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— Winford Davis, Treas.

## The Church Collection

I bought some gasoline,  
I went to the show,  
I got some new tubes for my big Radio.  
I bought candy and peanuts,  
Nut bars and ice cream;  
While my salary lasted  
Life sure was a scream.

It takes careful planning  
To make money go around,  
One's method of finance  
Must always be sound;  
With habits quite costly  
It's real hard to save,  
Why my wife spent six bucks  
On a permanent wave!

The church came around begging,  
It sure made me sore,  
If they'd leave me alone  
I'd give a lot more;  
They have plenty of nerve  
They forgot all the past—  
I gave them a dollar  
The year before last.

— Selected by Edith Blair.



# Program of the National Association

Free Will Baptist Church, - Drumright, Okla., - July 13 to 18, 1941

## Sunday Night

*Opening of National Sunday School Convention*

- 7:45 — Song and Prayer Service: Rev. Marvin Dalton, Tulsa, Oklahoma.  
8:15 — Sermon: Rev. Damon Dodd, Flat River, Missouri.

## Monday Morning

- 9:00 — National Sunday School Convention.

## Monday Afternoon

- 1:30 — National Sunday School Convention.

## Monday Night

*Opening of National Woman's Auxiliary Convention*

- 7:30 — Song Service; Devotional: Rev. Mrs. Elsie M. Curtis, Herrin, Illinois.  
8:00 — Sermon: Rev. J. R. Davidson, Bryan, Texas.

## Tuesday Morning

- 8:45 — National Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

## Tuesday Afternoon

- 1:30 — National Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

## Tuesday Night

- 7:30 — Song Service; Devotional.  
8:00 — Sermon: Rev. James F. Miller, Novinger, Missouri.

## Wednesday Morning

*Opening of National Association Proper*

- 8:45 — Devotional: Rev. Kenneth Turner, Monett, Missouri  
9:00 — Association called to order by the clerk; Moderator takes charge. Appointment of Quorum Committee. Letters called for from the various states; Accepting of letters and seating of delegates, right hand of fellowship.  
9:30 — Election of Officers.  
Appointment of Committee on Committees.  
10:00 — Welcome Address by the Ministerial of Drumright, Oklahoma.  
10:30 — Report of Executive Committee of the General Board: Rev. Henry Melvin, Chairman.  
10:45 — Report of National Secretary: Rev. L. R. Ennis.  
11:00 — Song and Prayer Service.  
11:20 — Associational Sermon: Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri.  
12:00 — Lunch.

## Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:30 — Devotional: Miss Jean Welch, Nashville, Tennessee.  
1:45 — Miscellaneous Business Period: Reading of minutes of morning session, enrollment of delegates and ministers late in arriving, report of Committee on Committees, report of Credentials Committee.  
2:15 — Moderator's Message.  
2:45 — Report of Woman's Auxiliary Convention.  
3:00 — Report of Sunday School Convention.  
3:15 — Report of Free Will Baptist League Board.  
3:30 — Report of North Carolina Orphanage Work: Rev. J. A. Evans Superintendent.  
3:45 — Report of Tennessee Orphanage Work: Mr. I. L. Stanley, Superintendent.  
4:00 — Adjournment.

## Wednesday Night

- 7:30 — Song Service.  
8:00 — Sermon: Rev. M. E. Tyson, North Carolina.

## Thursday Morning

- 8:45 — Devotional: Rev. Aston Pegues, Normangee, Texas.  
9:00 — Business Period: Reading of minutes of Wednesday session, enrollment of delegates and ministers late in arriving, reports of temporary committees: Publicity, Business Resolutions, Entertainment Fee Committee and others.  
10:30 — Report of Home Mission Board: Rev. M. L. Hoilis, Chairman.  
11:00 — Song and Prayer Service.  
11:20 — Sermon: Rev. Robert Crawford, Ashland City, Tennessee.  
12:00 — Lunch

## Thursday Afternoon

- 1:30 — Devotional: Rev. Floyd Cherry, Dothan, Alabama.  
1:45 — Business Period: Reading of minutes of morning session, further reports of temporary Committees.  
2:00 — Report of Foreign Mission Board: Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, Chairman.  
2:20 — Report of Superannuation Board: Mrs. J. E. Simpson, Chairman.  
2:40 — Report of Board of Education: Rev. J. R. Davidson, Chairman.  
3:00 — Report of Denominational Publications: Rev. J. R. Bennett; Rev. J. B. Rollins.  
3:30 — Business Period: Committee reports, selection of next meeting of the Association.  
4:00 — Adjournment.

## Thursday Night

- 7:30 — Song Service; Devotional.  
8:00 — Sermon: Rev. L. E. Ballard, Greenville, North Carolina.

## Friday Morning

- 8:45 — Devotional: Rev. Monroe Hubbard, Jenkins, Ky.  
9:00 — Business Period: Reading of minutes of Wednesday and Thursday sessions, final reports of all committees, treasurer's report, decision on number and distribution of minutes, completion of all unfinished business.  
11:15 — Report of National Statistician, Rev. Clarence Bowen.  
11:30 — Testimony Service.  
12:00 — Final Adjournment.

*Directors of Music:* We have no special choices. Chorus directors and devotional leaders and vacancies will be supplied by this committee:

Rev. E. E. Morris, Chairman,  
Bro. W. E. Coville,  
Rev. L. E. Duncan.



## The Joint-Meeting of Missouri Boards

C. B. Dees, Secretary Executive Board, Desloge, Missouri

The Executive Board and the Publication Committee of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists met in a joint-session at the Gem Office in Monett at 2:30 p.m., May 13, 1941. Rev. James F. Miller, who is Moderator of the Missouri State Association and Chairman when these two Boards are in session together, was present to call the meeting to order by reading a Scripture lesson from Ephesians 3rd chapter and calling for prayer, which was led by Rev. Cecil Campbell.

Members of the Executive Board present were: B. F. Brown, Arlie Hoover, Cecil Campbell, and C. B. Dees.

Members of the Publication Committee present were: James F. Miller, Winford Davis, B. F. Brown, H. H. Filkins as proxy for John Peterson, and O. T. Allred as proxy for Frank Mikel.

John B. Rollins was elected as a member of the Publication Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. E. T. House.

The purpose of the meeting was outlined by John B. Rollins as involving two major items of business -- Incorporation of the State Association, and the increasing business of publication.

The matter of incorporating the State Association has been hanging fire since the state meeting last fall. The matter was thoroughly discussed by the brethren, after which, Attorney J. M. Sater was called in council with us and he gave valuable legal advice. After hearing Mr. Sater, the Committee agreed to have him start the proceedings again and incorporate according to Article IV. of the Constitution of the State Association which provides that the Board of Trustees shall be the corporate name and business agency of the State Association.

The discussion of Publication and the Editor's report revealed that the business of the Gem Office has increased, and is still increasing in such proportions that the equipment is inadequate to meet the demand.

After discussing these matters until it was getting late, a committee was appointed to present written proposals at 6:30 p.m. The committee was John B. Rollins, Winford Davis, and Cecil Campbell. The committee reported as follows:

Be it Resolved, That we give the Woman's Auxiliary four pages of the Gem for three months following the National Association, during which

time we will expect support from the Auxiliary to the amount of 500 additional subscribers to the Gem. Thereafter, if the prospect for their continued support is hopeful, we authorize that four pages be added to allow them space in excess of the present size of our Gem.

Furthermore, we authorize our Editor to come to terms with the Auxiliary, within the limits of these precepts, with whatever other considerations may be wise in his sight.

Due to the increase in business in the Gem Office, and the inadequate equipment to care for the same, we recommend that steps be taken to

raise funds to buy new and better equipment.

Be it Resolved, That the publication Committee submit to the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists the following plan for raising the much needed funds:

Fund be set at \$2,500.00

To be raised as follows:

By \$10.00 donations by interested parties to be paid by the time of the State Association.

By \$5.00 donations to be paid by the same time.

By \$1.00 donations to be paid by the same time.

All funds are to be used to purchase equipment as received by the State Secretary.

A number of the Board members stayed and enjoyed, with the Monett Church, a good sermon by James F. Miller.

## Better Equipment for the Gem Office

By John B. Rollins, Monett, Missouri

We rejoice to announce again, as we have announced all along through the past few years, that the Gem is growing! The business of the Gem Office has grown to such proportions that the present equipment is inadequate to care for the business and operate with a profit. We must have NEW and BETTER equipment.

The people of Missouri were encouraged, a few years ago, to contribute to a fund that was to be used to build a new publishing house and to buy the former Editor's interest in the equipment used to print the Gem. This was very graciously done, and the fund contributed amounted to about \$2,800.

During the two years we have operated in the new building, the people have heard the present Editor blast away at the gates of success by contending that we rally for more support and put the Gem Office on a paying basis.

Last fall, we asked our people for 500 new subscribers. Within two months, 400 new subscribers were secured, and now we are surging forward then backward, but all the while nearing the 500 mark. We offer heart-felt thanks to the people, praise to God, and honor to whom honor is due. This leaves our subscription list standing at 1700.

Prospects are brighter now than ever before. The circulation of the Gem is promising, and we are facing the greatest season of production we ever saw. Our last season forced us to operate two shifts (16 hours) a day, and with all the assistance I could employ, our equipment just isn't labor-

saving enough to allow any profits.

We cannot continue to advance with our present equipment. We must have something else.

If the Gem Office was self-supporting enough, we would buy the needed equipment and say nothing about it. We cannot quite do that, but as an incentive to Missouri people and all others who may wish to contribute, the Gem Office is able to contribute \$240.00 a year toward buying new and better equipment. This is evidence that the Gem is climbing toward a self supporting position. We need just a little more help and co-operation toward reaching that goal. Will you help us?

We may be beggars, but we are a little choicy. If there should be any who would give grudgingly after high-pressure is used, we have just this to say: We don't want your old money, stick it in your pocket and go somewhere else with it. We are going to do this with gifts from those who give cheerfully, as unto the Lord, who keep sweet about it and are able to receive the blessings of God for it.

One day, Jim Miller took up a collection, in Missouri, that amounted to \$1,500.00 then he called for a song, and, my, how God did bless hearts and how the people did shout His praises. They gave CHEERFULLY, and that is the kind God accepts, and we don't want anything He won't accept.

Those who can give CHEERFULLY, sent it to Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri, and may God bless you.

Yours for a better Gem,



# "State" Controls "Church" by Incorporations

## Special Editorial Article

A CORPORATION is a society authorized by the law of the State to act as one individual. To incorporate, therefore, simply means "to form into a body," and that formation authorized and recognized by the laws of the land.

A Christian Church is an organized body of believers in Christ, and that body is One Body, the body of Christ, so authorized by heaven and is recognized and governed by the law of the Lord which is perfect, converting the soul.

It seems incredible that a body with such divine origin and heavenly authority, as the Church, would stoop to the lower realms of the State to receive a "pat on the shoulder," and be formed into another body which is not the Body of Christ.

It is a fact that we are *IN* the world, though we do not have to be *OF* the world, but while we are *in* the world and acquire property which is real estate and belongs to the world and will perish with the world, then the Church seeks protection of the State for its worldly goods. When this becomes necessary, there are varied and conflicting terms offered, and the wise may choose wisely and avoid many pitfalls. Christian institutions—colleges, publishing houses, hospitals, orphanages, mission stations, libraries, etc.—must have sufficient worldly property in which to operate. It is considered advisable, in this case, for the Church to seek property protection by the State while it serves the spiritual welfare of the public.

The most lamentable day in the history of that part of the Church of God, known as Free Will Baptists, was in the year 1892 when The General Conference incorporated. The General Conference was the national organization of Free Will Baptists, and the incorporation enveloped the WHOLE denomination. THAT was the secret to our downfall in 1910.

There are two major policies in the science of incorporating; two schools of thought regarding corporations:

Baptist polity is to incorporate institutions, as such, and their controlling boards, but not the denomination as a whole.

Methodist polity is to incorporate the denomination, as such.

There are advantages and disadvantages in both policies. The in-



The Editor

corporated denomination has tremendous borrowing power that the denomination with incorporated institutions does not have. Denominations with incorporated institutions avoid a terrible pitfall to which the incorporated denomination is exposed and endangered.

The most fundamental law of a corporation is that the majority rules. It is right to be democratic, but to have a democracy with the legislative and executive branches only is to have an unbalanced government—the judicial branch is needed. It is right for a locomotive to have drivers on the wheels, but they cannot drive smoothly without the counterbalances on the wheels also.

By certain politicking, an incorporated denomination can vote a condition into existence, and with one stroke of a pen the thing be forever settled. In Ocean Park, Maine, in 1910, the General Conference of Free Will Baptists (an incorporated denomination) voted to give ourselves away to the Northern Baptists. Majority vote carried. The Nebraska Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists were 100% in opposition to the merger, but she was a minor part of an incorporated denomination and she was subject, by law, to the majority. This explains why Nebraska could not save her property even after engaging in three major court battles. Nebraska didn't want to, but she suffered a 100% loss, and now, withdrawn from that scene these thirty years, there is not a dime's worth of Free Will Baptist property in Nebraska. It is a fact, that with one stroke of a pen, every institution and many churches were struck off the Free Will Baptist map.

The same is true of the Missouri

Conference of Methodist Protestants. The Missouri Conference did not want to merge with the big Methodists in the recent merger, but she was a minor part of an incorporated denomination which said, "Merge," therefore, the Missouri Conference is forced to lose her identity and every dime's worth of property she holds.

For what purpose is this incorporation idea, anyhow? Of late years, our resurrected denomination is becoming corporation-minded, and to what purpose? We ought to know, by this time, that fire burns. With respect to our Methodist brethren, and in the face of history, I declare that a denomination has no business to incorporate.

The Missouri State Association voted, last fall, to incorporate. The idea was to secure protection for our one institutional property—The Gem Publishing House. The recent board meeting in Monett changed the course—a judicial duty in our Free Will Baptist DEMOCRACY: praise God for democracy;

It is wise to incorporate institutional boards only when institutional property is involved. Then should the Missouri State Association vote overwhelmingly to join the Methodists, only those churches who wished would join and those who did not wish would not be forced to join. Furthermore, five churches (an insignificant minority) could say, "No, we will remain the Missouri State Association" and they could retain and control our one institutional property—The Free Will Baptist Gem.

For fear that some of my brethren may misunderstand my purpose, I wish to set forth my real ambition. The history of Free Will Baptists is, more or less, lying dormant in the hearts and lives of the new and present generation of Free Will Baptists. A generation of younger men and women has risen and are carrying on nobly.

I do not resurrect the history of our past glorious achievements, and the memory of our terrible down-sittings, without a purpose. These are examples!

We can steer clear of the pitfalls that ensnared our fathers and attain unto the same high and glorious position in spiritual administration—and even surpass it. I am progressive! We are moving forward with a most wonderful leadership of consecrated, devoted, righteous men and women and the Holy Spirit in their lives and ours.



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We are "laborers together with God"  
as we

"Launch out into the deep"  
of

- I. ENLISTMENT
- II. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
- III. MISSIONS
- IV. STEWARDSHIP
- V. BENEVOLENCES

"Big people forget their enemies,  
if they have them, or at least they  
pay no attention to them."

—G. M. Adams.

### A Correction

The first paragraph and the second sentence of "Editorial Outlook" on page 5, of the May, 1941, issue of the *Gem*, reads as follows: "The Woman's Auxiliary Convention, auxiliary to the National Association of Free Will Baptists, provides for the cost of the printing of these two trial issues." This editorial was prepared

for other Auxiliary literature to be proposed later. In our haste to get the material to the publishers for our first pages in the *Gem*, our hands got on this material meant for another place for Auxiliary literature; thus causing this statement to appear in print.

As a matter of fact, these four pages are purely an experiment that our women may know by our July annual meeting whether they wish these four pages monthly or to continue with our present Year Book plan.

Please forgive the error! —Editor.

### SILENT PRAYER —

We cannot express in words, O Christ, what thy sacrifice means to us, but may we try to express it with our lives. Thou hast died for men; let us live for them, but if need be, also die, gladly, in thy name. Amen.

### Our Denominational Papers Luxuries or Necessities

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Pres. Nat'l. W. A.

AS I am so vitally interested in the promotion of our Woman's work along the various avenues through which we have access for service, I have given some serious thought relative to our Church papers.

I am convinced that without these, our denominational life would not be at all in as prosperous condition as it is today. The fact that there are yet many hundreds of families without either the *Free Will Baptist* paper, or the *Gem*, or other religious literature, for that matter, is a thing that should concern all active, progressive Free Will Baptists everywhere, especially is this true in regards to our Woman's work. There may be some who will say that these papers are luxuries, that they cannot afford to have them in their homes—the thing I am concerned about is, how they can afford NOT to have them. The most of us subscribe to, and read our news papers, that cost far more than the small amount asked for our denominational papers.

To my mind, we cannot hope to educate our people properly, relative to the denominational program of our church, without the constant use of our Church papers. I am sure this is not an exaggeration regarding our

Auxiliary activities. One of the great hindrances to our Cause has been the need of a greater number of our women becoming so interested in the work, that they will realize the importance of good reading matter, that they may learn more of our church life, of God's will concerning us and of doing everything possible to improve themselves to that extent that may become better workers in the Lord's vineyard. Our duty, as I see it, is that each woman who is a member of any branch of our Auxiliary work, subscribe to our church papers and study the program of our church, and so familiarize herself with its plans and its aims, that she may be called an "approved worker".

As June is to be our National Educational month, at which time this important phase of our program is to be stressed, it becomes very necessary for our women to thoroughly acquaint themselves with all the facts concerning it, and I know of no better way than through the pages of our Church papers. Our papers are therefore a real *NECESSITY* in each home, where each member can learn more about the on-going of the kingdom work of our Lord through the plans and efforts being put forth by our people everywhere. My earnest desire is that we put forth a greater effort than ever before, to convince our women of the great need of their becoming better equipped to fill the places assigned them in a careful and prayerful study of each phase of our work, by reading our papers. We want our Educational Drive to be a success—if we KNOW what is required of us, we will be in position to render good service.

We need trained leaders, as never before—we realize this more and more, the farther we go in the program of our church life. It is only with a more profound spiritual knowledge of our Master and His will concerning us, that we may hope to reach the summit of our hopes in real service. Let us look on our Church papers as real necessities and not luxuries, as our spiritual life is largely dependent on what we read and absorb. Together with our Bible—the greatest of ALL Books—our papers are our very next vital necessity, if we want to be rightly informed as to our Master's plans for us, as "Laborers together with Him".



# The Hour for Prayer---June, 1941

## Mrs. Fannie Polston, Tennessee

IN the last world war, when the United States declared war against Germany, our great war president, Woodrow Wilson, said: "Our task is not simply the organization of an army for oversea service, but the marshaling of a nation for war.

Every power and every resource we possess, whether of men, of money, or of materials, must be devoted to this purpose until it is achieved."

Our war program was launched on that basis. It became an affair of the whole nation. Every resource was dedicated to the task of supporting our army abroad. We mobilized a nation with all of its mighty resources for war.

This is our task as a denomination. It is not enough to enlist recruits for the firing line in foreign lands and on the home fields, we must marshal the whole denomination for world conquest for Christ. Every resource we Free Will Baptists have in men and money; every institution and every local church must be enlisted for, and dedicated to, the God given task of making Christ real to a lost world. And since prayer must precede every undertaking, pray fervently. Pray for every cause we have; pray for every leader and also the followers; pray for the workers at home and abroad. Pray that great wisdom may be given those in positions of responsibility; pray for a union of effort, and for sympathy and good success; pray that all our members may rejoice in the privilege of having a part in the support of the work of our denomination; pray that sufficient funds may be subscribed and paid to enable us to go forward with the tasks before us.

### "Pray Ye"

*Sunday, June 1*—Mark 7:24, "He could not be hid." May his presence yet be known in all this war-scarred world.

*Monday, June 2*—Psalm 119:11. May we become channels of Thy Living Word to a needy world.

*Tuesday, June 3*—John 33:16. That we may have the peace and calm that come from possessing Thy Power.

*Wednesday, June 4*—Matt. 4:19. In the eternal purpose of God, that our lives should be what He would have them.

*Thursday, June 5*—Romans 8:28. That in "the Power of Jesus' Name" we may be able to endure the hard places in life.

*Friday, June 6*—John 15:4. That we may have strength to remain close to Him.

*Saturday, June 7*—Psalm 34:2. That Thy Spirit may work through us to bring the lost to Thee, and so bring honor and glory to Thy Name.

*Sunday, June 8*—Isaiah 61:6. That the doors of our opportunity might be opened for the enlargement of foreign mission work.

*Monday, June 9*—Acts 5:15. That we may guard well our words and deeds that our influence may always count for Christ.

*Tuesday, June 10*—Psalm 119:18. That all our people see the need of the training school, and give liberally of their means to make it possible.

*Wednesday, June 11*—Numbers 13:30. That our Board of Christian education may have continued leadership of the Holy Spirit.

*Thursday, June 12*—Numbers 14:8. That the location of a training school may be chosen wisely and according to God's will.

*Friday, June 13*—Numbers 14:9. That we may be able to trust in His power, under difficulties.

*Saturday, June 14*—Numbers 14:11. That we as God's people may step out on His promises, without being afraid.

*Sunday, June 15*—Deut. 33:27. For Rev. J. R. Davidson, the educational director of the National Association.

*Monday, June 16*—Psalm 147:5. For Rev. L. R. Ennis, the executive secretary of the National Association.

*Tuesday, June 17*—John 14:14. For Mrs. J. R. Bennett, educational director of National Woman's Auxiliary.

*Wednesday, June 18*—Psalm 32:8. For Mrs. J. C. Griffin, president of the National Woman's Auxiliary.

*Thursday, June 19*—Psalm 16:11. For Rev. J. F. Miller, the moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

*Friday, June 20*—Isaiah 41:10. For Mrs. J. E. Frazier, literature director of National Woman's Auxiliary.

*Saturday, June 21*—Rev. 3:4, 5. That we may be conscious of increased devotion to the work of His church, to the spread of His Kingdom.

*Sunday, June 22*—Ecc. 11:1. Give us trust and obedient faith.

*Monday, June 23*—Ecc. 9:10. That He may reveal to us that which we should do, and by Thy grace supplement our weakness with power sufficient that we may not fear.

*Tuesday, June 24*—Matt. 28:18-20. That His word may be taught. For Miss Barnard.

*Wednesday, June 25*—Mark 9:41. That some burden be made lighter, some sorrow lessened because of our effort.

*Thursday, June 26*—Matt. 5:13. That we may realize, as never before, the great task of carrying on His work in the world and not become as salt that has lost its savor.

*Friday, June 27*—Gal. 6:17. That even if our loyalty to Jesus cost us personal sacrifice, suffering or loss, we may remain true.

*Saturday, June 28*—Acts 1:8. That we may find in Christ Jesus this day a power that will cause us to do Thy will.

*Sunday, June 29*—John 10:29, 30. That our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord be more and more one in character and service to the glory of God.

*Monday, June 30*—Heb. 4:16. That our whole denomination may desire and experience a new unity in Christ. For our leaders that they remain true to their calling even in the face of discouraging conditions.

"Pray without ceasing" for a Denominational Training School to be centrally located in 1941.

Two together can do more than two separately. Co-operation increases power in geometrical ratio. Dividing responsibility multiplies usefulness.

A Christian is—

A mind by which Christ thinks,  
A heart by which Christ loves,  
A voice by which Christ speaks,  
A hand by which Christ helps.



# PROGRAM PLANS



## Topic: "Teaching Children Obedience to God"

Mrs. Gladys Jackson

### HYMNS:

Take Time to Be Holy;  
Faith of Our Fathers.

### PRAYER:

Eternal Father, I must confess my sin and that of other Christians for our indifference toward that old standard of discipline which did much to give our country its rugged, stalwart honesty of purpose. Forgive us, I pray thee. Cause thy people to turn resolutely back to the Bible, to make their homes centers of worship and training centers of righteousness. Arouse them to action against the sapient belief that an immature mind can be granted utter freedom of action without disastrous results. Help me and all who take part in this program to "abstain from all appearances of evil" and "to come out from among them" of such opinions and to "be a separate people" if necessary to resurrect this former standard of discipline for ourselves and our children. Make this program a means of bringing us to repentance and rededication. For thy name's sake, we ask it. Amen.

### PROGRAM CHAIRMAN:

This lesson today is a vital message to parents, teachers, and all Christian workers. Hear it. Heed it. We have asked three people to read our Scripture lesson to us.

### SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Deut. 6:4-9; Psalm 78:1-7; Prov. 22:6. (Assign the Scripture reading to three persons.)

### SENTENCE PRAYERS:

### TOPIC DISCUSSION:

Program Chairman—Thomas Dunlap says there were three elements in his father's Christianity by which his religion was most impressively stamped in his memory. They were: the blessing he asked at meals, his family worship, and his church-going.

Today we want to call your attention to three things in our text, Prov. 22:6.

### TOPIC I.

*The Reason for Training—  
"Train Up a Child."*

Students of home life tell us that the modern home is lax in discipline. Paul wrote to the Ephesians: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right." Yet many parents regard this admonition as old-fashioned. But a child is helpless. It is needy. It is wholly dependent on

others for everything in life. Train the child because it is the heir of the past, the happiness of the present, and the hope of the future. Your child is your opportunity and responsibility from the Lord.

This same may be said of spiritual children. Even though they may be fifty years old when they are born into the Kingdom, they need training for service in His Kingdom just as surely as the child of physical birth needs training. How foolish to think just because one is born into the Kingdom, that one is fully prepared to serve in any capacity in the church—pulpit or pew. God calls us to service but He expects us to prepare for that service. What are we doing to help these spiritual children of our church who are called to serve as ministers, missionaries, or to other places of leadership in their church, who need to be trained up in the way they should go?

June is the month when Auxiliaries and churches throughout our National Association are asked to re-emphasize training and Christian education. Our National Board of Education is anxious to establish, in September 1941, a place where Christian workers can be trained to live and teach God's Word more effectively in a world that sadly needs Christ and Christian lives.

By my failure to co-operate with my Church in its training program, am I not refusing to accept my opportunity and responsibility from the Lord, and just as surely failing my God and His children called into service?

### TOPIC II.

*The Rule for Training—  
"In the way he should go."*

The training of a child should be upward. The child has the right to have access to noble ideals, pure purposes, ambitious aims, and only the best surroundings. The little life should be guided always in the path of right living in the sight of men and God. The child should be led to salvation of the soul, service of the life, and safety for eternity. Is not such admonition just as applicable to the spiritual children of our church?

Thou "shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way" Deut. 6:7. Talk of the love of God, the goodness of God, the mercy of God, the majesty of God, man's dependence upon God, man's duty to God, God's Son, Jesus Christ. The right kind of conversation at the

table, in the family circle, and privately with different members of the family will reveal the attitude of parents toward religion, the church, etc., and will help to develop similar attitudes on the part of children. Put Bibles in our children's hands and give them even moderate encouragement and they will attend the sabbath school and, under proper guidance, study the only text-book which points the way to life.

If we really care about the spiritual growth of our children—those in our churches as well as in our homes—we will enter whole-heartedly and prayerfully into the training school plan which our educational leaders are striving so hard to launch next September. Have you, has your church sent in its contribution toward the \$15,000 our National Association asked us all to raise before July 1941?

### TOPIC III.

*The Results of Training—"When he is old, he will not depart from it."*

The course of life is fixed in early days. The goal to be gained is given in youth. Abiding habits of life are fixed while children are young. If the right course is fixed, the ideal goal is given, and the righteous habits are formed in childhood, the same will be pursued in long years to come. Is there any reward greater than that which comes to Christian parents who have nurtured their children in the fear of the Lord?

Parents can render no greater service to the world than to rear children, by instruction and by example, who will grow to be useful citizens and devoted, church-going Christians.

The Church can render no greater service to the world than to rear her children, by instruction and by example, so that they will grow to be useful, devoted Christ-like ministers, missionaries, teachers, treasurers, secretaries, etc. How can they be useful in a marvelously educated world unless they are thoroughly qualified in mind and heart and are adequately prepared to serve this age? How can they teach unless they are given knowledge to impart? How can they be devoted loyal church workers unless they know the history, creed, etc. of the church to which they owe loyal devotions?

You and your Church's financial response to these questions will answer them for ourselves and our youth now and for years to come.

**BUSINESS SESSION:**  
**CLOSING PRAYER:**





# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Mrs. J. R. Bennett, North Carolina, Chairman**

## Going Deeper

Going deeper in training our Christian workers until it becomes crystallized in action, was an utterance made at a recent meeting of Free Will Baptists. There is much in it. Our lives are not usually influenced greatly by mere superficial contact. It is only when we live with them day by day that deep impressions are made.

The boy that becomes "air minded" studies aviation in every leaflet, illustration and book he can find. He dreams aviation by day and by night. He lives in the atmosphere of the aeroplane.

So with every other favorite objective in life. We are transformed only as we sink into the depth. A casual reading of "Study to show thyself an approved workman" will not make any great impression until we really study.

With the coming of summer our hearts turn toward study classes, summer assemblies, institutes, training camp, etc. Every Woman's Auxillary should sponsor a Christian training camp where missions and stewardship classes are held, inspirational talks given by our leaders and missionaries, and, above all, an underlying desire on the part of every teacher and leader to enlist everyone present in active Christian service. Then as our people go from such places of Christian training, they would go with a determination to begin a new auxillary organization; to raise the standard of each organization; to pray day by day for our missionaries; to dedicate their lives to the carrying and sending of the Gospel message everywhere, to support every phase of our national program unselfishly.

May we plan for and conduct training classes during this summer!

## Responsibility for Others

Are Christians responsible for themselves only? Will a real Christian be satisfied to say, "I am saved. Let the rest of the world go by"? Will he say as Cain said concerning his brother, Abel, "Am I my brother's keeper, or, I cannot take everyone's burdens upon my shoulder. It is all I can do to look after my own affairs"? Again I say, "Will a Christian take such an attitude toward others?" My answer is "No". When one becomes really saved he is interested in the salvation

of others. It is this desire to win souls to Christ that causes a Christian to seek for more effective methods of personal soul-winning.

It does not take education to make anyone a Christian. We must admit that some of our most devout soldiers of the cross are those silver-haired mothers and fathers who have taught us the true principles of Christianity upon which we are ever building for the Kingdom of God. Many of these have very little, if any, academical training, but I dare say that in their earlier days of activity, they coped with the demands of that day. Those who can look back over the accomplishments of their past life with pride, are those who have had progressive ideas and a desire to see the work of the Master go forward. We, of today, owe it to them as well as to our Father in Heaven to labor ardently and to press forward, "toward the mark of the high calling of God which is in Christ Jesus."

Are we as Free Will Baptists pressing forward today as we should? If we had a revolving arrow circling the entire circumference of all the activities of our church and it was to stop on our most vital need (the paramount reason for our denomination not pressing forward as it should) at just which phase of our work would the arrow point, if we are not moving as we should. Dear Free Will Baptists, stop for a moment and watch this arrow revolve in your imagination. Study carefully the needs of our church. Our needs are many; but there is one paramount need that, if supplied, will play a wonderful part in supplying all the subordinate needs, and that need is *Christian education*. Where is your arrow stopping?

When you have reached your conclusion ask yourselves this question, "Am I interested enough in the salvation of others to pledge my support to my church and to my God that the great program that is now being introduced in our denomination shall be the ultimate means of winning thousands of souls to Christ?"

## A More Consecrated and a Better Educated Denomination

This is the title of the educational program found in the Auxillary Year Book for June, 1941. We trust each Auxillary will see that this program is put across in your Auxillary. Then

too, there is a playlet which is suggested for a special program in the interest of our proposed school. See that this playlet is put on in your church and every member urged to make an offering to Christian education. There are several thousand of us, and if every woman who is a member of our Woman's Auxillary would give \$1.00 and solicit one dollar from every person whose name appears on her church roll, you can see what our women could do toward the establishment of our school in September, 1941. Maybe Rev. J. B. Rollins' question: "Will history repeat itself?" could then be answered affirmatively. Since our feminine predecessors have put our denomination on its feet twice, we believe the Free Will Baptist women of this twentieth century can and will arise to the occasion a third time.

If we, women, really care about the spiritual growth of our children and christian workers, we will not casually ignore this important issue before us. Shall we put less emphasis on a Bible school than on secular education? By my failure to co-operate with my church in its program, am I not also failing my God and our young men and women desiring training for Christian service?

Our Auxillary is a helper of our Association. May we come rejoicing to our annual meeting in Drumright because we have fulfilled our part of this wonderful partnership by bringing at least half of the sum our National Board of Education asked Free Will Baptists to contribute this year.

Because you want to equip some one, or maybe yourself, to teach and live God's Word more effectively and efficiently, you will want to contribute at least one dollar to Christian education and use your influence to get every member in your church to do likewise. The second vice-president in your Auxillary is chairman of such fund. Raise this money so that we can have a school in September where inspiring leadership, sound, consecrated training for Christian living and service in a world that sadly needs Christ and Christian lives, is offered to ministerial students, and all others desirous of being a Christian in all areas of life.

Ministers, we beg your co-operation in this great campaign. "I beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called."



# June is Christian Education Month of the National Association of Free Will Baptists

*Rev. J. R. Davidson, Chairman National Board of Education, Bryan, Texas*

INASMUCH as June has been designated as National Educational Month during the past two years, and inasmuch as certain business propositions are to be presented to the 1941 session of the National Association, which, if approved, will necessitate the use of quite a bit of cash, be it therefore resolved:

That June of 1941 be observed by Free Will Baptists of the United States of America as National Educational Month.

Be it further resolved that all of our denominational papers publish such matter during said month as to acquaint our people with the righteousness and urgency of this cause, and that every pastor and all church leaders be asked to present this cause intelligently, earnestly and in an unbiased way to our various congregations over the nation; such leaders themselves having become worthy examples in giving.

Does not the above strike you as having the proper complexion of typical Free Will Baptist strategy? Thank God it is not true of us as a whole, but it is true with too large a percentage. We have used much paper and ink in drawing our resolutions, and passing our motions in assemblies, but the needed working order has been seriously lacking on the field, except in comparatively few cases. Some have gone forth with determination to effect the cure, while others have driven home with a view of forgetting the whole proposition until the time for the next assembly; and, sadder still, some have burned energy in an endeavor to sow seeds of discord and dissension. Others have stood to say, "My pledge in dollars is so much," only to go home and repudiate as a whole, or at least in part.

But despite all of this we have made wonderful progress during the past two years, but, brethren, we must progress unitedly, as a whole, if we are to be found busily engaged in executing Christ's will at His coming again. Would we be willing for Him to come and find us squabbling over suspicion toward each other? Such as are, usually fruits of misapprehensions. "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us" from now until we meet in Drumright, and, thereby be able to rejoice together because of the fruits of a really united people.



*J. R. Davidson*

It having been sometime since I reported, I feel that I should let you know of the progress of our educational plan here. I am very happy to say that the Bryan and Blue Lake churches are still going over the top with their dollar per day, and twenty-five cents per day plans, respectively. Others are co-operating to some degree. Word has reached me that Rev. L. C. Johnson, of Glennville, Georgia, has succeeded in getting his churches to approve the plan, and cash is coming in all along to prove the worthiness of this effort. We need pastors for all of our churches like Bro. Johnson. Success is being realized by the North Carolina women, some of whom set themselves to the responsibility of raising a designated amount for Christian Education before the 1941 session

of the National Association. The President of the State Auxiliary has just called for a financial statement of what has been realized so far, in order that it may be presented to the annual session which convenes May 22nd. I know that this means that every dollar they are short of their goal is to be made up within the next few days. Interests have increased, and money has been reported from every direction, but it should have been reported from every Church, District Association, State Association, Union or Quarterly Meetings, and from every phase of Auxiliary work in our nation. Let everyone take this cause to heart, and report with real cash before the National Association convenes.

Calls to carry the message of Christ are coming to us from various foreign and home fields, which is another way the Lord has of telling us that we must hear the Lord in "the wind, earthquake, or fire," while He is speaking to us in the "still small voice". Suppose we just quiet ourselves, hear, and obey His voice.

I am asking every one who reads this to make our educational cause a matter of definite daily prayer from now until the National Association convenes. All who will do this please drop me a postal card, and just state the fact that you are going to daily pray for this cause. I shall keep a list of all names sent in.

## THREE WAYS OF LIFE

**What is mine is mine, and what is yours is mine, and when I need it, I'll get it, either by fair means or foul.**

The group of men who take this attitude consider that the world owes them everything, and they are in the collecting business. The world is full of such men. Swindlers, grafters, crooks of every kind, liars, thieves, robbers, murderers, etc., use this idea for their philosophy of life. "The love of money is the root of all evil," the spirit of Laban is still predominating, as he said, "All that thou seest is mine" Gen. 31:43.

**What is mine is mine, and what is yours is yours—I'll care for mine and you care for yours.**

The group of men who make this their rule of life is most selfish, in-

deed. They are the Shylocks and mizers of the world. They neither live, nor let live—they only exist. They strive to "live unto themselves" and have never been known to be of any help to anybody. What a miserable failure!

**What is yours is yours, and what is mine is yours if you need it and it will accomplish any benefit to you.**

This is the group of men who build churches, Christian schools, hospitals, orphanages, mission stations, etc. These men become the world's benefactors, they are the Salt of the Earth. They know the joy of giving, and of being a blessing to others. None of these have ever been known to starve to death.

**In which of these groups are you to be found?**



# Santa Samana--Holy Week, in Cuba

T. H. Willey, the Missionary

**I**N these Latin countries, much is made over Easter week, called in Spanish *Santa Semana*, "Holy Week". We, of the Evangelicals, also take advantage of our opportunity to preach special messages on the trial, crucifixion and victorious resurrection of our Lord. So all over the field of the Cuban Evangelization Association, missionaries and native pastors went forth with the message of a risen Lord.

Tommy and I packed our little kit and caught the train at Hershey. After a brief ride, we arrived at Caldiron, where one of the native pastors was waiting with two horses. After plodding over the hills for about an hour, we arrived at Brother Pablo Sanchas' house where a number of Christians received us joyfully. Pablo and his family are devout Christians, having prayer and the reading of the Word twice each day; all things stop for the prayer hour. These native Christians are not like many of our own folk at home, time does not mean so much to them, possibly because their means of transportation is a team of oxen and a great high wheeled cart, or on horseback.

We spent the first afternoon talking over the Gospel. When night came on and the carbide lights were gotten out, the people began to arrive on horseback, very often a man in the saddle and his wife or sweetheart holding on the back. In a very short time seventy-five people had gathered, many of them had come miles across the hills either afoot or mounted. What a joy it was to preach to this hungry hearted people and how easy to preach when often some one would call out *Gloria a Dios*, "Glory to God!" Fifteen hands were raised for prayer and consecration.

The next night, mounted again, we rode across the hills visiting the homes of the Christians, and as we came in one of the children at the house would call across the hills, "T-O-M-A-S W-E-E-L-E-E-E". That meant the visiting preacher was there, so drop everything and come running for prayer. What a joy to pray with these humble Cuban-cane-farmers. That night there was a beautiful full moon bathing those spacious hills with its soft light. As we came into the church yard it was full of men and horses standing about, and as we went in to start the service, they packed in until the house was full; then hung in the windows and about the doors. Someone counted seventy-two people. Again with great liberty, the dear Lord



used the message. The Christians would voice their praise as we lifted high a victorious Saviour. It was like an old time camp meeting sure enough.

After the service I counted forty people, men and women, on horseback riding homeward over those beautiful moon bathed hills. I rode with a party of fifteen men and women, cantering over the hills and trails, calling back and forth, with here and there a snatch of a hymn. One could not soon forget those earnest Christians going home to their huts in the cane fields rejoicing in the knowledge of a mighty Saviour. Their homes are indeed the most humble "bajarecues" houses made from the bark of the royal palm tree, a roof of the palm leaf, the floor of mud, and with none of the comforts for the average American home. The next day we had our long trip riding all the afternoon on down to as far as the coast, and while in a prayer meeting, Brother Hugh Pain came riding in with a sad message to me saying that my mother was seriously ill. Hugh had ridden most of the afternoon to reach us. The cable had come from my sister in Miami, Florida. Mother had been given up by the doctors. One doctor did not have any hope of her living an hour. But the matter was put in the hands of a Doctor who never loses a case, Jesus. Our friends in Miami went to prayer and though she had gone into a state of coma, in answer to believing prayer, God raised her up. Taking a plane out of Havana, within two hours I was in Miami, and within another half hour at the bedside of my dear mother. She continued to revive so that when I left she was her same happy self. How grateful I was to once more see my precious mother whose consecrated life was the means of convincing me of the reality of a Christian experience.

Feeling the need here in Cuba, I hurried back to Havana, by boat, and again on to Jaruco and our responsibilities in the school and the *campo*, country. We are praising God for

the contacts He is leading us to and the joy of ministering His Word.

Last night, Saturday, I went on horseback to fill an appointment in the country and stopped to talk the Gospel to the workers in the field plowing with teams of oxen. Every one I met, when questioned if they knew of the Gospel said, "No Senor". This book that has been in the world so many centuries has been a closed book to them. What a joy while riding back homeward in the pitch darkness of the night, dead tired from hours in the saddle, I could honestly say, "Dear Lord, thank you for the opportunity of at least testifying, humbly, and often stumbling in the language, to a people with hungry hearts."

During this week Mrs. Willey and Barbara stayed in Jaruco and witnessed the observance of Easter in a new way. It is the religious week of the year—a time in which meat is not to be eaten, unless the priest is paid forty cents indulgence. God is supposed to be dead from Wednesday until Saturday at ten o'clock. Friday is strictly a holy day. Mrs. Willey said she wished that every day was Holy Friday, not a radio was played, not a person sang, the stores were closed, all business stopped, the children did not play on the streets, all voices were even lowered, which is almost a miracle here. Tommy was hammering something in the back yard, the little neighbor boy hastened over and warned him to stop as it was Holy Friday. A feeling of keen sadness prevails. At six o'clock was the funeral for Jesus. The whole town turned out in their very best. After leaving the church the procession went down the two main streets of the town carrying the image of Jesus in a coffin: the Marys preceded the casket, all were dressed in white. One's reputation is almost at stake if they do not take part in the procession, hence there were very few to stand on the side lines. This is carried on in all the towns and cities of any size in Cuba. Some years ago a little boy was sitting on the curb crying and when asked why he cried (on this day) he replied, "God is dead". To them God is literally dead this day.

But everything changes on Saturday. The deathly stillness prevails till ten o'clock, then God comes alive, the church bells begin to clang, pistols are shot, firecrackers explode, and everywhere radios blare forth again and the children rush back to play—God is come alive.



# Free Will Baptist Christian Workers' Institute

Monett, Missouri

1941 - - - - - July 21 to August 1 - - - - - 1941

## Officers

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Mrs. J. E. Frazier, First Vice-Pres. National  
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## Expenses

The business staff of the Christian Workers' Institute is pleased to offer the entire advantages of this initial session at cost that need not prohibit the attendance of anyone.

Registration Fee ..... \$1.00

Room and Board ..... 7.50

Total ..... \$8.50

All expenses must be paid not later than July 21, the opening date of the Institute. Please mail registration fee (\$1.00) with application to Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri.

## Description of Courses

**BIBLE DOCTRINE.** That part of the subject which relates to the believer's salvation will be considered the first week of the Institute, and a brief examination of those Scriptures which treat on the person and work of the Holy Spirit will be studied the second week.

— Rev. L. R. Ennis, Instructor.

**EVANGELISM.** This course is offered with the view of encouraging soul winning. The student will receive vital training in the use of the Bible in personal, pastoral, and professional evangelism.

— Rev. J. R. Davidson, Instructor.

**MISSIONS.** It will be the object of the instructor to magnify the universality of the gospel, to make known its achievements in many lands, and to lay on the hearts of students the challenge of a lost world. First-hand information, fresh from the experiences of the instructor, will reveal how marvelously God has opened to Free Will Baptists a great door of opportunity to witness for Christ in dark India.

— Miss Laura B. Barnard, Instructor.

**FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE.** The prominence of youth in modern society lays upon all Christian bodies grave

responsibilities. Practically all vocations demand trained men and women. This course is offered in response to a widely recognized need for trained workers in all departments of the church.

— Rev. J. R. Davidson, Instructor.

**WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.** Evangelical denominations have been spared the reproach of retrenchment, if not a collapse, as a result of the devotion and missionary passion of their women. Woman's Auxiliary is comparatively new to our present generation of Free Will Baptist women; but, it is nevertheless the most highly perfected organization in the denomination. There is however need of uniformity and simplification. This course is designed to inspire and inform pastors of the possibilities of Auxiliary work, and to give essential instruction in the conduct of the organization.

— Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Instructor.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.** The Sunday School is fundamentally an evangelizing agency. The latest estimate reveals that seventy-four per cent of those who unite with the churches annually come from the Sunday School. Efficiency in administration will be the theme of this course.

— Rev. L. R. Ennis, Instructor.

**HOMILETICS.** This course deals with the preparation and delivery of sermons, and is essentially an advanced subject. But it is believed that its great magnitude admits, nevertheless, of such condensation as to justify its presentation in a Christian Worker's Institute.

— Rev. L. R. Ennis, Instructor.

Christian work do you desire preparation?..... Will you pay your expenses for the duration of the Institute, or will your church assist you?..... What amount of your expenses will be paid by your church?..... What amount, in excess of your registration fee (\$1.00), are you forwarding with this application?.....

Please mail your application with one dollar (\$1.00) registration fee to Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri.

## Daily Schedule

July 21 — August 1, 1941

A. M.

7:00 — Breakfast and Morning Devotions.. Rev. Winford Davis

8:00 — The Doctrine of Salvation (First Week).

The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit (Second Week).

Rev. L. R. Ennis.

9:00 — Evangelism (First Week).

F. W. B. League (Second Week)

Rev. J. R. Davidson.

10:00 — World-wide Missions

Miss Laura B. Barnard.

11:00 — Woman's Auxiliary

Mrs. J. E. Frazier.

12:00 — Sunday School Administration (First Week);

Homiletics (Second Week)

Rev. L. R. Ennis.

P. M.

1:00 — Lunch

2:00 — Rest and Recreation

5:00 — Consultations and Faculty Meetings

6:30 — Dinner

7:30 — Prayer and Praise

Rev. J. B. Rollins.

8:30 — Sermon: This place will be supplied daily by the school management, and announcements will be made in advance.

All class periods will be fifty minutes in length, thus allowing ten minutes for rest and transition.

## Application Form

Name..... Address .....

Age.... Give name of church of which you are a member..... Are you a minister?..... Of what church, or churches, are you now pastor?.....

If not a minister, for what phase of



# Interesting Facts Concerning the Institute

By John B. Rollins, Monett, Missouri

## The Inspiration of the Institute

If the opposite page would not inspire Christian workers who wish to do more efficient service for our Lord, then what shall we do? Instead of looking for something else to do, we are resting in hope, confident in our Lord who has inspired the idea of the Christian Workers' Institute and has led by the Holy Spirit in every plan and work in the establishment of the same. We firmly cling to the holy belief that the Institute *WILL INSPIRE* those who are living close enough to the Lord to be inspired. Of course, God cannot inspire some people because of their guilty distance from Him.

Already, requests come pouring in for application blanks, which are being prepared and mailed out as quickly as the printers can release them. The fire is kindled, and we have great occasion to praise God.

## The Spirit of the Institute

The spirit and influence of any institution depends upon its leaders. In the Christian Workers' Institute, the teachers and officers are consecrated Christians, devoted whole-heartedly to Christ. They are not mere nominal professors who appear very "churchly" while at church and worldly at all other times, but are really and truly deeply consecrated to Christ, giving their lives as *living sacrifices*.

The student body will be made up of Ministers and Christian workers who are likewise consecrated and their lives are on the altar of dedication to the service of Christ. None will be coming who have subversive motives, desiring a gay time as the worldly look for a gay time. If any should plan to come who anticipate such, he is hereby advised to stay at home or go somewhere else—he is not wanted, will not be welcome and will be subject to expulsion should he come and violate the sacred ideals of the Christian Workers' Institute.

Christian fellowship is also one of the important courses, therefore, ample time is given for directed recreation and fellowship when the students and teachers can have a good time in a Christian way.

## The Environment of the Institute

Monett is a beautiful little city of about 5,000 people situated in a general farming district of prairie and

gently rolling land. The main industry in Monett is the railroad, being an important division point on the main line from Texas to St. Louis and Chicago. The people are enjoying average prosperity.

There is a large park on a gentle, sloping hill, overlooking the city. It is shady and grassy and generally quiet and peaceful.

The Free Will Baptist Church in Monett is an active, spiritual church. Rev. O. T. Allred is pastor. The church, the Gem Office, and the Editor's home are in a cluster located on the corner of Third and Bond Streets. The Central School, for which we are about to secure for the Institute, is in the same cluster, on the corner of Second and Bond. We think you will like our city and surroundings.

## Business Management of Institute

The business management is securing the services of a dietician who has seen military service in the capacity of cooking. Mr. Jim Alyca, whom we are pleased to call "Smiling Jim" because he is always "in a good humor". The plan is to feed the teachers and students, in a group, three times a day. This will add to the fellowship of the Institute.

We are very desirous to see a real evangelistic revival meeting in the evening services. We ask that all join with us in prayer that this may be true. The public in Monett and all the surrounding country, and all the neighboring churches are invited to come and help us. We are expecting good spiritual singing, powerful preaching, soul-stirring prayers, and sinners being saved from sin. May God grant us victory!

During the fellowship of the day, we can tune our hearts for some really great singing in the evening services. We will choose a singing director to lead us in singing the great songs of the Church.

## Financial Support of the Institute

We are offering the advantages of the Institute at the most reasonable cost possible. We are aware of the fact that huge costs would prohibit many consecrated workers from attending. The reasonable cost need not prevent any from attending.

We are asking if the churches would

not like to help the students bear the financial burden. Since the churches are to receive the benefits of the spiritual training by the returning students who will be of greater service to the churches, they should be most vitally interested in the success of the Institute. The churches should be anxious to help the students bear their financial part.

We are asking that every church, whether that church is sending a student or not, to give the Institute an offering. The offerings coming from the churches will be used to defray the expenses on all the students and will thus reduce the \$8.50 to a lower figure.

The Institute is not for Missouri students only, but those from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Kansas, Ohio, Illinois, Tennessee, etc. We are asking the churches of these states to send an offering also. The Institute is for the advancement of the Cause of Christ, and not for the cause of Missouri.

Those who are planning to attend, and have not already sent for an application blank, do so at once. We are sending out bulletins and application blanks, but in case you may be missed, drop us a card.

We plan to announce in the July issue the names of those who have sent their application to Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri.

He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not is a fool—shun him.

He who knows not, and knows that he knows not is honest—teach him.

He who knows, and knows not that he knows is asleep—awaken him.

He who knows and knows that he knows is wise—follow him.

—Anon.



# Music Department

## The Choister and his Music

By Rev. J. B. Parsons, 820 Sevier Street, Nashville, Tennessee

**N**EVER in the history of the church has there been such a divided opinion as to the part music may fill in the church. There are many people who contend that music of any kind should not be allowed in the program of the church, while others believe it to be one of the most important factors in the devotional service of the church.

Well does the writer realize that this article will register many criticisms among our people, but we shall endeavor to discuss our subject in the hope that it will serve to help us realize the importance of correcting or improving this phase of our worship, as the case may be.

Music is a field of science of its own, and those who would be placed in the important position as director of music in their respective churches should be carefully selected. A man may not be successfully chosen for the position simply because he is fully qualified in rudiments, or because he may have a clear or prominent voice. This procedure, without other necessary qualifications, most likely will ultimately fail to reach the desired objective of the church.

Let us now consider the necessary qualifications of the Choister:

First, he must have a *personal knowledge of Christ*. Only those who are in personal touch with God are able to discern the proper course in this important phase of the church worship. By having such an experience, he is able to choose such music that will enhance the sweetness of worship of the church.

Second, he is able to reject such music that may be confusing to the very Spirit of God.

Third, he must be able to properly interpret the hymn by the same spirit which the composer breathed into it, therefore, renewing the inspiration of the composer and all sharing alike the loveliness of the devotion.

There, perhaps, are several reasons why the situation of poorly conducted song services are prevalent in so many of our churches today, and for the lack of space we shall mention only a few. Music (and to be sure we refer to the vocal music of the church), can only be classified as secondary in

the general worship program of the church. But can we think of such an important phase of worship as may be classified as secondary, and give it over into hands of unqualified people? Unqualified? Yes, because he is filling a post whereby he is not being financially compensated. Therefore, few choose to make the rather expensive and drawn out sacrifice.

Let us now consider the type of music the church should use in its worship program. There is much confusion among church people as to the type of music that should be used in the worship and devotional program of the church, and often the church becomes divided over the question which sometimes results in the complete disorganization of the church. These disasters can be avoided and will, if the chorister is capable of his position.

Music is divided into three groups: *SACRED*, *SECULAR* and *DANCE*. Two of these may be appreciated by the Christian, and still two of the same group may appeal to the non-Christian. The human being was created with three properties, namely, body, soul, and spirit. It is obvious that many song writers have forgotten the fact or else never knew that sacred music for church worship should never be associated with either of the other groups. "God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" John 4:24. The sweetness and beauty of the melody of a good hymn calms the soul while the lyric is being breathed as a prayer by the spirit of man. This is not true of many modern songs of the present times. There seems to be a sort of compromise in the mind of the composer as well as many church singers, and a great number of songs have been published as novelties and have found their way into the church worship programs. This is a condition that can well be classed as serious. The Christian religion is not a novelty and all that makes up the program of worship should be wholly sacred.

Music is sometimes used in churches by choirs and congregations that can only be classed as secular and is used as a substitute for sacred. This type cannot be classed as worldly or

sinful but it only satisfies one of the properties of the human being; that is the soul, and is often noticed to stir the emotion of the people. Many people think they are enjoying their religion when this effect takes place. The song may not even have Christ's name associated with it. Mother, or the old home, or some other precious memory may be called to mind. This however, may be their religion. Some do, perhaps, worship the things of this world out of the past, but we are speaking of the Christian's worship. Should it be mother, father, home, or Christ?

Then there is the third in the group which is dance music. If I were to ask the average church member if he thought dance music or swing music should be used in the church worship. I am sure the answer in every case would be "no". But this thing is being practiced in many of our rural churches and some of our better trained city churches. We are allowing ourselves in some cases to compromise with satan and we use sacred or secular poems with dance or swing music and try to satisfy all three of the creative properties at the same time. Let us remember that there are three types of music, *SACRED*, *SECULAR*, and *DANCE* or *SWING*, and there are three properties of man, *SPIRIT*, *SOUL*, and *BODY*. "If we sow to the flesh, we shall of the flesh reap corruption, but if we sow to the Spirit we shall of the Spirit reap life ever lasting."

### The Camel Cigarette

"I'd walk a mile for a Camel!"  
The glaring poster read;  
And the simple youth, forsaking truth,  
Right after the "Camel" sped.

He walked a mile for a "Camel"  
Then another one, and more!  
His eyes grew dim and his purse grew  
slim,  
But the chase he ne'er gave o're.

But in walking that mile for a "Camel"  
Though he started in with vim —  
While he thought he was getting  
the "Camels"  
The "Camels" were getting him.

— Selected by Edith Blair.



# Gospel Sermon Department

## Here Am I, Send Me

J. K. Warkentin, Fort Worth, Texas

would gladly do it for us, if they were permitted to do so. But that is to be our grand assignment. Why not attain unto it, if we are blessed with having the cause of Christ, our great Savior, at heart?

**W**HAT a thrilling experience was allotted to Isaiah! He was included in the few to whom was granted the most glorious privilege of seeing the inside of heaven from this side of eternity. I say he was one of the few. In order to confirm this statement, may we site a few of the other most wonderful phenomena.

Stephen, the first one to die a death of martyrdom after that Jesus was crucified, risen, and ascended into heaven, saw this marvelous reality of heaven: "But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God" Acts 7:55, 56.

Undoubtedly it was Paul (who was kept from recording his own identity) who enjoyed an actual parenthetical translation in a most mysterious way: "I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell; God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell; God knoweth;) how that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter" 2 Cor. 12:2-4.

And then John saw and heard so much. Finally, after the revelation of the close of time, John wrote, "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" Rev. 21:1, 2. Who is that Husband? That Husband is JESUS. It was the story of the coming Messiah as well as of the coming Lord of lords and King of kings that Isaiah wanted to proclaim, when he saw and heard the splendor of heaven, "And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me" Isa. 6:8.

But I must look at the preceding words also. When this prophet of the

Gospel of the Old Testament beheld the majesty of God, he said, "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, . . . . . ." If Isaiah needed to say this, how much more must I feel blameworthiness. My continual prayer has been for some long time to be found worthy to pray, "Here am I send me." For quite a while I have meditated with the intention of submitting myself to the Lord's will. I readily say that I have contemplated on certain things in reference to laboring for the Lord that has not emerged. Not always does God speak to us affirmatively to grant unto us satisfactory evidence concerning His will. It may be that our eyes are to be opened at times because of a negative answer from God, because of complete silence. This pausing hyphen makes me think. Should it be that God can actually place me into real usefulness for Him? When I think of that, then I could leap for joy.

God sends His servants directly and indirectly. He blesses His messengers with a definite call. When once that has taken place, God will also furnish the necessary health, knowledge, and determination. His indirect provision comes through the Church. Romans 10:15 says, "And how shall they preach, except they be sent? . . . . ." Thus, we can see that all of God's children can share in this incomparable program which even the holy angels in heaven desire to look into. Yes, they

I care not to practice pessimism. I cannot refrain from believing that we are living in the very closing days of this dispensation. It is vitally true that no one knows when Christ will come back, but it is also imminent that faith is vanishing from the populace of this world with increasing speed. To me, as well as to all of God's children, Luke 18:7, 8 is a comfort: "And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" That is what causes this record-breaking contagious war constantly to cover more of earth's territory. People have not faith in Jesus Christ, hence, they depend upon the venomous weapons of armament. Someone might say, "It is too dangerous to enter foreign lands because of the war." I am not able to predict the future, but my analysis concludes that the symptoms are prognostic for an eruption of war in our own country.

Brethren everywhere, my desire is to seek after God's will. My daily prayer is to be a follower of Jesus Christ. My longing is to be led by the Holy Spirit in all that I do. As a Free Will Baptist people, may we all earnestly strive for that great purpose of spreading the blessed Gospel, both in this nation and in other nations as we humbly pray to be sent.

## God's Time Piece

### The Israelite Nation

Rev. Kenneth Turner, Monett, Missouri

"But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend" Isaiah 41:8.

**A**T all times, through the different ages, all people everywhere have had some means of determining the time of day. Some have depended upon the sun, some upon the moon and stars, some have used an instrument known as the sun dial, while others have used the hour glass. But now-a-days everybody is acquainted

with the watch and clock. And in this line of thought we want to include the fact that God has a means of reckoning time, which is known sometimes as the Fig Tree, or God's chosen people, the Israelite nation, who is referred to as His servant. No where in the Scripture do we find the title "God's Clock" but the term has been used by some Bible students, when referring to the Israelite nation, because in this nation of people there is a perfect application of a time-



keeping instrument. Just as a watch serves us, so were the Israelites to be God's servant.

Time has been reckoned by this people ever since Abram was called out to head the nation, 2,000 years B. C., recorded in Genesis 12th chapter. We say this date marks the time the clock starts ticking and counts time for God. This is not an eight-day clock but rather a three-day clock when we look at it from a Scriptural viewpoint, based on 2 Peter 3:8, where it says, "...one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand year as one day." But it continued only to keep time for approximately two days (2,000 years) or until the crucifixion of Christ; when the nation was scattered.

There is much pleasure and advantage in owning a good watch, and we all take great pride in looking at the instrument and listening to its clear clean ring as it ticks away. A dependable watch is valuable and affords much company to its owner. So did God find much pride in His people while they were walking according to His command and as long as he could put dependance in them.

As it is true that a clock is made up of a number of different parts, likewise is the nation of God's people made up of a number of tribes; twelve in all; carrying the names of the twelve sons of Jacob, Genesis 49:

It is a significant fact that a clock has two hands, corresponding to the two divisions of the Israelite nation known as the kingdom of Israel and the kingdom of Juda.

This particular clock was set in motion 2,000 years B. C. when Abram was called out, as we have previously said. Up to that time the earth had been standing 2,000 years. But little is recorded of the happening that took place during all that period. A brief sketch of the genealogy from Adam to Abram, with the story of Eden and an account of the flood, is about all. In fact, it is all summed up in eleven chapters, and it covers 2,000 years. But notice the remaining bulk of the Bible is made up of the records and happenings that took place and were to take place during the 3,000 years that were allotted to the house of Israel. Things are recorded more in detail about this people of God. In fact, we see the clock ticking the hours and the minutes more distinct. Even the seconds, as it might be said, are brought out in vivid happenings.

As the clock started, we fancy its hands directly together, in an upright position; as it must be said of Abram who was living the up-right life for God. And in Abram the kingdom had not been divided. But the clock ran only for a short while when two king-

doms appeared, headed by Rehoboam and Jeroboam, recorded in the 12th chapter of 1 Kings. Then the two hands stood out separately and distinctly, and seldom did they ever live together in peace and harmony.

When our watch fails and no dependance is to be found in it, we loose our patience and soon lay it on the shelf and there it lays for the time. So God found by the time His clock had continued for the 2,000 years (or two days), He had lost patience with them. They had failed to abide in His commandments, they forgot the teachings of the law. "Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the Lord, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law" Isa. 42:24. They failed to accept Christ as their messiah, and led Him away to his crucifixion. At this point the clock stopped and has been laid

aside for the past 2,000 years. The Israelite people have been driven from their land into all countries. They have no flag of their own. They have thus, been laying on the shelf these many years. But, thank the Lord, He will reach out and gather up all parts of the clock and place them together as a jeweler does the valuable parts of a discorded watch. The gathering together of the tribes are referred to in the seventh chapter of Revelation.

When this is accomplished, as we see it shapening up even now, the pendulum will start swinging once more. Just imagine how it would be, after a room had been silent for so long, to have the stillness broken by the sudden sound of a clear ticking, perfect running clock. Here, God will be glorified and once more be proud of His servants as they count time for Him throughout this last day, known as the kingdom age.

## Working in the Vineyard

Harlie Cantp, Green Forest, Arkansas

Matt. 21:28-31, "But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work today in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not. Whether of them twain did the will of the father?"

**P**RACTICALLY everyone, saint and sinner alike, will admit that God is calling sinners to Himself. Is He calling them only for the purpose of giving them salvation and everlasting life? "How readest thou?" (Luke 10:26). "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God....and thy neighbor....". He is calling them to come to Him, be His true sons, and work in His vineyard.

When we accept His call, accept Christ as our Saviour, accept the gift of the Father, we also accept the responsibility of work in His vineyard. As you would refuse to continue to give to one of your sons who would sit idly by while all the rest worked, so God will refuse to give to one of His sons who refuse to work in His vineyard.

Brother and sister, how can you, who have found salvation and tasted of the good things of heaven, sit idly by, "at ease in Zion," while the grapes fall and are wasted? How can you sit idly by and see souls going down to everlasting torment and not try, in some way, to save them? Can

you say that you love your neighbor and not even warn him of the danger and death that are waiting just ahead of him? Wouldn't you warn even a stranger not to go onto a bridge over a swollen stream when you had seen the foundations of the bridge swept away by the flood?

In Ezekiel 3:18, 19 God says "When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from this wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul."

You who are able to work, **AWAKE! ARISE!** Get into the work, sit not idly by while your neighbors are caught in the Devil's snares and pulled down before your very eyes into eternal damnation, or God will hold you responsible for their death when you meet Him at the judgement day! Not only awake yourselves, but awake those sleeping workers around you! "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" Heb. 10:25. You see the

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# CHOOSING

Hebrews 11:24-27, "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter:

Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: For he had respect unto the recompense of reward.

By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing Him who is invisible."

OUR Lord did not make man as a machine with no capacity of feeling, or as an animal with no soul with which to commune with his Creator. God gave to him intellectual, physical and spiritual power; gave him a mind and a will independent of God's will, with which he can make his own choice. In the inspired Word we read; "I have set before you good and evil." There is a broad way and a narrow way: there is a heaven to gain and a hell to shun in eternity. But man must choose for himself which road he will take; which place in eternity he will make his destination.

Some Characters in the Bible are outstanding because of the choice they made. Abraham stood one day at the cross roads of decision. Either he would stay in Ur of the Chaldees or he would obey God and go on a long journey to a land unknown to him. He made his decision, and I turn the pages and view him years later, as he stands on the wind-swept slopes of Mt. Hebron, and he hears the familiar voice of God speaking to him.

"Lift up now thine eyes.....and look.....for all the land that thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever.....and in thee shall all the nations of the world be blessed."

In God's great account book in Heaven I think there is written along side Abraham's name, "He believed God, made his choice, and it is counted to him for righteousness."

Ruth chose Naomi's fellowship, Naomi's people, Naomi's land, and above all else Naomi's God; and so pleased was our Lord by Ruth's choice that one of the books of the Bible bears her name; the most beautiful love story of all history is recorded in Holy Writ, and in the genealogy of Jesus Christ, Ruth's

name is listed in the line through which the Savior was given to the world.

Saul of Tarsus, a Pharisee; a Hebrew of the Hebrews educated in all the law of Israel, having sat at the feet of Gamaliel; he had attained a high place of authority in the Sanhedrin. He had become such a menace to the Christian religion that every follower of Christ feared him.

One day as he journeyed toward Damascus, the Oriental sun was shining in all its noon-day strength. But a light brighter than the noon-day shone around him and pierced into his already spirit-convicted heart. The hour of choice had come. "Which road will you take, Saul of Tarsus? One means earthly power, wealth, favor with both Roman and Jew; the plaudits of the people.....the other; the way of the Cross, poverty, suffering, imprisonment, stripes, stones, heartaches," but Paul's earth blinded, but spiritually opened, eyes had seen a great vision. He says, "For we know that if the earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of God; an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

After years of walking in the way he had chosen, this is his testimony, "I take pleasure in infirmities; in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distress for Christ's sake." And like a bugle note of victory, ringing out a challenge to every indolent, sleepy, indifferent, half-hearted church member comes Paul's last message before his head rolled from the martyr's block, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: and henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." Paul seems to have not regretted his choice made that day on the Damascus road.

Moses chose rather to identify himself with a people in slavery than to sit upon the throne of the Pharaoh's. The honor of being called the son of Pharaoh's daughter was offered him. He refused it, why? Because "he had respect unto the recompense of reward." He could have said in the words of the song writer "Mine eyes have caught the vision of the glory of the Lord."

He forsook Egypt—a type of sin. Brother, I have watched some wonderful processions, great parades, bands playing, flags flying while hundreds of uniformed soldiers marched by. My heart always thrills with pride of country at the sound of the strains

of "My Country 'tis of Thee" and the sound of marching feet. But the grandest procession, the most triumphant march I have ever had the privilege of watching is the march of Israel's hosts out of Egypt toward the land of Canaan. The Red Sea moved its waters to let them pass through. Heaven opened its windows and rained manna down for them to eat. Rocks opened to let cool sparkling water flow in the desert for them to drink. The clothing they wore did not fade nor wax old, the shoes upon their feet did not wear out. A cloud passed in front of them each morning and led them on the day's journey. At night they lay down fearlessly to sleep because a wall of fire was about them. No earthly force, or power, or people could stop them, and dear ones, no earthly power or devilish power can stop the Church of Jesus Christ so long as each individual Christian lets the Holy Spirit lead.

In this great hour of world crisis, when greed and lust for power is causing so much death, suffering, and destruction in the world, the church stands at the cross roads of decision.

Each day brings us closer to the coming of the Lord; prophecy is being fulfilled rapidly. Jesus said, "Take heed to yourselves lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness and cares of this life so that day (the day of the Lord's coming) come upon you unaware."

I pray that our decision and our choice shall be to wholly consecrate ourselves to God and "be filled with the Spirit". Leave worldliness and sinful pleasures as Moses left Egypt. Put Christ and His kingdom ahead of home, friends, or earthly gain, as Ruth left Moab to glean in the lowly harvest fields. Leave every earthly ambition, pride, wealth, station in life, if they interfere with your communion with God and stop the flow of spiritual power in your life. Let us take unto ourselves the whole armor of God and as Paul say, "I am set for the defense of the Gospel." Be ready, if need be, to die for the choice we have made.

Ready to go, ready to stay,

Ready my place to fill,

Ready for service, lowly or great,

Ready to do His will.

Editor's Note—It is not our practice to print unsigned manuscripts. This article had the writer's name on the envelop, which we destroyed before recognizing that the manuscript was not signed. This fault is ours, but please sign your manuscripts.



# Church Activities

## Union Church Thompsonville, Illinois

Greetings to all in the name of a risen Christ:

It is again I am writing to the *Gem*. I am glad to report that the Lord is still blessing us in His work at Union Church.

We are now in our pre-Easter prayer week of the Woman's Auxiliary at the church, and the Lord is richly blessing us in each service.

You know, friends, when I think of Easter and what it means to those alive in Christ, it means a risen Christ, it makes me rejoice. A risen Christ means a risen life and a risen hope. How I wish that every unsaved person could see and realize that risen hope that is in Christ Jesus—the Savior of the world.

Good crowds have been attending. On Monday night, we had a good crowd but the speaker of that hour failed to come. We had a good prayer service and then our pastor made a talk on the subject, "The need of personal prayer and a rededication of ourselves and a closer walk with God." I believe if there ever was a time when we need to pray, it is the day in which we live. I fear there are too many of us Christians sleeping at our post of duty and living far beneath our wonderful privileges.

On Tuesday evening, Bro. Claude Childer, of Marion, Illinois, was with us and brought a wonderful and soul-stirring message on, "Why we need more Christian education, and more religious teaching and training in the home." He brought to us many truths, and if they were practiced in the homes of old America today, it would make it a far better place in which to live.

On Wednesday evening, Rev. W. R. Burton of Whittington, Illinois, was our speaker and brought us a wonderful message on the subject, "The spirit and purpose of missions becoming the dominating interest of our churches." He gave us much encouragement and enlightenment on the mission work, which is so badly needed right now, at home and abroad.

Bro. Burton also brought some of his good people from the Rescue church of Whittington, Illinois. Among them were Brother and Sister George

Martin who gave us some good singing; also Sister Mildred Batey who gave us a good talk on "Missions".

On Thursday evening, we had another good God-sent message, brought to us by Rev. Herb Little, of Eldorado, Illinois, on the subject, "Why our country needs home mission work, and what should be the qualification of anyone to do home mission work." He brought to us many facts and truths of why we need more home mission work. After we had listened to this wonderful message, with everyone rejoicing in the Lord, we came to dismissal, then someone requested that we sing "Salvation has been Brought Down". While we were singing, the power of God was really and truly there and a good old sainted mother began to shout the wonderful praises of our matchless King. The title of that song alone can make me rejoice, because we all know that salvation is here and free for everyone who will accept it. But, oh how sad the thought to think that so many are refusing such a great and free salvation, or everlasting life. We find in God's blessed Word where He has said that the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. Christian friends, let's pray more and live closer to God.

Then on Friday evening our speaker who had promised to be with us was sick and unable to come. However, Rev. Virgil Miller, of Thompsonville, Illinois, came and brought us a good God-sent message. His text was "I delight to do thy Will, O God".

Our pastor, W. M. Jones brought us the Saturday evening message. The great presence of God was wonderfully felt in our midst.

We are glad to report we had 100 in Sunday school, and I thank God for the wonderful lesson we had under consideration. After a few minutes recess we came back together for the church service.

Then on Sunday evening we had our prayer service as usual, with our good sisters leading the service. The power of God was felt more than ever in this service.

May the blessings of God rest upon every one is my prayer, and Christians don't forget to pray for us at Union Church.

Your Sister in Christ,

— Miss Opal McClerren.

## Illinois State District Meeting of Woman's Auxiliary

Mrs. C. J. Ketterman, *Corres. Sec'y.*,  
Macedonia, Illinois

The State District Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary met with Rescue Free Will Baptist church, April 25, 1941, for an all day session. The meeting was opened with singing and prayer. Sister Elsie Curtis, our president, read the scripture lesson and gave a short talk. Her subject was "She Hath Done What She Could".

Reports were heard from the different Auxiliaries, and officers were elected. Devotional services were led at the eleven o'clock hour by Bro. Austin Curry. The Lord was surely in our presence as there was much shouting and rejoicing, and each one received a great blessing.

Lunch was served at the noon hour by the ladies of the church and community. We again came together at 1:30 o'clock. More business was discussed, and it was decided to meet twice a year. After business was closed, Sister Curtis gave a very inspiring message on "Tithing".

This Auxiliary work is new to all our women and all are eager to know more about it. Let us all pray that more of our Free Will Baptist churches here in Illinois will get a vision of this great work and organize more Auxiliaries.

The next meeting will be held at Union Church, south of Thompsonville, the fourth Friday in October. This is one of Bro. Marshall Jones' churches.

Reports were heard from the Woman's Auxiliaries of the following churches:

### PLASTERS GROVE

For year ending April, 1941:

Amount of dues collected .....	\$1.10
Mission offering .....	\$5.73
Orphanage donations .....	none
Educational offerings .....	none
Other special offerings .....	\$7.34
Total offering .....	\$13.12
Disbursements .....	\$7.50
Now in treasury .....	\$5.62

— Jaunita Sullivan, Treas.

### UNION CHURCH

From October, 1940 to April, 1941:

Amount of dues collected ....	\$15.50
Mission offering .....	\$22.81
Orphanage donation .....	\$1.21

Educational offering .....	none
Other special offerings .....	\$4.60
Total offering .....	\$49.34
Disbursements .....	\$43.74
Now in treasury .....	\$5.60
Dues to district convention ....	\$2.10

— Mac McClerren, Treas.

#### BEAR POINT CHURCH

Mission offering .....	\$20.00
Orphanage offering .....	\$5.00
Educational offering .....	\$5.00
Ministerial relief .....	\$10.00
Offerings for needy .....	\$25.00
Donations for sick .....	\$10.61

— Janie Lewis, Fifth Vice Pres.

#### RESCUE CHURCH

From October, 1940 to April, 1940:	
Amount of dues collected ....	\$16.90
Amount received for missions ..	\$4.12
Orphanage donations .....	\$16.00
Educational offerings .....	none
Love offering given .....	\$2.06
Bed clothing for sick .....	\$1.64
Ministerial relief .....	\$2.00
Purchased book .....	.19
Amount paid to district treas. ..	\$1.20
Total amount paid out .....	\$23.00
Total amount received .....	\$37.02
Amount now in treas. ....	\$14.02

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

Rev. Mark Lewis, Pastor  
Francis McCauley, Reporter

Dear Gem Readers:

I am writing a few lines to let you know how we are getting along. Our church is well attended and conditions are good, spiritually and financially, and the Lord is doing great things for His people, blessing them in many wonderful ways.

Bro. Leonard White preached Saturday night. It was his second sermon, and we are looking for great things from him.

Bro. Harvey Hill was licensed to preach some time ago. He is taking up the work where his father left off. His father has gone home to be with Jesus, for the Lord said, "It is enough, your work is done and your son, Harvey, can finish"—a fine Christian young man. We have another young preacher, Bro. Ester, who has preached a few times. May the Lord bless these young preachers.

Bro. Lewis is preaching some mighty good sermons, and the Lord is giving him souls for his hire. Bro. Lewis is hard to beat for a preacher.

Bro. Lewis Matthews and daughters and son and his wife came to church and Sunday school. They live at Fredericktown. They enjoyed the services and we hope they will come back again. Bro. Dameron Dodd, his wife and his wife's mother, Mrs. Woods, and Mrs. Gusie Hamblin and daughter

from Flat River came to the city, stopped at church, and made a fine talk. We hope they will come again.

Our Sunday school is coming along fine; attendance is good. All departments of the church, Sunday school, and league are working fine. Our Sunday school record attendance was over 100 and our record collection was \$28.60.

We are looking forward to the Sunday school convention to be held at our church in St. Louis, 1130 Geyer Avenue, and we are expecting a big crowd. The quarterly meeting will also be held at our church here in St. Louis.

#### Fifth Sunday Meeting of Cave Springs Association

Our last fifth Sunday meeting, at Smyrna church, near Alton, Missouri, was another spirit-filled period of fellowship. The meeting was opened by reading 1 Thess. 5; prayer by Eld. Woodring. As we were late we had preaching by Brothers Crase and Bell with Psalms 85:6 as text: "Wilt thou not revive us again?" Most of us need to be revived again, very much revived. The chief item is for each one of us to be much in prayer. Notice Jesus' prayer life, and if the son of God kept so close and frequently in prayer touch with his God, much more we faltering believers!

Daniel knew and experienced very close touch with God and look what it did for him! But "sin in the camp" kept the children of Israel from victory just as it will everyone of our divine leaders. From what we hear and see, there are a good many "wedges" in the camps of believers, and they always spell defeat. Now as then, in these days of turmoil, war and destruction, we should, as David: "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee"; also, "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God". That reminds me; in a good many years, though often quoted, 1 Cor. 2:9, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard.... the things which God hath prepared for them that love him"; yet never heard anyone refer to the next verse, "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit....." Bro. Clarence Dodson said there are many things we don't know, but we should know that we are children of God; but "if I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." Bro. Hodges followed Bro. Dodson.

Most of the 23 churches were well represented and reported good progress. The matter of asking for the state Association came up and was delegated to the pastors to bring before their church, and report later.

Wilderness church, in northeastern

Oregon County, was chosen as next meeting place.

At night service Brothers Simpson and Rogers brought a live message on the "River of the Water of Life." If not led by the Holy Spirit we can never find rest. If the zeal of the apostolic church was manifested now life would be very different from what it is, only two kinds of people, children of God and children of the devil. We must make full preparation now, if we are a prepared people when God calls.

In the Minister's Meeting, Elder Sam Johnson, referring to God calling Jonah a second time, said many have heard the call many times but have neglected it. Jonah knew the storm was because of his sins for his conscience was alive and he had disobeyed God. Every promise in the Bible, if of blessing, is only to believers.

At 11:00 Elders Crase and Beatty told us "what manner of love the Father had bestowed upon us." The song intervening, "O Lord, Remember Me" is at some time the desire of every one; and another song chimed in smoothly, "It's a mighty hard way to travel, and mighty long way to go."

Our life here is given us solely to prepare fit material for our heavenly mansions, and we should give our very best endeavor to send up the right kind of material.

After dinner Eld. Woodring gave a thoughtful message on casting lots, when the tempest came on and Jonah was in the boat. Bro. Billy Rogers said we were serving the same God they were, and he believed that if any of us saw destruction coming, and would pray for divine guidance and cast lots, the Lord would direct the whole matter and much evil might be avoided. Sin is now much like a cancer—taking so much space in people's lives that destruction is surely near. In Jonah's call, like yours and mine, God never forces anybody to obey him, and Elders Rogers, Beatty, Williams and Owens gave rather thorough consideration of Jonah's case and conduct, and altogether there are a very great many of us, here and now, that persist in following his example.

#### First Free Will Baptist Church Porterville, California

Dear Gem Readers:

I wish to report the progress of the Free Will Baptist church at Porterville and its pastor, Bro. Chas. Findley. I think he has improved 100% in preaching the gospel with power and sincerity, warning the sinner to seek God while He may be found; also instructing us Christians to do our duty. My heart is made



to rejoice many times as I listen to him. Many have been strengthened and built up in the most holy faith by his preaching. We also hear other good preaching in the Free Will Baptist church here.

I hope we all will pray much for the unsaved. My heart goes out to them. Oh, that God may show them their sins, and that they will repent and get right with God before it is too late. They do not know the joy the Lord gives us in serving Him, or they would not stay away so long. I have some unsaved children so please pray with me for them.

I was in the church many years before I knew the saving grace of God and the joy He gives us when we really repent of our sins. I enjoy a testimony meeting very much, as they tell of the wonderful things of God. It was the testimony of spiritual Christians that told me of real salvation that Jesus gives. Their peaceful happy faces brought conviction to my heart. I sought the Lord for three days and nights, and prayed very earnestly until God answered and forgave my sins. Words cannot describe to you the peace and satisfaction that I have had for more than thirty years. Praise His name forever. May we, as Christians, live a closer life with the Lord every day, praying for the Spirit of the Lord to lead us in all truth and righteousness. Oh, that we may tell some soul of the saving grace of God.

—Susie Whitaker.

### Woman's Auxiliary Report Aurora, Missouri

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Church of Aurora, Mo., met at the church Thursday afternoon, May 8, for a short business meeting.

The meeting was opened with a song and prayer by Mrs. Frank Ramsey; Scripture reading by our chaplain, Mrs. Lon Carter. Each one gave a short talk, then the business was taken care of.

We then presented one of our 75 year old members, Mrs. Crawford, a handkerchief shower and wished her many more happy birthdays.

Our next meeting will be May 22.

—Gweneth Talley, Reporter

### New Hope Church Report Wheatherford, Texas

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I count it a privilege to get to write a few lines to our paper, the *Gem*.

I was so enthused when we received our paper and it contained an entire page of beautiful poems composed by Bro. T. H. Newsom, our former pastor. I enjoyed reading them very much.

I enjoy reading all of the paper and I wouldn't do without it at all.

The Ministers' State Conference met with our church. We had some wonderful preaching. Oh, how I did enjoy it. We didn't have such large crowds. The weather was bad part of the time, and it seemed like most everyone in the neighborhood tried to be sick but there was a faithful few that were there with lunch every time. I enjoyed Sister Laura Bell Bernard's lectures so much. I hope she comes this way again.

Mr. White and I attended the fifth Sunday meeting at Pleasant Mound church, near Buffalo Springs, Texas. We had a good meeting. We heard shouting and praising God. We enjoyed being in the meeting. They have a nice rock church. Bro. Covington is their pastor.

—Mrs. R. L. White.

### Fourteenth Week of Missionary Tour

H. M. and Lizzie McAdams

Dear Co-workers:

We are rejoicing to tell you that our missionary tour is becoming more and more interesting. To date, 67 churches have received both plans — chest and penny-a-day. Also 87 precious souls have been saved in the different churches.

Now a word to all the churches with both plans in the other states. I am starting an honor roll in the *Gem*, and I have written to some for the number of women on their church list and have failed to hear. You that have the penny-a-day banks, and chest too, send the number participating and you will be placed on the honor roll. Others that have the chest and wish to get started in the penny-a-day plan, just write me at Ayden, North Carolina, and I will send you full directions and some stickers that go on each jar. We use small jars for these banks and we have labels that tell what the pennies go for, also some work sheets that tell about the chests and penny-a-day plan. So if you wish to appear on the honor roll in the *Gem* before the National Association, write to me at Ayden. All it will cost you is a postal card.

We have a special offer to make to our Auxiliary women. We have just written a book called "Go Tell That Fox" with seven sermons on prophecy concerning the second coming of Christ. The book is fifty cents a single copy, but we are offering them to our Auxiliaries, three for \$1.00. It is our desire to have our dear people awakened on this great subject.

We wish to remind our third vice

presidents of the various states to get their reports to us by the first of July, and let's not wait, like some did last year, and bring in a few lines after we reach the National Convention. Let's have all reports in on time.

We can see a great improvement in our Auxiliary work. It seems that more of our women are becoming more interested and understand the work better each year. Our women here in North Carolina are doing a wonderful work. They have around eight district conventions or maybe more. They are really doing things, and they have helped in a wonderful way to put over these two plans. God bless them. Pray that we can visit 100 churches here in North Carolina by July 1st.

### Honor Roll

Church	Chest	Penny Banks
Flat River, Mo. ....	1	90
Monett, Mo. ....	1	17
Neola, Mo. ....	1	5
Huntsville, Texas, .	1	4

This is a small beginning but others will be listed as they send their number.

Yours for Jesus,

—H. M. & Lizzie McAdams.

### Fifth Sunday Meeting Picher, Oklahoma

The Fifth Sunday Meeting was held at the Blue Front Free Will Baptist church; Bro. T. E. L. Curry, moderator. Bro. F. E. Crane filled the pulpit at eleven o'clock. His subject was "Building" and was brought out in an understandable manner.

Elsie M. Dunn was appointed clerk. Pulpit committee appointed were Bro. Perry Anderson, Blue Front; Sister Mickey Easterly, South Picher; and Bro. Will Maysfield, Fairview. The meeting was adjourned for the noon hour.

A nice basket dinner was served with several baskets of fragments taken up.

The meeting was called to order at one o'clock by singing "In the Sweet Bye and Bye." Lesson for the afternoon was read by Bro. T. E. L. Curry, Heb. 2:1. A special by Sister Rogers of Miami, Okla., "Beautiful Heaven." Special by Bro. Tom Goodwin, Sister Hattie Goodwin, and Bro. Pat Stinson, "Pitched His Tent Toward God".

Those who preached in the afternoon were:

Sister Clara Taylor, subject from John 19:9, "I am the door, if any man enter in he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture."

Rev. W. L. Easterly preached from Rev. 10:7-10, "Let us be glad and rejoice".

Rev. Wright, 1 John 3:8, "He that committeth sin is of the devil".

Rev. Orville Johnston, Heb. 2:3, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation".

Bro. Bartelmei, Mark 16:15, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature".

A collection was taken to help on repairs of the church which amounted to \$5.37. It was voted to take the next fifth Sunday meeting to Notch Mound church at Centralia, Oklahoma. Bro. W. L. Easterly to preach at the eleven o'clock service.

Devotional service was led by Bro. T. E. L. Curry. There was shouting in the camp and a wonderful praise service was enjoyed. Motion carried that we adjourn to meet with the Notch Mound church, 2½ miles north-east of Centralia, Okla., June 29, 1941. Every one is invited.

T. E. L. Curry, Moderator,  
Elsie Dunn, Clerk.

#### PICHER CHURCH NOTES

We are still going on for the Lord. We have put a roof on our church, painted it inside, and bought new curtains. We sure have been having good meetings. Bro. F. E. Crain is our pastor. We reorganized our church with 17 members and we now have 23. Pray for us that we will stay on the firing line for God.

Your Sister in Christ,  
—Elsie M. Dunn.

#### A Great Revival at Tulsa, Oklahoma

I have just closed a five weeks' revival with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where Bro. Melvin Bingham is pastor. This was a revival that was a revival indeed. Fifty-two souls were saved in the meeting, and Bro. Bingham received 23 into the church and baptized 18. It was one of the most pleasant revivals I have held for some time, and was a very easy meeting, for the church, under Bro. Bingham's noble leadership, was on the firing line, and ready to go from the very start. Souls began to be saved the second night of the meeting. We were out of the meeting quite a lot too; having attended the board meeting at Nashville, Tennessee, and also one at Monett, Mo., during the meeting. It caused some breaks in the meeting; but others were faithful to carry on, and the Lord gave victory just the same.

Beside the salvation of souls, there were some other outstanding things in the meeting that will always be vivid in our minds. One was the young people's prayer meetings at

seven, each evening, in the basement of the church. Several souls were saved in these prayer meetings. It certainly was a joy to meet with them each evening, and with Bro. Turley, their leader. These dear young folks surprised me with a nice offering the last evening we met in their prayer room.

Another outstanding event was the opening ceremony for the beginning of their new church. Yes, they are building a nice new Free Will Baptist church in Tulsa that is going to command the respect of any one who may pass that way. Those people are just raising money there in leaps and bounds for their new building. The people at Tulsa know how to give, and the Lord is blessing them for it too. Several new tithers were added to the church during this meeting. They paid me well, kept up their pastor's salary and current expenses, and raised several hundred dollars on the building all during this meeting, and God blessed with a great revival. Our church there is to the point where they must have more room. They have 250 in Sunday School which is divided into 14 classes and some of them need to be divided again. Yes, it was a special privilege of mine to be there for the opening ceremony. It was inspiring to be gathered with the group on the steps of the old church that morning for prayer and praise in that opening ceremony. The Spirit of the good Lord was poured out in a special way during that service. Rev. A. B. Talbert is overseeing the work of the new building. Bro. Talbert is not only a good preacher, but he is also a good carpenter.

Another glorious time was when Bro. Kenneth Turner came down from Monett, Mo., with his motion picture machine and took pictures of a number of various services; including baptizing services, seekers at the altar, the young people in their prayer room, the young peoples' quartets (and they have some good ones), the pastor and evangelist in the pulpit, the choir leader and the pianist, a number of pictures of the pastor's family in the parsonage, etc.

I want to pay a tribute to the Mission Mothers. They have a real mission work there. I will never forget them for remembering my mother with so many nice things when I got ready to leave.

The Tulsa church is going forward. Bro. Bingham has been there about twelve years, and things are moving now greater than perhaps ever before. They are a fine people with which to work. A lot of them take the *Gem*, and I secured several new subs, while I was there.

I couldn't forget Bro. Zinn's church

at Bristow, Okla., for being so good to drive that forty miles so often to help us in that meeting. Bro. Zinn has some fine workers at Bristow, and they are full of the Spirit of the Lord. My next meeting is to be with them, the fore part of June. The co-operation in this revival was wonderful, and it takes co-operation, you know, to have a revival. The First Mission Association in Oklahoma is going good. There is not a church in it but what has a full-time pastor and they have a number of churches too.

We must close this before it gets too lengthy. So we will just say, praise the Lord for another victory.

May God continue to bless the work at Tulsa, Bro. Bingham and his family, and all you dear people there, is my prayers. Pray for me.

—Rev. Winford Davis.

#### About the Revival at Aurora, Missouri

I never did get any thing in the paper about the revival at Aurora. I wrote a piece last month and there wasn't room for it so I will try again this time.

Bro. Turner, the faithful pastor, gave you a detailed account of it in the last *Gem* so I will not make my piece too long. I will never get through praising the dear Lord, though, for that revival. The little church needed it so badly, and it looked as if it was to the place that something had to be done. The Lord certainly did bless in a great way; with 31 souls saved and 17 fine members added to the church.

We were greatly hindered during the meeting, by Bro. Turner's illness; but the Lord blessed just the same, and now Bro. Turner is up and going again for which we are thankful.

We elected a number of new officers for the church while there including one deacon, and also proceeded to ordain him. I think a fine lot of officers were elected, and we are proud of them. It looks to me as if a new day has dawned for our church in Aurora, and I am expecting some fine reports from there. We also organized a Woman's Auxiliary while there, which is very prospective. Bro. Turner has half time with this church, and I hope they will soon have a full time pastor.

May the Lord bless you dear people there and keep you moving forward for Him. Please pray for me.

—Winford Davis.



## Gleanings From Southern Baptist Convention

K. V. Shutes, Cardova, Alabama

The convention met in Birmingham, Alabama last week. I only had the privilege of attending one day. Most of the facts I give to you come out of the *Birmingham News*.

These facts prove to me where we should have, and could have been, if we had not been swallowed by a whale and spent so much time in the wilderness of carelessness without a vision.

The Educational Committee gave the following report: "We have five types of schools; 65 institutions in all, 1714 teachers, 26,684 pupils." This is why they have been able to preserve their faith, and it's the reason we have failed to preserve ours.

Report of Sunday School Board: "Fifty years ago there were 8,882 Sunday schools with 492,775 pupils and 49,277 teachers. Now there are 24,222 Sunday schools with 3,590,374 pupils and 352,385 teachers."

During these fifty years, the Southern Baptists have grown from 16,091 churches with 1,235,763 members to 25,239 churches and 5,104,227 members.

Report of W. M. Union: "In 18 southern states they have 40,614 societies with 758,151 members. In 1940 they had 651 churches with every resident member giving to missions. They paid for local work last year, \$33,591, 411; and for missions, \$6,787,626."

The convention was organized in Augusta, Georgia, in 1845 with 325 members from eight states. Now they have 25,239 churches, and they registered over 5,000 delegates at this convention.

Free Will Baptist Brethren, if we had not been swallowed by the whale and spent so much time in the wilderness, we would be doing many times more than what we are today. Give the Lord a consecrated ministry with vision and we will be doing the same.

## New Hope Church Report Weatherford, Texas

Rev. Brooks, Pastor

Tommie Rae Brooks, Reporter

On May 18, our church had a nice program, especially to the memory of Mother's and Father's Day. A number of good readings and special songs were rendered. From 11:30 to 12:00 o'clock we enjoyed a short message by our pastor, Bro. Brooks: text, Mark 3:35. Lunch was spread at the church.

At 1:30 o'clock we were called to order by singing. Special songs were given by the Weatherford quartet,

trio by Brooks sisters, also the Vaughn trio, and a piano solo by Mrs. Myrtle Murrell of Weatherford. The Brooks sisters sang the song entitled "The Hymns That Mother Sang" and dedicated it to the mothers present.

At 8:00 p.m., we met for the evening service. The song service was led by Bro. Turrentine. A message on the "Last Supper" was preached by the pastor. After the message, we took the Lord's supper and washed feet. There were seven men and one young boy, Jimmy Lee Hemphill, 10 years old, who took part; also there were 14 women and two young girls, Royce Hemphill, 12 years old, and Tommie Rae Brooks, 13 years old. It was Jimmy Lee's and my first time to wash feet. We enjoyed it very much.

Our church is coming to the front since the weather is getting better. Pray for us.

## A Wonderful Friend

By Opa Frazier, Mt. Vernon, Mo.

How wonderful it is to know

Our Lord is always near;  
He watches o'er us day and night,  
He is a friend that's dear.

He shows no partiality.

He loves us all the same,  
And beckons sinners come to Him  
And believe upon His name.

I hope some day to meet Him,  
And join that happy band;  
No suffering, pain or sorrow,  
We'll know in that sweet land.

So sinner won't you come today,  
And trust in His great love,  
And when this life is ended  
We'll dwell in realms above.

## A Helper

A. H. DeWeese, Easton, Mo.

If I could help my brother find  
The Christ whom he should know;  
If I could lend a helping hand  
And Him to others show,  
Life would not be misspent  
For His kingdom would surely grow.

Our brother may be of meager means,  
We think not worth our time;  
But 'tis not the clothes that makes  
the man,  
But it is the soul that shines.

Oh yes, we want to be somebody,  
And do a noble work;  
But I pray Thee, Lord keep me humble  
Lest I be found to shirk.

## Entire Submission

Mrs. Frances Hancock, Haddam, Kans.

Take now our lives as if 'twere clay  
And mould them by Thy hand,  
For Thou the great designer,  
Art able to make us stand.  
The fiery furnace of our test  
Will make us true and firm;  
The bumps and knocks which come  
our way

We in Christ will not turn.

Take Thy pencil now, dear Lord,  
And write upon our lives  
Some words of love and sympathy  
To help those in their strife.  
Take Thy brush of true chastising,  
Paint upon our lives, we pray,  
A real design of Thy dear love  
To help those on their way.

Fill us with Thy living Spirit—  
'Til we're full and over flowed,  
That we may leave some here and  
there

As we on our journey go.  
Wash us in the blood of Jesus  
Which He did shed upon the cross;  
Redeem us by Thy saving grace  
That we may win the lost.

## Chips from T. C. Ferguson's Sermons—Weatherby, Mo.

You have to cultivate good habits,  
bad habits grow wild.

We ought to be too big to take  
offence at little things that we don't  
like.

Some men wear out the knees of  
their breaches in the winter praying,  
and wear out the other side back-  
sliding in the summer time.

A true friend is one that knows  
all about you and still likes you.

You ought to be as critical of your-  
self as you are of other people.

When you hate sin it ceases to be  
a temptation.

We are not tempted by what we  
hate but by what we like.

Get under your neighbor's burden  
instead of standing by and criticizing  
him when he tries to lift it by him-  
self.

One of the hardest lessons we have  
to learn is that the other fellow is  
right once in a while.

I wish we had less stand patters in  
politics and more stand patters in  
religion.

If you know how to do better, why  
don't you do better, and everybody  
will like you better?

## OBITUARY

McCOY—George Green McCoy was born in Dallas County, Missouri, near Bennett Spring State Park, January 4, 1870, and departed this life at his home near Lebanon, Mo., April 19, 1941; age 71 years, 3 months, 15 days.

He suffered a stroke of paralysis, Nov. 14, 1936, from which he never recovered.

On September 28, 1902, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Amanda J. Hackler to which union was born three daughters.

He leaves to mourn their loss, his faithful companion, three daughters: Mrs. Cecil E. Horner of Stahl, Mo.; Mrs. John Long of Phillipsburg, Mo.; and Mrs. John E. Junkins of St. Elmo, Illinois; two stepdaughters, Mrs. R. H. Burd of Denver, Colorado and Mrs. O. I. Wimberly of El Dorado, Kansas; two stepsons, J. W. Hackler of El Dorado, Kansas and Vernie M. Hackler of Collins, Iowa. He is also survived by one brother, Hugh McCoy of Gridley, Kans., five grandchildren, 17 step-grandchildren, and a host of nephews, nieces, and other relatives and friends.

He was converted many years ago under the ministry of the late Rev. Ira Waterman and left the testimony to his entire family that he was ready to go, and was going home.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. M. Kerr and Rev. Henry P. Long at the Washington Church, south of Lebanon, on Tuesday, April 22, at 2:00 o'clock p.m. Interment was in the nearby cemetery.

Peaceful be thy silent slumber,  
Peaceful in the grave so low,  
Thou no more will join our number,  
Nor our joys and sorrows know.

Yet again we hope to meet thee  
When the day of life is fled;  
In a fairer land to greet thee,  
Where no farewell tears are shed.

With the angels thou art singing,  
Tho' thy voice on earth is stilled;  
While with tears our eyes are steaming  
And our hearts with sorrow filled.

Thou hast gone from earth to heaven  
And for thee our heart doth yearn.  
We can go to thee in glory,  
Thou canst not to us return.

Let us all be ever faithful,  
To the tasks to us assigned,  
So that when His summons call us,  
None of us is left behind.

—Mrs. Cecil E. Horner.

## My Boys

Rev. A. E. Gulley, St. Louis, Mo.

Two little boys once I knew  
Who lived and loved, fought and grew;  
One was eight and one was nine,  
Oh yes, I know, for they are mine.

One little boy, full of glee,  
So short and fat, our baby be;  
Full of mischief, full of play,  
Glad and happy all the day.

Dear little boy, as you go through life,  
Keep your joy amid its strife;  
For joy is such a precious thing,  
And life grows lighter as we sing.

The other boy, tiny face  
And slender form with lines of grace;  
To him this world is one grand fight,  
And it doesn't matter, wrong or right.

Dear little boy, as you grow old,  
May you never loose your courage bold;  
But if you would always win the fight,  
Be sure at first you're in the right.

Dear little Boys with hair of gold,  
What a wealth of love for you we hold;  
And bright little eyes can you see,  
How much you mean to mother and me?

And tho sometimes we scold you bad  
Remember little one, mother and dad  
Does it in love and hope that you  
Will grow to be men, brave and true.

## STAND

Gertrude Bowe, Callettsburg, Ky.

I'm sailing o'er life's troubled sea,  
And often times it seems to me  
There is no need in going on,  
To complete the fight that I've begun.

It's then I hear a still voice speak,  
"The guidance of the Father seek,"  
Paul said, "And having done all,  
Stand"

Then Jesus lends a helping hand.

When this still voice speaks to me  
Somewhere I go upon my knees,  
"Father, guide my storm-tossed ship,  
And please, dear Father, don't let me slip."

Then the burden rolls away  
And I go happy on my way,  
And feel the need of going on  
Until this fight down here is done.

There's nothing here to turn back to,  
And up in Heaven when this life is through,  
We'll meet around the great White Throne,

When Jesus shall gather His Saints  
all home.

## Working in the Vineyard

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day approaching and you have the ability to work: go ye forth to the harvest?

Some will say, "God has given me no ability to work, no talent." "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" Matt. 7:7. If you want to work in the Lord's vineyard, He will find a place for you, teach you some part of the work, and use you. The only reason you have no ability is that you *don't want to work*.

In order to have ability in any line of work you must study. God has given you the greatest school book of all time, the Bible. Study it: don't just read it, but understand what you read. "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.

With all the unrest in all nations today; with war the main topic of conversation and news; with thousands being slain every week; with the falling away from God, even in our own nation, reaching such awful proportions, can you doubt that the time is short in which we can work for the Lord?

Read, listen, study, and pray; then talk, sing, write, and give of your time and money to strengthen the brethren and call sinners to Christ. Don't sit "at ease in Zion," thinking that you have salvation without helping others to attain that same salvation, but "work while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work" John 9:4. It appears that the night has already come to some nations now, and the redeeming power of Christ can not be preached there. The time may well come, soon, when it will be impossible to preach the gospel even here, and then there will be a "famine in the land; not a famine of bread or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord" (Amos 8:11), and we will wish we had worked while we could. Go Ye!

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