we have gone this far without seeking the help of our Heavenly Father. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, how can an empire arise without His aid. Let us pray." After this prayer, we are told the framing of the Constitution moved smoothly. How our country is grasping for the need of such men of faith today. As we are compelled to notice this intense threat made against, and this prevailing weakness of democracy, we are made to wonder how long we are made to wonder how long we may be able to survive.

According to our geographical situation and the remains of those good things handed down to us from our fathers, we are given hope that we may be able to stand longer than some others; but unless there is a returning to God and the Bible, we will go the way of all the earth. So much is being said, expended, and

Christ and Democracy

By Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.

CHRIST AND DEMOCRACY are inseparable. Adherence to the principles of Christ automatically give birth to Democracy. There is no such thing as Democracy without Christ. One may have Dictatorship without Christ, without the church; without the Bible; without love or anything else that is good and of God. In fact, the less there is of the above mentioned, the stronger is the dictatorship. Dictatorship preys upon moral and spiritual character of the individual citizen. That is why democracy is the strongest of all forms of government when spirituality and morality are running high, and why it is the weakest of all forms of government when spiritual and moral strength are lacking. It isn't outside conditions that overthrow democracy, it is that on the inside: Decay at the core.

Wherever you find dictatorship you find Godlessness, atheism, cruelty, suppression, immorality and everything that is contrary to Christian principles; but in democracy we find freedom of worship, love for the Christ, church activity, happy homes, individual privilege, fairness to all, contentment, and all that it takes to make life happy and worth while. And how these qualities and characteristics exactly coincide with the teachings of Christ.

One of the saddest things we are compelled to know at this time is that democracy is doomed. Not that we glory in it, no never, but because it is taught in the prophetic



Word. Democracy is failing because spiritual and moral character is failing. There is no other reason. Democratic government, morality and spirituality fade out together. When the spiritual pulse beats slow, men become cruel, blood-thirsty, drunk on power, covetous, possessed with hate, etc. Hence, the suppression of the popular will, regimentation, one man rule, centralization of power, etc. Therefore, as the dominence of Christ in the hearts of men give rise to representative government, or government by the people, likewise does the dominence of evil in the hearts of men take away personal privilege and gives rise to cruel dictatorship.

There is no question but what we live in the greatest country on the globe. The poet has said:

London is a man's town
There's power in the air;
Paris is a woman's town
With flowers in her hair.

done concerning a program of national defence, and we suppose, under existing circumstances, it is the proper thing to do, but the greatest wall of defence we could build should be built up in the hearts and lives of our citizenship. Our country is certainly not without the symptoms of severe illness which always lead to the death of democracy, and that, as we have aforesaid, is our ever increasing waves of immorality and lack of spirituality. Because of the trampling under foot of Christian principles, we have lawlessness, fifth column activity, sabotage, and therein lies our danger. As the prophet Jeremiah said, "There is an enemy within our gates." Regardless of our increased armament program, conscription, etc, if the Spirit of Christ continues to be driven out, we will follow in the wake of France and of all nations who forget God. The uprightness of the individual citizen in this country is not what it once was, generally speaking. The morale is being lowered, old fashioned honesty is leaving us, and one hardly knows who to trust anymore. Self-respect is becoming a stranger, modesty among masses is a word seemingly unknown and open disregard for sacred things, sacred days, and sacred assemblies is alarmingly noticeable everywhere. Such conditions make a fertile seed bed for the germination and growth of dictatorship and an excellent battlefield for the ravishing

and final slaughter of Miss Democracy. So while the government is going to its extremity in defence of democracy, both at home and abroad, the church of the Christ of God so much needs to be awakened from her slumber and begin building a wall of spiritual defence, lest we be overcome by the powers of darkness. Democracy cannot stand without Christ. Dictatorship cannot rise with Christ. May this fact ever be borne in mind by those of our dear country from the least to the greatest.

As to the length of time the light of democracy continues to burn depends, in my mind, entirely upon the length of time she continues to keep the spiritual oil in her vessel, so to speak. The rise of dictatorship from within and the threat of dictatorship from without will be warded off only so long as democracy adheres to the principles which gave rise to her, upon which she has stood, and upon which she stands today; and those principles are the principles of the meek and lowly Nazarene. Certain conditions will exist in the end-time, as the prophets have said they would; but might not that unkind and un-benevolent hand of cruelty and trouble be stayed at length yet, if nations and governments and peoples everywhere would stop and think, repent, pray, return? Certainly God would yet be merciful. But will people return? That is the question.

worthy, because it is Christlike. It has its parallel in the earthly life of our Lord, and it strikes at the very root of selfishness. "Even Christ pleased not himself" Rom. 15:3.

Our Lord's own testimony was that He did always the things that were pleasing to His Father, (John 8:29). It is very significant that during the earthly life of our Lord, there came from heaven the voice of the Father saying: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." That voice was heard at the transfiguration, which occurred near the close of our Lord's public ministry, after He had wrought great miracles and had given expression to much of His marvelous teaching. But this was not the only, nor was it the first occasion on which that voice was heard. At the baptism of Christ, before he had wrought any miracles or given any public teaching, the voice came from heaven: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." The years preceeding this testimony had been spent in the humble home at Nazareth, when the Lord Jesus was occupied with the common, ordinary, humdrum things of life.

We emphasize this fact for the encouragement of those who may not be called to what we term, "full time service." It is wonderful to know that the ambition to be "well pleasing unto him" may be realized even though one's life is spent in the house, or in the office, or in the shop, or in the school room. Paul was ambitious to be well pleasing to Jesus Christ. Whether he was preaching to multitudes or speaking to one soul or making tents. Verily, this is a worthy ambition!

In the next place, this ambition greatly simplifies one's life and service. Just one person to please! To please people is a difficult thing. To please everybody is impossible. Then too, human nature is so changeable that what pleases a person at one time will not please at another. But the case is not so with our Lord, for He is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever" Heb. 13:8.

A more or less familiar story is told of the gatemen at a railroad station, who was demanding that the passengers show their tickets before boarding the train. Because the night was bitterly cold, this regulation occasioned much grumbling and fault-finding on the part of some of the passengers. In the group was a Christian man who, having noticed the

A Worthy Ambition

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"Wherefore also we are ambitious, whether at home or absent, to be well pleasing unto him" 2 Cor. 5:9.

"Yea, being ambitious to preach the gospel, not upon another man's foundation" Rom. 15:20. (Revised Version).

I USE THE above renderings of these passages to bring out the fact that Paul had a two-fold ambition—an ambition to be and an ambition to do.

Ambition being "an aim, eager desire, or steadfast purpose to achieve something," and having "primary reference to the award or approval of others," it is described as the eager desire for power, fame, or something deemed great or eminent, and viewed as a worthy prize. It is clear that if one's ambition is to be realized, other

things must give way; they must be brushed aside. For example, if one's goal is to the obtaining of an education, many things must be sacrificed, and the case is similar in the spiritual realm. In order to realize his ambitions, Paul counted all things loss for Christ. Whatever stood in the way of the attainment of this ambition, he counted as refuse (Phil. 3:7-8).

In connection with the two-fold ambition which was the consuming passion of the Apostle Paul, let us consider four things. First, it is a worthy ambition. Second, it greatly simplifies one's life and service. Third, it results in blessings. Fourth, it is a goal which is possible of attainment.

First of all, this ambition, "to be well pleasing to the Lord, is altogether

attitude of the others, said to the gateman, "You don't seem to be very popular around here tonight."

The gateman replied, If I can be popular with the man who put me here, that's all I want."

How greatly that aim simplified the man's life and work: One man to please! And whether others were pleased or not, was a secondary matter. So will it be with us in our relation to Jesus Christ. To be ambitious and to be well pleasing to Him will greatly simplify our life and service. Our relationship to others will be involved, of course. We must not assume an attitude of indifference or antagonism with regard to other people. But our chief aim should be that of pleasing Him first of all.

Consider, in the next place, that the carrying out of this ambition means blessing, not bondage. Of our Lord it is recorded: "I delight to do thy will, oh God" Psalm 40:8. And our Lord, Himself, said that His meat was to do the will of Him that sent Him (John 4:34). To do the will of the Father is to be well pleasing to Him. And in the fulfillment of the Lord's will, men and women, young and old, down through the ages, have found delight and satisfaction. The realization of selfish ambition has often been at the expense or the ruins of others. But no one can live a life that is well pleasing to Jesus Christ and not be a blessing, and help, to other people.

Paul was motivated, also by an ambition to do. That desire, as we have seen, from Romans 15:20, was to make Christ known to those who had never heard of Him. This truly is an altogether worthy ambition. You will note that Paul made this statement at the close of his third missionary journey. He had fully preached the gospel of Christ from Jerusalem to Illyricum, and "having no more place in these parts" he was planning to go as far west as Spain (Rom. 15:19, 23,24).

Those years of service had involved much of trial and suffering, a summary of which we find in 2 Cor. 11:23-27. In spite of these great hardships, Paul was still pressing on to new territory, consumed with the ambition to make Jesus Christ known to those who had never heard. What an ambition! Only eternity will reveal what the carrying out of that aim has meant of blessing in the lives of a great multitude of people.

In the fourth place, let us consider the possibility of realizing this ambition. Thank God it is possible of attainment. There are four essentials in realizing this ambition. First of all, we must accept Jesus Christ as our personal Savior. This is God's will, and one cannot take the second step in this life of pleasing Him until he has taken the first step. Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." "That which is born of the flesh is flesh." And Romans 8:8 says that "they that are in the flesh cannot please God." The next verse says, "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the spirit of God dwell in you."

It is absolutely essential, therefore, that we be born of God, and this comes about when we receive Jesus Christ as our personal Savior by faith. "But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God"

John 1:12. Then having accepted Him who "was wounded for our transgressions" and "bruised for our iniquities" who "bare our sins in his own body on the tree," we are ready for the next step, namely, that of yielding the life to Jesus Christ. Another essential is the constant study of His word, that we may learn what is well pleasing to Him.

We must have faith, for "without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing unto him" Hebrews 11:6. There must be not only the initial step of faith in accepting Christ as a Savior, but also the constant looking away to Jesus, "the author and finisher of our faith." When we trust Him, we give Him a chance to impart to us the power to live the life that is well pleasing to Him; a high plain of Christian experience which cannot be attained apart from His divine power and grace.

Let us fix our wills, or ambitions, "toward the mark for the prize of Jesus."

MINISTERING

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A preacher must have a reason for preaching, and that reason must be that he is sent from God, that souls may be born of God, that they may grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

The word of God must go forth in order to feed the lambs and sheep.

"Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God."

"How shall they preach else they be sent?"

The sending is of God, if the message is to be of any effect. "The word of God is quick, powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword." So God's servants need make no apology because it cuts, regardless of its reaction on human hearts.

A minister must have a positive message. "Thus saith the Lord" was the prophets' message of old. Peter didn't have a message of "perhaps" or "possibly" when so many were pricked in their hearts. God's word is filled with *shall* and *will*; no maybes in its message.

A minister must be compelled from within so that he can not keep silent, or he had better stop preaching. Nothing convicts like conviction.

A minister must have a weapon; the sword of the spirit does not have poison in it, but healing.

The law of God was given to show the exceeding sinfulness of sin. God's law is still perfect and is still the school master that brings us to Christ. When the law is given—God's perfect law of righteousness—man sees his need of a redeemer; a Savior to save him from sin. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. The remedy is Jesus who came to save—not to condemn. The goodness of God worketh repentance. Yet this is a common saying when a minister gives God's word: "You told all about me in your sermon. It applied to me."

A minister must have the direction of the Holy Spirit to meet the individual need of the people. They must feel that the minister understands their case and knows the remedy. "Christ died for our sins, according to the Scripture, he was buried, he rose again, ascended into heaven, intercedes for us, and is coming again to reign as King. That is the gospel; the glorious good news the minister has to tell. There is a remedy for all sin—found only in our Lord, Jesus Christ.

"Neither is there salvation in any other for there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

The Holy Spirit alone can direct the message from God's word to the individual.

Clearness, yet simple enough to be understood, is a need—not words of fine sounding phrases that carry an air of knowledge. God's message is not complex. God's messengers need only use the plain language made easy to understand in order to help; otherwise a person is perplexing and unattainable.

Too, the stamp of experience marks the ministers who are of value in God's work. God's love in his heart produces sincerity and his audience usually knows, too, whether he is sincere or not. Without this, Paul says "sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal" is what he is like.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" 2 Tim. 2:15.

A preacher needs a study; a sanctuary apart, where he can go alone and worship and pray. He should meditate on God's word until he knows God enlightens him and gives power to his work. "Without me ye can do nothing," says Jesus.

Power must come from God before a minister can have power with men. A study is a workshop too, and God has called workmen. A minister should have a vision of a listening people as he prepares his message. Depend upon God to use your own individual personality that He gave you, consecrated to Him. Use the light that He gives you in preaching to the world and not copy or imitate anyone else. Let your reading do for you what God intended; correction and instruction in righteousness, and what it does for you it will do for others.

A minister needs courage no matter what enemies his messages make. Yet not the kind that scolds. There is no place is this as objectionable as in the pulpit. A minister should have a pitying compassion, deep with concern like Jesus had as he saw Jerusalem and wept over it. People are still starving for pity, love, tenderness and sympathy. Jesus, by His Holy Spirit, is still in this world in the hearts of His people—more fully in His ministers who presents the needs of the human heart.

Is it Your Church?

A. H. Camp, Green Forest, Arkansas

Do you know that little church which has been small in numbers, but strong in the Lord; where there were a few devout people who were in the work of the church Saturday evening and Sunday and lived real Christian lives the rest of the week, encouraging the other members to better lives and better work, strengthening the church, gaining the respect of the world for God and His people, exercising an influence for good over all with whom they came in contact? I am sure you do.

I saw that little church grow in the strength of the Lord until it became one of the strongest churches around.

Then I saw some of the members move away who had been good workers, and saw the ardor of others cool, and the church began to slip back. I see that little church weaker today, I believe, than it has been in several years.

The strength of a church is not measured by the number of members, but by the faith, works, and willing interest of the members of which it is composed. A church with a hundred members, of whom only five are faithful workers, is weaker than a church of five faithful workers.

Oh, you little church, you have among you members who are fornicators, members who are drunkards, members who hold to a faith which you consider false and dangerous, members who claim to be interested (and in the depths of their hearts are interested in the welfare of the church and the salvation of souls) who are stingy with their time, and rob God of the time vowed to Him in the study and discussion of His word, coming late to services and asking others to hurry through the Sunday school and preaching, or even omitting Sunday school so preaching can be over by noon.

Deut. 23:23 says "That which has gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform; even a free will offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the Lord thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth."

Heb. 10:24-25, "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to 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."

Oh ye little church that was strong in the Lord and is weak, why will ye die?

Christ said that He would not come again except there first come a great falling away, but He does not promise life to those who fall away. Will we allow that falling away to reach even into our little church, which has been the means of bringing our boys and girls unto salvation and has given comfort, hope and joy to us? Shall we not rather sacrifice our time and energy and finance that it shall still be a golden candlestick holding up the light of the Lord that others may also be guided unto salvation?

Awake out of your sleep, for the enemy, even Satan, is at your door! Assemble yourselves and shout praises unto the Lord, lest a worse thing come upon you and then be denied the privilege of assembling together as they are in the countries beyond the sea even today.

If there is anything in your lives which is contrary to God's laws and God's will, cast it from thee, as far as the east is from the west, and clean up your church. It won't be easy to do, but neither was it easy for Christ to die on the cross, nor for Paul to keep on preaching when he knew it was leading him to imprisonment and death, once being stoned and left for dead, but he gladly sacrificed comforts and life that he might bring the *Life* message to others.

Can't we sacrifice some for the cause? Can't we, at least, give two or three hours on Sunday to the work and study that means so much to mankind, to our neighbors and to our church?

All indications are that the time is coming, soon, when we will not be allowed to assemble and praise God, and we will look back and wonder why we did not study and work while it was yet called day.

In Matt. 5:13 Christ said "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is good thenceforth for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men."

When you were strong in the faith

and doing the works of God, ye were the salt of the earth, but unless ye continue in the faith and the works, ye shall be cast out!

In Revelation, the church is represented by the candlestick, for it holds up our light that others may see it and be drawn toward the Great Light, Jesus Christ, of whom we are symbols. Rev. 2:5 says "Remember therefore from whence thou

art fallen, and repent, and do the first works: or else I will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

Brothers and Sisters, don't let that happen. Study the scripture and find what is that good and acceptable will of God, and then do it, that you may be a light to the world and the salt of the earth and be considered worthy of eternal life.

Church Succession

Rev. A. B. Talbert, Tulsa, Oklahoma

I have been amused when I heard some one trying to prove their sect or denomination was right by trying to trace church succession.

There would be just as much sense or logic reason for a negro to try to prove he was white by tracing his ancestry to Adam as it would be for any sect or denomination to try to prove they were right by tracing church succession back to the apostles.

There are very few Baptists, now,

that would waste their time on such a theory. I believe I could come about as near as anyone in tracing Baptist succession for I have all of their links, but that would not be proof that we are right, now.

What our great grandparents were has nothing to do with our standing with God. The main thing we should be most concerned about now is, "Do we now teach and practice the things Jesus said we should?"

Build Character and Save the Nation

By Fred Smith, Flint, Michigan

SOME Would tell us that the individual is characterized by distinctive qualities of nature, which might prove to be true if all men were brought up under the same conditions, environment, etc. But since this is not the case, let us say that the individual is characterized by distinctive qualities and those qualities are not always the work of nature, but are apt to be the result of impressions made by either right or wrong environment and training and natural inclinations.

If all humanity was immune to sin, no effort would be required on the part of the individual in steering his or her life along the course of perfection, but since we are sinful by nature, we cannot rise to a state of either moral or spiritual refinement until there has been an effort made on our part. When we begin to exercise our will against our natural sinful inclinations, we have started the process of character building.

Volumes have been written treating upon this subject, therefore your unworthy writer could not hope to

present anything new or anything more instructive than that which has already been written, but to the contrary, I refer you to the oldest and greatest book of instruction in character building ever published, and this book which was written by the greatest authors the world will ever know is the Bible: the inspired Word of God. This book portrays to us the ideal and perfect character, *The Son of God*, and as we undertake the construction of worthy character, may we let Christ be our own ideal, His gospel our blue print, and let His Holy Spirit over-see and direct our every act.

If Christian rights and principles are to be maintained in our land, it will be so as the result of a will on the part of future generations to stand by and protect the sacred rights we now enjoy. That will call for a people with a vision, a determined people, and a Godly people whose characteristics portray something more noble and more powerful than the goodness and power of men within themselves.

True benevolence can find root in our lives only when we let God's will be our will. Like-wise God manifests His power through us only as we surrender unto Him our every resource of soul and body. As we say this, we do not mean to minimize on the importance of self will, but we do want to emphasize God's will first in all things.

Sincere efforts of many people have come to naught because of self-centered motives. All around us we see men failing as the foundation of self-reliance crumbles under the weight of responsibility. A man may plan and destine his life to a degree of success, in his vocation, but unless his purpose in life is more noble and worthy than vanity, he cannot expect to stand secure in his elevated position.

Luke 14:11 "For whosoever exalts himself shall be abased and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." In this verse of Scripture, we are warned of the penalty of self exaltation. Also we have a promise in the latter part of the verse of the reward for humility.

Proverbs 22:4 "By humility and fear of the Lord are riches and honor and life." Self exaltation is limited. The painter on the scaffold cannot ascend higher than the block at the highest point, neither can man ascend to the unexplored heights of true success and immortality unless the Father draw him. The mountain climber, to reach a higher point of altitude, must make secure the rope by which he will climb upward. Surely this teaches that if we are to climb the mountain of success in whatever our vocation in life may be, we must pull ourselves upward by cords of faith that incircle the solid rock, Christ, who was exemplified before the world in a character indistructable and eternal by divine nature. For no other plan has been offered by which we may prosper in this world without trampling under our feet the privileges and heritages of our fellow men, except by the way of Christ. Then how sad is the picture before us today as war minded leaders strive to take by force that which belongs to others.

Under the present circumstances we do not mean to criticize our government officials as we swing into the march of the times in making preparation for the protection of our people from those who would invade this wonderful land of ours, but while we are training our youth in the art

of making war, let us not forget the importance of building character that will keep the morale of our people high and dry above the state of hatred, greed and animosity that exists in many lands today.

Surely the responsibility rests upon the shoulders of the individual to make his or her life a worthy contribution to our God and our fellow men. Generally speaking, so long as we recognize this as our indispensable duty, and respond to the call we will continue to stand as a nation. While the cry of our leaders in government is, "Arm for defense and every man a soldier." Let the church carry high the blood stained banner of Christ and adopt the slogan "Every mem-

ber a consecrated Christian." Let our aim be the eternal salvation of our people, and that our program for future defense be the building of Godly character.

Let us remember that the greatest battles are not fought on the battlefields, but rather in the homes, churches, and in the by ways where Christianity is being taught to boys and girls who will some day constitute a nation that we pray will stand out before the world as a great light pointing the way to peace through Christ.

People and resources make up the nation, but the Characteristics of the people determine the destiny of the nation.

"The Iron Did Swim"

Eld. Bruce Phillips, Springdale, Ark.

"But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water; and he cried and said, Alas, master, for it was borrowed. And the man of God said, where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither; And the iron did swim" 2 Kings 6:5-6.

There was a time in the life of the children of Israel, when the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, "The place where we dwell with thee is too straight for us;" or in other words, too small. So they wanted to go down by Jordon and make them a place there, and Elisha told them to go. And as one was felling a beam, his axe came off the handle. To me, this is a very good comparison for the person who is trying to live in this world without the power of God, and without the joy of salvation. It is pitiful now-a-days at the people we see who are professing a hope in Christ, and are so helpless and powerless in His services. The axe has come off the handle.

This man was helpless and powerless. He couldn't do anything when the axe came off. He still held to the handle, but the main tool for service was gone. When a man or woman loses the joy of salvation they are helpless and powerless. Therefore, they should do like David of old: when he lost the joy of salvation he lost what God gave him with which to work. He still had the spirit but the joy was gone. He asked God to not take the Holy Spirit

from him, but his power was gone; his influence was gone. When that is gone, we have nothing with which to do. He asked God to restore unto him the Joy of Salvation, then he said, "I will teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee." When a person loses the axe off the handle, he or she, as the case may be, is in no condition to teach transgressors the way of God, neither can they lead sinners to Christ nor have any influence among people.

There is always a cause for losing the axe. We all know the nature of an axe handle, especially when the weather is warm, and that's when

most people chop and build, as those people were. The proper thing for that man to have done would have been to make a good wedge and drive it in securely, that morning, before he went to work. But, no doubt, he was in too big a hurry.

Now, dear reader, if you are bothered about the axe of your salvation coming off the handle, the first thing in the morning, drive the old wedge of prayer in securely. We shouldn't get in too big a hurry to get about our work, and forget to meet God in prayer the first in the morning. There are so many things in this day in which we're living to cause people to be led away and lose the joy. So many fail to go to church and Sunday school. Some are indulging in this thing, and that, but we just can't dabble with sin and have the love of God in our hearts.

Now this man was so sorry he had lost the axe, and so was David, and so was I, when I lost the joy, I lost it all. The man said, "Oh, it was borrowed." Yes, it belonged to the other fellow. Well, so does salvation belong to God.

Jonah said, "I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord" Jonah 2:9. Certainly it is of the Lord; it's a gift from God, and he has a satisfying portion for every one that will believe with a whole heart and call upon him. He will keep us supplied if we will stay off the devil's territory and have faith and pray the right prayer.

May God bless the whole Gem family and Bro. and Sister Rollins and their little baby.

Flying Chips from the Chopping Block of Elder T. C. Ferguson

Science has never yet been able to define what life or death is.

Why should we love our enemies? Because we ought to love what we usually make.

You might have more friends if you would quit giving so much advice.

An insinuation is often the worst kind of a lie; excuses are often sugar coated lies.

Wars are fought by boys and suffered by women and children, and paid for by posterity; and usually started by men for selfish gain.

War is organized insanity.

Don't fuss, it sounds foolish.

The love of God is the love of peace.

If you preach about hell these days you usually raise hell.

Missouri Treasurer's Report

Winford Davis, Treasurer, Monett, Mo.

Some have come to me recently for information, which has prompted me to give this explanation in connection with my financial report this month.

First, we will consider the Budget Fund. This is sometimes called the general fund. It is supposed to be raised by each church in the state, raising an amount each year equal to ten cents per resident member, and turned over to the local Association secretary. Then your Associational secretary sends half of the amount to the State Association secretary for state expenses, and keeps the other half in the local Association treasury for expenses there. However any individual may turn in any amount to the budget fund at any time. The budget fund is used for current state expenses, such as printing of state minutes, paying the state dues to the National Association each year, postage for the secretary, printing of receipt books, or any other current expenses in connection with the state work. The budget fund is one of our most important funds. It is one which is badly neglected, too. Pastors, do you see that your church or churches pay their yearly budget? If not, why not?

Next, we will consider the Publishing House Maintenance Fund. We used to call this simply the publishing house fund. But we were building a publishing house then, and now we have it built and paid for. So now, what is needed is funds to maintain this enterprise. I am glad we can say that we do not owe a penny on our publishing house nor the machinery. But there is a continual need of funds for repair work, new machinery is needed, many small items of additional equipment is needed which would help so very much, and insurance on both the building and machinery is to be kept up. A few days ago the editor had to spend around six dollars for an apparatus to go on top of the flue to overcome a down draft, and so it goes. Please don't neglect the funds for the betterment and up-keep of our splendid publishing house concern.

We have been carrying a fund known as the State Entertainment Fund, which was money sent in for the specific and only purpose of helping to buy the eats for the entertainment of those who attend the State Association;

but at the last state meeting a plan was set in order whereby each one attending the State Association will pay a dollar when they get there. So we will not carry the state entertainment fund any longer as this dollar plan will take the place of that.

I am sure you understand that our Foreign Mission Fund is the money you send in for foreign missions, which I in turn send to our National Secretary of Foreign Missions, and he distributes the same out to our good foreign missionaries; the Willeys in Latin America, Sister Yeley in Venezuela, South America, and Sister Barnard in India. There is no more worthy cause than this. Your money goes directly as you intend it.

Our Educational Fund, of course, is that which is being raised to establish a Free Will Baptist School. When you send in funds for that, I in turn send it to Rev. J. R. Davidson of Bryan, Texas, who is our National Secretary of Education. We are constantly swelling the treasury, looking forward to the day when we can establish a worthy school. Don't neglect your giving for this worthy cause, please.

Our other National Enterprises are our Orphanages, one in Tennessee and one in North Carolina; our Superannuation program; and our Home Mission program. All home mission funds, however, are to be sent to Miss Ruby Wood of Desloge, Mo., as she is our state secretary of home missions. But any money you wish to send in for any other one of our national or state enterprises, I will gladly receipt you and will see that the money is placed properly. In fact, all money sent in from any one in this state should come through the state treasury so it will count on our state financial report, and also because that is the business way to do it. I hope this explanation may make these things clear to many minds who may have been wanting to understand it all more clearly. Remember, we can't worship God truly unless we worship with our means.

BUDGET FUND

Monett Church (for Charter of Missouri State Association) .. \$3.00
Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri 1.00

Publishing House Maintenance
Leadington Sunday School\$.81

EDUCATIONAL FUND

Leroy Miller, Novinger, Missouri \$6.00
Alice Dickey, Arcadia, Kansas .. 1.00

FOREIGN MISSION FUND

True Blue Class, Mt. Olive (Neola)
Sunday School \$2.00
Mine La Motte Sunday School .. 2.00
Mt. Olive (Neola) Mission Circle 1.00
Amity Church 4.00
Monett Church 11.15
Merl's Chapel Church 3.75
Shibley's Point Church 1.20
Alice Dickey, Arcadia, Kansas .. 1.00
Hazel Creek Union Church 8.49
Union Third Fork Church 1.00
Leadington Sunday School 2.59
New Harmony Mission Circle .. 5.00
Carterville League 2.20
Niangua Church 2.00
Aurora Sunday School 10.90

Fellowship Church Report Henderson, Texas

*Rev. Tommie Franklin, Pastor
Anna Reed, Reporter*

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a few items from our East Texas Association. We have been privileged to attend our quarterly meetings, yearly association and state association, also our district conventions of our women's work during the past months. Different churches entertain these meetings and we are getting better acquainted. There is much interest being manifested in the work in general; so "we feel like going on." Under the leadership of His spirit and the wisdom He promises for the asking, we aspire to do greater things for Him during the coming year.

On December 17, the Women's District Convention convened with our church. On account of so much rain, our state officers from Bryan could not meet with us as was anticipated. We trust, at some future time, they can meet with us. We spent a very pleasant day together, enjoyed a missionary playlet presented by the Fellowship ladies which was very impressive.

Our church sent two barrels of canned fruit and vegetables as a Thanksgiving offering to our Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Greenville, Tennessee. The East Texas Motor Freight Company of Henderson, Texas, delivered the gift free of charge to its destination, which was certainly appreciated.

We enjoyed a short visit from Bro. and Sister H. M. McAdams on December 16. They have great plans for the future in the Lord's work and are reporting victory in His name.

Letters and Reports

Sandy City F. W. B. Church Catlettsburg, Kentucky

L. E. Colliver, Pastor
Gertrude Bowe, Reporter

Our revival closed with seven souls being saved. There was a wonderful spirit, and each night Bro. Winchell brought a real message. There was hardly a meeting that there wasn't shouting and great rejoicing before it closed. We were sorry that Bro. Winchell became ill, but that in no way hindered the meeting. Brother Winchell was right on the job and preached every night except the last one when he was not able to come to church. We had the privilege of visiting in his home during the past week and are glad that he is improving.

At the present, our pastor is in a wonderful revival meeting at Seco, Kentucky where Rev. Monroe Hubbard is pastor. It was our happy privilege to go to Seco this past week with Brother and Sister Isaac Jordan, and others, to be in the services with Bro. Colliver for two nights. We are glad to report a great meeting. Five were saved the two nights we were there, bringing the total to thirteen that were saved in ten nights. We are glad that God is using Brother Colliver as a means toward souls being saved. He is doing some wonderful preaching, Tuesday night's message being the best we have heard for awhile. His text was, "And he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee;" and a sub-text from Revelations, "Behold, I come quickly."

Also, we don't want to forget to mention those who were so kind and helped us feel at home during our visit at Seco, Kentucky, namely, Rev. and Mrs. Monroe Hubbard, Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Winchell, Rev. and Mrs. Walter L. Hooper, Bro. and Sister Rudd, and many others whose names we do not recall. We pray God's richest blessings upon them.

Some of the preachers who have been so prompt in filling their appointments during our pastor's absence are Rev. C. Z. Cavin of Paintsville, Ky.,

and Rev. Fillmore Gamble of The-Alka, Kentucky; also Rev. Horton Davis, Rev. Steve Adkins, Rev. Butler Hall, and Rev. Hobart Conley.

Brother Cavin and Brother Gamble were on the job, ready, but God saw fit to change the order of the services and the entire preaching hour was taken up with testimonies, shouting, and rejoicing with Bro. Cavin giving a brief talk at the close. It is wonderful what God will do when we let Him lead.

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all" Phillipians 4:23.

Revival at Hannon, Missouri

The revival at Hannon closed Sunday night, November 11, after continuing three and one half weeks, with Rev. Winford Davis as evangelist.

The church and surrounding communities were glad to have Brother Davis with us again in a real soul stirring revival. Bro. Davis pastored the church for three years and conducted five revivals, and is loved by everyone.

We were made to realize that the days of old time revivals are not a thing of the past. We were made to rejoice as we heard the shouts of 31 new born Christians and saw the power of God pouring out such wonderful blessings on the church, as the church was revived in a wonderful way.

We enjoyed wonderful weather and drew large crowds for many many miles. Many that had been in Bro. Davis' meetings before, came as far as 80 miles. We always enjoy the co-operation of neighboring communities and churches and this was no exception.

The latter part of the revival our pastor, Rev. Campbell, was with us. We enjoyed having him as he so ably assisted in every way.

The last Sunday, November 17, immediately following the 11:00 o'clock service, a baptismal service was administered to 19 new converts. Both Evangelist Davis and our pastor, Bro. Campbell, had charge of the service.

There were 18 additions to the church. Two of our much loved young sisters, Mrs. Alice Dickey and Miss Marie Thomas, answered the call to

preach the Gospel. The church is very proud of these two sisters as they are very consecrated to the work of the church. The church requested they be granted their license at the earliest convenient date. Sister Dickey is, at present, assisting Sister Roena Thomas in a revival in east Barton County. Sister Marie brought a sweet message at Hannon last Sunday which was enjoyed by all.

The revival closed with an overflowing house and much interest manifested. It was with much regret we bade Brother Davis good-bye. We hope it will not be so long as before, until he will be with us in another soul stirring, gospel revival. Everyone loves Bro. Davis and Bro. Campbell as they make a wonderful evangelistic team, and so fine for the church to work with. May God bless both of them in all undertakings for the Master.

— Mrs. L. C. Wade, Reporter

First Free Will Baptist Church Porterville, California

Greetings, in Jesus' name to every Gem reader!

We are thankful that the Lord is still blessing our efforts. I can truthfully say, never before have I been with such a happy little band of Christian workers.

While we are few in number, we are still looking forward to erecting a Free Will Baptist church building in the very near future, by the help of God and His people.

While we are trying to hold up the cause by spreading the Gospel, and trying to build up the Free Will Baptist denomination, we need your prayers that God might give us victory over sin and win souls for Him in these awful days.

If anyone has an offering to send to help us out, it would be very highly appreciated.

I trust that God's blessings will be over the entire Gem family. I would be glad to hear from any of my brother preachers, or anyone who reads this letter.

— Eld. C. D. Findley,

R. 2, B. 934, Lindsay, Calif.

New Hope Church Weatherford, Texas

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

As I am sending \$1.00 to renew my subscription for 27 months, I just thought I would drop a few lines to the paper. As I never see anything from New Hope church.

Our church is located ten miles west of Weatherford, Texas. It is an old church. Bro. L. W. Miller organized it 47 years ago, the third day of last September. We are planning on celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the church.

We have recently built a large tabernacle at the church. The ministers conference is to be held at our church in the spring. We had a wonderful revival in the summer. Bro. Covington did the preaching. He is a wonderful preacher.

Bro. John Brooks is our pastor. We have preaching by our pastor on first and third Sundays of each month. We have Sunday School every Sunday and prayer meeting every Wednesday night.

The fifth Sunday meeting is to be at our church in December.

We do not have a reporter from our church, but I wish we did. I enjoy reading the *Gem* so much. We have been taking it for years, while it hasn't been the *Gem* all the time it has been under different names. Bro. S. L. Marris published this same paper at Weatherford several years ago. Pray for me.

—Mrs. R. L. White

Hickory Grove F. W. B. Church Haddam, Kansas

Dear Gem Readers:

Greetings! This finds us happy and rejoicing in the blessings of the Lord. At our last writing, we said that we hoped to have our plans made for a revival by the time our October paper came out.

For about two months before the meeting began, our work seemed to be failing both in our Sunday School and young people's work, until just a week before Bro. McKown came to us our attendance picked up just a little. We began our meeting on Sunday night, October 20, with Eld. John D. McKown as our evangelist.

We labored for two weeks in our revival without any visible results, and were just ready to close services on Sunday night, bringing our meeting to a close, when it seemed God began to move and we had two pre-

cious young people in the altar who prayed through to a glorious experience. With conviction running high, and several hands were held up for prayer, we decided to continue for another week.

On the following Friday night, it seemed the Lord would not let us close with the first invitation hymn, but prompted us to continue the call a little longer, not knowing that we would not be privileged to have another service. We had two souls in the altar and after prayer with them, followed by a testimony meeting, we dismissed to find the Lord was giving us a much needed rain.

We received a nice slow rain on through the night and all through Saturday and Sunday, turning to sleet and snow late Sunday evening, which ended in a blizzard and closed our meeting for the present time. We are not satisfied to see our meeting close this soon but not our will, God's be done. He knows best.

We are hoping and praying that we may have another revival effort later on, as we feel there is still much more to be accomplished as the Lord sees fit to open the way for us. Pray for us that God will lead us on to victory in His name.

—Roy Lee & Elizabeth Hancock.

Pine Creek Quarterly Meeting Wheelerburg, Ohio

Dear Bro. Rollins and Gem Family:
Greetings to you all!

Once more we are glad to report our Pine Creek Quarterly Meeting, held with Powellsville Church, November 23 and 24. We were expecting to have the conference in the beautiful new brick building, but it was not quite ready so we held all of the services in the school building where the congregation has been worshipping since they started to build.

At ten o'clock, our clerk called the conference to order. Bro. Homer Nelson, one of our young preachers, was elected moderator; Eld. Kemper, assistant moderator. The various committees were appointed. The Constitution, By-Laws and Minutes of last session were read.

At eleven o'clock, the pulpit committee announced Elder Bud Durst of the Maigs Quarterly Meeting to bring the message. He used for his text, John 15:5. Bro. Bud is a young preacher but he sure brought a great message which was enjoyed by all.

After the message, dinner was served in the school building which sure was a fine meal.

At one o'clock conference was called to order by Moderator. Letters were read and business was taken up. All seventeen (17) churches reported by letter and delegates. Some good revivals were reported.

We ordained three fine young men to the ministry and licensed one. We had messengers from the following Quarterly Meetings: Lawrence in Ohio, Porter in Ohio, Maigs in Ohio and Johnson County in Kentucky. Bro. F. S. Vanhooose represented the Johnson County Quarterly Meeting. A wonderful spirit prevailed throughout all the services.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Scioto Dale Church, near Sciotoville, Ohio, on the fourth Saturday in February, 1941.

—J. A. Kemper.

Rescue Free Will Baptist Church Whittington, Illinois

More than 20 souls have been redeemed during the past few weeks in a revival campaign in our home church, the Rescue Free Will Baptist, near Whittington, Illinois.

Our former pastor, W. R. Spurlock, and pastor, W. R. Burton, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, have been our leaders. God gave life to each message and each night some wept because of sin and came to Him for forgiveness. Some were reclaimed.

It was a joy to see our enemy defeated and our Savior honored. There are still prayer soldiers in the army of God. We rejoiced as God gave answer and we were able to take the names on our unsaved list and write them on the saved side.

We were made to think with Paul, "O the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and his ways past finding out!" What love!

The Sunday School hours were beautifully spent in study of God's word together.

The young people's services are spiritual.

The Women's Auxiliary had their second meeting. The Holy Spirit was present in all its program.

What a wonderful Savior we have! I rejoice in Him. Today, near Petersburg, Illinois, three souls were saved in another meeting.

—Emma Moore

First Free Will Baptist Church Sapulpa, Oklahoma

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Sapulpa, is greatly honored by having a family of four generations attending the church. The oldest and the youngest placed their birthday offerings in Sunday.

The oldest is Grandpa Connor, 84, who takes active part in singing and church services. He always gives a long and very spiritual testimony. His son, Isaac, is a deacon of the church. His son, Mainard, is Sunday School Superintendent. His son, Dale, is four years of age.

We are also happy to report that the church is progressing very nicely. Our new pastor, Rev. Floyd Test, is doing a good work. Everyone is satisfied and anxious to put their church over for the Lord.

Highland Park F. W. B. Church Highland Park, Michigan

I would like to come in and tell you good people how the Lord is blessing us way up here in Michigan. My, how wonderful God is to His children, and I am really and truly glad I am one of His.

Our church and Sunday School is just doing fine. However, there is some sickness in the neighborhood and that is keeping some away. Our regular attendance is around 110, and I am sure if we let God be our leader, we are sure to go forward.

We have some wonderful prayer meetings, and the Spirit of the Lord is felt by all. Sometimes we get so full our cups have to spill right out over the top.

The first Sunday in November was a great day for us Highland Parkers. The Lord abundantly blessed us throughout the day. One soul was saved in the morning service, and at the evening service, well, our pastor didn't get to preach.

After the wonderful message and the results of one soul being saved in the morning service, we prayed definitely for God to give us just one more soul in the evening service, but He did more than that. After two or three numbers by the choir, a short devotional service was held and several hands went up for prayer. The quartet sang "Heaven Is Nearer Since Mother Is There." My how conviction was upon the sinners.

The service was then changed. An altar call was given and eight souls came to the altar and prayed through

ing in the old time way.

This wonderful week end service marked three years of ministerial work for our pastor, Rev. Raymond Riggs. Some of you readers have seen and heard him, and know what a wonderful man of God he is. We certainly thank God for such people as him, and his wife, Sister Winona.

We earnestly desire the prayers of all God's people, for there is so much worldiness around us and so many people who need God.

Your Sister in Christ

—Mrs. Dephna Martin.

Vance Chapel Church Oilton, Oklahoma

Rev. Hattie Newman, Pastor
Elna Haley, Reporter

Dear Gem Readers:

I hope this report reaches the office in time for the December issue. I wanted to wait until the quarterly meeting of our Association was over, that I might make a report of it. There were fifteen churches represented, and while the weather wasn't what we had hoped for, it could have been worse. Anyway, the meeting was wonderful and a feeling of Christian fellowship prevailed. We heard several soul inspiring messages. On Thursday afternoon, we had an ordination service. We feel that Vance Chapel has been benefited by having the meeting, and although it required a lot of work, we feel that it was worth it. We feel that God is truly blessing us.

On the third Sunday of which the young people have charge, Bro. Evert Brown, a young preacher of Drumright, brought us two good messages and at the close of the night service, seven boys gave their hearts to God for which we are thankful. We are praying that we will continue to live and work in such a way that God will be pleased with us.

Third Free Will Baptist Church St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

We have just closed a very successful five (5) weeks' meeting here, with Elders H. M. and Lizzie McAdams as evangelists. We feel that our church has been greatly strengthened and established in the faith of our Lord.

There were eighteen (18) who professed a hope in Christ and six united with the church. One of these has already gone on to be with the Lord. His death was on Tuesday after unit-

ing with the church on Saturday night.

The McAdams kept house in a Sunday school room in the church. Their provisions were supplied by the church. They received for their labor, \$163.40.

Sister Melba White visited with us the last week of the meeting and gave some real encouraging talks on league and mission work.

There is a real field here for us to work in, and we feel that there is a brighter future for our church.

We have a building plan underway with about \$100.00 already in the treasury. We want every praying person who reads this article to help us pray for a building, and also a real established work here. People working in a city as large as St. Louis have many tricks of the devil to contend with that folks in the country or small towns do not have. We know that God is able to help us. Remember us when you pray.

Yours in Christ,

—Eld. Mark Lewis, Pastor

First Free Will Baptist Church Berkeley City, Missouri

Eld. J. Johnson, Pastor
Sister Alma Henry, Reporter

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

As there has been no report from our church for some time, I will try to write my first report, since our church appointed me as reporter.

We are still on the firing line for God. Our little church is growing and also our Sunday school. God has blessed us with a wonderful pastor, Rev. J. Johnson.

Bro. and Sister McAdams came and held a meeting for a week. They both delivered some good spiritual sermons. We really enjoyed every message. Sister Melba White was with them while they were here, and we were glad to have her with us, too. We hope they will all come back and be with us again. They organized our Ladies Auxiliary by the National plan.

A word about our League for which we are really proud, for we have a group of young folks that are a shining light for God. Our League meets at 6:30 p.m. each Sunday evening and all get a real blessing out of our League lesson. We have wonderful order in our League and an ambitious group of young people to work with. Sister White gave a fine talk at League on Sunday evening, November 17, which we sure did enjoy.

We ask the prayers of all Christians in behalf of our church.

Thompsonville, Illinois

Greetings in the Savior's name:

I will now attempt to write my first letter to the *Gem*, which I cherish so very much.

I am a member of the Union Free Will Baptist church, about three miles southwest of Thompsonville. I am one among a group of young Christian people at our church. I was saved at the age of 14 years, and have been trying, in my weak way, to serve my blessed Master for five years. As a group of Christians, we are willing to serve the Lord and work for Him in every way, but we all need to draw closer to the Lord and have a deeper and richer appreciation of His divine power.

We have the second and fourth Sundays as our regular preaching time, and the Lord has been with us throughout each service. We have our prayer service on Sunday evening and also have prayer service before preaching time. The Lord came in a mighty way at the last Sunday evening service and gave us a great blessing. We had our prayer service, as usual, and the Lord did wonderfully bless. One of the deacons, who is a real Christian man, arose and began to testify about what the Lord had done for him, and a wonderful picture he had seen in his own mind about the beauties of heaven, and it seemed that every Christian could almost see heaven. But on the other hand, while we were all enjoying a taste of heaven, I could not help but think of the poor lost people whom Satan has blinded. When the Christians had testified, the unsaved were given an opportunity to manifest their desire for prayer, to become a Christian, and a lost father raised his hand. After the preaching service, He came along with the Christians for prayer.

We have an evergreen Sunday school of which we are proud, but there is room for improvement. At the present, I am acting as the superintendent. I can say I feel a great responsibility resting upon me, as superintendent, and I need the prayers of everyone.

We also have a Women's Auxiliary, and believe it is proving a great success. We also have "The Jehoida Chest" plan of which Miss Naomi Jones has charge. I believe it is a wonderful plan, for which Sister Lizzie McAdams receives the credit.

Here are the names of the officers of Union Women's Auxiliary:

Miss Flo McClerren President
Mrs. Reathel Jones, 1st. Vice-Pres.
Mrs. Zola McClerren, 2nd Vice-Pres.
Miss Opal McClerren, 3rd. Vice-Pres.
Mrs. Myrtle Jones .. 4th Vice-Pres.
Mrs. Anna Zanter .. 5th Vice-Pres.

Rev. W. M. Jones, church pastor, and the Auxiliary met a short time ago at the home of a sick lady for a prayer service which proved a great blessing. We also sent a Thanksgiving gift to our orphanage in Tennessee. May the Lord bless and lead each woman in the great work in our churches everywhere. There is a great work for each one to do for which we are greatly responsible.

I believe we are now entering into the greatest holiday season that we have. It is a great time of joy and the exchanging of gifts. We have a perfect right to be happy, as it is the birthday of our Christ. But I wonder how many of us stop and think what such a happy time means to us spiritually. It is the beginning of the great plan of salvation that is truly a great gift to the human family. We read in the Bible how Satan tried so hard to destroy Him when He was a babe, and on down through the years of Christ's life, that was his motive. But, thank the Lord, he failed. Yes, Satan is on his job today, poisoning and deceiving people, but he never will succeed in completely destroying the Lord's teachings. I believe there will only be a faithful few scattered over the world when He makes His second advent into the world.

I have written enough this time, so I will close my letter, hoping and praying it has been a blessing to someone. And oh, unsaved, if any should read this letter, listen to the pleading of the Spirit and your good Christian friends and turn to the Lord. It is the best advice anyone could offer you. May the Lord richly bless everyone is my prayer, and don't forget, Christians, to pray for me that I will be what God wants me to be and do what He wants me to do.

From one who loves Jesus,

—Miss Opal McClerren.

Yates Center, Kansas

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I wonder if I may have space in your paper for just a few words. It has been some time since I have written to the *Gem*. I love the *Gem*. It seems like reading a letter from

home. We have subscribed for it and I am happy indeed. I often wonder just what you are all doing. I am still trying to serve the Lord.

We have a church here in the country—a fine group of people to work with, and I feel God is blessing our efforts.

I realize we are living in trying times, but God's grace is sufficient if we trust Him and keep self in the back ground. I feel sometimes that we are too timid when we have a chance to testify for Jesus. I tried a few Sunday nights ago to preach on the subject of being ashamed of Jesus. Paul said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Greek" Rom. 1:16. Indeed, we, who have been born again, can say with Paul that the Gospel is power unto salvation. May God bless you all is my prayer.

—W. E. Friend.

Highland Park, Michigan

Dear Editor:

Just a few lines from Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church to tell of the wonderful time that we have with the Lord.

The last Sunday, especially, was one that we (a lot of us) will remember for a long time. It was the first Communion and feet washing service that we had in our new church; second in the history of the church here. About 40 took part in the service; more in taking of bread and wine. It was a very touching service. Bro. Ernest Riggs (Bro. Raymond's father) preached that night explaining, very thoroughly, why we believe in feet washing, giving all reasons in detail that everyone must have understood him. Bro. Raymond preached the morning sermon on the Lord's supper. It was a wonderful day filled with services for the Lord.

Our young people are especially worth mentioning. Three months ago, we could not get enough together to have a meeting, but now there are around thirty, more at times, present each Sunday at 6:00 p. m. and my what good times we are having. Personally, I feel that the classes from 15 to 30 are the life of a church. That is why we must hold them, and if we are able to hold them throughout those years, our church will grow and our young generation will grow in grace, which is of the

utmost importance to every true Christian man or woman.

Lets do everything we can to help our young people. Above all, lets do not look for faults and errors that they might make. There is only one judge that is over all of us, young and all, our Great God.

Our church is growing, but very slowly. The main thing is that we are not standing still. A few have left us, to our great sorrow, for whom we are still praying at each prayer meeting, but new ones are coming in all along. Some have already taken responsibilities upon themselves as teachers, etc. Lets give all praise to the Lord and not to anything that we might have done.

At present all classes are planning a Christmas program which, as we feel, should draw others to our doors that otherwise would not come to church. Many conversions have resulted from such a program. We are praying to that effect again this time. May God bless other churches throughout the land in their efforts.

Yours in Christ,

— V. S. Versmick.

Report of Revivals at Amity and Merls Chapel Churches

We will give a brief report of two revivals which God has permitted us to be in recently.

On Monday night, October 7, we began a meeting at the Amity church, near Niangua, Mo., with Bro. John Swaffar, the pastor. We found the church in harmony and ready to work. We were in this meeting two weeks. God gave us a real old time revival in the church. There were seven conversions and renewals. We appreciated working with these good people and especially the teacher of the Amity school, Bro. Clarence Dunn, who is such a devoted Christian. At the time for the day service, he would dismiss school, and together with the children, made their way down the road, one-half mile, to the church. How much differently conditions would be today if every teacher in our schools were real Christians.

On the second Sunday in November, we began a meeting at Merl's Chapel church, near Cassville, Mo., with Bro. W. K. Weston, the pastor. This meeting continued until December 8, with six conversions and renewals. God gave us another real revival in the church.

We really appreciate working with pastors and their churches who are on fire for God.

We are expecting Bro. Winford Davis to begin a meeting here with us in Monett about the first of the year.

— Rev. O. T. Allred.

Rescue Church Report Whittington, Illinois

Dear Editor:

May I have a small space in your paper for a brief report of Rescue Free Will Baptist Church, located near Whittington, in Southern Illinois?

We have our regular church services the second and fourth Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night of each month with the pastor, Rev. W. R. Burton, bringing fine inspiring messages at each service.

We have an attendance of about 90. Bro. Henry Britton is our new superintendent. On the Sunday nights we do not have preaching, we have our prayer meeting. We also have young people's league every Sunday evening which is progressing nicely under the leadership of Miss Mildred Whittington, a fine Christian young lady.

In September, Mrs. McAdams and Mrs. Curtis visited us and organized the women's auxiliary. We held our first meeting the third Friday in October.

The ladies' aid meets every Wednesday to quilt. The president, Mrs. Nancy Fryar, has surely been faithful to her work, and under her guidance they have been doing a great work for the church.

— Delpha Nangle.

Merl's Chapel Mission Report Cassville, Missouri

We have not given a report of our work for some time, but our little mission has not been idle. Our earnings and dues have perhaps amounted to something over sixty dollars for the year, and while this is not a large sum, it has been so carefully

distributed by our faithful treasurer, according to the plan given for state and local work, that we feel that good has been accomplished. We have enjoyed the work and have felt that we had a little place to work in the Lord's great vineyard. We are just thankful that He allows us to do some of the little things for Him. He has done so much for us, and we know we can never repay Him, but we want to do what little we can.

The mission has quilted three quilts and has done a lot of other work. but one item of business your reporter is especially anxious to tell about is the work done on September 6. Mr. Brown and your reporter had been behind with their work owing to sickness in the home, and the Mission Circle voted to have a work day at our home to help us catch up. So the ladies all invited their husbands to come with them, and they worked outside while the ladies worked inside. I will just say here that this is one of the reasons why our Mission circle has been able to do so much work; whenever they have a job of carpentering or repairing or other hard jobs to do, they invite their husbands to come along and help them, and so far as I have been able to find out their invitations have never been refused. May God bless the good men as well as the good women. We are glad that the Lord knows all about these willing workers and He never forgets.

We will not have space to tell about all the work that was done that day, but among other things a much needed new smoke house was built, and a lot of canning was done. Then at noon we had such a good covered dish dinner out under the trees provided by the thoughtful ladies. We certainly did enjoy the day and the fellowship of these dear people.

May we all try to be more helpful and faithful and true, for that is what the Lord wants His people to be.

Grace Irene Brown, Reporter,
Montene Starnes, Assistant.

Obituaries

RICE — Mrs. Margaret Odell Rice, daughter of the late Joseph and Margaret Bone, was born in Potosi, Missouri, on May 2, 1860, and passed away at her home near Bonne Terre, Missouri on Friday morning November

15, 1940, at 5:15 a. m., at the age of 80 years, 6 months and 4 days.

She was united in marriage in 1886 to Thomas Rice, who preceded her in death. Twelve children blessed this home, two of whom died in infancy

and George, of Detroit, died two years ago. Those surviving are Rev. Charley Rice of England, Arkansas; Henry. Tom, Ellen (Mrs. Leo Murphy) and Mrs. Ida Horn of St. Louis, Mo.; James Rice of Bonne Terre, Mo.; Mrs. Anna Newberry of Desloge, Mo.; and Mrs. Amanda Ashlock and Mary (Mrs. Frank) Strnad of Detroit, Michigan; also 23 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; and other relatives and a host of friends.

She was converted many years ago, and, at the time of her death, was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church of Desloge, Missouri, where funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock by one of her former pastors, Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin of Henderson, Texas, assisted by Rev. C. B. Dees, pastor of the church. Burial was made in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery near Herods Farm with Boyer Service of Desloge in charge.

HARBINSON—John Redburn Winfield Harbinson was born three miles northeast of Myrtle, Missouri, September 10, 1867, the son of Geo. C. and Margaret M. Harbison, where he grew to manhood.

He was converted July 10, 1884, and on the third Sunday in September following, he was baptized by Manuel Jackson into the Missionary Baptist Church. He was united in marriage to Rena E. Campbell, January 13, 1887. To this union were born six children: Geo. O. Harbinson of Zeigler, Ill.; Ethnoore C. Harbinson of Bono, Ark.; Elba Harbinson of Myrtle, Mo.; Verna S. Smith of Batesville, Ark.; and Jesse Harbinson of Moorewood, California. He is also survived by 26 grandchildren; three grand children preceded him in death.

He was taken into the Free Will Baptist Church in 1900 as a charter member of Bethany Church. He was licensed by the Cave Spring Association in August, 1903; ordained in August, 1940, to the ministry at Oak Grove Church of the Cave Spring Free Will Baptist Association.

He entered the Elm Store Lodge No. 442 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows on Saturday night before the fourth Sunday in September 1907. His lodge soon went defunct but he ever cherished in his heart the principles of Odd Fellowship.

He passed from this life to the beyond at a good old age on the 6th day of November, at 7:00 o'clock a. m., making his age 73 years, 1 month, and 26 days.

Funeral services were conducted at the Mill Creek church by Rev. Clarence Dodson and Rev. Sam Bell, Friday November 8. Burial was made in the Myrtle Cemetery under the direction of Leo Carr Funeral Home.

BRUNER—Mrs. Rosa Jane Bruner was born in Grayson County, Texas, March 4, 1878, and departed this life November 18, 1940, at the age of 62 years, 8 months and 14 days. Survivors are her husband, Mr. Joseph Bruner; four children, three sons, Roy, Bill and Alfred, one daughter, Mrs. Maud Williams of Francis, Oklahoma; one brother, O. F. Akin of Francis, Okla.; 17 grand children; and one great grandchild.

She was converted in early childhood and united with the Cedar Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Francis, Oklahoma, in 1911, moving her membership to the Tulsa church in 1927. She has lived a faithful Christian life and was an ardent church member until death.

Bro. and Sister Bruner were united in marriage 47 years ago on November 19. She preceded this anniversary in death, 15½ hours. They were married at Daugherty, Okla., Indian Territory. To this union was born five children; one preceding her in death 41 years ago, the other children survive. Bro. and Sister Bruner were in the general mercantile business 14 years at Dawson, Oklahoma. Sister Bruner has been in failing health for the past two years.

Humbly we submit to the will of our Heavenly Father. Mrs. Bruner's funeral was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., and laid to rest in the Free Will Baptist Cemetery near Sapulpa, Okla.; Rev. Melvin Bingham, officiating.

BUTLER—Rheuben Henry Butler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Butler, was born December 6, 1863, in Leclde County, Missouri, and departed this life at his home near Blue Eye, Mo., December 3, 1940, being, at the time of his passing, 76 years, 11 month, and 28 days old.

He was married to Mary Etta Avery, March 24, 1889. To this union was born six children, the oldest son having passed away in infancy.

The children surviving are Otis D., Mrs. Mack Fultz, William Wilson, and Mrs. Ora Fanning, all of the Blue Eye vicinity. Besides the widow and the children, he also leaves one brother,

W. G. Butler; one sister, Mrs. John Dodgen; nine grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

He has spent practically all his life in this community, and has always been highly respected in the neighborhood, and considered one of the most upright citizens. He at one time had an experience with the Lord, and, though he never publicly confessed it, he talked often of it and lived a life of prayer to the end.

He will be greatly missed in the home and community. But we bow in submission to the Father's will, feeling confident that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Funeral service was conducted in the Free Will Baptist church in Blue Eye, by Rev. Winford Davis, assisted by the pastor of the Blue Eye Baptist church, Rev. Ela Shahan. The song service was in charge of Rev. and Mrs. Noel Greenway. The Nelson Undertaking Company of Berryville, Arkansas had charge of the funeral. The church was filled to its capacity with relatives, sympathizing neighbors and friends.

MACKEY—James Andrew Mackey, son of the late Andrew J. and Martha Pennel Mackey, was born July 22, 1884, having reached the age of 56 years, 4 months, and 2 days. He passed away at his home Sunday, November 24, 2:15 p. m.

He was united in marriage to Elia Mae Terry, June 9, 1911. To this union was born one son, Hershel. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife and son and four grandchildren, all of the home; four sisters, Mrs. Pearl Stewart of Monett, Mo., Mrs. Norma Thomas of Everett, Washington, Mrs. Blanche Prior of Purdy, Mo., and Mrs. Alice Boyd of Fayetteville, Ark.; two brothers, Arch and Alvia of the home community; also a host of other relatives and friends. Just a few days before passing he left this message as a testimony to his faith, "I am ready to go." Being one of the communities foremost civic leaders of a very strong, upright, and honorable character, he will be sadly missed by all.

Funeral service was conducted at the Arnhart church in the presence of an extremely large audience by Rev. Winford Davis, assisted by Rev. O. M. Ennis. Interment was made in the Arnhart cemetery.

—Contributed by a sympathizing friend

ROGERS—I want to send in an obituary of our beloved brother in Christ, Walter Lee Rogers, who died September 25, 1940.

Bro. Rogers was, at the time of his death, the superintendent of our Sunday school at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Poteau, Oklahoma, and was loved by all who knew him.

Bro. Rogers was born March 9, 1872, was saved in June, 1937, joined the

Free Will Baptist church and was an active member until death. He leaves a vacancy in our hearts, church and Sunday school that can never be entirely filled by another.

Survivors are his wife and two children of the home at Wister, Okla., and a father, of Wister. Our loss is Heaven's gain for a soul as noble and righteous will be a gain in any congregation of the Lord.

—Andrew Dugan.

- Poems -

IN MEMORY

In memory of Rev. W. C. Hill, St. Louis, Missouri, a loving husband and father, who passed away January 8, 1940.

Our father has gone to a happy place,
to be forever blest;
He there can see the Savior's face
And on His bosom rest.

Filled with delight, his raptured soul
Would here no longer stay;
Though Jordan's waves around him
roll,
Fearless he marched away.

There, on those high and flowery
plains,

His spirit shall never tire;
But in perpetual, joyful strains,
Redeeming love admire.

And some may think that we'll forget,
Because on earth he is no more,
But in memory he is with us,
As he always was before.

Days of sadness will come to us,
Secret tears may often flow,
Memory keeps him with us always.
But in death we all must go.

But we won't forget you, daddy,
Tho' you've left us and gone on,
For some day we hope to meet you
At the breaking of the dawn.

—Mrs. B. McCauley.

MY GOAL

By Ralph Cannady, Durham, N. C.

I love the presence of my Lord,
A closer walk with Him;
But I must shun the things of sin.
If He should dwell within.

I love for peace to rule and reign
Among God's people, yes;
But we must ever walk with Him
Before we can be blessed.

I love to gaze on yonder hills,
Our souls must need be fed;
But we shall hunger forever more
Unless we eat God's bread.

I cannot see or understand,
Some things we must not know;
But, Lord, I want to walk with Thee
In peace wherever I go.

I want to build my hopes above
Where souls shall never die;
But while I live on earth remain,
My goal still lives on high.

When storms shall rise—against me
blow—

On solid rock I'll stand;
If I have walked in peace with Thee,
I'll fear no sinking sand.

THE FAITHFUL FEW

Written by Margaret Odell Rice,
July 16, 1940, age 80 years.

When the meeting is called to order,
And you look around the room;
You're sure to see some faces,
That from out the shadows loom;
They are always at the meeting,
And they stay until it's through;
The ones that I would mention
Are the always faithful few.

They fill the many places,
And are always on the spot;
No matter what the weather,
Though it may be awful hot;
It may be dark and rainy,
But they are tried and true;
The ones that you rely upon
Are the always faithful few.

There's lots of worthy members,
Who will come when in the mood;
When every thing is convenient,
They can do a little good;
They're a factor in the meeting,
And are necessary too;
But the ones that never fail us
Are the always faithful few.

If it were not for these faithful
Who's shoulders are at the wheel,
Keeping God's works moving
With a holt or reel;
What would be the fate of the meeting
Where we claim so much to do?
They surely would be failures
If it wasn't for the faithful few.

GOD'S MESSENGER

By Clell Preston, Seco, Ky.

A stranger came to us one day,
Sent by God to preach and pray;
He told how Christ would come again,
To gather all his children in.
Every night for three short weeks
The stranger to us, so gently speaks,
Until our love for him entwined
And found to be, a brother kind.
Each night we thought his sermon best
And took him in to be our guest;
We thank the Lord for the time he spent
And for many sinners that did repent.

His statue was not so very great,
He only weighed one hundred eight;
But the power he brought was from
above
That gave for him this wondrous
love.

The Seco Church will not forget,
This good preacher that left his net;
Who, like old Peter, followed the Lord
To preach His everlasting word.

From every eye tears were shed,
When last good-bye to him was said;
We never shall forget the day,
We still can hear him preach and
pray.

We pray that God give power divine,
And keep him on His battle line;
That many souls may, through this
man,
Be brought to Christ and saved from
sin. AMEN.

Dedicated to Rev. L. E. Collier,
Ashland, Kentucky, for the revival
at the Free Will Baptist Church of
Seco, Kentucky.

WHY NOT?

By Dorothy Lovell, Cassville, Mo.

Life is what we make it,
In this wicked world of woe;
Why not have a happy life
And have promise of tomorrow?

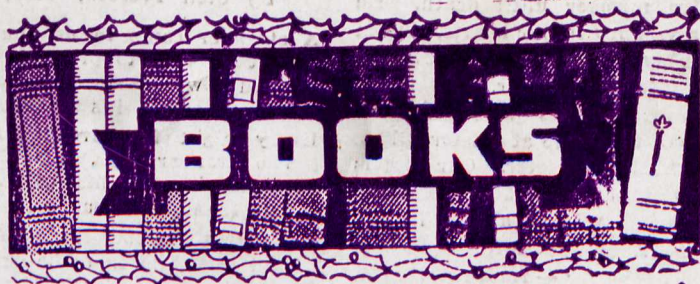
God has promised joy and gladness
And sweet peace along the way;
Why not try a very good Friend,
Who'll stay with us day by day?

He has promised life eternal
For us all who will obey;
Why not trust a Friend so good and
true,
Heedless to the things that others
say?

He has promised sweet rest to us,
When our work on earth is done;
Why not say, "Yes Lord, have your
way,"

And have that rest when our race
is won?

He promises us so many things,
We cannot begin to name them all;
Let us stay with our best Friend,
And be ready when we hear His
call.



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